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Important
Message

Re-Enrollment & Volunteer Screening

Keep reminding everyone in your club and your friends to re-enroll on 4-H Online! We need to get everyone re-enrolled as soon as possible. **If they plan on participating in club day, any camps, conferences, or exhibiting at the county fair**

they'll need to enroll before they can do that. The last day to change, drop or add a project is May 1. **Also note that in order to weigh-in any livestock, the exhibitor must be enrolled before weigh-in.**

If you are a current screened volunteer in your 4-H club and plan to continue to do so, please complete and return your Renewal Form to the Extension Office. Everything can be completed at 4-H Online, just click on your name and edit, go to volunteer resources section and click on screening or renewal. If you have questions please contact Regina and she can walk you through it. They are also available on our website or can be found on-line at www.kansas4-h.org and click on the Volunteer link for a form-fillable version.

If you have any questions on what you still need to complete on your 2019 volunteer paperwork, please contact the office!

LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATES—

If you are planning on showing livestock this year at the County Fair, **you MUST** weigh and tag your livestock at the respective weigh-in dates. **Beef weigh-in has been set for Thursday, February 7 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** at Winter Livestock. In case of bad weather that day, it will be moved to Thursday, Feb. 21 You will be notified if it changes. Small livestock weigh-in will be Tuesday, April 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

A service charge of \$25 will be applied per trip to tag animals for other shows not brought to respective weigh-in dates. What if the 4-H'er is unable to be at the weigh-in? No worries, the ANIMAL can be brought to the weigh-in by anyone. If you have questions, just let us know!

EAR TAG POLICY 4-H Council policy allows a 4-H'er up to six (6) ear tags per species (i.e. up to 6 for beef, 6 for sheep, 6 for goats, 6 for swine). Any tags over the provided six will be at the expense of the 4-H'er and their family and will need to be reimbursed to 4-H Council.



4-H AMBASSADOR/EXCHANGE MEETING

The next Ambassador/Exchange meeting will be Monday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. Our Flea Market and travel plans will be on the agenda.

4-H Exchange Gun Raffle/Meal will be held on Saturday, February 23, Meal is at 6:30 p.m., raffle at 7 p.m. at the Fair Building.

If you would like to purchase a ticket for the raffle, please contact a current Exchange member or the Extension Office. Only 100 tickets will be sold.

FLEA MARKET

The Exchange Trip group will be hosting a spring Flea Market on Saturday, March 30 at the Fair Building. Proceeds to benefit the 4-H Exchange Trip program. If you are interested in having a table at the Flea Market, call the office for more info or to reserve a spot.

LIVESTOCK SALES

Now is the time that several fliers concerning upcoming sales are being sent to the Extension Office. All these fliers, along with show bills will be compiled into a binder. Feel free to come in and check it out!!

COUNTY FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

The Ford County FAIR needs YOU! It takes several volunteers to make sure the Ford County Fair is a success. We need superintendents for the fair divisions to function correctly. Please consider signing up to help. All adult leader/parents and junior leaders (ages 12 and older) are encouraged to volunteer and sign up during your next club meeting. If you know anyone else who might be interested in helping as a superintendent, please ask them and let us know what area they are willing to assist in.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) (formerly Youth Quality Assurance)

YQCA certification is designed to be useful and help prepare you for your show but also prepare young producer's in animal agriculture industry. The program includes information on multiple species even though you may only be raising one or two.

See the insert in this newsletter for dates and times of face to face classes and more on how to do the online process.

HORSE VACCINATION CLINIC

Horse Vaccination Clinic, Saturday, February 9, 1-5 p.m., see insert flier for details.

FORD COUNTY 4-H CLUB DAYS

Saturday, February 9th @DCMS

(Registration was DUE Feb. 1)

REGIONAL 4-H CLUB DAYS

Saturday, March 2@ DCMS

BOTH DATES WILL BEGIN AT 8:00AM.

Schedules will be available online the week prior for County 4-H Club Days

WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

4-H

County Wide Project Leaders & Volunteers!

The Ford County 4-H Program is always looking for County-wide project Leaders who will share their expertise, time and effort with our 4-H'ers. If you know of anyone who wants to get involved with the 4-H Program, please have them contact the Extension Office! Project Leaders give our members an extra 'edge' in their 4-H Experience!



::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ To all the 4-H'ers with KAP's that competed at area judging: Bretta Austin (Beef); Cole Bertelsen (Photography & Visual Arts); Clark Burgert (Performing Arts); Calder McCollum, (Horse) & Halle Robinson (Meat Goats).
- ◆ Congratulations to Clark Burgert for having his Performing Arts KAP selected for state KAP judging and Cole Bertelsen for having his Visual Arts KAP selected for State KAP judging.

Community Leaders did you know you can access your club member's records through Kansas 4-H Online? Call and visit with Regina about setting this up for you and your club.

4-H Traveling

Photography Display

The 4-H Traveling Photos will be on display at the Bucklin Public Library beginning the first part of February. If you have a chance, stop and look at the photos which were selected at last year's fair. They will be on display at the Dodge City Public Library soon.

The 2019 Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 30, 2019 in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth meat goat projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, meat science, nutrition, the state nomination process, herd health, reproduction, health and wellness, facilities and equipment, & showmanship. An optional instructor-led YQCA session will also be held at the conclusion of the program (approx. 2:30pm).

The cost for Junior Meat Goat Producer Day is \$15/person, if registration is submitted by March 11, 2019, or \$20/person after the early deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. All participants who sign up by March 11 will also receive a t-shirt. Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>, or by downloading the flyer (<http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays>), completing the bottom portion of the flyer and mailing it, with payment, to the K-State Youth Livestock Program. Those who indicate they would like to participate in the optional YQCA certification will receive additional details and instructions via email in late March. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu.

The KSU Sheep & Meat Goat Center will also be hosting their annual sale following the junior day program. They are separate events, but the schedule will allow families who would like to attend both events to do so.

The Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019 in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth swine projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, meat science, ear notching, breeds, the state nomination process, herd health, nutrition, and showmanship. An optional instructor-led YQCA session will also be held at the conclusion of the program.

The cost for junior swine producer day is \$15/person, if registration is submitted by February 15, 2019, or \$20/person after the early deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. Those who sign up after the deadline cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt. Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>, or by downloading the flyer (<http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays>), completing the bottom portion of the flyer and mailing it, with payment, to the K-State Youth Livestock Program. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264, or Joel DeRouchey at jderouch@ksu.edu or 785-532-2280.

FORD COUNTY FEE POLICIES—*EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014*

REMINDER OF OUR FEE'S POLICY

- **For any activity registration:** Payment arrangements can be made in writing with the Extension Office to set up a payment schedule. **Full payment is due by the registration deadline.**
- **For online registrations:** **Full payment is due to the Extension Office by the online event deadline unless a written payment agreement is made between the Extension Office and the participant.** Failing to meet those requirements will result in cancellation of registration (participant will still be responsible for the \$25 cancelation fee and possible registration cost based upon event guidelines.)
- **Transportation:** A transportation fee of \$10 per person will be added to fees for trips that require travel in a county vehicle outside of Ford County (ex. Advanced Master Gardener training, State FCE Conference, KS Youth Leadership Forum, Discovery Days, Camp at Rock Springs, judging events, etc.)
- **Tagging Livestock:** A service fee of \$25 per trip will be charged for trips made to tag livestock for state shows or to re-tag livestock that have lost their original tags.
- **Transportation for Other Counties:** Ford County will require a \$25 per person to transport participants from other counties to events.

CAMP! CAMP! CAMP!

Discovery Days will be Wednesday, May 29 through Friday, May 31 at K-State.

Discovery Days registration for "Discover Your Spotlight" will be opening on March 1, 2019.

Registration will then close April 15 at midnight.

Ford, Clark and Hodgeman Counties Day Camp in Partnership with Boot Hill Cowpoke

Camp will be Friday, June 7 at location to be announced.

Heart of Kansas Rock Springs Ranch Camp (HOK): Tuesday, June 11 – Friday, June 14,

counselors Monday, June 10.

4 Clover 4-H Camp with Clark, Gray, Ford, Hodgeman Counties and Walnut Creek District:

June 19-21-DCCC

More details, registration forms and fees will be in future newsletters. Mark the dates on your calendars and consider camping with us or if you are old enough sign up to be a counselor for one of the groups.

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2019), and will be held **June 23-26** at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Registration and detailed information will be the State 4-H Website in March.



How:

To register for all sessions, visit
<https://yqca.org>

Click on blue “Sign-in” with 4HOnline.

Online registration is **NOT** mobile accessible.

March 11 1 pm Extension Office

March 23 10 am Extension Office

Online - Available Independently

**NEW in 2019 Test Out Option
(ages 12 and 15 ONLY)**

Ford County Guidelines

What is it?

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new, national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that covers food safety, animal well-being and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum.

Who needs to get certified?

Any youth 7 years of age and older who will be exhibiting a market or breeding animal in the Ford County Fair (**market only**), Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) is required to obtain certification. YQCA certification numbers will be submitted through the nomination process for market animals, and at the time of entry for exhibitors who only have registered purebred breeding animals. **All youth should complete the training by June 15, 2019.**

How do youth get certified?

Youth may earn their certification in one of the following ways:

- Instructor-Led Training (\$3 per child)
- Online Course (\$12 per child)
- Test-Out Exam (12 & 15-year-olds only; online course only; \$36 for 12-year-olds and \$48 for 15-year-olds)

Instructor-led sessions may be offered at the local level by certified instructors. Visit www.yqca.org for more details and to register for a class. All youth must pre-register through the YQCA website and pay the appropriate fee, regardless of the type of training they select, in order to obtain a certification number. Families should use their 4HOnline credentials to log in, create a user account and register for training. **At completion of course, certificate should be printed off by individual.**

How do youth test-out?

There is no test-out option for juniors. The online test-out is available only for 12 and 15-year-olds (first year intermediate and senior age divisions). Youth have one opportunity to pass a 50-question exam, with a score of 80% or better, for certification. Families will still have to pay the annual fee for certification for the entire age bracket, which is \$36 for a 12-year-old and \$48 for a 15-year old. However, eligible youth do not have to pay the fee to attempt the exam. If a young person passes the exam and subsequently submits the appropriate payment, they will receive a multi-year certification. A young person who does not pass will be prompted to complete the annual training, either through instructor-led class or online course.

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Horse Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, February 9, 2019

1:00-5:00 PM

Gene Harris Arena
 Meade County Fairgrounds
 Meade, Kansas



4-H MEMBER
15%
Discount

Costs	Reg.	w/4-H Discount
Vaccination:	\$80.00	\$68.00
<i>Includes: West Nile, Flu Vac Innovator, Rabies</i>		
<i>Free tube of dewormer with full vac.</i>		
Rattlesnake*	\$35.00	\$29.75
Coggins Test	\$25.00	\$22.25

**requires additional booster*

The Meade County 4-H Horse Project and Bluff Creek Veterinary Clinic is sponsoring a Horse Vaccination Clinic. Any 4-H member will receive a 15% discount off the regular price! Dr. Kelsey Amy will be onsite to administer several different vaccinations and other services. A proper equine vaccination program is one of the most cost-effective, preventative health measure that a horse owner can take. Bring your "herd" and get them current!

Coggins tests are required to travel out of state and to many 4-H Shows offered in the area

RSVP REQUIRED BY
FEBRUARY 4th

Contact:
Karrie Miller, Horse Project Leader
(620) 873-9392





2019 Ford County 4-H Calendar

February

- 7 Beef Weigh-in
- 9 County 4-H Club Day
- 17-18 CIA, Topeka
- 18 Office Closed for President's Day
- 25 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

March

- 2 Regional 4-H Club Day
- 25 4-H Community Leaders Meeting
4-H Council Meeting
- 30 4-H Exchange Flea Market

April

- 13 SW Fair Judges Training
- 16 Small Animal Weigh In
- 21 Easter
- 22 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

May

- 21 4-H Community Leader Meeting
4-H Council Meeting
- 27 Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 29-31 4-H Discovery Days

June

- 7 Day Camp
- 10 HOK Camp counselors leave
- 11-14 HOK Camp at Rock Springs Ranch
- 19-21 4-H 4 Clover Camp
- 24 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting
- 27 District Horse Show

July

- 1 County Fair Pre-Entries Due
- 4 Office closed Fourth of July
- 9 Poultry Blood Testing
- 9 4-H Community Leader Meeting
4-H Council Meeting
- 15 Fair Clothing/Style Revue Judging
- 16 Fair Setup
- 18-22 County Fair
- 23 Fair Clean Up
- 26-Aug 4 Dodge City Days

August

- 9 State Fair Entries due
- 15 KJLS Entries due
- 26 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

September

- 6-15 State Fair
- 23 4-H Community Leader Meeting
4-H Council Meeting

October

- 1 Record Books Due
- 28 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

November

- 2 Achievement Banquet



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Dear 4-H Families,

We hope you are planning to participate in County Club Day with an individual or a club group activity.

We want everyone to have the opportunity to receive the information in each monthly 4-H newsletter. Newsletters can be emailed to each 4-H member's email if you have listed the email address under your online 4-H enrollment profile. Each parent can also have their individual email listed too. Newsletters could then be sent to the family email address, individual parents email and/or 4-H members. Just edit your online enrollment information. Questions? Give Regina or one of us a call and we can help you with this.



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