



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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www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/



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@ Wildcat Extension District 4-H**

April 2 STEM Camp 4pm @ ICC Fab Lab
April 9 YQCA Class 6:30pm @ Extension Office
April 13 Beef Weigh-In 2-3:30pm @ Mesa Animal Clinic
April 15 Discovery Days Registration Deadline
April 22 Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm @ Extension Office
7pm Record Book Project Meeting @ Extension Office
7:30pm 4-H Council Meeting @ Extension Office
May 1 Horse ID Papers Due in office.
Deadline to enroll in 4-H as a new member to participate in the
4-H division at fair.
Deadline to add or change projects.
Camp Counselor applications due.
ALL CAMP REGISTRATIONS DUE
May 11 Small Animal Weigh-In 8-10:30am @ Fair Grounds
May 27 Office Closed
May 29-31 Discovery Days
June 3 Favorite Foods Contest 1pm @ Wilson County Court House
Fredonia
June 4 Sunny Hills Camp Counselor Training @ Rock Springs
June 5-8 Sunny Hills Camp @ Rock Springs
June 11 Area FCS/Hort./Crops Judging contest @ Emporia
June 14 District Horse Show Entries Due in Office
June 18-19 Greenbush Camp
June 20 Area Livestock Judging Contest @ Yates Center
June 25-26 Floating on Leadership Camp @ Noel MO
June 27 District Horse Show @ Parsons State Hospital Arena
July 2 Poultry Testing 4-6pm @ Fairgrounds
July 4 Office Closed
July 31-Aug. 3 Crawford County Fair

WEIGH-IN DATES

April 13, 2019 – Market Steers and Feeder Steers at Mesa Animal Clinic from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

May 11, 2019 – Market Hog, Market Goat, Market Lamb, **Bucket Calf** at the Crawford Co. fairgrounds from 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

All market animals must be tagged on or before this date. County tags cost **\$1.00**. State tags cost **\$4 for large animal \$3 for small animals**. Call Will with questions!

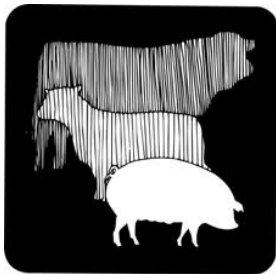
KANSAS STATE FAIR OR KANSAS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

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 15th.

The paperwork must be signed by Will and in the state office by these dates!



YOUTH QUALITY CARE FOR ANIMALS

YQCA Training for Tuesday April 9 at 6:30 pm. This will be at the Extension office meeting room. **It is required for all species in 2019.** This program does have a cost associated with it. If you sign up and take the class on the 9th it is \$3.00 if you wish you may take it online but it will cost, you \$12.00 this is per member. You need to sign up online before the class. I have included a link you can sign up for the class using your 4-H online information.

<https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

SPRING SHOW INFORMATION

The Extension office regularly receives information about upcoming livestock shows, judging competitions, and fitting demonstrations for all species. We add these flyers to our website:

www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock-horse-events/

COUNTY FAIR CHANGES FOR 2019

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 1st!

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 to learn more.

HORSE COGGINS PAPERS

Will be required for all horses when you check in at the fair this year.

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

Youth will need to complete the Level 1 Horse Test and have the results by June 14. Contact the Extension office to learn about taking the test. Study materials will be provided. Entries for the District Horse Show will be due **June 14**. Keep watching your newsletters for entry details.

SNAFFLE BIT NOMINATIONS

Horse snaffle bit projects are due into the local Extension Office **by May 1**. Along with the nomination, the 4-H member must submit the Horse ID and a \$10 fee. The nomination form, a copy of the horse ID (including a color picture of the horse) and fee will be forwarded from the local Extension Office to the State 4-H Office on May 1st.

Three-year old snaffle bit projects must have been nominated the previous year and did not have to be shown to be re-nominated. State Fair entries for these projects are due August 1 in the State 4-H Office. For more information concerning the Snaffle bit project check the 4-H Horse Show Rules in the [2018 Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook](#).

HORSE RULES REVIEW HORSE OWNERSHIP

Youth may own the horse themselves, or use a family-owned horse (immediate family: mother, father, stepparent, brother, sister, grandparent, or legal guardian).

Leasing: The leasing option is intended for youth who are unable to participate fully in the 4-H horse project because they do not have access to family-owned horse, provided that they manage the horse at least 75 percent of the time from May 1 through September 30. If a 4-H member leases his or her project horse to another 4-H member, the leaser forfeits the right to use the horse.

Sharing project horses: Siblings may show the same horse provided they are not in the same class. If both are in the same age classification, they must decide what classes each will show in.

2-year and 3-year old Snaffle-bit: No one is allowed to ride this nominated horse except you from May 1 until the conclusion of the Kansas State Fair. This includes a trainer, parents, horseless horse member, another 4-H member, sibling, potential buyer, etc.

COUNTY SCHLORSHIPS

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

POULTRY



All birds brought to the fair must be Pullorum-Typhoid tested. There will be a free testing day **July 2** at the fairgrounds from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. If you do not attend this testing day, you may

attend another county's testing day and show Will your paperwork. **You will be asked to see your paperwork before the fair!**

JUNIOR LEADERS

Our next Junior Leaders meeting will be **April 22** at the Extension Office 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.

PANCAKE FEED

Thanks to everyone that helped and supported Jr. Leader's Pancake Feed.



4-H CAMPS



DISCOVERY DAYS

May 29-31 on K-State's campus, Manhattan, KS. Come 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 to 18-year-old youth. Registration is open now and closes April 15th. Find more details visit: www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html.

GREENBUSH 4-H CAMP

Greenbush Camp will be June 18-19th for 7-8 year olds. This overnight camp is a great starter camp for young youth. Estimated cost is \$75.

ROCK SPRINGS/SUNNY HILLS 4-H CAMP

June 5-8, 2019 for youth who have completed 3rd - 7th grade. Cost is \$200 dollars. Youth stay in cabins and participate in events ranging from canoeing to building robots. Check with your local agent for registration! COUNSELORS go to camp for FREE! We are always in need of good sophomore complete and up counselors! This looks great on scholarships, resumes, and college applications! Contact your Extension office as soon as possible if you are interested so you can complete a volunteer application!

CAMPFERENCE 4-H CAMP

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2019), and will be held June 23-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Find more details on the Kansas 4-H website!

CAMP COUNSELOR OPPORTUNITY

High School members, have you considered being a camp counselor for Greenbush or Rock Springs/Sunny Hills? Volunteering to be camp counselor would look great on a college or job application! You can find applications on our website or give Will a call/email to learn more!



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

2019 Crawford County 4-H Archery will begin Sunday, April 14, 2019, 2:00 pm.

Then we will meet every Sunday with the exception of holidays (Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day weekend, Father's Day, etc.). We will not meet May 19 either due to Girard Graduation.

The first 2 Sundays (April 14 & 28) will be for anyone new to the program and anyone who needs refreshing. Beginners **MUST attend the range and safety orientation** April 14 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, May 5 at 2:00 pm.

Meeting times may change as the season goes on. We will make those changes to practice times, when necessary, at practice. **So, if you miss a practice, contact me to see if there are any changes.** If you have questions or need more information, please call or text Dan Mosier II at 620-687-0643.

Pellet pistol Instructor, Brian Sandford, has scheduled the first Air Pistol practice for 4-H members enrolled in the project. The first practice will be held Sunday, March 31 from 2-3 p.m. at the Marvin Green Building. If you have questions, you may call or text him at 620-249-1088 for further information.

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.

STEM Camp

Are you familiar with “STEM?” The acronym stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. STEM Camp will be held at the Independence Community College Fab Lab, where 4-H members will use their tools and equipment to create and design projects. Join us April 2nd at 4 pm. To register call the Girard office at 620-724-8233.

Pumpkin Contest

Each county in the Wildcat District will be hosting a pumpkin growing contest. Seeds will be provided to each youth that signs up. In the fall youth will bring their pumpkin in to be judged and do other fun activities! Optimal time for planting pumpkins in late May/early June so watch your newsletter for more information coming later this spring!

Fair Entry System

Something new this year in the Wildcat District will be the use of FairEntry system. FairEntry is a system that is designed to improve overall flow and efficiency of the fair. The use of this system will mainstream a variety of areas such as class entry (at county and state level), tracking livestock information, and even the livestock sale. The system is integrated with 4-H Online which makes it easy for families to access their information and keep organized. The use of this system district wide will not only create more time but also resources for greater more impactful programs. With the transition of utilizing this system will align the us with the rules and regulations at the state level. Adjustments will include age break outs for classes, smoother entry process, and even the opportunity to offer more classes.

Kids Care Sewing Camp

Save the date for our Kids Care Sewing Camp for youth ages 9 and up, June 10th-12th, 8:30-11:30am, at the Girard Extension Office. Calling for 4-H youth and adult volunteers to assist! Needing community service for your record book or school, this three-day camp will work! Please call or email Tara, tsolomon@ksu.edu, to volunteer.

Wildlife Contest

A Wildlife Habitat Education Program Contest will be held April 25, 2019 at Claythorne Lodge in Columbus, KS. The contest teaches young people about wildlife, the needs of wildlife, and their habitat. The Wildcat Extension District is putting together teams to compete at this contest. Age divisions are 9-13 and 14-18. The five parts of this contest are

- (1) wildlife identification;
- (2) general wildlife knowledge
- (3) on-site recommendation of wildlife management practices
- (4) writing a one-page management plan for a rural setting and
- (5) defending that plan in an oral interview.

All of the information needed to compete in the contest is contained in the National Wildlife Habitat Education Program Manual, 2014 Edition/2016 Revision. The manual covers most regions of the United States. For this year's contest we will be using the “Eastern Deciduous Forest sections of the manual. The manual is available on line at www.whep.org. Jeri Geren, our wildlife agent, has put together some practice times for the Wildcat District. We will do our best to record these sessions for those that cannot make it to practices. **Please call your local Extension office to sign up for the contest! Schedule (Mondays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Altamont Extension Office)

March 5th- Reptiles and Fish with Brian Traxon and Seth Lundgren

March 19th- Animal Review and Intro to Habitat, Trapping and Bow Hunting with David Geren

April 2nd- Habitat and Leaf Printing with Jacob Weber

April 16th- Habitat Tour with Keith Jabben- MG County, grass/tree identification

April 23rd- Final Lessons before Contest (Mock Contest)

April 25th- WHEP Contest (Claythorne Lodge)





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