4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day activities are an important phase of local 4-H programming and should be something that every 4-H member tries. 4-H Day provides additional opportunities for 4-H members to further develop their skills, self-confidence, and personal developments as they learn and have fun with others in their club and county/district. 4-H Club Day Objectives include the following:

1. To demonstrate the value of the 4-H Youth Development program through public presentation & evaluation of 4-Hers showcasing:
   a. Public Presentations
   b. Parliamentary Procedures
   c. Performing Arts
2. Give 4-Hers an opportunity to learn skills and gain confidence in their abilities to exercise parliamentary procedure, speak effectively and give creative performances.
3. To provide opportunity for fellowship and wider acquaintance among 4-H’ers.
4. To exchange information regarding 4-H project work to others.
5. To present a favorable image to the public and to promote 4-H.

Participation in 4-H Club Day is generally assumed to be open to current, actively enrolled 4-H members (State Program Fee paid) of the Meadowlark Extension District. Participation in individual events is open ONLY to actively enrolled 4-H members. Group events (2 or more youth) should be composed of at least 75% active 4-H members and may be a mix of 4-H clubs.

Details and sign-up process are found in the local office pages and/or have been communicated in other ways, so please review and let us know what questions or concerns you have. General Club Day resources can be found at: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/resources/4H-Club-Day-Guide-Book.pdf

**Feb 19:** JCN High School, Winchester
**March 5:** Jackson Heights High School, Holton

Premium Sale Requirements

Any 4-H member wishing to participate in premium auctions at county fair, need to annually complete the premium sale requirement form. Virtual opportunities will continue to serve as satisfactory replacement for in-person activities of 2021-22 (where offered). The process encourages year-round 4-H engagement and involvement. FFA member (in counties where eligible for fairs) have a corresponding set of requirements. To review the form go to https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/fair-forms-for-all-offices/PREMIUM SALE REQUIREMENTS 4-H 2021.pdf. Many of these requirements can be met by engaging with your local club all year, participation in local/area/state events and trying virtual offerings, such as the ongoing practice judging events.
Regional 4-H Club Day

Regional 4-H Club Day is scheduled to be held in-person on Saturday, March 19 in Atchison. Those top purple awards from local events will have the opportunity to advance to the Regional level. Top purples should confirm as soon as possible prior to March 10 (prefer at local Club Day) if you plan to present at Regional Club Day. Schedules will be available the week of March 14.

State 4-H Scholarships

REMINDER all high school seniors and college-age 4-Hers & 4-H alumni! The 2022 Kansas 4-H Scholarship process is a completely online process, with multiple scholarships offered through one application: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html We ask for you to get this process completed well in advance of the March 1 deadline, to allow staff time to review, verify and approve applications as needed.

Shooting Sports Instructor and Apprentice Certification Training

Level I Shooting Sports Instructor and Apprentice Certification Training will be held March 25-27 at Rock Springs Ranch. Training for Coordinators and each of the Shooting Sports disciplines will be offered. The intention is to offer training for any discipline that has registered participants. Popular disciplines (such as Archery) will have a limited number of spots based on trainer to volunteer ratios. All disciplines will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

Training costs and schedules will be released in early February with registration opening mid-February. There are pre-training processes that volunteers need to address prior to registration. This includes a potential new instructor receiving approval from the Agent and Unit Coordinator (if one is current). The volunteer will then need to register in 4-H Online and complete volunteer screening through the office. Volunteers will NOT be allowed to attend training without all prior volunteer steps being completed. Pre-Training Process steps are listed at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/shooting-sports/instructor-training.html.

GeoCAT Career Ambassador Training Workshop

Are you a teacher or mentor of students in STEM? Would you like to incorporate geoscience into your curricula and activities? Geology is all around us and can be used as a practical, real-world way of explaining principles in all sciences—chemistry, physics, biology, even math! Would you like to help your students find out more about the exciting career opportunities available in the geosciences? If so, this workshop is for you!

The first Geoscience Career Ambassador Training (GeoCAT) Workshop, https://www.k-state.edu/geocat/, will be held June 21-25, at Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. It will focus on familiarizing educators/youth volunteers with the diverse and exciting array of careers available in the geosciences through the wide range of industries that depend heavily on Earth resources and their effective management.

The aim of the GeoCAT program is to support particularly under-represented students find pathways into the geosciences, in order to build the strong geoscience workforce needed to tackle society’s most challenging problems, e.g. environmental issues, resource needs, climate change, etc. In preparation for the workshop, webinars will take place on the second Wednesday of the month, from February through March 2022. The webinar theme is "The Earth needs you! Discovering the role of geoscientists and their career pathways". The webinars will feature geoscientists who work in different fields, illustrating the types of jobs one can have with a degree in Geosciences. For more information contact geocat@k-state.edu. Apply at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d0XWtjEe8vis8jc by April 30, 2022.
Volunteer Salute to Excellence Award

The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Salute to Excellence Recognition award is now accepting nominations. Each year a state level award is selected for an outstanding volunteer with less than 10 years’ experience and a volunteer with over 10 years of service. The winning state applicants are honored at the emerald circle event and their applications are submitted for further recognition at the regional and national level. To find more information and review the application requirements please visit https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/volunteer-salute-to-excellence.html. All applications are due by March 4.

Virtual Judging

We have several different judging opportunities on our website that you can participate in at any time. Contest model the state 4-H contest opportunities and are open, one contest at a time, for two- or three-week windows. These are open to anyone and is a great way to try something new and see how you do. Contests do rotate so make sure to watch the website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/virtual_judging_contests.html to see.

Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day Scheduled for March 5

The 2022 Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 5. We are excited to return to in-person programming for the KSU junior producer day events! Junior Beef Producer Day will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This event is a one-day educational opportunity for families to learn about the selection and management of their beef project. Youth, parents, project leaders, and volunteers of all skill levels 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 reproduction, meat science, and showmanship.

The deadline to register is February 11. All attendees must register, including youth and adults. The cost is $15/person by February 11, or $20/person after the deadline. Only those registrations received by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. Visit http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays to register online and view the flyer, which includes the tentative schedule. An optional instructor-led YQCA training and state livestock nomination process session will be held at the conclusion of the program for those interested. K-State COVID-19 protocols in effect at the time of the event will be followed. Registration is non-refundable.

Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day to be Hosted March 19

The 2022 Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 19. We are excited to return to in-person programming for the KSU junior producer day events! Junior Sheep Producer Day will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This event is a one-day educational opportunity for families to learn about the selection and management of their sheep project. Youth, parents, project leaders, and volunteers of all skill levels are invited to attend. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, and our guest speaker, Payton Dahmer. Topics range from selection, to nutrition, to reproduction, meat science, and showmanship.

The deadline to register is February 25. All attendees must register, including youth and adults. The cost is $15/person by February 25, or $20/person after the deadline. Only those registrations received by the deadline will receive a t-shirt. Visit http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays to register online and view the flyer, which includes the tentative schedule. An optional instructor-led YQCA training and state livestock nomination process session will be held at the conclusion of the program for those interested. K-State COVID-19 protocols in effect at the time of the event will be followed. Registration is non-refundable.

Rural 911 Address Signs

Reflective rural address signs are still available at the Extension Office. They come in either green or blue and can be either horizontal or vertical. Proceeds benefit the 4-H Council. Contact your local office to get your sign!
Hosting Japanese Exchange Summer 2022

Looking for some new fun and excitement this summer after a long year of staying home? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, mid-July to mid-August. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 25-30 families this summer. Host families are needed who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl. The Japanese youth will be between the ages of 12 and 15.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-16, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life.

If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator at 785-826-8917 or e-mail, pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

YQCA In-Person Training

I do sincerely apologize that the scheduled in-person training sessions in January had to be rescheduled. March will be the opportunity for the next in-person training sessions, with three options across the District scheduled. Dates and times are as follows:

- **March 15**, 6:30 PM - Northeast Kansas Heritage Building, Holton
- **March 16**, 5:30 PM - Nemaha County Community Building, Seneca
- **March 23**, 6:30 PM - 4-H Fair Building, Valley Falls

Please review the December/January 4-H newsletter for more details on the YQCA program, but here are a few reminders for today.

- Everyone needs to register and pay the $3 fee **PRIOR TO ATTENDING** an in-person training. This needs to be done at: [https://yqca.learngrow.io/](https://yqca.learngrow.io/) using the 4HOnline login information (left side).
- IF you registered for one of the **January 3** training events, you do NOT have to re-register for the March dates.
- 4-H Age 7 members CANNOT be certified and are exempt from this requirement locally.
- Online learning modules are available 24/7 for members to go through on their own time. Cost is $12 for the online learning modules.
- If you need to pay with cash, please contact your local Extension Office to receive a coupon code.
- The most successful registration will be accomplished using CHROME internet browser.
- DO NOT create an independent account, if enrolled in 4-H!!!
- All 4-H members needing YQCA certification MUST have an active 4HOnline account, including payment of the State 4-H Program fee of $15.

If you have any questions or concerns with this process, please send your questions to Ross at 785-336-2184 or rmostell@ksu.edu

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**Why 4-H???

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

“4-H has prepared me for college by teaching me time management skills, reliability and dependability.”
4-H Council Committee Meeting
4-H Council Members – If you signed up for Concession Stand Committee, Fair Prize Committee or the Food Auction Committee then please plan to meet at 6:00 PM on February 10 at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. An email will be sent to those individuals with more details.

4-H Club Day
4-H Club Day will be held March 5 starting at 9 AM at Jackson Heights High School. Be sure to sign up with your club leader and check with your leader to see what your room assignment is and time frame. Times will be assigned through the office and a final schedule will be mailed or emailed to you.

All purple Project Talks and Demonstrations are eligible to go to the Kansas State Fair. Please talk to Cara for more Information.

For more information on 4-H Club Day, please see the publication on our website at: http://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/resources/4H%20Club%20Day%20Guide%20Book.pdf

Beef Weigh In
Beef Weigh In will be Sunday, March 6 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Holton Livestock Exchange. Ear tags must be paid for that day and your animals breed will be determined that day as well.

Judging Contest
Don’t forget that we have the District judging contest available online at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/virtual_judging_contests.html for any MED 4-Her’s to participate.

Fair Superintendents Needed
If you are interested in being a Fair Superintendent please let Cara know. Help is needed in all areas. Fair Superintendents arrive early day of judging, assist with fair judging and answer any questions judges and 4-Hers may have, place ribbons on exhibits, help with fair set-up and clean-up, etc.

Livestock Sale
The Fairboard met and voted that only 1 animal is allowed to be sold in the Livestock Sale for the 2022 Jackson County Fair. You can still floor as many animals as you like, but only 1 animal per 4-Her will go through the livestock sale. Please remember to check out the Livestock Sale Premium Requirements at: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4h/forms.html and to be attending those club meetings and to participate in at least 4 of the approved activities.

Volunteer Screening
Any Club Leaders, Project Leaders and other adult volunteers in direct contact with youth will need to fill out a profile at https://v2.4honline.com and complete the online Volunteer Orientation training, if they haven’t done so already. For more information please visit https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/volunteers.html.

Fair Booster Program
We are asking each family to sell at least 5 sponsorships. Money will be used to pay for fair judges & ribbon premiums. The 4-Her who sells the most will receive a $50 gift card of their choice.

Rural 911 Address Signs
Reflective rural address signs are still available at the Extension Office. Proceeds benefit the 4-H Council. Contact us today to get your sign!

4-H Club Day
4-H Club Day will be held March 5 at Jackson Heights High School. Once again we are offering a virtual option. Please be watching for updated e-mails and sign up forms coming out in January.

Beef Weigh-In
Beef Weigh-In is March 6 at the Holton Livestock Exchange from 2:00-4:00 PM.

YQCA Training
Training has been rescheduled to March 15 at 6:00 out at the Fairgrounds.

Regional Club Day
Scheduled for Saturday, March 19 in Atchison, for those that qualify locally with top purple placing.

Spring Sheep/Goat Weigh-In
Weigh-in will be Thurs., May 12 from 6:00-7:00 PM at the Fairgrounds.

4-H Council Meeting
The next 4-H Council meeting will be Thursday, February 10 at 7:00 PM. Please be sure that your club is represented.

Important Dates
4-H Club Day
4-H Club Day begins at 10:00 AM on February 19, at the JCN High School in Winchester. If you plan to participate, please let your club leader know ASAP. ALL entries must be turned into the office by February 4. Entries can be added day of event, but it is helpful for the office to know ahead of time. Once entries are received, we will distribute the entry form per email to all members. If cancelling, please let office or room monitors know.

There will be the option for virtual presentations to be given in advance of the in-person event. Virtual entries will be recorded by staff in an effort to keep it as similar to the in-person experience as possible (no editing). The virtual deadline for recording will be February 11.

Presentation skills are one of the life skills 4-Hers are known for, and we hope many of you will participate and support others by watching them present. If you are looking for helpful hints, guidelines, score sheets, and entry areas offered, check out the resources on our Meadowlark website under Resources and Links at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html

Don’t hesitate to call the office if you have any questions.

Volunteers
If you have knowledge in a project area, and interest in helping others learn, please let the office and your club leaders know. We always need project leaders, and would be glad to help you go thru the steps of the certification process.

T-Shirt Design Winner
Congrats to Addy Burns of the Billtown 4-H Club.

Livestock News:
- General Livestock Meeting
All members in the Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Rabbit and Poultry projects are encouraged to attend a meeting at 3:00 PM on February 6, at the Fair Building. Fair Superintendents will be covering some basic information, followed by an update from our Livestock Auction committee. We do plan to record the meeting if you cannot attend.

Livestock Auction-Minimum weights to sell in the sale will be as follows: steers 1200, hogs 235 minimum-325 maximum, lambs 95, goats 40, poultry 3 lbs./each, and rabbits between 3.5-5.5 lbs./each. Note the change in steers and hogs from previous years.

- Beef Weigh-In—Saturday, March 5, from 10:00 AM-Noon at Fairgrounds
- Sheep and Goat Weigh-In—Wednesday, April 27, from 6:00-8:00 PM at Fairgrounds
- YQCA—See District page covering in-person training dates.
- Premium Sale Requirements—Make sure you are reviewing on a regular basis so you don’t come up short by July 1 deadline.

Educational Extension Unit Scholarships
Be looking for details from your high school counselor or our Extension Office soon.

Booster Club Officers/ Members
President/Crystal Hoffman, Vice President/Jill Penry, Secretary/Amy Kramer, Treasurer/Morgan Gleason, Promotion and Reporting/Angie Gantz, Denise Hermann and Deanna Gier.
4-H Club Day
4-H Club Day will be held March 5 at Jackson Heights High School. All divisions will begin at approximately 9:00 AM and we will plan to be done by noon. We have added 2 new events this year (Mock Interviews & Impromptu Speaking for 14 and older). Please see the Club Guide at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html for more information.

We ask that you sign up with your club leader for events that you plan to participate in. While we appreciate your enthusiasm and typically encourage participation in several areas, we hope you will only sign up for presentations you will be able to present. This is very helpful when finding judges.

The event will be in person, but you also have the option of having Deb record you prior to February 25. It will be the presenter’s responsibility to setup a time to have these videoed.

We hope to have a schedule out around February 21, be watching for it on the website, as well as, in your email.

If the weather would turn bad, and you have any doubts whether club day will be held or not, listen to KMZA or KNZA for information or call Deb at 785-336-1272 or Ross at 785-541-1012.

Virtual Judging
We have several different judging opportunities on our website that you can participate in at any time. Contest model the state 4-H contest opportunities and are open, one contest at a time, for two- or three-week windows. These are open to anyone and is a great way to try something new and see how you do. Contests do rotate so make sure to watch the website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/virtual_judging_contests.html to see what is open.

Dog Practice
If you would like to participate in dog practice, please contact Karen VanWinkle 785-799-5745. They have set the dates, starting in March on Monday nights.

Livestock Tagging/Weigh-In
The livestock tagging and weigh-in dates have been set. If you are enrolled in market beef, sheep, meat goats or swine this involves you. To participate in the market animal classes at the Nemaha County Fair you must take part in these events. If you are unable to attend the weigh-in in Seneca, you are welcome to attend weigh-ins at Jackson or Jefferson County. Sheep, Goats and Swine ear tags cost $3.00 and Beef are $3.50. Ear tags must be paid for that day.

- Beef Weigh-In - February 25 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM at Seneca Veterinary Clinic
- Sheep/Goat Weigh-In - April 23 from 7:30 – 8:30 AM at Fairgrounds North Barn
- Swine ID due - May 1, paperwork and pictures due in office

2022 Fairbooks
The Fairboard has decided they will print fairbooks for all new families and any family that signs up with their club leader prior to March 1. So please be watching for a sign-up sheet at your next meeting. Fairbooks will not be available until late May. But you can view the 2021 fairbook on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html

Kansas Pride Theme
The 4-H Council has voted to have the 2022 Kansas Pride Theme as “Kansas Agriculture”.

Important Dates

Beef Weigh-In Schedule
Following please find the beef weigh-in schedule for February 25 at Seneca Veterinary Clinic:
- 3:00-3:45 - Woodlawn Meadowlarks, Busy Jayhawkers, Achievers
- 3:45-4:15 - Pony Express, HHHH, Stateliners
- 4:15-5:00 - Centralia Aces, Kelly Twilighters, Red Rustlers

YQCA Training
Rescheduled January training will be held on March 16 at 5:30 PM in the Community Building in Seneca. Everybody needs to register at https://yqca.learngrow.io/ before attending. See page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

Photo Opportunity
How would you like for a picture you took to be on the cover of the 2022 fairbook? Pictures need to be based on this year’s fair theme “4-H is How We Roll”. You do not have to be in the Photography project to do this. Please submit your photo before April 1 to dahenry@ksu.edu.

Regional Club Day
Top purple entries from local 4-H Club Day are eligible to go to Regional 4-H Club Day in Atchison, March 19. If you receive a purple on Demonstrations or Project Talks these can go on to the Kansas State Fair. You will need to remember to pre-enter them in August with all the other State Fair entries.
Feb. 4: Club Day entries due, JF office
Feb. 6: Gen. Livestock Meeting, VF
Feb. 10: 4-H Council Meeting, Holton
Feb. 11: Jr. Beef Prod. Day Reg. due
Club Day Virt recording due, JF
Feb. 19: JF 4-H Club Day, Winchester
Feb. 21: Club Day Schedule out, JA Hghts
Feb. 25: Beef Weigh-In, Seneca
Jr. Sheep Prod. Day Reg. due
Club Day Virt record. due, NM
Mar. 1: Fairbook changes due, NM
State Scholarship Deadline
Mar. 4: Vol. Excellence Award appl due
Mar. 5: Club Day, Jackson Heights
Beef Weigh-In, VF
Jr. Beef Producer Day
Mar. 6: Beef Weigh-In, Holton
Mar. 15: YQCA Training, Holton
JF Co Scholarship appl. Due
Mar. 16: YQCA Training, Seneca
Mar. 19: Regional Club Day
Jr. Sheep Producer Day
Mar. 23: YQCA Training, Valley Falls
Mar. 26: Spring Beef Show, VF
Apr. 1: Pic for Fairbook Cover due, NM
Apr. 9: Spring Poultry Show
Apr. 23: Sheep/Goat Weigh-In, Seneca
Apr. 27: Sheep/Goat Weigh-In, VF
Apr. 30: GeoCAT Amb. Appls. Due
May 1: Swine ID due to offices
May 12: Spring Sheep/Goat Weigh-In
June 21-25: GeoCAT Amb. Training
July 1: Prem. Sale Req. Deadline
Jul. 25-28: JA Co. Fair
JF Co. Fair
July 26-30: JA Co. Carnival
Jul. 28-Aug. 1: NM Co. Fair

Office closed: February 21

Calendar of Events

Beef Weigh-Ins
Currently plans are moving forward with in-person beef weigh-in events. These offer the opportunity to tag market beef, establish an official starting date and starting weight for the project. Generally, youth tag at the location corresponding to your county fair, but you are welcome to tag at any of the Meadowlark events. Cost for tags will be $3.50 per tag, payment due at weigh-in. Complete information can be found in the local office pages of this newsletter, but dates, times and locations are:
Feb 25: Seneca Veterinary Clinic, 3:00 PM
March 5: Fairgrounds, Valley Falls, 10:00 AM
March 6: Holton Livestock Exchange, 2:00 PM

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