

# 4-H Clover News

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## SW YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Calling all 4-H'ers in grades 7-12! Are you ready for a fun-filled, action packed day? SWYLF is in Dodge City on January 18 at the Church of the Nazarene, 1700 W. Ross Blvd here in Dodge City. Communications Bootcamp is the theme for this outstanding youth forum. Register online by January 3, 2020. Registration fee of \$30 includes program materials, t-shirt, snacks and lunch.

## LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATES

If you are planning on showing livestock this year at the County Fair, you **MUST** weigh and tag your livestock at the respective weigh-in dates. **Beef weigh-in has been set for February 6 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** at Winter Livestock. In case of bad weather that day, it will be moved to February 13. You will be notified if it changes. Small livestock weigh-in will be April 14, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

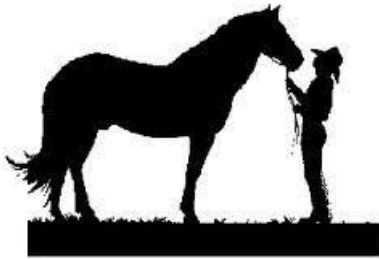
A service charge of \$25 will be applied per trip to tag animals for **other shows** not brought to respective weigh-in dates. What if the 4-H'er is unable to be at the weigh-in? No worries, the ANIMAL can be brought to the weigh-in by anyone. If you have questions, just let us know!

## 4-H ENROLLMENTS

This is your last call to get your 4-H on-line updated for 2020. Even if you are enrolling in the same projects, you will still need to log-on and update. **Volunteers need to update their profiles, too!** *This will be the last month that we will send out the newsletter if you have not re-enrolled.* You will be able to add projects or delete them from your list of enrollments until May 1 for all areas, **except Livestock projects.** Those need to be enrolled prior to the weigh-in and identification date set for each specie.

## VIP (Volunteer Information Profile)

Each 4-H volunteer working directly with youth in the club, is required to go through this screening and training process. Any Exchange families hosting this year will also need both parents to go through the process. Beginning in the 2019-2020 4-H program year, the 4-H Volunteer process has been streamlined. When 4-H Volunteers enroll through 4HOnline the process will take the place of what once was the volunteer application and then reenrollment forms. Once volunteers enter their information in the system, they will simply have to reenroll each year, the same way youth currently do through 4HOnline. For a step by step tutorial please visit the [4HOnline Family Resources page](#) and view the "[Enrollment Guide for Volunteers](#)".



## CHANGES IN 4-H HORSE PROGRAM

The 4-H Horse Action Team has been discussing several issues with the team, agents and volunteers during the past few years concerning the Kansas 4-H Horse program as the team has been in the process of revising the rule book that is to be released during the 4-H Horse Panorama.

### Changes to come:

**Ownership** - Youth may own the horse themselves, or use a family-owned horse (immediate family: parent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian).

Rationale – family dynamics have changed, therefore providing the most opportunities for youth.

**Leasing** - If a 4-H member identifies a family-owned horse, 1 additional horse may be leased and identified.

Rationale – Families with multiple youth cannot always share a horses, plus leasing provides youth an opportunity try another training method offered through 4-H.

**Entering District Horse Shows** - 4-H members may participate in their county/district designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing. But before entering the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members 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.

**Senior Horse Western Pleasure** – Eliminated

Rationale – Class was based on horse's age causing conflict.

**Junior Horse Western Pleasure** – Eliminated

Rationale – Class was based on horse's age causing conflict.

**Ranch Horse Pattern and Reining** – Patterns changed.

**Costume, Roping Classes** – All information to be added to the web site and not included in the rule book.

**Two Year Old Snafflebit** - Reminder it was phased out.

Finally, with input and cooperation from the East Central District, the number of District Horse Shows has been reduced from 7 to 6 districts – Northeast, Southeast, North Central, South Central, Northwest and Southwest. The counties/districts that made-up the East Central District have been reassigned to the Northeast and Southeast Districts.

## 2020 4-H Horse Panorama

Exciting news! The 2020 4-H Horse Panorama registration is open through Cvent. The registration link is <http://www.cvent.com/d/2hq4br>. Individuals are encouraged to register themselves before January 15, 2020. Once registered the local extension office will be invoiced. Please encourage registrants to pay the local office.

The 2020 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 24 – 26, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. 4-H Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in quiz bowl, hippology, presentations and more. All competitive events are open to those members that are age 9 as of December 31, 2019 and not past age 19 as of December 31, 2019. For more information check the rules at [2020 Contest Rules](#).

4-H Horse Panorama offers learning for young and old! Don't delay.



## 4-H COUNCIL & LEADERS MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 27 at the Ford County Fair Building. Community Club Leaders will meet at 6:30 pm followed by 4-H Council at 7:00 pm.

## AREA KAP JUDGING

A reminder if your KAP was selected for Area judging, the KAP is due into the Extension Office no later than Monday, January 6. These will be judged on January 9. 4-H members eligible are: Clark Burgert – Clothing, Performing Arts and Space Tech; Candace Fry – Photography; Aubrey Gerdes – Meat Goats; Paige Mink – Plant Science; Alexa Gerdes - Foods and Horse ; Dalton Prater – Sheep; Cole Bertelsen – Visual Arts; Kiowa Derstein – Leadership.

## FORD COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ford County 4-H Foundation is Wednesday, January 15th at 5:30 pm in the Extension Office meeting room. Members will vote on two board members for a three year term and elect officers. This is a public meeting and every Ford County resident is invited to attend.

The Ford County 4-H Foundation is conducting their 38th annual membership drive. You may have already received a letter asking you to become a member. Support of this organization is through a minimum donation contribution of \$5.00. You may also make a contribution by sending a check to:

Ford County 4-H Foundation  
100 Gunsmoke St.  
Dodge City, KS 67801

The 4-H Foundation provides financial support to our program by: providing college and camp scholarships; sponsoring trips such as the Denver Consumer Science award trip, officer’s training, record book incentives and school enrichment programs. If you have questions about the Foundation, contact any current board member or the Extension Office.

## WINTER WEATHER & 4-H ACTIVITIES

Our policy is that if school cancels for weather related events, 4-H events are canceled, too. Please check our 4-H Facebook page for cancellations if you are in doubt about the status of an event.



## JUNIOR BEEF PRODUCER DAY REGISTRATION OPEN

Join us February 29, 2020, for the Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can broaden their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided. Cost: \$15/person

by February 7 or \$20/person after February 7. \*Registrations received after Feb. 7 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt. To Register Online: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>.

There will also be an opportunity for youth to become certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), which is the new, national, multi-specie youth livestock quality assurance program required for exhibitors participating in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS).

The optional instructor-led YQCA session will take place at the conclusion of each junior producer day.

## CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two-day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. CIA will be February 16 –17, 2020 in Topeka, KS. Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year are eligible to attend. Registration Deadline is January 15, 2020.

## STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE IN EARLY 2020

All scholarships must be submitted in full and should be on the 2020 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application which can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>. The KS 4-H Scholarship requires a copy of your grade transcript, several letters of recommendation and an essay, so plan ahead! Any past 4-H member who is currently in college is eligible to apply for the KS 4-H scholarships. You are considered for all scholarships that you qualify for with one application.

Please note that the mail system takes several extra days to get to the State 4-H Office. State Scholarship application must go through our office and it needs an agent's signature. Therefore, our due date for State Scholarships to be turned into the Ford County Extension Office is Wednesday, January 22. The 2020 Scholarships must be in the State 4-H Office on February 1, 2020

## KANSAS 4-H COMMUNICATION FACT SHEETS HELPFUL FOR 4-H DAY PRESENTATIONS

Speaking skillfully before an audience is one of the hallmarks that Kansas 4-H members have been successfully doing for over 100 years. Kansas youth through 4-H have learned the skills necessary to get up before an audience and eloquently speak. 4-H helps youth learn the skills necessary to clearly organize and present thoughts and ideas through project talks, demonstrations, illustrated talks and public speaking presentations. The complete Kansas 4-H communication fact sheet series is listed below. These may be helpful as you begin to prepare for county 4-H day presentations. They can be downloaded free from the Kansas 4-H web site. Visit: <http://www.kansas4h.org/p.aspx?tabid=551>

### 4-H Communication Fact Sheet Series Available:

Kansas 4-H Presentation Overview  
4-H Project Talks  
4-H Demonstrations  
4-H Illustrated Talks  
4-H Demonstration & Illustrated Talk Planning Form  
4-H Public Speaking  
4-H Public Speaking Record

4-H Presentation Brainstorming Activity  
4-H Preparing and Using Visual Aids  
Kansas 4-H Generic Record Form  
Presentation Score Sheets Available:  
4-H Demonstration & Illustrated Talk Scoresheet  
4-H Public Speaking Scoresheet  
4-H Project Talk Scoresheet  
4-H Effective Presentation Tips



# CLUB DAYS

## WHAT IS 4-H CLUB DAYS?

Club Days is a great way for 4-H'ers to showcase their talents in music, drama, dance and public speaking with others!

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN 4-H CLUB DAYS?

4-H'ers can participate in Club Days as a CLUB and/or an INDIVIDUAL. You must be enrolled through KS 4-H Online.

## WHAT EVENTS CAN I DO?

There are a variety of events to please everyone. Please see the next page for a brief description of 4-H Club Day events. FULL descriptions and rules can be found on our website.

## HOW DO I REGISTER?

EACH 4-H'er participating in an INDIVIDUAL event needs to fill out an event registration sheet. If a 4-H'er is competing in a CLUB event, the club leader needs to turn in an event registration sheet with ALL participants names. *Forms are form fillable and can be found on the Ford County Extension Website under 4-H.* **Registration needs to be turned into the Extension Office by Thursday, February 13, 2020.** Registration forms can be found on our

website and we are working on an online registration form which should be available after the first of the year at our website.

## WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

Please call the Extension Office if you need help or have any questions.



### FORD COUNTY 4-H CLUB DAYS

Saturday, February 22 @DCMS  
(Registration DUE By Feb. 13)

### REGIONAL 4-H CLUB DAYS

Saturday, March 7 @ DCMS

BOTH DATES WILL BEGIN AT 8:00AM.

Schedules will be available online the week prior for County 4-H Club Days.

### **HOW WILL I KNOW IF I COMPETE AT REGIONAL CLUB DAYS?**

4-H'ers will be notified at the awards ceremony at County Club Days if they qualified for REGIONAL CLUB DAYS to be held on March 7. 4-H'ers will need to notify the office ASAP if they are able to compete at regionals.

AGE is determined by Age of 4-H members on DECEMBER 31, of the current 4-H year.

Sr. Division – 14 and older

Jr. Division – 13 and younger

(unless otherwise stated in individual sections) Remember Cloverbuds can not participate in this competitive event.



# CLUB DAYS ::EVENTS::

**\*\*Clubs are required to do a group event to count towards their SEAL! \*\***

## MODEL MEETING

- **Model Meeting** - club and 1 or 2 adults  
This event allows clubs to act out a 'proper business meeting' which 4-H Clubs do each month at their regular 4-H Club Meeting. In this event, clubs must include 5 parliamentary practices found in the 'Club Days Guidelines.' Two additional topics will be drawn at the competition and must be included during the competition. Please contact the office for more information.
- **Gavel Games** - 4-6 members  
This is a great way for youth to practice parliamentary procedure in a fun atmosphere. Please see the 'Club Days Guidelines' for complete rules and information.

## PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- **Show & Tell** - 1st or 2nd yr. junior members only This event is as simple as bringing your favorite toy and telling the judge all about it.
- **Project Talk** - junior members only  
Gain confidence by talking to a judge about your favorite project in 4-H. Visuals are encouraged.
- **Public Speaking** - senior members only  
Take the next step and write your own speech on a topic of your choice. 15 min max.
- **Extemporaneous Speaking** - senior members only  
Participant draws two topics at competition and chooses one of them to speak on. 15 min prep time.
- **Digital Presentation**  
Put your PowerPoint skills to work! This event can be on a 4-H Project or topic of your choice.
- **Demonstration**  
Show the judge how to make a smoothie, sew on a button, or groom your dog in REAL life!
- **Illustrated Talk Readings**  
Show the judge how to do something by using pictures or drawings.

## DANCE:

- **Folk Step Dance** - group  
May include circle, line, Irish, polka dance etc.
- **Square Dance** - group  
Kick-off your shoes for some good ol' fashioned square dancing! 10 min max.
- **Other Dance** - individual or group  
Are you in ballet, tap, cheerleading, clogging, etc? Then this is for you!

## DRAMATICS:

- **One Act Play** - group  
This is FUN for a club to do! Grab a script and practice, practice, practice! Only one scene set allowed.
- **Skit** - group  
This is also fun for creative minds. Make up your own skit and put costumes and a set to it!
- **Novelty** - individual or group  
Are you in gymnastics? Do you like to do ventriloquists acts, stunts, puppets or other forms of entertainment?
- **Vocal Performance** - a solo or group (2 or more)  
perform a musical piece; sheet music not required for the judges.

## MUSIC:

- Do you have a favorite song from band or vocal in school that you'd love to share for a judge? If so, enter it for Club Days! 4-H'ers must have sheet music for judges. An ensemble has 2-5 4-H'ers participating.
- **Vocal Solo or Ensemble**
  - **Chorus** - 6 or more in group  
Group will sing two songs of their choosing.
  - **Instrumental Solo or Ensemble**
  - **Band or Orchestra** - 6 or more in group

## **Camp! Camp! Camp!**

Announcing our camp dates for 2020.

**Discovery Days** will be May 27 through May 29 at K-State.

**Heart of Kansas Rock Springs Ranch Camp** will run from Saturday, June 13 – Tuesday, June 16, with counselor training starting Friday, June 12.

**Ford and Hodgeman Counties Day Camp** — TBA

**4 Clover 4-H Camp** with Gray, Ford, Hodgeman Counties and Walnut Creek District — TBA

More details, registration forms and fees will be in future newsletters. Mark the dates on your calendars and consider camping with us or if you are old enough sign up to be a counselor for one of the groups.



## **FORD COUNTY FAIR**

The 2020 Ford County Fair dates have been set for Thursday, July 16 through Monday, July 20. Fair set up date is Tuesday evening, July 14 and Fair clean up after the Fair is Tuesday evening, July 21. Fashion Review and Clothing Construction judging will take place on Monday, July 13. Please put these dates on your calendar. We would love to see an increase in our exhibits and participation for 2020. Consider helping as a superintendent for 4-H.

## **FORD COUNTY 4-H DEADLINES**

Please do your part to take responsibility for your own actions and project work. This means calling in to register for events, turning forms in on time, and calling ahead with questions. While we understand emergencies come up and mistakes are inevitable, please help us run an efficient and courteous program for all members, leaders, and volunteers. Responsibility is one of the many life skills to learn! If you need papers signed please do not wait till the last minute as both of the agents may be out of the office. Call ahead to **be sure someone will be in the office.**

## **FACEBOOK PAGE**

Be sure to 'LIKE' Ford County 4-H on Facebook. We post a lot of important information and updates on this page! It's a great way for us to keep in contact with all of our great Ford County 4-H families!

### **Remembering of Someone Else....**

We were sad to learn this week of the moving out of county of one of our 4-H most valuable members, Someone Else. Someone's moving created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill.

Else had been with us for many years. Someone did far more than a normal person's share of work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, his wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results.

"Someone Else can work with that group." Whenever there was a job to do, a committee to chair, or meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list: "Let Someone Else do it."

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing superhuman, but a person can do only so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? When you have a chance to participate in your 4-H Club remember: We can't depend on Someone Else anymore!



# 2020 Ford County 4-H Calendar

Tentative dates, subject to change

## January

- 1 News Year Day, Office Closed
- 2 Office Open
- 9 Area Record Book Judging, Cimarron
- 15 Ford County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office
- 22 State 4-H Scholarships due into County
- 27 4-H Community Leader Mtg, 6:30 pm  
4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

## February

- 1 State 4-H Scholarships due to State
- 6 Large Animal Weigh In
- 22 County 4-H Club Day
- 24 Ambassador/Exchange meeting, 7 pm

## March

- 7 Regional 4-H Club Day
- 17 Fashion Revue Workshop, am, Kinsley
- 18 Fashion Revue Workshop, pm, Cimarron
- 23 4-H Community Leaders Meeting  
4-H Council Meeting
- 28 4-H Exchange Flea Market

## April

- 1 Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarships due
- 12 Easter
- 14 Small Animal Weigh In
- 15 Discovery Days registration closes
- 27 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

## May

- 19 or 26 4-H Community Leader Meeting  
4-H Council Meeting
- 25 Office Closed for Memorial Day
- 27-29 4-H Discovery Days

## June

- TBA Day Camp
- TBA 4-H 4 Clover Camp
- 12 HOK Camp counselors leave
- 13-16 HOK Camp at Rock Springs Ranch
- 22 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

## July

- 1 County Fair Pre-Entries Dues
- 3 Office closed Fourth of July
- 7 Poultry Blood Testing
- 7 4-H Community Leader Meeting  
4-H Council Meeting
- 13 Fair Clothing/Style Revue Judging
- 14 Fair Setup
- 16-20 County Fair
- 21 Fair Clean Up
- 24-Aug 2 Dodge City Days

## August

- 10 State Fair Entries due
- 15 KJLS Entries due
- TBA 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

## September

- 11-20 State Fair
- 28 4-H Community Leader Meeting  
4-H Council Meeting

## October

- 1 Record Books Due
- 28 4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

## November

- 7 or 8 Achievement Awards





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Dear 4-H Families,

Happy New Year to all. We hope that 2020 will be a successful year for you in the 4-H program!

There are a lot of activities at the county level but also the state level that you can participate in. If you are not sure what an event/activity is, please give us a call or check and see if anyone in your club has participated in the past and ask them.

Check out the Yearly Calendar in this months newsletter. Hopefully this will assist you with your plans for the year.



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