

# 4-H Clover News

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## State Fair Deadlines..

If you are 4-H age 9 and older and received a BLUE ribbon or higher on a project (except livestock and if there is a State Fair division), you may enter it into the State Fair. Some projects such as Visual Arts and Style Review have already been selected by judges at the county level. Other project areas have certain entry limit numbers such as only being able to take one exhibit (please see page 2 for more info). **All State Fair 4-H Exhibit Entry Forms are due to the Extension Office by tomorrow, Tuesday, August 10th at 4:00pm.** Some projects require additional forms to be signed, so please stop by or call to see which forms are required for your project area. No late entries accepted. If you email entries, please check to be sure we received them.

Actual exhibit must be brought into the Extension Office by September 1 unless it is Foods or Horticulture. Foods/Horticulture can be brought between 7:30 am – 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8 to the Extension Office Parking lot and we will leave for the State Fair immediately at 8 a.m. Judging will take place that day at State Fair.



# GENERAL PROJECT ENTRIES

If you received a blue or purple ribbon at the county fair, your exhibit may be eligible for the State Fair. Check with the Extension Office to review State Fair rules. You must be 9 years of age as of January 1, 2021, to show at the State Fair.

For entry guidelines and class numbers, contact our office.

Every exhibit must be pre-entered electronically through the Extension Office. Your item does not need to come to the Extension Office until later, but your **pre-entries are due on or before August 10 by 4:00 pm. Pre-enter before August 10.** Double check with us to make sure we have

you signed up for the correct project areas and classes!

Please remember to check the Kansas State Fair book for the rules and regulations for the project areas you will be participating in at the 2021 Kansas State Fair. You can find a link to it on our website at [www.ford.ksu.edu](http://www.ford.ksu.edu). If you have any questions, please contact the office for clarification.

## What Can I take to the State Fair?

**Clothing & Textiles:** maximum of two exhibits in two different classes. Buymanship is only the Senior Grand and Reserve Grand Champions from Fair.

**Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks:** must have received a superior rating at county or district event.

**Dog:** must have received a minimum of 170 points at county contest. 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record and \$5 entry fee per exhibitor is needed.

**Fiber Arts:** one exhibit in each class, maximum of 3 exhibits.

**Foods & Nutrition:** only one non-perishable entry.

**Food Preservation:** maximum of two entries, one per class.

**Home Environment:** only one exhibit allowed.

**Horticulture:** enter up to a total of 4 vegetables, fruit and or herb exhibits. If qualified with an out of season item, you may substitute it with an in-season exhibit.

**Floriculture:** enter up to a total of 4 floral exhibits. If qualified with an out of season item, you may substitute it with an in-season exhibit.

**Photography:** 1st-7th year in project can enter only ONE class. A 4-H'er with 8 years+ can enter TWO photos in different classes.

**Shooting Sports:** educational display or poster.

**Space Tech:** only ONE exhibit per class.

**Visual Arts: ONLY the 4-H'ers** selected at county contest. These exhibits received a 'State Fair' sticker at fair & received a letter from the office.

**Woodworking:** only ONE exhibit.

**Posters & Displays?** These items are NOT eligible for the State Fair unless they fit under an educational exhibit in a

## TRANSPORTATION OF ENTRIES

The Extension Office will transport most exhibits to the State Fair. Please bring your exhibits to the Extension Office before 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 1st. Exhibits must be wrapped and/or boxed to protect them. Transportation of large exhibits and animals will be the responsibility of 4-H families. Food and horticulture exhibits may be brought to the parking lot across from the Extension Office on Wednesday, September 8, between 7:30—8:00 a.m.

## GATE ADMISSION TICKETS

The State Fair is not providing premiums but an exhibitor will receive two gate tickets to fair.

### STATE FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The assistance provided by Extension staff, teen and adult volunteers is absolutely vital to the 4-H Division at the State Fair! A list of exhibit areas and the number of individuals needed is available from our office. An admission ticket will be provided for each day a teen, adult or Extension staff volunteer works. The Kansas State Fair will provide a meal ticket for volunteers who work at least four hours. Parking in the public lots will be free again this year and hang-tags are not needed to park there. Let our office know if you are interested and we can sign you up.



September 10-19, 2021

## Future Dates to Remember

### August

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| 10 | State Fair Pre-Entries due   |
| 15 | KJLS Entries due             |
| 30 | 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Mtg. |

### September

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| 1     | State Fair Exhibits due in office       |
| 6     | Closed for Labor Day                    |
| 10-19 | Kansas State Fair                       |
| 21    | Pick up state Fair exhibits from office |
| 27    | 4-H Com. Leader/4-H Council Mtgs.       |

### October

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| 1   | Record Books due<br>New 4-H Year Begins |
| 3-9 | National 4-H Week                       |
| 8-9 | 48 Hours of 4-H                         |
| 25  | 4-H Ambassador/Exchange mtg             |

### November

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| 6 | Achievement Banquet |
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## Fair Herdsmanship/Rate of Gain Winners **RATE OF GAIN FOR LIVESTOCK**

### Herdsmanship

#### Friday

**Beef/Dairy:** Blue– RB, Red– VB, White– DIY

**Swine:** Blue– LC, Red– WWW, White– VB

**Sheep:** Blue– WWW, Red– DIY, White– none

**Goats:** Blue - WWW, Red - RB, White - LC

#### Saturday

**Beef/Dairy:** Blue– VB, Red– WWW, White–DIY

**Swine:** Blue– WWW, Red– VB, White– DIY

**Sheep:** Blue– WWW, Red– DIY, White– none

**Goats:** Blue –RB, Red– WWW, White– DIY

**Poultry:** Blue–WWW, Red– DIY, W– none

#### Sunday

**Beef/Dairy:** Blue– RB, Red– WWW, White– VB

**Swine:** Blue– WWW, Red– LC, White– DIY

**Sheep:** Blue–WWW, Red-DIY, White–none

**Goats:** Blue– RB, Red-DIY, White– LC

**Poultry:** Blue– DIY Red–WWW, White– none

Rate of Gain information can be found on our Extension website or by coming into the Extension Office.

Congratulations to the winners in each category. A complete list of ROG results will be available on our website after August 11th

Swine

GC- Jayden Torres 2.17lbs/day

RGC Erika Fry 2.16 lbs/day

Sheep

GC-Jayden Torres 0.73 lbs./day

RGC Quinlan Simon 0.73 lbs./day

\*Tie broken by placing in live show

Meat Goat

GC- Shaun Scott 0.49 lbs./day

RGC- Amilee Wasson 0.45 lbs./day

Beef

GC- Klayton Hessman 3.96 lbs/day

RGC- Eli Holman 3.28 lbs/day

\*\*\*Beef Carcass results will be available on our website after August 11th.



THANK  
YOU

### **THANK YOU REMINDER...**

You will be receiving a list in the mail of Thank You's you need to write from the fair association soon. Your premium checks will be ready to pick up in the Extension Office (100 Gunsmoke St.) after that. The required Thank You's on your list will be for the sponsors who donated for *grand champion premium, reserve grand champion medallions, miscellaneous awards, belt buckles, livestock/foods auction premium and additional add-ons you received from the fair.*

To receive your premium check, you will need to bring in the 'ready- to-mail' thank you cards and check list you received in the mail to the Extension Office. (A 'ready-to-mail' thank you includes a thank you card with an envelope, mailing address, return address and a stamp.) Even if you do not know the mailing address of the business or person you are writing to, please put their name on the envelope and we can fill out the rest.

**Please write your thank you's and pick up your checks in a timely manner.**

**Clubs and families can write a general Thank You and have members or siblings sign just one vs several thank you cards. Let us know if your club does this so we can mark it off. We had many of you sign a sheet for a general thank you for Victory Electric (t-shirts); Ford County Commissioners and possibly other general sponsors after the Fair clean up, so you will not need to do an individual thank you to them. Check with us to be sure if we have a specific sponsor.**

If you have any questions, please contact the office. 4



# ::Ford County Shout Outs::

- **Brayden Prater, Finn, Bode, Chase and Annie Martinez, Braeden and Quinlin Simon, Michaela Mink, MacKenzie Swan, Kyle Ruehle and Jake Ring** for doing Radio Promos for the fair.
- ALL of the **Fair Board Members** for a GREAT FAIR, for all the pre-planning & working at this year’s fair!
- **Everyone** who helped with setting and cleaning up; all of the Superintendents; and all of the 4-H members who exhibited projects at our fair!
- **Ethan Holman and Faith Woydziak** for being selected 2021 Ford County King and Queen!
- **All of the volunteers and sponsors** who helped with events and/or sponsorship at the Fair.
- **All the adults** who participated in the Adult Fun Showmanship contest.
- **Lucky Clovers 4-H Club** for organizing the Barnyard Olympics.
- To **Kelli Enlow** for the Fair “4-H Medallion Hunt” which everyone enjoyed looking for!!
- **Brandi Stein and KanEquip** for the pickup and trailer and driving the Exchange float in the parade
- **Steve Simon** for driving the pickup for our Family of the Year honorees—Hoyt and Linda Fry Family — in the Parade. **Lopp Motors** for vehicle.
- **Brian Bertelsen and Brianna Stefen** for helping with the Livestock Judging contest at the Fair.
- **Ford County 4-H Foundation, City of Dodge City and Fair Board** for a wonderful way to end the fair with a trip to the Dodge City Lagoon Water Park for everyone who helped with clean up!
- **Brandi Stein and club workers for a successful activity at KidFest during Dodge City Days.**
- **Linda, Candace & Erika Fry, Canyon Derstein, Brandi & Melvin Stein, Braeden & Quilan Simon, Jade Henry, Cole Bertelsen, Morgan, Michaela, & Paige Mink and Dave Robinson family for a very successful Kiddie Corral at the Rodeo.**
- **ANYONE & EVERYONE** we have missed who have made this summer a success!

## County Fair Livestock Judging Contest Results (Top 10) Congratulations!

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| 1. Sache Dowling  | 4. Cinch Dowling  | 7. Cole Bertelsen  | 10. Jaeden Stimpert |
| 2. Lincoln Martin | 5. Ethan Holman   | 8. Jade Henry      |                     |
| 3. Lauren Fisher  | 6. Oakley Dowling | 9. Rhianne Swonger |                     |

## 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

The regular scheduled Ambassador/Exchange Meeting will be held the **last Monday, August 30 at 7 pm**. This is the 5th Monday, but due to Ethel being out of town at a meeting on the 4th Monday of the month, it is being moved to the last Monday. To accommodate College freshman members, it will also be offered by zoom. Information on how to connect will be sent out to the members.

# START NOW ON RECORD BOOKS & AWARDS FORMS

With the end of the 4-H year in sight, there is some paperwork/record keeping that must be taken care of! **The following forms and applications must be turned in to your club leaders on or before the date they specify (typically late September).**

**Project Records and Award applications are due into our office by October 1. The Record Book General and the Livestock forms plus the Record Book Check in Sheet** are available on our website under 4-H, then forms, and then under Record Books.

## RECORD BOOKS

Remember, all 4-H'ers (with the exception of Cloverbuds) should complete a 4-H record book. All record book forms are available from our website at [www.ford.ksu.edu](http://www.ford.ksu.edu). Please make sure you use the correct age forms.

A complete record book includes:

- Personal Page
- 4-H Story -one for each projected
- Project Record Form—one for each projected Members younger than 14 can receive county awards and members who are older are eligible for area judging. )
- 4-H Permanent Record (brought forward from previous year).

If you do not have internet access, please contact the Extension Office. If you need help or get confused, please call the office!

## ACHIEVEMENT PIN APPLICATIONS

These applications are due with your Record Book. "Pin Apps" are an easy one or two page application for a 4-H'er to fill out each year. These forms are available on our website or in the office. Be sure to consider any Virtual meetings or activities you participated in when filling out your forms.

## KEY AWARD

The Key Award is given to youth 16 years or older, who have completed 4 years of 4-H membership, and who have been enrolled in the leadership project for more than 4 years. Youth must meet an additional requirements. It is a very prestigious award, and we encourage all who are eligible to apply!

## CLUB OFFICER NOTEBOOKS

Reporters, Secretaries, Treasurers ...did you know you can turn your notebooks in for county judging? Turn it in by due date to your club leader.

# RECORD BOOKS

## Why turn in a Record Book?

The Record Book is an organized summary of your entire 4-H experience that contains a comprehensive report of your goals, plans and accomplishments. It is one way to make a formal review of your goals and achievements and is a helpful tool to plan your own growth for the future. Your records and report will be a good keepsake for years after you've finished your 4-H career. The record you build opens doors to many awards and benefits such as medals, trips, scholarships and other kinds of recognitions. Completing a record book will make it easier when applying for scholarships/state awards.

4-H Members develop the following life skills through record keeping:

- \* Maintaining records of 4-H project and club work, school and community activities
- \* Keeping personal and business records
- \* Improving communication with other people
- \* Learning time management and organizational skills
- \* Learning responsibility and developing goal setting skills

## Do I have to do a Project Record form for EVERY project I'm enrolled in?

The answer to that question is **NO!** Only fill out a record for the projects you would like to be considered for an award in. For example, Suzy is enrolled in Beef, Foods and Visual Arts. She only actively participated in the Beef and Visual Arts Projects during the year. She did take one entry of cookies to the fair. Because she was highly active in Beef and Visual Arts, these are the projects she would consider doing a record for.

## What kind of awards can I apply for?

Each of the project areas will award a certain number (a percentage of the total number of 4-H'ers enrolled in the project) of 'project pins' to the award winners.

Visit: <https://www.ford.k-state.edu/4-h/4hrecordbooks/index.html>

To find all of the forms needed to fill out your record books. Most forms are available in a form fillable format, or we can provide you with a copy!

Additional resources include at the website:

4-H Record Books - Purpose ; Project Goals; Knowledge & Skills Learned in Project; Citizenship vs Leadership; Planning for Leadership Roles; etc.



## 4-H CAMP: LOOKING TO THE NEXT 75 YEARS

Our Rock Springs Ranch team is thrilled to have hosted 4-H youth, volunteers, and professionals from across the state and celebrating **75 years of 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch**. After the challenges of 2020, the opportunity for youth to come together, learn, exercise independence, find new sparks, and grow as a team was sorely missed.

Without taking away from the incredible experiences of Camp 2021, we want to take time to talk about Camp 2022 and beyond. For several years the Kansas 4-H family has been working together to develop plans for the future. Continual renewal and evolution is the hallmark of a healthy program, and we're excited about what the future holds for Kansas 4-H Camp.

For the past two years the Kansas 4-H Camp Taskforce, made up of extension professionals around the state, has met to discuss the new approach to camp. Modern camp standards have changed, and in order to meet the KSRE Administration's and Kansas 4-H Foundation Trustees' joint goals of **accessibility, consistency, and camper care and safety**, an evolved model is necessary. However, what this evolution will allow is actually a return to 4-H roots - a focus on camp being an integral part of a complete 4-H experience for any youth who chooses to participate.

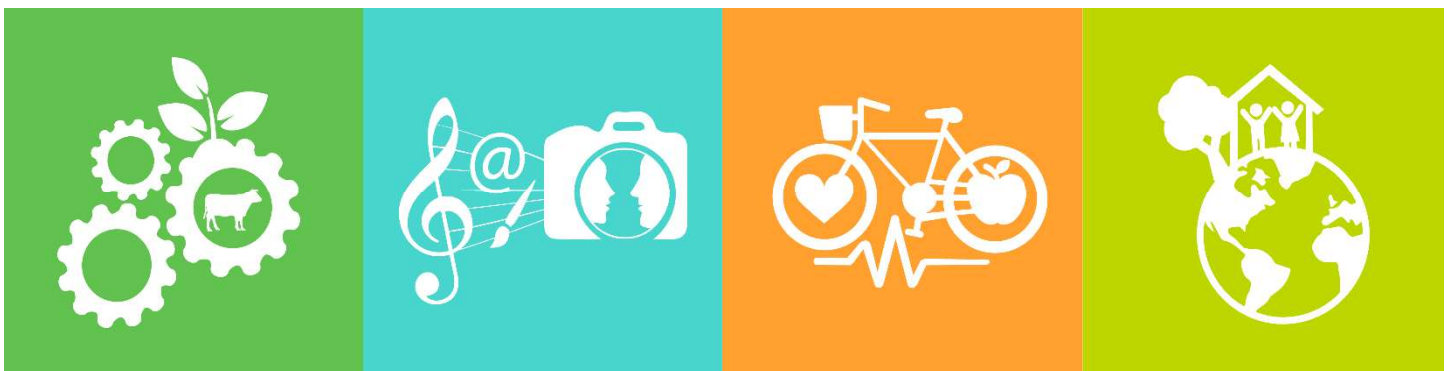
Registration for Camp 2022 will start much earlier than in the past. Starting September 1, 2021, 4-H youth and their families will be able to choose from any camp sessions for which their age of youth is eligible. The options will include 3-night and 6-night "traditional camp" options, family camp, and specialty camps all of various lengths. **All 4-H youth aged 8-18 will have camp options, and the traditional counselor-aged youth will also have LEAD and Counselor-in-Training (CIT) programs to choose from that are designed to enhance the incredible Kansas 4-H tradition of teen counselors.**

From September 1- October 31, registration for camp will be exclusive to current 4-H members and will all receive a 10% discount on their registration fee. Starting November 1, registration will be opened to all youth. One of our goals is that camp will become an incredible recruiting tool to encourage youth and families to seek a local 4-H experience when returning home.

There has been speculation about cost. **The new rates will be inclusive of the entire cost of camp** - including transportation from designated bus stop locations around the state, camp-related attire and gear, insurance and health-related expenses, and other associated costs. We realize that families have different abilities to pay and will offer a voluntary pricing structure that provides subsidized options for those families needing some assistance. The pricing tier selected will in no way influence the experience the camper receives.

Enhancing accessibility to Kansas 4-H experiences is a philanthropic priority of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, and the team is hard at work securing funds and committed to building **a robust state-wide campership program that will work in collaboration with local campership programs** to continue to make camp accessible to all youth. Rates are currently being finalized and will be provided in the near future.

Camp 2022 will bring the next exciting evolution of 75 years of Kansas 4-H camp tradition!



# KANSAS 4-H CAMP MYTHBUSTING

We thought we'd take a stab at busting some myths around Kansas 4-H Camp 2022. With so many layers and moving parts to our 4-H program, as well as the K-State Research and Extension system, there can be a lot of information flying around, and sometimes we hear only pieces. Here is a brief go at a few of the myths we've heard recently...with more to come in future communications!

**Myth:** Counselors can't come to camp anymore

**Reality:** The traditional teen counselor is critical to the Kansas 4-H camp experience. In fact, we're looking forward to more teen youth at 4-H camp than ever before. New, age-appropriate LEAD and Counselor-In-Training (CIT) programs will build on and enhance the traditional teen counselor model. Youth will be able to provide leadership to younger campers while also having their own community and camp experiences, all with the mentorship and supervision of 18-25 year old youth development staff.

Also, the new model provides a camp experience for all 4-H young people, ages 8-18. There won't be "gap years," and now older 4-H youth who don't want to be a counselor but do want to have a camp experience will have options as well.

**Myth:** The cost of camp is going way up

**Reality:** Camp prices will increase. But, we know that families have different abilities to pay, and maintaining access to Kansas 4-H Camp is vital. Families will be presented with a tiered pricing model that allows for selecting the rates that their family can afford. At the subsidized camp rate with a 4-H discount, the all-inclusive cost will be just a few dollars more per day than the current rates charged by camp groups.

In addition, a statewide campership program will work in concert with continued local campership funding to provide access to those families who need additional assistance.

**Myth:** Local units won't camp together anymore

**Reality:** Local units and entire camp groups may choose to continue to target specific dates to camp together. However, Rock Springs Ranch won't hold dates with open slots. Camp works best when villages are full and all youth have access to camp. Any youth who can't attend when their local unit is targeting is free to select from any other camp session. An open enrollment system allows for families to select sessions that not only work with their busy schedules, but provides the opportunity to select a 4-H camp session that is developmentally appropriate for their child(ren).

**Myth:** Extension agents and other professionals can't come to camp anymore

**Reality:** Extension professionals can continue to have a role at camp and are welcome to attend. Rock Springs Ranch staff is excited to work with agents to schedule their attendance dates so they can come. Staying in Leadership Lodge or other retreat accommodations while at camp can also provide a nice upgrade to the traditional accommodations!

**Myth:** This is the last year for 4-H Camp

**Reality:** This couldn't be further from the truth! Kansas 4-H Camp has evolved many times over the 75 years it's been in existence, and this is simply the next evolution in building on that tradition. Kansas 4-H Camp is being expanded in the new model with hopes of having 4-H camp throughout even more of the summer. We look forward to welcoming thousands of new 4-H campers of all ages every summer!



## Ask A Friend to Join Your 4-H Club!!

Consider asking your friends to join your 4-H club. The State has put together this invite card and we can make copies for you to give to your friends or others within your community. Let us know how many you need and we can get them sent to you.

### 4-H Club Recruitment and Guidelines

As we start recruiting for new club members for the new 4-H year, remember according to our State 4-H Policies Guide, a community club is an organized group of at least five youth from at least three families, led by two or more VIP-registered adults, with a planned program that is carried on throughout all or most of the year. Also, remember, if a 4-H member graduated from High School but is still 18 (4-H Age) as of January 1, they have one more year of eligibility to be in 4-H. As a current member you are the best person to personally invite someone to join by asking them to come to your next club meeting.

## CLUB LEADERSHIP

Change is good! Some clubs have a rotation system in place for volunteers to gradually, with training, move into the Organizational Leadership role. This process aids in recruiting volunteers to serve in leadership roles. Volunteers come in all shapes and sizes and ideas...some volunteers are more willing to serve if they know it's not a forever commitment! Plus...the rotation system strengthens a club...as more volunteers know the club's system! The new 4-H year is approaching...will the leadership stay the same? Will it change? Please notify our Extension Office **by October 1** of who the Organizational Leaders will be for the 2021-22 year! **This is important for preparing promotional materials!**

## CLUB ELECTIONS

The following are suggested guidelines for conducting the 2021-22 club election of officers:

- ✿ Nominate and vote for the member who would carry out the responsibilities of the office well.
- ✿ **Election of officers should not be a popularity contest.**
- ✿ A nominating committee, made up of 4-H members and parents, should develop a slate of candidates, preferably two or more candidates per office.
- ✿ Vote on each office individually. It takes extra time, but allows important learning time for members. Club members should be allowed the opportunity to nominate members from the floor for offices.
- ✿ A club needs to have a motion, a second and approval to close the nominations for each office.
- ✿ A nomination does not need to be a motion. It can simply be, 'I nominate Joe.'
- ✿ Voting should be done by ballot. Ballots should be counted by two to three members who are not running for office and preferably not by members who made the nominations or by parents..
- ✿ Each member should have one vote per office.
- ✿ In cases where the club may have more than one person in office, each member should vote for corresponding candidates.



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Dear 4-H Families,

This newsletter has information concerning County Fair and information for the 2021 State Fair. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. The State Fair will be held September 10—19, in Hutchinson, KS.

All State Fair 4-H static exhibits Judging will be done on September 8 which means all exhibits will need to be brought into the office earlier than in the past. Please read about when to have projects into the office within the newsletter.

The start of the new 4-H year will begin October 1. Start promoting to your friends, neighbors, and even relatives about joining 4-H for 2021-2022 and your 4-H Club. We would like to increase our 4-H membership this coming year and YOU are important in this mission. By talking about why you are a member you can encourage others to join and have fun but also learn life long skills and specific project information. YOU are the best advertising for why other youth would benefit by joining our 4-H program.

We have had several community individuals who have offered their knowledge and expertise and are willing to be county wide leaders. Their names and project areas will be listed in upcoming newsletters for you to consider getting involved with these project areas.



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