



Crawford County 4-H News

December 2019

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

You do many great things during the holiday season! If you decorate a float for a parade, participate in a toy drive, go caroling, sponsor a child off the angel tree, etc. I want to know about it! Please email me a short description and pictures. I will compile club activities and do newspaper articles, or your club reporter can send it to the newspaper! Don't forget to share pictures on the Wildcat District 4-H page.

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT DATES

January 1	New Years- Holiday Office Closed
January 14	KAPs due to local office
January 15	Citizenship in Action registration deadline
January 15	Citizenship Washington focus application deadline
January 18	Southeast KS Leadership Forum @ Eureka KS
January 20	MLK Day- Wildcat District Offices Closed
January 23	State 4-H Scholarships Due in office
January 24-26	Horse Panorama @ Rock Springs
January 31	Enrollment deadline for returning youth
January 31	4-H Club Days sign up deadline
February 8	Crawford County Club Days 9am Girard High School Cafeteria
February 8	Crawford County Junior Leaders Make Sausage 1pm Office
February 9	Crawford County Junior Leaders Pancake Feed 7am-1pm Office
February 16-17	Citizenship in Action @ Topeka
February 19	YQCA Training in Fredonia @6:30
February 24	Crawford County Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm @ office
February 24	Crawford County 4-H Council meeting 7:30pm @ office
February 29	Jr. Beef Producer Day @ K-State Weber Arena, Manhattan, KS
March 7	Regional Club days 8am @ Neosho County Community College
March 14	Jr. Sheep Producer Day @ K-State Weber Arena, Manhattan, KS

Enrollment

Enroll now in Crawford County 4-H!

Step-by-step instructions can be found on our Crawford 4-H website or at <https://ks.4honline.com/>

The system will save your information from last year. If you are a returning member do not create a new account. Please use the “forgot password” option if you don’t remember your information from last year. **New families will need to follow the instructions for new families on our website or at <https://ks.4honline.com/>.**

Paper enrollment options are available in the office.

Don’t forget we are part of the Wildcat Extension District; you are looking for Wildcat District, Girard.

The state 4-H office is charging a \$15 fee per child that can be paid using 4-H Online or by mailing in a check to the state. Our local office can NOT accept money. When you fill out the online enrollment you can apply for a fee waiver. There are multiple reasons to apply for a waiver such as free and reduced lunches, multiple children in 4-H, single income families, etc. I strongly suggest families utilize this option if needed; this is private information and will not be shared. PLEASE do not stop participating due to the fee.

Record Books

Kansas 4-H is updating the record book process. Wildcat District has been chosen as a pilot for the new process. This is a good opportunity for us to provide feedback to the state 4-H office on the new process and provide uniform books across the district. The new record book process will be completed using form-fillable PDFs. In the future there will be an option to complete record books online through the app Zsuite. The pilot record books are broken into three age divisions based on 4-H age. Record books should be separated by project area (ie. folder for Beef, folder for clothing, ect.) Offices can help make copies of current year's personal page and current year's permanent record.

To find the forms please go to www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/record-keeping/index.html

Please see the list of available project areas to complete a record book on below!

****Please delete any old record forms saved on your computers****

Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarships available through 4-H Council thanks to the generous donations in the community. These are limited to one per-youth per-year. **To be eligible you must complete a Talk/Demonstration at County 4-**

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H Club days or participate at Favorite Foods Contest. The Scholarship will be refunded up to \$100 upon the youths return from camp. This is a great way for youth to experience more youth development opportunities! Please call Will if you have any questions.

Crawford County 4-H Club Day

Club Days will be February 8 at Girard High School Cafeteria at 9am. Please visit the website go get signed up. The deadline to sign up is January 31.

4-H Campference

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2020), and will be held June 22-25 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 these 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. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas. Registration and detailed information will be the State 4-H Website in March Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full the last 6 years! Register online by May 15 (or earlier it will close when it is full) and payment must be in the local Extension Offices by May 15.

Area KAP Contestants

If you were selected to represent Crawford County at the area KAP judging, please transfer your information from the project record to a KAP document. Appointments can be set-up with Will to help with this process. KAP formatted books are due in the office by Jan. 14th.

State 4-H Scholarship Application

High school seniors don't forget to complete county and state 4-H applications! Both forms can be found on our Crawford County webpage! County scholarships are due in July but it's never too early to get it submitted! State scholarships are due in the Girard Extension office by January 23 and we will mail them to the state.

Project Leaders

Are you interested in becoming a project leader or interested in organizing a one-time meeting? I would love to work with you to get meetings planned for the 2020 year. It's never too early to get some dates on the calendar and start recruiting volunteers. Clubs if you are holding project meetings I encourage you to open them up to all members in Crawford County. If you need to limit the amount of youth we will do a sign up with a cut off number.

State 4-H Horse Judging Contest

The 2020 State Horse Judging Contest will be held on Friday, March 6, in conjunction with Equifest held in Salina.

2020 4-H Horse Panorama

The 2020 Horse Panorama will be held January 24-26 at Rock Springs. Rules and registration will be up shortly. The deadline for registration is January 15th.

Kansas Junior Producer Days

The Kansas Junior Producer Days will be hosted in February and March 2020 on the Kansas State University campus in Weber Hall. Since 2020 is an even year, we will host beef and sheep junior days. These events are one-day educational programs for youth, parents, project leaders and agents to learn about selecting and

managing a youth livestock project. For both days, tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, health and showmanship. There will also be an opportunity for youth to become certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), which is the new, national, multi-specie youth livestock quality assurance program. The YQCA session will take place at the conclusion of each junior producer day. Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 29, and Junior Sheep Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 14. Registration information will be released later this fall, so watch the Kansas State Youth Livestock Program Facebook page and website (www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs) for further details! For more information, please contact Lexie Hayes (adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264).

2020 Livestock Sweepstakes

Mark your calendars to participate in the 2020 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes! This event includes the Kansas 4-H state livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and quiz bowl. It will be hosted on the K-State campus in Manhattan on August 22-23.

Judging Teams

Now is the time to express interested in livestock, horse, horticulture, skill-a-thon, meats, and quiz bowl teams! If you are interested in joining one of these teams and practicing with them, please reach out and I will put you in direct contact with the volunteer coach for the Wildcat District. Teams are not currently practicing but we will get you on their contact lists for spring practices. Judging teams offer youth the opportunity to travel and interact with 4-H youth! Practices are not currently being held in Crawford County, but if youth start attending practices coaches have shown they are willing to move to more central locations or even in county. We need parents and youth to make the first step and we will do everything we can to help!

Volunteers

Volunteers must renew their certification very three years with a background check. As agents, we truly appreciate the time you spend with our youth. You are the reason 4-H works and we can teach our youth leadership, responsibility, good morals, and hands-on learning! We want to ensure our youth are safe and have the best environment around them to continue learning these things. You can help us by filling out the required paperwork. Then your certification will be good for another three years! Do you know someone that is good at cooking, sewing, rockets, legos, etc. and would be a great volunteer to help 4-H youth? Have them contact the Extension office! We are always looking for volunteers. Being a 4-H volunteer does not mean you have to attend every monthly meeting. Maybe you only help with gardening project meetings twice a year! Volunteers will need to go through the certification process.

County/State Fair money

Please pick up county and state fair entries at the Extension Office as soon as possible! Any county fair entries left after the awards banquet will be disposed of. Base bid and ribbon money are also in the office. Please plan to get these picked up as soon as possible. Contact Will if you need to make other arrangements to get your things.

Merry
Christmas

The text "Merry Christmas" is written in a red, cursive font. The word "Merry" is on the top line, and "Christmas" is on the bottom line. The letter "C" in "Christmas" is significantly larger than the other letters. There are two decorative holly sprigs: one is positioned between the "y" of "Merry" and the "C" of "Christmas", and the other is positioned to the left of the "C". Each sprig consists of three green leaves and three red berries.

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