



## Crawford County 4-H News

February 2020

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

We are starting to get back into the busy season so read the calendar carefully! If you are interested in attending skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, livestock judging, or junior producer days please reach out to me! I can help coordinate car pools and will be traveling to some events myself.

Sincerely,

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



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### IMPORTANT DATES

February 8	Crawford County Club Days 9am Girard High School Cafeteria
February 8	Crawford County Junior Leaders Make Sausage 1pm
February 9	Crawford County Junior Leaders Pancake Feed 7am-1pm
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
March 16	YQCA Training in Altamont @ 6:30 p.m. - LCHS Ag Room
April 1	Crawford Plaque Sponsor Deadline
April 3	FSCC Aggie Days (Livestock Judging) Contact Cara if you want to attend.
April 11	Crawford Beef weigh-in 2-330pm at Mesa Animal clinic
April 14	YQCA training in Girard @ 6:30pm
April 15	YQCA training in Independence @ 6:30 pm
April 15	Discovery Days Deadline
April 27	Crawford County Junior Leaders Meeting 630pm @ Office
April 27	Crawford County 4-H Council Meeting 730pm @ Office
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
July 29-Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	Crawford County Fair

## Crawford County Club Day

County club day will be held Feb. 8 at Girard High School at 9:00 a.m. Enter through the cafeteria. All youth and clubs must be signed up on their event online.

See categories, rules, and guidelines on our website. Top two purples in each individual event and top purple in each group event qualify for regionals. Regionals will be March 7 at Neosho County Community College.

### Junior Leaders

#### JUNIOR LEADERS

If you would like to be a member of our Crawford County 4-H Junior Leaders, we would like to have you join us.

You must:

- 1) Be 13 years' old
- 2) Be enrolled in Leadership
- 3) Let us know you want to join

## 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 (i.e. folder for Beef, folder for clothing, etc.) 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](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/record-keeping/index.html)

**If you are interested in practicing with one of the competitive teams below, call or email Will at the Extension office!**

**Skill-a-thon** tests a 4-H member's knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices. Typical topics are livestock equipment identification, livestock breed identification, retail meat cut identification, Hay and wool judging, quality assurance, and a quiz about the livestock industry.

**Quiz Bowl** contestants answer questions via a buzzer system on wide array of questions that cover the beef, sheep, swine and meat goat project areas.

**Livestock Judging** – rank pens of beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats based on the animal's production or reproduction qualities.

### HORSE ID INFORMATION

Horse ID's are due in the Extension Office prior to May 1, 2020. ID Papers are required to show any horse. Stop by the Extension Office or go online to get your **NEW ID FORMS!** Forms are due in the office, before May 1<sup>st</sup>!



## SPRING SHOW INFORMATION

Each year we receive lots of show fliers for all sorts of projects. We keep these in a file for your use. Stop by the office for more information on shows that might interest you

## YQCA Requirements for State Shows

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new, national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 7-21 years of age. This program is an annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year. The YQCA program is replacing the PQA program. The PQA is no longer valid. ALL exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified in order to participate in the 2020 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). This includes youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females. There will be a specific junior class offered (7-year-old members must attend a Jr class). These dates and times haven't been announced yet. Be on the lookout for additional training days that will be set up soon.

## Discovery Days Registration

Discovery Days registration will open at midnight on March 1.

## 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.

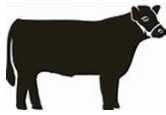


## Shooting Sports

**2020 Crawford County 4-H Archery** will begin Sunday, April 19, 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 (April 19 & 26) 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. For more information email, text or call Dan Mosier II at [danmosierii@gmail.com](mailto:danmosierii@gmail.com), 620-687-0643.

The 4-H Wildcat district - Crawford county, is lucky to have the 4-H Shooting Sports Program which includes archery, hunting skills, pellet pistol and pellet rifle, and bb rifle, shooting sports. The pellet pistol course will be starting on February 16th and continue for 5 consecutive meetings (Feb 16 and 23, March 1, 8, and 15) ending just prior to spring break for many schools. The course meets in the Marvin Green building at the Crawford County Fairground and topics include, proper grip, sight alignment, sight picture, proper body positioning, eye dominance, muzzle awareness, trigger control, accuracy, shooting etiquette and of course pistol safety. There is lots of practice to help students to develop the shooting skills which can help them have fun and become proficient in pistol shooting for the rest of their life. Because the air pistols are manually charged with air as well as the safety considerations related to the short barrels of a pistol, students must be 12-year-old or older to participate. If you have any question please contact the pellet pistol instructor, Brian Sandford at 620-249-1088 or the shooting sports coordinator Roz Mosier at 620-249-4008. Hope to see you in February.

## Junior Beef Producer Day



Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 29, 2020, in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth beef projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, nutrition and feeding, meat science and alternative proteins, grooming and clipping, low stress cattle handling, the state livestock nomination process, herd health, reproduction, and showmanship. An optional instructor-led YQCA training will also be held at the conclusion of the program.

The cost for junior beef producer day is \$15 per person, if registration is submitted by February 7, 2020, or \$20 per person after the deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. All participants who sign up by February 7 will also receive a t-shirt. Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister> or by downloading the flyer (<http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays>), completing the bottom portion of the flyer and mailing it, with payment, to the KSU Youth Livestock Program. Those who plan to attend the YQCA certification will need to register separately for that session through [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org). Detailed instructions will be emailed to those families who indicate they plan to attend YQCA on their junior day registration materials. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu) or 785-532-1264.



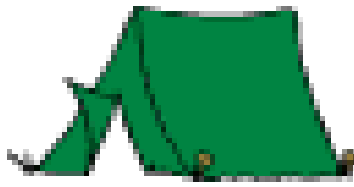
## Junior Sheep Producer Day



Junior Sheep Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 14, 2020, in Weber Arena on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth sheep projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited! K-State faculty members, graduate students, wool judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, nutrition, the state nomination process, flock management, herd health, facilities and equipment, wool judging, clipping, and showmanship. An optional instructor-led YQCA training will also be held at the conclusion of the program.

The cost for junior sheep producer day is \$15 per person, if registration is submitted by February 21, 2020, or \$20 per person after the early deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. All participants who sign up February 21 will also receive a t-shirt. Families may register online at <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister> or by downloading the flyer (<http://bit.ly/ksujrproducerdays>), completing the bottom portion of the flyer and mailing it, with payment, to the KSU Youth Livestock Program. Those who plan to attend the YQCA certification will need to register separately for that session through [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org). Detailed instructions will be emailed to those families who indicate they plan to attend YQCA on their junior day registration materials. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at [adhayes@ksu.edu](mailto:adhayes@ksu.edu) or 785-532-1264.





## **SUNNY HILLS 4-H CAMP**

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch will be June 7-10, 2020. Camp is an awesome opportunity for 4-H'ers who have completed the third grade and up to the seventh grade. Camp Counselor Applications and Registration forms will be available soon. Save the Date!

## **GREENBUSH CAMP**

Greenbush camp is for 4-H youth 7-8 years of age or who have not completed third grade. This is a great beginner camp with one overnight stay. This year camp will be June 22-23.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers must renew their certification every 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!

## **4-H CAMPERENCE**

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.

## **Camp Scholarships**

This year there are 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-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.

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