

# 4-H Clover News

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Ford County Monthly Newsletter

**April 2022**

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## LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATE

If you are planning on showing livestock this year at the County Fair, you **MUST weigh and tag your livestock at the respective weigh-in date**. What if the 4-H'er is unable to be at the weigh-in? No worries, the ANIMAL can be brought to the weigh-in by anyone. If you have questions, just let us know!

### SMALL ANIMAL (SWINE, SHEEP, GOAT, BUCKET CALF)

Tuesday, April 12, 4:30 pm—6:30 pm @ Ford County Fair Grounds  
Alternate date is Tuesday, April 19

Animals for state shows that are not brought to respective weigh-in dates, will have a service charge of \$25 applied to tag animals at their farm.

## EAR TAG POLICY

4-H Council policy allows a 4-H'er up to six (6) ear tags per species (i.e. up to 6 for beef, 6 for sheep, 6 for goats, 6 for swine). Any tags over the provided six will be at the expense of the 4-H'er and their family.

## QUACK ATTACK FUNDRAISER

At your April Club Meetings, your Club Leaders will have Quack Attack Duck Leases for families to sell. The Ford County 4-H Council would appreciate if all clubs can sell duck leases for this fundraiser. Each club received a book of 50 tickets. We can split the books up if the club wants it. These duck leases are for the Q97/Z98 Quack Attack Duck Race to be held on June 4th at the Dodge City Main Street Festival. The funds from each duck lease purchased from a 4-H'er will come back to the Ford County 4-H Council and your 4-H Club. Complete rules about the Duck Race and how to sell duck leases can be obtained by asking your community leaders for the information. The Alley will also be selling leases. **ALL Duck Leases and money must be returned to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 27 or to the Community Leader meeting on May 23.** The Family who sells the most duck leases by May 27 will win a \$100 gift card! Community Leaders/families will need to keep track of who sells and if you need more duck leases or have further questions, please call us! Please try and sell the books your leaders checked out before requesting additional books. We are being asked to not have as many non-sold ducks within books when we turn them back in.



4-H Council voted to distribute the funds raised by giving 20% to 4-H Council and the rest of the funds distributed by percentage of tickets/funds raised by each individual club. So the more leases you sell the more money your club will receive back.



## 4-H EXCHANGE/ AMBASSADOR MEETING

The next 4-H Exchange meeting will be Saturday, April 9 at 9:30 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building. We will discuss travel plans and possible destinations for an exchange.

The regular scheduled meeting will be April 25 at 7 p.m. at the Fair Building.

### April 9 Exchange Flea Market—Canceled

## 4-H COUNCIL/COMMUNITY LEADER MTGS

The May meetings will be on Monday, May 23.

## LIVESTOCK SALES/SHOWS

Now is the time that several fliers concerning upcoming sales and livestock shows are being sent to the Extension Office. These fliers, along with show bills will be compiled into a binder and available in the office. Feel free to come and look through it!

## 2022 DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

When: June 23, 2022

Western State Bank Expo Center in Dodge City,  
Check-in horses from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Show starts at 9 a.m.

Ranch Trail—from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Trail will  
run from 12:30 p.m. -2 p.m

All entries forms and accompanying fees (\$5.00 per class) must be sent no later than June 10 to the Edwards County Extension Office. All participants MUST HAVE completed 4-H Horse Achievement Level I booklet, and passed written and riding exams by June 10, to enter & complete. Classes are by 4-H'er's age as of 01/01/2022. Be sure to list the correct horse for the class. NO STALLS AVAILABLE this year. RV Hookups are also available: \$25.00 If you want an RV Hookup, please include the fee with your entry payment. T- Shirt Order Form - - due by June 10th also with payment. Again, 4-H members may participate in their county/district designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing.

Horse ID Papers are due into the office by May 1 . They must be signed by an Extension Agent. If we are not in the office you will be asked to leave them for a signature. Remember only Level 1 is required to compete at District and State Shows. If you need to complete your Level 1 testing, contact the office.

## ADD/DROP DATE IS MAY 1ST!

**WHAT DOES ADD/DROP A PROJECT MEAN?** When you completed your enrollment on the <https://v2.4honline.com/> website, you selected a project (s) to be “enrolled in for this 4-H Year”. This means you are planning to explore/participate/learn about this project and possibly enter something in the fair for that project area. May 1st is your last day to either ADD another project you would like to participate in or DROP a project you already signed up for that you are not interested in anymore. We encourage you to take something for each project that you are enrolled in to the fair; however it is not required. If you don't remember what you signed up for, just go to the <https://v2.4honline.com/> website and check, you can then either add or drop projects. After May 1st you will not be able to make changes as that part of the enrollment process will be closed. If you have any questions , please call us– we'd love to help you!

## TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING



Tractor Safety Training is May 7th for all teenagers who would like to attend. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The training is from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Dodge City Community College. Contact the Extension Office for registration information & more details. Registration fee is \$20.



## CURRENT COUNTY WIDE LEADERS

Poultry — Sarah Sura

Shooting Sports —Troy Robertson & Joe Vogel

## COUNTY FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

We need superintendents for the fair divisions to function correctly. Please consider signing up to help. All adult leaders/parents and junior leaders (ages 12 and older) are encouraged to volunteer at your next club meeting. If you have a friend or other family member who might be interested in helping, please ask them and let us know.

# CAMPS INFO.>

## ROCK SPRING 4-H CAMP

### ROCK SPRINGS 4-H CENTER



Beginning in 2022, RSR will offer more flexible session opportunities for camp at Rock Springs Ranch. They know our camp families are busy so they want to make sure you can fit this important experience into your summer schedules.

**4-H Open Attendance:** Attend any session that fits your schedule. They also encourage all of our county clubs to find a session that they can attend together.

**Open Enrollment:** They are inviting ANYONE who wants to experience Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs, regardless of 4-H membership. Every young camper deserves to experience the positive youth development that makes 4-H special.

**Extended Sessions:** Now offering a choice of 4 days/3 nights OR 7 days/6 nights.

Check out the enclosed brochure on Rock Springs Ranch Camp

## The Best Way To Get To Camp!

They want to make sure your arrival to camp is safe, fun, and care-free as possible. Their bus transportation is available to all campers to make sure you arrive on time! Upon camp enrollment, select an available bus option near you and ride with friends or other kids from your area! The incredible team at Rock Springs Ranch can't wait to welcome your child to Camp! Find your route below.



## 4-Clover Camp

**"Dr. Seuss Comes To 4 Clover Camp"**

**June 8-10, 2022**

**Dodge City Community College**

Looking for a summer camp closer to home?

**4-Clover Camp** is the camp for you! 4-H youth ages 7 to 12 years old are invited to attend this 3 day 2 night camp for only \$75.

This camp is jammed packed with activities such as: fishing, swimming, crafts, and new friends! The theme is "Dr Seuss Comes to 4 Clover Camp". This camp is for Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman and Walnut Creek District (Lane, Ness & Rush) 4-H'ers. Registration is due May 20, and registrations is on a first come, first service basis.

Apply for the Blake Stanley Camp Scholarship to help reduce your camp cost.

**Camp Counselor applications** are due into our Office by May 1. If you would like to be a counselor for 4 Clover Camp (14 or older) or possibly for Day Camp (14 or older), please complete the application! This can be found on our County website and it is a 1 page application.

**Day Camp** is still to be decided.

More information will be available soon.

## DISCOVERY DAYS

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is planning to be in-person on KSU campus June 1st-3rd, 2022

**When:** June 1st-3rd, 2022

**Who:** Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2022 are invited to register

**Cost:** \$195

**Registration:** Coming April 1, 2022

**General Schedule:** TBA

## Please Note

Several of the Camps listed are made affordable by financial assistance from the **Ford County 4-H Foundation** and **Ford County 4-H Council**. Take a few minutes out of your day to thank them.

Also consider applying for the **Ford/Gray County Scroggins Scholarship** and the **Blake Stanley Scholarship** mentioned below.

## CAMP PAYMENT POLICY

- **For any activity registration:** Payment arrangements can be made in writing with the Extension Office to set up a payment schedule. Full payment is due by the registration deadline.
- **For online registrations:** **Full payment is due to the Extension Office by the online event deadline unless a written payment agreement is made between the Extension Office and the participant.**

Failing to meet those requirements will result in cancellation of registration (participant will still be responsible for the \$25 cancellation fee and possible registration cost based upon event guidelines.)

- **Transportation:** A transportation fee of \$10 per person will be added to fees for trips that require travel in a county vehicle outside of Ford County.

## Shutterbug Events 2022

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Action Team. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. The events typically end around Noon. Examples of sessions include: Portfolio, I have a camera-now what?, Panning, Close-ups, Aperture Settings & Kaleidoscopes/Reflections.

Botanica

Please note: \$9 entry fee per person for all-day pass to Botanica

Where: Botanica Gardens, Wichita, KS

When: April 23, 2022

Registration begins at 9:00 AM

Shutterbugs at the Zoo

Please note: \$5 registration fee for each of the first five members of a family. Children 5 and under are free.

Where: Lee Richardson Zoo, Garden City, KS

When: May 7, 2022

Registration begins 8:30 AM

Shutterbugs at Big Creek

Where: Agricultural Research Center, Hays, KS

When: TBD

Registration begins at 8:30 AM

## SCROGGINS STATE 4-H CAMP/EVENT SCHOLARSHIP

All 4-H'ers of Ford and Gray County have the opportunity to apply for the Scroggins State 4-H Camp/Event Scholarship. Campers wishing to attend a State 4-H Camp (i.e. Discovery Days, KYLF, Space Tech Camp, Sewing Camp, etc.) are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

**Those interested in applying for a Scroggins Camp Scholarship, must fill out the 'Scroggins State Camp/Event Scholarship Application' by the Camp Registration Deadline.** The number and amount of awards will be determined by the individual county, with consideration to existing support, participation, and county need. Selection will be based on expressed need. For project specific camps/events, preference will be given to 4-H'ers enrolled in the project. **No more than one scholarship may be received per 4-H'er/per 4-H year (October 1—September 30).** Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are available on ford.ksu.edu under the 4-H tab or at the Extension Office.

## BLAKE STANLEY SCHOLARSHIP

If you are planning to attend 4-Clover Camp, we encourage you to apply for **one of five \$35 scholarships provided by the Blake Stanley Memorial 4-H Scholarship fund**. If you are interested in applying, you must write an essay with a maximum word count of 200. In the essay please answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to go to 4-H Camp?                      Why is 4-H important to you?
- Why do you need a scholarship for camp?

Essays are due on May 20 to the Office. More info can be found on our Ford County Camp website.





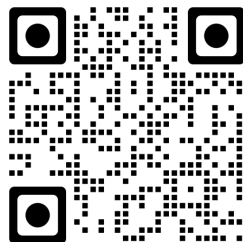
### Camp Sessions Available

RSR offers camp sessions of 3 or 6 nights. Whichever you choose, you're sure to have a fun-filled time with us.

# OF NIGHTS	
<b>Overnight Camp - 3rd thru 12th Rising Grades Leaders in Training (L.I.T.) - Rising 11th Graders</b>	
3 nights	Session #1: June 8-11
	Session #2: June 12-15
	Session #3: June 15-18
	Session #4: June 19-22
	Session #5: June 22-25
	Session #6: June 26-29
	Session #7: June 29-July 2
6 nights	Session #8: July 10-16
	Session #9: July 17-23
<b>Counselors In Training (C.I.T.) - Rising 12th Graders</b>	
6 nights	Session #1: June 12-18
	Session #2: June 19-25
	Session #3: June 26 - July 2
	Session #4: July 10-16
	Session #5: July 17-23

### Transportation

We have added nine transportation "hubs" for the 2022 Camp Season! This is a FREE service courtesy of funding provided by generous donations from the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Transportation Map and Reservation Form available on our website.



scan the code to learn more about RSR!



**ROCK SPRINGS RANCH**  
1168 HIGHWAY K157  
JUNCTION CITY, KS 66441



Since 1946, thousands of campers have come to Rock Springs Ranch. They unplug, explore, play and learn the kinds of lessons that can last a lifetime. Outside of the traditional learning environment, campers grow socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively. Many make friends for life. It's also just simple, pure FUN!



[rockspringsranch4hcamp.org](http://rockspringsranch4hcamp.org)  
(785) 257-3221

# CALLING ALL ADVENTURERS CLIMBERS FLIPPERS & BUG CATCHERS!



## REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP 2022!

*All Campers Ages 8-17 are Welcome!*



Sign up at [rockspringsranch4hcamp.org](http://rockspringsranch4hcamp.org)





# CAMP AT ROCK SPRINGS IS BETTER THAN EVER!

We're so excited about Camp Season 2022 at Rock Springs Ranch! Our goal is to teach the positive youth development of 4-H and introduce our Centers of Excellence in Leadership, Conservation and Sportsmanship. We have created a truly formative experience for our campers under the endless skies of the beautiful tallgrass prairie of the Flint Hills.

## Traditional Camp



### EXPLORERS - Ages 8-10 (rising 3rd-5th graders)

Our youngest campers will work on gaining their independence, making new friends and discovering the larger world around them. While at camp they will enjoy archery, BBs, swimming, intro to horses, corcles, our giant swing and many more fun activities! This group will also have the highest staff to camper ratios.



### TRAILBLAZERS - Ages 11-13 (rising 6th-8th graders)

This group has greater access to activities and will spend time with more campers in their age group and work on skills development. Activities include 3D archery, swimming, horses, rifles, canoes, climbing wall, stream study and more!



### ADVENTURERS - Ages 14-17 (rising high schoolers)

This is the oldest group in our "traditional" camp. Adventurers spend most of their time at activities they choose along with other campers in their group. Activities are at the top tier of RSR offerings including aerial archery, swimming, horses, trap shooting, kayaks, high ropes and zipline.

## Teen Leadership Camp

In addition to our traditional camp, we offer two unique camping experiences for older youth who are eager to take on greater challenges and advance their leadership skills.



### L.I.T. LEADERS IN TRAINING - (rising 11th graders)

L.I.T. focuses on leadership and community development programming along with a service project. There will also be time to just relax, make new friends and enjoy other camp activities. This is an excellent progression if a camper thinks they may want to advance to C.I.T. or join RSR staff in the future.



### C.I.T. COUNSELORS IN TRAINING - (rising 12th graders)

C.I.T. is a hands-on progression that develops the leadership abilities of this group to help them on the path from camper to counselor. Throughout the week, teens will receive camper care training and counselor experience while improving their leadership skills and being mentored by youth development staff. They will also enjoy "camp" time with peers built into each day.

## Camper Activities

The campers will participate together in daily activities.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>SWIMMING</b>          | <b>LOW ROPES</b>               |
| <b>GAMES</b>             | <b>HIKING</b>                  |
| <b>ARTS &amp; CRAFTS</b> | <b>CLIMBING WALL</b>           |
| <b>CANOEING</b>          | <b>ARCHERY</b>                 |
| <b>HIGH ROPES</b>        | <b>HORSEBACK RIDING</b>        |
| <b>TEAM BUILDING</b>     | <b>PRAIRIE BIKES</b>           |
| <b>STREAM STUDY</b>      | <b>RIFLERY</b>                 |
| <b>ZIPLINE</b>           | <b>CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES</b> |
| <b>KAYAKS</b>            | <b>CAMPFIRES</b>               |
| <b>VOLLEYBALL</b>        | <b>S'MORES</b>                 |
| <b>GAGA BALL</b>         | <b>LOW ROPES</b>               |
| <b>TRAP SHOOTING</b>     | <b>GIANT SWING</b>             |

**ALL YOUTH DESERVE A 4-H EXPERIENCE!**

## The Benefits of Camp

### 1 SOCIAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

leadership  
communication  
participation

### 2 SELF-RESPECT & CHARACTER BUILDING

responsibility  
resourcefulness  
resilience

### 3 COMMUNITY LIVING/SERVICE SKILLS

caring  
fairness  
citizenship



## **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)**

Last month's newsletter had a flier concerning how to obtain your YQCA certification. This is a requirement for the Ford County Fair as well as for State Fair and KS Junior Livestock Show. This must be done by May 1 prior to submitting Beef nominations and June 15 for commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, nominations. Questions, call Andrea at the Extension office. For County Fair purposes it must be completed prior to county fair pre-entry.

Andrea will be holding an in-person session for YQCA on April 9 at 10 a.m. at the Ford County Fair Building. This was originally scheduled for the afternoon, but since the Flea Market was cancelled, the time was moved to the morning. Call the office if you have questions on how to sign up for the April 9 session.

## **LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION**

Great resources for any livestock project member can be found at the following website: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/index.html>. This website has resources, such as project sheets for project activities, project materials (most of these materials mentioned we have copies in the office to

## **2022 State Livestock Nomination Information Released**

The state livestock nomination process is transitioning to an online system this year! This will require families to plan ahead in order to successfully complete their nominations. Moving to an online system will streamline the process from nomination, to show entry, through participating in the state shows. The deadlines have not changed.

The new process includes four (4) primary steps:

- 1.) Purchasing Official DNA Envelopes in Advance through ShoWorks
- 2.) Submitting Animal & Exhibitor Information Online
- 3.) Mailing DNA Envelopes with Submission Receipt
- 4.) Extension Agents & FFA Advisors Approving Nominations Online

Families will need to purchase an official DNA envelope for each animal by the order deadline, which is one (1) week prior to the nomination deadline. This will be April 24 for market beef and June 8 for small livestock and commercial heifers. Old envelopes will not be accepted.

Exhibitors will be prompted to upload their family's 2022 Declaration Form and current YQCA certificate during the online submission process. A child's certificate needs to be good through 10/2/2022 to be valid.

Families are encouraged to send their nominations via certified mail. The deadlines have not changed. Market Beef nominations are due May 1. The Small Livestock and Commercial Heifer Deadline is June 15. These dates include submitting the information online through ShoWorks and postmarking the appropriate DNA sample(s). Late nominations will not be accepted.

Information and resources regarding the state livestock nominations process maybe found here: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>. All families, regardless of experience level, are encouraged to read through the Rookie Guide and use the other resources available in 2022!

Call Andrea with any questions you might have.

## **:::4-H Shout Outs:::**

- ◆ All Regional Club Day participants! All participants did an excellent job with their presentations.
- ◆ To all members who participated in the Area Rocketry Meeting.

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Dear 4-H Families,

If you want to attend camp, you must get your registration and fee submitted as early as possible. Registration for all camps will be a first come bases. You can find more information about camps and their registrations forms on our website OR we have copies available in the Extension Office.

Be sure to decide if you need to drop or add any projects and do this prior to May 1. Remember Horse ID papers are also due then!

Take a few minutes and read through the newsletter.



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