



## Crawford County 4-H News

July 2021

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

Fair season is here! We are busy planning and are excited to share new opportunities with you. We have lots of exciting events happening this month! Read the entire newsletter. You will find everything you need in order to be prepared for fair!

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

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| July 13        | Poultry Testing 5-7pm at the Fairgrounds                     |
| <b>July 15</b> | <b>Fair Entry Deadline</b>                                   |
| <b>July 15</b> | <b>County 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline</b>           |
| July 27        | Junior Leaders make Ice-Cream 9am-1pm<br>@ Fairgrounds       |
| July 27        | Ice-Cream Stand Training 5pm at the Stand                    |
| July 27        | Pre-Fair Clean up at the fairgrounds 6-9pm                   |
| July 31-Aug 7  | Fair Activities – See Fair Book for schedule                 |
| <b>Aug 9</b>   | <b>State Fair Entries Due to Extension Office</b>            |
| Aug 23         | Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm                                |
| Aug 23         | 4-H Council Meeting 7:30pm                                   |
| <b>Aug 23</b>  | <b>Last day to present 2022 Fair proposals to Council</b>    |
| Sept 8         | State Exhibits Due to Extension Office                       |
| <b>Sept 14</b> | <b>Last day to present 2022 Fair proposals to Fair board</b> |
| <b>Oct 1</b>   | <b>Club Summary and Financial Reports Due</b>                |
| <b>Oct 1</b>   | <b>Record Books, Officer Books, and Pin Application Due</b>  |

## 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

## 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 2021 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!

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

Save the date now for 48 Hours of 4-H! 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 9-10, 2021. 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 and it might just be the perfect way to start the new 4-H Year!

## 4-H Horse Project Ride Night

If you are a 4-H member that is interested in learning and improving your horse skills, you are welcome to attend a ride night hosted by the Lucky Riders 4-H Club. All 4-H members are welcomed! Located at the fairgrounds. Once school is dismissed for the summer, we will have ride night every Thursday night, weather permitting.

## 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



## County 4-H Scholarship

High school seniors can find the county 4-H scholarship at the bottom of our Crawford County webpage. Scholarships are due in the office by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

# FAIR 2021 INFORMATION

## Fair Catalogs

Fair catalogs are funded by advertisements from local businesses. These advertisements are still being collected so the fair catalog will be printed. **UNTIL then please see our website or app for an updated 2021 version of the fair catalog.**

## Pre-Fair Clean-Up

The annual pre-fair cleanup will be Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm at the fairgrounds. The Fair Board is so appreciative of the time and work that you put in! Please bring your mowers, weed eaters, shovels, wheel barrels, rakes, brooms, staple guns, gloves, and whatever else you may need to lend a helping hand! If you are unsure what to do or don't have a task please don't hesitate to ask Fair Board Member, Myself or Club Leader.

## Annual Pre-Fair BBQ

Pre-Fair BBQ will be held August 1<sup>st</sup> in the Marvin Green Building at the fairgrounds. **Each family is asked to sell tickets.** Purchasing tickets for 4-H supporters, leaders, plaque sponsors, or livestock buyers is a great way to say thank you! There will be an award for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place sellers (unless a winner sold under 25 tickets). Money raised from our BBQ pays for judges at club days, gas money to 4-H camps, fair supplies, the awards banquet and meal, etc.

## Crawford County Ticket Sales Contest!

The Crawford County Fair Board is offering prizes to 4-H members and groups who sell the most tickets for the 2021 Raffle. This year the group with the most ticket sales will win a Pizza Party on Wednesday August 4<sup>th</sup> at noon located at the Fairgrounds! The top 10 sellers enrolled in 4-H will get 1 free wristband to their choice Grandstand Event! Tickets can be picked up and turned back in at the extension office. All ticket counts and money must be turned in by July 29<sup>th</sup> in order to be considered for prizes.

## Animal Destination Form

If you bring a market animal to fair, we need to know what you plan to do with that animal. Please fill out a destination form telling us if the animal is going home, sold on base bid truck, or going through the livestock sale. Destination forms can be found at the weigh-in table, at the announcers stand during shows, or in the fair office. We understand you may need to wait until after shows to determine which animal to sell but please have these forms filled out and turned in by **FRIDAY AT NOON**. Turn in to superintendent, Will, or fair office.

## Poultry Testing

Poultry testing is back for this year. All poultry that plan on attending the fair need to be tested. This will be on July 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm at the fairgrounds.

## Fair Entry Deadline

Crawford County Fair Entry Deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup>. When completing your entries that will also be your stall reservation for the fair. You can make your entries at [crawfordcountyks.fairentry.com](http://crawfordcountyks.fairentry.com). Entries will open mid-May.

## Fair Livestock Costume Contest

The costume contest will begin at 5:00pm the Friday of the fair. This contest is open to all 4-H/FFA members. When creating your costume make sure that your animal's safety is in mind. This will be divided by age Junior 7-8 years, Intermediate 9-13 years, and Senior 14-18. There will be a \$5 entry fee for each exhibitor that you will turn in at the gate. Please sign up by noon the Friday by calling the extension office before the fair or going by the Fair office the week of the fair.

## Fair Stall Reservation

Stall reservations for ALL livestock should be made with the Extension Office by July 15. This is done through the fair entry process when you enter. Each exhibitor will only be allotted stalls based on the number of animals present at check in. Entering extra animals that you do not bring in order to get extra stall space will not be tolerated. If it is determined that you have excess space, then you will be required to move to make room for other exhibitors.

## Pre-Fair and Indoor Judging Information

We hope you are starting to think about your indoor projects for the Fair. **Please be sure to note dates and times this year** on the 2021 Fair Schedule!

Tara Solomon-Smith, FCS Agent, has highlighted some of the major reminders below:

- **Consultation Sign Up is Open** for Arts & Crafts, Clothing, Foods, and Photography  
Please go to <http://bit.ly/CRJudging> to select your consultation time. You may drop off exhibits to be judged without consultation.
- **For Buymanship and Style Revue**, a script should be provided at pre-entry, here are some recommendations:  
Scripts should be 4-6 sentences in length. Write it exactly as you want it read during the judging. Include member's name and 4-H club somewhere in the first sentence. Some descriptors may include: fabric, colors, patterns, where you will wear the outfit, what you like best, etc. Feel free to include hobbies and other information about yourself.  
The following forms are required to be completed for the day of judging and are located on the CR County Fair website, here is a shortcut:  
<https://bit.ly/CRclothing>
  - a. Cost Per Wear
  - b. Evaluation Score Sheet
- **For Foods Judging**, plan to arrive 5 minutes prior to scheduled time (food must be ready for display, there will not be time to prep) to take a photo and fill out your Fair Display Sheet

- **Please Note Approximate Judging Times for Indoor Exhibits**  
**Wednesday, August 4th, 11:00am and 11:30am**, in the 2021 Fair Schedule

## Fair Entry System

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 not only creates more time, but also resources for greater more impactful programs. Adjustments will include age break outs for classes, smoother entry process, and even the opportunity to offer more classes. Enter online at [crawfordcountyks.fairentry.com](http://crawfordcountyks.fairentry.com)

## Inside Exhibits - Kansas State Fair

After inside judging is complete: if you received a purple or blue ribbon and are 9 yrs. old. You may sign up to send your exhibits to the state fair. Remember spots are limited. Please go to the fair office and sign up to take your items to the state fair. Will will take your items to and from the state fair FOR YOU. You do not have to attend unless it's something like the Fashion Revue. (NOT all categories qualify see fair book or office for more details). We will not accept state entries after August 9, 2021.



## **Crawford County Fair** **August 4 - 7<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Health papers are preferred for 4-H and Open (some exceptions see each species below for more details)  
Market Animals must have county ear tags – Breeding Animals should have ear tags from you or seller

BEEF: Ear Tags & Vet Check

SWINE: Ear Tags & Vet Check

GOATS: Meat & Dairy - Ear Tags, Vet Check, & scrapies identification tags

SHEEP: Ear Tags, Vet Check, & scrapies identification tags

HORSES: Vet Check, and Negative Coggins paper must be shown to the superintendent

POULTRY: Negative Pullorum-Typhoid Test. You must come to free testing day July 13<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm at the Fairgrounds or show Will paperwork.

RABBITS: No health papers. Health will be assessed by superintendent. Must have ear tattoo.

DOG: Must have dog immunization record signed by vet and a signed note from vet saying dog is flea free.

A timeline has been established for bringing animals to the fair to allow them to be checked. The south gate of the fairgrounds will be locked. All trailers must enter from the north gate. Trailers will be stopped at the horse arena for their health to be assessed by a veterinarian. Pay attention to signs there will be ONE WAY traffic around the barns. No animals will be allowed to come onto the fairgrounds outside of these hours:

**Tuesday, July August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2:00- 9:00 p.m.**

### **4-H Weigh-in Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

No reweighs allowed. All market animals must weigh! Scales open at 2 p.m.

All market animals, bucket calves, feeder steers, and Class 2 Breeding Doe Meat Goats will be weighed. The scales will be open the Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> of fair week at 2:00pm-8:00pm for weighing of Market and Feeder Steers, Bucket Calves, Lambs and Goats. All species are allowed to weigh in during that time except swine. Swine will begin weigh-in at 8:00pm the alleyway will be set up from 8-9pm August 3<sup>rd</sup> to weigh in. Once the alley way is set up no other species will be allowed to weigh in. Please be ready to bring your animals to the scales during this time. No re-weighs will be allowed.

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**All Entries will be made online at  
crawfordcountyks.fairentry.com**

If you need assistance with your entries, please contact Will! Entries will close on **July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**There will not be an August newsletter since it would come while we are at fair! 😊**  
Your next newsletter will be a district wide newsletter in September.



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## Crawford County 2021 Fair Book!

Below you will find the link to the website where you will find the 2021 Crawford County Fair Book. In the online version all updates have been made in **RED**. Please pay close attention to the schedule and location of events as some have changed this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Fair Book: <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/crawford-county-fair/index.html>

Fair Entry will open up mid-May and will close July 15th.

Planning for future fairs:

I am excited to announce a more formal process has been created to receive and evaluate fair rules, updates, and guidelines. Fair changes will be made through collaboration with the Fair Board, 4-H Council, and Extension. A special committee made up of members representing each entity will receive and evaluate the changes. The move to a special committee has been done in an effort to ensure that every voice is heard and all changes and decisions are made in collaboration for the benefit of our youth.

Online you will find two options to propose changes: <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/county-fairs/crawford-county-fair/index.html>

- Option 1 - Present changes through your 4-H Council
- The 4-H form must be presented at or before the August 4-H Council Meeting.
- Option 2 – Present changes to the Fair Board.
- The Fair Board form must be presented on or before the September meeting.

You may choose either option. You must present your option yourself, in-person.

Each club's 4-H Council Representatives are in charge of presenting each proposal that is made at Council to their club. They are then responsible for representing their club's position on each proposal at the next 4-H Council meeting.

I look forward to getting this process going to establish a collective unit, make sure that all voices are heard, and operate more closely to other counties across the state. As always please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
Will