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# 4-H Update

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## GREAT THINGS HAPPENING....

This spring break, we had an incredible time at Aviation Camp! Youth kicked things off with a tour of the Ottawa Municipal Airport—where they even got the unforgettable opportunity to fly in a plane. We also explored Dodson Graveyard and learned about its fascinating parts system. The next day, campers dove into drone technology, flying drones and competing in a fun flight challenge. We wrapped up the week with a trip to Kansas City to tour the TWA and Signature museums. It was an exciting, hands-on experience, and everyone had an amazing time learning something new each day! Check out pictures on page 8 or at our facebook. Be on the look out for more Day Camps!



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## OFFICES CLOSED

- May 25
- July 3

# 4-H Calendar

## APRIL

- April 3** Foods Day Camp
- April 3** YQCA Training
- April 9** FR CO Small Animal Weigh In
- April. 11** Jr. Sheep Producer Days
- April 11** Entomolgy Meeting
- April 14** Judges Training
- April 15** IPM Insect Spectacular Contest Due
- April 20** Last day to Order State Beef DNA Envelopes
- April. 20-24** National Volunteer Week
- April 25** Spring into Volunteering

## MAY

- May 1** Project Add/ Drop Deadline
- May 1** State Beef Nomination Due
- May 6** AN CO Small Animal Weigh In
- May 6** OS CO Small Animal Weigh In
- May 8** FCS Regitration Closes
- May 11** AN CO Council Meeting

## JUNE

- June 5** Last Day to Order State Small Animal DNA Envelopes
- June 3-5** Discovery Days
- June 4** FCS Judging
- June 12** Shopping in Style Day Camp
- June 15** State Small Animal Nomination Due
- June 15** FO CO Fair Paperwork Due

## JULY

- July 8-11** Osage City Fair
- July 13-19** Franklin County Fair
- July 27-31** Anderson County Fair

## AUGUST

- Aug. 11-14** Overbrook Fair

## SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 11-20** Kansas State Fair

**SERVE**

**LEAD**

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 **Beyond Ready**



# A message from your 4-H Agent, Jessica Flory

## Beyond Ready: When the Motivation Fades

There's a point every spring when the excitement starts to wear off. The new project isn't so new anymore, routines are set, the barn is full, the schedule is busy, and the reality of daily commitment settles in. Somewhere along the way, motivation begins to fade. It shows up in small ways at first—a slower step heading to the barn, a missed chore that needs a reminder, or a little more frustration during practice. As parents, we notice it right away. We see the shift and feel the tension between pushing too hard and not pushing enough. We want our kids to stay committed, but we also know they're tired.

This year, we're seeing it in a new way in our own barn. It's our middle's first year in 4-H, and he has his "ladies"—two gilts he proudly named Oreo and Rose. At the beginning, the excitement was hard to miss. He was out the door every night without a reminder, eager to brush them, walk them, and spend time in the barn. But as the days have gone on, the newness has worn off. Now it takes a few more reminders, and the excitement looks a little different. Some evenings come with hesitation instead of enthusiasm. And that's where the real learning begins.

I remember those moments growing up—times when I didn't feel like showing up, when the work felt long, and when quitting would have been easier. But my parents stayed steady. They didn't lower the expectation, and they didn't lose patience either—they just kept guiding me forward. Now, I understand how important that was. Because motivation isn't what carries kids through—it comes and goes. What carries them is consistency, expectation, and learning to follow through even when they don't feel like it.

That's not always easy—for them or for us. There are days when it would be simpler to let it slide, to skip the practice, or to say, "It's okay, we'll try again tomorrow." And sometimes, grace is exactly what's needed. But other times, the lesson is in showing up anyway. In our barns, homes, and daily routines, these are the moments that matter most. This is where young people begin to understand that commitment isn't based on how you feel—it's based on who you're becoming.

Whether it's caring for livestock, practicing a speech, or finishing a project at the kitchen table, the lesson is the same. These daily choices are building confidence, capability, and connection—the heart of Beyond Ready. Motivation will come and go, but when we stay steady as parents—continuing to guide, encourage, and hold expectations—we help our kids build something deeper. We help them learn to follow through. And that's what makes them more than ready. That's what makes them Beyond Ready.



**REGISTER HERE BY  
APRIL 1, 2026!**

# JUDGE'S TRAINING



**REGISTRATION STARTING AT  
5:15 PM WITH DINNER TO  
FOLLOW AND OPENING REMARKS  
STARTING AT 6:15 PM  
EARLY REGISTRATION STARTING  
AT 3:45 PM FOR AN OPTIONAL  
EARLY SESSION AT 4:15 PM**



**\$20  
REGISTRATION  
FEE  
(INCLUDES  
DINNER)**

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# Spring Into Volunteering!



**Beyond Ready**

## Welcome, 4-H Volunteers!

Get ready to *Spring into Volunteering* with the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers! Join us for a day of learning, networking, and fun at the Kansas State University Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus.

### Event Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2026
- **Time:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Location:** Kansas State University Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus
- **Registration Deadline:** April 15, 2026
- **Price:** \$25

## Featured Sessions

Beyond Ready strategies for today's youth

Artificial Intelligence tools for 4-H volunteers

Engaging older youth and young adult volunteers

Grab-and-go engagement ideas you can use right away

## Registration Information



Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/4sgaGeW>

Register by April 15th to secure your spot!

**We are excited to welcome you for a day of collaborative learning, skill enhancement, and fun! See you there!**

## What To Expect

- Networking Opportunities
- Resource Sharing
- Interactive Workshops
- Lunch Provided
- Door Prizes & Giveaways
- Lots of New Ideas

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# YQCA

**YOUTH** FOR THE  
**QUALITY CARE**  
**OF ANIMALS**

**APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**12:30 - 3:30 PM**

YQCA Web and Certification



QR Code to Register



- **Food Safety**
- **Animal Well-being**
- **Character Development**



JOIN US FOR A

# Shopping In Style DAY CAMP

FRIDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

FROM 1-4 PM

K-STATE EXTENSION FRONTIER DISTRICT  
MEETING ROOM 411 S. OAK GARNETT, KS 66032

ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME

WE WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT SHOPPING  
IN STYLE CURRICULM, COLOR  
MATCHING, OUTFIT BUILDING, POSTER  
BOARD IMPROVEMENTS, AND A  
PRACTICE FASHION REVUE .



*Improve Your Style*

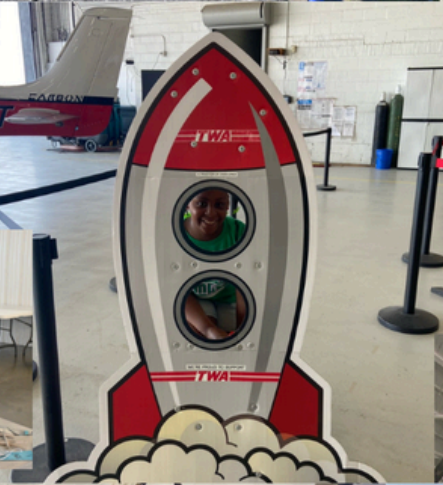
*Sign Up Now*



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# District Details

## Leaders have you...

### Review

- Re-enrolled?
- Looked over deadlines & dates?
- Promoted enrollment
- Checked Volunteer enrollment
- Encouraged 4-H members to ask a friend to attend meetings
- Encouraged current 4-H members to review and complete applications for KYLF, Citizenship in Action
- Reminded all 4-H members and parents who are volunteers to enroll via 4-H Online
- Provided officers and clubs leadership updates as soon as possible to the Extension Office

### To-Do

- Check mailbox at the Extension Office
- Report from 4-H Council Meetings
- Update Volunteer Renewal information
- Finalcial Review



## Animal Science Newsletter

Did you know that there is a monthly newsletter written by the KSU Animal Science Department. Be sure to check it out, as they write important topics, such as camps coming up, upcoming events, topics you might need to know in the barn. Check out the link above to find information you might need to know!



## Family and Consumer Science Contest

The Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Experience will be held on June 4, 2026, at Justin Hall on the Kansas State University campus and is open to youth ages 9–18. Participants can compete individually or in teams in judging contests, skill activities, and a group presentation, while also enjoying workshops, a campus tour, and lunch. The cost is \$15 per participant (\$10 for Discovery Days participants), and local units must register youth by May 8, 2026. Please contact the office for more information, and to register!



## Spring Shows, Camps, Clinics & Local Events

Did you know that the State Office has created a list of spring shows, camps, clinics and local events that you have the opportunities to attend. Follow the link to find flyers for these event to add to your calendar. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office!



## Rock Spring Camp

Camp Season 2026 is officially here! Registration is open, and families are invited to explore the many opportunities 4-H Camp offers at Rock Springs Ranch. This summer features half-week and full-week camp sessions in June and July, along with four LIT and four CIT leadership sessions. Rising 6th–9th graders can choose from specialty camps like Ranch, Shooting Sports, Cooking, and Outdoor Camp, while younger campers can enjoy two Family Camps and a Mini Camp for rising 1st–3rd graders. Although there is no early-bird discount this year, Campership scholarships are available through local Extension offices to help make camp accessible to all. Get ready for a summer of fun, learning, and adventure—see more details and register today!

# District Details

## Member/Volunteer Enrollment

Please note that 4HOnline emails are now only sent to those who are fully enrolled, so completing your enrollment is the only way to receive important updates, deadlines, and program information. The final due date to enroll and to add or drop projects is May 1. Be sure to add all projects and/or clubs during enrollment—project years should auto-populate, but if they do not, please contact the office for assistance. Families are also encouraged to review and update email addresses and phone numbers for each member and volunteer to ensure accurate communication. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Extension Office.

- [Click here to enroll](#)
- Create an account
- Select your participation type
- Choose your county & club
- Select your projects (remember, once you have enrolled, if you need to add more, message your Extension Office.)
- Review consent forms, there are more this year!
- Enter member information
- Click submit!
- To Add/Drop Projects, please call the office!



## Important Livestock Dates

Check out the Youth Livestock Program Newsletter or “like” the Kansas State Youth Livestock Program on Facebook!

**4/20/26:** Last day to order Market Beef DNA Envelopes for Nominations

**5/1/26:** Market Beef Nominations Due for KSF & KJLS

**6/5/26:** Last day to order Small Animal Livestock DNA Envelopes for nominations

**6/15/26:** Commercial Heifer, ALL Swine, ALL Sheep and ALL Meat Goat Nominations Due for KSF & KJLS.

**9/11-20/26:** Kansas State Fair

**10/2-4/26:** Kansas Jr. Livestock Show



## KSF & KJLS Information

Families planning to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show will need to Order DNA envelopes. Families will purchase envelopes directly through ShoWorks for each animal to be nominated. The cost will be \$12/animal.

1) DNA envelope orders will close **April 20th** for market beef and **June 5th** for small livestock. Families must get envelopes ordered early! DO NOT WAIT!

2) Market Beef Nominations due **May 1st**. Commercial Heifer, ALL Swine, ALL Sheep and ALL Meat Goat Nominations are due **June 15th**.

3) NOTE: ENTRY IS ONLINE ONLY!



## Additional Livestock Information

This website has some excellent information for Livestock Projects and Programs through Kansas State University's Youth Livestock Program. It highlights a variety of events like spring shows, producer days, and educational activities that help youth learn about livestock selection, care, and showing. You'll also find state nomination details, including deadlines and requirements for nominating animals for major shows such as the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show, as well as important EID tag information and health resources to make sure your animals are eligible and properly identified for competition.



# District Details



## Keeping Track of Project Goals

After choosing project goals, it is important to keep track of what you have learned and accomplished. What new skills have been gained? Who is helping you along the way? Here is your reminder to take pictures and notes to make filling out PRRF's so much easier! There are resources to help members!

## Add/Drop Deadline

The Extension Office will need to be contacted to have information changed. Any adding or dropping of projects must be done by **May 1st** in order for the member to enter in the 4-H divisions of the Fair. Direct all questions to the Extension Office.

## IPM Insect Art Contest

The K-State 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's theme is "Metamorphosis Magic." The goal is to explore insects that undergo complete and incomplete metamorphosis, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. Artwork may include drawings or paintings, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as sculpture, stained glass, or other creative media.

Entries must be received or postmarked before **April 15, 2026**.

## Entomology Meeting

Pinning and labels will be the focus of the **April 11th** Entomology project meeting. We will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office meeting room. Bring 3 or 4 insects to pin. Parents bring your laptop or a zip drive so I can get a spreadsheet set up for insect labels. Also each 4-Her may bring a project talk or demonstration on any project they are enrolled in - it does not have to be about Entomology. Don't forget to put your insects to pin in the relaxing chamber Thursday night or Friday morning.

## Shutterbug Events

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state, and are a perfect opportunity to develop new camera skills, hone your creative talents and try new photography techniques. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. Sessions focus on topics including Portfolio, Camera Features, Panning, Close-ups, Aperture Settings & Kaleidoscopes/Reflections.

# Anderson Activities

## County Council Committees

National 4-H Week	All Clubs
Achievement Night Celebration	Seekers Not Slackers
County Wide Fun Event	Cherry Mound
County Wide Community Service	Seekers Not Slackers
Club Days	Cherry Mound
Recognition of 4-H Seniors	Star Shooting
District Wide Day Camp	Lucky 13
New Member Event	All Clubs
After Fair Clean Up Party Treats	Star Shooting
District Activity	Lucky 13



## 4-H Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be **on May 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Meeting Room.** Be sure to attend and represent your club, as there must be a leader and youth representative from each club at every meeting in order for the club to be on track to receive a purple seal at year's end.



## Animal Weigh-In and Tagging Dates

Small Animal: **May 6, 2026, 5-7 p.m. at the fair grounds**

**Note:** Per Fair board rules, all tagging for county fair will be done at weigh-in only. If missed, the animal will be ineligible to be shown at the Anderson County Fair.



## Anderson County Born Nominations Form

Anderson County Born Nomination Forms for the fair are due in the Garnett office by the Fair Entry deadline. That date is not determined as of yet. Forms are available at the Extension office and on our Extension webpage.



## Add/Drop Project Deadline

The Extension Office will need to be contacted to have information changed. Any adding or dropping of projects must be done by **May 1st** in order for the member to enter in the 4-H division of the Fair. Members will not be able to change project information after the deadline. Direct all questions to the Extension Office.



## Anderson County Scholarship

Anderson County 4-H Council has combined the out-of-county scholarship and the Jeanette Arnett Scholarship. The new scholarship will be called the **4-H Event Scholarship.** This will be for \$100 and may be received only once per 4-H year. This may be used to help cover the cost of an in person or virtual event. Applications may be obtained from the Extension Office and must be submitted prior to the event payment deadline.



## Fair Award Sponsorships

**Become a Fair Award Sponsor and help celebrate the dedication and accomplishments of our youth!** Your support encourages learning, responsibility, and growth. It also ensures that more 4-H members receive recognition and awards for their year's work. Friends and relatives—even those who do not live in the area—are welcome to become sponsors. If you or someone you know would like to sponsor an award, please contact the Frontier District Extension Office in Garnett at 785-448-6826.

# 4-H SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN ANDERSON COUNTY MAY 6

Will be located at the Garnett  
Fairgrounds



700 N Lake Rd, Garnett, KS  
66032

Per Fair board rules, all tagging  
for county fair will be done at  
weigh-in only



If missed, the animal will be  
ineligible to be shown at the  
Anderson County Fair



5 - 7 PM



# Osage Opportunities

## County Council

April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
Leader's Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
Lyndon Extension Office

County Wide Fundraiser	MJH
Club Day	NO
Achievement Night Celebration	WW
District Wide Day Camp	Ambassadors
Council By-laws & National 4-H Week	BG
District Wide Event	LL

## Save The Date:

**Osage City Fair:** July 8-11  
**Overbrook Fair:** August 11-14



## Osage County Family Nomination Form

All Osage County Livestock families need to fill out the Family Nomination Form and either return it to the Extension Office or email to Jo at [janstaett@ksu.edu](mailto:janstaett@ksu.edu). This is due by June 1.



## Spring Tagging and Weigh In

**Small Animal: May 6th, 2026, 4-6 p.m.** at the Osage City Fairgrounds. Small animals include: bucket calf, and market and breeding swine, sheep and goat. Youth enrolled in Breeding beef, Dairy, Market and Breeding Meat Goat, Sheep, and Swine must own and have possession of animals by **May 15th**. Youth enrolled in the Rabbit and Poultry project must own/have possession of animals by **June 15th**. A bucket calf must have been born **Jan. 1st-May 1st** of the current 4-H year.



## Event Scholarship Information

Osage County 4-H Council will offer a \$50 scholarship to properly enrolled Osage County 4-H members who attend any out-of-county event (4-H Camp, Discovery Days, KYLF, CIA, etc.). For camp only, the scholarship will be reimbursed to the camper upon returning from the event and submitting proof of payment to the Office. All other scholarships will be taken off the price when payment is made in the Office. Please contact the Office with questions.



## Fair Schedules

Osage City and Overbrook Fair schedules have been published on the website! Check them out and get ready for a fun-filled summer!

# 4-H SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN OSAGE COUNTY MAY 6

- ✓ Will be located at the Osage City fairgrounds: 25 Safford Street, Osage City, KS 66523
- ✓ Small animals include: bucket calf, and market and breeding swine, sheep and goat
- ✓ Youth enrolled in Breeding beef, Dairy, Market and Breeding Meat Goat, Sheep, and Swine must own and have possession of animals by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Youth enrolled in the Rabbit and Poultry project must own/have possession of animals by June 15th. A bucket calf must have been born Jan. 1st-May 1st of the current 4-H year



4 - 6 PM



# Franklin Festivities

## County Council

June 1st, 7:00 p.m. @  
Commission Chambers, 1418 S.  
Main, in Ottawa (down the hall  
from the Extension Office)

Club Day	RR
District Wide Day Camp	BGG & AR
Livestock Buyer Appreciation	SH
National 4-H Week Marketing	FOP & SS
Achievement Night Celebrations	RW
District Wide Event	PGB
Community Service & Fair Goody Plates	AT

## Save The Date:

2026 Franklin County Fair:  
July 13-19, 2026

## Scholarships

[Kansas Livestock Association](#) - Multiple

## Livestock Weigh-In & Tagging

Small Animal - **April 9th, 2026**; 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Fair grounds, 220 W. 17th, in Ottawa. Small animal includes Market Swine, Market Sheep, and Breeding and Market Meat Goat.

## 2026 Fair Rule Changes

Please read over the attached document to see the 2026 Livestock Rule Changes for the Franklin County Fair. For any questions, please call the office.

## Save the Date

Save these dates for fair time! Fair Pre-Registration is **June 1st-June 15th**. Also due **June 15th** is Family Nominations, Born and Raised forms, Pure Bred Papers and Mr./Miss. 4-H Applications. Style Revue, Fiber Arts judging, Mr & Miss interviews and the Clover Revue will be **July 7th**. Horse Show and Fair Kick Off will be **July 13th**.

## Livestock Ambassadors

We're excited to introduce something new this year—Livestock Ambassadors at fair! We are starting in the livestock barns, and hopefully expanding next year to all project areas. This is a fun, first-year opportunity for 4-H members 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older, to step into a leadership role while helping guide and support younger exhibitors. Ambassadors will share their knowledge, answer questions, and be positive role models throughout fair. If you're passionate about your project and want to make a difference, we'd love to have you apply! More information is in the application located on the website. Applications are due **June 15th** and interviews will be **July 7th**.

## Horse Meeting and Practice

Horse Practice is gearing up for an exciting season! Our next meeting will be held on **April 14th** at 6:30 PM. Open practice nights will begin on **May 21st** and will run from 6:00-8:00 PM, rotating weekly between Tuesday/Thursday one week and Monday/Wednesday the next. Follow the *Franklin County 4-H Horse Club* on facebook for more information. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Horse Show, which will take place during the fair on **July 13th** at 5:00 PM, with a rain date scheduled for July 25th. We look forward to seeing everyone in the arena!

# 4-H SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN

FRANKLIN COUNTY

APRIL 9

- ✓ Located at at the Fair grounds, 220 W. 17th, in Ottawa, KS
- ✓ Small animal includes market sheep, market swine, market and breeding meat goat
- ✓ May 1<sup>st</sup> is the last day to tag small animals



4 - 6 PM

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# Handy Links!

Please follow the links for more information

## [4-H Policy](#)

The current KSRE and 4-H practices cover the new requirements and are now included as a reference in the policy.

## [Electronic Treasurers Book](#)

An electronic version of the Treasurer's Book is available for any club or group to use. Located at the bottom of page on the club resource's page!

## [Helpful Resources](#)

Here are some resources to help guide you in projects, or any national curriculum that might be helpful!

## [Raffle Policy and Guidelines](#)

Any Extension unit-affiliated group (e.g. 4-H club, 4-H project group, etc.) wanting to conduct a raffle must first fill out and submit an application.

## [Frontier District Website](#)

This is our website that holds lots of great information!

## [Frontier District Facebook](#)

Follow us on Facebook for updated information!

## [Kansas 4-H Website](#)

This is the Kansas 4-H website and is an excellent resource. Information about state events, project materials and the state 4-H newsletter is available.

## [Kansas Clover Classroom](#)

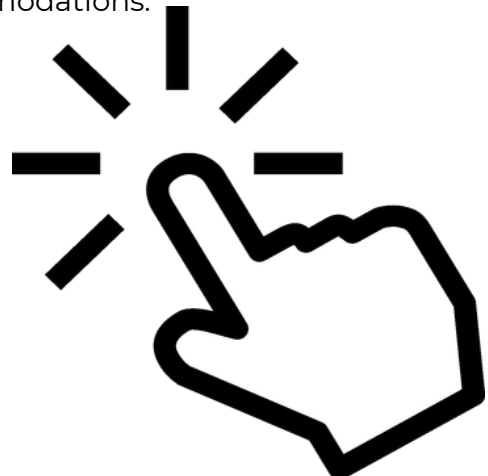
The Kansas Clover Classroom is an amazing 4-H project supplemental guide available to 4-H families.

## [District Wide Project Leaders](#)

A list of District-wide projects and leaders is available to Frontier District 4-H members.

## [Disabilities Accommodations Request Form](#)

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires persons with disabilities be provided "reasonable" accommodations and prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. Accommodations are generally considered reasonable if they don't change the fundamental nature of the program or alter the essential criteria for participation. Accommodations meeting these standards should typically be provided. Reasonable accommodations are determined through an interactive process between the community member and local and State 4-H Offices. It is essential for the Accommodation Request Form to be filled out FIRST at the local level in collaboration with a local Extension Professional to launch a formal accommodations process. Because it can take time to plan for accommodations, KSRE requests this form be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the event/activity. Submitting a request on shorter notice may reduce and/or limit any ability to implement accommodations.



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