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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7	YQCA Class, 7:00 p.m. Enter at the flagpole entrance.
May 16	Cattle Showmanship Clinic, 3:00-5:30 p.m., Cheney Fairgrounds
May 18	Camper site reservations for county fair opens at 7:00 p.m.. (See page 10 for details)
May 30	Deadline for all livestock pre-registration including beef (including bucket calf) sheep, swine, meat goats, dairy cattle, dairy goats, rabbits, poultry, and horse
June 3-5	Discovery Days, Manhattan
June 12	Style Revue, Pets, Creative Tables pre-registration deadline
June 14	Mandatory Poultry Testing, 6:00-7:00 p.,m., Bison Room
June 12-14	State Geology Field Trip (see page 19)
June 19	Deadline for pre-registration for all static entries.
June 25	Style Revue, Creative Tables and Pets Judging.
June 27	Livestock Barn Cleanup



*From the Desk of.....
Stephanie Hays*



My Excitement Builds for the 2026 Sedgwick County 4-H Fair!

The countdown is on, and I couldn't be more excited for the upcoming Sedgwick County 4-H Fair, happening July 7–11, 2026! The fair is one of the highlights of the 4-H year and an opportunity for youth to showcase the hard work, creativity, leadership, and life skills they have developed throughout the year.

Every exhibit, animal, photograph, food item, sewing project, woodworking creation, and STEM display represents dedication, learning, and growth. The fair is not just about ribbons and awards, it is about confidence, responsibility, and celebrating accomplishments together as a community.

Choosing a 4-H project is one of the most exciting parts of the 4-H experience. Whether your interests are in livestock, photography, cooking, clothing construction, gardening, woodworking, visual arts, or STEM, there is a project area for everyone. The best projects are the ones that inspire you to learn and grow.

As fair season approaches now is the perfect time to begin preparing your exhibits. Start by selecting your best project work and carefully reviewing the fair book guidelines. Judges look for attention to detail, creativity, neatness, and evidence of learning. It is also important to practice talking about your project and what you learned throughout the process.

Remember these important fair preparation tips:

- Make sure projects are clean and neatly finished.
- Double check all size, labeling, and mounting requirements.
- Complete exhibit cards and project tags carefully.
- Bring all required supporting materials such as recipe cards, reports, or photos.
- Give yourself plenty of time and avoid rushing at the last minute.

When you are ready to enter your projects, visit FairEntry to complete your online entries using your 4HOnline credentials. Please review all entries carefully before submitting them to help ensure projects are entered in the correct categories.

If you have questions while completing FairEntry, please contact Barb at 316-660-0115 or bwingfie@ksu.edu.

I cannot wait to see the creativity, talent, and passion our Sedgwick County 4-H youth bring to the 2026 Sedgwick County 4-H Fair. Let's make this year's fair the best one yet. See you July 7–11, 2026!

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 - Farm Bureau Building
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The Sedgwick County 4-H program serves over 500 youth by providing hands-on learning experiences in leadership, agriculture, STEM, and life skills. 

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For more information and download the form click the link below:

<https://www.sedgwick.k-state.edu/4-h-youth/sponsor%20request.pdf>

Make checks payable to Sedgwick County 4-H Foundation Due by June 30, 2026
Mail to: Sedgwick County Extension 4-H Office, 7001 W 21st St N, Wichita, KS 67205
Contact: (316) 660-0115



4-H Calendar of Events

2026

- May 18** RV Site reservation for county fair opens at 7:00 p.m.
May 30 **Deadline** for All pre-entries for livestock including beef, sheep, swine, meat goats, dairy goats, dairy cattle, poultry, rabbits and horse.
- June/July** 4-H Camp Rock Springs Ranch
June 3-5 Discover Days, Manhattan
June 12 **Deadline** for 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 **Deadline** for ALL static entries
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
- 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

Calendar of Events Continued.....

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 HORSE PROJECT EVENTS

Horse Practice Day

Saturday, June 6

Cheney Arena

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Join us for Horse Project Practice Day at the Cheney Arena. This is a great opportunity for youth to practice skills, prepare for the fair season, and spend time with fellow horse project members.

Fun Show Opportunity

A fun show hosted by the arena is planned to begin at 12:00 PM following practice.

Youth and families are welcome to stay and participate if they would like.

Horse Arena Clean Up & Trail Pole Painting Day

Saturday, June 27

Cheney Arena

Beginning at 8:00 AM

Help us get the arena ready for the season during our Horse Project Clean Up Day. Similar to barn clean up days, we will work together to improve and maintain the arena facilities.

Planned Activities

- Painting new trail poles
- Picking up trash around the arena
- General clean up and organization

Please Bring

- Sawhorses
- Paint brushes
- Old clothes or painting clothes

Thank you for helping to keep our horse facilities looking great for all youth and families.

Questions?

Please reach out to Vickie Winter at vickiewinter98@yahoo.com if you have any questions or need additional information.



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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YQCA

**MANDATORY FOR BEEF, DAIRY
COWS, DAIRY GOATS, MEAT
GOATS, RABBITS, POULTRY,
SHEEP, AND SWINE**

NEXT CLASS-MAY 7TH AT 7:00 PM

LAST CLASS JUNE 11TH AT 7:00 PM

UPFRONT BY THE FLAGPOLE.
SEDGWICK COUNTY EXTENSION
7001 W 21ST ST N
WICHITA, KS 67205

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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.

Sedgwick County Fair Camper Information

Camper Reservations

All camper site reservations for the Sedgwick County Fair will now be completed online through Hometown Ticketing.

The reservation link is:

<https://events.hometownticketing.com/boxoffice/sedgwickcounty/L2VtYmVkl2V2ZW50LzU=>

Please note that you will not be able to reserve a campsite until reservations officially open.

Reservation Opening Date

Camper reservations open May 18

Beginning May 20, families will be able to:

- Select their campsite
- Reserve their spot
- Pay all camper fees online at the same time



Camper Arrival & Departure

- Camp sites open: July 6
- Electricity turned on: July 7
- All campers must be removed by: July 12

Important Camper Reminders

- Please be mindful of where you park cars and trucks so you do not block neighboring campers, traffic flow, or parking areas.
- Keep campsites clean during your stay.
- Make sure all trash is properly disposed of before leaving the fairgrounds.

Thank you for helping keep the Sedgwick County Fairgrounds safe, clean, and enjoyable for everyone!

Important
INFORMATION

Youth Livestock Program

2026 Calendar & Important Deadlines

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

Cattle Showman Clinic



Showmanship and animal care fundamentals for beginners

May 16th, 2026

- 3:00 pm -Intro and FB/4-H Speakers**
- 3:30 -Nutrition**
- 4:00 -Daily care/ washing**
- 4:30 -Clipping/ showday**
- 5:00 -Showmanship**
- 5:30 -Conclusion/ door prizes**

Time estimates are subject to change and may run longer than expected.

Hosted by Trey Hommertzhaim
at the Sedgwick County
fairgrounds, 308 S Main St,
Cheney, KS 67025

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Rabbit Learning Clinic

A spring Rabbit Project learning opportunity is coming up! This clinic is hosted by ARBA Team Kansas. Please RSVP if you plan to attend to stevenwjedi@gmail.com for meal planning purposes ASAP.

SPRING 2026

RABBIT LEARNING CLINIC

4-HERS WELCOME!

Join us for a rabbit project workshop led by 2025 Team Kansas members and current ARBA royalty!

Presentations will include:

- Youth Contests - Cooper Nemechek
- Showmanship - Jacob Landzettel
- What to look for when buying a rabbit - Jonathan Wright
- How to palpate does - Alycia Granado
- What is a malocclusion - Amaree Wiebers
- Educational exhibits - Alena Wiebers

Have up to 2 of your rabbits checked for DQs & faults by a licenced ARBA registrar

LUNCH WILL BE PIZZA! JOIN US FOR \$5 PER FAMILY

RSVP to stevenwjedi@gmail.com

MAY 9 2026
9:00-3:00

GREEN VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

3770 Green Valley Rd,
Manhattan, KS



Save the date for the 2026 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes! It will be hosted August 22-23 in Manhattan

The deadline to register will continue to be August 1. All participants must be entered by their local extension unit.

The contest rules, schedule, and information will be posted on the Livestock Sweepstakes page of the youth livestock website later this spring (by June 1).

Livestock Sweepstakes is an event that encompasses Kansas 4-H state

- livestock judging contest
- meat judging contest
- livestock skillathon
- quiz bowl

These contests are the national qualifying events for Kansas 4-H members. Youth may participate in as many or as few contests as they would like over the course of the weekend. Individuals who compete in livestock judging, skillathon, and senior/open meat judging will be eligible for the sweepstakes award.

Teams who compete in livestock judging, skillathon, senior/open meat judging, and quiz bowl will be eligible for the sweepstakes team

TEEN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Sedgwick County

4-H invites you to:

Join the 4-H Teen Council



For more information contact:
Lori Holt, Teen Council Supervisor
316-660-0111
llholt@ksu.edu
Sedgwick County Extension Office



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.

Teen Council convened on April 27, 2026, at 7 p.m. the Extension Office. President Mackenzie Wyant called the monthly meeting to order. Nine members answered a roll call to the question, 'Name your favorite food or meal.' Members present said they liked Mexican food, tacos, chicken anything, and beef stroganoff.

The council then listened to a presentation by Roger Cligman, former 4-Her and member of Toastmasters Club. Mr. Clingman explained that Toastmasters is a club that practices 'toasting'. There are three parts to a Toastmaster meeting; the first is planned speeches, the second is improved speeches, and the last is evaluation of the speeches. There are competitions at the national level for Toastmasters. Lori Holt explained that she would like members of the Toastmasters' club to listen to the project talks 4-H kids give and offer evaluation when 4-H Days comes around again in February.

Council members then discussed the three committees Teen Council has; the Event Planning Committee, the Recreation Committee, and the Fundraising Committee, and the members signed up for them. The theme for the Style Review was decided upon as well; "250 Years of American Style. It was the winner by one vote.

Members are encouraged to prepare ideas for the decorating of Style Review to share at the May meeting. The next Teen Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 18th, at 7 p.m. As the meeting came to a close, Recreation Leader Brenden Crouch led the council in playing musical chairs, Knox Crouch won after several minutes.

Teen Council is a great way to get involved in 4-H at a higher level of leadership and a great excuse to go see your friends that are not in your local club once a month. There are many social events and experiences that cannot be recreated. The formal dinner and dance that is held once a year gives 4-H teens a chance to hang out and meet new people as well as build relationships. My favorite event, the Barnyard Olympics, takes place at the Sedgwick County Fair. I cannot wait to see all the people who attend. Did you see that registration for Discovery Days is open? There are classes you can take in art, cooking, pickleball, video editing, and beginning bowling. Many other activities are planned throughout the year and I encourage all 4-Hers, 13 years old and up, to come and check out Teen Council and see the friendships and possibilities.

Teen Council looks forward to seeing you at their next meeting.

Genevieve Crouch
Teen Council Reporter



Leather Crafting Project information

Join The Leather Crafting project club for a Basic 7 Tooling Class designed to teach youth the fundamentals of leather carving and stamping techniques. This is a great opportunity for beginners or anyone wanting to improve their leatherworking skills before fair projects.

Basic 7 Tooling Class

Friday, May 16

10:30 AM

Tandy Leather Wichita Store #19

Class Highlights

- Learn basic carving skills
- Practice stamping techniques
- Hands on leatherworking experience
- Great preparation for 4-H leather exhibits

Registration Information

Registration is required through the Tandy Leather website.

At this time, there are currently only 6 spots remaining.

Please register as soon as possible to secure your spot. [Tandy leather store #19](#)



KANSAS 4-H SPORTFISHING TOURNAMENT 2026

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is open to all 4-H members. The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2026. Anglers can fish year-round but entries must be in by the deadline, fish caught after the deadline may be entered in the next contest. Participants can enter in any species/categories that they catch fish – go fishing and have fun!!!

One 4-H Angler of the Year will be named in each of the species/category listed below. These are fish commonly found in Kansas waters. Each Angler of the Year will receive a frameable certificate and a Wal Mart gift card to hopefully be used for fishing equipment (one per individual). All participants that enter a certified entry will also receive Wal Mart a gift card.

The following species will make up the contest:

Specie/Category Minimum length for entry

Catfish (Channel, Flathead, or Blue Cat) 15"

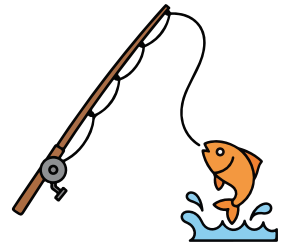
Sunfish (Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Hybrid Sunfish) 6"

Crappie (Black or White) 10"

Black Bass (Largemouth or Smallmouth) 15"

Any Rough Fish (Carp, Drum, Buffalo, Grass Carp) 15"

Other Game Fish (Walleye, Saugeye, White Bass, Wiper, Striper, Trout) 15"



RULES:

1. Must be enrolled in 4-H but do not have to be in the Sportfishing Project.
2. To compete for Angler of the Year Award the entry must also be weighed and witnessed (digital hand scale is acceptable, no spring scales please.) Only one Angler of the Year award per individual will be awarded. If a participant is selected as first in a species/category their additional entries will not be considered in subsequent classes. We want to recognize as many participants as possible. Please use the 2026 entry form but will accept other year forms if necessary.
3. Fish must be caught by a legal method as outlined in the current Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Fishing Regulations Summary. Fish can be caught anywhere in the state of Kansas.
4. **YOUNG ANGLERS MUST CATCH THEIR OWN FISH!** The past few years some very small/young anglers have caught some very big fish that would have required significant assistance from an adult. **PLEASE PARENTS OR OTHER ADULTS, LET THE KIDS CATCH THEIR OWN FISH ALTHOUGH SOME HELP MAY BE REQUIRED.**
5. Entries must be postmarked by September 15th or e-mailed/texted by that date. Winners will be announced around October 1, 2026. Every effort will be made to have the awards available to the counties/districts by their achievement awards program for presentation there or sent directly to the winners. I'll contact the county/district agent for their preference.
6. Entries are to be submitted to:
Tommie Berger 406 S. New York Ave. Sylvan Grove, KS 67481.
bergkwf@wtciweb.com 785-524-6112

To enter the tournament, click here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/natural-resources/sport-fishing/>

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."

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DISCOVERY DAYS
JUNE 3-5

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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>



REGISTER TODAY

4-H GEOLOGY STATE FIELD TRIP
June 12-14, Parsons, Ks.

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WHEN: June 12th-14th

WHERE: The headquarters for the 2026 4-H Geology State Field Trip in Parson's KS

WHAT: A variety of workshops and activities are planned for Friday and Saturday evenings.

- * Several different stops are planned on the Field Trip Saturday and Sunday
- * Project members are encouraged to participate in judging and quiz bowl
- * No meals are provided, please bring picnic lunch for both Saturday and Sunday

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 16th

You must register all those who plan to attend including siblings ages 0-18 and all adults 19 and up
One registration per person

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS and NO registrations at the door

Cancellations on or before May 15, 2025, will be charged a 50% cancellation fee

Cancellations after May 15, 2025, will be charged the full base registration fee

COST:

Registration - \$10.00 per person

Guidebooks - \$5.00 each

T-Shirts - \$20.00 each

Geology Boxes: (Some woods may be limited) Everything must be ordered through registration

Pine \$55

Walnut \$65

Oak \$65

Elm \$65

Sycamore \$65

Cedar \$65

Accommodation: Outdoor camping is available at campgrounds around Parsons, KS. Limited camping is available at Headquarters. See the letter for more information

All participants, including family members or accompanying adults, must pre-register at

<https://cvent.me/3owkLQ>

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.

Why go to Rock Springs?

So many reasons! It's a great way to get the group out of their normal comfort zone and inadvertently interact with fellow participants.

Jack, First Hills Regional Leadership Program

Age 15

Register Now!

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

Participants must bring a water bottle.

Camp Sessions Available

Rock Springs Ranch offers camp sessions of 2, 3, or 5 nights. Whichever you choose, participants must be 18 or older to work with us.

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

Camper Activities

SWIMMING	KAYAKS	RIFLES
GAZES	VOLLEYBALL	CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES
*KITS & 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 6-10
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 4-H 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/1 day experience seems as an introduction to camp life and the traditions of Kansas 4-H Camp. We increase the skills of our camper skills so 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

Counselors in Training (CIT)

Ages 16-17 with LIT experience

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

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The Andale Jets 4-H Club had another successful Easter egg hunt this year. We hosted it on Saturday, April 4, at the park in Andale. Our club members stuffed over 3,000 eggs and hid them throughout the park, then enjoyed watching kids find them all.

In addition to the egg hunt, we offered fun activities like face painting, a flower sale, and a bake sale. We also had a special visit from the Easter Bunny, which made the day even more exciting for the kids.

Our club looks forward to continuing this fun tradition and serving our community in the years to come.

-By Patrick Gear

The Bel Aire Blazing Stars 4-H Club met to put together May Day flower pots for the residents of the apartments behind the church we meet at. It's a fun activity for the members with the older ones helping to guide the new and younger members through the process of putting the pots together. "Happy May Day from the Bel Aire 4-H Club!"



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

All rifle shooters shot above average with Conner placing 2nd in kneeling. Olivia placed 3rd 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.





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