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March 2023

# Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

We are looking forward to seeing some of you at this weekend's 4-H Day events. **Remember— The skit is scheduled at 1:15 p.m. and everything is running on a tight schedule. Please be on time and prepared for the events you are scheduled for! Clubs are responsible for room monitor duties (see 4-H Day info on next page of this newsletter)**

We have a great group of 4-H'ers participating in this year's event! Way to go! Thanks to the parents and leaders who helped 4-Hers take advantage of this opportunity to grow in their skills. Event results will be posted on the 4-H website. Those who receive Top Blues can represent Ellis Co. at 4-H Regional Club Day in Phillipsburg. Good Luck!

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call!

Join our private Facebook group - **Ellis County Kansas 4-H** for more update information and for deadline reminders!

Yours in 4-H,

**Tamara Robertson**



## Meetings Coming Your Way

**4-H Ag Livestock** – watch for doodle poll

**Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand** – watch for doodle poll

**Achievement Banquet/4-H Day/Promo** – watch for doodle poll



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## IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

**March 1** – Sign up to sponsor a County Fair Award

**March 1** – State 4-H Scholarships Due On-line

**March 9** – Water Poster Contest Entries Due

**March 24** – Sign up for Regional 4-H Day by 5 PM

**March 24** – RSVP for ride to Colby for Super Saturday by 5 PM

**March 26** – YQCA training and MANDATORY livestock meeting

**May 1** – Last Day to Make Changes to Your 4-H Enrollment for 2023

**May 1** – [4-H Horse ID Papers](#) Due in Ext. Office

**May 1** – Registered Breeding Livestock in name of 4-H'er

**May 3** – Small Animal Weigh-in

**May 3** – [Bucket Calf](#) & [Commercial Breeding Heifer](#) forms due in Ext. Office **by 5PM**

## WINTER WEATHER & 4-H ACTIVITIES

Our policy is that if school cancels for weather related events, 4-H events are canceled, too. Please check our website or contact the person in charge before traveling in, if you are in doubt about the status of an event.

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## 4-H Enrollments

You can add projects or delete them from your list of enrollments until May 1 for all areas, **except Livestock projects**. Those need to be enrolled prior to the weigh-in and identification date set for each specie. To learn more about how to do the updates, [click here](#).

## 4-H Day is Coming—Sunday, March 5 – North Oak Community Church – Hays

The skit is scheduled at 1:15 p.m. and everything is running on a tight schedule. All other events will have a schedule posted outside of each room. **Please be on time and prepared for the events you are scheduled for!** There will be a life skills judging contest set up in the lobby for everyone who wishes to participate. [Check out the website](#) for the latest information, rules, entry form, etc.

### Room Monitor Duties

Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks - 1:00 – 3:00 – GH  
3:00 – End - ES

Talent (Skits and Music) & Readings – Sanctuary - 1:00 – End - BJB

Project Talks, Show & Tell, Public Speaking – 1:00 – 3:00 – BCA  
3:00 – End - GJ

Warm Up Room – 1:00 – End – VV

Rest Rooms – Everyone's responsible to make sure the restrooms are kept in good order during the event. Thanks for doing your share to keep the facility clean!

## Regional 4-H Day – Friday, March 31 – Phillipsburg Middle School

If you received Top Blue at the local 4-H Day, you are eligible to represent Ellis County at the Regional Competition. **Entry Deadline is Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**, call 785-628-9430 to let us know if you will be participating.

## SUPER 4-H SATURDAY in Colby – March 25

March 25 is a day filled with great 4-H activities for the whole family! There will be 6 judging contests—Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Livestock & Photography for 4-H & FFA youth 7 - 18. You can judge at 1 or all of these great contests. There will be several workshops in the afternoon to help 4-H'ers explore project learning. More information can be found on the flyers at the end of the newsletter!

Any questions contact Robyn Trussel, Walnut Creek District Extension 4-H Agent at [rdeines@ksu.edu](mailto:rdeines@ksu.edu)

Tamara is offering rides to and from Colby, we will leave from the Ext. Office parking lot at 7 a.m. Parents will be notified when leaving Colby to prepare for pickup. **Please call 785-628-9430 to RSVP by 5 PM on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## Small Livestock Weigh-in Date Set for May 3rd, 6 – 8 p.m.



If you're planning to show Feeder Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep or Swine at this year's Ellis County Fair, make plans now to **get your official 4-H tags and tag your project animals before the weigh-in** at the Fairgrounds. **All market animals have the option to weigh their animals. Tags must be verified at weigh-in.** The Ellis Co. Spring Livestock Show has been set as an alternate weigh-in date on Sunday, May 7th, 7 – 9 a.m. **Please call our office to let us know if you plan to use the alternate date. Remember, you need to be**

**enrolled in the Market livestock project by May 1.** [Bucket Calf](#) & [Commercial Breeding Heifer](#) forms due in Ext. Office by 5PM on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) —March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm—Ext. Office Back Meeting Room & Mandatory Livestock Sale meeting will follow this training

State level livestock shows in Kansas require youth to have YQCA certification. March 26<sup>th</sup>, Michelle Beran from Barton County will be conducting the YQCA training. **Please visit [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org) to register for this class and pay the \$3.00 fee. NO money will be collected at the door that evening. You MUST be enrolled BEFORE the class!!**

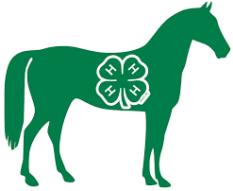
**If you are planning on selling any livestock at the county fair, there will be a MANDATORY Livestock sale meeting following the YQCA training.**

## Livestock Nominations Transitioning to an online format

Detailed Information on this process will be posted soon on the [K-State Youth Livestock webpage](#). Plan ahead as DNA envelopes will need to be ordered directly through ShoWorks (Old DNA envelopes will not be accepted) and families will enter their animal and exhibitor data online through ShoWorks. DNA envelope orders will close 1 week prior to the nomination deadline for each specie. (**April 20<sup>th</sup> for market beef and June 5<sup>th</sup> for small livestock**). You will still need to mail the signed DNA samples by the following deadlines:

May 1 Market beef/heifer nominations due for KS State fair and KJLS

June 15 commercial heifer/market/commercial swine, market goat and market/commercial lamb nominations for KS State fair and KJLS are due



### **4-H HORSE ID PAPERS DUE MAY 1**

Horse ID papers are available at the Extension Office or on line at [kansas4-h.org](https://kansas4-h.org). You have to have these papers completed and on **file with our office by May 1** in order to show at 4-H sanctioned horse shows. Now's the time to get the photos taken and the forms filed with the Extension Office. ***If you have an old form, you should transition to the form linked above it updated for 2023.***



### **Water Fun Fest**

Looking for something to do over Spring Break? Check out the Water Fun Fest at the Sternburg Museum on **Tuesday, March 14, 10am – Noon**. **Free** event sharing hands on activities about our precious water resource by the Water Ambassadors. Fun for all ages! Door Prizes!

### **Water Poster Contest**

**“Use your Water Smarts”** is the theme of this year's contest. This contest is open to all ages Pre-K – Adult. There are some great prizes. Water conservation, Stormwater, Water Quality are the key concepts to share in the poster. For rules, visit the [City of Hays website](#). **Posters are due to school offices, City Hall or Hays Public Works by Thursday, March 9**. Prize winners will be announced by March 31.

### **Volunteer training Opportunity**

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Campus on Saturday, April 22. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited and ready to try some new things in their volunteer roles.

Sessions for the day include: Understanding the 4-H Thrive Model, Technology Tools for Volunteers, Engaging All, Strengthening 4-H Clubs, Clover Buds, 48 Hours of 4-H and more!

Registration for the day is \$20 and includes, materials, snacks and lunch! Online registration is due April 1, 2023 and the fee will be submitted to local office.

### **Kansas 4-H Discovery Days**

This year it will be the 100th Anniversary of Discovery Days (formerly known as Round Up)? Put June 7-9, 2023 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. Discovery Days is open to all youth who are 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2023. 4-H membership prior to Discovery Days is not required.

**ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2023 will be July 15 - 22, 2023**

**The Theme is “Saddle up for fun!”**



### **Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed**

Call the office at 785-628-9430 to let us know how you'd like to help. Older 4-H'ers and interested adults are encouraged to join our “team” in getting things ready for this year's Fair. Once again, all clubs will be asked to recruit volunteers to help with a variety of jobs at the Fair, as well. Watch for that listing coming your way soon.

# WORLD WATER DAY Fun Fest

10 AM - NOON

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

**STERNBERG MUSEUM  
HAYS, KANSAS**

Come celebrate water with us! See loads of exhibits, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and even an edible aquifer! No RSVPs or tickets required!

**FREE ADMISSION**



MORE INFO: 785-769-3297 OR 785-628-7350  
[www.MyKansasWatershed.com](http://www.MyKansasWatershed.com)  
[www.watersmarthays.com](http://www.watersmarthays.com)

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Ellis County Fair! July 15 - 22, 2023 Call 785-628-9430 for more information!



NW 4-H

**Judging Event**

*Super Saturday*

Saturday| March 25| 9:00am - Finish

Same Great Event|New Location| **Colby Community College and Thomas Co Fairgrounds, Colby, Kansas**

**Judging Contests Include:**

**Crops**, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography and Livestock

**Project Opportunities:**

Photo Explosion Box, Textile Detectives, Exploring STEM -Trash to Treasures

**Volunteers Sessions for Parents and Volunteers**

**Sack Lunches Provided with Mandatory RSVP**



Registration:

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cwr5xXuOsWuiu2O](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cwr5xXuOsWuiu2O)

If you have any questions concerning this event, you may contact Robyn Trussel at 785-798-5020 or [rdeines@ksu.edu](mailto:rdeines@ksu.edu) OR Patsy Maddy at 785-877-7262 or [pmaddy@ksu.edu](mailto:pmaddy@ksu.edu)



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The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers Board  
Invites You to:

# Spring Into Volunteering

**SAT, April 22 9AM - 3PM**

**K-State Salina Campus - Tech Center Building**  
2310 Centennial Rd, Salina, KS 67401

**Admission**

\$20 covers lunch, snacks and materials  
 Register online by April 1, 2023  
<https://tinyurl.com/SIV2023>  
 Take payment to local Extension office

**Agenda:**

**4-H Thriving Research Technology to Support Volunteers**  
**Strengthening 4-H Clubs**  
**Engaging All 4-Her's Clover-buds**  
**48 Hours of 4-H Celebrating Volunteers**



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**Remember, DEADLINES are DEADLINES in Ellis Co. 4-H. Please pay attention to and respect those deadlines so that your child doesn't miss out on an opportunity!**

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