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4-H ENROLLMENTS

This is your last call to get your 4-H on-line updated for 2022 and **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 by January 31.* You are now able to add projects or delete them from your list of enrollments until May 1 for all areas, **except Livestock projects**, which need to be enrolled in prior to the weigh-in and identification date set for each project.

CLUB LEADERS— It is very important that you set up a Volunteer Profile in 4-H Online and verify that you have completed the volunteer training in 4-H Online! This helps us manage volunteer resources, training, and certification. Please remember that in order for a 4-H Club to be in good standing, you must have TWO leaders who have current 4-H volunteer certification.

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 17 at Winter Livestock between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.**

Ford County Fair 2022 DATES

The Ford County Fair will be held Thursday, July 21 through Monday, July 25 with fashion review judging July 18, set up on July 19, and clean up on Tuesday, July 26. Please put these dates on your calendars.

ZSuite Project Records

Have you identified your goals for the new 4-H year? If not, now's the time to get them in writing! Once you have them written down, it's time to get them entered into your ZSuite project report.

To get started, go to: <https://4h.zsuite.org/>. If you haven't already created a family profile and member profile, now's the time to do so. Then off you go! There is a recording of the "Getting Started" training and a quick guide posted on the state webpage <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>. If you don't want to complete them online, you can still complete your records by using the pdf forms found on our website. Remember you will need to use acrobat reader, which can be download from the website also. Don't wait until September, see what it's all about and get started now!

4-H COUNCIL & LEADERS MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 24 at the Ford County Fair Building. Community Club Leaders will meet at 6:30 pm followed by 4-H Council at 7:00 pm. We will meet in person.

AREA RECORD BOOK JUDGING

A reminder if your Record Book was selected for area judging, the record book is due into the Extension Office no later than Friday, January 14, 2022. Those eligible from Ford County are:

Clark Burgert –STEM, Civic Engagement (Citizenship), & Leadership; Alexa Gerdes - Clothing and Textiles; Stanton Custer – Rabbits; Rachel Harrold – Meat Goats; Paige Mink – Plant Science; Josie Robinson – Horse; Kyle Ruehle – Beef, Communications, Visual Arts; Braeden Simon – Foods and Nutrition, Poultry, Sheep, Shooting Sports, Swine; and Harlee Tilley -- Photography.

If any adult would like to attend the judging and help with the screening of these books, please let us know.

FORD COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ford County 4-H Foundation is Wednesday, January 12th at 5:30 pm in the Ford County Fair Building (middle room—use north door). 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. A minimum donation of \$5 entitles you to one vote at the annual meeting and election of board of directors. The Ford County 4-H Foundation is conducting their 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. To make a contribution, send 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 call 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 PRODUCER DAY REGISTRATION OPEN

The 2022 Kansas Junior Producer Day dates have been set! We are excited to return to hosting in-person events next spring. Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be Saturday, March 5, with Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day scheduled for Saturday, March 19. Both events will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day educational events for families to learn more about the selection and management of a specific specie. Youth, adults, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to attend!

Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, and guest speakers. Topics range from selection, to nutrition, to meat science and showmanship. Tentative schedules and registration information are forthcoming. For more information, including details to sign up, please follow the @ksuylp Facebook page and check the KSU YLP website: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>.

CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

Citizenship in Action will be in person for 2022. Plans are being made for programming on February 20 -21. Youth have an opportunity to practice their leadership skills and learn how they can influence laws and rules that affect society at large. This two-day event is sponsored by Kansas 4-H Youth Development and the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the program 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.

The current plan is a community conversation, including deliberating on tough conversations that matter and finding creative ways to attain common ground on Sunday afternoon (tentatively 1p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with a banquet and keynote event in the evening).

On Monday the program will allow youth to see the capitol, meet with their representatives and senators, and have a more behind the scenes understanding of the legislative process.

Registration should open in early January and will be due Tuesday, February 1. Visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html> for more information.

STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE IN EARLY 2022

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Scholarship Applications are now open on the [Kansas 4-H Scholarship Opportunities Webpage](#). All applications and corresponding requested materials must be submitted by **March 1st, 2022**. If you have any questions about the scholarship application process, please contact Andrea or Ethel.

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. Responsibility is one of the many life skills to learn! If you need papers signed, please do not wait until 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!

TRAVELING PHOTOS

We are needing the photos from the 2021 Ford County Fair which were designated for the Traveling Photo Display to be brought to the Extension Office. We would like to have these by January 14 so we can start arranging for displays around the community.

CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

Don't forget if you are interested in attending summer camp at Rock Springs this year, you can enroll at www.rockspringsranch4Hcamp.org at anytime. You have choices of 4 days/3 nights or 7 days/6 nights camping opportunities. You can select dates that fit your schedule as our county does not have a specific time frame for camping. Visit with your friends near and far and sign up for the camp you are all interested in. There are camps for 3rd through 12th grades, with different price tiers. Questions? Call the Extension Office for more details.

FAIR BOARD MEETINGS DATES

The Fair Board has set their regular monthly meeting dates for the upcoming year to be the second Tuesday of each month starting in January of 2022. Meetings will take place at the Fair Building starting at 7 p.m.



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. You must be enrolled through KS 4-H Online.

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 online through Sign Up Genius. If a 4-H'er is competing in a CLUB event, the club leader needs to register for a club time through Sign Up Genius. Please list ALL participants names in the comment area.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA4AA2CA6F4C16-ford6>

Registration needs to be completed by January 28.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

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



Ford County Club Day—Feb. 5,

Dodge City Senior Center,
2408 Central, Dodge City.

Registration will be through Sign Up Genius. Sign up early to get the presentation time you want. Registration is due by January 28, 2022!!

REGIONAL 4-H CLUB DAYS

Saturday, TBD

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 after County Club Days if they qualified for REGIONAL CLUB DAYS. 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.



COUNTY 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

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Dear 4-H Families,

Happy New Year to all. We hope that 2022 will be a year of hope and prosperity for our families and our 4-H program.

We are planning to have club day and regional club day as in person events this year. Check out the information in this newsletter for more information concerning club day.

Being we are three months into the 4-H year, we have decided not to hold an officer training this year. If you are needing treasurer's or secretary's books, contact the office and we can mail them out, or you can also download from the State 4-H website. Other officer materials are also located on our county and state website.

Now is the perfect time to start on your record book by setting your goals for the year. These can be recorded in the new ZBooks records online or by starting your pdf record book files.

Have a great new year!!



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