Dear 4-H Family,

With the arrival of this letter, the fair can’t be too far away. Do you have your exhibits finished? The 2022 fairbook can be found on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html Printed fair books for those who signed up with their club leaders will be handed out at club meetings.

This newsletter, and your fairbook, will be your guide to a successful fair season. It is a good idea to read the book carefully. The fair book, as well as, all forms can be found on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html

QUESTIONS
If you have questions that have not been answered in this newsletter, we are just a phone call away at 785-336-2184. There are NO mindless questions!

WHAT IS NEW AT THE FAIR
There have been a few changes this year. Please check the divisions you are enrolled in to avoid confusion. Some of the major changes are:

- Dairy Show Saturday, July 29th at 10:30 am
- Bucket Calf show moved to Saturday, July 29th at 12:30 pm.
- State fair class changes (noted in eligible divisions)
- Metals will now be shown STEM – Ag Mechanics
- STEM – Architectural Construction is for original design Legos

IMPORTANT REMINDERS
- All members are to read, sign and return to the Extension Office a Fair Participant’s Code of Conduct before July 1st.
- Added to the Food Stand work list is Trash Cans. We are asking clubs to be in charge of dumping all cans on the fairgrounds Saturday, Sunday, and Monday mornings into dumpsters.

FAIR GROUNDS CLEAN UP SCHEDULED
The Nemaha County Fair Board will be having a fair grounds cleanup day on Wednesday, June 15th beginning at 6:30 p.m. Anyone wanting to help can show up at that time. They will be doing projects such as spraying weeds and tending to things that need repaired around the fairgrounds. The County lets us use this area for the fair, so let’s all do our part and help make it look nice. Your help is greatly appreciated.

PRE-ENTRIES
All exhibits you will be bringing to the fair will need to be pre-entered into FairEntry at https://nemaha-ks.fairentry.com/ before July 1st. Please be realistic about entries and only enter things that you think you can
reasonably get done by fair time. Enclosed in this packet is your “How to Pre-enter Exhibits into FairEntry”. We have also enclosed a tips sheet for FairEntry on blue paper.

As approved by the Nemaha County Free Fair Board, all pre-entries must be entered into FairEntry by July 1st. Exhibits not pre-entered will not be eligible for premiums, awards or state fair entry! So, fill out your pre-entries right away, don’t delay! We have enclosed a Pre-entries Reference form (on neon paper) for your use. It is in your best interest to make a list of what you pre-enter so you will not have a question about what you entered.

POULTRY TESTING AT FAIR
Dr. Elsie McCoy will be doing poultry testing July 14th at the fairgrounds in Seneca from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. All birds coming to the fair must be tested.

PROJECT WORKSHOPS
This summer we have a programming intern. Matt Stallbaumer (a former 4-Her), will be offering programing at the local libraries. They will have a list of dates and activities he will be offering.
Matt will also be offering a Pie, Bread and Showmanship workshop for 4-Hers. Please see the enclosed flyer and sign up today!

CARDS AND LABELS
All exhibits MUST have an entry card! With the FairEntry program the Extension office will be printing all entry cards according to what you enter online into FairEntry. Because of this, it will very important to only enter exhibits that you will be bringing to the fair.
You will get your exhibit entry cards when you check your exhibit for judging. We will have a table with exhibitor’s cards in alphabetical order and string/tape for you to attach the cards to your exhibit before taking them to be judged.
You MUST have a label attached to all exhibits with the exception of food and livestock entries. Labels do not have to be 4-H labels, they just need to have your name, address, and class number on the label. You can print labels from our website https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html

FAIR ENTRY NUMBERS
Make sure to check under each division in your fairbook, for the maximum number of entries you may enter. Duplicated entries will be disqualified.

CLUB ENTRIES
If you are in charge of pre-entering you Club Exhibit (Banner, Hay Bale or Display) please contact Deb on this. With the FairEntry those exhibits need to be entered differently.

PREMIUM AUCTION REQUIREMENT FORM
All 4-Hers and FFA members who plan to take an animal, bread basket, cookie container or decorated item through the Premium Auction, are required to fill out a “Meadowlark District 4-H/FFA Premium Auction Requirement” form. These forms need to be completed by the 4-H/FFA members. They will need to be signed by member, parent and Club Leader before turned into the Extension Office prior to July 1st. They can be emailed, faxed or dropped off at the office.

SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP
 We will be setting up on Wednesday July 27th beginning at 6:00 pm. Included in this packet are the setup/cleanup work lists. These can also be found on our website. Assignments are by family. PLEASE show up and do your part. If you are unable to help where assigned, you should find someone to trade with. It takes everyone’s help to make the fair a success, so PLEASE do your part!

SUPERINTENDENTS
In this packet you will find a Superintendents list for adults. We have designated someone for each area as a chair. They will be in charge and all helpers are there to assist. Please check to see what superintendent assignment you
have. You will be expected to help in the assigned area, which includes the check-in, weigh-in, judging process, displaying of exhibits and shows. If you cannot help where you have been assigned, please let the chair know ASAP. It takes everyone’s help to have a successful fair.

We ask that all 4-Hers help in project divisions they are enrolled in. This is the best way to learn! We will need help checking in exhibits, handing out entry cards and assisting with attaching entry cards. Someone should sit with each judge and mark the entry cards with results. 4-Hers are also needed to help with weigh-in and shows.

Livestock Superintendents, please check in with the Chair person. You will be helping with weigh-in, check-in as well as the shows.

COPYRIGHT REMINDER

Reminder! Please make sure you are following the copyright laws when preparing your exhibits for the fair. Refer to page 15 in the fair book. 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.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photo boards are available for purchase at the Extension Office for $2 each. We will be placing photos in bags after judging for display. 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.

The theme for the Photography Kansas Pride Class is “Kansas Agriculture”. Reminder - these pictures need to be taken in Kansas!

CONSULTATION JUDGING

Wednesday, July 20th will be consultation judging for Architectural Construction, Banners, Books, Buymanship, Clothing, Fashion Revue, Fiber Arts, Home Environment, Miscellaneous-Self Determined, Photography, Poster, Robots, Rockets, Table Settings, and Visual Arts.

Each 4-Her will bring his/her exhibits and discuss them with the judge on the 20th. If you are unable to attend the judging, you may bring your exhibits to the Extension Office prior to Wednesday July 20th and we will get them judged for you.

1. All fair entries must be pre-entered by Friday, July 1st in the online FairEntry website. As approved by the Nemaha County Fair Board, any and all exhibits not pre-entered will NOT be paid premiums or receive any special award.
2. We will be scheduling all judging once everything has been pre-entered. This schedule will be sent to you via snail mail and on our website.
3. When you arrive at consultation judging, you will need to sign-in at a table for each division being judged. This will also be where you pick up your pre-printed entry cards. It will be your responsibility to attach entry cards to your exhibits before they are judged. You will be called to have your entries judged in order according to the sign-up sheet, when all entry cards are attached.
4. All projects are to be labeled in the customary way and must have a pre-printed fair entry tag and a sticky label with your name and address attached to them prior to being judged.
5. Fiber and Visual Art 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.
6. All matted or framed artwork must be framed and ready to with the appropriate hanger, rod, wire, or other mechanism to be properly displayed. NO EASELS will be accepted for matted or framed artwork!
7. In order to receive your premium(s) and ribbon(s), you must have exhibits judged at consultation judging on the 20th AND your exhibits must be displayed at the fair.
8. We will be keeping ALL exhibits judged on Wednesday the 20th except for Visual Arts that do not receive a Purple ribbon and the Table Settings.
9. Judging for both boys and girls Fashion Revue will start at 1:30 pm. All contestants are asked to remain at the judging site until the judging of their division is complete.
CLOTHING / BUYMANSHP / FASHION REVUE

1. For Clothing/Buymanship please bring all accessories with you to be judged and make sure to have your “Cost Per Wear” form. This form can be found on our website at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html

2. If you are in the Clothing project and plan to model your outfit in the Fashion Revue, you must pre-enter the outfit in Clothing and Fashion Revue. Savvy Shopping must be entered in both divisions as well. Your Savvy Shopping exhibit can count as a Buymanship entry.

3. Fashion Revue exhibitors – You must write a 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 walking around the Community Building. There is a fill in the blank Modeling Script on our website page. All descriptions must be typed on an 8 1/2 x 11" piece of paper, 16 font and double-spaced. Be sure to include your name in the write-up. This paper must be turned in the morning of July 14th or you will be lowered one ribbon placing.

4. Savvy Shopping class for Fashion Revue - You will need to have the receipt and the form which is on our website. You can also enter this outfit as a Buymanship outfit during Clothing judging. https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html

CLOVERBUD JUDGING

All Cloverbuds must pre-enter their exhibit prior to July 1st in FairEntry. Please check the Fair Book for exhibit rules. They will have the opportunity to have a project interview at the fair. Interviews for Cloverbuds will be Friday, July 29th at 11:30 am in the Community Building. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table next to the Cloverbud sign on Friday morning. Please sign up for a time to meet with the judge. Entry cards will be available on the check-in table, please attach these to the exhibits prior to interviews.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE!!

If you have lost any ear tags from lambs, goats, swine, or beef, please notify our office so they can be replaced before the fair. These ear tags are part of the weigh-in process.

LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN

* When pre-entering your animals please enter the tag number given at weigh-in
* All livestock is to be checked in by 10:00 am Friday, July 29th
* Sheep/Goats will be weighed between 8:00 am – 8:30 am. (If you are unable to get there between this time, you will have to wait until after all swine are weighed.)
* Swine will be weighed from 8:30 am - 10:00 am.
* Beef will be at the fairgrounds from 8:00 - 10:00 am.

SHOWMANSHIP

4-Hers are asked to please pre-enter for showmanship of each species that will be showing, so ring help can plan for an approximate number. Showmanship classes will be at the end of the livestock shows, except swine.

LIVESTOCK ITEMS TO NOTE

Please read carefully and make special note of dates.

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2. All livestock stalls reserved and not entered will be subject to a fine of blue-ribbon rate if not canceled by Monday July 25th.
3. Intent to sell cards are due Saturday, July 30th before 8:00 pm for all livestock going through the auction.
4. The success of the livestock auction is up to you, the 4-H and FFA member. If you want a good premium for your livestock, you must contact bidders, and ask them to attend the auction!
5. Livestock not going through the premium auction will be released at 3:00 pm on Monday, August 1st.
6. Please be sure to read the General Health Regulations for all livestock. Health certificates are not required but there will be certified veterinaries on site at check-in to evaluate all livestock.
7. It is the members responsibility to contact lockers for slaughter appointments.

PIE BAKING CONTEST
Don’t forget to enter your pies in the pie baking contest **Saturday, July 30th**. Anyone can enter so make sure to tell your aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandpas, and neighbors. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners. Pie from the contest will be sold in the concession stand. See our website for more information.

PARADE THEME
The parade this year will be held on **Sunday, July 31st** at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Seneca. The theme this year is **“4-H is How We Roll”**. 4-H Floats will need to be at the Community National Bank **before 5:00 pm** for the judging of floats.

FAIR EXHIBIT PICK UP
Please plan to pick up all your exhibits **August 1st between 3:00 – 5:00 pm**. We have to have everything out of the Community Building by 5:00 pm due to election on August 2nd.

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 for 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 a 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,

Deb Henry
4-H Program Manager

ENCL:
- Fair Entry - Entry Process Guide
- 2022 Detailed Fair Schedule
- Superintendent List
- Set-up / Clean-up List
- Food Stand Work List
- MED Fair Participant’s Code of Conduct
- MED Premium Auction Requirements
- Intent to sell card
- Pre-entry Reference Forms
- Project Workshops flyer