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# 4-H UPDATE

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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# From the Desk of..... Stephanie Hays



## **Celebrating Our Volunteers & Spring Momentum in 4-H**

As we enter April, I want to take a moment to recognize something that truly makes Sedgwick County 4-H exceptional, our volunteers. During National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 19–26, we celebrate each of you who give your time, talents, and heart to this program. Your commitment does not go unnoticed. Whether you are leading a club, coaching a project, organizing events, supporting behind the scenes, or simply showing up consistently for our youth, you are making a lasting impact.

Because of you, young people in Sedgwick County are gaining confidence, building life skills, and discovering their passions. You are mentors, role models, and steady supporters in moments that matter. The experiences our youth have, meetings, contests, clinics, and the fair, are possible because of your willingness to invest in them.

Please know how deeply grateful we are for all that you do. Sedgwick County 4-H is stronger, more vibrant, and more impactful because of you.

As we celebrate our volunteers, we are also stepping into one of the most exciting times of the year, spring. This season brings energy, growth, and preparation as our 4-H members begin gearing up for the Sedgwick County Fair.

Projects are taking shape, animals are being worked and cared for daily, and members are building the skills that will be showcased this summer. From livestock to static exhibits, this is the time to stay focused, ask questions, and continue learning.

Now is a great time for families to:

- Double-check project enrollments
- Review fair guidelines and important dates
- Begin planning and preparing exhibits
- Stay connected with club leaders and Extension updates

The work being done now, early mornings, late evenings, and consistent effort, will pay off when our youth step into the fair with confidence and pride.

We are excited for what this season will bring and look forward to celebrating the growth, achievements, and hard work of our 4-H members in the months ahead.

--Steph

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## You're Invited: Celebrating Our 8th Grade 4-H Graduates!

Dear 4-H Families,

This is a BIG moment, and we are ready to celebrate it in a BIG way!

We are thrilled to invite all Sedgwick County 4-H 8th grade members and their families to a special recognition event honoring our amazing youth as they graduate from middle school and take their next step into high school.

These young leaders have worked hard, grown in confidence, and made a lasting impact through their 4-H experiences. Now it's time to recognize their accomplishments and celebrate all that lies ahead!

What to Expect:

- Recognition of each 8th grade 4-H member
- A special certificate from K-State
- Exclusive K-State gear ("bling!") to celebrate their milestone
- A chance to celebrate with fellow 4-H families and leaders

This event is more than just a ceremony, it's a celebration of growth, leadership, and the bright futures ahead for our 4-H youth. Whether they've been in 4-H for one year or many, each of these members has something to be proud of, and we can't wait to recognize them.

Families are encouraged to attend and share in this exciting milestone together!

Let's come together to cheer on these outstanding young people as they take their next step toward becoming truly Beyond Ready.

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# Beyond Ready

## 4-H WILDCAT RECOGNITION CEREMONY

**SUN.**  
**APRIL 19**

**WHO: ALL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATES**  
**TIME: 1-2 PM**  
**WHERE: 4-H HALL, EXTENSION CENTER**

**WHAT IS IT?**

**A time to recognize your commitment to leadership, service, and personal growth through 4-H.**

**MESSAGE**

### **MORE THAN AN AWARD**

BEING A BEYOND READY WILDCAT MEANS YOU HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE. KANSAS 4-H IS PART OF K-STATE'S LAND-GRANT MISSION, WHICH MEANS YOU ARE ALREADY CONNECTED TO A UNIVERSITY THAT BELIEVES IN EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE FOR ALL. AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY REMEMBER 4-H HAS GIVEN YOU A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS IN WHATEVER PATH YOU CHOOSE AND THERE ARE MORE OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD.

# Sedgwick County 4-H Volunteers Recognition

In celebration of National Volunteer Appreciation Week (April 19-26) we are proud to recognize the dedicated individuals who make Sedgwick County 4-H possible.

<p><b>Achievers</b> Harding, Jeanette Henderson, Susan Kroetch, Bobbie Kroetch, Christopher Mork, Lynn Sebes, Jennifer Snell, Rebecca Wadle, Elizabeth</p> <p><b>Adult Volunteers</b> Best, Rex Carmichael, Karen Davis, Travis Day, Michael Day, Valene Eccles, Ethan Endecott, Larry Herrman, Brett Holmes, Jason St. John, Michlynn</p> <p><b>Andale Jets</b> Call, Cody Call, Kelsey Porter, Katherine</p> <p><b>Bel Aire</b> Avery, Jennifer January, Sarah</p> <p><b>Cheney Challengers</b> Dungan, Samantha Hague, Dustin Ohlde, David</p> <p><b>Colwich Clovers</b> Hawpe, Rachel Herrman, Sarah Reilly, Julie</p>	<p><b>Coleman Cougars</b> Wallace, Tracey</p> <p><b>Country Kids</b> Bennett, Angela Bennett, Nathan Schill, Dirk Schill, Sarah</p> <p><b>Delano</b> Ibrahim, Sherry Jost, Penni Oard, Kim</p> <p><b>Derby</b> Hanover, Michelle Turner, Melanie Wyant, Jennifer</p> <p><b>Goddard</b> Poelma-Oborny, Elizabeth Riggs, Monica</p> <p><b>Ninnescah Valley</b> Baalman, Chris Wilkinson, Kelli</p> <p><b>Peck Ramblers</b> Blecha, Tonenia Brown, Georgana</p> <p><b>Quail Valley</b> Kerschen, Emily Tatom-Juel, Nicole Trumble, Amy</p> <p><b>River City Kids</b> Baalman, Rebecca Black, Kimberly Goertz, Erica Smith, Ty</p>	<p><b>Super Shooters</b> Gabbard, Matthew Giebler, Polly Henderson, Joe Hott, Lisa Klausmeyer, Abigail Klausmeyer, Abigail Klausmeyer, Emma Klausmeyer, Steve Klausmeyer, Susie Phan, Tammy Schroeder, Brian Taylor, Rick Taylor, Sheri Thul, Tracy Velasquez Pinilla, Henry</p> <p><b>Valley Victors</b> Bell, Andrea Crouch, Brad Crouch, Shannon Elam, Lisa Lang, Lisa</p> <p><b>Project &amp; Program Area Volunteers</b></p> <p><b>Beef Superintendent</b> Brand, Andy Hommertzheim, Chad Weber, Eddie Winter, Jeff</p> <p><b>Dairy Cow Super</b> Wells, Byron Wells, Heidi</p> <p><b>Dairy Goat Super</b> Green, Amanda Hays, Bruce</p>
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<p><b>Fiber Arts Super</b> Julie Crow</p> <p><b>Geology Superintendent</b> Burnett, Crista Goldak, David</p> <p><b>Sheep Superintendent</b> Smarsh, Mandi Smarsh, Joe</p> <p><b>Horse Superintendent</b> Winter, Vickie Thompson, Dr. Ashley</p> <p><b>Poultry Superintendent</b> Blecha, Tonenia Blecha, Jason</p> <p><b>Rabbit Superintendent</b> Phelps, Krisjan</p>	<p><b>Meat Goat Super</b> Foraker, Karen Ohlde, Dave Sheilds, Lacey</p> <p><b>Electricity Super</b> Sprecker, Janet</p> <p><b>Fine Arts Superintendent</b> <b>Schill, Sara</b></p> <p><b>Foods &amp; Nutrition Super</b> Holmes, Martina</p> <p><b>Horticulture Super</b> Draut, Abbey</p> <p><b>Sewing &amp; Textiles Super</b> Harms, Carolyn</p> <p><b>Woodworking Super</b> Harms, Allen Veith, Tony</p>	<p><b>Photography Super</b> January, Sarah Snell, Rebecca</p> <p><b>Entomology Super</b> Williams, Cassia</p> <p><b>Dog Leader</b> Ibrahim, Sherry</p> <p><b>Leather Project Leader</b> Kenny Allen</p> <p><b>Livestock Judging Coach</b> <b>Harrell, Joslyn</b></p> <p><b>Livestock Meats Judging</b> Foraker, Kacie</p>
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Because of each of you, Sedgwick County 4-H is more than a program, it is a community where youth are encouraged, supported, and challenged to grow into confident leaders.

Your time, your heart, and your dedication are shaping lives in ways that will last far beyond today.

We are deeply grateful for every hour you give and every young person you inspire.

**Thank you for making Sedgwick County 4-H truly extraordinary.**



# 4-H Calendar of Events

2026

- April TBD** National 4-H Conference
- April 4** **Ag Tech Day, Moundridge, KS, (see flyer)**
- April 4** Shutterbug Photography Workshop, Manhattan, Midwest Dream Car Museum, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.
- April 11** Junior Sheep Producer Day Saturday, April 11, Bilbery Family Events Center, Manhattan  
Registration deadline:TBA
- April 12** **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ribbon Shoot, 4-H Hall, Sedgwick County Extension Center**
- April 15** **Note change: Owned by date for sheep, swine, bucket calves, meat goats, rabbit, poultry**
- April 18** **Livestock Barn Clean-up for Spring show - 8:00 am - done**
- April 18** Spring State Shooting Sports Match - BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, at Great Bend
- April 25** Spring into Volunteering
- April 25** Fiber Arts Project Meeting, TBA
- April 25-26** **Spring Livestock Show, Cheney Fairgrounds, Small animals will be tagged on these dates: 25th – Beef and Swine and the 26th – Goats and Sheep (pages 27 and 28 for details)**
- April 28-29** Youth Entrepreneurship Contest (YEC) Manhattan
- May 1** **Horse I.D. papers due to the 4-H office**
- May 2** Fiber Arts Project Meeting, TBA
- May 3** Dairy Goat Clinic and Practice Show, Cheney Fairgrounds
- June/July** 4-H Camp Rock Springs Ranch
- June 3-5** Discover Days, Manhattan
- June 12** Style Revue, Pet Judging, Creative Tables entries must be pre-entered
- June 14** Mandatory Poultry Testing, Bison Room, Sedgwick County Extension Center, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- June 12-14** State 4-H Geology Field Trip (TBA)
- June 19-20** Insect Spectacular, Yates Center
- June 25** Style Revue judging - 8:30 am and Public Style Revue -7:30 pm
- June 27** Livestock Clean-up for county fair, 8:00 am - done

## Calendar of Events Continued.....

- July 7-11** Sedgwick County Fair  
**July 7** Static Judging, Fairgrounds  
**July 8** 4-H Horse Show, Fairgrounds  
**July 8-11** See Fair Book for schedules for livestock entry and judging times and auction details
- August 1** State 4-H Horse Show Entries due  
**August 1** State Fair static entries due to 4-H office  
**August 4** 4-H Wheat Expo, El Dorado  
**August 15** State Horticulture Judging Contest  
**August 22-23** (tentative) 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan
- September 5** State 4-H Dog Show  
**September 11-20** Kansas State Fair  
**September 26** State Archery Match
- October 3** State Small Bore/Muzzle Loading Match  
**October 11** State Hunting Skills Match  
**October 17-18** 4-H Dog Conference  
**October 18** State Shotgun Match
- November 21-22** Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs Ranch  
**November 21-22** Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers Forum, Rock Springs Ranch





***Sedgwick County 4-H***



# **1st Annual Ribbon Shoot**



**Come see our Super Shooters in action as they prepare for the state match and participate in the first Sedgwick County Fair Ribbon shoot and see what shooting sports is all about!**



**Sunday, April 12  
Air Pistol: 1:00 PM  
Air Rifle: 2:00 PM  
BB: 3:45 PM**

**Sedgwick County Extension Education Center  
4-H Hall  
21<sup>st</sup> and Ridge  
Wichita, KS**



**For more information: [susieklausmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:susieklausmeyer@gmail.com)**



Youth Livestock Program

**2026 Calendar & Important Deadlines**

**April 11: K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day**

**April 15: KASLA Application Deadline (tentative)**

**April 20: Last Day to Order Market Beef DNA  
Envelopes for Nominations**

**May 1: Market Beef Nominations Due**

**June 5: Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA  
Envelopes for Nominations**

**June 15: Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, & Meat  
Goat Nominations Due**

**July 10-11: Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic**

**August 22-23 (tentative): State 4-H Livestock  
Sweepstakes**

**September 11-13: Kansas State Fair**

**October 2 -4: Kansas Junior Livestock Show**



## **YQCA CERTIFICATE IS MANDATORY FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY YOUTH TO SHOW AT SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. The program is designed to provide a minimum 60 minutes of education each year.

YQCA is the result of a collaborative effort between states that have previously offered multi-species youth livestock quality assurance programs, the National Pork Board's Youth PQA Plus program and representatives from other national livestock groups.

- **Food Safety**

YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry.

- **Animal Well Being**

The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth.

- **Character Development**

YQCA is accepted at a number of shows across the United States.

I am offering 5 teacher led courses for any individual who would like to participate in person. Dates below to sign up go to this link. <https://yqcaprogram.org/> choose your age group and instructor led.\$3.00 a youth

\*\* Remember to enroll and take the pre-test before coming to class.

If you want to take the Online version go the same site. <https://yqcaprogram.org> choose your age group and online version. \$12.00 a youth.

Please go to their help section for any questions for enrollment.

<https://yqcaprogram.org/local/help-desk.php>

**Meeting Dates: February 12, March 12, April 9, and May 7.** All meetings will begin at 7:00 pm here at the Extension Office.

**\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT TAGGING POLICY \*\*\*\*\***

Any animal not tagged during the scheduled weigh-in must be brought on a trailer to the Extension Office and tagged by the owner in the presence of a superintendent or Stephanie.

There will be no exceptions to this rule.

We are excited to kick off another strong livestock project season and help our youth prepare for the Sedgwick County Fair. Please reach out if you have questions — otherwise, we will see you at the fairgrounds on April 25 and 26!

Pre-Entries due 4/11 - \$20/head - Late Entries \$25/head

# SEDGWICK COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW

**APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

 SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - CHENEY, KS

Saturday April 25th - Swine and Beef Show

Sunday April 26th - Goat and Sheep Show

Follow SCLS Facebook page for more info OR contact Dustin Hague at  
(316) 765-4759

# SWINE, MEAT GOAT & SHEEP TAGGING

**April 25**

**Sedgwick County Fairgrounds**

**Weigh-In & Tagging Swine – (7:30-9:30)**

**April 26**

**Sedgwick County Fairgrounds**

**Weigh-In & Tagging Meat Goats (8:00-10:00 am) and Sheep (10:00-11:00 am)**

A huge thank you to our Swine, Meat Goat, and Sheep Superintendents for organizing and supporting this event. We appreciate your continued dedication to our Sedgwick County 4-H youth. Superintendents and I will be available to assist with tagging and answer any questions.

## **Tag Costs (Exact Cash Please)**

**EID Ear Tags: \$3.50 each**

**4-H Ear Tags: \$1.50 each**

**Please plan to bring exact payment.**

## **Green Fair Cards & Required Information**

Green cards will be available on-site and must be completed and returned before you leave the grounds. Please make sure you have the following information ready:

**Youth Name**

**City**

**4-H Club**

**4-H Age**

**Department (Required)**

**Swine – Market**

**Sheep – Market Lamb or Breeding Ewe**

**Meat Goat – Market or Breeding**

**Class Number (Some classes are breed-specific — be sure the breed is listed.) (Required)**

**Ear Tag Number (Required)**

This is the same information required for fair pre-entry, so completing it accurately now will make that process much smoother.

# **Mandatory** **Poultry Testing**

**June 14, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Sedgwick County Extension Center, Bison Room**

**With Dr. John Nelson**

## **Poultry Testing**

All chicken and game bird exhibitors are required to attend this testing event to ensure your birds are ready for fair. This is a great opportunity to get everything checked and in order ahead of the busy fair season.

**Leg bands will also be available for purchase during this time,** so please come prepared if you still need to get your birds properly identified.



## **But Wait there Is More!!!**

### **Stick Around for a Poultry Showmanship Clinic!**

Immediately following testing, we will be offering a hands-on showmanship clinic for anyone who would like to participate.

Whether you are brand new or looking to sharpen your skills, this is a fantastic chance to learn, practice, and gain confidence before fair.

This evening is a great way to get prepared, ask questions, and connect with others in the poultry project area. We hope to see ALL of our poultry exhibitors there!

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Let's get ready for a great fair season!!

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# Sedgwick County

## Dairy Goat Clinic and Practice Show

May 03, 2026

9:00-2:00 pm

Sedgwick County Fair

308 S Main Street Cheney, KS



### Clinic Highlights:

Clipping Demo

Nutritional Information

Hoof Shearing Demo

Showmanship Clinic

### Guest speakers

Gavin Beesley

Tara Varner

### Show Highlights

Judge--Alicia Bigelow

Showmanship Class

Breed Class- You may bring up to two goats to practice with.

**All Kansas 4-H youth are invited to attend**

**Please email or call Stephanie Hays to register or with questions.**

**sahays@ksu.edu or 316-660-0112**

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# Sedwick County 4-H




## Photography Workshop

Lead by Robin Chester  
experienced Photography Judge

 **April 18, 2026**

 **9:00-11:00**

 **Extension Building  
7001 W 21<sup>st</sup> St N Wichita, KS**



### Workshop Highlights:

Photography Rules  
What a Judge looks for  
What makes a great  
picture.  
What setting to use.

**All Sedgwick County 4-H youth are  
invited to attend**

**Please bring a picture you have  
already exhibited or one you are  
going to use this year.**

Parents are welcome to stay.



Type of camera used:  
 Compact  Advanced Compact  
 SLR  Mirrorless  
 Phone  Tablet  Film or  
 Go Pro  Drone  Digital

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Please complete this survey when it shows up. It makes a huge difference for Kansas 4-H and it is very important for me to be able to show our legislatures what a difference 4-H is making in Sedgwick County.



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YOUR INBOX**

**NATIONAL 4-H  
INDEX STUDY**

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**Kansas 4-H**

March 26 at 3:00 PM · 🌐

4-H Youth ages 13-18 - tell us how we're doing! Kansas 4-H, along with other states, are measuring our impact through the National Index Study. In other words, what are we doing right and what could we do better? Please complete the survey that was sent via email, by July 15, 2026! Your input matters -share your voice!

Make sure to sign up early for Discovery Days so you are able to pick the classes you will be taking. Lori and I will be transporting youth early on the morning of June 3rd. We will meet at the Extension Office.



The poster features a green background with a decorative border of colorful leaves and circles at the top. A central photograph shows a young man wearing VR goggles and holding a controller, with a purple t-shirt that says "BUY-OVYS A HINDSEY FOR". To the right, the text "REGISTER TODAY" is written vertically in large, light blue, outlined letters. Below the photo, the text "DISCOVERY DAYS" is in large purple letters, and "JUNE 3-5" is in large yellow letters. An arrow points from the text "Register Here!" to a QR code. At the bottom left is the K-State logo and "Research and Extension". At the bottom right is the text "Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

**REGISTER TODAY**

**DISCOVERY DAYS**  
**JUNE 3-5**

Register Here! → 

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**Kansas 4-H**

March 27 at 9:02 AM · 🌐

Registration for Discovery Days is now OPEN! Remember, high demand classes tend to fill up quick! To check out the class catalog go to: <http://bit.ly/4ITF2BF> To register, use the QR code below or this link: <https://cvent.me/OyR3dO>

This will be the only Photography workshop put on by the state this year. Get registered for the 2026 Shutterbug Photography Event. This event will be held in Manhattan, Ks. at the Midwest Dream Car Museum from 9:00 - 12:00, April 11, 2026.

To register: go to: <https://cvent.me/027Zb9>



**REGISTER  
TODAY**



**SHUTTERBUG  
PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP  
APRIL 11, 2026 MANHATTAN, KS**

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# Build Confidence, Leadership, and Lifelong Memories at Rock Springs 4-H Camp

Rock Springs 4-H Camp offers youth a powerful opportunity to grow in confidence, independence, and connection within a safe, supportive environment. At camp, youth step outside their everyday routines and into a setting where they are encouraged to try new things, take positive risks, and discover strengths they may not have realized they had. Whether it's participating in outdoor adventures, engaging in hands-on learning activities, or working as part of a team, campers build essential life skills like communication, decision-making, and resilience.

Beyond the activities, camp creates a strong sense of belonging. Youth form meaningful friendships with peers from across the state and connect with positive role models who guide and encourage them. These relationships often become some of the most impactful parts of the experience and help youth feel supported, valued, and confident in who they are becoming.

Rock Springs Camp is also deeply rooted in the 4-H mission of developing leadership and citizenship. Campers learn responsibility, practice leadership in group settings, and gain a greater appreciation for community and service. From cabin responsibilities to group challenges, youth are constantly building skills that will serve them long after camp ends.

We also want to ensure that cost is not a barrier for families. The Sedgwick County 4-H Advisory Council offers \$100 camp scholarships to youth who apply, helping offset registration costs. In addition, Rock Springs Ranch provides campership opportunities through their website, offering further financial assistance to families in need.

Most importantly, youth leave Rock Springs with increased confidence, lifelong friendships, and unforgettable memories, truly becoming "beyond ready" for whatever comes next.

<https://rockspringsranch.org/>

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

## ROCK SPRINGS RANCH IS THE BEST EVER!

Rock Springs Ranch has been home to the Kansas Fair 4-H for over 80 years. Over the summer, we offer 48 summer camps to all youth ages 6-17. Throughout the rest of the year, we also host various groups for conferences and retreats. We would love to host your business, organization, or club for a day, weekend, or week. There are plenty of lodging options to choose from as well as conference rooms, activities, and catering services to accommodate your stay. If you have any questions or are interested in hosting a stay, please contact Rene Nelson at [renew@rockspringsranch.org](mailto:renew@rockspringsranch.org).

### Why go to Rock Springs?

So many reasons! It's a chance to make new friends and meeting new people, and the cool things you get to do that you may not be able to do at home.

I've tried our team activities at Rock Springs Ranch. It was a great way to get the group out of their normal comfort zone and inadvertently interact with fellow participants.

**Ask, camper, Age 15**

**Jack, First Hills Regional Leadership Program**

### Register Now!

For more details about activities and rules, scan the QR code!

*(Note: QR code is present in the original image)*

### Camp Sessions Available

Rock Springs Ranch offers camp sessions of 2, 3, or 5 nights. Whichever you choose, you'll soon be home with fond memories.

Session Name	Age Range	Dates
<b>Mini Camp</b>	Ages 6-8	June 21-22 June 24-25
<b>Overnight Camp</b>	Ages 9-17	June 24 June 28 - July 1
<b>Family Camp</b>	All ages	June 17-19 June 24-26 July 1-3 July 5-7
<b>Leaders in Training (LIT)</b>	Ages 14-17	June 17-19 June 24-26 July 1-3 July 5-7
<b>Conservation in Training (CIT)</b>	Ages 10-17	June 17-19 June 24-26 July 1-3 July 5-7

### Camper Activities

SWIMMING	KAYAKS	RIFLES
GAZES	VOLLEYBALL	CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES
*KIT & CRAFTS	LACA BALL	TRAP SHOOTING
CANES	HIKING	CAMPFIRES
HIGH ROPES	CLIMBING WALL	S'MORES
TEAM BUILDING	ARCHERY	LOW ROPES
STREAM STUDY	HORSEBACK RIDING	GIANT SWING
ZIP-LINE	PRAIRIE BIKES	

### Traditional 4-H Camp

**EXPLORERS - Ages 9-10**  
This group will work on gaining their independence and confidence as they navigate making new friendships and exploring new activities. They will enjoy archery, swimming, visits to horses, BSA, our giant swing and a lot more!

**TRAILBLAZERS - Ages 11-13**  
This group has greater access to activities and will spend time with more campers in their age group and work on skill development. Activities include aerial archery, swimming, horses, rifles, canoes, climbing wall and more!

**ADVENTURERS - Ages 14-17**  
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 3D archery, swimming, horses, trap shooting, kayaks, high ropes and zip line.

### Specialty Camp

**MINI CAMP - Ages 6-7**  
Designed with our youngest campers in mind, this 2 night/3 day experience seems as an introduction to camp life and the traditions of Kansas 4-H Camp. We increase the skills! No camper will go that our youngest campers have the best experience possible.

**RANCH CAMP - Ages 11-15**  
This action packed program combines riding lessons in a practical horse care skills, giving campers a well rounded education on caring for and bonding with these majestic animals. Ranch Camp offers a full spectrum of activities that teach responsibility, teamwork, and respect for animals.

**SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP - Ages 11-15**  
This 6-day, 5-night Shooting Sports Camp blends the excitement of archery, rifles, and trap shooting with lessons in sportsmanship, leadership, and firearm safety. Campers will leave with a deeper respect for safety and responsibility, all while having fun and making memories.

**COOKING CAMP - Ages 11-15**  
This summer, Cooking Camp invites campers to increase themselves in cooking, nutrition, and sustainable living, all while developing culinary skills and learning the importance of healthy food choices in a dynamic, hands-on setting.

**OUTDOOR WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP**

**SAFARI CAMP - Ages 11-15**  
Outdoor Wilderness Leadership Skills (OWLS) Camp is an exciting outdoor adventure program where campers learn essential wilderness skills like fire safety, canoe paddling,

Rock Springs even offers Teen Leadership camps for Free, get your spot reserved now before they are all full.



## 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.

### LEADERS IN TRAINING - Ages: 14-17

This camp 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 Counselors in Training or join RSR staff in the future.

### COUNSELORS IN TRAINING - Ages: 16-17

This camp 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.

#### Leaders in Training (LIT)

Ages 14-17

5 nights	June 7-12
	June 14-19
	July 5-10
	July 12-17

Teen Leadership camps are

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#### Counselors in Training (CIT)

Ages 16-17 with LIT experience

5 nights	June 7-12
	June 14-19
	July 5-10
	July 12-17



Regional 4-H Day was a tremendous success, thanks to the amazing youth and families who showed up ready to learn, lead, and shine. Sedgwick County youth did a great job stepping up to be room monitors and assisting judges. Your hard work and courage to present are what make this program so impactful. Take a look at the results below, we are incredibly proud of you all!







Divison	Age	Name	Club	Ribbon
Project Talk	Junior	Target	Peck Ramblers	Purple
	Junior	Burkley	Valley Victors	Blue
	Intermediate	Niermal	Bel Aire	Red
	Intermediate	Madison	Quail Valley	Blue
Demonstrated/illustrated Talk	Junior	Sadie	Delano	Blue
	Junior	Elise	Derby	Blue
	Junior	Aleesa	Country Kids	Blue
	Intermediate	Quintin	Derby	Blue
	Intermediate	Evan	Bel Aire	Blue
	Intermediate	Tyler	Achievers	Purple
	Senior	Elianna	Delano	BLUE
Public Speaking Impromptu Public Speaking	Senior	Brianna	Cotwich Clovers	PURPLE
	Senior	Annetise	Delano	BLUE
	Senior	McKenzie	Derby	PURPLE
Reading	Senior	Ella	Delano	BLUE
	Junior	Aspen	Achievers	BLUE
	Junior	Shih	Bel Aire	BLUE
	Intermediate	Tyler	Achievers	PURPLE
	Senior	Elianna	Delano	PURPLE
Skit	Senior	Victor	Achievers	PURPLE
			Achievers	Blue
Vocal Solo	Senior	Leah	Ninnescah Valley	PURPLE
	Senior	Ella	Achievers	PURPLE
Instrumental Solo	Junior	Isabella	Achievers	Purple
	Intermediate	Paislee	Peck Ramblers	Blue
	Senior	Christian	Delano	Purple
Piano Solo	Junior	Elise	Derby	BLUE
	Intermediate	Margaret	Cotwich Clovers	BLUE
	Senior	Maria	Cotwich Clovers	BLUE

This group represented Sedgwick County 4-H well today at the Riley Pott match. Isaac S won first place pistol. Isaac and Isaac were 2<sup>nd</sup> place pistol team. Both were in top shot.

All rifle shooters shot above average with Conner placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in kneeling. Olivia placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in prone, standing, and aggregate. Isaac K was in top shot and scored his personal best in rifle.

We also had 3 fantastic bb shooters showing their stuff.



# LEADERS Training

## Spring into Volunteering

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" at the K-State Polytechnic Campus in Salina on Saturday, April 25.

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 new things in their volunteer roles.

Some of the topics include AI for 4-H Volunteers, Beyond Ready, Strategies for recruiting and engaging young adult volunteers, keeping older youth in 4-H, Tips, Tricks & Volunteer Sharing, and more.

Online registration is open, with a due date of April 15, 2026.

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Sedgwick County Extension Office

## Sedgwick County 4-H invites you to: Join the 4-H Teen Council



Open to any Sedgwick County 4-H Youth ages 13 and over.

Sedgwick County 4-H Teen Council provides an opportunity to work within your community with younger 4-H'ers, participate in community service projects, get to know 4-H Teens from other county clubs and participate in leadership conferences and workshops.



In March, our Teen Council 4-H'ers hosted our Formal Dinner. The event was held at the Tallgrass Golf Club on March 7, and the theme was western. Everyone looked wonderful in their suits, hats and boots.

The kids had a wonderful time learning swing dance from two teachers from our local Swing Dance Society here in town. The kids love to swing dance and one of our couples put on a real show for us. Dinner was particularly yummy, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, a roll and apple cobbler for dessert. Just perfect for an evening of dancing.

Thank you to those who attended. A big THANK YOU to those who helped decorate and clean up. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

If you were unable to make it this year, put it on your calendar for next year, March 6, 2027.

At our April meeting, April 27, 26, we will have a guest from Toastmasters Club, Roger Klingman, to speak to the kids about public speaking and how the Toastmaster organization may be able to support them. We will also discuss our busy summer events; Discovery Days, Style Revue, concession stand and Barnyard Olympics at the fair. Yes, it is time to start talking about the fair. Our May meeting will be held a week earlier because Memorial Day falls on the fourth Monday. We will meet May 18, 2026 at 7:00.

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