

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

PRE-FAIR GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear 4-H Family,

Happy June! Summer is finally here after a long Spring! This is the first pre-fair letter. There will be an upcoming letter sent out in July. Please read this letter carefully, and mark your calendars for items in which you plan to participate in. Please honor any registration dates. Please take note we are asking families to utilize paper forms or online forms for accessible registration. We are asking for these paper or online forms to be used to cease called in entries, but we will be glad to help answer questions.

4-H Concession Stand at Rodeo and County Fair

Please remember your Rodeo shift on June 12th & 13th during your Club's concession stand time. Also, for County Fair all time slots will be back this year. Your club will be listed for 3 Fair shifts. Each shift will be asked to continue to keep the food stand and outside picnic tables clean.

4th of July 4-H Breakfast Fundraiser – Saturday July 4th 7:30 am to 10:00 am.

We will be serving: biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sausage, and juice. This is a 4-H Council fundraiser. **I will need at least one (1) adult and one (1) older 4-H member from each club as a volunteer.** This is a good fundraiser for the short amount of volunteer time needed. Thank you!

Upcoming Fair Items – Fair Books, Green Entry Cards, & Schedule – Available now!

Please pay attention to upcoming Fair Schedule changes and the Pre-Fair Deadline on July 10th. Fair books should be available to 4-H Club Leaders by the June 4-H Council meeting. Green Cards are available at the Extension office. Exhibitor numbers will be on the front inside cover. Remember the Pet and Dog show moved to Sunday.

Tuesday Indoor Project set up time is now no later than 12:00 pm for both 1:00 and 2:00 project judging times.

Fair T-Shirts (check your closet)

First check your closet for past year's Fair t-shirts. The Fair Association and 4-H Council have provided each member with Fair t-shirts. If you ordered one, they should be available after the June 4-H Council meeting. REMINDER: These shirts must be worn while being judged at all fair week contests. Exception: Horse Show and Style Revue judging. No other attire is allowed, only these Fair Association provided t-shirts.

Paige Urban

Paige Urban has agreed to be our Fair Week Intern. She will also be volunteering her time this summer helping in the office. Paige will be a great resource for volunteers and Extension staff! Please tell her hello!

4-H Cloverbud Camp Forms are due Tuesday, June 30th

Registration forms are included with this letter. Cost is \$15. Camp* will start at 9:00 am and end at 3:00 pm on Thursday, July 9th. Craft supplies, snacks, and lunch are provided. *Bring a swimsuit and towel.

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2026 Fair Royalty Candidates are due Friday, July 10th

Candidates for the 2026 Fair Royalty may be a 2026 8th grade graduate or younger. Each 4-H Club is allowed 1 boy and 1 girl. For registration we need a photo and a brief summary of the candidate by Friday, July 10th so we can get this info to the newspaper. For questions on what to write, please call.

Livestock Green Cards and Pen Reservation Forms are due July 10th

Please read the **PRE-FAIR LIVESTOCK INFORMATION FOR COUNTY FAIR 2026** section of this letter for full details. Please return the Pen Reservation Form with Green Cards to the Extension office. **Please do not call-in pen requests. You must turn in the enclosed paper form or use the online form.**

Pre-Register for Style Revue Contest Forms are due July 10th

If you plan to participate in the style revue contest on Tuesday July 28th and/ or Wednesday July 29th, please return the form enclosed, Sewing and Textiles Form, with this letter. For Shopping in Style Revue (formerly Buymanship) will need a project sheet with them at the time of judging. This form is online: doniphan.ksu.edu/4-h/resources.html. This pre-registration is for scheduling purposes. Check the fair book for more info.

Summer Swim Party – Saturday, July 18th 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm

All 4-H families are invited to the Hiawatha Fisher Center Pool thanks to the 4-H Council. We can bring snacks to share.

Fair Set-Up – Friday, July 24th 6:00 pm

We will again set-up on Friday, July 24th at 6:00 pm until done - Doniphan Star & Highland Clover Patch.

Fair Clean-Up – Friday July 31st 7:00 am to 9:00 am

We will clean-up on Friday, July 31st from 7:00 am to 9:00 am – Bendena, Wathena Sunflower, & Troy Triangle. Please remember all animal exhibitors must help clean up barns.

Clean-up after the Dance will be Friday, July 31st at 11:00 pm – Circle B & Midway Meadowlarks

Fair Week Daily Tasks for 4-H Clubs

Please do not ignore your 4-H Club's responsibilities. These tasks are needed each day! Task duties are rotated each year!

BENDENA – Around Horse Arena – Empty trashcans and pick up trash

CIRCLE B – Outside Swine Barn – Empty trashcans and pick up trash

DONIPHAN STAR – Outside Beef Barn/Arena – Empty trashcans and pick up trash

HIGHLAND CLOVER PATCH – Inside 4-H Building – Sweep floors, pick up trash, empty trashcans, and disinfect door handles

MIDWAY MEADOWLARKS – Outside Concession Stand – Empty trashcans and pick up trash

TROY TRIANGLE – Outside Sheep/Goat Barn – Empty trashcans and pick up trash

WATHENA SUNFLOWER – Both restrooms – Keep sinks and toilets clean, sweep floor, empty trashcans, restock paper towels and toilet paper rolls from supply

Have a great summer! See you at the Fair!

Kathy and Katharine

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PRE-FAIR LIVESTOCK INFORMATION FOR COUNTY FAIR 2026

Due: July 10th 4:30 pm Extension Office

Dear 4-H Livestock, Horse, & Small Animal Families:

Another 4-H year has flown by, and we are fast approaching county 4-H fair! As part of making the Doniphan County 4-H Fair fun and a great experience for all we are working to improve our processes to keep Fair fun for volunteers but more importantly our 4-H youth. In order to do this, we need your help to make the best better:

1. PEN RESERVATION FORM IS DUE July 10th. No call-ins.

This form is required for all animals housed at the fair: BEEF, GOATS, POULTRY, RABBITS, SHEEP, and SWINE. There will be **NO call-ins**. This form must be turned in paper or online formats.

- This is not required of Dog, Horse, and Small Pets as these are not housed at the fair.
- *Again, the Fair Board will work to the best of their ability to account for tight housing space. They are again asking families to consider consolidating pens of pigs to the best of your ability. We have a record number of swine possibly coming to the fair.*
- If there is no form filled out, we may not be able to account for holding proper spacing. This is to help better prepare info for Superintendent volunteers to plan pens and rotate the clubs as stated in rules for future fairs.

2. ALL GREEN FAIR ENTRY CARDS for the following species: Beef, Dairy, Dog, Horse, Goats, Sheep, Small Pets, & Swine animals will be due Friday, July 10th 4:30 pm to the Extension Office.

This is a new optional, yet highly encouraged process for this upcoming fair week. This is to help with shortening check-in times (ex: swine weigh-in), and better prepare 4-H volunteers and Extension staff to actually check-in with 4-H members and verify their present entries on the day of check-in. We want Green Cards as legible as possible to limit mistakes.

- **Cloverbuds with a purchased livestock tag** are expected to follow this July 10th deadline. Cloverbuds borrowing animals must present their filled out Green Card Entry at Check-in and mark what animal they are showing on the card.
- **Ex: What if we don't know the correct class for our Gilt?** In this example, please fill out the card as much as possible leaving class name and number blank. Write your Gilt tag number on the card on the "Livestock Tag No. ____". The volunteers at check-in will help fill in the information with you.
- **This is not required of Rabbits and Poultry.** Green cards are due at check-in.
- If there is a missed livestock animal(s), horse, or small animal green card, it will be due to the Superintendent at that species' check-in time, no late entries after check-in will be honored.

MORE LIVESTOCK INFORMATION FOR COUNTY FAIR 2026

Fair Premium Livestock Auction – Thursday July 30th

Premium Livestock Auction checks will be available to you in the two weeks following fair. This applies only to the Premium Livestock Auction checks, not other cash award prizes at the Fair Awards Presentation, which is on Friday, July 31st.

See you at the Fair!

Katharine

**2026 Doniphan County 4-H Livestock
Pen Reservation Form**
This Form is Due Friday, July 10th to the Extension Office

Directions: Please fill out one form per household legibly. You must turn in a paper form to the Extension office or fill out the online form (QR code at bottom) for your convenience by the deadline.

Please no pen request call-ins.

Family/ Household Name: _____

Your 4-H Club Name: _____

	# No. of animals (head) being brought to the Fair	# No. of pens/ stalls/ cages requested	Are Green Cards Due July 10th? <i>New for 2026</i>
BEEF			Yes
DAIRY COW		N/A	Yes
DAIRY GOAT			Yes
MEAT GOAT			Yes
POULTRY – Large bird			No
POULTRY – Small bird			No
RABBIT			No
SHEEP			Yes
SWINE			Yes
HORSE	N/A	N/A	Yes
SMALL PET	N/A	N/A	Yes
DOG	N/A	N/A	Yes

Number of pens/stalls/cages requested will depend on space available at the Fairgrounds.

Please return this paper or online form by Friday, July 10th, so we can give the information to the Fair Board to plan on proper space and Fair Superintendents can assign pens/ stalls/ cages for livestock within their 4-H Clubs at the County Fair. If you fail to do so, you may not have space available when you check into the Fair.

Normal daily Extension office hours are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm M-F, though be on the look-out for expanded office hours this summer for walk-ins. Please join the Doniphan County 4-H Facebook group for links and other items. Thank you.



**2026 Doniphan County 4-H Fair
Sewing and Textiles Form**

This form is Due Friday, July 10th to the Extension Office. This paper, emailed form, or online form (QR code at bottom) must be turned in by the deadline. Please no call ins. Questions are always welcome.

Directions: If you plan to participate in the Style Revue contests on Tuesday July 28th and Wednesday July 29th, you must turn in the following form in order to create the schedule for the style revue. We need each child's name and 4-H Age. 3x5 index card descriptions and Shopping Style forms are due at judging times.

A Green Entry card is still needed on the day of judging, since this form is for scheduling purposes.

Style Revue for Sewing and Textiles (Clothing made by hand) –Tuesday, July 28th

Style Revue for Sewing and Textiles	Child's Name(s) and 4-H Age(s)
Class 3300 – Cloverbud (5&6)	_____
Class 3301 – 7-9 yrs old	_____
Class 3302 – 10-13 yrs old	_____
Class 3303 – 14-18 yrs old	_____
Class 3304 – Wool Contest	_____

Shopping in Style Revue (Purchased clothing) – Wednesday, July 29th

Shopping in Style - Style Revue	Child's Name(s) and 4-H Age(s)
Class 3400 – Cloverbud (5&6)	_____
Class 3401 – Young Ladies 7-9 yrs	_____
Class 3402 – Young Ladies 10-13 yrs	_____
Class 3403 – Young Ladies 14-18 yrs	_____
Class 3404 – Young Men 7-13 yrs	_____
Class 3405 – Young Men 14-18 yrs	_____

Sewing and Textile (Item Judging) – Judged on Tuesday, July 28th

Sewing and Textile Judging	Child's Name(s) and 4-H Age(s)
Class 3200 – Cloverbud (Ages 5 & 6)	_____
Class 3201 – 7-8 yrs old	_____
Class 3202 – 9-11 yrs old	_____
Class 3203 – 12-14 yrs old	_____
Class 3204 – 15-18 yrs old	_____
Class 3205 – Recycled clothing project 7-18 yrs old	_____
Class 3206 – Poster, Notebook, Display 7-18 yrs old	_____
Class 3207 – Sewing Kit 7-18 yrs old	_____

