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Important
Message

Re-Enrollment & Volunteer Screening

Keep reminding everyone in your club and your friends to re-enroll on 4-H Online! We need to get everyone re-enrolled as soon as possible. **If they plan on participating in club day, any camps, conferences, or exhibiting at the county fair they'll need to enroll before they can do that.** The last day to change, drop or add a project is May 1. **Also note that in order to weigh-in any livestock, the exhibitor must be enrolled before weigh-in.** Approval of enrollment will be streamline if you indicate payment is by coupon and pay enrollment fee into our Extension Office.

If you are a current screened volunteer in your 4-H club and plan to continue to do so, please complete online your Renewal. Almost everything can be completed at 4-H Online, just click on your name and edit, go to volunteer resources section and click on screening or renewal. If you have questions please contact Andrea and she can walk you through it. They are also available on our website or can be found on-line at www.kansas4-h.org and click on the Volunteer link for a form-fillable version.

If you have any questions on what you still need to complete on your 2021 volunteer paperwork, please contact the office!

County Club Day—February 27

County Club Day will be a little different then what you might remember from previous years. Please look at the Club Day Guidelines and information sheet included with the newsletter and we also made up a “how to signup and schedule your time slot” worksheet. We have set up registration through “Sign Up Genius” so you can select your time slot which will work best for you. We will be having Club Day at a new location since we can not use the school. It will be held at the Dodge City Senior Center, 2408 Central, Dodge City. Everyone will be asked to wear a mask and please have minimum audience attendance during your presentation. Club/Group activities will be by virtual presentation, but you must still pre-enter by sending the information to Ethel by email. Please submit your virtual entry by 5:00 pm, Thursday, February 25 to Andrea or Ethel so we can make sure we can open and view the entry.

COUNTY FAIR & OTHER SHOWS 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 Thursday, February 11 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** at Winter Livestock. In case of bad weather that day, it will be moved to Thursday, Feb. 18. You will be notified if it changes. Small livestock weigh-in will be Tuesday, April 13, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

State Fair and Other Shows (not county fair livestock)

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!

EAR TAG POLICY 4-H Council policy allows a 4-H'er up to six (6) ear tags per species (i.e. up to 6 for beef, 6 for sheep, 6 for goats, 6 for swine). Any tags over the provided six will be at the expense of the 4-H'er and their family and will need to be reimbursed to 4-H Council.

4-H Ambassador/Exchange Meeting

The next Ambassador/Exchange meeting will be Monday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

4-H Exchange Members/families are **selling Country Meats Beef Sticks** for a dollar each. We have a variety of flavors so give one of the members a call or stop by the Extension Office to purchase. This is one of the group's fund raisers. Please consider supporting our group!

Spring Flea Market will not be held in March as originally scheduled. It may be rescheduled for a later date.

Exploring Pollinators Insect Art Contest

The Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for 4-Hers' and art students. This year the artwork needs to fit into the contest theme of "Exploring Pollinators". The goal is to explore what pollinators do and why they are important and create an art piece that captures that information. Selected artwork will be used to promote pollinator week (June 21-27, 2021) and create other educational items. Selected winners will receive an award certificate and a prize (tumblers, notebooks featuring artwork, and/or IPM card deck) to recognize their achievement. For more information on the rules and how to submit an entry go to www.k-state.edu/pesticide-ipm/. Deadline is April 16, 2021



WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

4-H

County Wide Project Leaders & Volunteers!

The Ford County 4-H Program is always looking for County-wide project Leaders who will share their expertise, time and effort with our 4-H'ers. If you know of anyone who wants to get involved with the 4-H Program, please have them contact the Extension Office! Project Leaders give our members an extra 'edge' in their 4-H Experience!

County Wide Leaders and Projects

Leaders will be listed in next months newsletter.



::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ To all the 4-H'ers with KAP's that competed at area judging: Clark Burgert – Performing Arts and Space Tech; Candace Fry – Leadership; Alexa Gerdes –Horse; Stanton Custer— Rabbit and Health/Wellness; Rachel Harrold — Poultry.
- ◆ Congratulations to Clark Burgert for having his Performing Arts KAP selected for state KAP judging.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

YQCA certification is designed to be useful and help prepare you for your show but also prepare young producer's in animal agriculture industry. The program includes information on multiple species even though you may only be raising one or two.

More information will be the March newsletter.

The Junior Meat Goat Producer Day

This year the KSU junior producer days will be hosted virtually as a week-long educational series. A few sessions will be held on weeknight evenings, with the program wrapping up on Saturday morning. Junior Meat Goat Producer Week is scheduled for March 15-20, 2021. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, nutrition and feeding, livestock guardian dogs, health, grooming and clipping, showmanship, and the state livestock nomination process.

The program will be free this year, but all attendees, including youth and adults, must register online (<https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek>). The deadline to register is March 8. A flyer, which includes more details and the tentative schedule, is posted here: <http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays>. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.

The Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day

This year the KSU junior producer days will be hosted virtually as a week-long educational series. A few sessions will be held on weeknight evenings, with the program wrapping up on Saturday morning. Junior Swine Producer Week is scheduled for February 15-20, 2021. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, nutrition and feeding, meat science, health, grooming and clipping, showmanship, and the state livestock nomination process.

The program will be free this year, but all attendees, including youth and adults, must register online (<https://bit.ly/KSUJrSwineWeek>). The deadline to register is February 8. A flyer, which includes more details and the tentative schedule, is posted here: <http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays>. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.



FORD COUNTY FEE POLICIES—EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

REMINDER OF OUR FEE'S 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 cancellation 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 (ex. Advanced Master Gardener training, State FCE Conference, KS Youth Leadership Forum, Discovery Days, Camp at Rock Springs, judging events, etc.)
- **Tagging Livestock:** A service fee of \$25 per trip will be charged for trips made to tag livestock **for state shows (county fair animals must attend county wide weigh in)** or to re-tag livestock that have lost their original tags.
- **Transportation for Other Counties:** Ford County will require a \$25 per person to transport participants from other counties to events.

Camps! Camps! Camps!

Discovery Days - 2021

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. The event will be held on June 1-4th, 2021. The decision to again use the virtual format was not taken lightly as the preferred format for the event would definitely be in-person. The decision is in congruence with the current K-State Reopening [Phase 3 guidelines](#) and the most recent [vaccine availability projections](#) from Riley County.

Ford, Clark and Hodgeman Counties Day Camp —June ? - To be determined

Heart of Kansas Rock Springs Ranch Camp (HOK) tentative: June 21-24

with counselors going June 20.

4 Clover 4-H Camp with Clark, Gray, Ford, Hodgeman Counties and Walnut Creek District:
dates to be determined.

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.

REGIONAL 4-H CLUB DAYS

Saturday, March 13, Dodge City Nazarene Church

1700 W. Ross Blvd, Dodge City

Schedules will be available online the week prior .

Participation will be in person presentation except club/group activities will be virtual.

Masks will be required for everyone except when the participant is presenting. Everyone will be asked to come in time for their program/presentation and to leave immediately after. Only immediate family is asked to attend.



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 2021 Club Days as an INDIVIDUAL or by submitting group entries virtually. 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 entry will be scheduled through "Sign Up Genius" at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA4AA2CA6F4C16-ford>

We have time slots listed under Public Presentations, Dramatics / Dance and Music. You will select a time slot by clicking on the sign up orange button and putting a check mark, then go to the bottom of the page and click submit and sign up; fill in the information with your name, email and phone. In the comment box, indicate if you need anything (tape player, LCD projector, etc) and then click on the type of event so we will know what sub category (demonstration, vocal solo, etc.). Then click on the green "sign up now" button at the bottom left corner.

Registration needs to be completed by Monday, February 22, 2021. Registration/sign up link can also be found on our website and your community leaders should also have it. Check out the instruction handout included with this newsletter.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS? Call the Extension Office if you need help or have any questions.

Virtual Group Entries?? — Register any virtual entries by emailing Ethel (eschnewe@ksu.edu) with the entry information (category, sub-category, club and participants names.

FORD COUNTY 4-H CLUB DAYS

Saturday, February 27

@DC Senior Center

(Sign up By Feb. 22)

Club Day Protocol....

Plan to come at your scheduled presentation time and leave after the presentation. We realize it usually is a great opportunity to watch others, but this year we are restricting the audience numbers to four family members.

We will require masks to be worn by all except when the 4-H'er is doing their presentation/ performance.

We will sanitize after each presentation before the next scheduled 4-H member.

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.

Door Monitors are still needed: Call or email Andrea or Ethel to let us know if you would like to be a monitor!

CLUB DAYS ::EVENTS::

Seal requirements will be adjusted due to restriction on group activities

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 elementary practices found in the 'Club Days Guidelines.' Two additional topics must be chosen at the competition and must be presented during the competition. Please see the office for more information.

• **Game** - 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.

DANCE:

- **Folk Step Dance** - group
May include circle, line, or square dancing.
- **Square Dance** - group
Kick-off your shoes for 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 act out a script and 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.

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**
Show the judge how to do something by using pictures or drawings.
- **Readings** - may be a musical, dramatic, interpretive, humorous or other type of reading. 10 minutes or less. Readings need not be memorized.

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
- **Instrumental Solo or Ensemble**
- **Band or Orchestra** - 6 or more in group

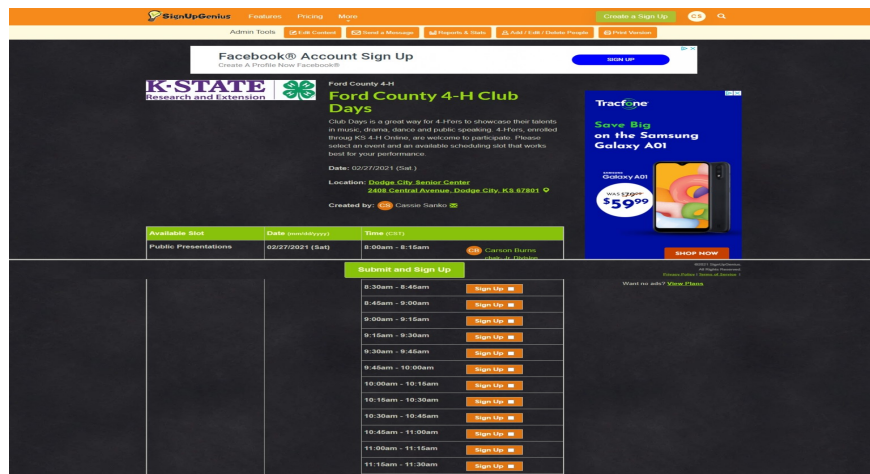
2021 County Club Days



Sign Up Instructions for "Ford County 4-H Club Days"

Please click on the button below to view the online sign up sheet.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4CA4AA2CA6F4C16-ford>

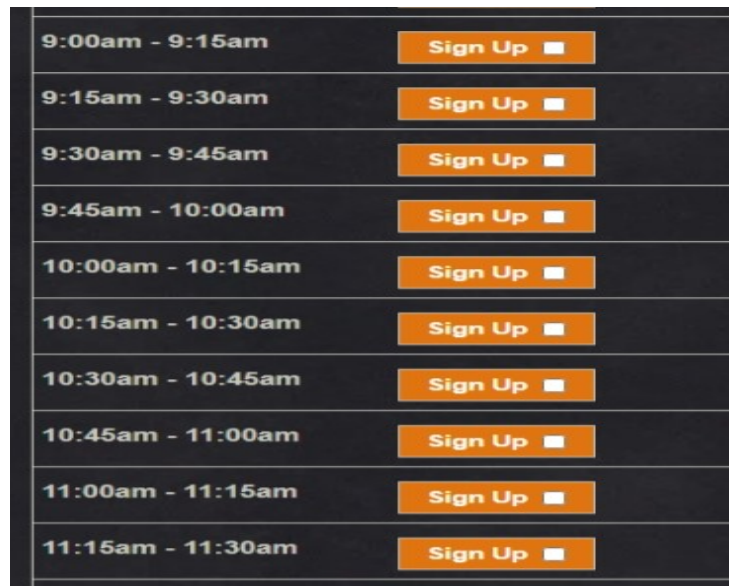
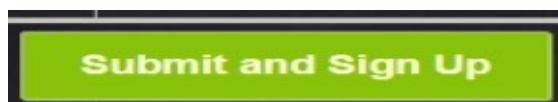


Once in Signup Genius, you will see the day's schedule divided up in to three categories: Public Presentations, Dramatics and Dance, and Music. Depending on which area your performance or presentation is listed under, will determine which time slot will work best for you. Before signing up for a time slot, please see the listing of Club Day Events, to find which area your presentation or performance is under. (i.e. Vocal Solo performances will be under the musical category, while a Digital Presentation is found under public presentations category.

Example 1

To select a time slot, click on the small box within the "Sign Up" rectangle (*Example 1*). Then proceed to the bottom of the screen and click the "Submit and Sign Up" button. (*Example 2*)

Example 2



Example 3

Sign Me Up

Sign me up for:

Available Slot	Date (mm/dd/yyyy - CST)	My Comment	Quantity
Public Presentations	Sat., 02/27/2021 12:15pm - 12:30pm	<input type="text"/>	1

Name: First Last

Email:

Phone: Mobile:

Type of Event:

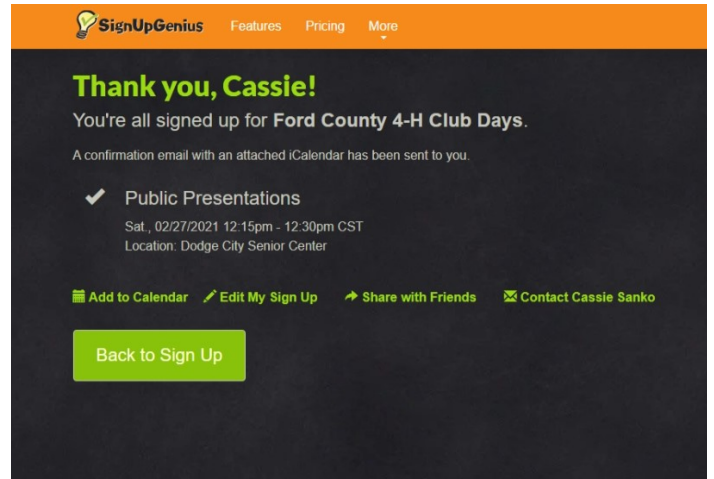
- Show & Tell
- Extemporaneous Speaking
- Illustrated Talk
- Novelty
- Instrumental Solo
- Project Talk
- Digital Presentation
- Readings
- Vocal Performance
- Public Speaking
- Demonstration
- Other Dance
- Vocal Solo

By signing up, you agree to the SignUpGenius [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

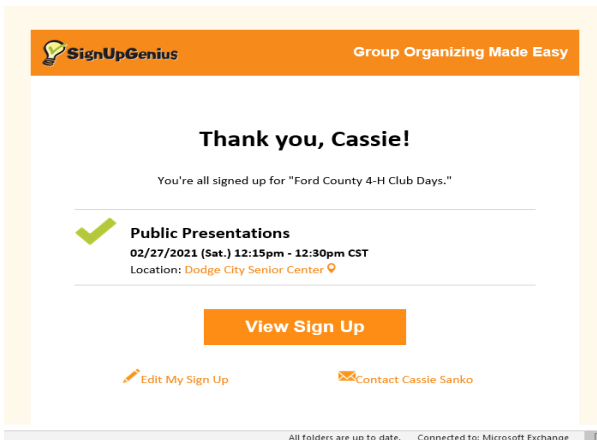
Once at the “Sign Me Up” screen (*Example 3*), fill in your 4-Her’s Name, E-Mail Address and Phone Number. You will also need to select the “Type of Event.” (You will not be able to move forward without filling in those areas.) If you will need anything special to do your presentation/performance (i.e. chair, easel, LCD projector and laptop, etc.), please fill in your needs in the “Comment” section. Once you have entered the needed information, click on the “Sign Up Now” button .

Example 4

After you have clicked on the “Sign Up Now” button, you will see the “Thank You” screen with a listing of which slot you have successfully signed up for. (*Example 4*) To enter another performance /presentation or child, please click on “Back to Sign Up” button. If you have made an error during signing up for a slot, click on “Edit My Sign Up.”



Example 5



You will receive a confirmation e-mail (*Example 5*), informing you of the Extension Office receiving your entry details. If you have any questions or need to cancel, please call the Extension Office at 620-227-4542.

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Dear 4-H Families,

Information for County Club Day is included with this newsletter.

We want everyone to have the opportunity to receive the information in each monthly 4-H newsletter. Newsletters can be emailed to each 4-H member's email if you provide Ethel with the 4-H'er email.

Remember if you have a friend or a member who has not re-enrolled by January 31st, they will not receive this newsletter or information.

Questions? Give us a call.



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