



Dear 4-H members, parents, leaders, and friends,

Please pay close attention to dates on the calendar! I will be sending out emails letting you know species specific things that must be taken care of before the fair. If you have questions or need help, please reach out! I'd be happy to help your family get started on any project. As always, don't forget to spread the good word about 4-H to your friends and family and invite them to join the experience. The more the merrier!

Sincerely,

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**Wildcat Extension District – Crawford County 4-H Website:**

[www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/)



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@ Wildcat Extension District 4-H**

April 11	Deadline to submit photo of tagged beef to Will
April 15	Discovery Days Deadline
April 27	Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm held via Zoom
April 27	4-H Council Meeting 7:30pm held via Zoom
May 1	Deadline to enroll for new 4-H Members
May 1	Camp sign up deadline
May 1	Counselor applications due to local office
May 1	Horse ID papers due to local office
May 1	Steer nomination deadline for State Fair and KJLS
May 9	Animal Weigh in 8-10:30am @ Fairgrounds
May 11	Fair Entry Opens for all Fairs
May 25	Memorial Day - Wildcat offices closed
May 27-29	Discovery Days @ Manhattan
June 2	Favorite Foods
June 6-7	Sunny Hills Camp Counselor Training Rock Springs
June 7-10	Sunny Hills Camp @ Rock Springs
June 12	Beginning Livestock Judging Camp
June 15-16	Advanced Livestock Judging Camp
June 15	District Horse Show Entry Deadline
June 15	Nomination Deadline for Kansas State Fair and KJLS
June 16	SE Area Challenge Day
June 18	Area Livestock/Meats/Skill-a-thon Judging
June 22-23	Greenbush Camp
June 22	Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm @ Office
June 22	4-H Council Meeting 7:30pm @ Office
July 1	District Horse Show
July 3	Holiday- Wildcat District Offices Closed
July 15	Crawford County Fair Entry Deadline
July 15	Crawford County Scholarship Deadline
July 20	Crawford County Foods Judging
July 21	Crawford County Junior Leaders make ice-cream 8:30am-1pm
July 21	5pm Ice-Cream Stand Meeting for all Club Leaders, Parents and youth.
July 21	Crawford County Pre-Fair Clean up 6pm-9pm
July 23	Crawford County Pre-Fair BBQ Ticket Sales Due in Office
July 25-Aug 1	Crawford County Fair events.
	<b>Official Fair Dates July 29-August 1</b>

## WEIGH-IN DATES

### Beef Weigh-In: Canceled

There will not be a beef rate of gain contest for this year. We will no longer be having the formal beef weigh-in/tagging on April 11th. Here is the new procedure for this year. On Thursday April 2nd from 6-8pm there will be a Beef tag pick time at the Fairgrounds. We will be set up on the east side of the Livestock Barn. It is asked that you enter on through the North entrance of the fairgrounds and exit out the south entrance. You will be required to pay for your tags when picking them up. You will be required to put the exact amount for all tags there will be no change. (If you write a check make it payable to Crawford County 4-h Council) All tags must be paid for that day! I will also have small animal tags available if anyone would like to pick those up as well. County tags are \$1 per tag, State Beef tags are \$4 per tag, Small State Tags (sheep, goats, swine) are \$3 per tag.

This will work like a drive through. **NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO EXIT THEIR VEHICLE AT ANY TIME.** You will be given your tags then you are asked to immediately leave the fairground to return home. You will be responsible for tagging your animal at home. Once your animal is tagged you will need to submit a clear color photo of the animal with the tag in its ear to me via email [willmorris@ksu.edu](mailto:willmorris@ksu.edu). You must submit beef photos by April 11th at 3:30 p.m. Any beef photos not in by that time will not be eligible to participate at the fair.

If you are unable to pick up your beef tags on April 2nd from 6-8pm at the fairgrounds please let me know so we can make other arrangements. Small animal (sheep, swine, goat, bucket calf) weigh-in is May 9th. For now it will still be held on that date. Details for how we will go about that day will be released at a later date. If you are unable to make that date please let me know so we can make arrangements.

## KANSAS STATE FAIR OR KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

If you plan to nominate animals for either of these shows you must tag and complete paperwork by: Steers & Market Heifers due May 1.

Swine Goats, Lambs, & Heifers due June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**The paperwork must be signed by Will (please email Will at [willmorris@ksu.edu](mailto:willmorris@ksu.edu) to make arrangements to get signed). They need to be in the state office by these dates!**

## YOUTH QUALITY CARE FOR ANIMALS

YQCA: Complete your YQCA Training online!

<https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

The link will take you to the website where you can sign up and take the course online. This is also where you will go to print your certificate. For 7-year-old members, please contact the extension office for more information. This link will provide some instructions for this.

## COUNTY FAIR CHANGES FOR 2020

There have been several updates to the Fair Book for this year so please pay close attention to rules, classes, and other dates. An email will be sent out when it is ready to view online.

## HORSE ID PAPERS

**Due in the Extension office before May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

You need to use a new ID form this year.

New to the horse program? Horse Identification papers can be found on our website;

<http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/index.html> or, you can pick them up at

the Extension Office. Please print form front to back! You will need to attach a **color picture** of your horse, showing all four legs and face. Turn them in to the office by mail, email, or the drop box in the west door of the Extension Office. Snaffle bit projects have more paperwork please call the office at 620-724-8233 or [willmorris@ksu.edu](mailto:willmorris@ksu.edu) to learn more.

The state horse show rule book was revised this year. It is available online for you to read and learn about all the updates.

<https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/S133.pdf>

Are you planning to show at the District Horse Show but need to complete your level testing?

Complete the study guide and take the test! Agents have the resources to help you get this completed.

You can find this study guide online at

[https://www.kansas4-](https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html)

[h.org/projects/animals/horse.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animals/horse.html) The SE District Horse Show entry form is online for you complete and turn into your local extension office. This form along with the entry fee is due to your local Extension office no later than June 15th .

[https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/documents/2020SE%20District%20entr](https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/documents/2020SE%20District%20entry.pdf)  
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## COUNTY SCHLORSHIPS

Crawford County Scholarships are available online at: <http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/index.html>

## JUNIOR LEADERS

Our next Junior Leaders meeting will be **April 27** via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. Any youth 13 and older are welcome to join us! Junior Leaders work to develop leadership skills to better serve their community.

## 4-H CAMPS

### Discovery Days

May 27-May 29 on K-State's campus, Manhattan, KS. Take classes on 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! Don't forget about the dance and Call Hall Ice Cream! Camp is for 13-18-year-old youth. Base price is \$235 + class costs. Registration opens March 16th and closes April 15th. Find more details on the KS 4-H website under events! This camp is structured but gives youth a lot of freedom and responsibility for getting themselves to classes and meals on time, etc.

### Greenbush 4-H Camp

Greenbush will be June 22-23th at Greenbush Educational Center for 7-8 year olds. This 24-hour overnight camp is a great starter camp for young youth. Youth arrive at 9 a.m. go through a short orientation then start sessions on topics ranging from canoes to astronomy. Youth stay in cabins with ac and showers with an adult supervisor. Estimated cost is \$75. Registration information can be found on your county website! Registration due May 1st.

## Sunny Hills, Rock Springs 4-H Center

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp June 7-10, 2020 for youth who have completed 3rd -7th grade. Cost is \$225 dollars. Youth stay in cabins of 6-8 youth their age and participate in events ranging from canoeing to building robots. A bus to and from camp is provided. Wildcat agents attend camp with the youth. Registration can be found on our website, due May 1st. COUNSELORS go to camp for FREE! We are always in need of good youth (who are 16 and older) to help us supervise youth at camp. Counselors are in charge of 6-8 campers for the duration of camp and play a parental role! This looks great on scholarships, resumes, and college applications! Contact your Extension office to complete an application!

## Campference

Great transitional camp for ages 12-14, June 22-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Camp features workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others! Registration opens in March and will close when it is full or May 15th. Estimated cost \$275. More info. on KS 4-H website.

## VOLUNTEER SCREENING AND CERTIFICATION

Interested in becoming a 4-H Volunteer or need help to update, renew, and complete volunteer certification requirements. Contact Will at [willmorris@ksu.edu](mailto:willmorris@ksu.edu).

## UPDATED 3/16 - Recommendations for 4-H Clubs and Local 4-H Activities and COVID

**Submitted by Wade M. Weber**

### • AN IMPORTANT COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 3/16/2020, Kansas State University leadership extended the timeline for our COVID-19 response protocols to eight weeks. They are even cancelling the face-to-face commencement ceremonies.

Concerning Extension-sponsored (which includes all 4-H programming by employees and volunteers) face-to-face workshops, shows, activities, and events that are targeted to the people we serve, such face-to-face events should be cancelled, postponed, or converted to such distance technologies as Zoom is extended through May 16.

4-H implication: Even in light of this directive, it is prudent for KSRE professionals to communicate with their local health department for the latest risk assessment and recommendations. Communication from KSRE professionals and boards regarding 4-H activities should be in alignment with such recommendations and communicated to local 4-H volunteers in a timely fashion.

• According to the CDC, older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes and lung disease are at greater risk for getting very sick from this illness.

4-H implication: As youth and adults frequently interact together in 4-H learning opportunities, it is prudent for KSRE professionals to assess the potential risk of 4-H related activities to vulnerable populations (identified above).

## Shooting Sports

### 2020 Crawford County 4-H

**Archery** Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic the start date for this program has been changed to Sunday, May 17, 2:00 pm. Then we will meet every Sunday with the exception of holidays (Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day, etc.). The first 2 Sundays (May 17 & 31, because we skip Memorial Day Sunday) will be for anyone new to the program and anyone who needs refreshing. **Beginners MUST attend the range and safety orientation May 17 to participate in the program.** If you cannot make that meeting, please contact me about possibly making other arrangements. Equipment will be provided for the beginners, please leave yours at home. The veterans will begin meeting on Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 pm. For more information email, text or call Dan Mosier II at [danmosierii@gmail.com](mailto:danmosierii@gmail.com), 620-687-0643.

## Save the Date for 48 Hours of 4-H



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.

## **Being Patience and Keeping Perspective**

I hope that you and your families are staying safe and healthy during this time. I have received lots of questions from 4-H members, volunteers, family and community members in regard to the Crawford County Fair. Examples "Should we buy animals?" "Is the fair going to happen?" "Can we figure out another way or time to weigh the steers?" "Why can't we just proceed as normal but be safe?" etc. I think it is so awesome that we have so many people passionate about youth! But I ask you to help me in sharing this information with them.

The number one priority of myself and the Fair Board is the health, safety, and wellbeing of the youth, volunteers, and their families. With that being said, we also want to try to lessen the impact that COVID-19 is having as much as possible. Activity changes, cancelations, and updates will be broadcasted as soon as they are known. Things are evolving rapidly and can cause changes daily. If we can make something happen that was previously canceled, we will do so. Things may not be "fair" from one project/species to another, but please know that your patience, understanding, and ability to go with the flow will be greatly appreciated.

We may not have all the answers to the questions above yet, but it is important for us all to keep perspective on what 4-H truly is. It is

a **Youth Development Organization!** 4-H is about more than showing and exhibiting at the fair. Its purpose is more than getting that purple rosette and being the top seller at the sale. 4-H is about learning, teaching, and developing knowledge and skills. It is about developing tomorrow's leader. And a sign of a true leader is their ability to adapt and proceed with their best foot forward.

I encourage families to sit down and discuss your goals for this year. Next, consider how those goals may or may not be impacted with the current circumstances. Please keep in mind that some goals may come with a risk and financial cost. This may include buying animals, feed, supplies, etc. without knowing the future plan for the fair. Remember, there is no way of knowing what might be affected as this situation evolves. You and your families will have to determine what risk you are willing to take, and can afford, and be willing to live with that outcome.

Remember we are here for the youth! I will continue to look for ways to engage our members in activities within the limitations of our current situation. We are here to teach them and help them to become tomorrow's leaders. ☺

Thanks

Will