A Word From Your Agent...

Dear 4-H’ers

I just want to start by saying how proud I am of all of you! We have been presented challenges since mid-March and 4-H’ers and Volunteers continue to lead, serve and educate. I couldn’t be any happier with how Shawnee County 4-H has continued to operate under Stay at Home orders. We have worked out ways to keep ourselves and those we serve safe while providing learning opportunities.

Kansas 4-H has a different timeline than current ones by State of Kansas and Shawnee County. It is important to remember that we must abide by all three of those organizations rules. Right now we will not be able to have face to face meetings or programs through July 4th.

The biggest question I have been getting is, “What about the county fair?” At this time we don’t know what the fair will look like. We do know that Shawnee County 4-H and Kansas 4-H is committed to offer a way for youth to showcase their 4-H projects this summer. It probably won’t look like a normal fair, but we will have more details after we know what Kansas 4-H and Shawnee County will allow later this summer.

For now, keep working on your projects, reach out through e-mail, phone and face time to fellow members. Our goal in 4-H is to make sure youth are learning, belonging, serving and leading. I know we can do all of those things while meeting virtually.

If you have ideas of things Shawnee County 4-H could do while we are not allowed to be face to face, let me know! I’m up for trying new things and learning as we go. I can’t wait to see you all, in a zoom meeting and in person. Stay safe and keep being awesome!

~Candis

Camp Connection

Since we cannot go to Rock Springs 4-H Ranch for 4-H Camp, we are offering the Oz-Some 4-H Camp Connection to 4-H members ages 8-13 years of age (before January 1). This camp connection will be held on June 16-18 (Tuesday - Thursday), 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. each evening. We will be utilizing Zoom for our camp connection platform.

There are some aspects of camp we know are important: counselors, connecting with other campers, learning experiences, campfire, 4-H dance, etc. We are planning on a fun and interactive three evenings! Youth will be in housing units with seven other 4-H’ers their age and have counselors!

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Each participant will receive a camp care box in the mail, which will include a T-shirt, craft supplies and other items needed for most all activities.

The cost to the participant will be $5 and will need to be paid online after submitting the registration. Other funding is being sought out to offset the remainder of the cost. Registration closes on May 10th. Here is the link to register!
https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1O0FmCbV8AnT6cJ

Livestock Corner

Reminder that All Livestock that are planning to be shown at the County Fair must be Identified with the Office by May 17th.

Livestock planning to be shown at County and State levels need to be Identified with the Office by May 17th and EID Tags need to be ordered, animals tagged and a photo of the tag in the animals’ ear(s) sent to the Office before the June 15th State Nomination Due date.

All Livestock planning to be show at the State Level only need EID Tags to be ordered, animals tagged and a photo of the tag in the animals’ ear(s) sent to the Office before the June 15th State Nomination Due date.

Full details of how tagging/identification will be done this year can be found on the 2020 Livestock Tagging tab under the Fair Information tab on the Shawnee County 4-H website. Of course, if there are any question feel free to call or email Haley, (785)232-0062, Ext. 112, keley13@ksu.edu. Or reach out to Candis via email, candism@ksu.edu.

Upcoming Dates:

May 1st- Beef Market State Nominations Due to State Office.

May 17th-Shawnee County Livestock Identification Due to County Office

June 15th- All other Livestock State Nominations Due to State Office.
Reservations can be made online at [www.capitolplazahoteltopeka.com](http://www.capitolplazahoteltopeka.com). Click on “Reservations” and you will be redirected to reservations page. Select “Group Code” and enter code [SCFA](#) for the discounted rate.

Once the code is entered, you will be able to select the dates (July 23-25) and book your reservation. OR, call the hotel directly at (800) 579-7937 or locally at (785) 431-7200 (please mention you are part of Shawnee County Fair or group code [SCFA](#)).

Or - Direct links to reservations (no group code required): [http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=2720204&hotelID=13576](http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=2720204&hotelID=13576)

2020 Spring 4-H Paper Clover campaign with Tractor Supply Company Postponed

As we continue to work through these unique circumstances associated with COVID-19 and focus on the needs of 4-H youth, Extension staff, Volunteers, and communities, the 2020 Spring 4-H Paper Clover campaign with Tractor Supply Company (originally scheduled to take place 4/29 – 5/10) will be postponed to a later date. Details regarding the new dates will be discussed between TSC and Council in May and confirmed next steps will be shared, as they become available.

We also want to confirm that our partnership with Tractor Supply will continue with the Fall Paper Clover campaign as planned for 10/7 – 10/18.

Tractor Supply stores and team members in communities across the country have long supported 4-H and will continue to raise funds, build programs, and establish a strong partnership that will serve our communities. Despite the challenging situation we all face right now, Tractor Supply stores and employees remain critical and open to support 4-H families with the products they rely on to feed and care for their animals and pets.

Tractor Supply has reiterated the importance of the 4-H partnership to their business, but right now, we have to prioritize the health and safety of everyone. We hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy.
Horse Project Changes

District/State Horse Shows:
- All District Horse Shows have been cancelled.
- There will be no District qualification for 4-Hers to attend the State 4-H Horse Show.
- Districts can host a non-qualifying educational/practice show after July 4th if desired.
- All state exhibitors must complete Level 1 testing. Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4 specific horsemanship classes will still require the appropriate certification. (No change.)
- All state exhibitors must exhibit at their county fair to exhibit at the State 4-H Horse Show. This is general participation, not a class for class match as we know county classes can vary from the State 4-H Horse Show.
- Agents will receive a State 4-H Horse Show registration report to validate participation at the local level.
- Additional information will be released as plans are solidified with the State 4-H Office and Kansas State Fair.

Levels Testing:
- All components of levels testing will be moved to an online format.
- The $10 fee ($5 for exam and $5 for riding) will still apply. This will be sent in with the signed coversheet upon the successful completion of the online test. (No Change)
- To assist with the electronic exchange, form fillable versions of the coversheets will be available in the Teams folder by April 20. KSRE Resources/ Youth Development/ Curriculum Resources/ STEM & Agriculture/ Agriculture/ Horse
- All levels of the exam will be moved to Qualtrics. The direct links for the Qualtrics exams will be given to the agents for distribution.
- Groundwork/riding portion of levels testing will be completed via video conferencing (Zoom, Facetime, etc.) or with a recorded video. The guidelines on safely interacting with youth virtually that will be given to the evaluators is attached.
- The leadership section will be expanded to include online club meeting talks/demonstrations, virtual horse judging or clinic, Panorama, etc. Be creative.
- Form fillable PDFs of the leadership sections will also be added to the Teams folder by April 20.
- Youth are able to complete multiple levels in a year, but they must be done in order. (No Change)
- Study guides can be found at https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html beneath Project Materials.
- Evaluators will be notified of this change this afternoon. We are collecting a list of evaluators comfortable with the technology and will it be distributed to agents before May 1.
- An additional email will be sent to agents with Qualtrics links once they are live. This will occur before May 1.
The Members of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council
Save the Date for 48 Hours of 4-H

Submitted by Beth Hinshaw

Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project and join the 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge, October 10-11, 2020. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too!

By starting to discuss and plan now, you can find the perfect project for your group and engage important partners.

More information will be shared in the coming months.

State Fair Dog Show

The 2020 Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show is scheduled for September 5, 2020 in the Hutchinson Expo Center. This is the weekend before the start of the fair as the Bison Arena is no longer available for use. This is just an FYI to save the date. As additional details beyond the date are finalized, more updates will follow.
Indian Creek 4-H Club

We held a virtual zoom meeting with our club members on 4/20/20. Our Program was a Disney Kahoot.

~Emma Biggs

Shunga Valley 4-H Club

For our April meeting Shunga Valley met online. Our members answered the roll call question “What did we do for Easter.” Then the members all did a show and share. It was our first online meeting and it was good to see everyone.

~Daryl Meerpohl
Auburn 4-H Club

On Monday, April 13, the Auburn 4-H club held their first online meeting via Zoom. Many youth were able to participate in the meeting. We discussed how things in our club will be changing amidst the Covid pandemic. We also discussed how we will continue doing 4-H activities without being able to meet in person. For our program, Kyelie Arb gave a talk on playing the trumpet and included a musical demonstration for us. We also welcomed Eli May to present his talk on Keystone Species and their importance to the ecosystem. Thank you Kyelie and Eli for your wonderful and informative presentations! We ended our meeting with a scavenger hunt around our homes, led by Lilly Bayless, which involved finding and sharing an item in your house that went with the current theme. We had fun discovering different items and seeing what others found. We will be meeting again (probably via Zoom) on Monday, May 12.

~Braedan Miller, Auburn 4-H Club Reporter

Silver Lake 4-H Club

We did our meeting virtually because of COVID-19. Candis Meerpohl came in the beginning and said that it was cool that we were the first club to have a virtual meeting. We acted like it was in person.

~Alisaa Thomas, Reporter
**Shawnee County 4-H Chatterbox**

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SVEC - Stormont Vail Event Center  
EMR - Extension Meeting Room (upstairs)  
CR - Extension Conference Room (downstairs)

All dates and activities are subject to change.

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