



NW 4-H

Judging Event

Super Saturday

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 9:00am - Finish

Host Site: Fort Hays State University

Judging Contests include: 9:00am to 12:30pm -- \$7.00

Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography, Livestock Skill-a-thon

NEW this year Wildlife Skills Judging and Geology

Volunteer Sessions for Parents and Volunteers - Free, 10:30am

Livestock Judging : 12:30pm FHSU enclosed Rodeo Areana, North of I-70

Project Opportunities: (NON-LIVESTOCK Judging youth): 1:00 -3:00pm \$5.00

The afternoon will be filled with STEM and Visual Art Rotation stations, including, robots, circuits, Building Block Engineering, painting and paper crafts.

Sack Lunches provided with mandatory RSVP - \$8.00

Registration Link:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_78Jwy8nnfMNIBW6

If you have any questions concerning this event, you may contact Robyn Trussel at 785-798-5020 or rdeines@ksu.edu or Chandra Plate at 620-388-7157 or cplate@ksu.edu

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Time Line:

March 16th- Registrations for lunch and STEM Rotations due

March 21st:

- 9:00am to 12:30pm - Indoor Judging (Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Photography, Life Skills, and Livestock Skill-a-thon, NEW this year Wildlife Skills and Geology Judging)
- 10:30am to 11:30 - Volunteer/ Parent Session
- 11:30am to 12:30pm Pick up Sack Lunch
- 12:30pm Check in for Livestock Judging at FHSU Rodeo Arena North of I-70
- 1:00pm Livestock Judging Orientation
- 1:00pm to 3:00pm Project Opportunities
- 1:30pm Livestock Judging Contest Begins

Results:

Livestock Judging Classes will be talked at the conclusion of reasons being given, all other contest results will be sent out 5-7 business days after the event.

Who: Any 4-H or FFA Youth 7-18 years of age, plus volunteers and parents

Where: 2nd Floor Albertson Hall, FHSU Campus for Indoor and
FHSU Enclosed Areana North of I-70 for Livestock Judging

Cost: \$7 per individual (1 contest or multiple)

\$8 Sack Lunch- Sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie and drink

STEM/Visual Arts Rotations : \$5.00

Registration will be paid at the Event with Cash or Check made
payable to Ness County 4-H Council



Contest Divisions:

Juniors - age 7-8 participation prizes only

Intermediates - age 9-13

Seniors - age 14 and over



Team Notice -- A younger member may move up an age group to complete a team but will be required to complete the requirements of the age division through the entire contest.

Awards:

Certificates and medals will be awarded in the intermediate and senior divisions. The top three individual and the top team will receive medals. The top 10 individuals will receive certificates. Medals and Certificates will be delivered to the home county at the earliest time possible. Junior division will participate as a "learning experience" and receive a 4-H incentive at each judging area. Results will be posted to <https://www.walnutcreek.k-state.edu/>

NW 4-H Super Saturday Judging Event Eligibility Requirements: Any current member of a 4-H Club and/or FFA chapter is eligible to participate.

Judging Teams: a county, district or chapter may enter one or more three/four member teams in all judging contest areas. Present team member names at registration. If teams are not identified at registration they will not be scored as a team. Top 3 scores will be used to determine team score. Team members must be from the same local unit.

Livestock Judging:

This judging contest is designed to teach youth how to analyze market and breeding beef, goats, sheep and swine, measuring them against a standard that is commonly accepted as ideal. There will be six classes. Juniors and intermediates will have 2 classes of questions, with no reasons. Seniors will give two sets of reasons. Officials will give placings and talk the classes at the end of the contest and awards will be announced.

Crops: Stacy Campbell (Cottonwood District)

The contest will consist of identification of plants and samples, classification of samples (crop, noxious weed or common weed). All youth will identify 100 samples (50 seeds and 50 plants) and a tie breaker of 6 samples will be used.

Entomology: Kim Naber (Post Rock District)

The contest is designed to help youth learn how to properly identify Kansas insects. Each division will identify insect specimens: Juniors will identify 15, Intermediates 20 and Seniors 25.

NEW – Geology: Chandra Plate (NW Regional 4-H Specialist)

The contest is designed to help youth identify geology specimens. Each age group will have a set number of specimens to identify.

Horticulture: Ryan Engel, Jay Harris and Master Gardener Volunteers (Golden Plains & Cottonwood Districts)

The contest will consist of 3 or 4 judging classes of any horticulture section (vegetables, flowers, nuts, etc.)

The identification contest will include 15 samples for juniors, 50 samples for intermediates and seniors.

<https://www.k-state.edu/hort-judging/> for identification resources.

Life Skills: Cindy Walker (Phillips Rooks District)

Judging topics will be chosen from any 4-H project life skill. These could include family consumer science, foods & nutrition, health & safety, human development, housing, interior design and environmental issues. Junior division will judge 3 classes, intermediates 4 classes and seniors 6 classes.

Photography: Photo Action Team Volunteers

The contest will consist of six classes of photos, a written test, and a problem class. Juniors will only judge the photos. Test questions will come from the 4-H CCS curriculum, the 4-H Guide to digital photography, the National Geographic Ultimate Field Guide to Photography (2009) and other photography reference material.

Livestock Skill-a-thon: Tamara Robertson, Jenilee Godsey (Cottonwood & Twin Creeks Districts)

The contest is designed to provide a framework for youth to learn a variety of topics related to the production and management of beef cattle, meat goats, sheep, and swine. The contest will consist of 6 areas, including: livestock breed identification, equipment identification, wholesale and/or retail meat cut identification, anatomical identification, livestock feedstuff identification, and a written test. Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors will complete all 6 areas with increasing difficulty for each age division.

NEW – Wildlife Skills: Aaron Hyland (Rawlins County)

Contestants will use their knowledge to identify wildlife species from their skulls, hides, feathers and/or tracks. Contestants might also identify wildlife management related items and habitat components as part of this contest.

Volunteer and Parent Session will share the updated Project Leader Ideas, Clover Classroom, Club Corner information and a Q&A time for Parents and Volunteers to walk away with resources to Make the Best Better.

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