**Guidance for Summer Extension Programming**
*(Taken from Dr. Gregg Hadley’s Tipsheet correspondence with Extension Staff)*

During these difficult times, we need to work to give our youth and families experiences of the highest quality while mitigating health and safety risks. As we look forward to reopening and further reestablishing our in-person work throughout the state, clarity regarding the steps we can take – and those we must take – has proven challenging because of the different entities that have jurisdiction over our work. This article is intended to bring more clarity to our current status.

On Feb. 23, 2021, K-State shared guidance for summer 2021 programs: Kansas State University continues a phased approach for resuming operations. The phases align with national and local requirements and guidance. The university is currently in Reopening Phase 3.

As part of the reopening process, the university will allow in-person, hybrid and virtual programs for summer 2021. This includes programs for visitors and youth-serving programs. All academic and non-academic programs held during summer 2021, including programs sponsored by university colleges, departments, extension and administrative units, third parties and K-State Athletics, must develop a COVID-19 safety and risk mitigation plan and follow other steps of the approval process.

What does this mean for extension and programming for the duration of the semester and in preparation for the summer? On March 2, 2021, university risk-management staff approved extension administration’s continued use of the following processes:

- Following extension COVID-19 communications and protocols for activities are found here: [https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/employee_resources/covid-19/safe-events.pdf](https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/employee_resources/covid-19/safe-events.pdf)
- Use of the Face to Face Meeting Necessity Form for all face-to-face spring and summer activities – This is reflective of our present submission-for-approval process. Specifically, this form is to guide program preparations and planning.
- Default to the local health authority directives when considering group size limits
- It is understandable that there are programs and projects where face-to-face engagement is the only accepted means of engagement for practical or programmatic rules perspectives. In situations like these, face-to-face will be the accepted method of engagement, but they must comply to our masking, sanitizing, and social distancing guidelines. The foundation of this guidance has been in place for extension programs since July 4, 2020.

Please keep in mind that the emphasis for these directives is to engage as many learners in extension programs as possible, not look for reasons to exclude learners from participation.

As we plan to bring youth and volunteers back to more in-person events and look forward to summertime, our intent is for everyone to be as thoughtful and considerate about offering opportunities to participate as safely as they feel comfortable doing so. The pandemic has not ended, so we must continue to put safety and science in the front seat. If you’re planning a live event, make sure everyone is masked, using sanitizer, and properly distanced. Also make sure you’ve given thought to how participants can engage virtually. These forms and processes are in place to ensure that we are all following through, with system-wide professionalism and fidelity, to manage risks responsibly while moving toward the goal of fully open, in-person engagement. It’s not a difficult process, but it’s also not as easy as we all wish it were. The bottom line is that it’s a necessary process, and we’re a lot closer to the end than the beginning.
May 1 - An IMPORTANT Deadline Date!!!

There are many important dates in the 4-H calendar year, but May 1 is one of the busiest!! A very important deadline in 4-H is the ADD/DROP project deadline. Have you decided that a 4-H project is simply not working out or that you have found something new you would like to try?? May 1 is the last point in which you can officially add or drop a project from your 4-H enrollment for the year. Remember, this is PROJECT ENROLLMENT, not what you plan to enter for fair. You can be enrolled in a project and not take anything related to that project to the fair, that’s okay!

May 1 is the deadline for new members to be enrolled by to participate in fairs this summer as well. Keep in mind, a 4-H project record should be completed on each project you are enrolled in and that you can only enter 4-H classes at the fair related to project that you are enrolled in! May 1 is also the deadline date for other things such as Swine Identification paper submission, KSF/KJLS Market Beef nomination deadline, Horse ID deadline to name a few!

To ADD or DROP a project, all you need to do is to log back into your 4honline account and make the changes yourself! With the conversion to 4HOnline 2.0, there have been challenges in this regard. IF this functionality is not working by May 1, simply reach out to your local Extension office and staff will assist in making changes to your 4HOnline account.

Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp - June 12-15

A noted absence last summer was the cancellation of 4-H Summer Camp. Just recently, it has been announced that 4-H Camp will be happening in 2021! There will be some substantial changes in the camp experience, to help mitigate COVID risk. Most notably, will be a reduced capacity of less than ½ of “normal” and the requirement to wear mask at camp (inside and outside) and maintaining “pods” where camping groups will not intermix like past years.

4-H Camp will run from late afternoon of June 12 to early afternoon of June 15. It is expected that youth attend 4-H camp the full time, they will NOT be allowed to come and go from camp. Campers stay in a housing unit with 6-7 other campers of about the same age, from all across northeast and north central Kansas. While at camp, this camp “group” experiences many of the activities Rock Springs has to offer. Cost will be $250 per camper. Parents need to provide transportation to camp.

Registration information is still being worked out, with forms to be found on the Meadowlark District 4-H News Page http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html when available. In an effort to gauge interest level in participation a survey has been developed at: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_430ZfH79mxkmcuy and responses will help navigate the modified 2021 camping experience.

Older teens, ages 16 and up, are needed to serve in the role of a 4-H Camp Counselor. You will go to Rock Springs a day earlier to receive training on what you need to know to be an effective counselor. A registration form will soon be available at the local Extension Office or via the District 4-H news website mentioned above. Applications for Camp Counselors are due April 15. The number of counselors needed will be made after we have camper registration.

Virtual Southeast Leadership Forum

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Members from the SE Region have been working hard to put together a Virtual Youth Leadership Forum, scheduled for Sunday, April 11, 1-4:30 PM. Registration is $20 per youth, Adult Volunteers and Staff are free. Those registered get a packet mailed to their house with all the information that they will need to take part! Youth (ages 12-18) and adults are invited to come together online to learn more about leadership, 4-H and practice new skills.

Registration is open now! Find information at https://www.southeast.k-state.edu/program_areas/4-h/docs/SELF%20Flyer%20202021.pdf and register at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html Once registered, payment should be submitted to your local Extension office, made payable to 4-H Council. Registration will close on March 29, 2021 or sooner if the event fills.
Rock Springs Ranch Summer Leadership Program

Do you know of someone who thrives in working with youth? Likes being outdoors? Enjoys a team environment? Loves 4-H? If so, look no further than the Rock Springs Ranch Summer Leadership Program! Rock Springs is seeking applicants who are:

- 18 years or older
- Positive Role Models
- Passionate

Rock Springs Ranch is hiring specialists in: Leadership/Challenge, Conservation, Shooting Sports, Aquatics, Equine and Crafts/Retail! If you know of someone who would enjoy this opportunity, please refer them to https://rocksprings.net/employment/seasonal/ for more information and to apply!

Endorse the Course

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is challenging their peers including all clubs across Kansas to Endorse the Course! More than 75 years ago, in 1945, the land that is now part of Rock Springs Ranch was purchased to become the new home for Kansas 4-H camp, all because of 4-H youth. Youth raised the funds to pay off the mortgage before the first camping season even began! Youth Council was inspired by what these Kansas 4-H members did 75 years ago and have an idea for making sure camp is extra special for the next 75 years.

With their leadership, we are introducing a new Leadership Adventure Course at Rock Springs Ranch! This is a team obstacle course with high ropes, low elements and a dueling zip line that serve as leadership development tools. All Kansas 4-H clubs are challenged to Endorse the Course by making a gift today! Gifts made between now and May 1 will ensure the Leadership Adventure Course is complete for campers this summer and for the next 75 years! Kansas 4-H clubs have a goal to raise $25,000. For every $5,000 they raise, generous donors who believe in them will match every gift dollar for dollar, up to $25,000! That means their total would double and become $50,000!

To learn more or to make a gift in support visit: kansas4hfoundation.org/ETC. If you have any questions about Endorse the Course, please call Lindsey Oakes at the Kansas 4-H Foundation at 785-775-0123 or email giving@kansas4hfoundation.org.

Campference 2021

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2021), and will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs Ranch. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities of 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 communicate with others. Detailed information will be on the State 4-H Website in April.

Delegates should to register early as the space will fill on a first come basis and Campference was full the last five in person years. Register online by May 5 (or earlier, closes when it is full).
Why 4-H???

(Noting the IMPACT of the 4-H Program in the lives of young people, in their own words.)

“My week as a 4-H Counselor was such a great opportunity! It proved, beyond a doubt, that I want to be a teacher.”
Beef Weigh In
We weighed in 72 steers at the 2021 Beef Weigh In. Reminder that we have to have at least 3 to make a class. The following classes will be held at the fair: Angus, Crossbred and All Other Breed.

4-H Club Day
Congratulations to all 4-Hers who participated in County Club Days on Saturday, March 6 at Sabetha. Thanks goes out to the clubs and volunteers who helped make the day possible. If you received a purple on your project talk and would like to take it to the State Fair in the fall. Please be sure to register it when you register your other projects in August.

Important Reminders
Everyone please keep selling the Fair Booster Memberships. Asking each family to sell at least 5. The money goes towards paying for Fair Judges, Ribbon Premiums and other Fair Expenses. The Superintendent Sign Up Sheet will be e-mailed out to everyone. If you are interested in being a Fair Superintendent please fill out the form and return to the office by April 15. Some fair updates include:
- Fair Dog Show - July 11, 9:00 AM
- Fair Horse Show - July 17, 8:30 AM

Shooting Sports
Congratulations to all the shooters that took part in the Bullmasters match which was held March 13 & 14. Also would like to thank all the volunteers and parents who helped make the match run smoothly. We truly appreciate everything you do for the youth.

Ambassador Day Camp
Be watching for more information on this. We are hoping to be able to have one this year.

Livestock Premium Auction Requirements
If you plan to sell an animal through the fair auction, make sure you are reviewing the Auction Requirement form periodically to make sure you qualify. These forms will need to be turned in by July 1.

4-H License Plates
Kansas 4-H Foundation designed vanity license plates. A portion of the cost comes back to your local 4-H Council. These are available at the county treasurer’s office. Contact the treasurer’s office for more information.

Trophy Sponsors
The following trophies are in need of sponsors:
- Beef - Overall Reserve Champion Carcass
- Clothing - Inter. Boys Buymanship Display Champion, 10-13
- Clothing - JR Boys Buymanship Display Champion, 7-9
- Clothing - SR Boys Buymanship Display Champion, 14-18
- Clothing - JR Boys Buymanship Fashion Revue Reserve Champion
- Dog - Pre-Agility, 7-12
- Dog - Champion Junior Showman, 10-11
- Dog - Graduate Novice, 10-13
- Horse - Hunter Hack, 14-18
- Horse - Horsemanship, 7-9
- Horse - Stock Type Gelding, 4 & Older
- Poultry - Champion Other Bird
- Rabbit - Champion Beginner Showman
- Rabbit - Champion Fur
- Sheep - Grand Champion Ewe

News from the Holton Office

4-H Council Meeting
The April 4-H Council Meeting will be April 8 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be in person. If you signed up for the Concession Stand committee or would like to be in the committee, we plan to meet at 6:00 PM before Council.

Dog Practice
4-H Dog Practice has started. Practice is on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM at the fair building. Fees are $25 per family.

Spring Weigh In
Spring Weigh In for sheep and meat goats will be Thursday, May 6 from 6:00-7:30 PM at the NE KS Heritage Complex. You will pay for your tags that day and tags will be $3.00. All Sheep and Goats must have a scrapies tag in their ear. What you classify your animal at weigh in will be the breed it shows in at fair.

Swine Tagging
You will be receiving your swine ID forms and letter in the mail if you haven’t already. Tags need to be picked up at the Extension office. They are $3.00 each. Please return any unused tags. Swine ID forms along with pictures are due to the office May 1.

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Pictures
Still looking for pictures for the 2021 Fairbook. If you would like to submit a picture, please e-mail them to Cara at carar@ksu.edu.
**Important Dates**

**Sheep and Goat Weigh-In**
6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, **April 28**-Valley Falls Fairgrounds-Market lambs and meat goats must be weighed at this time to enter at the Jefferson County Fair and be eligible for the livestock sale. ID forms will be available at weigh-in or on Jefferson webpage by **April 1**, and tags at weigh-in. Be sure you are enrolled in the project(s) in 4HOnline before weigh-in.

**May 1** - last day to drop or add a project.

**Bucket Calf and Swine Tags**
Tags are available in the office for $3.00/each. Paperwork is available either on the Jefferson webpage or in the office.
- **Swine** sheets must include a picture and be turned into the office by **May 1** at 4:30 PM.
- **Bucket calf** forms due in office by **June 1**.

Tags will be available for purchase at the sheep and goat weigh-in on **April 28**.

**4-H Carnival-June 5**
You should be receiving your raffle tickets soon through your club leaders. Please start selling early and let your leader know if you need additional tickets. Each member should try to sell at least two books of tickets. Unsold tickets should be returned to your club leader.

**Jefferson County Fair Dates**
- Fair - **July 26-29, 2021**
- Clean-Up on **July 30**.

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**4HOnline Accounts**
Now is the time to be checking your 4HOnline accounts to make sure your project enrollment is correct, as the last day to add/drop a project is **May 1**. Currently, members can go in and add projects, but do not have the ability to drop projects. Contact the office if you have revisions to make-we can drop/add as staff, and are glad to help! You need to be enrolled in the project to enter at the fair, and project records should be completed by September for each project you are enrolled in. If you have had changes to your email, phone number or address, make sure to update your account.

**Archery Project Members**
Be watching your email the first part of April for more information about your Archery project. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to contact C.J. via phone @ 785-393-3933, Jefferson County 4-H Archery email at jeffcoarchery@yahoo.com, or cjbowmaster@embarqmail.com.

**Livestock Information:**

**Tagging Limits**
At spring weigh-ins, each 4-H member/family is allowed to weigh-in and tag two additional market animals in addition to the two market animal limit allowed for fair entries in each species. Member must designate which animals are for their individual fair entry/entries at fair weigh-in, with no changes allowed after designation.

**Livestock Premium Sale Requirements**
If you plan to sell an animal through the fair auction, make sure you are reviewing the sale requirement form periodically to make sure you qualify. These forms will need to be turned into your club leader by club deadline.

**Volunteers**
When is the last time you thanked a volunteer for sharing their time and talents with you? April is National Volunteer Month, so take time now to express your “thanks” to someone who has helped you “Make the Best Better”.

Not volunteering yet? There is always a need for more help in many areas. Talk to your club leader or contact Linda at gantz@ksu.edu.

**District News**
Be sure to check the District news pages for upcoming events and registration deadlines.
Summer is quickly approaching, and we don’t want you to miss out on educational and fun events!

**4-H Supporters**
Have you ever wondered how you can become a 4-H award donor? Wonder no more! If you would like to contribute financially to help cover the costs of fair awards, especially as our award system is being revamped, contact our Jefferson County 4-H Booster Club officers, Angie Gantz-email angiegantz@gmail.com or Morgan Gleason-email morgan-gantz23@gmail.com.

If you would like to donate to our Fair Ribbon Premium Fund or contribute to our Fair Support Fund for fairgrounds improvements, contact the office.

**4-H Families**
Consider volunteering to help on fair committees. By helping with the judging process, you and your 4-H member will learn a lot about what judges look for and gain overall knowledge on how to improve your 4-H project work. Let your club leader or the office know soon if you are willing to help.

**Pioneer Trails Camp**
District page covers details on 4-H camp at Rock Springs.
4-H Days

It was so good to be able to have a 4-H event and see so many members. We had 60% of our Nemaha County 4-Hers participate in this event. This event could not have went so smoothly without your help. If you have any suggestions please send them to dahreny@ksu.edu Thank you all!

Results from Club Day and Regionals can be found on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html If you received a Purple on your Demonstration Project Talk and are 9 years and older, you are eligible to take your presentation to the State Fair in September. You will need to pre enter it with all other state fair pre-entries.

Dog Practice

4-H Dog Practice for Nemaha County has started up. There is still time to join if you would like. Practices will be held Monday nights at 7:00 PM at the Community Building in Seneca.

Swine Tagging

Do you plan to show a pig at the fair this year? You must have your pig purchased, tagged, and paperwork done before May 1. Families must purchase 4-H tags from the Extension office for $3.00 a piece, and unused tags MUST BE RETURNED. Tagging information forms and pictures must be returned to the Extension Office by May 1 to be eligible to show and sell your market hog at the Nemaha County Free Fair.

2021 Fairbooks

The Fairboard decided to not print fairbooks this year. They will be on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html as soon as we have updates from the state.

Beef Weigh-in Weights

Not sure what your Beef animal weighed at weigh-in?? It can be found on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/tagging_information.html

Livestock Shows

There are several livestock shows coming up. A list of open events can be found at: https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html If you would like more information, contact Ross at rmostell@ksu.edu.

Pioneer 4-H Camp

4-H Camp is a go this year! Dates of camp are Jun 12-15. The cost will be at least $250 per camper and we are limited on campers from our county. It will be on first come bases. See the front part of this newsletter for more details. We will be needing Camp Counselors also. Applications for camp and counselors can be found on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html

Livestock Premium Auction Requirements

If you plan to sell an animal through the fair auction, make sure you are reviewing the Auction Requirement form periodically to make sure you qualify. These forms will need to be turned in by July 1.

Fair Activities

Are you a member of a group that is tired of selling items but need a fundraiser? Why not spend one, two, or even three days at the Nemaha County Fair doing something fun! The Fairboard is looking for groups to do games or sell fair food at this year’s fair. These could be ball toss, dunk tank, minnow race or any other fun game. How about selling homemade ice cream or funnel cakes? Please let your school or church groups know this. For more information, contact the Extension office.

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4-H Council Food Stand Committee Meeting

There will be a food stand committee meeting April 12, at 6:30 PM in the Community Building meeting room. Each club is to have at least one adult and one youth on the food stand committee besides those from council.

4-H Council Meeting

Don’t forget the next 4-H Council meeting will be held on April 12, at 7:30 PM in the Community Building meeting room.

Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-In

The sheep and meat goat weigh-in will be held on Saturday, April 24, at the Nemaha County Fair North Barn from 7:30–8:30 AM. All market lambs and meat goats must be weighed and tagged on the 24th to show at the fair and be eligible for the livestock premium sale. Please plan to pay for your tags at weigh-in at a cost of $3.00 per tag. It is not required for the 4-H exhibitor to be present at the tagging. If you cannot be at the weigh-in you must find someone else to bring your animals.

Drop/Add Deadline

Don’t forget May 1, is the deadline for dropping or adding any projects for this year’s county fair. You will need to do this in your 4honline account.

2021 Fair Dates

- July 30 - Dog Show
- July 14 - Pre-fair judging
- July 21 - Set-up
- July 22 - Food, Poultry, Rabbit and Horse judging
- July 23-26 - NM Co. Fair
- July 27 - Clean-up
Calendar of Events

Apr 8: JA 4-H Council Meeting
Apr 8: JA Food Stand Committee mtg
Apr 10-11: Horse Hippology & Quiz Bowl
Apr 11: Virtual SE Leadership Forum
Apr 12: NM 4-H Council Meeting
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Apr 18-24: Ntl Vol Week
Apr 23: State Horse Judging Contest
Apr 24: Sheep/Goat Weigh In—Seneca
Apr 27: Spring Leader Forum—Holton
Apr 27: New Family Forum, Holton
Apr 28: Sheep/Goat Weigh In-VF
May 1: Swine ID due to Dist. Offices
Add/Drop Project Deadline
Market Beef Nomination due
May 6: Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh In-Holt
June 1: Bucket calf forms due-JF
June 1-4: Virtual Discovery Days
June 5: JF Carnival
June 12-15: Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp

June 15: Other species nominations due
June 15-18: KASLA Program
June 27-30: Campference 2021
July 1: Prem. Auction form due
July 9-10: JA Fair Rodeo
July 11: JA Fair Dog Show
July 14: NM Pre-fair judging
July 17: JA Fair Set Up
July 17: JA Fair Horse Show
July 19-22: JA Fair
July 20-24: JA Carnival
July 21: NM Fair Set Up
July 23-26: NM Fair
July 26-29: JF Fair
July 30: NM Dog Show

National Volunteer Week

The 4-H program is what it is because of the AMAZING volunteers we have! Please take time to thank the 4-H volunteers in your life during April, National Volunteer month. National Volunteer Week, April 18-24 is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society’s greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all. Visit https://www.pointsoflight.org/nvw/ for ideas on ways to celebrate!

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