Dear 4-H Family & Fair Superintendents,

With the arrival of this newsletter, the fair can’t be too far away. Do you have your exhibits finished? This year we will not be printing each family a fairbook. The fairbook can be found on our website at:

https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/docs/4h/jackson/fair/2020%20Fairbook%20no%20open%20class.pdf

This newsletter will be a very important factor to have a successful fair this year. It is a good idea to read the book carefully and print off divisions and rules which pertain to your 4-Her. Keep it in a safe place for future reference and use throughout the fair.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions that have not been answered in this newsletter, we are just a phone call away at 785-364-4125.

CANCELLATIONS FOR 2020 FAIR

* No Open Class (static or livestock)
* No NE Regional Judging in Horton
* No Round Robin
* No Beef Carcass Scanning
* No Herdsmanship
* No Animals on Parade
* No Rabbit Show – due to Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV2) and recommendations from Kansas Department of Agriculture.
* No Food Auction
* No Barn Yard Olympics

VIRTUAL PROJECTS/CONTEST

* Livestock Judging contest will be offered July 12-19. This can be found on our website under 4-H Youth & Development/Virtual Judging Contest.
* Rabbit & Pet Show will be using the FlipGrid app. If you are enrolled in the Rabbit or Pet project please be watching for a more detailed email with information.

WHAT IS NEW AT THE FAIR

There have been several changes this year. Please check the divisions you are enrolled in to avoid confusion. Some of the major changes are:

* Schedule and judging process changes in many divisions – READ NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY
* The Space Tech division has several changes. We only list class numbers in our fairbook. On our website under project resources and then under Space Tech you will find more details.
JUDGING AT 2020 FAIR

Due to the crazy COVID-19, the 2020 Fair will look a lot different!

You will see enclosed a schedule for all the judging. We will only be judging Fashion Revue, Clothing Buymanship Consultation Judging and Tablesettings in person. All other exhibits will be a drop and go. We will need older 4-Hers and superintendents/parents to sit with our judges to fill out score sheets for all exhibits.

All exhibits will stay at the fairgrounds and be on display as long as our fair is Open to the Public. That final decision will be made by the Fairboard, County Health Dept. and the County Commissioners. After your food items are judges, we will keep a sample for display and the rest of the item you will take home or let the superintendents know where if we can use it as a food plate to donate to the local businesses in town (brownies, cookies, cakes, breads, etc.) We will not have a Food Sale this year!!!!!!

Livestock show schedules are also enclosed in the schedule. You will see all shows will be “Show & Go”. We ask that you have your animal all clipped up and washed before coming into the fair. Wash racks will be available for spot washing only and we ask that you bring your own hoses/nozzles if possible.

Premium Auction animals – Sheep & Meat Goats will stay after the show and be loaded onto the floor buyers trailer. Beef will need to be taken back home and brought back Thursday (time to be determined). Swine will stay after the swine show but please tend to your animal until after they are loaded on the proper trucks.

We do ask that we limit the number of people in the Livestock barns during the shows. We ask that immediate family only helping youth with their livestock and back in the pen areas.

PRE-ENTRIES

Every exhibit brought to the fair must be pre-entered by July 1st. After July 1st you may turn in late entries July 2-6 with a $10 per 4-Her late fee. Do pre-enter everything you think you might exhibit. If you don’t exhibit something that has been pre-entered, that’s okay. Please be realistic about entries and only enter things that you think you can reasonably get done by fair time. This is especially an important factor this year.

Pre-entries are all on the Meadowlark District 4-H webpage – Jackson County

https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/holton.html. You can print these off and either email them back to us at ja@listserv.ksu.edu, mailed to 114 W 5th St Holton, KS 66436, faxed to 785-364-4775 or dropped off at the extension office. We do have a drop box on our front door!!!!!!!

It is in your best interest to make a copy of your entry form so you can remember what you pre-entered. This way you will not be disappointed when you bring an entry to the fair that was not pre-entered and are not pain the premium on it for that reason. Exhibits not pre-entered will not be eligible for premiums, awards or state fair entry! So fill out your papers and don’t delay.

CARDS AND LABELS

All exhibits MUST have an entry card. You MUST have a label attached to all exhibits with the exception of Livestock entries. Entry cards and labels can be picked up at the Extension Office and need to be filled out and attached to your exhibit BEFORE fair entry day. Please use an extra cards and labels you have at home first and only pick up the number you need. Simply put, make sure every piece that comes to the fair has your name on it. Labels do not have to be 4-H labels, they just need to have your name and address on the label. You can print labels off our district website https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/holton.html

IMPORTANT – Make sure you DO NOT tear the entry cards in half. The entry cards are used to enter ribbon placings.
STATIC EXHIBIT DROP OFF

All building projects will be dropped off at the Northeast KS Heritage Complex. Please note the following times:
Thursday, July 9  10am – 12 pm & 1-7pm
Sunday, July 12  3-7pm

EXHIBITOR AND CLASS NUMBERS

Each 4-Her is assigned a unique computer number. You may find the list of computer numbers on our district website. It will be your responsibility to look up your exhibitor number and place it on all your entry cards in the proper place. Be sure your number is correct.

We will have exhibitor numbers printed and safety pins available for the livestock exhibitors at check in times for you to pick up.

Class numbers are either 3, 4 or 5 digit numbers. If it is a 3 digit number, the exhibit is not eligible for the state fair. If it is a 4 digit number, it is eligible for the state fair. Livestock exhibits will have a 5 digit number.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photo boards are available for purchase at the Extension Office for $2 each. If you have old photo bags you are not using, the Council would like to recycle them, so please bring them by the Extension Office.

SUPERINTENDENTS

If you are a superintendent please be watching for a more detailed letter on judging times and check in times for your project areas. If you cannot help where you have been assigned, please let Cara know ASAP. It takes everyone’s help to have a successful fair.

PREPERATION FOR JUDGING EXHIBITS

In order to receive your premium(s) and ribbon(s), you must have exhibits judged during the assigned times AND your exhibits must be displayed at the fair.

1. All projects are to be labeled in the customary way and must have a fair entry tag and a sticky label attached to them prior to being judged.
2. All Static exhibits should have a short information card (3x5 index card) accompany all exhibits. The card should state if a kit was used and how much was pre-assembled; if the idea was original; media used; process by which the item was made and approximate cost.
3. All matted or framed artwork must have the appropriate hanger, rod, wire, or other mechanism to be properly displayed. **NO EASELS will be accepted for matted or framed artwork!** Matted work must be famed and ready to be hung.
4. All Drop and GO entries must be accompanied by extra information.
5. For **Clothing Division** make sure to have a photo of you in the outfit and your “Cost Per Wear” form. This form can be found on our website. You will not need to bring your accessories with the garments for judging.
6. Fashion Revue exhibitors – You must have a cost per wear, picture of you in item and a written description of the outfit that you will be modeling. The description needs to be written in third person and should be long enough for someone to read while you are modeling. The Modeling Script is on our website page. The description must be typed or neatly handwritten. Be sure to include your name in the write-up. This paper must be turned at the pre-fair judging on July 14th. The public fashion revue is still a go as long as we are able to have an open fair.
7. Judging of Fashion Revue will start at 9 am and will be scheduled times. Please be watching for email with your schedule time. We ask that if possible you come already dressed in your outfit.

COPYRIGHT REMINDER
Reminder!!! Please make sure you are following the copyright laws when preparing your exhibits for the fair. Please refer to page 15 in the fairbook. Copyrighted and/or trademarked materials for endorsement or promotion instead of educational purposes will be disqualified and will not be displayed or receive ribbons or premiums.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!!!!
If you have lost any ear tags from lambs, goats, hogs or beef, please notify our office so they can be replaced before the fair.

Livestock sold through the auction should meet the following weight requirements: Market Beef must weigh at least 1050 lbs, Market Swine must weigh at least 220 lbs and no more than 325 lbs, Market Lambs must weigh at least 100 lbs and Market Goats must weigh at least 50 lbs.

SHOWMANSHIP
4-Hers please remember to pre-enter for showmanship so ring help can plan for an approximate number but it is not required. Showmanship classes will be at the beginning of the livestock shows. There is no Round Robin this year.

LIVESTOCK ITEMS TO NOTE
Please read carefully and make special note of dates.
1. All fair entries must be turned in by July 1st to Extension Office.
2. Anyone planning to take an animal through the auction must complete a “Meadowlark District 4-H Premium Sale Requirements” form and returned to office by July 1st.
3. Intent to sell cards are due after each specie shows for livestock going through auction, floored or going home. Please let Cara or a Superintendent know what you plan to do with your animal before you leave the fairgrounds.
4. Sheep/Goats that plan on going through auction or floored will be loaded on to floor buyer trailers after the Monday night show. Beef that plan on being floored can be left after show and loaded onto floor buyer trailer. Beef going through auction need to be taken back home and brought back on Thursday before livestock sale. Swine will be left after the show but 4-Hers must still care for them until after the sale.
5. Buyer letter invites are available for pick up at the Extension office.
6. No animals will be allowed at the sale. Youth must be present to sale their animal. We ask that each youth submit a picture of them with their animals for the slide show for the sale.
7. Only 1 animal is allowed to go through the Premium Auction. All others may be floored.
8. Please be sure to read the General Health Regulations for all livestock.

PREMIUM AUCTION REQUIREMNT FORM
All 4-Hers and FFA members who plan to take an animal through the Premium Auction Thursday night are required to fill out a “Meadowlark District 4-H Premium Auction Requirement” form. These forms need to be completed by the youth and turned into the Extension Office by July 1st. These forms require a Club Leader signature, but given the restrictions on meeting in person until after July 4, the
forms will not be required to be signed by Leaders before returning to the office. We will send submitted forms to Club Leaders for verification and approval.

COVID-19 MITIGATION GUIDANCE FOR FAIR

We must remain vigilant to keep safety of the participants, volunteers and public top priority as we attend the Fair this summer. While 4-H participation will be a Modified In-Person experience, no participant should be asked to participate in any manner that makes them feel uncomfortable or is unsafe. Anyone with concerns needs to visit with Extension staff and arrangements will be made to reasonably accommodate project feedback for all 4-H youth.

The following public health etiquette is to be practiced at the Fair. Exhibitors must understand that they need to comply with these guidelines and could be excused from any in-person judging event if not complying. Additionally, judges have the right to refuse to judge in an environment where they don’t feel comfortable.

* Stay home if you have tested positive, are showing COVID-19 symptoms, or had close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
* Practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette:
  * Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not readily available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
  * Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
  * Cover cough and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
  * Use Cloth face coverings in close, extended settings where social distancing cannot be achieved.
  * Maintain a 6 ft distance with others as much as possible.
* Reduce the physical closeness and length of time you are around non-family members.

Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.

AS PARENTS AND LEADERS A REMINDER OF WHAT’S IMPORTANT

No ribbon or award will last as long as the things young people learn. This event is just one part of the learning process. When fun is the focus, young people learn and grow. This is the 4-Hers event! Work with them, not instead of them. Assist and support them in a positive way. Each young person is a winner for trying. Encouragement from one adult can make a big difference in child’s life. Kids are watching you today. They are learning from your words and example. Winning is NOT the most important thing that happens at this event. Focus on their efforts, not the outcomes. No matter what the member’s project is, the focus of the volunteer, the parents, and the superintendents must be the 4-H MEMBER! Youth themselves are more important than the items they make or grow.

Sincerely,

Cara Robinson
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