

4-H Clover News

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KSRE -Ford County COVID-19

It is unfortunate that we have to adjust our programs, meetings, and preferred work styles because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, this is a very serious and dynamic issue, and it is our obligation to the public good to respond in the appropriate manner.

ALL local, regional, state, national, and international K-State Research face-to-face events (for example: workshops, club meetings, shows, etc) conducted by Extension employees or our volunteers and targeted for our constituents and stakeholders between **March 15** and **May 16** have been cancelled, postponed, or are being held via Zoom or other distance technology.

Please contact us if you have questions. As our society faces the challenges of maintaining health-oriented practices, social isolation, school closures, financial pressures and more, the following resources can help as you navigate through this challenging situation.

K-State Research and Extension specialists are subject matter experts in numerous aspects of life that have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. They provide unbiased, fact-based help in these subjects free of charge for the benefit of everyone in Kansas and the rest of the world. Check out the following website for additional resources: <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/news/stories/about-us/covid-19-extension.html>

We are still on the job during this time of closures and confinement, but are working from home by remote computer access. To contact us, please email or call our cell phones as our office is temporarily closed. Contact information is shown on the left under “How to Reach Us”.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

We are still working out the details for the small animal weigh-in. As details are finalized, you will be notified by email and by Facebook. *It will NOT be held on the original date of April 14.*

The state show deadlines for tagging and nominations will not change, so those who are going to show at state shows will still need to follow those deadlines (a copy of your YQCA certificate must accompany your nomination). Now would be a great time to get this accomplished. Youth 7 and 8 years old can only be certified in a face-to-face setting and Andrea will schedule those as soon after May 19th as she can. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Andrea at aburns@ksu.edu or 620-682-5530. We are sorry this has changed so much in the last few weeks. We are working hard to come up with solutions to these distancing issues and working as quickly as we can on both the state and local levels. Thanks for your patience.



4-H EXCHANGE/ AMBASSADOR MEETING

The next 4-H Exchange meeting will be Monday, April 27 at 7:00 pm by a Zoom conference call. I will send out an email with how to connect prior to the meeting time. Until we can meet in person, we will be using Zoom for our meetings. Please watch for an email from Ethel with more information about the exchange.

COUNTY FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

The Ford County FAIR needs YOU! It takes several volunteers to make sure the Ford County Fair is a success. We need superintendents for the fair divisions to function correctly. Please consider signing up to help. All adult leader/parents and junior leaders (ages 12 and older) are encouraged to volunteer and sign up. Since your regular March and April meetings are not being held, please email Ethel at eschnewe@ksu.edu to let us know you are interested and what area you would like to help with. If you know anyone else who might be interested in helping as a superintendent, please ask them and let us know.

HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION

Horse ID Papers are due into the office by May 1 and must be signed by an Extension Agent. At this time you will need to mail them into the office. We will sign and return as soon as possible.

Remember only Level 1 is required to compete at District and State Shows. If you need to complete your level 1 testing, contact one of us.

Be sure to get your new 2020 KS 4-H Horse Show Rule Book, it can be downloaded at: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/S133.pdf>

2020 SW DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

When: June 25, 2020, Deadline to enter—June 15

Where: Western State Bank Expo Center

4-H'er may participate in their county/district designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing. But before entering the KS State Fair, 4-H'er must indicate through which District Horse Show. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used. Rationale – Youth have conflicts and bad days – providing another opportunity increases potential mastery.

QUACK ATTACK FUNDRAISER



We will have Quack Attack Duck Leases for families to sell again this year. Each Club will receive one complete book of tickets (50 duck leases). The Ford County 4-H Program would appreciate if each family/member can help sell tickets. These duck leases are for the Q97 Z98 Quack Attack Duck Race to be held on June 6 at the Main Street Dodge Festival. The funds from each duck lease purchased from a 4-H'er will come back to the Ford County 4-H Program. Complete rules about the Duck Race and how to sell duck leases can be found in your club packet or on our website. The Alley is also selling leases. **ALL Duck Leases and money must be returned to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26.** The Family who sells the most duck leases by May 26 will win a \$100 gift card! Community Leaders/families if you need more duck leases or have further questions, please call us! Please try and sell the leases your leaders has before requesting additional books. We are being asked to not have as many non-sold ducks within books when we turn them back in. We realize selling the leases may be more of a challenge this year due to the COVID 19 stay at home orders. During our 4-H Council meeting, we discussed possible ways to sell this year. This event will not be cancelled, but if needed it could be postponed.

TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING

As a result of the current COVID-19 circumstances, Andrea will be offering a home-study tractor safety certification for students ages 14 and 15. Younger students can access the material but cannot take the tests and receive certification. We are still working out the details of how to administer the course. It should be ready in the next several weeks. If you, are needing the course, please contact Andrea.

HIGH PLAINS LIVESTOCK SHOW AND HIGH PLAINS HORSE SHOW

Both of these shows have been cancelled for 2020 and plan to resume in 2021.

FORD CO. 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Ford County 4-H Foundation scholarship due date extended to May 1. Please mail your application to our office.

CAMP CENTRAL

HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP, JUNE 13-16

“MAKING S’MORE MEMORIES”

ROCK SPRINGS 4-H CENTER

Mark your calendars and plan to send your children to **Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp!** For only \$120, (\$195 non 4-H member) your child can experience a lifetime’s worth of memories: campfires, swimming, fishing, horseback riding, crafts, games, new friends and much, much more!

For youth who have completed 3rd—8th grades .



4-Clover Camp—

Game of Life ...with 4-H

June 3-5, 2020 at Dodge City Community College

Looking for a summer camp closer to home?

4-Clover Camp is the camp for you! 4-H youth ages 7 to 10 years old are invited to attend this 3 day 2 night camp for only \$65! This camp is jammed packed with activities such as: fishing, swimming, crafts, and new friends! Theme is “Game of Life ...with 4-H”. Camp is for Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman and Walnut Creek District (Lane, Ness & Rush) 4-H’ers.

Day Camp, June 17, 2020

Calling all kids of Clark, Ford and Hodgeman Counties! All children who have completed Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to experience the annual Gunsmoke 4-H Day Camp. Theme this year is “Stem Fun Day”

Mark your calendars and register early...space is limited! A \$10.00 camp fee includes snacks, lunch and activity materials. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend day camp—invite your friends!

Registration is due June 1.

Camp Counselor applications are due by April 15. (extended from April 1) Please email to Andrea or Ethel or mail to the office If you would like to be a counselor for Heart of Kansas Camp at Rock Spring (age 15 or older), 4 Clover Camp (14 or older) or possibly for Gunsmoke Day Camp (14 or older), please complete the application! This can be found on our County website and it is a front and back application.

DISCOVERY DAYS **May 27-29**

Manhattan—K-State Campus

Registration closes April 15.

Classes will fill up fast, so be sure to register quickly! Discovery Days is held in Manhattan, Kansas on the Kansas State University campus. It is open to ALL youth 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2020 Certain classes have special fees, so please pay attention to those! For complete details, check out kansas4h.org.

If this is cancelled due to COVID-19, refunds will be issued.

“2020 A Vision for the Future”

4-H Campference

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2020), and will be held June 22-25, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas. Check the state 4-H website in April for more details.

CAMP PAYMENT POLICY

- **For any activity registration:** Payment arrangements can be made in writing with the Extension Office to set up a payment schedule. Full payment is due by the registration deadline.
- **For online registrations:** Full payment is due to the Extension Office by the online event deadline unless a written payment agreement is made between the Extension Office and the participant. Failing to meet those requirements will result in cancellation of registration (participant will still be responsible for the \$25 cancelation fee and possible registration cost based upon event guidelines.)
- **Transportation:** A transportation fee of \$10 per person will be added to fees for trips that require travel in a county vehicle outside of Ford County.

PLEASE NOTE

Several of the Camps listed are made affordable by financial assistance from the **Ford County 4-H Foundation** and **Ford County 4-H Council**. Take a few minutes out of your day to thank them.

Also consider applying for the **Ford/ Gray County Scroggins Scholarship**. This is a one time, per year, scholarship available for members to attend a State level camp or certain state events. Check with the office for more details on this scholarship.

SCROGGINS STATE 4-H CAMP/EVENT SCHOLARSHIP

All 4-H'ers of Ford and Gray County have the opportunity to apply for the Scroggins State 4-H Camp/Event Scholarship. Campers wishing to attend a State 4-H Camp (i.e. Discovery Days, Campference, KYLF, Space Tech Camp, Sewing Camp, etc.) are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Those interested in applying for a Scroggins Camp Scholarship, must fill out the Scroggins State Camp/Event Scholarship Application' by the Camp Registration Deadline. The number and amount of awards will be determined by the individual county, with consideration to existing support, participation, and county need. Selection will be based on expressed need. For project specific camps/events, preference will be given to 4-H'ers enrolled in the project. **No more than one scholarship may be received per 4-H'er/per 4-H year (October 1—September 30).** Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications are available on ford.ksu.edu under the 4-H tab or at the Extension Office.

BLAKE STANLEY SCHOLARSHIP

If you are planning to attend 4-Clover Camp, we encourage you to apply for **one of five \$35 scholarships provided by the Blake Stanley Memorial 4-H Scholarship fund**. If you are interested in applying, you must write an essay with a maximum word count of 200. In the essay please answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to go to 4-H Camp?
- Why is 4-H important to you?
- Why do you need a scholarship for camp?

Essays are due on May 15 to the Extension Office. More info can be found on our Ford County Camp website.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

YQCA will be offered as an on-line class only until at least May 19th. YQCA is offering a discount on the price of the online version for only \$9 with coupon codes. Andrea ordered the coupons on March 30th and should have them soon. E-mail her before you sign up for the online class and she will e-mail you a code for each participant and invoice you later. If you registered for the in person class during spring break, you will need to go in and change your method of obtaining the class and have a coupon code. They will refund your \$3 and you can re-enroll with the coupon code.

Ford County Fair

The question has been posed to us several times, "what about the fair?" The 2020 Ford County Fair will happen! It might not be in the same format as we are used to, but we will have a way for your projects to be shown off and judged. Currently, we are going ahead with planning for camps in June and the fair in July just like normal. We will come up with alternative plans if and when they are needed. So, don't worry about fair and just spend time working on your projects if you can! Keep watching for e-mails and checking the 4-H Facebook page for opportunities and changes as we work through this challenging time.

ADD/DROP DATE IS MAY 1ST!

WHAT DOES ADD/DROP A PROJECT MEAN? When you completed your enrollment on the KS.4Honline website, you selected a project to be "enrolled in for this 4-H Year". This means you are planning to explore/participate/learn about this project and possibly enter something in the fair for that project area. May 1st is your last day to either ADD another project you would like to participate in or DROP a project you already signed up for that you are not interested in anymore. We encourage you to take something for each project that you are enrolled in to the fair; however it is not required. If you don't remember what you signed up for, just go to the KS.4Honline website and check, you can then either add or drop projects. After May 1st you will not be able to make changes as that part of the enrollment process will be closed. If you have any questions, please call us- we'd love to help you!

KANSAS 4-H SPORTFISHING TOURNAMENT

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is open to all 4-H members. The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2020. Anglers can fish year round but entries must be in by the deadline, fish caught after the deadline may be entered in the next contest. Participants can enter in any species/categories that they catch fish – go fishing and have fun!!! One 4-H Angler of the Year will be named in each of the species/category listed below. These are fish commonly found in Kansas waters. Each Angler of the Year will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap, a frameable certificate, and a WalMart gift certificate to hopefully be used for fishing equipment (one per individual). All participants that enter a certified entry will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap. For complete rules and registration form, contact Andrea or Ethel.

The following species will make up the contest:

<u>Specie/Category</u>	<u>Minimum length for entry</u>
Catfish (Channel, Flathead, or Blue Cat)	15"
Sunfish (Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Hybrid Sunfish)	6"
Crappie (Black or White)	10"
Black Bass (Largemouth or Smallmouth)	15"
Carp or Drum (Any Rough Fish)	15"
Other Game Fish (Walleye, Saugeye, White Bass, Wiper, Striper, Trout)	15"



::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ To 4-H Council members and Community Leaders who were able to join our first Zoom 4-H Council Meeting last Monday evening.
- ◆ The Ambassador/Exchange members for a successful Soup Supper and Dance Performance by the Little Feet Dance Academy
- ◆ All Regional Club Day participants!

GUNSMOKE 4-H DAY CAMP

STEM

FUN DAY



Science * Technology * Engineering * Math

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Calling all kids of Ford, Hodgeman and Clark Counties!

All children who have completed Kindergarten through 3rd grade are invited to experience Gunsmoke 4-H Day Camp. You do not need to be a 4-H member to attend Day Camp.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 17. Structured activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue through 3:00 p.m. Youth are required to wear closed toed shoes. Early drop off is available beginning at 8:00 a.m. Late pick up is also available through 5:15 p.m.

A \$10.00 camp registration fee includes snacks, lunch and activity materials. Register early. Space is limited.

For additional copies of registration form, please visit www.ford.ksu.edu.

K-State, County Extension Councils and U. S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating. K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to physical, vision or hearing disability, please contact us at 620-227-4542.

Location:

Ford County Fair Grounds

901 W. Park Street
Dodge City, KS



\$10 Registration Fee

2020 4-H GUNSMOKE DAY CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Camper Name: _____ **Camper Birth Date:** _____ **Grade Completed** _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ **Camper Gender:** M F

Home Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Work:** _____

Dietary Needs: _____

I will drop my child off at the following time: _____ **I will pick up my child at the following time:** _____

Please make checks payable to Ford County 4-H Council.

Registration due Monday, June 1, 2020.

4-CLOVER 4-H CAMP REGISTRATION FORM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2020

Camper's Name: _____

Friends I would like to room with:

Please ask that your friends list you on their registration. Scheduling does not always permit groups or friends of different ages or counties to stay together. No more than two youth will be assigned to a room, and no more than four youth will be assigned to a suite. The Staff will make reasonable efforts to house you with at least one of your choices.

Risk Management:

I am allergic to the following:

My Swimming abilities are : (Mark one)

- I need to stay in the shallow water where I can touch.
- I can swim well enough to be in the deep waters

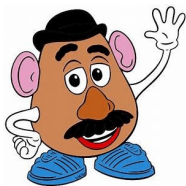
Special Needs Statement

4-Clover 4-H Camp group strives to be all inclusive of youth. Safety of our participants is of utmost importance to us. Therefore, if your child(ren) works under an IEP (Individual Education Plan) during the school year for any reason emotional, social, behavioral or physical and/or requires one on one attention, we ask that you share this information with your local extension staff prior to sending your child(ren) to camp. This will allow us to come up with a plan of action that is best for you child(ren) and the entire camp group.

4-H: The Game of Life
"Beyond the Board Games"



June 3-5, 2020
Come Join the FUN at 4-Clover Camp
Dodge City Community College
Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman and
Walnut Creek District (Lane, Ness & Rush)



Your Move! Come roll with us and have a great time through 4-H! Meet new Friends and learn about 4-H Projects, Community Service and Have Barrels of FUN!

4-H Members only, Age 7-10 years of age. Wednesday, June 3rd to Friday June 5th 2020 at Dodge City Community College.



Camp starts 11:00am Wednesday, June 3rd Pickup is 12:30pm Friday, June 5th.



Cost: \$65 per camper. Ask how you can apply for a Blake Stanley Memorial Scholarship. **Space is limited,**

first come first serve basis. Register by Friday May 1, 2020, by mailing your registration to the Ford County Extension Office.

Activities will include: Fishing, Games, Crafts, Nutritional Fun, STEM, a Community Service Project, Swimming at the Longbranch Lagoon, An evening of Yard Games, Bowling and Lots more FUN!



Sponsored by: K-State Research and Extension offices in Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman, and Walnut Creek District.

Please mail in your registration to the Extension Office. Registration is due by May 1, 2020

4-CLOVER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2020

Camper Name: _____

Check one: Boy Girl

Birth date: ____/____/____ **Age:** ____

Grade Completed: ____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Parent or

Guardian: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Campers fee: \$65 4-H Camper (see note below)

Camp fee includes lodging, meals, nurse, adult supervision, Special programs, and the use of Dodge City Community College facilities.

Please make checks payable to:

Ford Count 4-H Council

Enclosed is: (Please check all that apply)

- \$80 Camper Fee
- 10 4-H Council scholarship
- 5 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- \$65 Ford County 4-H member camper fee**
- Camp Medication forms

HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP

Camper Name:

Please note any special dietary needs here:

Friends I would like to camp with: (include name, grade, and county.)

1. _____

2. _____

NOTE: Please ask your friends to list you on their registration. Scheduling does not always permit "groups" or friends of different ages or counties to stay together. No more than two youth per county will be housed together, except under special circumstances. The housing committee will make all reasonable efforts to house you with at least one of your choices.

**RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN
MAY 1, 2020
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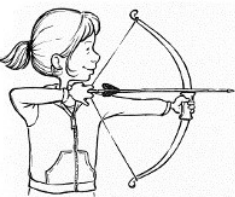
Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp



**June 13-16, 2020
Rock Springs 4-H Center**

Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp

County 4-H Camp is a four day, fun-filled, learning experience for children who have completed grades 8th and counselors 15 years of age and older.



★ **Activities** include canoeing, horses, swimming, archery, air rifle, climbing wall, nature centers, crafts, and more!

★ **Workshops** include fishing, catapults, robotics, rocketry, compass course, animals/creatures, & more!

★ **Highlights** include camp fire, night swim, talent show, night hikes, a dance and more!



Kansas Youth from Barber, Cottonwood District, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Gray, Haskell, Kingman, Meade, Midway District, Pawnee, Pratt, Seward, Stafford, Stevens, and Walnut Creek District will camp together at Rock Springs.

After registration & payment, you will receive the "Heart of Kansas Camp Guide". It will explain what to pack, travel arrangements to and from camp, prescription medication instructions and many other details pertaining to 4-H Camp.



Rock Springs Ranch

Rock Springs Ranch is owned & operated by the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

★ **Located** in the heart of the Kansas Flint Hills off interstate I-70, 13 miles south of Junction City.

★ **735 Acres** of tall grass prairie on rolling hills, nestled in a valley surrounded by creeks and woodlands.

★ **Cooks** provide hearty home-cooked meals. From chicken fingers to pulled pork, not to mention their famous dinner rolls, you won't go hungry!

★ **Cabins** provide bunk beds, bathroom facilities, and common living area for campers. Groups of 8-10 campers live and learn together, under the supervision of two trained counselors.

★ **Registered Nurses** are on staff to distribute any medications, as well as handle any illness or accidents.



HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Camper Name: _____

Check one: Boy or Girl

Birthdate: ___ / ___ / ___ Age: _____

Grade Completed: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

SHIRT SIZE: YOUTH SIZE S M L XL

or ADULT SIZE S M L XL

Camper Fees: \$120 per 4-H member

\$195 per non-4-H member

Camp fees include travel to and from camp, lodging, meals, nurse, adult supervision, special programs, and the use of the Rock Springs facilities for 4 days and 3 nights.

Please make checks payable to:

Ford County 4-H Council

**REGISTRATION IS DUE NO LATER
THAN MAY 1, 2020**


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Dodge City, KS 67801

Dear 4-H Families,

Please take a few minutes and answer our short survey! Questions are about our future Achievement Awards program /banquet and County Fair Grand Champion trophies. We really need your input on these two topics. Click on the following link to complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/nep3qv7ezCQXnSXE7> It will close April 15. We need your input!!!!

Don't forget May 1 is our drop/add project deadline. Make changes by going to [KS.4honline.com](https://ks4honline.com) and sign into your family account.

We will all make it through the next 8-12 weeks as we deal with changes because of COVID-19. Please bear with us as we continue to figure out things. It will not be what we previously would think of as our normal, but a new way of doing things and being invocative. We may use more technology and possibly postpone things but it will all come together in the end. Please contact us if you have questions.


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