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Coming Events

October
18  Informational Horse Bowl/Hippology Meeting
25  Stevens County Achievement Awards
26  Shutterbug at Oskaloosa Deadline, event is November 7

November
1  Club Financial Records Due for Audit
2  States’ 4-H International Exchange Applications Due
6-8  State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl, Virtual for 2020
7  District Officer Training, Liberal
7  Seward County Achievement Banquet
11  Haskell County 4-H Council Meeting
20  Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum
18  Haskell County Cloverbuds
21-22  Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Virtual for 2020

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Wild West District was represented by our youth at State 4-H Shotgun Match. Pictured at the shoot are CJ Beard (SV), Katelynn Delaplane (HS), Trevin Conley (SW), Carl Kunselman (HS), Ryse Garrison (SW), and Cody Bremenkamp (SW).

Congratulations, Team, for making it to State!

Connect Online
Website—www.wildwest.ksu.edu
Facebook—at wildwestdistrict

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District Horse Project
Want to learn more about horses? Horse and Horseless Horse project members are invited to attend an informational horse bowl/hippology meeting on **Sunday, October 18th** at the First Christian Church in Hugoton. Lunch will be served at 12:15pm. Please RSVP to Judy Parsons at 620-453-0732, or call her for more information.

Shutterbug Workshop
When: November 7th
Where: Old Jefferson Town, Oskaloosa, KS
Schedule: Registration 9-9:15,
Opening Session 9:15-9:45, Sessions 10-Noon
Registration Flyer and **Form Deadline: October 30, 2020.**
Contact for event: Christy Befort, clixbychristy@gbta.net, phone 785-635-4368

4-H Club Financial Records Due Nov 1st
Each club needs to submit their financial records review to their local office due November 1st. Here is a link for the form: https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/employee_resources/forms/admin_forms/KSU4-3.pdf.
Fill and sign the form, and take it with your supporting documents and checkbook to your local office no later than **November 2, 2020.** Check with Devin if you have any questions.

District Officer Training
Training will be held on Saturday, November 7, from 10 am to 12 noon at the Activity Center, 810 Stadium Road, in Liberal, or if necessary, on a Zoom. **Please pre-register** your attendance by filling out the Qualtrics online form, at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eCMWmHqi1OLeFo1. Each person will need to Submit a separate registration. More kids are more fun! Plan now to attend.

**REMINDER:**

**New 2020-2021 4-H Year Enrollment Deadline**
All returning 4-H’ers, enrolled in the 4-H year 2019-2020, **must be re-enrolled by December 1st to be eligible to participate in the 2021 County Fair.** You just need to be enrolled, you have until May 1st to finalize your selected projects.
The new member enrollment, and everyone’s add or drop project deadline, is May 1st to participate in the 2021 Fair. You must be enrolled in the projects in which you wish to exhibit at fair. **Enroll now at v2.4honline.com.**

**4-H Online Family Resources**
New guidebooks have been posted for families and volunteers include:
- Family Enrollment
- New Adult Volunteer Enrollment
- Returning Adult Volunteer Reenrollment
Please visit the 4-H Online Family Resources webpage at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online-family-resources/index.html. More resources coming soon!

**New Family Guide**
4-H is focused on youth having fun and learning with their friends. We understand that you may have many questions your first few years in the program, so the state office developed this guide to help.
Also, you can always call your 4-H Club Leader or your local Extension Agent for help.
Find this publication online at https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/4-h-clubs/docs/Kansas_4H_New_Family_Guide_Color.pdf

**2021 States’ 4-H Outbound Exchange**
States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs (States’ 4-H) applications are to be completed online and are **due November 2.** Mary Kay Munson can answer questions about the offered exchanges and the application process at mkm2@ksu.edu, 785-238-3631 or 785-375-3189.
State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl

The 2020 State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be hosted as a virtual event on November 6, 7, and 8.

**Cost:** Free to Participate

**Registration:** closes October 30 at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html

After you have registered for the event you will receive an email with a detailed schedule and information needed to access the zoom sessions.

During registration youth may choose to take part in a 4-H Dog Quiz which will be done on an individual basis instead of the traditional team quiz bowl.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is Virtual

The dates for the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum are Saturday and Sunday, November 21 - 22. Check this website, https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html, for all the information you need. Registration is $30 and open until **Tuesday, November 10**, which includes a T-Shirt that will be mailed to Local Extension Offices after the Forum.

**Let’s Taco Bout Leadership.** Log-in and build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, delegate groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2021 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF. Speaker and Author Mike Mattson will be with us Saturday, and an awesome set of skill building workshops are planned as well.

**Saturday, November 21, 2020**

9:00-9:30 a.m. Gathering Time
9:30 a.m.-12 noon Programming (speaker, small groups and workshop)

Break
1:45-2:00 p.m. Gathering Time

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Programming (group fun, youth council elections and news from the Kansas 4-H Foundation)

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

1:30-2:00 p.m. Gathering Time

2:00-4:30 p.m. Programming Time (small groups, workshop, election results and closing ceremony)

4:30-5:15 p.m. Newly elected council meeting

State 4-H Crops ID Contest

The 2020 Kansas State Fair 4-H Crops ID Contest will be offered virtually this fall. Registration is now open using Qualtrics until Thursday, **November 12**: sign up at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5zQuqQlFEhG3xX.

**Rules for 2020:**

Contest is open to all Kansas 4-H youth, ages 9-18 (4-H age). Registration closes on Thursday, November 12, 11:59 p.m. An email will be sent to participants on Friday, November 13 with the contest link to participate.

The Virtual Contest will be open Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m., to Sunday, November 22, closing at 11:59 p.m. Participants will be given a timed 30 minutes for each of two identifying classes: 50 plant samples and 50 seed samples.

Please complete the identification contest with a device larger than a phone, for example: lap top, desk top or tablet; participants with slow internet may need to complete the contests with a faster hookup, for example, your local Extension office, library, or school facility.

National STEM Summit:

**Mars Basecamp**

Online, November 6-8, 2020 - Registration is Now Open

The National Youth Summits on STEM is $75.00 and includes a STEM Summit Activities Kit, which includes all the supplies needed for your group to take part in the Summit.

Your team of astronauts is stranded on Mars. Your supplies are dwindling. How will you survive, and how will you return to Earth? At the 2020 virtual STEM Summit November 6-8, students will work with peers and group leaders to solve this challenge.

Later in the series are:

**2021 Healthy Living Summit**

Online, February 11-14, 2021 - Registration Opens Soon

**2021 Agri-Science Summit**

Online, March 4-7, 2021 - Registration Opens Soon

For more information and to register, visit National Youth Council Summit Series, https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/
District

2020 Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum
The 2020 Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum is scheduled for the evening of November 20, 2020. The event will be hosted virtually this year. We will miss the comradery of being at Rock Springs but the Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers is excited to offer the opportunity to come together virtually to learn from each other.

Registration will close November 16. After registration closes participants will receive an email with a more detailed schedule and log-in information. To register, go to https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_byGT9vSIXcRKpox.

District 4-H Club Day
Save the date February 6, 2021.
New for Club Day this year, you will be selecting your own presentation time slots.
You will use SignUp Genius like we used for fair to register digitally for times that fit your schedule. I will then send out a tentative schedule, this will show the scheduled group events and will have blocks of times that individual events will happen.
Under the individual events it will list each youth that registered to do that event.
I will also let you know when the signups will go live so that if you need to get a specific time you will have that chance. I will explain more as it gets closer, but start planning your presentations, and make sure you save the date—Saturday, February 6, 2021!!

Haskell

Achievement Awards
This year due to restrictions on group gatherings, each club will have its own award presentation. Check with your club leaders for your club’s plans.

Haskell County 4-H Council
The 4-H Council meeting date has changed, it is now on Wednesday, November 11th at 7 pm in the Commercial Building. Make sure you are in attendance as we will elect officers, and MKC will attend to present a donation to Haskell County 4-H!

4-H T-Shirts for Sale!
District shirts are still available in most sizes. The cost is $10 each, call 620-544-4359 or let Devin know if interested.

Homemade Christmas!
Any youth wanting to make some homemade Christmas gifts for family, friends or teachers, save the date for December 5th in Sublette.
This activity will be open to anyone ages 5-18. Space will be limited.
If there are any older 4-H’ers who would like to help and get some leadership opportunities, let Devin know.

Cloverbuds
Cloverbuds is a fun educational program for children ages 5 and 6 by Jan. 1st of the current 4-H year. There is no fee to join.
Cloverbuds will meet once a month at the Haskell County Commercial Building, 600 S. Fairgrounds Road.
The meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month from 4:00pm-5:00pm. Our next meeting will be November 18th! Call or text Devin if you have any questions at 785-383-3884. We hope to see you there!
Achievement Banquet
Seward County Achievement Banquet will be November 7th at 6 pm in the Activity Center, 1081 Stadium Road. This will be limited to immediate family members only. Please RSVP by calling the Extension Office, or email Ashley at alwettst@ksu.edu by November 1st. Charlee will be putting together a slide show of 4-H activity to be viewed, please send any pictures from the past 4-H year to charlee.coehran3@gmail.com, or text them to her at 620-655-7487 by October 24th.

Cinnamon Rolls - YUMMM
The Seward County 4-H Council will be doing a cinnamon roll fundraiser from November 1st through December 15th, be checking your email for more information.

Achievement Trips
Seward County 4-H Council has voted to join Stevens and Haskell Counties on their Achievement Trips. Juniors receive a one day trip, Intermediates go on a two day one night trip, and Seniors earn a three day two night trip. These trips will be paid for by Seward County 4-H Council in full. So make sure you check over the trip application so you can see what you need to do to earn a trip next year. Find the form at https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/docs/Trip%20Award%20Application.pdf.

Cloverbuds
Cloverbuds will start again, the next meeting will be at the Extension Office. This pre-4-H participation is for kids ages 5 and 6 by January 1, 2021. If you are interested contact the Extension Office or Devin at 785-383-3884.

4-H Member Enrollment Fees
All 4-H’ers who re-enroll by November 1 will have their $15 State Membership Fee paid by the 4-H Council. There will no longer be a long waiting period for the state to record members as active. Any member re-enrolling after November 1 will be required to pay their fee by credit card or check. New members will also have their fee paid from the time they join.

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Funds Available
Each year the following sources of money are available to Stevens County youth.
- Half of the event registration fee is paid by the 4-H Council for one 4-H event per 4-H’er per year.
- The Sara and E. Budd Anderson Grant Application: due January 15.
- County Scholarships: due April 1
See these forms at https://wildwest.k-state.edu/4-h/stevens%20county%204h.html

Citizenship and Clothing Meetings
Rylee Fann will hold a Citizenship meeting from 10-11 am on Saturday, November 28 at the 4-H Building.

Rylee will then host a community service project for 4-H’ers enrolled in Clothing Construction at 11:15 am, to make small chemo patient portacath pillows for donations.

Plan to do simple sewing until 1 pm. Bring your own machine if you want to, or use one of ours, and any clean cotton flannel scraps 5 x 7 inches you may have.