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# 4-H News

## River Valley District

**May & June  
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### *Campference*

What is Campference you may be thinking? *Campference* takes some of the *fun aspects* of 4-H camp and the *learning opportunities* of a *conference* and *combines them* into an upbeat and thrilling experience for middle school age youth 12-14 from all across the State of Kansas. This year's theme is "A Cosmic Campference" and is planned for June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center near Junction City, KS. For more details and to register, visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/> Registration closes May 15<sup>th</sup>

### *Pre-Fair Judging Dates*

Mark your calendars for our pre-fair judging dates!

#### **RVD – Cloud**

Date: Wednesday, June 30

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Cloud County Fairgrounds

What: Fiber Arts, Clothing Construction, and Fashion Revue (Constructed & Buymanship)

#### **RVD – Clay**

Date: Tuesday, July 13

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Clay Center United Methodist Church

What: Visual Arts, Fiber Arts, Photography, Clothing Construction, and Fashion Review (Constructed & Buymanship)

#### **RVD – Washington**

Date: Tuesday, July 13

Time 9:00 a.m.

Location: Washington County High School

What: Visual Arts, Fiber Arts, Photography, Clothing Construction, and Fashion Review (Constructed & Buymanship)

#### **RVD – Republic**

Date: Wednesday, July 28

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Belleville Central Christian Church

What: Fiber Arts, Clothing Construction, and Fashion Review (Constructed & Buymanship)

## ***Fair Pre-Entry Deadlines***

All projects that a 4-H member wants to exhibit at their local county fair MUST be pre-entered on their fair entry form. Entry forms will be sent to every 4-H member in the River Valley District with their enrolled projects list. Fairbooks are available online at <https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>.

Fair entry forms are due to your local extension office on or before the date indicated below for your local county fair.

RVD – Cloud – Friday, June 11

RVD – Clay – Monday, June 21

RVD – Washington – Monday, June 21

RVD – Republic – Thursday July 1

There are no penalties if you do not bring something you pre-enter. Please try to minimize the number of entry scratches by carefully considering what projects you will be able to complete. We use the number of pre-entries to schedule judging times, so excessive scratches causes our schedules to be off. However, there are penalties for late pre-entries. Late pre-entry is defined as any pre-entry received after the local extension office closed on the pre-entry deadline day. 4-H exhibitors that are late for pre-entry will be dropped one ribbon placing.

## ***Premium Auction Requirements***

To be eligible to participate in the Fair Livestock Premium Sale/Project Auctions, each member MUST complete the three requirements that was established by the Joint of County Fair Boards back in October.

Attend a “minimum” of 3 Club Meetings

Complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

Participate in 2 approved activities that are listed on the form

The Fair Livestock Premium Sale/Project Auction Requirement form can be found on the RVD website <https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html> scroll down to fair forms. This form must be signed by your community leader and turned into the extension office by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## ***YQCA***

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is required if a 4-H/FFA member plans to sell a market animal in the Livestock Auction at the fair. This course can be taken either by attending a face to face session put on by an extension staff member or taking the online course. The 4-H/FFA member must sign up and pay by logging into <http://yqca.org> in person course is \$3 – online course \$12

There is one more in person session available within the River Valley District.

Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Clay Co Fairground – Clay Center, KS – 5:30 pm

## ***2021 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days***

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. The event will be held on June 1-4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 4-H Discovery Days is for young people ages 13-18 before January 1, 2021. Registration for 4-H Discovery Days will close May 15, 2021.

Please check emails as more information becomes available.

## ***Dog Project Practices***

Across River Valley District 4-H, Cloud and Clay counties hold Dog Project Practices to prepare for the RVD 4-H Dog Show. These meetings are to allow time to work on skills, learn patterns, and prepare for the county fair contest. All River Valley District 4-Her's are welcome at these meetings.

### **Cloud County**

Danny McReynolds (785-243-1156)

Megan Murdock (785-275-1028)

Location: Commercial Building,

Cloud County Fairgrounds

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Dates: April 18, April 25, May 2,

May 9, June 6, June 13, June 20,

July 18, July 25

### **Clay County**

Frankie McGee (785-447-0321)

Location: Lincoln Elementary  
School, Playground, Clay Center

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Dates: June 6, June 13,

June 27, July 11, July 18,

July 25

## ***River Valley District 4-H Dog Show***

The combined River Valley District 4-H Dog Show will be held on July 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commercial Building, on the Cloud County Fairgrounds. Please make sure any dog attending the 2021 RVD Dog Show has a completed 'Kansas 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record'. The form can be found on the RVD Website: [https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair\\_forms/2020%20Kansas%204-H%20Dog%20Show%20Immunization%20Record.pdf](https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair_forms/2020%20Kansas%204-H%20Dog%20Show%20Immunization%20Record.pdf). Immunization Records MUST be submitted at the time of your local county pre-entry date to qualify.

## ***2021 Kansas 4-H Geology State Tour***

The 4-H Geology Action Team is excited to announce three great options for youth to collect specimens and learn from experts in the field. For 2021 there will be three single day field trips offered in different part of the state:

- June 12th – Western Kansas Smokey Hills
- June 19th – Southeast Kansas
- June 26th – Central Kansas

More information to come about registration. Please check out the Geology Project page: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/science-engineering-and-technology/geology.html>

## ***North Central Kansas District Horse Show 2021***

The North Central Kansas District Horse Show is being held on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at Saline County Livestock and Expo Center, Salina, KS

If you wish to compete at Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show, you must compete at a County AND District Horse Show. To attend this show, Level I testing/riding must be completed. All testing/riding and horse show information can be found on our website: [https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair\\_forms/2021%20District%20Horse%20Show%20Registration.pdf](https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair_forms/2021%20District%20Horse%20Show%20Registration.pdf)

If you have any questions, please contact your local 4-H Program Manager.

## ***Poultry Testing***

All Poultry, except waterfowl and Pigeons, must be Pullorum-Typhoid and Avian Flu tested before they can be exhibited at the county fair. Birds in the River Valley District must be tested, in conjunction with KDAH & USDA, at the below dates and locations. Exhibitors may attend any of the following dates and times, even if the date and time is not in your respective county. There is no cost to have poultry tested.

Tuesday, June 22 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm at the Cloud County Fairgrounds

Tuesday, June 22 from 5:00pm – 6:00pm at the Clay County Fairgrounds

Thursday, June 24 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the Republic County Fairgrounds

Thursday, June 24 from 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Washington County Fairgrounds

## ***Entomology and Geology Judging***

Have you been collecting insects and rocks? Are you busy getting your display boxes ready for judging? The River Valley District will have all Entomology and Geology exhibits for the four county fairs judged at one time this year. This year, the judging will be held at the River Valley District, Washington Office located in the basement of the Courthouse on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 4:00p.m. Ribbons and awards will still be awarded at each local county fair and 4-Her's must exhibit their project at their local county fair to be eligible for ribbons and premiums. An email will be send out to all members enrolled in Entomology and Geology with more information.

## ***Favorite Food Shows***

This event combines food preparation, nutritional knowledge, table service planning, and food handling practices for a fun, learning experience for 4-H'ers. The Favorite Food Show is a fair event, so youth must be enrolled in Foods & Nutrition to participate. River Valley District 4-H will be having two Favorite Food Shows again this year to choose from:

Saturday, June 19 - Judging Starts at 10:00a.m. - 4-H Conference Center, Clay County Fairgrounds

Sunday, June 27 – Judging Starts at 2:00 p.m. – 4-H Building, Republic County Fairgrounds

The Favorite Food Show is a fair event, that requires exhibiting at your local county fair to receive your ribbon and premium. Check out the rule book for all the information about the Favorite Food Show. The rule book, food safety tips, and entry form is available at your local RVD extension office or can be found online at <https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>. Be watching for more information on this fun event.

## ***Cloverbud Day Camps***

The River Valley District hosted three Cloverbud Day Camps this spring for the youngest youth in our organization. The camp consisted of making goo, a homemade chia pet, playing 4-H BINGO, going on a scavenger hunt, and so much more. It was a huge success with 45 Cloverbuds attending.

A big shout out to the 4-H Ambassadors and Ambassador Leaders for all your help running camp sessions and to the parents for sharing their 5-6 years for a few hours

## ***River Valley District Seniors***

This year the River Valley District has 25 graduating seniors. Congratulations to all of you on this great accomplishment. We are proud to have each and every one of you as a 4-Her here in the River Valley District. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. The 2021 Graduating Seniors are:

### **Clay County**

Mattie Blackburn – Countryside Crusaders  
Nevaeh Copenhaver – Cloverleaf  
Logan Fickes – Washington Headliners  
Harrison Heigele – Sturdy Oak  
Luke Musselman – Washington Headliners  
Colby Sherbert – Washington Headliners  
Morgan Siebold – Lincoln Creek  
Anna Smith – Lincoln Creek  
Mackenzie Stering – Lincoln Creek  
Zachary Stitt – Washington Headliners  
Kolton Varner – Countryside Crusaders

### **Cloud County**

Gage Amerin – Clyde Roadrunners  
Teresa Barnes – Hollis Hustlers  
Gunner Boden – Hill & Dale  
Hana Cool – Miltonvale Hustlers  
Cole Stahlman – Hopewell Corners



## ***Project Records***

In every 4-H project, life skills are learned. It is important to keep records of your project throughout the 4-H year. Now is a great time to get started on yours. We challenge every 4-H member to complete at least one project record this year. Project records are due with your record books at the end of September this year.

The forms are located on our website at: [https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/project\\_records.html](https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html)

Don't forget about ZSuite! ZSuite is a simple, user friendly way to get your record book done online. We will be moving to this format next year. Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org> to get started today!

It's a great time to get started on your record book for the 2020-2021 4-H year. Fair is approaching quickly, which means 4-H projects will be in full swing. Set aside a little time to work on your 4-H record book too, it's never too early. For more information about your 4-H record book, please visit: [https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/record\\_book\\_forms.html](https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/record_book_forms.html)

### **Republic County**

Katrina Ball – Pathfinders  
Ethan Benne – Sherdahl Boosters  
Kaylee Bray – Sherdahl Boosters  
Marcel Dyke – Pathfinders  
Josiah Field – Republic Pioneers  
Kiahlyn Kussman – Republic Pioneers  
Kendall Reynolds – Merry Meadowlarks  
Terin Rundus – Discovery  
Tyler Stindt – Republic Pioneers

### **Washington County**

Mia Cardenas – Busy Bee  
Jack Gilliam – Farmington  
Jacob Klipp – Happy Workers  
Kiara Knox – Lucky Four  
Carly Kolle – Linn Livewires  
Kael Lange – Lucky Four  
Wyatt Lange – Lucky Four  
Cloe Sinn – Hanover  
Ella Steinbrock – Lucky Four  
Haley Uffman – Linn Livewires  
Shailyn Zenger – Stick-To-It

## ***2021 Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo in Wichita-Area***

Join us for the 2021 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo. The 2021 wheat expo will be one of Kansas 4-H's first face-to-face state 4-H events since COVID-19 shut down physical/face-to-face 4-H programming in March 2020. We are excited to bring the wheat expo back for a fun, educational and hands-on program in person for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff.

The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event in early August tentatively scheduled in Wichita-area. Full date and location details will be announced by June 1st. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded.

Cost will be \$6.00 per person registration cost for using the Cvent registration system. Registration will go live by June 15th. Pre-registration will be required by Sunday, August 1st, 11:59 p.m. to ensure an accurate meal count and for tour divisions. For additional questions or to get involved with the wheat expo planning committee, contact Deryl Waldren at 303-349-7403 or e-mail him at: [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu).

## ***2021–22 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment***

As wheat harvest approaches it is time to remind members to re-enroll or ask new members to enroll for the 2022 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins fall of 2021 and goes through September 2022. The enrollment form and program details will be updated by May 1st. Visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html>. Members are asked to contact their local Extension Office by July 12th for information with enrollments due to Deryl Waldren, [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu) by July 23, 2021.

There will be no cost for the program in 2021-22 since the five varieties are again being sponsored by commercial companies. It is very important that we know the number of participants early, so we can have enough seed and metal signs available for Extension agents and leaders to pick up at the Kansas State Fair. New participants will receive a free large plot sign, and five free individual variety signs. These are scheduled to be distributed in early September. Details are still to be determined.

Don't forget to pull your wheat samples for the Kansas State 4-H Wheat Show in early August in Wichita, and also for wheat samples at your county fair, that may be eligible for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Crops Division.

Resource information for the wheat variety project includes: (1) Wheat Variety Plot Brochure, 4-H 565 Revised 2010,) (2) Wheat Variety Plot--Youth Participant Handbook, 4-H 566, Revised 2010, and (3) 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Record, P1099, Revised 2010.

To download these files, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html>. This year's participants who are getting ready to harvest their plots should be planning their county fair display for possible qualifying for the Kansas State Fair entry in the Showcase Building. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren, 303-349-7403, or e-mail [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu).



## ***Brianna Hake Joins 4-H Team in Cloud County***

Hi everyone, my name is Brianna Hake and I am excited to be your new 4-H Program Manager in Cloud County. I was formerly the River Valley District SNAP-Ed Nutrition Assistant in the Belleville Office, but I am happy to once again be a part of the 4-H program I grew up in. I am looking forward to collaborating with the youth and their families throughout the district.

I grew up in Concordia, Kansas and was an active member of the Hollis Hustlers 4-H club. Growing up I was very involved in the community playing sports and also coaching as I got older. I graduated from Concordia High School, North Central Kansas Technical College with an Associates in Technical Studies and Business Management Certificate from the Beloit Campus and then earned a Culinary Arts Certificate from the Hays Campus.

My official start date as your Cloud County 4-H Program Manager will be May 11th in the Concordia Office. I look forward to having such a big role in the 4-H community. Feel free to stop in the Concordia office to say Hi! Or, contact me anytime via email ([bmhake@ksu.edu](mailto:bmhake@ksu.edu)), call, or text. I look forward to meeting all of you soon!



## ***Robotic Interest Nights***

Dash, Cue and Ev3 are so excited to meet YOU! The time has finally come to start holding robot nights in the River Valley District. Come see us for a fun filled night. Learn how to make Dash throw balls into a bucket, or how Cue shoots nerf darts, or how Ev3 follows a line by using his cool light sensor.

### **Interest Nights**

#### **Washington County**

Sunday, May 2 from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm      Washington County Fairgrounds – Commercial Building

#### **Republic County**

Wednesday, May 12 from 5:30 pm – 7:00pm      Republic County Fairgrounds, 4-H Building

#### **Cloud County**

Wednesday, May 19 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm      Cloud County Fairgrounds, Commercial Building

#### **Clay County**

Wednesday, May 23 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm      Clay County Extension Office

### **Robot Nights**

#### **Washington County**

Sunday, May 23 from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm      Washington County Fairgrounds – Commercial Building

Any 4-Her is welcome to attend robot nights in a different county. Please be watching for more information on upcoming events. If you want to be added to our robot team, please email Macy Flory at [macy22@ksu.edu](mailto:macy22@ksu.edu).



# RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Highlight, circle, underline, etc. the important dates for your family to remember!**

**Then, use this calendar as a reminder – place it on your fridge, with your calendar, on your bulletin board, etc.!**

Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>May:</b>			
5/09	5:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Fairgrounds – Concordia
5/12	5:30 pm	Robotic Interest Night	4-H Building- Belleville
5/17	all day	Crunch for a Cause Fundraiser	Taco Johns - Concordia
5/18	7:30 pm	Republic Co 4-H Council Meeting	4-H Building – Belleville
5/19	5:30 pm	Robotic Interest Night	Commercial Bldg.-Concordia
5/22	9:00 am	RVD/Pottawatomie Rabbit Show	Wamego, KS
5/23	1:00 pm	Shooting Sports–Practice Shoot/Fair Shoot #1	Fairgrounds – Concordia
5/23	5:30 pm	Robotics Interest Night	Clay County Ext. Office- Clay Center
5/24	7:00 pm	Cloud Co 4-H Council	Commerical Building - Concordia
5/31		Memorial Day - RVD Offices Closed	
<b>June:</b>			
6/1-4		Discovery Days	Virtual
6/03	5:30 pm	YQCA	Clay Center
6/06	5:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Fairgrounds – Concordia
6/06	6:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Lincoln Elementary School – Clay Center
6/07	7:00 pm	Washington Co 4-H Council	First National Bank basement
6/11		Favorite Food Sign-up Deadline	
6/11		Cloud Co Pre-fair Entries Due	
6/12-15		Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp	Rock Springs Ranch
6/13	1:00 pm	Shooting Sports–Fair Shoot #2	Fairgrounds – Concordia
6/13	5:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Fairgrounds - Concordia
6/13	6:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Lincoln Elementary School – Clay Center
6/19	10:00 am	Favorite Foods	Clay Center
6/20		Entomology/Geology judging Sign up deadline	
6/20	5:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Fairgrounds - Concordia
6/20	6:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Lincoln Elementary School – Clay Center
6/21		Clay Co Pre-Fair Entries Due	
6/21		Washington Co Pre-Fair Entries Due	
6/22	3:00 – 4:00 pm	Poultry Testing	Fairgrounds - Concordia
6/22	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Poultry Testing	Fairgrounds – Clay Center
6/24	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Poultry Testing	Fairgrounds - Belleville
6/24	4:00 – 6:00 pm	Poultry Testing	Fairgrounds - Washington
6/26	7:30 am	Cloud Co Fair clean up	Fairgrounds – Concordia
6/26	10:00 am	Cloud Co 4-H Council	Fairgrounds - Concordia
6/27	2:00 pm	Favorite Food Judging	4-H Building - Belleville
6/27	6:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Lincoln Elementary School – Clay Center
6/27-30		Campference	Rock Springs Ranch
6/29	4:00 pm	Entomology/Geology Judging	Washington Extension Office
6/30	9:00 am	Cloud Co Pre-Fair Judging	Fairgrounds - Concordia



# RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## July:

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7/1		Republic Co Pre-Fair entries Due	
7/1	8:00 am	North Central KS District 4-H Horse Show	Salina, KS
7/5		River Valley District Offices Closed	
7/10		Photo Mounting	KSDS- Washington
7/11		Photo Mounting	KSDS- Washington
7/11	6:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Lincoln Elementary School – Clay Cente
7/13		Clay Co Pre-Fair Judging	Methodist Church
7/13	9:00 am	Washington Co Pre-Fair Judging	Washington Co High School
7/6-10		Cloud County Fair	Fairgrounds – Concordia
7/18	5:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Fairgrounds - Concordia
7/18	6:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Lincoln Elementary School – Clay Center
7/20-24		Clay County Fair	Fairgrounds - Clay Center
7/20-24		Washington Co Fair	Fairgrounds – Washington
7/25	5:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Fairgrounds - Concordia
7/25	6:00 pm	RVD Dog Practice	Lincoln Elementary School – Clay Center
7/28		Republic Co Pre-Fair Judging	Christian Central Church
7/31	9:00 am	RVD 4-H Dog Show	Fairgrounds, Concordia

## August:

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8/02	6:30 pm	Clay Co Ambassadors	Extension Office – Clay Center
8/02	7:00 pm	Clay Co Junior Leaders	Extension Office – Clay Center
8/02	7:00 pm	Clay Co 4-H Council	Extension Office – Clay Center
8/3-7		NCK Free Fair	Fairgrounds – Belleville
8/08	1:00 pm	RVD Shooting Sports – State Qualifier	Fairgrounds – Concordia
8/10	7:00 pm	Washington Co 4-H Council	First National Bank basement
8/14		Kansas 4-H State Shooting Sports	

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 Washington, KS 66968-1928

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## ***Project Meeting Leaders***

Do you have a favorite 4-H project, such as horses, rockets, or foods and nutrition? Project Meetings are a great way to educate our youth on certain 4-H projects. Now is a great time to continue holding or to start holding project meetings. These meetings can be held within your local club, county or even district. Don't forget to fill out a "Project Leader Meeting Log" form for every meeting and turn it into your local extension office. You can find this form at [https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms\\_general/2018%20Project%20Leader%20Meeting%20Log.pdf](https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms_general/2018%20Project%20Leader%20Meeting%20Log.pdf).

We greatly appreciate each one of our project leaders. Your wealth of knowledge and dedication to our 4-Hers does not go unnoticed.

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