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SW YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Calling all 4-H'ers in grades 7-12! Are you ready for a fun-filled, action packed day? SWYLF is in Dodge City on January 19 at the Church of the Nazarene, 1700 W. Ross Blvd here in Dodge City. Young, Wild and Lead is the theme for this outstanding youth forum. Register online by January 4, 2019. Registration fee of \$25 includes program materials, t-shirt, snacks and lunch.

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 February 7 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** at Winter Livestock. In case of bad weather that day, it will be moved to February 21. You will be notified if it changes. Small livestock weigh-in will be 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!

4-H ENROLLMENTS

This is your last call to get your 4-H on-line updated for 2019. Even if you are enrolling in the same projects, you will still need to log-on and update. **Volunteers need to update their profiles, too!** *This will be the last month that we will send out the newsletter if you have not re-enrolled.* You will be able to add projects or delete them from your list of enrollments until May 1 for all areas, **except Livestock projects.** Those need to be enrolled prior to the weigh-in and identification date set for each specie.

VIP (Volunteer Information Profile)

Each 4-H volunteer working directly with youth in the club, is required to go through this screening and training process. The application is available from the Extension Office or at the link below. **National Background Checks**—Kansas 4-H has moved to requiring national background checks for all volunteers. All volunteers will be required to go through this process every 3 years.

Current Volunteers -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. These are available on our website or can be found online at www.kansas4-h.org and click on the Volunteer link for a form-fillable version.

KANSAS YOUTH LIVESTOCK FAMILIES

As we enter a new year, there is a very important announcement for those who plan to participate in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS. ALL exhibitors will be required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification to be eligible for either show in 2019. This applies to market animal exhibitors, those showing commercial breeding animals, and youth with registered purebred breeding animals (heifers, gilts, ewes). This is also a requirement for the 2019 Ford County Fair.

The YQCA program is the new, national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program available for youth 8-21 years of age which Andrea did last year. The program focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. This is an annual training, as the learning modules change each year. So, the curriculum grows with young people as they advance through the program. Below are some details about the program and how youth can obtain their certification. Andrea will be offering face to face classes and can answer questions about completing this online.

All families who have youth seeking certification will need to create a user account through the YQCA website and pre-register for training, regardless of the delivery method selected. Being officially registered is the only way a child can be issued a certification number upon completion of the training. Kansas 4-H members will need to visit www.yqca.org, click the "Sign In/Register" tab on the right side of the screen and log in using their 4HOnline credentials to create a user account (option on the left side of the page). FFA members will need to create an independent account (option on the right side of the page). All youth need to use their age as of January 1 and will have to pay for their course during the online registration process.

Certification Options Include:

- Instructor-led Training - \$3/child – face-to-face class taught by certified instructor. Class will be at least 60-minutes in length.
- Online Course - \$12/child – youth complete age specific knowledge builders, skills labs, and quizzes online at their convenience. Must be completed on a computer with high speed internet access; not compatible with mobile devices.
- Test-out Exam – YQCA just released this option for 2018-2019. It is only available online for 12 and 15-year-olds (first year of the intermediate and senior age divisions). Youth have one opportunity to pass a 50-question exam. 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 registering for an instructor-led class or the online course.
- National Pork Board Youth PQA + - both shows will honor YPQA + numbers issued by the National Pork Board until they expire. So, youth who have a current number that will be valid through the end of September 2019 do not need to complete the YQCA certification. Their YPQA+ number will be accepted in lieu of YQCA. The YPQA+ program has been retired by the National Pork Board, and they are no longer offering training or issuing new certification numbers. So, once a child's YPQA+ number expires, they will be expected to complete YQCA training.
- 7-year-olds are exempt from YQCA certification. The program is not designed to issue certification numbers to youth under the age of 8. So, these youth are encouraged to attend a face-to-face class but are not expected to submit a number to participate in the 2019 KJLS.

Exhibitors who state nominate animals will provide proof they have met the YQCA certification requirement by attaching a copy of their YQCA or YPQA+ certificate/card to their Declaration Form when they submit their nomination materials. Youth who will only exhibit purebred registered breeding females (which are not nominated), will submit their YQCA number as part of the online entry system when they actually enter each respective show.



4-H COUNCIL & LEADERS MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 28 at the Ford County Fair Building. Community Club Leaders will meet at 6:30 pm followed by 4-H Council at 7:00 pm.

AREA KAP JUDGING

A reminder if your KAP was selected for Area judging, the KAP is due into the Extension Office no later than Monday, January 7. These will be judged on January 10. 4-H members eligible are: Bretta Austin—Beef; Cole Bertelsen — Photography and Visual Arts; Clark Burgert — Performing Arts; Kiowa Derstein — Leadership; Calder McCollum — Horse; and Halle Robinson — Meat Goats.

FORD COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ford County 4-H Foundation is Wednesday, January 16th at 6:00 pm in the Extension Office meeting room. Members will vote on two board members for a three year term and elect officers. This is a public meeting and every Ford County resident is invited to attend.

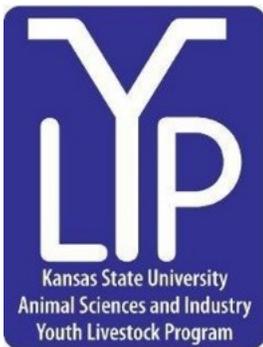
The Ford County 4-H Foundation is conducting their 37th annual membership drive. You may have already received a letter asking you to become a member. Support of this organization is through a minimum donation contribution of \$5.00. You may also make a contribution by sending a check to:

Ford County 4-H Foundation
100 Gunsmoke St.
Dodge City, KS 67801

The 4-H Foundation provides financial support to our program by: providing college and camp scholarships; sponsoring trips such as the Denver Consumer Science award trip, officer’s training, record book incentives and school enrichment programs. If you have questions about the Foundation, contact any current board member or the Extension Office.

WINTER WEATHER & 4-H ACTIVITIES

Our policy is that if school cancels for weather related events, 4-H events are canceled, too. Please check our 4-H Facebook page for cancellations if you are in doubt about the status of an event.



JUNIOR SWINE PRODUCER DAY REGISTRATION OPEN

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.

CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two-day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. CIA will be February 17 –18, 2019 in Topeka, KS. Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year are eligible to attend. Registration Deadline is January 15, 2019.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE IN EARLY 2019

All scholarships must be submitted in full and should be on the 2019 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application which can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>. The KS 4-H Scholarship requires a copy of your grade transcript, several letters of recommendation and an essay, so plan ahead! Any past 4-H member who is currently in college is eligible to apply for the KS 4-H scholarships. You are considered for all scholarships that you qualify for with one application.

Please note that the mail system takes several extra days to get to the State 4-H Office. State Scholarship application must go through our office and it needs an agent's signature. Therefore, our due date for State Scholarships to be turned into the Ford County Extension Office is Wednesday, January 23. The 2019 Scholarships must be in the State 4-H Office on February 1, 2019.

KANSAS 4-H COMMUNICATION FACT SHEETS HELPFUL FOR 4-H DAY PRESENTATIONS

Speaking skillfully before an audience is one of the hallmarks that Kansas 4-H members have been successfully doing for over 100 years. Kansas youth through 4-H have learned the skills necessary to get up before an audience and eloquently speak. 4-H helps youth learn the skills necessary to clearly organize and present thoughts and ideas through project talks, demonstrations, illustrated talks and public speaking presentations. The complete Kansas 4-H communication fact sheet series is listed below. These may be helpful as you begin to prepare for county 4-H day presentations. They can be downloaded free from the Kansas 4-H web site. Visit: <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=551>

<u>4-H Communication Fact Sheet Series Available:</u>	4-H Presentation Brainstorming Activity 4-H Preparing and Using Visual Aids Kansas 4-H Generic Record Form Presentation Score Sheets Available: 4-H Demonstration & Illustrated Talk Scoresheet 4-H Public Speaking Scoresheet 4-H Project Talk Scoresheet 4-H Effective Presentation Tips
Kansas 4-H Presentation Overview 4-H Project Talks 4-H Demonstrations 4-H Illustrated Talks 4-H Demonstration & Illustrated Talk Planning Form 4-H Public Speaking 4-H Public Speaking Record	



4-H CLUB DAYS

WHAT IS 4-H CLUB DAYS?

Club Days is a great way for 4-H'ers to showcase their talents in music, drama, dance and public speaking with others!

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN 4-H CLUB DAYS?

4-H'ers can participate in Club Days as a CLUB and/or an INDIVIDUAL.

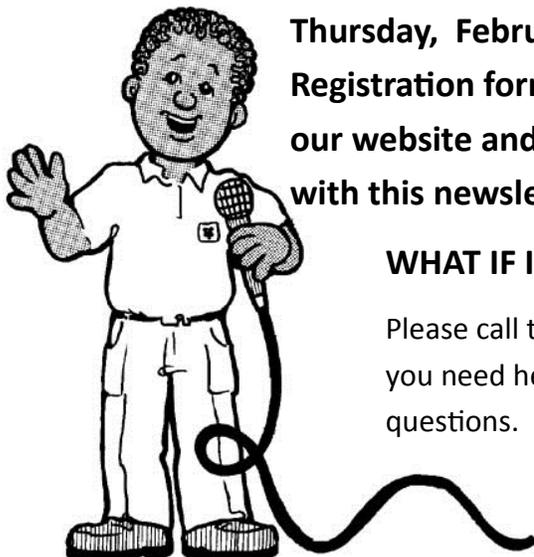
WHAT EVENTS CAN I DO?

There are a variety of events to please everyone. Please see the next page for a brief description of 4-H Club Day events. FULL descriptions and rules can be found on our website.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

EACH 4-H'er participating in an INDIVIDUAL event needs to fill out an event registration sheet. If a 4-H'er is competing in a CLUB event, the club leader needs to turn in an event registration sheet with ALL participants names. *Forms are form fillable and can be found on the Ford County Extension Website under 4-H.* **Registration needs to be turned**

into the Extension Office by Thursday, February 1, 2019. Registration forms can be found on our website and is also included with this newsletter.



WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please call the Extension Office if you need help or have any questions.

FORD COUNTY 4-H CLUB DAYS

Saturday, February 9 @DCMS
(Registration DUE By 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.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I COMPETE AT REGIONAL CLUB DAYS?

4-H'ers will be notified at the awards ceremony at County Club Days if they qualified for REGIONAL CLUB DAYS to be held on March 4th. 4-H'ers will need to notify the office ASAP if they are able to compete at regionals.

AGE is determined by Age of 4-H members on DECEMBER 31, of the current 4-H year.

Sr. Division – 14 and older

Jr. Division – 13 and younger

(unless otherwise stated in individual sections) Remember Cloverbuds can not participate in this competitive event.



CLUB DAYS

::EVENTS::

****Clubs are required to do a group event to count towards their SEAL! ****

MODEL MEETING

- **Model Meeting** - club and 1 or 2 adults
This event allows clubs to act out a 'proper business meeting' which 4-H Clubs do each month at their regular 4-H Club Meeting. In this event, clubs must include 5 parliamentary practices found in the 'Club Days Guidelines.' Two additional topics will be drawn at the competition and must be included during the competition. Please contact the office for more information.
- **Gavel Games** - 4-6 members
This is a great way for youth to practice parliamentary procedure in a fun atmosphere. Please see the 'Club Days Guidelines' for complete rules and information.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- **Show & Tell** - 1st or 2nd yr. junior members only This event is as simple as bringing your favorite toy and telling the judge all about it.
- **Project Talk** - junior members only
Gain confidence by talking to a judge about your favorite project in 4-H. Visuals are encouraged.
- **Public Speaking** - senior members only
Take the next step and write your own speech on a topic of your choice. 15 min max.
- **Extemporaneous Speaking** - senior members only
Participant draws two topics at competition and chooses one of them to speak on. 15 min prep time.
- **Digital Presentation**
Put your PowerPoint skills to work! This event can be on a 4-H Project or topic of your choice.
- **Demonstration**
Show the judge how to make a smoothie, sew on a button, or groom your dog in REAL life!
- **Illustrated Talk Readings**
Show the judge how to do something by using pictures or drawings.

DANCE:

- **Folk Step Dance** - group
May include circle, line, Irish, polka dance etc.
- **Square Dance** - group
Kick-off your shoes for some good ol' fashioned square dancing! 10 min max.
- **Other Dance** - individual or group
Are you in ballet, tap, cheerleading, clogging, etc? Then this is for you!

DRAMATICS:

- **One Act Play** - group
This is FUN for a club to do! Grab a script and practice, practice, practice! Only one scene set allowed.
- **Skit** - group
This is also fun for creative minds. Make up your own skit and put costumes and a set to it!
- **Novelty** - individual or group
Are you in gymnastics? Do you like to do ventriloquists acts, stunts, puppets or other forms of entertainment?
- **Vocal Performance** - a solo or group (2 or more)
perform a musical piece; sheet music not required for the judges.

MUSIC:

- Do you have a favorite song from band or vocal in school that you'd love to share for a judge? If so, enter it for Club Days! 4-H'ers must have sheet music for judges. An ensemble has 2-5 4-H'ers participating.
- **Vocal Solo or Ensemble**
 - **Chorus** - 6 or more in group
Group will sing two songs of their choosing.
 - **Instrumental Solo or Ensemble**
 - **Band or Orchestra** - 6 or more in group

Camp! Camp! Camp!

Announcing our camp dates for 2019.

Discovery Days will be May 28 through May 31 at K-State.

Heart of Kansas Rock Springs Ranch Camp will run from Tuesday, June 11 – Thursday, June 14, with counselor training Friday, June 8.

Ford and Hodgeman Counties Day Camp — TBA

4 Clover 4-H Camp with Gray, Ford, Hodgeman Counties and Walnut Creek District — TBA

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.



FORD COUNTY FAIR

The 2019 Ford County Fair dates have been set for Thursday, July 18 through Monday, July 22. Fair set up date is Tuesday evening, July 16 and Fair clean up after the Fair is Tuesday evening, July 23. Fashion Review and Clothing Construction judging will take place on Monday, July 15. Please put these dates on your calendar. We would love to see an increase in our exhibits and participation for 2019. Consider helping as a superintendent for 4-H.

FORD COUNTY 4-H DEADLINES

Please do your part to take responsibility for your own actions and project work. This means calling in to register for events, turning forms in on time, and calling ahead with questions. While we understand emergencies come up and mistakes are inevitable, please help us run an efficient and courteous program for all members, leaders, and volunteers. Responsibility is one of the many life skills to learn! If you need papers signed please do not wait till the last minute as both of the agents may be out of the office. Call ahead to **be sure someone will be in the office.**

FACEBOOK PAGE

Be sure to 'LIKE' Ford County 4-H on Facebook. We post a lot of important information and updates on this page! It's a great way for us to keep in contact with all of our great Ford County 4-H families!

Sign-up to get text reminders!

Never miss a county wide program, deadline, or important information again! Sign-up to get a text reminder for all of the above at the following link.

remind.com/join/fordcoun

Enroll in text reminders by entering a phone number that you can receive text messages at. You can unsubscribe from reminders via text message anytime!

To sign up for reminders for 4-H Council or Exchange/Ambassadors, please contact Ethel.



2019 Ford County 4-H Calendar

January

- 7 KAPS due for Area Judging
- 10 Area KAPS Judging
- 16 Ford Co. 4-H Foundation Annual Mtg
- 19 SW Youth Leadership Forum
- 21 Office Closed for MLK Day
- 28 4-H Community Leader Meeting
4-H Council meeting

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
- 28-31 4-H Discovery Days

June

- ?? 4-H 4 Clover Camp
- 10 HOK Camp counselors leave
- 11-14 HOK Camp at Rock Springs Ranch
- ?? Day Camp
- 24 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

July

- 1 County Fair Entries Dues
- 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



Ford County 4-H Club Day & Talent Contest

Saturday, February 9, 2019

ENTRY FORM

Please turn entry form in to your community leader. Please remember your leader must turn in form by **February 1, 2019**.

NAME _____ AGE as of January 1, 2019 _____

CLUB _____ Senior Division - - 14 and older
Junior Division - - 13 and younger

Model Meeting

Gavel Games

Show & Tell (for 1st & 2nd year members only)

Public Speaking

Demonstrations or Illustrated Talks

Extemporaneous Speaking

Project Talks

Vocal Solo

Digital Presentation

Instrumental Solo

Vocal Performance (individual)

Vocal Performance (group) #in group

Reading --Title:

Chorus (give name(s) of other members in group)

Vocal Ensemble (give name(s) of other members in group)

Band or Orchestra (give name(s) of other members in group)

Instrumental Ensemble (give name(s) of other members in group)

One Act Play (give name(s) of other members in group)

Skit, Creative Dramatics (give name(s) of other members in group)--Title:

Folk Step Dance (give name(s) of other members in group)

Square Dance (give name(s) of other members in group)

Other Dance (give name(s) of other members in group)

Novelty (give name(s) of other members in group)

Door Monitors: We need older 4-H'ers (12 & older) to assist with the operation of the County 4-H Club Day. You will be notified of when we will use your help and what we would have you do.

Yes I would like to help.

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Dodge City, KS 67801

Dear 4-H Families,

Happy New Year to all. We hope that 2019 will be a successful year for you in the 4-H program!

There are a lot of activities at the county level but also the state level that you can participate in. If you are not sure what an event/activity is, please give us a call or check and see if anyone in your club has participated in the past and ask them.

Check out the Yearly Calendar in this months newsletter. Hopefully this will assist you with your plans for the year.



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