Leadership Opportunity!!! – 4-H Action Teams

Kansas 4-H Action Teams serve to bring youth, volunteers, and K-State Research and Extension staff together to plan and conduct educational state 4-H programs, events and activities. Input from action teams assures grassroots involvement, provides leadership opportunities, and creates a cadre of informed, motivated volunteers across the state. Action teams may either be on-going or convened for a specific time to design and implement a specific program or initiative. Decisions regarding the formation of a new team or the dissolution of an existing team lie with the Kansas 4-H State Program Leader and the faculty liaison. To learn more about Kansas 4-H Action Teams visit Kansas 4-H Action Team Guidelines on the state 4-H website.

Action team principles include:

- A commitment to the mission of K-State Research and Extension/Kansas 4-H
- Understanding and support of the principles of positive youth development
- Shared partnership of youth, adult volunteers and Extension staff
- An appointed membership aligned with Kansas demographics of differing ages, genders, geographic and cultural representation preferred

Mid-Year Check-up

Can you believe that the 4-H year is already half way over?? May is a busy month, but this may be a good time to do a checkup to see how you/your club is doing. There are many things that could be reviewed, but here are a few to think about:

- Do you attend Club meetings, project meetings and actively participate with your club? Attendance at with your Community 4-H Club is an expectation!
- Are 4-H officers involved in the planning and delivery of the club meeting?? Do they work with the Club Leader in advance, discussing the business of the meeting?
- Do all members practice proper Parliamentary procedure? Try to utilize your parliamentarian or older 4-Hers to instruct the younger members on proper procedure.
- Have you your club been reviewing the goals you set at the beginning of the year? The Club Seal check sheet is a good benchmarking tool for clubs and the individual Member Achievement pin plans for 4-Hers.
- Have you pulled out your 4-H record sheets and begun to enter information on them? Don’t forget we have new project record sheets! Starting early and working on records throughout the year is a very good idea!
- Are you doing a good job of tracking financial information and conducting mini-reviews of club finances?? You don’t have to wait until the end of the year to review the books. Involve a financial review committee of youth and adults throughout the year.
- Do you read the 4-H Newsletter, check your email often, update 4HOnline when you make changes to your account and go to the Meadowlark District website? We try hard to provide you with needed information in many ways. Help us out by reading what we provide to you.
- Are you having fun, investing time and taking advantage of opportunities?
**Northeast District Horse Show**

Any horse project member age 9 and older, who wishes to possibly attend the Kansas State Fair in the horse project, needs to first participate and qualify at the NE District Horse show. This event will be held July 6th in Topeka. Entries are due June 8th to the show secretary. ALL youth participants MUST have your Horse Achievement Level I testing done PRIOR to entry time. Information and registration forms can be found on the Events page of the Meadowlark District 4-H website.

**State 4-H Geology Field Trip**

Attention all 4-H members in the Geology Project! The state 4-H Geology Field Trip is right around the corner and we want you to be a part of it! On June 9-11, 2017 in Tecumseh, KS 4-Hers from across the state will gather to learn more about the geology project, collect specimens, and participate in quiz bowls and judging contests. Headquarters for the trip will be at the Shawnee Heights Middle School. For more field trip details, lodging and meals info, please visit the 4-H Geology Field Trip webpage. The trip will cost $12/person, and registration will close Sunday, May 21st. To register, visit: [http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html)

**2017 Insect Spectacular**

Beetles, bugs, dragonflies and more! It’s time to get registered for the 25th Insect Spectacular. The State Entomology Workshop will be held Friday and Saturday, June 23 & 24 at the Sternberg Museum in Hays. The workshop is open to anyone interested in insects. Registration is due to Vicky Wallace by May 30th. Visit the Events page of our website for more information and a flyer OR contact Vicky at vicky.wallace@cox.net

**Livestock Shows in The District**

**Jackson County Spring Show**

The Jackson County Spring Livestock Show committee has been working and planning the annual spring livestock show May 27-28 at the Northeast Kansas Heritage complex. Beef, Sheep and Meat Goat project members should plan to attend on Saturday the 27th and Swine members on Sunday the 28th. Information and registration forms can be found on the Events page of the Meadowlark District 4-H website.

**Nemaha County Prospect Livestock Show**

Saturday, June 10th will be the date for the annual prospect livestock show at the fairgrounds in Seneca. There will be classes for Beef, Meat Goats, Sheep and Swine. This show is designed to encourage members to work with livestock early and participate in an event besides the county fair. Information and registration forms can be found on the Events page of the Meadowlark District 4-H website.

**Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic**

The 2017 Dr. Bob Hines Kansas Swine Classic is scheduled for July 7-8, at CiCo Park in Manhattan. This two-day event includes educational workshops, showmanship contest, and a prospect and market hog show. It is open to all Kansas youths ages 7 through 18 as of January 1, 2017. Be watching the June Newsletter for more information.

**Hold the Date!!!—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes**

August 19-20, Manhattan
Fun at 4-H Camp is Coming!!!

School is just about out for the summer and that signals a busy time for 4-Hers. More focus on project meetings and project work for upcoming fairs, but there are also numerous opportunities to take in summer camps of all kinds. Be mindful of registration deadlines and don’t be afraid to ask a friend to come along with you. Hooking youth on 4-H camps, often times leads to new 4-H members. Here’s a reminder about 4-H Camp, complete details were found in the April 4-H newsletter.

Join us at Rock Springs June 21-24, for a great time at camp! 4-H Camp is open to 4-H and non 4-H members ages 7 through completed 7th grade. Registrations and medical forms can be found on the 4-H NEWS website: http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html and are also available in the office. All forms and registration fee of $210 are due in the office no later than May 19! We hope to see you there! Older teens are also needed for camp counselors and will need to submit a counselor application by the same date. If you are too old for 4-H camp, check out the CAMPFERENCE article, this event is designed for you!

4-H Campference Registration Continues

Youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2017) still have the opportunity to sign up for Campference, which will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Register online by May 15 (or earlier - it will close when it is full) and payment must be in the local Extension Offices by May 15. Detailed information can be found at: http://www.kansas4h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/index.html

Leadership Unlocked! - July 16-18, 2017

That’s right, we’ll help you unlock your leadership potential as you learn awesome leadership skills and techniques. You and all participants will look for “clues” to unlock the leadership within while learning in workshops & doing fun recreational activities at the Rock Springs 4-H Center south of Junction City, Kansas. You’ll leave with the keys that reveal anyone, especially you, can lead, anytime, anywhere. Hurry to register – there are only 200 spots available for qualified teens!

This leadership adventure is open to all Kansas High School youth who will be a sophomore or junior beginning the fall of 2017. Registration deadline is June 1, 2017. To register and more information go to: https://kansas4hfoundation.org/leadership-unlocked/
The cam fee is $275.

Kansas State Fair - Summer Reading Challenge

A book is a magical thing. Once you open one up and start to read, you can find yourself transported to any place in the world, any time in history, or any fantasy your imagination can envision. The Kansas State Fair wants to encourage students to read over the summer and learn more about agriculture. Simply read eight qualifying books this summer and record them on the a journal page that can be found on the “News” page of the 4-H website.

Books read aloud by an adult can also be counted. Bring or mail your completed journal to the Kansas State Fair by August 15 to receive your KSF reading fun pack which includes a special ribbon & fun Kansas agriculture information. Your name will also be put into a drawing for a free Kids Club ticket package to attend the 2017 Kansas State Fair.

Food Preservation Workshop

4-Hers interested in food preservation will have an opportunity to learn “hands-on” and practice safely preserving food using boiling water bath and pressure canner methods, as well as drying, at the Grantville United Methodist Church on June 28th from 9 am - 4 pm.

Each participant will take come at least three jars of canned produce and dried herb mix. Karen Blakeslee, Rapid Response Center, and Cindy Williams, District Extension Agent, will be conducting this workshop.

A $25 registration fee and form is due to the Oskaloosa Extension office by June 21st. Complete details and information can be found on the flyer, which is available on the Meadowlark District website.
Help Needed

We need your help in identifying families who would have fun hosting an IFYE representing Taiwan 4-H. He is an 8-year member of 4-H and is interested in learning about State Fair (and probably county fairs), 4-H camp and 4-H projects. He’d like to learn ways to promote 4-H. He uses his education in Computer Science and Information Engineering to market using Facebook and other platforms. If you are a family who is active in 4-H with kids and/or parents interested in computer science who might host him for 2-3 weeks, please contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net. He needs a family each for June 19-July 8/9, July 29/30-August 19/20 and August 19/20-September 5.

Lots of Exchange Girls Need Hosts

Some years the Kansas 4-H Exchanges give us lots of young men. 2017 is just the opposite! Seven girls are arriving this summer for exchanges. Each will be hosted by several host families for 2-3 weeks each. A more detailed description of each may be found on the Kansas 4-H web site by following this link to the matrix under “IFYE Hosting” at this link: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/host-family-information/index.html

Please contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net for updates and reserve a time and preferred exchangee while application is in process to include background checks and other documentation. The application and other materials are available on the above-noted web page.

Congratulations Seniors

From all of us at the Extension Office, we would like to congratulate all the graduating High School Seniors and wish you luck as you move into the next stage of life!

Achievers: Burke Deters, Trevor Holthaus
Beacon Builders: Cody Ptomey, Rebekah Plant
Busy Jayhawks: Blake Plattner, Payton Strahm
Centralia Aces: Breanna Hasenkamp, Cassidy Haufler
Clover Power: Amber Graber, Austin Ramey, Jack Roenne, Nathan Buss, Taylor Hamon
Delia Early Birds: Jared Ebert
Grantville Circle G: Payke Brown
HHHH: Brandon Haverkamp, Claire Deters
Jolly Juniors: Marek Koch

Mayetta Mustangs: Jordan Cox, Karlie Miller
Ontario Busy Bees: Bethany Smith
Pleasant Valley Rustlers: Alexandra Clark, Parker Zeller
Pony Express: Marissa Randel, Mary Hemman
Prosperity: Jared Stevens, Jason Myers, Shanie Adams, Tanner Page
Red Rustlers: McKenna Lueger
Soldier Boosters: John Kenned
Stateliners: Cara Knapp, Eric Renyer
Valley Victors: Mallory Burns, Matthew Hinman
Winchester: Grace Kramer
Woodlawn Meadowlarks: Gwyneth Claas, Mika Schmelzle
News from the Holton Office

Spring Weigh In
Spring Weigh-In for sheep and goats will be **May 4th** from 6-7:30 p.m. at the NE KS Heritage Barn. Tags will be $3.00 and must be paid for that night. Around 6:45 p.m. we will have a Showmanship Tips and Tricks, so be sure to stick around.

4-H Council Meeting
The next 4-H Council Meeting is **June 8th** at 7 pm at the NE KS Heritage Building.

Fair Information
You will receive your pre-fair packet at your June 4-H Meeting. This will include your fairbook, pre-entry sheets, computer number, yellow entry cards and stickers.
Projects that are pre-entered are: All Livestock, Rabbits, Poultry, Dog, Horse, Foods (Table Setting), Photography, All Clothing, Woodworking, all Space Tech, Welding, Arts & Crafts, Fiber Arts, Talent Show, Entomology, Geology, Forestry, Hale Bale, Banner & Floats.
Pre-Entries will be due July 1st (accepted until July 3rd due to 1st being on a Saturday).

Pre-Fair Judging
**Tuesday, July 18th** at Holton High School judging of all Photography, Arts & Crafts, Fiber Arts, Table Settings and Clothing & Textiles

Horse ID’s
Horse ID’s will not be required for the Fair Horse Show, but will be required for District Show and State Fair.

Swine ID Forms
Due to office on May 1

Spring Livestock Show
The Jackson County Spring Livestock Show will be held on **May 27th and May 28th**. Saturday will be the Sheep, Goats and Beef and Sunday will be the Swine. For more information please visit the Meadowlark Extension District 4-H Event page for entry forms or contact Toni Kucan at 851-7344 or Jo Ann Nelson at 364-7479.

Ambassador Day Camp
The annual Jackson County Ambassador Day Camp will be **Wednesday, June 7th** from 9 am to 11:30 am at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. This is open to all youth from Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Cost is $5 per child and registration form can be found on the District Website. We will have Crafts, Games, Snacks, Barnyard Olympics & Science Fun.

2017 Fair Trash Clean Up Schedule
Trash needs to be picked up every morning between 7:30 and 9 am. Trash bags are located in the fairbuilding inside the janitor closet or stop by the livestock building office.
**Tuesday, Aug 1**  – Straight Arrows, Delia Early Birds, Gypsies
**Wednesday, Aug 2**  – Hoyt Livewires, Ontario Busy Bees, North Jackson Jets
**Thursday, Aug 3**  – Soldier Boosters, Mayetta Mustangs, Pleasant Valley Rustlers
**Friday, Aug 4**  – Lucky Stars, Denison Builders

Fair Concession Schedule
**Monday, July 31**
- 9 am-3:30 pm Building – Straight Arrows
- 3 pm-10 pm Building – Soldier Boosters
- 9 am-1 pm Food Sale/ Food Auction – Lucky Stars
- 4 pm-10 pm Barn – North Jackson Jets

**Tuesday, Aug 1**
- 8 am-3:30 pm Building – Straight Arrows
- 3 pm-10 pm Building – Denison Builders
- 6 pm-9 pm Building – Straight Arrows
- 8 am-1 pm Barn – Soldier Boosters
- 3:30 pm-10 pm Barn – Hoyt Livewires

**Wednesday, Aug 2**
- 9 am-3:30pm Building – Delia Early Birds
- 3 pm-10pm Building – North Jackson Jets
- 7 pm-10 pm Building – Hoyt Livewires
- 8 am-1pm Barn – Pleasant Valley Rustlers

**Thursday, Aug 3**
- 9:30 am-3:30 pm Building – Mayetta Mustangs
- 3 pm-10pm Building – Hoyt Livewires
- 6 pm-9pm Building – Gypsies
- 5pm-10pm Barn – Ontario Busy Bees
News from the Oskaloosa Office

4-H Carnival
Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the annual carnival run smoothly, donated items, and sold tickets. It was fun! Raffle tickets sales were up this year—thanks for your hard work selling!

Fairgrounds Improvements
If your club is interested in working on a project(s) at the fairgrounds, please notify the office about what you would like to do. If you need ideas of items needing to be done, we can provide a current list and will have more jobs following the May Council meeting. The weather is cooler now, so think about completing these projects early.

Royalty Candidates
The Royalty Contest will be held at 7:00 pm, on Wednesday, June 28. Club candidate names due in office by Friday, May 26th. Candidate 4-H age divisions are: Queen & King/14 & Up, Princess & Prince/13 & Below. It is an honor to be selected as a candidate, and we encourage all clubs to participate in each division.

Project Members
Please try to attend any project meetings held. Don’t wait until the last minute to begin your project work/fair entry. By starting now, you will have less stress and better finished items to enter at the fair.

Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp
June 21-24, 2017
4-H Camp is open to non 4-H members ages 7 through completed 7th grade. Check the April newsletter for complete information. Registration forms due in office Friday, May 19th. Don’t forget to complete a Foundation Funding Request form and turn into the office by May 19th as well.

Project Leaders
We have a lot of project support materials in the office. Let us know if you need resources!

Jefferson Co. 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament
The tournament will be Saturday, July 8, at the Village Greens Golf Course. Pre-register by July 6th to Toni Reeves at 785-640-8457 or reeves.toni@yahoo.com.
Sponsoring a hole or cash donations to help the Foundation help our 4-Hers are always needed and appreciated!

Fair Participants-Deadlines for Required Forms
May 1-Swine I.D. form due in office & tag in ear, Breeding Stock I.D. Form (NEW THIS YEAR) due by 4:30 pm in office. Breeding stock must be identified by EID Tag (EID tags available for purchase in office), farm tag, tattoo, OR notch. Horse I.D.’s due.
June 1-Bucket Calf form due in office & tag in ear.
June 30-Pre-Entry Form (NEW THIS YEAR) required for Beef, Bucket Calf, Dairy Cows, Swine, Horse, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Poultry, and Rabbits, along with Horse Show Entry Form, due in office.
(See the Meadowlark District/ Jefferson page for I.D. and Pre-Entry forms)
June 30-Fair Participants
Code of Conduct due in office—This form is for all fair participants and a parent, in any project area, to read and sign. It is completed once in your 4-H career. It is different than the Show Ring Code of Ethics which all livestock exhibitors & a parent are required to sign (found on back of spring weigh-in and I.D. forms) on a yearly basis.
News from the Seneca Office

Changes at the Fair
There will be some changes at the fair this year. One thing will be more classes judged at Consultation Judging on July 19th. Misc. Space Tech, Banners, Books, Posters, and Table Setting will now be judged July 19th.

Fairgrounds Clean-Up
The fair board will hold their pre-fair clean-up night on June 7th at 5:30pm. If you or your club is interested in taking part and helping get the fairgrounds ready come by and lend a hand. This will include cleaning in the Community Building.

4-H Council Food Stand
The Council food stand will be making chili for the fair June 12th starting at 9:00 am. ALL HELP IS WELCOME! Please bring your electric skillets to fry the hamburger. If you have any questions, please contact Deb at the Extension office or Hannah Huerter.

Pre-Entry Forms
The fair books have been sent to the printer. They should be arriving to your club leaders in late May. This can also be found on the Nemaha page on the district website. Once again you will be able to pre-enter online. It will be opening soon.

Pie Contest at the Fair
Again this year there will be homemade pie served in the fair concession stand! We will be using all pie entries entered at the fair for this. So why not enter a pie and help the 4-H Council concession food stand. Pass the word to all Moms and Grandmas and let’s see who makes the best pie in Nemaha County. The contest will be Saturday July 29th, watch for more information.

Spring Livestock Show
All Beef, Meat Goat, Sheep & Swine project members are invited to attend the third annual Nemaha County Prospect Livestock Show in Seneca on June 10th. This is a great local opportunity to get your livestock out and yourself some practice, before the fair. Pre-entries are due June 8th. Visit the “Events” page of the District website for a flyer with more information.

If your livestock is not yet ready to show, or you don’t feel comfortable doing a spring show, the show committee invites you to come out to watch or help run the event. There are numerous opportunities to help. Watch your email for more details about what jobs are available.

Kansas Pride and Fair Theme
The Theme for the Kansas Pride class at the 2017 4-H Fair will be “Fences”. Remember these pictures must be taken in Kansas. Start taking pictures now and get creative!

The theme for the 2017 fair will be “Developing 4-H Hero’s”.

Important Dates

Ambassador Day Camp
The Nemaha County 4-H Ambassadors will once again be hosting their annual Day Camp on Wednesday June 7th. This is open to all youth ages 5-10. These youths do not have to be 4-H members.

The morning event will be held Sabetha City Hall from 9:30-11:30 am. The afternoon event will be from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Community Building in Seneca.

Cost is $5.00 per child and registration forms can be found on the Event page of district website. There will be Crafts, Games and Snacks.

Livestock Showmanship Clinic
We will be having a FREE Livestock Showmanship Clinic at the fairgrounds June 8th at 9:00 am. Come learn how to show the different animals or polish up on your skills before the Spring Livestock Show June 10th. If you plan to attend this clinic, please RSVP to Deb by 5th.

Fair Exhibits and Table Setting Clinic
Are you not sure if you have your labels your fair exhibit correctly? Well come learn the tricks and tips for your fair exhibits. This will be June 8th at 11:00 am in the Community Building. There will also be a Table Setting Clinic at 11:30 am June 8th.

Be watching for your Big Brown Envelope coming in June with your newsletter and fair pre-entries.
Calendar of Events

May 1: Drop/Add Project Deadline
Swine ID’s & YPQA due
4-H Horse Id’s due
State Mrk Beef Nom. due

May 4: Sheep/Goat Weigh-In,
Sheep/Goat Showmanship
Clinic 7 pm, Holton

May 12: Horse Judging Reg. due
May 15: Campference Reg. due
Range Camp Reg. due
May 19: 4-H Camp Reg. due
May 21: Geology trip Reg. due
May 22: JF 4-H Council meeting
Lyšk Judging camp reg due
May 27-28: Spring Livestock Show
May 29: All Offices Closed
May 30: Insect Spectacular reg due
May 30-June 2: Discovery Days
Sewing Camp

June 1: Leadership Unlocked Reg.
June 6: Daycamps - Valley Falls/
Nortonville
June 7: Daycamp - Holton
Daycamps - Meride/Ozawkie
Daycamps - Sabetha/Seneca
June 8: Daycamps - Perry/McLouth
Showmanship/Table Setting
JA 4-H Council meeting
District Horse Show entries
June 9-11: State Geology Fieldtrip
June 10: Spring Livestock Show
June 15: St Lvstk Nominations due
June 21: Food Pres. Reg. due
June 21-24: Pioneer Trails camp
June 23-24: Insect Spectacular
June 27-30: Campference
June 28: Food Preservation Wrksp

Investing in the Future of 4-H:
The Kansas 4-H Program Fee

Beginning with the 2017 4-H year, Kansas 4-H will implement a
$15 per member program fee for all
community club 4-H members. The
program fee will be paid at the time
of enrollment within 4HOnline. *A
detailed explanation of the fee with
Frequently Asked Questions is avail-
able and will be sent to all 4-H
families via email. Please be sure to
read it closely, as it will answer many
of your questions about the payment
process. We will continue to com-
municate details about Investing in
the Future of Kansas 4-H and the
Kansas 4-H Program Fee throughout
the summer months.