

ISSUE 6 • APRIL 2025

4-H UPDATES

Official Newsletter of Barber County 4-H

4-H Starts Using Heja

4-H Council has talked since September about moving to an app to help increase communication. At the February meeting, it was decided to try the free version of Heja.

The app is designed for sports team. In the app, Barber County 4-H is a Team. Each 4-H club also has a Team. Club Leaders are Coaches. The Coaches are all being added to a Managers Chat on Barber County 4-H Team that allows the office to send messages to leaders only. There is also a Team Chat that all parents and members will be included in.

The App also includes a schedule. Currently we are not using the RSVP function, but it does provide a day of reminder for upcoming events. The office is maintaining the schedule in the Barber County 4-H Team. Clubs can also maintain a schedule of club events in their team.

Early reviews are positive. For the rest of this 4-H Year, Newsletters will be emailed in addition to posted on Heja. The app gives us flexibility to update the schedule as events are planned so you may find announcements there before the next newsletter is sent.

To join download Heja from the Apple or Google Store. During sign up, it should ask for a Team Code.
Barber County 4-H: DP-668569

Leaders have also been sent links to share for the Barber County 4-H Team. Club Codes will be sent to the Leaders.

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State Fair/KJLS

2025 Important Deadlines

March 1: K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

March 22: K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

April 15: KASLA Application Deadline

April 5: K-State Invitational Meat Judging Contest

April 20: Last Day to Order Market Beef DNA Envelopes for Nominations

May 1: Market Beef Nominations Due

June 5: Last Day to Order Small Livestock DNA Envelopes for Nominations

Full Details at:
<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/>

Barber County Spring Show

APRIL 19-20, 2025
SEE FLYER IN
NEWSLETTER

Regional Club Day Results

Junior Readings

Hayden Hutson - Blue

Livia Miller - Blue

Senior Readings

Madisyn Day - Top Blue

Tanith Erikson - Top Blue

Junior Demonstration/Illustrated Talks

Callen Corr - Blue

Jemma Whitebread - Blue

Senior Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks

Boyd Banks - Blue

Callen Smith - Blue

Project Talk

Livia Miller - Top Blue

Piper Rhodes - Blue

Music

SunnyLakers Jr. Vocal Ensemble - Blue

Kaylee Myers, Instrumental Solo - Blue

Kennedy Walz, Vocal Solo - Red

Novelty

Jemma Whitebread & Kynlee Rucker - Red

Congratulations to All Participants!



Fair Things

Theme: 4-Ever Raising Champions

Cover Contest: Due May 15 forms available at the Extension Office or at www.barber.ksu.edu

Pre-Fair Judging Dates:

June 30 - Building Block Engineering (4-H Legos)

July 16: Shopping in Style & Sewing

July 18: Perishable Foods & Public Fashion Review

New Rule: All pets shall be kept out of livestock barns and show arena area including seating except during the scheduled pet show.

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. This event showcased incredible young entrepreneurs.

1st Place: Rockin' C Bottle Calf Orphanage (Callen Corr) - \$250 & advancing to the State Competition

2nd Place: Mills Brothers Services (Martin, Thomas, and Jacob Mills) - \$150

3rd Place: Wesley Sheep and Wool Production Farm (Kooper and Beau Wesley) - \$100

Thank you to NetWork Kansas and Barber County Development for co-sponsoring this event with us.

4-H Council Meetings

MAY 19, 2025 IN
MEDICINE LODGE 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025
IN MEDICINE LODGE
7:00 PM
FOLLOWED BY RECORD
BOOK SCREENING



Club News

Submit notes from your club meetings by the 20th of each month to reubank@ksu.edu to have them included here.

No Club news this month



Minutes from 4-H Council for February 24, 2025

Barber County 4-H Council
February 24, 2025

The meeting of the Barber County 4-H Council was called to order by President Callan Smith on February 24, 2025, at 7 pm at Assembly of God Church in Medicine Lodge, KS.

The Flag Salute and 4-H Pledge were recited by everyone in attendance.

Roll call was answered by 6 clubs being present.

Secretary Breckyn Hiltner read the minutes from the November 2, 2024, meeting.

Treasurer Callen Corr read the Treasurer's report with a beginning balance of \$3,439.30. There were no expenses, and a receipt for \$100.00 was refunded for the Sharon Parish Center cleaning bill leaving an ending balance of \$3,539.30. The Jr. Leaders Fund has a balance of \$776.31, and the Dog Project Fund has a balance of \$1,559.81.

There was no communication.

In old business, everyone agreed Club Days went well with the stage working well for the music performances and Sunflower 4-H Club received the "Go Getter Award."

The communication app Heja was discussed as a way to communicate with all members county-wide. Madison Day made a motion to use the free version of Heja for now with a second from Dani Mixon, motion passed.

In new business, the council discussed fair themes. Suggestions included: Beelieve in the Magic of the Fair, Meet Ewe at the Fair, The Fairest Fair of Them All, Once Upon A Fairtail but the majority of the council voted for the fair theme to be Four-ever Raising Champions. There were no fair change suggestions.

Next discussed was the need for the county to provide two counselors for 4-H camp at Silver Maple June 17-19 with the council paying the camp fee for them to go.

The last discussion was for each club to nominate two members from their club for the Facebook 4-H spotlight. Each club is to report back their nominees to the extension office.

The next 4-H Council meeting will be May 19, 2025, in Medicine Lodge

Boyd Banks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Madison Day, motion passed.

Submitted by Breckyn Hiltner



Tagging Dates

MARKET BEEF: MARCH 7

BREEDING BEEF: MAY 2

BUCKET CALF: MAY 2

SWINE: MAY 2

SHEEP: MAY 2

MEAT GOAT: MAY 2

COST OF COUNTY TAGS: \$3
EACH

COST OF STATE EID TAGS: \$3
EACH

HORSE PAPERS: JUNE 1

Tagging Policy

For the 2025 Barber County Fair, all market and breeding animals will be identified by a State EID Tag, a Barber County Tag, Scrapie Tag or a Tattoo. This number will be submitted with 3 photos (Front, Side, & Side) by the deadlines announced in the 4-H Newsletter. Tags will be available for purchase in the Barber County Extension Office. The cost is \$3 per tag.

Looking Ahead. . . .

April

- April 15: Insect Art Contest Entries postmarked by, Spring Into Volunteering Registration due
- April 17: State Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge
- April 18: Extension Office Closed
- April 19-20: Spring Livestock Show
- April 26: Spring into Volunteering Event

May

- May 2: Wildhorse Camp Registration Forms Due & Scholarship Forms Due for any summer events
- May 2: Barber County Tagging Deadline for Breeding Beef, Bucket Calves, Sheep, Swine, & Meat Goats
- May 9-11: Shooting Sports Leader Training @ Rock Springs
- May 15: Day Camp Registrations Due
- May 19: 4-H Council
- May 20: 4-H Foundation Meeting
- May 28: 4-H Day Camp "Wild About 4-H"

June

- June 1: Horse Papers Due
- June 4-6: Discovery Days
- June 17-19: Wildhorse Camp at Silver Maple "Roaring About 4-H"
- June 30: Building Block Engineering Fair Entries Judged

July

- July 8: Fair Pre-Entries & Fair Scholarship Due
- July 24-27: Barber County Fair

August

- August 11: State Fair Entries Due

September

- September 3: Exhibits Due to the Extension Office for State Fair
- September 5-14: Kansas State Fair
- September 25: 4-H Recordbooks Due & 4-H Council

State Wide Events

Flyers, Images, Notes about State Wide Events

Spring Into Volunteering

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" in Salina on the K-State Polytechnic Campus on Saturday, April 26. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. This is for anyone serving as a 4-H Volunteer or considering it! The goal is for volunteers to go home recharged, excited, and ready to try new things in their volunteer roles. Sessions for the day include Preparing Youth for Real-World Opportunities, Personalities and How They Affect Volunteers, Facilitating Civic Engagement and Service, Keeping Kids Engaged, and Resources for You. The registration fee for the day is \$20 and includes materials and lunch! Online registration is due April 15, 2025, and the fee will be submitted to Extension.

Insect Art Contest

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas. This year, the theme is "By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night." The goal is to explore which insects are active or inactive at night and why, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. See flyer at end of newsletter for entry form and more information.

Camps Coming in 2025:

Rock Springs Ranch Camps:

Every year, thousands of kids come to 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch. They unplug, explore, play and learn the kinds of lessons that can last a lifetime. Campers grow socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively. Many make friends for life. It's also just plain FUN!

The values of 4-H are at the core of Rock Springs Ranch and they guide all of our programming. We believe the lessons learned here can create a foundation for success that will last far beyond their visit. **But you don't have to be a 4-H member to come to camp at Rock Springs!**

Everyone is welcome, regardless of 4-H membership!

Visit [Rock Springs Ranch](#) if you'd like to learn more about sessions, dates, rates and the 4-H Camp experience!

Wildhorse Camp at Silver Maple: June 17-19 Registration date cutoff is May 2nd. See flyer at end of newsletter. Camp Counselor Application is attached after the Camp Scholarship Form.

Day Camp is May 28th at Pratt Area 4-H Center. Day Camp Counselors should also complete the regular Day Camp Registration Form.



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Barber County Office

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Medicine Lodge, KS 67104

620-886-3971

www.Barber.ksu.edu

Facebook:
[www.facebook.com/barber
countyextension](https://www.facebook.com/barbercountyextension)



4-H Day Camp

FOUR-EVER WILD

WEDNESDAY | MAY 28 | 9 AM - 4 PM

Pratt Area 4-H Center
81 Lake Rd. Pratt, KS

What: A one-day summer camp! We will have fun 4-H activities such as crafts, foods, educational activities and more!

Who: Any 4-H member from Barber, Pratt, or Kingman County that are 7-12 years old. Youth Counselors are needed that are 13 years old or older.

Cost: \$25 per participant (covers lunch and supplies)

Questions: Call Your Local Extension Office
(Numbers on the Back)




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4-H Day Camp

FOUR-EVER WILD

WEDNESDAY | MAY 28 | 9 AM - 4 PM

Return to your County Extension Office by May 15th.

Name: _____ Completing Grade: _____

Please Mark: Camper: _____ Youth Counselor: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____

Phone: (Home) _____

Work or Cell: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

**Make Checks payable to 4-H Council.
Return form and payment to County Extension Office.**

Cooperators:

**Barber County Extension Office
620-886-3971**

**Kingman County Extension Office
620-532-5131**

**Pratt County Extension Office
620-672-6121**



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WILDHORSE 4-H CAMP

ROARING ABOUT 4-H



June 17-19

at Silver Maple Camp in Kingman County

Cost is \$135 including all Meals,
Activities and Lodging

Campers between 7 and 12 years Old
Counselors need to be 14 and older
Counselors will Arrive on June 16 for Training.

Participating Counties: Meade, Comanche,
Kiowa, Barber, Harper, Kingman and Reno



ARCHERY, CRAFTS, FISHING,
ROBOTS, NATURE, SNACKS,
AND DANCING



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SIGN UP NOW 4-H CAMP

JUNE 17-19

**AT SILVER MAPLE CAMP IN KINGMAN COUNTY
COST IS \$135 INCLUDING ALL MEALS,
ACTIVITIES AND LODGING**

Return to your County Extension Office by May 2nd

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____ Male or Female

Phone: (Home) _____ Work or Cell: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

T-shirt Size: (Please Circle) Youth or Adult XS S M L XL

Make Checks payable to your local 4-H Council.




Return form and payment to local County Extension Office.

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4-H Foundation Event Scholarship Application

Complete this application for a scholarship to help with fees to attend 4-H events such as Camp, Discovery Days, CIA, KYLF, or CWF.

Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

Name of Event: _____

Write a paragraph or two about why you would like to attend this event. This form is due on the same date as the registration for the event. Answers may also be typed or written on notebook paper and attached to this form.



WILD HORSE 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION



Return this application to your local extension no later than April 25, 2025

Name: _____ 4-H Age: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

County: _____ Grade just completed: _____

Please answer the following questions completely. If handwritten, please write neatly and legibly. If you need additional space, feel free to continue on an additional page.

1. Why do you want to be a 4-H camp counselor?

2. Why are counselors important to the camping experience?

3. In your opinion, what is the most important trait of a camp counselor and why?

4. What non-camp experiences have you had working with children?

5. Have you served as a camp counselor before?

Check: _____ 4-H _____ Non4-H If non 4-H please explain: _____

Year(s): _____

6. Have you attended camps before?

Check: _____ 4-H _____ Non4-H If non 4-H please explain: _____

Year(s): _____

7. Wild Horse 4-H Camp Counselor Experience:

Check one: _____ This will be my first year to serve as a counselor at Wild Horse 4-H Camp

_____ This is my second year to serve as a counselor at Wild Horse 4-H Camp

_____ I have been a counselor at Wild Horse 4-H Camp more than 2 years

8. Do you prefer to work with?

_____ Elementary (1st- 2nd grades) _____ Elementary (3rd-5th grades) _____ Junior High (6th-8th grades) *or* _____ Either

9. Please mark your t-shirt size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL

10. Please list two references, not related to you, that can attest to your ability to work with children, follow directions, take initiative, etc.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

How do you know this person?

How do you know this person?

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNSELOR AND 4-HCAMP GROUP

This contract contains the responsibilities and duties of the camp counselor while at 4-H camp. By signing the contract, the counselors agree to accept and carry out these responsibilities.

CAMP COUNSELOR GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY

Assume responsibility for a group of campers from several counties for 24 hours a day during camp.

SPECIFIC DUTIES

- ✿ Counselor Job Description, Code of Conduct, and Counselor training material apply.
- ✿ Participate in camp counselor training on June 16 & 17, 2025
- ✿ Know where your campers are at all times (including free time) and be present at critical times.
- ✿ Promote a helping relationship by interacting with your living group at all times during camp.
- ✿ Be aware of the health, safety, and well-being of your campers. Check for illness or injury.
- ✿ Report major health problems to the camp health professional.
- ✿ See that you, your living group, and your fellow counselors know and observe camp rules.
- ✿ Help your living group follow the daily camp schedule.
- ✿ Be sensitive to camper's personalities, differences, and needs.
- ✿ Be aware that your living group will copy your behavior.

In the event of a serious rule infraction, those involved will meet with the Wild Horse 4-H Camp disciplinary committee

We have read the Code of Conduct and we agree to accept the above responsibilities and support our peers and agents while at camp.

Counselor's Signature:

Date:

Parent/guardian's Signature:

Date:

Agent's Signature:

Date:

Agent's Notes to Housing Committee:

Agents: Bring this application with you to the spring camp planning meeting.

Barber County Spring Livestock Show
“A Tribute to Danny Stewart and Terry Underwood”
Barber County Fairgrounds – Hardtner, Kansas



April 19-20, 2025

Entry Fees

Small Animal - \$10 (Saturday ONLY)
Beef - \$15 (Sunday ONLY)
Showmanship - FREE

Prizes & Giveaways

Cash Prizes: Grand & Reserve Grand Champions
Breed & Reserve Breed Champions

\$2 bill awarded to each animal shown - Includes Breeding & Market

SHOWMANSHIP

Prizes for Grand, Reserve and 3rd Place

Entry Deadline

*Entry form AND Cards for
each specie must be turned in
by designated time each day.*

Swine – 9:00 AM (Saturday)
Goats – 10:30 AM (Saturday)
Sheep – 11:30 AM (Saturday)
Cattle – 10:30 AM (Sunday)

Hotel Accommodations:

Kiowa Motel (620) 825-4040 Gyp Hills
Guest Ranch (620) 886-3303 Hardtner
Guest Lodge (620) 296-4440

For more information call
Gina Stewart (580) 829-1315

Show Order & Times

Saturday

Showmanship prior to each specie

10:00 AM

Swine
Goats
Sheep

Sunday

11:00 AM

Showmanship
Breeding Heifers
Market Beef

SHOW RULES

Swine

- Must be born after January 1, 2025
- Maximum weight 165 lbs.
- 1st and 2nd place subject to weigh back (10 lbs.)

Goats

- Must have milk teeth present
- Maximum weight 85 lbs.
- 1st and 2nd place subject to weigh back (5 lbs.)
- Must have USDA premise ID tag

Sheep

- Must be born after January 1, 2025
- Maximum weight 110 lbs.
- 1st and 2nd place subject to weigh back (5 lbs.)

Beef

- Shown by weight
- Blow and Show (no paints, glue, adhesives, glues or boning soaps)

State of KS Animal Health requirements for
County Shows will be followed

Entry Form

Pre-Entries must be postmarked by April 10th
Mail Entry to: Barber County Spring Livestock Show
c/o Janie Stewart, 200 S. Church, Hazelton, KS 67061

Exhibitor Name

Age (on Jan 1, current year – Must be age 7 to exhibit)

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone Number (Please list contact number during show)

Email

Showmanship (FREE) (Exhibitors will be placed in Showmanship Classes according to age. Sr. 14-18, Int. 10-13, Jr. 7-9.)

____ Swine ____ Sheep ____ Goat ____ Beef

Class Entry	Number of Head*
SWINE	
Breeding Gilt	_____ x \$10 = \$
Market Swine	_____ x \$10 = \$
SHEEP	
Breeding Ewe	_____ x \$10 = \$
Market Lamb	_____ x \$10 = \$
GOAT	
Breeding Doe	_____ x \$10 = \$
Market Goat	_____ x \$10 = \$
BEEF	
Breeding Heifer	_____ x \$15 = \$
Market Beef	_____ x \$15 = \$

*Breed, tag number(s), and/or tattoos will be asked for at registration on cards.

Entry for: ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday

Total: _____

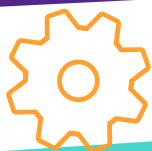
Office Use Only:

Cash: _____ Check No.: _____

Pre-Enter Date: _____

Received by (initial): _____ Amount: _____

4-H SHUTTERBUG PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



SATURDAY, MAY 3
WICHITA, KS.

BOTANICA
GARDENS IN WICHITA



Who Should Register: 4-H Photography Members of all ages interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills or using a smart phone to take great pictures. Various workshop classes will take place across Botanica to help youth learn a variety of techniques. Youth in attendance will need to attend with a screened volunteer, parent/guardian or extension agent. This is a great way to get a head start on your photography project!

Workshop Topics:

- How to properly mount photos
- Using kaleidoscopes
- How to use light & color
- Crested images and light shadows
- Composition & how photos are judged



Register for Shutterbugs:

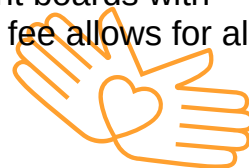


Time:

Doors open and registration begins at 9:00;
Workshops run from 9:30 - 12:00.

Registration Fee:

\$24.00 per attendee; please pay at your local extension office. Each 4-H member will receive 2 photo mount boards with registration. Registration fee allows for all day access to Botanica.



What to Bring:

Smartphone or Camera, extra batteries.

Bonus: Cameras will be available for checkout! Please bring an SD card so you can take your photos with you.

Accommodations:

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The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers Board
Invites **YOU**, 4-H volunteers and 4-H parents to

Spring Into Volunteering

SAT, April

26

9AM - 3PM

K-State Polytechnic Campus - College Center Conference Room

2310 Centennial Rd, Salina, KS 67401

Admission

\$20 covers lunch and materials

Register online by April 15, 2025

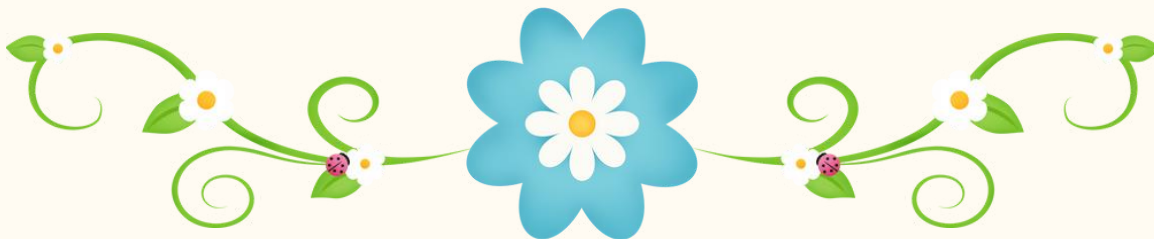
<https://bit.ly/3XAGMov>

Take payment to local Extension office

Agenda:

Get Acquainted and Introductions
Personality Types and Volunteer Work
Strategies to prepare youth for real-
world opportunities
Civic Engagement and Service Projects
Training Wheels Activities
4-H Volunteer Resources

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Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

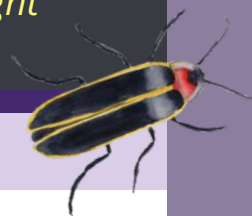
INSECT ART CONTEST 2025

By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night

WATCH FOR JUDGING
RESULTS
in mid-May on the KSRE
Pesticide Safety and
Integrated Pest
Management Program
Facebook page!



Contest Announcement & Rules



The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas. This year, the theme is *"By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night."* The goal is to explore which insects are active or inactive at night and why, then create artwork that fits the contest theme.

We will select a winner from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries. Artists that have art selected as 1st - 3rd place winners will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Select artwork may be used to create educational items.

- Kindergarten - 2nd grade
- 3rd grade - 5th grade
- 6th grade - 8th grade
- 9th grade - 12th grade
- Adults
- Traditional Illustration: Drawing or painting
- 3-D: canvas, collage, pottery, stained glass, or other media
- Digital Artwork

Rules

- Only one art entry per participant may be entered each year
- A legible, completed entry form must accompany all entries (*use provided entry form*)
- Traditional illustrations must be on 8.5" x 11" flat paper; Digital art must be 8.5" x 11" print size
- Participants may choose to email a jpg or png image of the entry if wanting to keep their original artwork; however, the image must be clear. The file should be named as the artist's name and age level (example: firstname.lastname.agelevel)
- Entries must be the original work of the entrant - no traced or copyright protected images
- Entries must feature an insect as the central point of focus that fits the contest theme
- A legible, completed art label must be attached to original artwork (*use provided art label*)
- **Entries must be postmarked or received by April 15, 2025**

Mail entries to: Frannie Miller
Pesticide Safety and IPM Program
600 West Woodside
McPherson, KS 67460

Or email to: Frannie Miller
Email address: pesticidesafety@ksu.edu
Subject Line: Insect Art Contest Submission

Return of Original Artwork

Participants may pick up their entries at the McPherson County Extension Office during operating hours after June 1, 2025, or elect to pay for mailing materials and postage to have original artwork returned.

INSECT ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM & LABEL

Complete form and send with art entry



Entries will be judged according to their adherence to the contest theme and overall visual impact, originality, artistic skill, and effort level. We are looking for colorful and creative art. Have fun!

ENTRY FORM - FILL OUT & SEND WITH ALL ARTWORK

Artist Information

First Name:

Last Name:

School Grade (write Adult if out of high school): _____

School/4-H Club/Affiliation: _____ Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ County: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Artwork Category & Information

☐ Traditional Illustration ☐ Digital Art ☐ 3-D Artwork: _____

Title and Description of Artwork: _____

Artwork Pickup Information

☐ I do not need the artwork returned ☐ I plan to pick up the artwork after June 1st

☐ I will contact you about payment to return the artwork by mail

ART LABEL - FOR ORIGINAL ARTWORK

Artwork Title : _____
Artist Name : _____
School/4-H Club/Affiliation : _____
Grade/Adult : _____
County : _____

Fill out, cut and tape to the back of original artwork, on the lower right side.