4-H Record Report Success

General Guidelines
The project report should represent the work and thoughts of the 4-H member and should not be completed by the parent or other adult volunteer.

General vs. Animal Project Report Forms
Project areas related to any animal need to use the Animal Project Report Form, ie Horse, Pets, Dog, Poultry, Rabbits, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat and Dairy. All other projects will use the General Project Report Form.

Age Divisions
Junior Ages 7-9, before January 1 of the current year.
Intermediate Ages 10-13, before January 1 of the current year.
Senior Ages 14-18, before January 1 of the current year.

Grammar & Punctuation
For all age divisions, members are encouraged to write using proper grammar and punctuation that is age appropriate for the individual member.

Hand Writing
4-H members in the Junior division (4-H age 7-9) are encouraged to fill out their record by hand, or at minimum, an adult can help type verbatim what the youth has recorded. Handwriting at any age and in any part of the Project Report is acceptable. Make sure to write legibly.

Accessing Project Report Forms
**Please note that both options will be evaluated in the same manner, with no advantage being given to either method. Information included in either method will be the same. Instructional information for ZSuite and all 4-H Records information can be found at: [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/project_records.html)

Fillable PDF Forms- Option A
Forms must be downloaded and saved to your device before entering the information, or you run the risk of losing your work. It is important to have the most current version of Adobe Acrobat Reader DC.

Online ZBooks- Option B
There is an online record keeping option available via a website ([https://4h.zsuite.org](https://4h.zsuite.org)). Most sections offer unlimited entries. A drop-down option allows users to choose which entries will be included in the “Final Project Report”. The number of entries in the final report is determined by section and age level. Looking though all entries, it would be appropriate to prioritize, combine and/or summarize entries for the report.

Examples:
Section 3: Project Learning Experiences - Entries for preparing multiple separate family meals could be summarized in one line for “Family Meals”.

Section 4: Project Exhibits and Showcase Opportunities - Entries for multiple spring shows could be summarized in one line for “Spring Shows”.

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service
Virtual State 4-H Horse Panorama

State 4-H Horse Panorama will be virtual in 2021. In partnership with the Horse Action Team, Kansas 4-H will be moving all divisions of Panorama to a virtual format. The current schedule is as follows with specific times released along with additional registration details:

Digital Uploads (Photography, Logo, Poster, Power Point, Ad Layout, Exhibition Model Horse Show) - Uploads will open March 26 and close April 7. Judging will begin after April 7 with feedback given to youth.

- Hippology - April 10
- Quiz Bowl Preliminaries via Qualtrics - April 10
- Quiz Bowl Finals via Zoom - April 11
- Public Speaking, Demonstration, & Project Talks - Zoom with judges by scheduled date/time, April 10-14. Sign-ups will be available.

It will be the participant’s responsibility to make sure they have access to reliable internet to fully participate in each contest. Please visit with us in the Extension office if you don’t have an adequate internet connection before the contest begins, so we can help you with a solution. With the online format, we want to remind participants that an important aspect of youth development is practicing integrity and character development. While securities have been included for each event, youth need to practice the fairness pillar and adhere to the honor system.

This event is sanctioned by K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) and therefore is subject to their guidelines and policies. KSRE has the right to modify contest policies/rules at any time including but not limited to cancellation.

Horse Levels Testing

The Level 1 Achievement test is required for all youth to participate in District and State Horse Shows. Online/video levels testing will be accepted again this year. If you need to get this testing done, please contact the Extension office so we can get you the online test and provide a list of riding/skills testing evaluators.

Horse ID Certificates

4-Hers that intend to participate at the Northeast District or State 4-H Horse Shows should transition to the January 2020 certificate, found at https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html. A reminder that ID certificates are due May 1 to the local Extension office.

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest has been rescheduled to Friday, April 23 in Hutchinson at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. The contest will consist of both Intermediate and Senior 4-H Divisions spread out in both Expo I and Expo II. Division entries will be limited based on first come first serve. Due to the limitation, registration opening will be repeatedly publicized in advance. Further details, including contest times, will be released soon.

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Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp—Hold the Date

Pioneer Trails 4-H camp is scheduled for June 12-15 at Rock Springs. Our camp group will be meeting in March so more finalized details will be forthcoming in the April Newsletter. Please hold the dates and keep watching for details, as everything is subject to health environment adjustments.

Virtual Junior Meat Goat Week Registration

Junior Meat Goat Producer Week is scheduled for March 15-20, 2021. There will be two sessions hosted via Zoom on the evening of Tuesday, March 16, two on Thursday, March 18, and the remaining sessions will be presented on Saturday morning, March 20. The sessions will be recorded and shared with those who pre-register, so they may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! The program will be free this year, but all attendees, including youth and adults, must register online (https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek). The deadline to register is March 8. A flyer, which includes more details and the tentative schedule, is posted here: http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays.

Kansas 4-H Financial Literacy Curriculum Training

The series is designed as an opportunity for KSRE Staff and Volunteers to learn about and plan to use 4-H financial literacy curriculum. The first 60 participants who sign up for the training series will receive a curriculum packet including one copy of each of the resources. The concepts covered would be an outstanding addition to all 4-H programs and projects.

As part of the program, a series of five training webinars will be offered. All program participants will need to take part in the live sessions or watch the recorded trainings.

The trainings will be as follows, all starting at 9 AM:

- March 24 – Using 4-H Curriculum – It makes life easier
- March 31 – Creating a Plan – Smart Cents A Guide to Teaching Mindful Money Habits
- April 7 – Reading Makes Cents – Working with Partners
- April 14 – Financial Champions- Book 1 and 2, My Financial Future – Beginner and Advanced – Adapting resources for different audiences
- April 21 – Next Steps – Collecting Impact

Registration is now open and will close on March 10 https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2c0OoNuRwt1gpBY After registration closes those registered will receive log-in information for the zoom training sessions and curriculum will be mailed out (hopefully so participants can have it in hand before the first session). The sessions will be open to all who register but only the first 60 will receive a copy of the curriculum resources.

91st Annual Hoard’s Dairyman Cow Judging Contest

You are invited to join the thousands of others who participate in this fun and educational picture judging contest. This interactive web-based portal contains all five classes, and allows you to submit your entries online and receive your scores by email at the completion of the contest. Cash prizes and framed certificates are awarded to winning individuals and groups. Also, each team member who is part of a group entry is eligible for individual prizes. This year’s contest entry deadline is Thursday, March 25, 2021 https://judging.hoards.com/

Swine Proj. Meeting

March 4, 7:00 PM
Colonial Acres, Oskaloosa

Let’s get your 2021 Swine project off to a great start!

- Swine Selection
- Feed and Nutrition
- Care once they come home

Presentations by:
Dana Gettel
Rex & Brenda Lloyd
Eryn & Noah Vaughan

Register in the Oskaloosa Office by March 1.

***There will be a virtual/Facebook Live option located on the Jefferson County 4-H Fair Facebook page***
**Member 4-H Projects**

In 4-H, members learn about topics that interest them. These are referred to as member 4-H “projects.” That could be anything from learning how to cook, build a robot, or care for the environment. One of the most important aspects of 4-H project work is that the 4-H member decides what they want to learn and do as they explore their project. This allows the project to be self-paced, and gives children important skills in setting and working toward their goals. Exploring interests through 4-H project work is an excellent way to discover new skills and potential careers.

Maybe the place to start in the discussion of which 4-H project to try, is to define the word “project”. One way Wikipedia describes it is: “any undertaking, carried out individually or collaboratively and possibly involving research or design, that is carefully planned to achieve a particular aim.” That actually describes the 4-H project fairly well! Youth have an interest, set goals to learn/do around that interest, work on their own or in conjunction with a caring adult volunteer (project leader) to complete or achieve the goal. This may not result in a physical, tangible item – like what many people think of looking at county fair exhibits – but rather, it is this full experience process that encompasses 4-H project work. 4-H programs are grounded in the belief that kids learn best by doing.

In addition to goal setting, learn by doing and showcasing by the member in a 4-H project, the other big components are communicating and reporting. The old saying “if it’s not documented, it didn’t happen” comes into play here. Part of the 4-H experience from the start has been completion of an annual report of work done – the 4-H Record Book. This is one of the most important aspects of 4-H work and encourages written communication skills at an early age. Youth are also encouraged to communicate verbally by giving project talks, demonstrations or project sharing about the various aspects of the project area. Both of these skills are common traits that 4-Hers are well known for.

**Seeking Host Families for Summer Japanese Youth Exchange**

Japan and Kansas 4-H youth have a 40-year history of building connections and exchanging culture over Kansas summers. Even though we were not able to exercise this option in 2020, planning has begun to host the In-Bound Kansas 4-H Japan Youth Exchange program in summer 2021. There will be limited family opportunities to host youth in 2021 due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, only Japan youth are available for Kansas host families. This year, we are still pledging our health to better living and following university COVID guidelines while also planning for our future together.

The benefits of global exchange programs to our Kansas 4-H families include learning about new languages, customs, foods, values, beliefs, and the ability to create lifelong friendships across the globe. If you are interested in serving as a host family for a Japanese delegate or chaperone, please contact Pam Van Horn at pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

Please note that any KSRE program or event is subject to change based on COVID guidelines in 2021.

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

“4-H has taught me confidence. I have learned that it is okay to try new things, talk to a group of strangers, go to camp on your own and make new friends, and put yourself out there in competitive contests knowing you may not win, but giving it your best and being okay with that.”
News from the Holton Office

Club Day
Thank you to everyone that participated and the volunteers who helped make Club Day run smoothly. We had a great turnout and appreciated Nemaha County for hosting this year. Just a reminder that all results are posted on our website under the Jackson County page.

Regional Club Day
Those who received a Top Purple from Jackson, Nemaha, Jefferson, Brown, Doniphan, Atchison and Leavenworth Counties will have the opportunity to present at Regional Club Day. An awards luncheon Zoom will be held at 12:15 PM on Saturday, March 20. This year the event will be held virtually. Entries are due to the office by March 10.

4-H Council Food Stand Committee
If you signed up to be on the 4-H Council Food Stand Committee, we will meet Thursday, April 8 at 6 PM before the 4-H Council Meeting. We will be planning the Concession Stand menu and going over inventory to see what is needed for the fair.

Project Meetings
Looking for ideas for Project Meetings for this upcoming spring. If there is something you would like to learn about or have someone interested in teaching please contact the office and let us know.

Superintendents Needed
Superintendent sign up was emailed out to all 4-H families. If you are interested in helping out during the fair please fill out the form and return to the Extension Office.

2020 Fair Pictures
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.

Fair Information
We will go back to having a Saturday morning fair set-up with 4-H families along with fairboard members and fair superintendents. We will meet to set up the building and the livestock barns for the fair. This year Fair Set-Up will be Saturday, July 17 starting at 9 AM. It would be greatly appreciated if all families would pitch in and help out.

Fair Dog Show
The dates for the Fair Dog Show will be Sunday, July 11 starting at 9 AM.

Fair Horse Show
The Fair Horse Show will be Saturday, July 17 starting at 8:30 AM.

Camp Counselors Needed
If you are at least 16 years old and interested in being a camp counselor this summer, please see the “News” section on the Meadowlark website. Applications due April 15.

4-H Discount
Did you know 4-Hers can receive a discount on their purchases at Orscheln Farm and Home and JoAnn Fabric? Yes, you can. Make sure to ask next time you make a purchase at either place to ask for the 4-H discount.

Important Dates

4-H Council Meeting
Our next Council meeting will be Thursday, April 8 at 7 PM at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex.

Spring Leader Forum
We will hold the Spring Leader Forum on Tuesday, April 27 at 6:00 PM.

New Family Forum
When: Tuesday, April 27
Where: Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex
Time: 7 PM
Who: This is open to anyone but especially for those 1st and 2nd year parents to attend. We will be touching base on record keeping and the 2021 fair.

Livestock Tagging and Weigh-In
Don’t forget if you are planning to show market livestock you must have your animals weighed and tagged at a District weigh in or ID’d by the ID date. Tags must be paid for at weigh in and breed must be identified.

- Sheep & Goats – May 6 from 6:00-7:00 PM at the North East Kansas Heritage Barn
- Swine – All swine animals must be tagged and proper paperwork with pictures returned to the office by May 1.

If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.
**Important Dates**

**Swine Meeting**
Swine project members should plan to attend a Swine project meeting on Thursday, **March 4**, in Oskaloosa. Details in February newsletter. **Register** in office by **March 1**.

**JF Co. 4-H Scholarships**
Applications are due in office on Monday, **March 15**, by 4:30 PM. Forms can be found on the Oskaloosa website. Revisions this year include those pursuing a Career & Technical Education Pathway thru a Technical College Program during their Junior and/or Senior year(s) of High School. Information has been emailed to high school seniors and post-secondary students, as well as Jefferson County High School Counselors.

**March 22** - Council Meeting at 7:30 PM

**Spring Beef Show**
Saturday, **March 27**, beginning at 9:30 AM at the Valley Falls Fairgrounds. Check-in will be from 7:00-8:00 AM. Contact Toni Reeves at 785-640-8457 for more information, or see the registration form on the Oskaloosa webpage.

**Poultry Show**
There’s not a large amount of local shows available for 4-H poultry members to exhibit and learn in—please consider participating Saturday, **March 27**, 9:00 AM at Valley Falls Fairgrounds! Registration form with details can be found on the Oskaloosa webpage.

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**News from the Oskaloosa Office**

**4-H Club Day**
Club Day was different this year, being held in six different buildings in Oskaloosa. Many expressed how great it was to see some of our "4-H Family" face-to-face. Showcasing your project knowledge and different talents helps improve public presentation skills and confidence, and we are so glad you participated 4-Hers! Thank you to those who helped things run smoothly that day.

**Congrats!**
We had three 4-Hers chosen from Northeast Area Screening to advance for state project award consideration for project excellence recorded on their Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP). They are Amanda Nelson of the Fairview 4-H Club in her Citizenship and Foods and Nutrition projects, and Heath Allen of the Valley Victors 4-H Club in his Space Tech project. Wishing them the best at the state level!

**Woodworking Project Members**
Now is the time to get your woodworking project started! Kris Kahler of Meriden is willing to help you with your project work, whether it be a birdhouse, cutting board or something much bigger. He would like to meet with members during Spring Break week. Contact him asap to set up a time at kckahlerfamily@gmail.com

**Space Tech/Rocketry Project Members**
Not sure how to get started, or want some help to improve your rocket project? Join us on a Zoom at 7:00 PM on Friday, **March 5**, to discuss project goals and what you need before a face-to-face meeting at the end of March. The Zoom link will be emailed to members prior to March 5.

**Jefferson Co. Livestock Weigh-In Information**
1. Weigh-in/ID sheets for all species will be available at weigh-in.
2. Each animal specie has mandatory per animal fees which may include ear tag, scale fee and optional per animal fees of implanting and deworming (beef). Please have cash or checks payable to Jefferson County 4-H Council, which you at weigh-in.
3. Ear tags will be $3.50/tag for beef and $3.00/tag for other species.
4. Work with animals so they can be led into scales at weigh-in. Members of weigh-in committees reserve the right to refuse animals on the basis of animal temperament.

**Market Beef**
* Saturday, **March 6**, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at Valley Falls 4-H Fairgrounds. Listen to local stations if cancellation due to weather or check JF website. Please enter upper South driveway to avoid congestion. Snow date Saturday, March 20.

* Market beef not weighed at this or another Meadowlark District Beef Weigh-In, are not eligible to show at the Fair.

* Current Committee members are: *Frank Boyce, *Toni & Randy Reeves, Jason Roenne Family and Donny Smith Family.

**Sheep and Goat**
* Wednesday, **April 28**, 6:00-8:00 PM, 4-H Fairgrounds, Valley Falls
* Watch for details in the April newsletter
Club Day
Thank you to all who participated and the volunteers who helped make Club Day run smoothly. We had a nice turn out and very talented presenters. Just a reminder all results are posted on our website under the Seneca Office (Nemaha) tab.

Regional Club Day
Those who received a Top Purple from Jackson, Nemaha, Jefferson, Brown, Doniphan, Atchison and Leavenworth Counties will have the opportunity to present at Regional Club Day. An awards luncheon Zoom will be held at 12:15 PM on Saturday, March 20. This year the event will be held virtually. Entries are due to the office by March 10.

Youth Art Show
The Seneca Library is hosting a Youth Art Show March 22 - 26. This is NOT a contest; they just want to share the talent in our county with our patrons. All entries are due March 19. Please visit the library for full details.

4-H Council Events Scholarship
Have you attended or plan to attend a state camp this year? Help pay for it by applying for the Councils Events Scholarship. It is a good idea to print that off and be making notes of what you have done, as far as the requirements needed. [https://www.meadowlark.ksu.edu/4-h/seneca.html](https://www.meadowlark.ksu.edu/4-h/seneca.html)

Project Meetings
Are you looking for ideas for Project Meetings this spring? If there is something you would like to learn about or have someone interested in teaching, please contact Deb. Be watching your emails for some possible project meetings in the near future.

Kansas Pride Theme
At the last 4-H Council meeting it was voted to have the Kansas Pride Theme as “Patriotic Flags”.

Help Us Find Missing Camp Photos
We are still missing a few 4-H Camp photos. If you or someone you know has photos from 1968, 1976, 1980, 1983, 1987, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2002, or 2004 please contact Deb. We would like to scan your photo so we can put it up on our display. So if you attended camp any of these years dig those photos out and help us complete our display.

Congratulations
We are happy to announce two of our 4-Hers KAP’s have been chosen to go on to state judging. Jonathan Knapp will send his Plant Science and Susannah Walker her Pets. Best of luck to both of them.

Save the Date
As of now they ARE planning to have Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp June 12–15!!! We will also be looking for Camp Councilors. Be watching the newsletter and our website for more information.

Superintendents Needed
If you are interested in being a Superintendent of a certain area, please contact Deb at dahren-ry@ksu.edu

4-H Discount
Reminder, 4-Hers can receive a discount on their purchases at Orscheln Farm and Home and JoAnn Fabric. Make sure to ask about this when you get ready to check-out.

Important Dates

4-H Council Food Stand Committee Meeting
If you signed up to be on the 4-H Council Food Stand Committee, we will meet Monday, April 12 at 6:30 PM before the Council Meeting. We will be planning the menu and going over any needs for the Concession Stand. Every club is asked to have at least 2 representatives from their club on this committee. This does not include those that are on 4-H Council. Please make sure you let Deb know who will be on the committee from your club.

4-H Council Meeting
Our next Council meeting will be Monday, April 12 at 7:30 PM at the Community Building.

Livestock Tagging and Weigh-In
Don’t forget if you are planning to show market livestock you must have your animal weighed and tagged at a District weigh-in.
- Sheep and Goat weigh in Saturday, April 24 at fairgrounds 7:30 - 8:30 AM.
- All Swine animals must be tagged and proper paperwork with pictures returned to the office before May 1.

If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Fair Dates
Mark your calendars for the Nemaha County Fair July 22–26.
Pre fair judging will be on Wednesday, July 14.
Calendar of Events

Mar 1: Summer Inbound Exch. App due
Mar 1: Swine Project Meeting reg. due
Mar 4: Swine Project meeting-Osk
Mar 5: JF Space Tech/Rocketry Zoom
Mar 6: Beef Weigh In-VF
Mar 6: JA/NM 4-H Club Day
Mar 8: JR Meat Goat Prod reg. due
Mar 9: Regional Club Day reg. due
Mar 10: KS Fin Literacy Train reg closes
Mar 15: JF 4-H Scholarships due
Mar 15-20: JR Meat Goat Prod. Week
Mar 19: Seneca Library Art entries due
Mar 20: Virtual Regional Club Day
Mar 22: JF 4-H Council Meeting
Mar 22-26: Seneca Library Art Show
Mar 25: Dairyman Judging Cont deadline
Mar 26-Apr 7: Horse Panorama upload
Mar 27: JF Beef & Poultry Shows-VF
Apr 8: JF 4-H Council Meeting
Apr 8: JA Food Stand Committee mtg
Apr 10-11: Horse Hippology & Quiz Bowl
Apr 12: NM Food Stand Committee meeting
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
May 6: Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh In-Holt
June 1-4: Virtual Discovery Days
June 12-15: Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp
July 9-10: JA Fair Rodeo
July 11: JA Fair Dog Show
July 17: JA Fair Set Up
July 17: JA Fair Horse Show
July 19-22: JA Fair
July 20-24: JA Carnival
July 22-26: NM Fair
July 26-29: JF Fair

Happy St. Patrick’s Day

Regional 4-H Club Day
Regional 4-H Club Day will be held virtually in 2021. Entries receiving a Top Purple at local 4-H Club Day will have the opportunity to upload videos of the presentation(s) to be evaluated regionally. This needs to be done by March 10, as judging will be held the week of March 15. A live, Zoom awards luncheon will be held at 12:15 PM on Sat., March 20. We will be reaching out to those eligible to submit videos to Regionals, following 4-H Club Day locally. Complete results will be available on the News page of our website after March 20.