

# KP4-H



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Happy April, KP 4-H!

Spring is upon us and while we still see the remnants of our long winter, we know the snow and slush will soon make way to our muddy season and that glorious summer will soon follow! We made it!

This month is where we see the gears really start to shift and the calendar start to fill. If you are not getting text updates from the Remind app, get signed up for that today! Instructions are on the Stay Connected page; it's an easy add and a simple way to receive text reminders from me when there are big things happening.

This month is full of meetings for our committees and educational opportunities for our youth, and I can't wait to see all the progress and learning that will happen in April!

We've got KP 4-H teams traveling to the state horse contest later this month, wish them luck and fun as they take part in this awesome event!

Make sure to get your club or your family signed up to be part of the booth at the KPBA Home Show, as KP 4-H has maintained a presence there for many years and it is always a fun way to interact within our community!

Here's to sunnier days!

*Ms. Cassy*



"April is a reminder that life is a beautiful, ever-renewing cycle."

— E.E. Cummings

APRIL 2024

# KP 4-H CALENDAR



Call or text (907) 398-3588 for questions about events.

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- 1 District Council/JML Board  
6:30 @Extension Office
- 3 Activities Team 7am - Zoom
- 8 Expo Horse Team 6pm - Zoom
- 9 Expo Building Team 6pm - Zoom
- 12-13 Alaska State Horse Contest - Palmer
- 13-14 KP 4-H @ Home Show
- 16 Salesmanship Workshop 6:30pm  
@Extension Office
- 18 KP 4-H Leaders Zoom 6pm
- 22 Creative Writers Group 2:30  
@Extension Office

Livestock Contest Practice  
every Monday from 12pm-2pm @Extension Office



# KP 4-H YEARLY PLANNER

## 2023-24



### OCTOBER

#### *Elections*

- 1 2023-24 4-H Year Begins
- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 7 Kenai Pumpkin Festival 12-3
- 16 District/JML Council Mtg 630
- 28 Howl-O-Ween PenDOG 4-6
- 30 Council/JML Exec Session

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Leader Meeting 1-3 pm
- 6 District Council/JML Board 6:30
- 10-12 Ag Convention, Anchorage
- 27 Creative Writers Kick-Off Mtg
- Expo Theme Contest all month

### DECEMBER

- 4 Annual Meeting, KP 4-H District Council & JML Board; Open House
- 4 JML Enrollment Deadline
- 22 Mobile Bake Sale

12/23- 1/3 Extension Office Closed

### JANUARY

- 15 District Council/JML Board 6:30
- 22 JML 101 6pm

### FEBRUARY

#### *-Expo Teams Kick Off*

- 5 District Council/JML Board 6:30
- 10 Rally Day 2024
- 22 Expo All Teams 630
- 28-March 1 AK 4-H Summit, Fairbanks

### MARCH

#### *-Business Contact Team Work Day*

- 4 District Council/JML Board 6:30
- 9 Expo Activities Team
- 14 Expo Finance/PR Team
- 14 Expo All Teams 6:30
- 16 KP 4-H Leaders' Lunch 1:30
- 23 Public Presentation Day 2024
- 25 Creative Writers Group 2:30
- 28 Expo Building Super

### APRIL

- 1 District Council/JML Board 6:30
- 3 Livestock Judging Statewide Zoom 5
- 8 Expo Horse Team 6
- 9 Livestock Skill-a-Thon Statewide Zoom 5
- 9 Expo Building Team 6
- 11 Expo All Teams 6:30 Zoom/In Person
- 12-13 Alaska State Horse Contest, Palmer
- 13-14 KP 4-H @ Home Show
- 15 Livestock Quiz Bowl Statewide Zoom 5
- 16 JML Salesmanship W/S
- 17 Livestock Contest Q&A Zoom 5
- 18 KP 4-H Leaders' Zoom 6 pm
- 22 Creative Writers Group 2:30
- 22 KP 4-H Funds Team Mtg 5

### MAY

#### *-Business Contacts*

- 3-4 AK 4-H State Livestock Contest, Fairbanks
- 6 District Council/JML Board 6:30
- 11 KP 4-H Tree Sale
- 18 KP 4-H Leaders' Lunch 1:30
- 20 Creative Writers Group
- YQCA workshop - TBA

### JUNE

- 3 District Council/JML Board 6:30
- 17 Creative Writers Group
- 20 KP 4-H Leaders' Zoom 6 pm
- Record Book workshop TBA

### JULY

- 1 District Council/JML Board 6:30
- 26-28 KP 4-H Ag Expo 2024

### AUGUST

- 2-4 KP 4-H Horse Show Weekend
- 5 District Council/JML Board 6:30
- 17 KP 4-H Leaders' Lunch 1:30

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day
- 9 District Council/JML Board 6:30
- 19 KP 4-H Leaders' Zoom 6 pm
- 21 KP 4-H Leaders' Lunch 1:30



# KPBA HOME SHOW BOOTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

## Needs:

- Setup Friday evening
- Representing KP 4-H at our booth over the weekend!
- Clubs or families can take a shift and be part of this awesome networking event!

**STRONG COMMUNITIES  
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**KPBA Home Show**  
April 13th and 14th  
Get your Booth  
Today!  
Booths start at \$200.



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To sign up for a shift see Facebook page or contact:

**Cassy Rankin**

**crankin4@alaska.edu**

**(907)398-3588**



# JML - 2024 SALESMANSHIP

( & ETHICS )

- Learn how to talk to businesses about 4-H!
- Learn the ethics of raising a 4-H market project!
- Network with fellow JML'ers!
- Get your 2024 Business Contact Binder!

- Tuesday, April 16th @ 6:30 p.m.
- KP Cooperative Extension Office
- Required for all KP 4-H JML members
- Zoom option available for remote members
- New members must have a parent attend!
- Contact Cassy Rankin w/ questions.

**ZOOM: 825-916-1925**

**TEXT CASSY FOR PASSCODE.**

**907.398.3588**



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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING 4-H!**



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# 4-H CREATIVE WRITERS

Open to 4-H ages Intermediate and Senior

Writing Projects for 2023-24:

Feb: Revamp an old piece &  
200-Word Story

March: 2-Sentence Stories

April: Poetry

May: Adventure

June: Group Story

Contact Cassy Rankin  
crankin4@alaska.edu  
907.398.3588

## Extension Office

2:30 - 4:30 pm

~~Mon. Feb. 19~~

~~Mon. March 25~~

Mon. April 22

Mon. May 20

Mon. June 17



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BREATHINGS OF YOUR HEART."

\_WILLIAM WORDSWORTH





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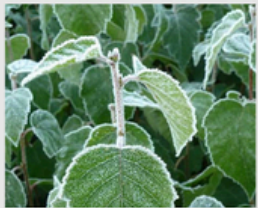
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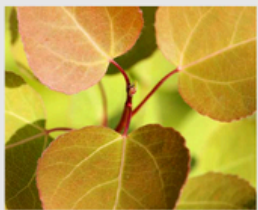
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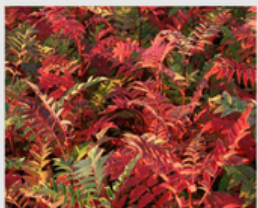
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Asparagus



Boyne Raspberry



European  
Mountain Ash



Honey Queen  
Raspberry

# Kenai Peninsula District 4-H

## Tree Sale and Market

Saturday, May 11th

MORE INFO COMING SOON!

Contact Cassy Rankin (907)398-3588 with any questions

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# KP 4-H 2024 Public Presentation Placings



## JUNIOR COMPETITORS

Aaron Wilburn, Northwind Riders, Prepared Speech  
Ian Chihuly, Ninilchik Snowy Owls, Illustrated Talk  
Ingrid Pederson, Homer 4-H Alls, Illustrated Talk

ILLUSTRATED TALK CHAMP: IAN CHIHULY  
PREPARED SPEECH CHAMP: AARON WILBURN

Miah Wolf, North Road Rangers, Illustrated Talk  
Rebecca Wilburn, Northwind Riders, Illustrated Talk  
Tristan Glessing, Funny River Lynx, Illustrated Talk

JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPION: AARON WILBURN  
JUNIOR RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION: IAN CHIHULY

## INTERMEDIATE COMPETITORS

Adela Pederson, Homer 4-H Alls, Illustrated Talk  
Benjamin Loop, Peninsula Pioneers, Prepared Speech  
Caitlyn Wilburn, Northwind Riders, Prepared Speech  
Eve Newby, Soldotna South Side, Illustrated Talk

ILLUSTRATED TALK CHAMP: ADELA PEDERSON  
PREPARED SPEECH CHAMP: CAITLYN WILBURN

Joey Knowlton, Northwind Riders, Illustrated Talk  
Katee Knowlton, Northwind Riders, Illustrated Talk  
Kaydence Wolf, North Road Rangers, Illustrated Talk  
Siraina Gunning, Northwind Riders, Illustrated Talk  
Skye Glessing, Funny River Lynx, Illustrated Talk

INTERMEDIATE GRAND CHAMPION: ADELA PEDERSON

## SENIOR COMPETITORS

Alisha Wilburn, Northwind Riders, Illustrated Talk  
Ella Rankin, North Road Rangers, Illustrated Talk  
Jonathan Loop, Peninsula Pioneers, Illustrated Talk

ILLUSTRATED TALK CHAMP: MELANIE CARPENTER  
ILLUSTRATED TALK RESERVE CHAMP: ELLA RANKIN  
PREPARED SPEECH CHAMP: KELSEY GRAVELLE

Kelsey Gravelle, Northwind Riders, Prepared Speech  
Levi Rankin, North Road Rangers, Prepared Speech  
Lillian Newby, Soldotna South Side, Illustrated Talk  
Melanie Carpenter, North Road Rangers, Illustrated Talk

SENIOR GRAND CHAMPION: KELSEY GRAVELLE  
SENIOR RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION: MELANIE CARPENTER

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLOVERBUD PARTICIPANTS!

Raelyn Wolf, North Road Rangers, Illustrated Talk  
Sven Glessing, Funny River Lynx, Illustrated Talk  
Yvonne Bader, Ninilchik Snowy Owls, Illustrated Talk

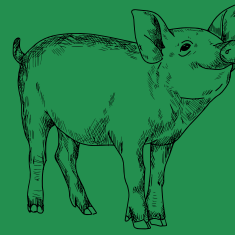




# 4-H STATE LIVESTOCK CONTEST PRACTICE

Mondays from 12-2

Cooperative Extension Office



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# 4-H STATE HORSE CONTEST PRACTICE



In-Person: Thursdays 3:30-5:30  
Cooperative Extension Office

Zoom: Thursdays  
@ 7pm



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Contact Ms.Cassy or your club leader on information how to start a team or get involved with these Spring state contests!

# Alaska State 4-H Livestock Contest Series

- Learn about the contest segments!
- Get to know other 4-H'ers!
- Ask questions about this year's contest!
- Come to one or all sessions!



## Dates and Sessions:

- Wed. April 3, 5-6 pm: What is Livestock Judging?
- Tues. April 9, 5-6 pm: What is Skill-a-Thon?
- Mon. April 15, 5-6 pm: What is Quiz Bowl?
- Wed. April 17, 5-6 pm: Livestock Contest Q&A



Open to all 4-H'ers, leaders, coaches, and parents! If currently enrolled, please register on your Z-Suites account under Events tab. If not enrolled, contact Cassandra Rankin before noon on the day of session for the meeting link.

[crankin4@alaska.edu](mailto:crankin4@alaska.edu)

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## ALASKA STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK CONTEST 2024 Schedule of Events

### Thur. May 2nd

5 pm Ice Breaker Activity & YQCA

### Fri. May 3rd

9 am Contest Kick-off & Art Check-In

10 Livestock Judging

3 pm Skill-a-Thon

### Sat. May 4th

9 am Public Speaking

Noon Quiz Bowl

Dinner Awards

**Contest Date:**  
**May 3rd - 4th**  
**2024**  
**Tanana District**

Register on your Z-Suites page under events tab!

Contact Cassy Rankin with questions! 907.398.3588  
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# AG EXPO 2024!

**JULY 26-28, 2024 SOLDOTNA SPORTS CENTER**

*Kenai Peninsula District 4-H*

## **AG EXPO 2024**

*Put on Your Boots and Get Back to Your Roots!*



Come celebrate 4-H, agriculture, potatoes, peonies, and community at this year's 4-H Ag Expo!

**SAVE THE DATES!**

LIVESTOCK SHOWS, AUCTION, CLASSES, ACTIVITIES:

July 26th - July 28th

Soldotna Regional Sports Complex

HORSE SHOW & EQUINE EVENTS:

August 2nd - 4th

Soldotna Rodeo Grounds



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*\*Boot and peony design for 2024 Expo mailings and merch by Junior division member Brook A. of Soldotna South Side 4-H Club!*



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# KP 4-H LEADERS CONNECT

**Bring:**

- Ideas!
- Laptop!
- Questions!
- Creativity!



## LEADER LUNCHES (IN PERSON MTG)

- SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1:30 - 3 PM
- SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1:30 - 3 PM
- SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1:30 - 3 PM
- SATURDAY, SEPT. 21, 1:30 - 3 PM

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## LEADER CHECK-INS (ON ZOOM)

- THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 6 - 7:30 PM
- THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 6 - 7:30 PM
- THURSDAY, SEPT. 19. 6 - 7:30 PM



# KP4-H WANTS YOU!



The youth of KP4-H have spoken! Here's what they want to see more of....

## Workshops

Record Book  
Cat/Dog Competitions  
Sheep Shearing  
Steer  
Poultry  
Goats  
Vet/First Aid  
Animal Handling

## Projects

Pocket Pets  
Vet Science  
Creative Writing  
Experiments  
Sewing  
Arts&Crafts  
Youth in Governance  
Computers  
Fishing/Hunting  
Cooking

We need YOU to help us give our youth the best 4-H year yet! Volunteer to teach a workshop or help teach in any project area you're familiar with!

# BREEDERS TAKE NOTE

New born after and possession dates for the  
**2025 Ag Expo!**

## Sheep

Born after: October 1st

Possession by: April 1st

Minimum weight of 100lbs

## Goat

Born after: August 1st

Possession by: April 1st

Minimum weight of 60lbs

**\*\*Must be known meat breed to be raised for JML\*\***

## Swine

Born after: December 1st

Possession by: March 1st

Minimum weight does not change

The born after and possession dates for the  
**2024 Ag Expo** can be found in your  
JML policies!

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# JML DEADLINES 2023-24



○ Annual Meeting Dec 4th: JML deadline for 2023-24 JML enrollment.

○ **POSSESSION DATE = Your animal must be in your possession no later than this date. Varies by species. Connect w/ your Superintendent SOON after enrollment if you haven't yet!**  
**\*JML Paperwork Packet due by your Possession Date!**



○ **Jan 22nd: JML 101 Workshop**  
**(Required for all JML members! This session will have Zoom option for members in outlying communities.)**



○ **Feb. 10: New 4-H members at Rally Day may sign up for JML.**

○ **April 16th, 6:30 - 8 pm: Salesmanship - Required for all JML'ers**

○ **June: Deadline for Expo entry forms for all animal exhibits and Record Book check. - Required, Date TBD**

○ **July: Deadline to finish assigned Business Contacts - Required, Date TBD**

○ **July 26-28: Four required workshops logged by end of Expo.**

○ **September: Record Book turned in to 4-H leader**



# Paperwork!

JML'ers! Is your 2024 Intent to Sell complete?

We should currently have on file all youth members' ITS for:

- Steer
- Turkey
- Swine

## KP 4-H Junior Market Livestock Intent to Sell

This form must be on file at: Kenai Peninsula District Cooperative Extension Service  
Send to: crankin4@alaska.edu or akglessing@alaska.edu

**Intent to Sell due at JML 101.**

**Photos due to your file by the animal's possession date.**



Name of Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email & Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Exhibitor may raise two animals of the same species as their JML project, however, only one animal per youth is eligible to be auctioned. If you are only raising one animal, indicate NA in the space for Animal #2.*

### ANIMAL #1

Type of Animal \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Exact Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Breeder/Farm \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Gilt Barrow Ewe lamb Wether lamb Doeling Wether goat

### ANIMAL #2

Type of Animal \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Exact Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Breeder/Farm \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Gilt Barrow Ewe lamb Wether lamb Doeling Wether goat

**Exhibitor must also submit two clear color photographs of animal showing:  
Front view AND Side view** (No photos required for rabbits or poultry)

Photos due at Possession Date. Intent to Sell form indicates intent to take part in the KP 4-H JML but in no way fulfills all requirements of the program. Members must maintain their paperwork, educational commitments, business contacts, and involvement in JML work in order to fulfill all requirements of the program.





**KP 4-H JML Animal Possession Dates, Age, and Weight Requirement**  
**Traditional Dates and Special Adjustments for 2024 Sales –**

Rev Dec. 2023: JML Supers. Board & CR

<b>Animal</b>	<b>Possession Date for 2024</b>	<b>2021-2023 Possession Date</b>	<b>Age of Animal</b>	<b>Weight. Limit/Other</b>
<b>Prospect Calves (Steers)</b> Not for market this year	January 1	January 1	Under 12 months of age (1 year) at time of show	N/A
<b>Finished Beef/ Market Steer</b>	January 1	January 1	Born after January 1 prior year	Steers & heifers: 900 lb. min. @ sale. Must be dehorned and castrated; >48" in height.
<b>Feeder Beef</b>	March 15	March 15	No older than 8 ½ months	Minimum: 450 lb. @ Expor. Must be dehorned and castrated.
<b>Finished Beef/ Miniature Market Steer</b>	January 1	January 1	Born after Jan. 1 prior year	Steers & heifers: 700 lb. min. @ Expo. Must be dehorned and castrated. <48" in height.
<b>Alpaca</b>	January 1	January 1	Born after Jan. 1 prior year	110 lbs. min
<b>Llama</b>	January 1	January 1	Born after Jan. 1 prior year	
<b>Reindeer</b>	February 1 (encourage youth to get animal as early as possible)	February 1	Born after Jan. 1 prior year	160 lbs. minimum weight
<b>Goose</b>	April 15 (hatched after Feb 15)	May 1	Hatched after March 1	10 lbs. minimum weight
<b>Turkey</b>	March 20 (Hatched after Feb. 6)	April 15	Hatched after Feb. 6	20 lbs. minimum weight
<b>Lamb</b>	April 15 (encourage youth to get animal as early as possible)	May 1	Born after December 1	Ewes & castrated lambs 90 lb. minimum weight-140 lbs. Must be slick shorn
<b>Goat</b>	April 15 (encourage youth to get animal as early as possible)	May 1	Born after November 1	Wethers/does (11/5/05) 45 lbs. minimum weight
<b>Swine</b>	April 1 (encourage youth to get animal as early as possible)	April 15	Born after December 1	Gilts & Barrows 180 lb minimum weight-280 lbs.
<b>Ducks</b>	June 1 (hatched after April 15)	June 15	Hatched after May 1	Pen of 3, total weight of all 3 being 12 lbs. minimum weight
<b>Rabbits</b>	May 20	June 4	No older than 12 wks @ sale	Pen of 3 weighing 3-5 lb. each
<b>Chickens</b>	June 1 (Hatched after Feb 20)	June 15	Hatched after Feb. 20	Pen of 3 weighing 4 lb. min each
<b>Heritage Turkey</b>	Sept. - Dec. of prior year	Sept. - Dec. of prior year	1 year	10 lb. minimum weight
<b>Game Birds</b>			Species vary. Contact Poultry Superintendent.	

# CLUB CORNER

I gave an introduction to mushing. The trail was poor for mushing due to soft snow. I introduced them to Cleo, my retired leader. During the meeting, my dog, Arlo, got loose. He broke his chain. That was exciting for everyone. Afterwards, kids worked on record books.

-Submitted by Addy Pederson  
4-H Alls Information Officer

We hope you're all enjoying the warmer weather! This month, North Road Rangers club members focused on presentations, with a business meeting on March 20th that doubled as a pizza party and public presentation day practice. Shortly after, on the 23rd, was the KP 4-H Public Presentation Day, and each participating member did an amazing job. We

look forward to a fun and busy April!

-Submitted by Xinlan Tanner  
North Road Rangers Information Officer

We had a meeting where we started the 4-H National Stem challenge. We talked about energy, renewable and non renewable energy and what items uses more energy compared to other items .

-Submitted by Toni Loop  
Peninsula Pioneer Leader

We had a business meeting on the 16th, where we welcomed 2 new families. We also gave out the club shirts (which everyone loved), and discussed a bunch of ideas for helping out in our community. On the 29th, we helped stuff eggs for the easter egg hunt on the 30th. Our club leader also got interviewed by the lady that writes the Funny River Newsletter, and we got a little information

about our club in this month's newsletter !

-Submitted by Skye Glessing  
Funner River Lynx President

The Northwind Riders did public presentation practice,. Some people came and listened and presented their presentations. For their business meeting, it was on zoom..

-Submitted by Jonathan Loop  
Northwind Riders Information Officer

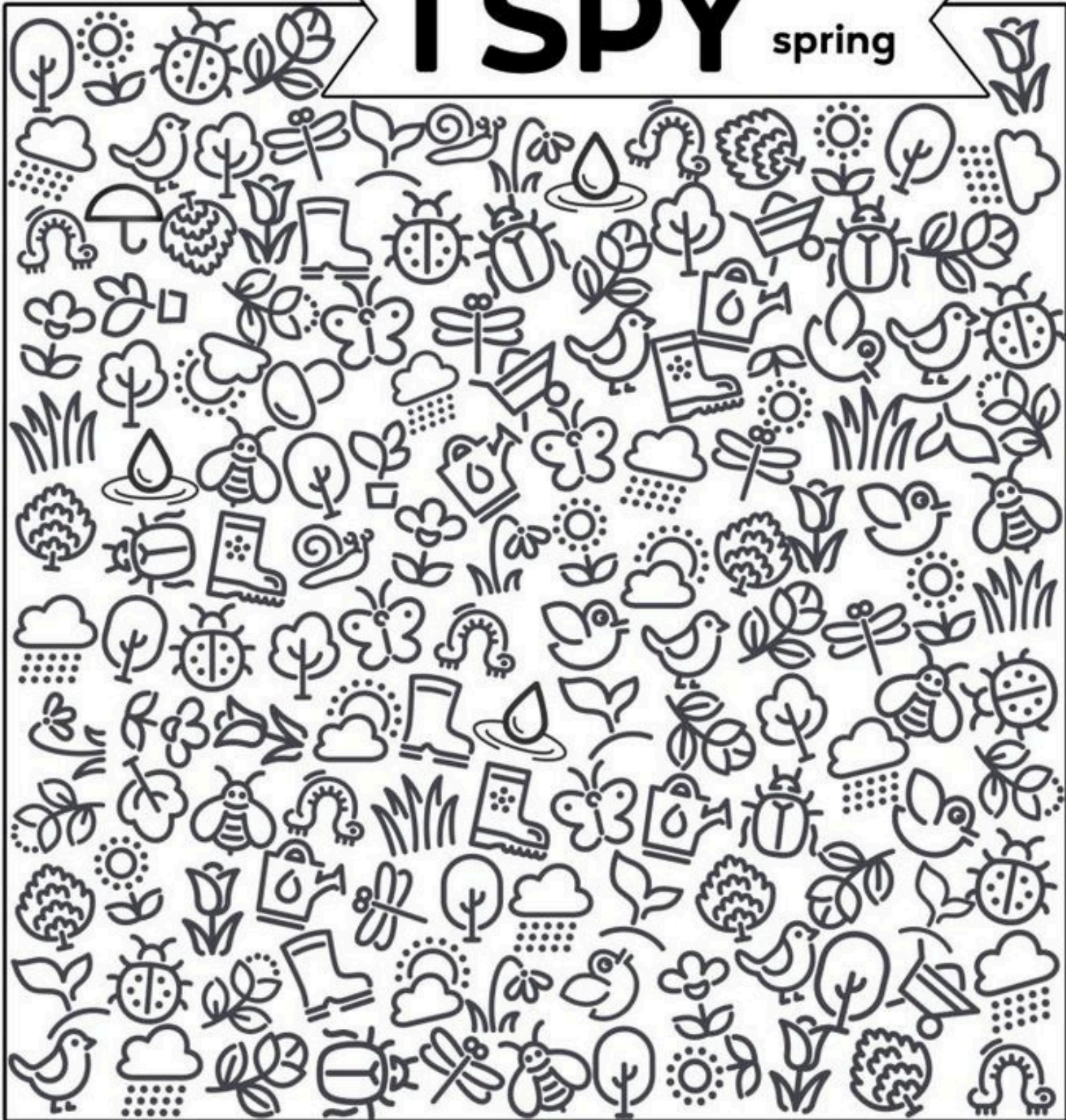


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# STAY CONNECTED

- Pro page on FB: Kenai Peninsula District 4-H. (@kpen4H)
- Parents & leaders: KP 4-H Connect Facebook group.  
\*This group is a private group. We do not share posts or pics outside of the group.
- Connect to your club's FB page if they have one!
- Follow for district blog at: [www.kp4h.com](http://www.kp4h.com)
- Follow Alaska State 4-H Livestock on FB for all things 4-H livestock!
- Keep up with Alaska 4-H Horse happenings at  
<http://www.alaska4h.org/horse-programming.html>
- Join Remind app for text updates at: [www.remind.com/join/kp4hfam](http://www.remind.com/join/kp4hfam)
- Call, text, or email your leader or Ms. Cassy anytime.  
907-398-3588. [crankin4@alaska.edu](mailto:crankin4@alaska.edu)

**KP 4-H Info & FAQs!**  
[www.kp4h.com/info](http://www.kp4h.com/info)



**Local Page & Calendar:**  
[www.kp4h.com](http://www.kp4h.com)

**Members Enroll:**  
<http://www.alaska4h.org/enroll-now.html>

**Volunteer Info:**  
<http://www.alaska4h.org/volunteer-opportunities.html>



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