Wild West District #18

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Coming up in January 2024!

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1/4 ................................................................. Stevens County Shooting Sports
1/9 ................................................................. Calving School - Haskell
1/10 ............................................................... Haskell Cloverbuds 4:00-4:45 pm
1/10 ............................................................... Haskell 4-H Council 7:00 pm
1/15 ............................................................... Stevens Gas Capital Meeting 6:00 pm
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1/15 ............................................................... Stevens Junior Leadership 7:45 pm
1/17 ............................................................... Seward Cloverbuds 4:00-4:45 pm
1/20 ............................................................... YQCA Training Day
1/21 ............................................................... Haskell Club Days
1/23 ............................................................... Stevens County Shooting Sports
1/25 ............................................................... Stevens County Shooting Sports
1/27 ............................................................... Horse Panorama (Salina Campus)
1/29 ............................................................... Haskell Spring Show Meeting 6:00 pm

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4-H ENROLLMENT IS OPEN
Enrollment is open. Please be sure to re-enroll by December 1st so that you can participate in your county fair.

New 4-H'ers are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible to meet fair requirements.
*4-H'ers, Cloverbuds, volunteers, leaders, and parents who want to help with our programs must also enroll.

https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in

CALVING SCHOOL
Join us on January 9, 2024 at Haskell County Fairgrounds at 6:00 pm to hear from Dr. AJ Tarpoff & Justin Waggoner about calving management and rebuilding the herd.
Please RSVP before December 22nd by calling, sending an email or clicking on the provided link.
(620)544-4359
email jsgreene@ksu.edu

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_260o94vuFbzcEVU

HORSE BOWL/HIPOLOGY
All Horse Bowl/Hippology meetings and practices are open to anyone in the District in any location. Great way to learn about horses while preparing for the State Hippology Contest on January 21st at the K-State Salina Campus.

If you have always wanted to learn more about horses join us at the following times & location
Sundays from 12:30 pm at First Christian Church in Hugoton on December 10th; December 17th
Mondays at the Haskell County Extension Office at 5:00 pm on December 4th; December 18th
To RSVP contact Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu.

SENIOR FOODS MEETING
It will be held on Friday, December 29th at 10:00 am.
We will be learning to make pie crusts and homemade fillings. $10 per 4-H’er.
Each 4-H’er will take home a handmade pie crust and taste-test different pies.

Pre-register by calling the Stevens County Extension Office at (620)544-4359 before December 21st.
This senior foods meeting is for 4-H’ers who are 14 years old or older.

SENIOR RECORD BOOK COUNTY CHAMPIONS
All Senior County Champions wanting to take their record books to regionals are asked to return their record book to your local Extension Office by Friday, January 12, 2024.

If you have any questions contact Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu or Nancy Honig at nthonig@ksu.edu
YQCA Training

All livestock exhibitors who intend to sell their market animals must have completed their YQCA certification by July 1, 2024. Additionally, those who wish to show their livestock at the Kansas State Fair and/or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show must have completed the certification to be eligible.

To register for the training go to www.yqcaprogram.org Scroll down and choose instructor-led training certification, if you want to attend our in-person training. There is a $3 registration fee. You can do the certification training online for a $12 fee.

All youth in the district are invited to attend YQCA Training Day at the Stevens County 4-H Building on January 20th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Training will include a presentation and hands on activities.

RSVP at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cwh3tv0pv9rgljo
For questions contact Jade Greene at jsgreene@ksu.edu

**There will be a training available in Grant County on February 10, 2024 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm as an alternative.

BEEF WEIGH IN

Stevens County Fairgrounds:
- January 20th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- February 29th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm
- March 2nd from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Haskell County Fairgrounds:
- March 23rd from 9:00 - 12:00 pm

Seward County Fairgrounds:
- April 6th from 9:00 - 12:00 pm

*Market Animals may be weighed if desired

SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH IN

BUCKET CALF, GOAT, SHEEP & PIGS!!

Stevens County Fairgrounds:
- April 25th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- April 27th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Haskell County Fairgrounds:
- April 20th from 8:00 - 12:00 pm

Seward County Fairgrounds:
- May 7th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm

K-STATE JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY

Date – Saturday, March 2, 2024
Cost – $20/person by February 12
($25/person after February 12)
*Register by February 12 to receive a t-shirt
**All youth & adults attending need to register
***No refunds

Online Registration
https://commerce.cashnet.com/NSUASIND

K-STATE JUNIOR SHEEP PRODUCER DAY

Date – Saturday, March 16, 2024
Cost – $20/person by February 26
($25/person after February 26)
*Register by February 26 to receive a t-shirt
**All youth & adults attending need to register
***No refunds

Online Registration
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COUNTY CLUB DAYS

Haskell County - January 21, 2024 at 2:00 pm
Seward County - February 3, 2024 at 9:00 am
Stevens County - February 17, 2024 at 9:00 am
Regional Club Days (Grant County) – February 24, 2024

Guidelines and Scoresheets can be found at
https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/club%20day%20guidelines.pdf

If you're looking for some help getting ready for club days like talks, demonstrations, or readings, don't hesitate to reach out to your local Extension Agents! They'll be more than happy to assist you in any way they can.
HASKELL COUNTY

SPRING SHOW MEETING
The meeting will be held at the Extension Office on Monday, January 29th at 6:00 pm

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION
Enrollment is open. Be sure to re-enroll by December 1st to be able to participate in the fair. Each 4-H will be responsible for the $15 state enrollment fee when enrolling.
https://v2.4honline.com/#!/user/sign-in

CLOVERBUDS
Cloverbuds is for kids who are 5-6 years old as of January 1, 2024. Enrollment is open on October 1st. Meetings will be held every 2nd Wednesday of the Month at the Extension Office.
Cloverbuds next meeting will be held on December 13th from 4:00-4:45 pm
Any questions feel free to email: Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu or Kristin Penner at pennerkr@ksu.edu

SHOOTING SPORTS MEETING
Shooting Sports Practices will be held at the Extension Office. 4-H’ers must be enrolled in discipline in order to participate.

December 3rd
3:00 pm Air Pistol; 4:00 pm Air Rifle

December 10th
3:00 pm Air Pistol; 4:00 pm BB Gun

December 17th
3:00 pm Air Pistol; 4:00 pm Air Rifle

December 31st
TBD

For more information feel free to contact Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu or Bethany Wood at bwood2636@gmail.com

HIPPOLOGY / HORSE BOWL
Horse Bowl Meetings are open to all District 4-H’ers. Mondays at 5:00 pm at the Haskell County Extension Office on December 4th & December 18th

SEWARD COUNTY

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION
Enrollment is open. Be sure to re-enroll by December 1st to be able to participate in the fair. Each 4-H will be responsible for the $15 state enrollment fee when enrolling.
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CLOVERBUDS
Cloverbuds is for kids who are 5-6 years old as of January 1, 2024. Enrollment is open on October 1st. Meetings will be held every 3rd Wednesday of the Month at the 4-H Building.
Cloverbuds next meeting will be on December 20th from 4:00-4:45 pm
Any questions feel free to email: Jade Greene at jsgreene@ksu.edu or Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu
Stevens County

**Enrollment**
The enrollment deadline for past 4-H'ers is December 1st, if enrolled by the deadline Stevens County 4-H Council will cover enrollment costs.

New 4-H'ers are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible to meet fair requirements.

*Volunteers, leaders, and parents who want to help with our programs will also need to enroll.

**Junior Leadership; Senior Prom Help Needed**
Junior Leadership will host the Senior Citizens Prom on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Please call the Extension Office at (620)544-4359 to sign up for the refreshment, decorations, bingo or photography committee.

Junior Leadership is for any 4-H'ers that are 12 years or older.

**Youth Livestock Farm**
The Stevens County Fair Board Youth Livestock Farm is open to any 4-H'ers needing to house their 4-H market or breeding animals.

Contact Tony Martin for more information at (620)544-9342

**Cloverbuds**
If you know any children 5–6 years old as of January 1, 2024, we invite them to join our Cloverbuds program. Meetings won't start until November, enrollment is open. Cloverbuds will meet at the Extension Office from 4:00 - 4:45 pm on Monday, December 4th

If you have any questions feel free to contact:
Andreia Moore @ andirosemoore@gmail.com or Kendra Hermreck @ khermreck07@gmail.com

**Hippology / Horse Bowl**
Horse Panorama will be held at the K-State Salina Campus on January 27th. Meetings are open to all District 4-H’ers.

**Sundays at 12:30 pm, we will be meeting at First Christian Church.**
December 10th; December 17th

If you have any questions contact Judy Parsons at judy78@ksu.edu

**Senior Foods Meeting**
It will be held on Friday, December 29th at 10:00 am.

We will be learning to make pie crusts and homemade fillings. $10 per 4-H’er. Each 4-H’er will take home a handmade pie crust and taste-test different pies.

*Pre-register by calling the Extension Office at (620)544-4359 before December 21st. This senior foods meeting is for 4-H’ers who are 14 years old or older.

**Junior Leadership; Senior Prom Bingo Prizes**
Junior Leadership will host the Senior Citizens Prom on Saturday, February 10, 2024.

We ask that each 4-H’er bring 3 bingo prizes. Please drop them off to the Extension Office during normal business hours before February 9th.

(Home decor, small knick-knacks or items that senior adults would enjoy)

Junior Leadership is for any 4-H'ers that are 12 years or older.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING COUNTY OFFICERS

**4-H COUNCIL**

President – Kendra Hermreck  
Vice-President – Elisha Staggers  
Secretary – Morgan Niehues  
Treasurer – Kamryn Kirkham

**JUNIOR LEADERSHIP**

President – Cameron Persing  
Vice-President – Kendra Hermreck  
Secretary – Lindy McClure  
Treasurer – Natalia Moran

**SHOOTING SPORTS: AIR RIFLE, AIR PISTOL & BB GUN**

4-H’ERS MUST BE ENROLLED IN DISCIPLINE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.

Practices will be held at 4-H Building from 6:00-8:00 pm

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For questions contact Ron Honig at rhonig@ksu.edu

**SEWING LESSONS**

Are you interested in learning how to sew? Set up some lessons with Nancy Honig at the Extension office (620)544-4359. You will learn the basics about using a machine and using patterns. We have sewing machines in the office.

*You will complete at least one item that can be entered into the fair.

**SARA LEE AND E. BUDD ANDERSON YOUTH GRANT**

The Anderson Grant is available to the youth of Stevens County to support them in improving their community through leadership projects that can be completed individually, in small groups, or as a club. The grant amount can go up to $1,000 and is intended to be used to fulfill a community need.

To apply, visit the Wild West website under 4-H/Steven Co, and submit the application form before the deadline in January. Last year, the grant was used to paint parking lot lines for several churches in the community. If you have any questions about the grant, please contact Nancy Honig at (620) 544-4359.

**GAS CAPITAL MEETING**

The meeting will be held at the Extension Office on **Monday, January 15th at 6:00 pm**

**4-H COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting will be held at the Extension Office on **Monday, January 15th at 7:00 pm**

**JUNIOR LEADERSHIP MEETING**

Immediately following the 4-H Council meeting on **Monday, January 15th at 7:45 pm** for 4-H’ers that are 12 years or older.
Half-Week Sessions: (Rising 3rd-12th graders)
- Session #1: June 2-5
- Session #2: June 5-8
- Session #4: June 16-19
- Session #5: June 19-22
- Session #7: June 30-July 3

Week-long Sessions: (Rising 3rd-12th graders)
- Session #3: June 9-14
- Session #6: June 23-28
- Session #8: July 7-12

Mini Camp Session: (Rising 1st-3rd Graders)
- July 14-16

Leaders in Training (LIT): (Rising 10th-11th graders)
- Session #1: June 9-14
- Session #2: June 23-28

Counselors in Training (CIT): (Rising 12th graders)
- Session #1: June 9-14
- Session #2: June 23-28
- Session #3: July 7-12

Specialty Camps: (Rising 6th to 9th graders)
- Ranch Camp: June 9-14
- Shooting Sports Camp: June 23-28

Family Camp: (All ages are welcome!)
- Session #1: May 17-19
- Session #2: August 9-11

Transportation will be provided from Dodge City. There is a cost of $25 per camper to use transportation. This includes transportation both ways, a meal upon arrival, and a meal prior to departure from camp.

Find out more at [https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/](https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/)

The camp offers a variety of sessions including mini-camp, half-week and full-week sessions, teen leadership programs, and specialty camps.

Families and young people who are excited to attend the 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch this summer can start to secure their spots. Early bird registration rate (10% discount) ends on December 31, 2023.