

4-H Clover News

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LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATE

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**. 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!

SMALL ANIMAL (SWINE, SHEEP, GOAT, BUCKET CALF)

Tuesday, April 16: 4:30 pm—6:30 pm @ Ford County Fair Grounds

Alternate date is Tuesday, April 23

Animals for state shows that are not brought to respective weigh-in dates, will have a service charge of \$25 applied to tag animals.

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.

Youth Quality Care of Animals Program (YQCA)
Formerly Quality Counts Check out the enclosed flier for details.

DISCOVERY DAYS 2019

Are You Ready for Discovery Days? Put May 29 - May 31, 2019 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. This year's theme is "Discovery Your Spotlight" Discovery Days offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! You can also share your talents in the Talent Show. Are you ready to dance? Are you ready for some Call Hall ice cream? Are you ready for some great speakers and Discovery Days Night Live and all the other possibilities in your future? Join us now to enjoy this event this summer! Youth who are 13-18 years old as of January 1 of 2019 are eligible to attend.

Registration Fee is \$195 (Many classes have additional fees). Registration opens on March 1 and the deadline is April 15, at midnight. Delegates should take a look at the Class Catalog before starting their registration. There is a great selection of new classes this year! Many classes will fill up within the first day or two of Discovery Days registration being open. If delegates do not sign up for enough classes for their class schedule, they will be assigned to classes that are available and open. Please double check your schedule when you sign up.



4-H COMMUNITY LEADER/4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council meetings will be Monday, March 25th at 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building.

FLEA MARKET

The Exchange Trip group will be hosting their 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 and livestock shows 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!!

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Ford County has recruited several volunteers and has several youth interested in livestock judging. We will be having some judging workouts for those interested in learning or being on a livestock judging team. There will be a contest in Jetmore in April for those that want to attend. To have your name added to the list to receive notifications about practices, please contact the office and get added to the list.

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.

FORD CO. 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors and past 4-H members should have received information concerning the Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarships. Remember they need to be turned in by the deadline of April 1. Only complete applications will be considered and each application requires a copy of your last permanent record. Additional copies can be found on our website on the main page or at the Extension Office. One additional scholarship has been added.

TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING

Tractor Safety Training is May 4th for all teenagers who would like to attend. The training is from 8:00am-5:00pm at the Dodge City Community College. Contact the Extension Office for registration information and more details.

WANTED

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!

Current County Wide Leaders for 2019

Livestock Judging ...Brian Bertelsen
Photography Holly Martin

CAMP CENTRAL

HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP, JUNE 11-14

ROCK SPRINGS 4-H CENTER

Mark your calendars and plan to send your children to **Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp!** For only \$120, (\$190 non 4-H member) your child can experience a lifetime’s worth of memories: campfires, swimming, fishing, horseback riding, crafts, games, new friends and much, much more!

All youth who have completed 3rd thru 8th grades are welcome

4-H Camp



It's An

Adventure

4-Clover Camp—Inspire Kids to Do

June 19-21, 2019 at Dodge City Community College

Looking for a summer camp closer to home? **4-Clover Camp** is the camp for you! 4-H youth ages 7 to 10 years old are invited to attend this 3 day 2 night camp for only \$65! This camp is jammed packed with activities such as: fishing, swimming, crafts, and new friends! Theme is “Inspire Kids to Do”. Camp is for Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman and Walnut Creek District (Lane, Ness & Rush) 4-H’ers.

Apply for the Blake Stanley Camp Scholarship to help reduce your camp cost.

Calling all kids of Clark, Ford and Hodgeman Counties! We are combining our 4-H Gunsmoke Day Camp with Boot Hill Cowpoke Day Camp this year. All children who have completed Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to experience the newly combined **Day Camp**. Mark your calendars and register early...space is limited! A \$10.00 camp fee includes snacks, lunch and activity materials. Registration will be handled through Boot Hill and is due by May 24. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend day camp! Registration forms will soon be available.

Day Camp

June 7, 2019

DISCOVERY DAYS May 29-31

Manhattan—K-State Campus

Registration opened March 1.

Classes will fill up fast, so be sure to register quickly! Discovery Days is held in Manhattan, Kansas on the Kansas State University campus. It is open to ALL youth 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2019. Certain classes have special fees, so please pay attention to those! For complete details, check out kansas4h.org.



4-H Campference

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 these 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. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas. Registration will open in March. Check the state 4-H website for more details.

PLEASE NOTE

Several of the Camps listed are made affordable by financial assistance from the **Ford County 4-H Foundation** and **Ford County 4-H Council**. Take a few minutes out of your day to thank them.

Also consider applying for the **Ford/Gray County Scroggins Scholarship**. This is a one time, per year, scholarship available for members to attend a State level camp or certain state events. Check with the office for more details on this scholarship.

CAMP PAYMENT 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.



Super 4-H Saturday March 23 in Hays

All 4-H and FFA youth and adults across Kansas are invited to participate in a full day of learning experiences, Saturday, March 23, in Hays on the Fort Hays State University campus. Load the vehicle and head to Hays for an amazing Super 4-H Saturday.

Adults: Join other adult volunteers in learning and discussing 4-H topics from 10 - Noon.

Morning Activities for Youth: starting at 10 a.m. will be the NW 4-H Judging Contest, with 5 judging contests —Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, and Photography. Youth can judge at one or all of these great contests. Contest rules and registration information are posted at Cottonwood.ksu.edu There will also be a free Meat Goat workshop starting at 9:30 a.m.

Afternoon Activities for Youth: starting at 12:30 p.m. will be the Livestock Judging contest and at 1 p.m. there are project workshops. Choose your project workshop: Bread Sculpting (\$2); Creative Magnet Calendars (\$5); Photography (Free); Plant Detectives (Free); or Junk Drawer Robotics (\$5). The registration deadline is March 15, 2019.

The judging contest registration is \$5. You can pay an additional \$5 for a sack lunch.

For more information, contact Deryl Waldren, dwaldren@ksu.edu; Susan Schlichting, sschlich@ksu.edu or Robyn Deines, rdeines@ksu.edu.

FORD COUNTY FEE POLICIES—EFFECTIVE JAN. 2014

REMINDER OF OUR FEE'S POLICY

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- **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.



::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ To Calder McCollum for attending 4-H CIA and for meeting with various state representatives
- ◆ All 4-H members who participated in County Club Day and all members who will be competing at Regional Club Day
- ◆ To Candace Fry, Erika Fry and Calista Stein for serving as door monitors during county club day
- ◆ The Ambassador/Exchange members for a successful Gun Raffle. Congratulations to all the winners!

KANSAS RANGE YOUTH CAMP

Are you interested in Plants, livestock, or wildlife consider coming to a camp June 18-21 at Murdock, KS in Kingman County. Range Plant Identification, Plant Growth, Livestock Nutrition, Wildlife Management and much more will be covered. Tours and a steak supper are included in the \$250 registration fee, which is due by May 15. For more information and registration, contact the Extension Office.

AG DISCOVERY 2019

Ag Discovery is a summer outreach program designed to help teenagers explore careers in plant and animal science, wildlife management, agribusiness, and much more! This program allows students to live on a college campus and learn about agriculture from university professors, scientists, and administrative professionals who work for the U.S Government.

This 2-4 week summer outreach program for 2019 targets middle and high school students. Students chosen to participate in Ag Discovery will gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops and field trips. Students will also participate in character- and team-building activities and a variety of other events.

There are 20 universities participating in this year's program. More information can be found at www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery. Application and 3 letters of recommendation are due March 15, 2019. Contact Andrea at the Office for more information and assistance with your application.



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)**

What is it?

Ford County Guidelines

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. *Seven-year-olds need to call the office prior to registering.**

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 an user account and register for training. Each individual must have a separate e-mail address when registering. **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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2019 Ford County 4-H Calendar

March

- 1 Discovery Days registration opens
- 2 Regional 4-H Club Day
- 11 YQCA Training, 1 pm
- 23 YQCA Training, 10 am
- 25 4-H Community Leaders Meeting
4-H Council Meeting
- 30 4-H Exchange Flea Market

April

- 1 Ford County 4-H Foundation
Scholarships due
- 13 SW Fair Judges Training, AM
- 15 Discovery Days registration closes
- 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

- 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

July

- 1 County Fair Pre-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



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Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations to all club members who competed at County Club Day and advanced to Regionals.

Discovery Days registration is now open on the state website. We have our regular camps and several special camps listed in this newsletter. Registration forms are on our website or check with the office.

Take a few minutes and read through the newsletter. Remember to get registrations and fees in prior to the deadlines.


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