

4-H Clover News

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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 date**. 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 at their farm.

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.

QUACK ATTACK FUNDRAISER



At your April Club Meetings, your Club Leaders will have Quack Attack Duck Leases for families to sell. The Ford County 4-H Council would appreciate if each family could sell at least 10 duck leases. Each club received a book of 50 tickets. We can split the books up if the club wants it. These duck leases are for the Q97/Z98 Quack Attack Duck Race to be held on June 5th at the Dodge City Main Street Festival. The funds from each duck lease purchased from a 4-H'er will come back to the Ford County 4-H Council and your 4-H Club. Complete rules about the Duck Race and how to sell duck leases can be obtained by asking your community leaders for the information. The Alley will also be selling leases this year. **ALL Duck Leases and money must be returned to the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24 or to the Community Leader meeting that night.** The Family who sells the most duck leases by Monday, May 24 will win a \$100 gift card! Community Leaders/families will need to keep track of who sells and if you need more duck leases or have further questions, please call us! Please try and sell the books your leaders checked out at the Council meeting before requesting additional books. We are being asked to not have as many non-sold ducks within books when we turn them back in.



4-H EXCHANGE/ AMBASSADOR MEETING

The next 4-H Exchange meeting will be Monday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ford County Fair Building. We will discuss travel plans for the exchange.

4-H COUNCIL/COMMUNITY LEADER MTGS

The May meetings will be on Monday, May 24.

LIVESTOCK SALES/SHOWS

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

COUNTY FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS

The Ford County FAIR will need YOU to help as a superintendent! 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 leaders/parents and junior leaders (ages 12 and older) are encouraged to volunteer at your next club meeting. If you know anyone else who might be interested in helping, please ask them and let us know.

CURRENT COUNTY WIDE LEADERS

Meat Goats — Cassadie Steele

Photography — Kylene Scott

Poultry — Sarah Sura

Shooting Sports — Troy Robertson & Joe Vogel

2021 DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

When: June 29, 2021

District Horse Show Participation Changes

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 they qualified from. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used. More information on District Shows will be coming soon.

ADD/DROP DATE IS MAY 1ST!

WHAT DOES ADD/DROP A PROJECT MEAN? When you completed your enrollment on the <https://v2.4honline.com/> website, you selected a project (s) 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 <https://v2.4honline.com/> 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!

TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING



Tractor Safety Training is May 1st for all teenagers who would like to attend. The training is from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Dodge City Community College. Contact the

Extension Office for registration information & more details. Registration fee is \$20.

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT NEWS

The Ford County Shooting Sports Shotgun project will have their first practice of the season, Sunday, April 11th at 1:30 pm at the Dodge City Gun Club – located at the intersection of 112 & Garnett Road (correction line.) It will continue every Sunday through the month. Call Troy Robertson for more information—620-338-3028.

HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION

Horse ID Papers are due into the office by May 1 and must be on the 2020 forms. They also must be signed by an Extension Agent. If neither of us are in the office you will be asked to leave them and they will be returned to you after we have signed them. Remember only Level 1 is required to compete at District and State Shows. If you need to complete your Level 1 testing, contact the office.

CAMPS

INFO

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!** For only \$140, your child can experience a lifetime's worth of memories: campfires, swimming, horseback riding, crafts, games, new friends and much, much more!

All youth who have completed 3rd thru 8th grades are welcome. Registration due immediately or by April 30. **Camp numbers will be limited for 2021 camp season & will be filled on a first come basis. Call immediately if you are interested. Registration fee and form must be in to hold a spot.**

Important Changes for 2021:

In accordance with KSRE, Kansas 4-H, and Rock Springs Ranch COVID guidelines, all camp participants will be required to wear masks for indoor and outdoor activities (only exceptions are while eating, sleeping, swimming, or within housing room).

Campers are requested to bring 7 masks with them.

****Families MAY be responsible for camp transportation (more information to be provided at a later date).**

Numbers may change as Covid protocol changes prior to camp.

4-Clover Camp

Game of Life ...With 4-H

June 15-17, 2021

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 \$75.

This camp is jammed packed with activities such as: fishing, swimming, crafts, and new friends! The theme is "Game of Life... With 4-H". This camp is for Clark, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman and Walnut Creek District (Lane, Ness & Rush) 4-H'ers. Registration is due June 1, but our numbers maybe limited so registrations is on a first come, first service basis.

Apply for the Blake Stanley Camp Scholarship to help reduce your camp cost.

Masks will be worn inside buildings except in their living groups and eating.

Day Camp is still to be decided.

More information will be available soon.

Camp Counselor applications are due into our Office by April 1. 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 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. Remember this year there is protocol for wearing masks and other possible Covid changes during camps.

DISCOVERY DAYS June 1-4 Virtual in 2021

More information on registration will be shared when we receive it. Watch for an email.

4-H Campference

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2021) and is held June 27-30, 2021. Participants experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying camp activities. This is a great transitional opportunity as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences.

Early registration is recommended as space is limited and will fill on a first come, first serve basis. *Registration deadline is May 5 or until it is full. Check with the Extension Office for questions or more information.

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** and the **Blake Stanley Scholarship** mentioned below.

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.

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 14 to the Extension Office. More info can be found on our Ford County Camp website.

KANSAS RANGE YOUTH CAMP

Are you interested in Plants, livestock, or wildlife consider coming to a camp June 15-18 at Murdock, KS in Kingman County. Range Plant Identification, Plant Growth, Livestock Nutrition, Wildlife Management and much more will be covered. Tours and a steak supper are included in the \$250 registration fee, which is due by May 15. For more information and registration, contact the Extension Office.

::4-H Shout Outs::

- ◆ All Regional Club Day participants! All participants did an excellent job with their presentations.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

Last month's newsletter had a flier concerning how to obtain your YQCA certification. This is a requirement for the Ford County Fair as well as for State Fair and KS Junior Livestock Show. This must be done by May 1 prior to submitting Beef nominations and June 15 for commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, nominations. Questions, call Andrea at the Extension office. For County Fair purposes it must be completed prior to county fair pre-entry.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION

Great resources for any livestock project member can be found at the following website: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/index.html>. This website has resources, such as project sheets for project activities, project materials (most of these materials mentioned we have copies in the office to check out, so no need to purchase), website links, and various other general information. Check it out if you are new to a specific livestock project area.

NEW 4-H RECORD BOOK FORMS AND TRAINING

This year there is a new record keeping format to use instead of the previous KAP forms. Local Record Keeping & Project Reports will include a Check Sheet, Personal Information Page, Permanent Record, Project Report Forms and other local unit specific requirements. There is a general Project Report Form and an Animal Project Record Form. Forms are available by age groups of: Junior (7-9 age), Intermediate (10-13 age) and Senior (14 and older age). All project report forms are form fillable pdfs. We are having a training to learn more about the new records by Zoom on Saturday, April 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Please RSVP to receive the zoom link to join the training. RSVP by Thursday, April 22 to Ethel at eschnewe@ksu.edu.

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS DUE APRIL 1

If you are a graduating senior or are attending college, be sure to get your Ford County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application into the Extension Office. The deadline is Thursday, April 1st to get your application turned into the Extension Office.

BRING YOUR PROJECTS TO LIFE VIRTUAL SERIES

Central Kansas District and McPherson County 4-H are collaborating on a project titled: "Bring Your Projects to Life". These are hosted every second Thursday of the month at 7 PM (Zoom). They focus on different 4-H projects and connect youth with college, leadership and careers opportunities. The program to be held on April 8, 2021 at 7 PM will showcase the College of Veterinary Medicine! You will get to learn from and ask questions of third year Vet student, Melissa Riley during this hour-long session.

We think this might be of special interest to youth in any animal project, but you DO NOT have to be currently enrolled in any specific project to participate! Sessions are geared towards 10-14 year olds, but we will welcome all ages to register. Register no later than April 7 at:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3gwifu8Uic2L3T0

State Fair Updates

There are two new project areas recently added to the available projects for 2021

- ◆ **4-H STEM – Ag Mechanics (Welding) project**

Description: The Ag Mechanics exhibit area is a new STEM project for 2021. The project is starting with an emphasis on welding and smithing, it will expand as the project area grows. This project allows youth to explore areas of ag mechanics and metallurgy from repairing or repurposing items to the fabrication of new items. The intent is for this program start with foundational areas, some of which youth may already have, and allow them to continue to build on this knowledge becoming more experienced.

- ◆ **4-H STEM ARCHITECTURAL BLOCK CONSTRUCTION - using architectural blocks (“Legos”) to construct dioramas.**

Description: The STEM ABC exhibit area is a new STEM project for 2021.

The project is starting with an emphasis on using architectural blocks (“Legos”) to construct dioramas. This project allows youth to explore architectural design in a three dimensional space. The intent is for this program start with foundational ideas of architecture, some of which youth may already have, and allow youth to continue to build on this knowledge becoming more and more experienced.

- ◆ Visual Arts will be judged now and each county may submit one entry from each of the five categories (Fine Arts, Clay and Ceramics, Leather and Jewelry, Three-Dimensional, and General Crafts).
- ◆ State Dog Show is scheduled for Labor Day Weekend
- ◆ Changes include no premium to be paid out.
- ◆ Each exhibitor will receive two gate tickets with their entries (not per exhibit)

Leadership Adventure Course at Rock Springs Ranch

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is challenging their peers including all clubs across Kansas to **Endorse the Course!** More than 75 years ago, in 1945, the land that is now part of Rock Springs Ranch was purchased to become the new home for Kansas 4-H camp, all because of 4-H youth. Youth raised the funds to pay off the mortgage before the first camping season even began!

Youth Council was inspired by what these Kansas 4-H members did 75 years ago and have an idea for making sure camp is extra special for the next 75 years. With their leadership, we are introducing a new **Leadership Adventure Course** at Rock Springs Ranch! This is a team obstacle course with high ropes, low elements and a dueling zip line that serve as leadership development tools.

All Kansas 4-H clubs are challenged to **Endorse the Course** by making a gift today!

Gifts made between **now and May 1st** will ensure the Leadership Adventure Course is complete for campers this summer and for the next 75 years!

Kansas 4-H clubs have a goal to raise \$25,000. For every \$5,000 they raise, generous donors who believe in them will match every gift dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000! That means their total would double and become \$50,000!

To learn more or to make a gift in support of a 4-H club, visit: kansas4hfoundation.org/ETC. If you have any questions about *Endorse the Course*, please call Lindsey Oakes at the Kansas 4-H Foundation at 785-775-0123 or email giving@kansas4hfoundation.org.

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Dear 4-H Families,

Camping Season is right around the corner! Be sure to read about possible protocol changes concerning masks and participation numbers. If you want to attend camp, you must get your registration and fee submitted as early as possible. Registration for all camps will be a first come bases until our county quota is reached. You can find more information about camps and their registrations forms on our website OR we have copies available in the Extension Office.

Be sure to decide if you need to drop or add any projects and do this prior to May 1. Remember Horse ID papers are also due then!

Take a few minutes and read through the newsletter.



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