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LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATE

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.** 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!

SMALL ANIMAL (SWINE, SHEEP, GOAT, BUCKET CALF)

Tuesday, April 13: 4:30 pm—6:30 pm @ Ford County Fair Grounds

Alternate date is Tuesday, April 20

Animals for state shows that are not brought to respective weigh-in dates, will have a service charge of \$25 applied to tag animals.

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.

Youth Quality Care of Animals Program (YQCA)

Check out the enclosed flier for details.

4-H SURVEY

The 2020 Ford County Fair did not have trophies, but gave a \$20 cash premium for Grand Champion winners. This was due to the pandemic, not having a local trophy shop and the constant changing of plans for the county fair.

Please go to the following link and take the 4-question survey to give us your opinion.

Parents and 4-H members can complete the survey, but you will need to click on the link a second time.

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_81dwXuVGPJrSvuC





4-H COMMUNITY LEADER/4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H Community Leader and 4-H Council meetings will be Monday, March 29 at 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building.

LIVESTOCK SALES

Now is the time that several fliers concerning upcoming sales and livestock shows are being sent to the Extension Office. All these fliers, along with show bills will be compiled into a binder. Feel free to come in and check it out!!

COUNTY FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

We are planning to have the County Fair and 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 during your next club meeting. If you know anyone else who might be interested in helping as a superintendent, please ask them and let us know what area they are willing to assist in.

3I Show

The 3I Show is asking if a 4-H member would like to sing the National Anthem at the Opening Ceremony of the show on March 18, in the morning and if any older members might be interested in helping as a volunteer during the event. If you are interested, you will need to let Ethel know by Friday, March 5. Remember you would be representing 4-H and at this time we are still under K-State Research and Extension's Covid-19 guidelines, which means you would be expected to wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines.

FORD CO. 4-H FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

High School Seniors and past 4-H members should receive information concerning the Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarships. These were emailed to the individual or to a parent's email. Remember they need to be turned in by the **deadline of April 1**. Only complete applications will be considered and each application requires a copy of your last permanent record.

The application can also be found on our website on the main page or at the Extension Office. Remember to plan ahead as you will need a transcript and a letter of recommendation from a 4-H leader, (not your parent or an Extension Agent).

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 we have confirmed at this time include:

County Wide Leaders and Projects

Kylene Scott — Photography

Cassadie Steele — Meat Goats

Sarah Sura — Poultry



CAMP CENTRAL

HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP, JUNE 22-24

ROCK SPRINGS 4-H CENTER

Mark your calendars and plan to send your children to **Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp!** Theme for 2021 is **“Happy Trails at 4-H Camp”**. For only \$120, (\$195 non 4-H member) your child can experience a life-time’s worth of memories: campfires, swimming, fishing, horseback riding, crafts, games, new friends and much, much more!

All youth who have completed 3rd thru 8th grades are welcome.

4-Clover Camp—Game of Life ...with 4-H

June with dates and location to be determined

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 \$75! This camp is jammed packed with activities such as: 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. Apply for the Blake Stanley Camp Scholarship to help reduce your camp cost.

Day Camp — Date TBA

Calling all kids of Clark, Ford and Hodgeman Counties!

Information will be coming soon on Day Camp date and theme!

DISCOVERY DAYS—VIRTUAL June 1-4, 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.

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.

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 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.

New 4-H Dog Show Rule Book

The new Kansas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book is now available in the KSRE Bookstore at <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Item.aspx?catId=746&pubId=23480>

This publication is intended as a guide for 4-H'ers, 4-H leaders, county extension agents, show managers, parents, and judges. This rule book is designed to help establish uniform regulations and procedures for the 4-H dog shows and events throughout the state. Please use this book as a guide when setting up your shows and establishing show rules. All judges should be made familiar with 4-H dog show rules and objectives, which are often different



::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ All 4-H members who participated in County Club Day and all members who will be competing at Regional Club Day
- ◆ Braeden Simon and Kyle Ruehle for participating in the virtual CIA session.

4-H Traveling Photo Display

The 4-H Traveling Photos which were selected from last year's county fair need to be brought up to the Extension office so we can try and place them around the county soon.



Horse ID Certificates

A reminder that ID certificates are due May 1 to the local office. 4-Her's that intend to participate at the State 4-H Horse Show should transition to the January 2020 certificate, found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html>.

Horse Levels Testing

The Level 1 Achievement test is required for all youth to participate in District and State Horse Shows. Online/video levels testing will be accepted again this year. Contact the office for more information.

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 .

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.



How:

To register for all sessions, visit
<http://yqca.learn-grow.io>

Click on blue “Sign-in” with 4HOnline.

Online registration is **NOT** mobile accessible.

March 20 10:00 am Fair Grounds

June 8 5:30 pm Fair Grounds

Online - Available Independently

What is it?

Ford County Guidelines

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new, national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that covers food safety, animal well-being and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum.

Who needs to get certified?

Any youth 7 years of age and older who will be exhibiting a market or breeding animal in the Ford County Fair (**market only**), Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) is required to obtain certification. YQCA certification numbers will be submitted through the nomination process for market animals, and at the time of entry for exhibitors who only have registered purebred breeding animals. **All youth should complete the training by June 15, 2020. *Seven-year-olds need to call the office prior to registering.**

How do youth get certified?

Youth may earn their certification in one of the following ways:

- Instructor-Led Training (\$3 per child)
- Online Course (\$9 with a coupon—contact Extension Office for Coupon Code)
- Test-Out Exam (12 & 15-year-olds only; online course only; cost varies based on age.)

Instructor-led sessions may be offered at the local level by certified instructors. Visit www.yqca.org for more details and to register for a class. All youth must pre-register through the YQCA website and pay the appropriate fee, regardless of the type of training they select, in order to obtain a certification number. Families should use their 4HOnline credentials to log in, create an user account and register for training. Each individual must have a separate e-mail address when registering. **At completion of course, certificate can be printed off and turned into the Extension Office or submitted with your online Fair entry during pre-entry process.**

How do youth test-out?

There is no test-out option for juniors. The online test-out is available only for 12 and 15-year-olds (first year intermediate and senior age divisions). Youth have one opportunity to pass a 50-question exam, with a score of 80% or better, for certification. Families will still have to pay the annual fee for certification. However, eligible youth do not have to pay the fee to attempt the exam. If a young person passes the exam and subsequently submits the appropriate payment, they will receive a multi-year certification. A young person who does not pass will be prompted to complete the annual training, either through instructor-led class or online course.

For more information:

More information may be found on the KSU Youth Livestock Website, under Youth Livestock Quality Assurance at <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html>.

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Dear 4-H Families,

Congratulations to all club members who competed at County Club Day and advanced to Regionals.

Please take a moment and complete the online survey at the link on the first page of this newsletter. We would appreciate your feedback on these questions.

Take a few minutes and read through the newsletter. Remember to get registrations and fees in prior to the deadlines.

Have a great Spring Break and St Patty's Day!



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