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River Valley Summer Programs

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Our district is preparing for another summer full of exciting educational opportunities! River Valley is fortunate to have hired Summer Engagement Interns again this year, and each of them will be playing a big part in providing these learning opportunities to youth across all four of our counties.

We are currently in the planning process as we get ready for this summer, so be on the lookout in your emails and social media as we publicize dates and registrations for these activities. Each event will have an online registration, and some events will have registration fees and age requirements. Spots filled up very quickly last year, so be sure to register as soon as you can!

One unique feature of our summer programming is that it is available to ALL youth, not just 4-Hers. This is a great opportunity to attend a class with a friend or family member and tell them about all the benefits that 4-H has to offer, and show them how these classes can be incorporated into a 4-H project.

Below are some of the classes we offered in **2023**. We are planning to provide some of these same activities again this year, as well as adding a few new options.

- Floral Arrangement Class
- Charcuterie Board Class
- Leather Workshop
- Cookie & Cupcake Decorating
- Ceramic Painting
- Slip Casting Ceramic Workshop
- Sewing Workshop
- Kolache Making

If you are interested in helping with any of these classes or have an idea for something new, please contact your local program manager. We are so excited for a summer of learning with all of you!

Let the Good Times Roll Day Camp

Republic County Junior Leaders are holding a Day Camp on Monday June 3rd from 9 am to 2 pm at the Republic County 4-H Building in Belleville. This is open to kids in the district that are 7-11 years old. The theme is “Let the Good Times Roll” with educational sessions about Erosion/Soil/Crops, Photography, Clothing, Entomology, Robotics and other surprises. Watch for more information about registration for this fun day organized by the Junior Leaders in Republic County!



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Pre-Fair Judging

Each county has a pre-fair judging date, where certain projects get judged prior to the fair. During this event, the 4-H'er will bring their fair projects (indicated below) to be judged. After they are judged the items will be taken home, and checked back in during fair week to be displayed. Please pay close attention to the list of projects being judged at pre-fair judging.

Washington Co.	July 9th	Washington County High School	Clothing, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, Photography, and Visual Arts
Cloud Co.	July 10th	Cloud County Fairgrounds – Commercial Building	Clothing, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, Individual Projects, Visual Arts
Clay Co.	July 16 th	Clay Center Event Center– Fairgrounds	Clothing, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, Photography, and Visual Arts
Republic Co.	July 24th	First United Methodist Church	Clothing, Fashion Revue, and Fiber Arts

Regarding Late Entries: Late pre-entry is defined as any pre-entry received after the local extension office closes on the pre-entry deadline date up until the day before the designated judging of that area. 4-H exhibitors that are late for pre-entry or late for fair check-in will be dropped one ribbon placing and are not eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion consideration.

District Entomology and Geology Judging

With the weather warming up, it's the perfect time to be outside hunting for specimens for your entomology and geology exhibits! Mark your calendars for the River Valley District Entomology & Geology Judging, which will take place on Friday, June 28th, 2024 in Clay Center. An email will be sent out with more information, as well as a link to sign up for judging times as we get closer to the date.

Kansas 4-H has some resources that may be useful to you for your entomology and geology projects. You can find them here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects>. Just click on your project name, and you will find several resources to help you get started. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to reach out to your local 4-H Program Manager.

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

Do you enjoy bugs and butterflies? Do dragonflies and beetles catch your interest? Then save the date for this year's Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular! This two-day event will be taking place on June 21-22, 2024 in Hays, Kansas. The Insect Spectacular classes will include basic pinning, insect identification, insect photography, and so much more. This is a wonderful opportunity, especially for those who are new to the entomology project. The event is open to all youth as well as adult volunteers and parents. More details will be released soon, so be sure to check out the Kansas 4-H website in the coming weeks and click on "Events & Activities" for more information and a link to register for this exciting summer experience!

Horse ID Papers

Horse members! You can start digging out your original horse ID papers – why wait until the last minute to get those into the extension office. The originals were handed back to you last year. You do not have to fill out new ones each year – an agent just needs to sign off each year. Please ID all possible horses that your family members might use to participate – it's always good to have an extra and be on the safe side. Horse ID papers are due to the Extension office by JUNE 1st!! if you are new to the horse project, here is the link for the horse ID Certificate https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair_forms/Horse.html

Dairy ID Papers

Dairy project members, be sure to check in with your local extension office to make sure that your Dairy ID paperwork is up to date. We keep a record of all of your previous animals, we just need to know if any changes are made or new animals need to be added. The deadline to turn in paperwork is June 15th.

2024 Discovery Days

When: June 5-7th, 2024

Who: Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2024, are invited to register

Cost: \$225 - Some class sessions may have additional fees associated

Discovery Days exists to help youth learn new ideas, techniques, and skills through hands-on educational sessions. Youth will participate in a wide variety of classes that cover topics all across Kansas State University. Here are just a few subjects that are being offered this year: engineering, animal science, architecture, plant science, family and consumer sciences, bowling, swing dancing, and so much more! Discovery Days is a super fun way for youth to start brainstorming about future career possibilities, or to gain more knowledge in areas that they already have an interest in. You don't want to miss this summer learning opportunity!

Registration: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>

Scholarships may be available to help cover some of the costs of the 4-H Events. Please ask your local 4-H Program Manager to see if there are any scholarships available for you.

Premium Auction Requirements

4-H and FFA members who are intending to participate in their county Livestock Premium Sale or Project Auction must complete the following requirements:

- **Attend a minimum of 3 Club Meetings**
- **Complete the YQCA training either in person or online**
- **Participate in 3 approved activities listed on the District Form.**
(**FIRST year 4-H Members ONLY— are required to complete TWO approved activities**)

For those who have not yet completed their YQCA training, here are the remaining available options for the River Valley District:

Saturday, May 11th, 2024 at 11:00 am at the Republic County Fairgrounds

Thursday, June 6th, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the Clay County Fairgrounds

Online training is also available at yqcaprogram.org. The online training can be completed any time prior to the July 1st deadline.

If you need an Auction Requirement Form, please stop by your local extension office, or you can go to the RVD website here: <https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fairforms/LivestockSale.html>

Premium Auction Requirement forms must be signed by your local 4-H Club leader or your FFA Advisor. The deadline for the forms to be turned in to your 4-H leader is July 1st.

Favorite Foods Show

The Favorite Foods Show offers the opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their Foods and Nutrition knowledge, Food Safety practices, the ability to plan an age-appropriate menu, and put together a themed table setting that complements their menu. The table setting theme and menu ideas within this fun contest are endless! Since the Favorite Foods Show is a Fair Event, participants must be enrolled in the Foods and Nutrition Project to participate.

For more information about the Favorite Foods Show go to: https://www.rivervalley.kstate.edu/4-h/fair_forms/Favoritefoodshow.html

Two Favorite Foods Shows are offered each year. This year's dates are:

Sunday, June 23rd in Concordia at the Cloud County Fairgrounds Commercial Building, starting at 2:00 pm

Saturday, June 29th at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Washington starting at 9:00 am

Photo Mounting Workshop

If you will be in need of help with mounting your fair photos. We can help you out!

First, you will need to print your photos out as an 8 x 10 (can be cut down no smaller than 7" x 9". You can then purchase your mounting boards from your local Extension Office for \$1.25 each. The mounting board should always be in the portrait position and measure down 1" from the top and center the picture in the middle.

Here is a link with step-by-step instructions https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair_forms/Photography.html

OR you may attend one of these scheduled photo mounting workshops. These workshops are a Come and Go event. A mix of Photography Leaders, Extension Staff, Parents, and older 4-H'ers in the Photography Project will be on hand to help you learn how to properly mount your photos for the fair.

Washington	Saturday, July 6 th Sunday, July 7 th	Sat: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Sun: Noon to 6:00 pm	KSDS Building
Concordia	Monday, July 1 st	8:00 am-4:30 pm	Extension Office
Clay Center	Thursday, July 11 th Friday, July 12 th	Both days 8 am-12 pm & 2:00 pm-6:00 pm	Extension Office
Belleville	Monday, July 15 th	Come and Go 8:00 am-4:00 pm	Extension Office

Public Fashion Revue

The 4-H Public Fashion Revue is an event open to all individuals in our community who like to come watch our 4-H members model their purchased or constructed outfits. Be sure to pass these dates on to your family members and friends, so they can come watch you and your fellow 4-H'ers show off your hard work on the stage!

Washington County	Tues, July 9 th	7:00 pm	Washington County High School
Cloud County	Tues, July 16 th	7:30 pm	Commercial Building-Concordia
Clay County	Tues, July 16 th	7:00 pm	Clay County Event Center
Republic County	Wed, July 31 st	6:00 pm	Entertainment Center- NCK Fairgrounds

District Dog Show

The River Valley District 4-H Dog Show is located at the Commercial Building on the Cloud County Fairgrounds. This year, the dog show will be on Saturday, July 6, 2024 with check-in at 8:00 a.m. and the show will begin at 9:00 am Good Luck to you and your four-legged best friend! Come see what this project is about!

Dog project practices are available on Sundays in Clay, Cloud, and Republic counties. Contact your local program manager for practice schedules.

Please make sure any dog attending the RVD Dog Show has a completed immunization record on file with the local extension office.



2024 River Valley District Seniors

We wish all the best to this year's River Valley District high school seniors! 30 of our own 4-Hers will be receiving their diplomas this spring, and we couldn't be prouder of all of you. We hope your time in 4-H has helped shape you into who you are, and we look forward to watching you continue to grow as you enter this exciting new chapter of life! Our 2024 River Valley District graduating seniors are:

Clay County:

Blaine Benfer	Sturdy Oak	Clay Center Community High School
Kaley Chambers	Countryside Crusaders	Clay Center Community High School
Stetson Gray	Sturdy Oak	Cornerstone Christian Academy
Maci Jefferis	Countryside Crusaders	Clay Center Community High School
Chayla Maichel	Lincoln Creek	Clay Center Community High School
Sarabeth Martin	Countryside Crusaders	Clay Center Community High School
Elaine Sleichter	Lincoln Creek	Clay Center Community High School
Sara Smith	Lincoln Creek	Clay Center Community High School
Wyatt Sulanka	Sturdy Oak	Sulanka Home School

Cloud County:

Megan Barr	Hopewell Corners	Concordia Junior-Senior High School
Bricen Benyshek	Hopewell Corners	Concordia Junior-Senior High School
Conner Boden	Hill & Dale	Concordia Junior-Senior High School
Ryan Boden	Hill & Dale	Concordia Junior-Senior High School

Republic County:

Clayton Carlgren	Eager Beavers	White Rock Home School
Chesnie Dickinson	Eager Beavers	Beloit Junior-Senior High School
Reese Douglas	Eager Beavers	Pike Valley High School
Elijah Field	Republic Pioneers	Pike Valley High School
Kadence Henke	Merry Meadowlarks	Republic County Junior-Senior High
Emma Hubert	Republic Pioneers	Republic County Junior-Senior High
Zachary Piroutek	Discovery	Republic County Junior-Senior High

Washington County:

Grace Baxter	Stick To It	Republic County Junior-Senior High
Angelina Cisneros	Busy Bee	Washington County High School
Payton Fahey	Lucky Four	Clifton-Clyde High School
Colton Harlan	Farmington	Washington County High School
Sabrina Hill	Busy Bee	Washington County High School
Katelyn Klipp	Happy Workers	Hanover High School
Carissa Kolle	Linn Livewires	Linn High School
Ava Sedlacek	Farmington	Hanover High School
Hope White	Hanover	Hanover High School

Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip

If you're fascinated by rocks and want to learn more about them, then the Kansas 4-H Geology field trip is for you! This event for 2024 is going to be held on June 14-16 in WaKeeney, Kansas. Participants will enjoy a variety of workshops and activities, and will be able to bring some specimens home with them for use in their fair geology project display. Youth will also be able to learn more about the geology project through a judging contest and quiz bowl. Registration for the event will be open until May 24th, and is open to 4-H youth as well as their siblings and parents. The registration link will also provide an option to purchase your geology boxes and guide books. For more information on this fun educational opportunity, visit the Kansas 4-H website at the following link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/geology-field-trip/index.html>.

Fair Entry Deadlines

Fair season is quickly approaching, and each county has an important deadline for 4-Hers to meet. The fair entry deadline will be your last day to register projects for the 2024 county fair. All entries will be made online through Fair Entry, our district's online fair management system. If you're new to 4-H, don't worry— you will be getting a step-by-step guide in your pre-fair packets that will explain how to use Fair Entry. If you have any questions or need access to a computer, please contact your local extension office. We are happy to help with this process!

Washington County	June 15th
Cloud County	June 19th
Clay County	June 24th
Republic County	July 1st

River Valley Youth Spotlight

Carissa Kolle, Washington County, Linn Livewires 4-H Club

I am an 11-year member of the Linn Livewires 4-H Club. 4-H has taught me many important skills that will prepare me for the next chapter of my life. I have learned to work hard on my projects, and not to give up when things did not go as planned. I have also learned how to lead groups and confidently speak in front of others. 4-H has also helped me find my passion for teaching. By mentoring younger members of my club, and helping with Clover Bud events, I have developed teaching skills and found a career focus I am truly passionate about. I can't wait to use these skills when I become a teacher.

Through 4-H, I have learned the importance of community service through 48 hours of 4-H, club activities, and volunteering during the county fair. Giving back to my community is especially important to me since community members are always willing to support my club and me.

4-H has given me many opportunities to learn about various projects. I have gotten to participate in Citizenship in Action and learn how our government works. I have gone to go to summer camp and made lots of new friends. As I have gotten older, I have taken on leadership roles which have allowed me to go on leadership trips visiting several places in the United States. 4-H has been very impactful on my journey and I believe this is a very worthwhile organization that has given me and so many others the tools to be successful in life.



Begin Now to Update Your Record Book & Plan to Complete a Project Record

This is just a reminder that summer is just around the corner with schools coming to the end. Everyone will have a little bit of down time, so we wanted to remind you if you haven't kept your 4-H permanent record up to date throughout the year, this would be a great time to work on it. Who likes to wait until mid-September to get started and have only a few days to get it turned into your community leader? The permanent record is a continuous record that grows with the 4-H member, as you add on to it year after year keeping track of everything you are doing, whether it is 4-H or non-4-H related.

We would like to challenge, each River Valley District 4-H member to complete at least one project record this year. Here are some tips to get started:

1. Pick your favorite project
2. Set your goals that you would like to achieve
3. Keep track of any presentations you have given on that project. Did you do a talk at a project meeting, club days, or club meeting? Did you educate your class in school or at a community event?
4. What have you learned by researching, going to project meetings, or maybe a touring a business?
5. Can you teach someone else about what you know about your project? Hold a project meeting within your club, county or even open it up to anyone in the district to come learn. That's leadership!
6. Think outside of the box and do some citizenship projects related to your favorite project. Are Rabbits, your favorite project? See if you can take your rabbit project to a preschool or nursing home to share.
7. Every project has some kind of finances, whether you are buying supplies- expenses, or selling the end product-income. Say you are doing a Poultry project record; you are feeding those chicken's feed (expense) but you are also collecting, washing and selling eggs (income). Write this all down on a calendar each day – you will be amazed at the outcome!
8. Write a story telling ALL ABOUT this project from the beginning to the end of the year. Be detailed, just like you are reading a book – tell YOUR story to the reader.
9. Last but not least, take photos,. Have some one take pictures of you learning, teaching others (Leadership), and doing for others (Citizenship) in your project.

Remember that we mentioned at the start of this 4-H year - pin applications are requiring a project record be turned in. These project records are then exchanged with another county within our River Valley District to be judged. Attend your Achievement Day Celebrations to see if you WIN!!

Junior Leaders Heading to Cheyenne and Colorado Springs

We are so excited for this year's trip! Here are some important dates to remember:

May 8th – by NOON your fundraising orders and money are due to any RVD Extension Office

May 30th – Red Wheel and Rada pickup from 4:30 – 5:30 pm at the Republic County Fairgrounds 4-H Building – Belleville

July 1st – Remaining trip cost balance due to any RVD Extension Office

4-H Camp

Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch has been providing awesome camp experiences to youth for several generations. Camp registration is still open, and you can choose from several different dates to best accommodate your busy schedule. If you aren't sure if 4-H Camp will fit in your budget, take a look at Rock Springs' tiered pricing. This gives a few more affordable options for families who might otherwise not be able to attend camp. You should also check with your local 4-H program manager to see if your county offers scholarships to go towards your camp expense.

For older 4-Hers, there is an option to attend camp as an LIT (Leader in Training) or CIT (Counselor in Training). This is a great way for high school aged youth to attend camp, gain leadership skills, and make friendships with other 4-Hers around the state. LITs & CITs also get a chance to attend camp free of cost.

Several camp sessions are almost full, so get registered as soon as possible to secure your spot in the session that works best for you! For camp dates and pricing information, check out the Rock Springs Ranch website at: <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/sessions-rates/>.



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River Valley Fair Dates

Cloud County	July 16-21, 2024
Washington County	July 16-21, 2024
Clay County	July 23-28, 2024
Republic County	July 29-August 3, 2024

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