Dear 4-H Family,

The FAIR is just around the corner. Please read every word of this 4-H newsletter. Reminder that fair books are digital only this year and can be found on our website. We suggest you print off divisions that pertains to your 4-Her. This letter and the fair book will answer most of your questions about the fair and help you to have a successful fair season. If you have misplaced one of your important sheets, everything can be found at https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html

Everything exhibited must have an entry card attached to the exhibit before judging. Livestock entries will hand their entry cards to the superintendent as they enter the ring. If the office does not have an entry card for your exhibit you will not receive your premium. Do you have your entry cards filled out correctly? There are examples on our web site and in the fair book. Make sure you fill out both sides of the entry card, and do not tear them apart! The class number can be found in the fair book. Your exhibitor number is in the back of the fair book.

We have sticky labels available here at the office, otherwise you can use an address label with the 4-Hers name, address, class name & number on it. These labels should be on ALL exhibits except for the foods and Livestock. For cloth labels you will have to make your own, by using a piece of muslin and a permanent marker. Refer to the division instructions for all information that should be included. Food Preservation has its own label that is to be used. We have some here in the office and can be found on our website https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html

Make sure to have ALL your entries checked into their designated area before the deadline time.

EXHIBIT DROP OFF FOR JUDING

Exhibits can be dropped off and do not have to be dropped off by 4-H member. They can be sent with other club members, family or friend. If the following time does not work for you, please contact the office.

Projects to be dropped off include: Books, Banners, Posters, Clothing (Buymanship & Construction), Fiber Arts, Home environment, Photography, Reading, Self-Determined, Shooting Sports, Visual Arts, Wildlife.

Others that can be dropped off are Space Tech, Energy Management, Welding & Woods. This will not be judged until Thursday, July 23. But will need to be brought in before the 23rd.

**Monday, July 13th**

8:00 am - 10:00 am ~ HHHH
10:00 am - 12:00 pm ~ Achievers
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm ~ Kelly Twilighters
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm ~ Stateliners

**Tuesday, July 14th**

8:00 am - 10:00 am ~ Busy Jayhawkers
10:00 am - 11:30 am ~ Pony Express
11:30 am - 1:00 pm ~ Red Rustlers
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm ~ Centralia Aces
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm ~ Woodlawn Meadowlark
EXHIBITOR INFORMATION CARDS

With the majority of static project exhibit areas being evaluated in a “drop and go” approach, without the 4-H member being present, a new resource has been developed this year. The exhibitor information card template is an OPTIONAL tool a member can use to provide information to the judge, to help them better evaluate your project exhibit. These can be completed for each division or by individual exhibit, the choice is up to you on how much you want to sell your product! A PDF form-fillable template document can be found on each local office page or members can complete the answers to these questions on a notecard, no larger than 4”X6”. These cards must be completed and attached to exhibit, at the time entries are dropped off at judging.

CLOTHING & BUYMANSHIP EXHIBITS

Make sure all garments are securely hung on hangers for the fair! If you are not using a swivel hanger, openings face the left shoulder like you are wearing the garment.

You will need to bring the following when you drop off exhibits for judging on Wednesday, July 15th:

1. Your outfit(s)
2. Your clothing “cost per wear” for each outfit. This can be found on our website.
3. A picture of you wearing the outfit mounted on a sheet of white paper.
4. A short story describing cost, care, use and how the outfit fits into your overall clothing plan.
5. Clothing can only be placed in a bag, but must be see through.

VISUAL ARTS

Make sure all projects are CLEAN. It has been brought to our attention, that several times exhibitors have finger prints on their projects. So check over before you bring them to be judged. All exhibits need to have a description of how you made the item, supplies used, cost and any other important information. We would like to remind you to please pay attention to your grammar and spelling and use complete sentences as you do your write-ups. Learning to do the write-ups correctly is an important part of the project. Make sure all exhibits are labeled prior to judging and ready to be hung. We do not want pictures on easels unless they are 8x10 or smaller. If the item should be displayed hung up and it is not ready to hang, the exhibit will be lowered one ribbon placing. All exhibits must have a label on the item with your name and address. Entry cards must be attached to the exhibit prior to exhibiting!

PHOTOGRAPHY

PLEASE use scotch tape only when taping release form on to the bottom of the photo board. If your photo has a sign “picked for traveling display” on it during the fair, these photos will be put on display for the next year around Nemaha County. These photos need to be put in the box on the desk in fair office, Monday when you pick up your entries. If you have questions, please ask Deb. Also if you are planning to send a photo to the state fair it can be left in the fair office.

FASHION REVUE

The judging for the fashion revue will be Wednesday, July 15th in the Nemaha County Community Building. Judging will begin at 1:00 pm. This is only exhibitor and one parent support person. All contestants are asked to please remain at the community building until the judging of their division is complete. Remember to bring the description of the outfit you will be modeling with you on Wednesday July 15th. Please type the description in 3rd person, with a 16 font, double spaced on a 8 ½ x 11 paper. Be sure to include your name in the write-up. There is a fill in the blank Modeling Script on our website, https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/seneca.html, that can help you with your write-up. You will be dropped one premium placing if you do not turn in your write-up that afternoon.
The public fashion revue will be held **Sunday, July 26th** at the Community Building. Starting time is **1:30 p.m.** so make sure you are dressed and ready to go no later than 1:15 pm. **ALL 4-H’ers that model in the Wednesday afternoon judging must model at the public fashion revue or premium will be forfeited.**

**TABLE SETTING**
Enclosed with this newsletter you will find the schedule for Table Setting **judging on Wednesday, July 15th.** You will not need to bring a card table to the judging on Wednesday, July 15th. We will have one table for everyone to use. But you will need to bring your card table for your display during the fair. Also Table Settings will need in place by noon on Friday, July 24th.

**FOODS JUDGING SCHEDULE**
You will find the foods judging schedule enclosed with this newsletter. If you are unable to be present for the time assigned, it is your responsibility to find someone to trade with. You are encouraged to wear a mask while getting your food judged.

**PREPARING HORTICULTURE FAIR ENTRY RESCOURSE**
All crops, horticulture and flowers need to be at the Community Building between 8:30 and 9:30 am Friday, July 24th. It will be drop and go. But you must have everything labeled correctly.

As fair season approaches Plant Science members, please be aware of some resources available to you. K-State Research & Extension publications Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables and Preparing Cut Flowers for Exhibit are excellent resources for 4-H members and adults that are planning to exhibit their vegetables or flowers. These publications are often used by judges as they evaluate fair entries and can be found on our web page.

Some of you may be more visual learners. The University of Illinois Extension has prepared a series of videos on YouTube, about how to prepare produce for the fair. These videos give step by step instructions on how to select and groom various types of vegetables for exhibit. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H5dIS-kgLI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H5dIS-kgLI)

**REMARK FOR DECORATED CAKES, BREAD BASKETS, AND COOKIE JARS**
If you are planning to sell a Decorated Cake, Bread Basket or Cookie Jar, you must have turned in the “Meadowlark District 4-H Premium Auction Requirement” form by July 1st.

All decorated cakes and Mayor’s Bread Baskets will be auctioned before the Livestock Auction on **Monday night, beginning at 6:00 pm.** Each exhibitor is responsible for getting their cake to the livestock arena before the auction.

Commissioner Cookie Containers - The top exhibit will be presented to the commissioner on **Monday night before the auction.** Then all cookie jars will be auctioned off following the decorated cakes.

The Champion Mayors Bread Basket will be presented to the Seneca mayor on Monday night before the auction.

If you are selling a food item in the auction, please make sure to bring a container to put cookies and breads in for the buyer. Otherwise the buyer will keep the container.

**CLOVERBUDS**
Cloverbuds will be interviewed on Friday, July 24th at 1:00 pm in the Community Building. Participants in this class should refer to the fairbook for details. Remember there are to be no pets brought, instead bring pictures, a notebook, poster or display. Cloverbuds exhibits will be left for display during the fair. Also each Cloverbud should fill out an entry card to leave with their exhibit.

**SMALL PET PARTICIPANTS**
Hand pets is limited to animal species that are unable to exhibit in any other Division at the fair. This division excludes rabbits, poultry, swine, goats, sheep, beef, dairy, and horses. Dogs not participating in another show can also participate in the pet show on Monday, July 27th.
You must have proof of vaccinations for your pet you are showing at the fair. The veterinary clinic can give you proof of the vaccinations. Make sure you groom your animal before the show. Bathe them, brush their coat, and check their ears and nose.

We ask that you keep your animal contained to their cage until you are called for your show.

**FOOD STAND SCHEDULE**

The schedule is enclosed with this newsletter and can be found on our website. It was voted on at the last council meeting to have limited concessions. This will include drinks, candy bars, chips and Ice Pops. We will be having concessions at each show as well. Please make sure to show up 15 minutes before your shift. We ask that each club has at least 2 adults and 3 youth per shift in the building and at the shows. We ask that you restock everything before your shift is over. Remember when you work the food stand to check the trash cans. Every 4-H family should do their part and work at least one shift. The money raised from this concession stand is used to present trainings, send campers to camps, buy Achievement awards and fund the Travel Scholarship to name a few.

**THANK YOU NOTES**

If you receive any type of award at the fair this year you will need to stop by the fair office and write a ‘Thank You” before you receive your award. This includes all plaques and gift prizes. The reason for this is these sponsors give us money for the awards, but are way too often not thanked. We will be sending all “Thank You” notes to the sponsors for you. Now if you would also like to write one at home that would be great. These sponsors need to know we do appreciate the money they donate! You can also send another Thank You or take a treat to your sponsor as well.

**REMEMBER TO SUPERINTENDENTS**

Make sure to check and see where you are a superintendent helper. Many 4-H’ers and all parents have been assigned definite areas to help with during the fair. Please check these so you will know your assignment because it takes the help of everyone to make things go smoothly. If you are unable to work, and can’t find a substitute, please let the office know. These lists are on our website and were in the first packet you received.

**RELEASE OF EXHIBITS**

All exhibits will be released to pick up Monday, July 27th at 1:00 pm. and must be out of the building by 4:00 pm.

**SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP**

It has worked well in the past to assign families to help with set-up and clean-up, so PLEASE show up and do your part. Everyone is to meet at 6:00 pm in the Community Building on Wednesday, July 24th for set up.

For barn set-up, please bring pliers, baling wire and gloves and anything else you think will come in handy. Pickups will be needed to haul things places as well.

**Monday night clean-up will be in the Community Building beginning at 4:00pm.** We will tear down everything and pack cases, racks, etc. away till next year. Everything must be out of the Community Building Monday.

**Clean-up Tuesday will begin at 8:30 am** and will consist of tearing down everything in the barns. Please bring gloves, pliers, pitch forks and shovels for barn clean-up.

We have been short on the Tuesday clean-up crew, so check to see if this is your assignment. If you are unable to help during your assigned time, please trade with someone for different times. A successful fair takes everyone’s help so please do your share and don’t rely on the next person to do your job. The clean-up and set-up schedule is on our website and were in your last packet.
HINTS TO MAKE THE FAIR RUN SMOOTHLY

* Make sure you have an entry card for every exhibit and event entered.
* Make sure all equipment is identified with your name and club name.
* All sticky labels, entry cards, photo release slips, and description cards must be attached to your exhibit before it can be judged.
* Everything but food and animals need to have a sticky label on the back of the item.
* All visual art pictures / drawings / painting or anything that would hang on a wall must have a hanger on the back. These cannot be set on easels unless they are smaller than 8x10. Otherwise they will be lowered a ribbon.

HORSE SHOW Thursday, July 23rd

The horse superintendents are requesting that you turn in your entry cards for all of your horse classes to the extension office before 4:00 pm or 5:00 pm at check-in on Thursday, July 23rd to the Extension Office or announcer’s booth, so they can organize them. Horses need to be on the grounds by show time Thursday.

REMINDEERS FOR THOSE EXHIBITING ANIMALS

Make sure you look over the animal health requirements and guidelines in this year’s fair book. It is a very good idea to take your animals into the show ring prior to the show multiple times and walk around, so they are not scared of the big fan and small area.

If you will be showing two different species of animals the same day, you will be allowed to bring them all at one time. We just ask that you have them clipped and ready to show prior to coming to the fair. There will be no blocking chutes allowed on the fair barns. You will be able to spot wash your animals at the fairgrounds after transporting them.

INTENT TO SELL CARDS

If you are planning to take your market livestock through the premium auction you must turn in an intent to sell card by Saturday, July 25th before 8:00 p.m. Cards will be available at the announcer’s booth and must be deposited in the green box in the north barn. If you know ahead of time you will be taking your animal through the auction, turn in your card early. 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 have bidders attend the auction! Remember, there will be NO floor buyers, this is a premium only auction.

BUCKET CALF KNOWLEDGE CONSULTATION

The Bucket calf exhibitors will not have separate knowledge consultation judging this year. All bucket calf exhibitors need to go to the announcer’s booth Monday morning before the show to pick up their exhibitor number. They must have these before entering the show ring.

SPECIAL LIVESTOCK NOTES

- Sand will be supplied in the south beef barn.
- If you will be leaving an animal on the fairgrounds, it will be your responsibility to fill out a stall card, which can be found at the announcer’s booth.
- Be watching for an email closer to the fair on livestock update information.

HELPFUL HINTS ABOUT THE LIVESTOCK AUCTION

A few good ideas for improving relations between 4-Hers and buyers are suggested below.

- Encourage the 4-Her to visit the business person ahead of the fair. Don’t come in the day of the auction wanting them to bid on your animal. Almost all business people will not bid on a stranger’s animal.
- Tell them about your 4-H livestock project. Let them know you have a market hog project or raise more cattle than just your steer. They appreciate knowing.
• BE SURE TO THANK THEM! In writing and/or in person. We have buyer’s addresses in the Extension Office. Go an extra step and take them a plate of home baked cookies when you thank them. They have given you a very nice donation! Provide a picture of yourself and your project animal.

POULTRY TESTING REQUIREMENTS SUSPENDED 2020
The Division of Animal Health at the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) has again announced a waiver for the pullorum-typhoid testing requirements for poultry in Kansas. This has been caused by a nationwide shortage of the testing antigen. The issue of antigen cost, availability and shipping methods have long been a challenge for all working with poultry events in Kansas. When all things are considered, there is a low risk of pullorum disease when birds are displayed in individual show cages. The Kansas pullorum testing program is maintained within the KDA and they may be reached at 785-564-6601 for further questions.

RABBIT HEMORRHAGIC DISEASE VIRUS
If the COVID-19 virus was not problematic enough, a deadly virus (RHDV2) is circulating in both domestic and wild rabbit populations in the southwest United States. The confirmation of the virus in Colorado counties bordering Kansas has prompted the Animal Health Division of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, to recommend all live rabbit show be canceled in 2020. Given this recommendation, there will be NO live rabbit shows at fair this year. Rabbit members are encouraged to review details for entry options sent via email. Please visit: https://agriculture.ks.gov/divisions-programs/division-of-animal-health/animal-diseases/rabbit-hemorrhagic-disease-virus-serotype-2-(rhdv2) for more details.

RECYCLE RIBBONS
Reminder all exhibits will have a ribbon on them at the fair. If you do not want your ribbon after the fair there will be a recycling box that you can put them in. This box will be in the fair office. Please put them in this box and not the trash.

BUILDING CLEAN UP
Because the community building restrooms seem to require extra attention and sometimes need a little clean up and pick up during the fair, we are asking each club to assume this responsibility when they are working the concession stands.

If you need toilet paper or paper towels, please see Deb and she will see that you are supplied with these. We will also have the key to the janitors closet where the cleaning supplies are located if you need these.

If everyone does their share, we can keep everything looking nice at the fair.

Also the floor of the community building is swept every night during the fair. This is done at the end of the respective evenings program or around 8. This would count on 4-H achievement pins and is a good junior leadership activity. If anyone would like to help with this, just show up at the Community Building at 8.

STATE FAIR ENTRIES REQUIRED...
At this time, they are planning to have a State Fair on September 11 - 20. The State 4-H Office requires ALL State Fair exhibits to be pre-entered through our Extension office.

If you receive a Purple Ribbon at the County Fair on an exhibit that there is a State Fair class (4-digit class numbers), your 4-H age is 9 & up, then you may exhibit the item at the State Fair all except Visual Arts. This also includes those that were invited to do a demonstration from Club Days. You are only allowed one entry per project division.

To enter your exhibit, you must fill out the pre-entry form by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10th. There will be a table set up at the fair office, during the fair, for those who would like to pre-enter. The only exception to this deadline is livestock which are shown in a combined 4-H and FFA show. Due dates for market animals is Wednesday, July 15th and horse Wednesday, August 1st (horses must have been identified by May 1). This is all done online.
**Exhibits going to the state fair can be left in Deb’s office after our fair.** There will be a box for photos, just make sure you have signed the state fair release. All non-food exhibits going to the state fair must be in the Extension office before noon on Friday, September 4th. Those submitting Food items to the state fair will be notified individually of when they need to be in the office. As soon as the state fair assigns a delivery date for Meadowlark, we will contact you. Exhibits from the state fair will be available for pickup any time after September 22nd.

If you are exhibiting at the state fair, contact the Extension Office if you plan to attend the fair. The 4-H Council will pay for your state fair entry ticket. We can also purchase tickets for your family at a discount price. Please let us know before August 7th. [http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html)

If you had a “Selected for State Fair” sticker on your result sheet at Club Day, you are eligible to take that presentation to the state fair. This year all presentations will be done virtual. Please contact the office for more information.

Requests for vehicle hang tags, parking tickets, and gate admissions tickets are needed by Friday, August 10th. State Fair books can be found on our website. These show all class information, show and health requirements. It is your responsibility to read and be aware of all state fair requirements.

**SHOULD WE DO CLUB TOUR THIS YEAR**

Club tour is a fun way to visit the homes of other 4-H families in your club and share progress on 4-H project work. For many having 4-H guests at your home, this is a highlight of summer. With the concern of COVID-19 and some viruses circulating in Poultry, Rabbit, Swine and Horse populations, the question becomes, is it worth the risk? As long as CDC guidelines on health, handwashing and social distancing are followed for participants and proper Bio-security measures are followed (limiting exposure to other animals/feces, clean clothing/boots, disinfectant use, etc...) the risk should be minimal. 4-H Clubs should not cancel club tour solely for this reason, but should give consideration to the current health environment. As always, families should be allowed to decline visitors if there is a concern on their part.

**VIRTUAL JUDGING OPPORTUNITIES**

With the limited opportunity to have a live animal judging contest, a virtual livestock judging contest will be offered to ALL MED 4-H members. We are also exploring the possibility of offering a virtual FCS and possibly other contests. These contest will run July 12-19, with details to be shared via email and linked on the News page of our website: [https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html](https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html)

**SAVE THE DATE FOR 4 HOURS OF 4-H**

Join 4-Hers from across Kansas this fall, in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project and join the 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge, October 10-11, 2020. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! By starting to discuss and plan now, you can find the perfect project for your group and engage important partners. More information will be shared in the coming months.

**2020 KANSAS 4-H STATE WHEAT EXPO IN WICHITA**

The 2020 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo will be Kansas 4-H’s first face-to-face state 4-H event since COVID-19 shut down physical/facce-to-face 4-H programming in March. Organizers are excited to bring the wheat expo back for a fun, educational and hands-on program in person for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff. This is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat on Wednesday, August 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Center, 7001 West 21st St. North, Wichita, KS 67205. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. There is a $6.00 per person registration cost using the CVent registration system at: [http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html). Pre-registration will be required by Sunday, July 26th. For more information visit: [http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html).
4-H HORTICULTURE JUDGING

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest is currently scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2020. The K-State Campus has recently canceled the space reserved, so officials are working to see what alternative can be arranged. The National Junior Horticulture Contest and Conference has postponed their Conference and Identification contest to 2021. The study material for years 2020 is taken from a variety of Healthy Yard Videos detailed on the Kansas 4-H Website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page. Contact the Extension office before August 1, if you are interested in this opportunity.

STATE FAIR FCS JUDGING CONTEST

The State FCS Judging Contest that is scheduled to be held at the Kansas State Fair on Saturday, September 19. The 2020 State Fair topics will be Brewing Coffee, Carry On Luggage, Fast Food, Fundraising, Ground Transportation and Wearable Technology. The format will include a Group Think Activity, Puzzle Room and Judging Classes. A study guide link can be found along with other contest information at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/fcs-judging/index.html. The plan is to have a state contest virtually if a face to face contest cannot be held. Interested individuals need to contact the Extension office by the State Fair entry deadline of August 10.

LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

The 2020 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is scheduled for August 22-23 on the K-State campus in Manhattan, KS. The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. Organizers are charging forward with plans for the traditional event, while also discussing alternative options. Updates will be announced as more information from the University regarding events becomes available. Regardless of the format, an opportunity for youth to display their knowledge of the livestock industry will be held. Contact Ross before July 31 if interested!

SALINA ALL-BREEDS DAIRY SHOW

The Dairy Action Team is pleased to announce that the 2020 Kansas All Breeds Junior Dairy Show is a go!! This year the show is scheduled for August 13, 14 & 15 at the Saline County Livestock and Expo Center in Salina. Please note that there are a few small changes being planned to help facilitate COVID-19 health recommendations, but the vast majority of the show, contests and banquet will look and run the same as they always have. More details on this year’s event and how to register will be coming out July 1. K-State Research & Extension and the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce are excited to team up again to bring this unique opportunity to the dairy youth of Kansas. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 2020 KS Jr. Dairy Show!

KANSAS STATE FAIR GRAND DRIVE AND KJLS ENTRY INFORMATION

The entry deadlines for the state youth livestock shows are approaching. Remember that a complete nomination does NOT constitute entry; it is only the first step in animals being eligible for the state fair and KJLS. Families who state nominated livestock (market animals or commercial females) should have their KSU Nomination # ready and be prepared to submit their YQCA number when they begin the entry process. Entries for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive (4-H/FFA youth livestock show) are due July 15. Entries are being accepted now through their website. All animals must be entered directly through the state fair using the online system, which is ShoWorks. Only online entries will be accepted. Late entry forms will be accepted until July 25, with a late fee. No entries will be accepted after July 25. For more information, visit https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/participate/grand-drive.

Entries for KJLS will be due by August 15, also using ShoWorks. However, they are separate shows, so families will need to create a new account when entering KJLS. All exhibitors must register online, using the link found on the KJLS website: https://kjls.org/. Late entries will be accepted until August 25, but will cost double the listed original entry fee. Families are encouraged to enter early in order to avoid missing the deadline and experiencing technical difficulties. Exhibitors also need to read the rules for each show before submitting their entries.
STATE FAIR UPDATES

Much like our county fairs, the Kansas State Fair is going through many decision making processes and working to adjust to this year. At the time of writing this, there are still many unknowns, but we are planning on the opportunity for 4-H participation at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson – September 11-20. All pre-entries will be due in the Extension office by Monday, August 10th. Following are the changes that we know of today.

**ALL STATIC PROJECT DIVISIONS** are limited to one youth entry per division

4-H Presentations will be conducted virtually with submissions due by September 1st. Results and recordings of presentations will be shared at the State Fair. These must be entered like normal with all other State Fair entries.

State Fair Encampment Building We have been made aware that the Kansas State Fair Encampment Dormitories will not be available for the 2020 State Fair. The sleeping areas are closed for this year due to COVID-19.

State Fair Dog Show the Kansas 4-H Dog Action team has voted to cancel the in-person state fair dog show for 2020. The group is diligently working to create a non-competitive option where youth will have the opportunity to receive input from 4-H Dog Judges. More information on this will come in the near future.

State Fair Horse Show Since District Show qualifying events were cancelled, any age eligible exhibitor with Horse Identification paper on file by May 1, are eligible to enter the State Fair Horse show. Entries due August 1.

State Fair Geology Update The 4-H Geology Action team has voted to modify the collection rules for the 2020 Kansas State Fair. "the current year specimen number rule shall be modified for the 2020 4-H year for geology exhibit state fair classes 5200, 5201, 5202 and 5203, due to these extraordinary circumstances, to read: Five (5) specimens must be collected during the current 4-H year."

WHY DO WE RECEIVE PURPLE, BLUE, RED AND WHITE RIBBONS IN 4-H?

4-H uses the Danish judging system at county and state fairs. This means that exhibits are judged against a “standard” rather than against other exhibits. For example, a dresser that has been refinished by a 4-Her is not compared to other dressers. Rather, it is judged according to what characteristics of the dresser meet standards of quality for refinished furniture?

- A Purple ribbon means that the exhibit meets superior standards and quality.
- A Blue ribbon means that the exhibit meets high standards and good quality work is shown.
- A Red ribbon means averages to above average quality work is shown, but improvement is needed in some areas.
- A White ribbon signifies below average in quality, and the exhibit does not meet standards.

You’ll notice that the Danish judging is very different from a contest where there is one “winner” whose exhibit is the best of all those present. In the Danish judging system, there could be any number of purples, blues, reds or whites because one exhibit is not compared to another. In 4-H, we believe that using the Danish judging system gives every 4-H member the recognition deserved for the work that was done. It also helps young people recognize the need to improve their skills within a non-competitive atmosphere. Relevant to the judging of exhibits, we believe:

- 4-H members are more important than 4-H exhibits.
- Learning how to do a project is more important than the project itself.
- There is more than one good way to do most things.
- A balanced program of work and play, geared to individuals’ needs is more important than winning.
- Every youth needs to be noticed, to feel important, to experience success and to be praised.
- A blue ribbon 4-H member with a red ribbon exhibit is more desirable than a red ribbon 4-H member with a blue ribbon exhibit.
If you’ve made it this far, you’re ready for the fair!!! I hope we are too! If you have any questions about items appearing in the newsletter, please be sure to give us a call. Remember the FAIRBOOK is your book of knowledge, please read it! Also make sure to check the website for forms, flyers, update information and records!

Save the Dates!

State Fair pre-entries due in Extension Office – August 10th
Livestock Sweepstakes – Manhattan, August 22-23
Kansas State Fair – Hutchinson, September 11-20

Sincerely,

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ENCL: Food Consultation Judging Schedule
Food Stand Schedule
Fair Schedule
Static Exhibit dropoff / judging schedule
Livestock show schedule
Superintendent lists
Auction Buyer flyer