



Crawford County 4-H News

January 2022

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

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday and happy new year! It is the time of year where we reset and plan for the busy year ahead. Spring activities will be here before we know it and it is never too early to begin preparing. I am very excited to see what fun things await us this new year in 4-H!

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 17	Office Closed for Holiday
Jan 19	Senior Record Books going to Area Contest Due
Jan 23	4-H Day with the Lady Cats in Manhattan
Jan 29-30	Horse Panorama at Rock Springs
Jan 31	Enrollment Deadline for Returning Families Deadline to sign up for 4-H Club day
Feb 5	4-H Club Day at Girard High School Cafeteria Junior Leaders make sausage @ 2pm
Feb 6	Junior Leaders Pancake Feed
Feb 20-21	Citizenship In Action
Feb 21	Wildcat District Volunteer Conference 6pm Parsons Area Research Center
Feb 28	Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm 4-H Council Meeting 7:30pm
Mar 5	Regional Club Day
Mar 5	Jr. Beef Producer Day
Mar 19	Jr. Sheep Producer Day

4-H at your Fingertips

Coming to a phone near you; Wildcat 4-H Connection phone app! With our app you will be able to quickly have access to 4-H Online, each county page, as well as registration links and our district calendar. This is a FREE app, scan the QR Code

Check out the new Wildcat 4-H App!

Wildcat 4-H Connection



District Wide and County Specific Calendars

Event Registration Links

Camp Information

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Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders is open to all 4-H youth 13-18. Junior leaders will be making sausage on Saturday February 5th at 2:00pm at the Extension Office. The Pancake Feed will be on Sunday February 6th 7:00am-1:00pm. If you are a Junior Leader, you need to call the Extension office to sign up to work a shift. The Shifts are 5:30am-9:30am and 9:30am-1:00pm. You are also welcome to work the entire time. The next Junior Leaders meeting will be on Monday February 28th at 6:30pm.

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 2022 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.

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!



Rock Springs Camp 2022

Rock Springs is going to be running an early bird discount on registration for 4-H member September 1st – November 1st. The State/Rock Springs will be sending you out information soon. Prices and length of camp will vary please pay close attention to that. You can pick when you would like to go to camp. Wildcat is encouraging all youth to go the first three-night session in June. However, you are welcome to attend any time that you would like. Rock Springs will be providing transportation to and from camp.

Go to <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/> for more information.

Greenbush Camp

Save the date now for Greenbush camp on June 6 & 7, 2022. This camp is for if for youth 7-8 years old.

Floating on Leadership

Junior Leaders save the date for Floating on leadership June 8, 2022. Inclement weather date will be June 22nd.

Camp Scholarships

Camp scholarships are 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 or demonstration at County 4-H Club Days or participate in 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 Camp Scholarship opportunity!

Are you a Crawford County 4-H member and would love to attend a 4-H Camp/State 4-H Activity? Then we have an opportunity for you to help pay for that experience. You can get a scholarship for \$100. You must complete a minimum of 2 hours of community service at the Crawford County fairgrounds as well as a minimum of 2 hours of community service in the community that you live in. Service completed at the fairgrounds must be signed off by Will. Hours completed in the community must be signed off by a non-family member (4-H volunteer events count), and you must have submitted a record book from the previous year. Hours and the completed application must be completed and turned in by May 1st. Service hours must be completed between May 1 of current year and prior to the deadline of the next year.

Camp/activity registrations and fees must be paid in full. Scholarship will be awarded upon youths return from camp/activity. Application can be found on our website. **This scholarship is made possible by Carolyn Zagonel and the Americas Farmers Grow Communities Donation from Bayer Fund.**

4-H Club Day

Crawford County 4-H Club day will be on Saturday February 5th. Sign up can be found on our website. <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/index.html> Remember that clubs need to complete a Model Meeting in order to receive a purple seal at the end of the year. Also remember that if you do an individual talk or demonstration you are eligible to receive a scholarship for a 4-H camp or activity. If you are unable to attend in person and would like to attend via Zoom get with Will to help you schedule it that day. There will be no pre-recording. (Regional Club Day will be March 5th for those eligible.)

4-H Council

The Next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday February 28th at 7:30pm. Remember each club should have 2 council reps, 1 club president, and 2 adult leaders attend. If one is unable to attend then they need to find an alternate to fill in for that meeting.

Fair Proposals

Thank you to everyone for your fair proposals for the 2022 Crawford County fair. Those proposals are currently in the process of being reviewed. When all have been reviewed and assessed those who submitted them will be notified with the decision. If you would like to make a proposal for the 2023 Fair you may do so by presenting them at a 4-H Council meeting or Fair Board meeting. Those proposals will need to be completed by the August 4-H Council meeting and the September Fair Board meeting. The proposal form may be found online.

4-H Judging Teams

Interested in being a part of Wildcat Judging Teams next year? Great! Now is the time to express interest 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!

Enrollment

Enroll now in Crawford County 4-H!

Step-by-step instructions can be found on our Crawford 4-H website or at <http://v2.4honline.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 <http://v2.4honline.com/>.**

Returning families deadline is January 31st and new families deadline is May 1st. Don’t forget we are part of the Wildcat Extension District; you are looking for Wildcat District, Girard.

Picking Projects

Picking projects is a fun and exciting time. Check out this link to learn about all of the projects offered in 4-H. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/> If you have questions please do not hesitate to reach out. Remember you have until May 1st to pick your projects.

Senior Record Book Champion

If you were the top senior record book in a project area that means that you are eligible to send your book to regional judging. If you would like to set up a time to come into the office, I would be happy to look over it with you. More resources can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/regionalscreening.html> I will need those turned in on January 19th in order to take them to be judged.

Officer Training Resources

Officer training took place last month and was a great time for youth to learn and have fun. If you missed it and would like to learn more check out this officer resource page. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/officer-resources/index.html>

[h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/officer-resources/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/clubcorner/officer-resources/index.html) If you would like a printed officer book let me know and you can come by the office and pick one up.

Record Books

Now is the time to begin thinking about record books. This year you will be able to do those online! Recourses can be found for the forms here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html> Recourses for our online zbooks record keeping can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html>

4-H Day with Women’s Basketball

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents is excited to inform you that the annual "4-H Day with the Wildcat Women’s Basketball" has been scheduled for Sunday, January 23rd, when the Wildcats take on Oklahoma at 1pm! For \$22, each individual will receive a ticket into the game, a game day t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. Registration will once again be online this year with a December 21st deadline. For more information, see the flyer at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/docs/2022_Day_with_Lady_Cats.pdf Register at: <https://conta.cc/3cbHDDI>

Horse Panorama

Horse Panorama will be back in person. More information can be found here <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>

Citizenship In Action (CIA)

Citizenship in Action will be in person for 2022. Plans are being made for programming on February 20 and 21. Youth have an opportunity to practice their leadership skills and learn how they can influence laws and rules that affect society at large. This two-day event is sponsored by Kansas 4-H Youth Development and the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the program is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their

local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process. Registration:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html>

Kansas Junior Producer Days

The 2022 Kansas Junior Producer Day dates have been set! We are excited to return to hosting in-person events next spring. Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be Saturday, March 5, with Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day scheduled for Saturday, March 19. Both events will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day educational events for families to learn more about the selection and management of a specific specie. Youth, adults, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to attend! Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty, staff, students, extension agents, and guest speakers. Topics range from selection, to nutrition, to meat science and showmanship. Tentative schedules and registration information are forthcoming. For more information, including details to sign up, please follow the @ksuylp Facebook page and check the KSU YLP website: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>

Citizenship Washington Focus

Road trip across the USA stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell and more! Meet, learn, share and tour with youth from other states and respected resource people. Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Get a close-up view of political process through visits to Capitol Hill. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues. This trip has filled up quickly

in the last few years, make sure that you do not delay in signing up to attend! <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-washington-focus/index.html>

State 4-H Scholarship Opportunities!

Please find scholarship information at this link: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

Dog Judge Training & Re-Certification

The 2022 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges Training and Recertification will be held in Wichita at the Extension Center on January 28-30. Emails will be sent to judges needing to recertify and encourage them to become familiar with the new [Kansas 4-H Dog Rule](#) [Book https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1120.pdf](https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1120.pdf). New judges are always needed. If you are a parent or someone who wants to help our 4H youth with the dog project, please consider taking the training. All registering should have knowledge of the 4H dog program. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/trainings/dog-leader/index.html>



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