



Crawford County 4-H News

May 2021

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

We are starting to get back into the busy season so read the calendar carefully! This summer is full of activities. Be sure to read this newsletter carefully so not to miss out on any important information.

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IMPORTANT DATES

May 5	Campference Registration
May 8	Crawford County Small Animal Weigh-In 8-10am, at Fairgrounds
May 18	Fair Entry Opens for all Fairs
June 7	District Favorite Foods Contest Fredonia office 4-6:30 p.m.
June 8-9	Greenbush 4-H camp (ages 7-8)
June 11	Floating on Leadership 4-H Trip (ages 14-18)
June 14-15	Sunny Hills Camp Counselor Training Rock Springs
June 15-18	Sunny Hills Camp- Rock Springs
June 15	District Horse Show Entry Deadline
June 15	Nomination Deadline for Kansas State Fair and KJLS
June 27	Area FCS, Crop, and Photography Contest
June 28	Junior Leaders Meeting 5:30pm
June 28	4-H Council Meeting 7:30pm
June 29	District Horse show
July 1	Area Livestock, Skill-a-thon, Meats Contest
July 13	Poultry Testing 5-7pm at the Fairgrounds
July 15	Fair Entry Deadline
July 27	Pre-Fair Clean up at the fairgrounds 6-9pm
July 31-Aug 7	Fair Activities – See Fair Book for schedule
Aug 9	State Fair Entries Due to Extension Office
Aug 23	Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm

SPRING SHOW INFORMATION

Each year we receive show fliers for all species of livestock including horses, rabbits, and poultry. Most of these spring shows are not affiliated with 4-H but are a good opportunity to learn and get some practice. Find more information about spring shows for the entire state on the K-State Animal Science page: www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html

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

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, 2021. ID Papers are required to show any horse. Stop by the Extension Office to pick-up new ID forms or online at: <https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/index.html> please mail or drop off at the Extension Office, forms will be signed and mailed to you for your records.



District Horse Show

District horse show will be June 29th. Location is tentatively set for the Parsons State Hospital. Anyone 9 years and older is welcome to compete at the district horse show. Youth must complete the level 1 written and riding test before the show. Cost for the test is \$10. Contact your local agent for study material and test details. District Horse Show entry deadline is June 15th.

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! The first ride night will be May 6th at 7pm., at the fairgrounds. Once school is dismissed for the summer, we will have ride night every Thursday night, weather permitting.

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.

Crack the 4-H Code

Looking for a fun, interesting program for your club? Crack the 4-H Code is a web-based interactive coding program designed for all ages of youth. This program teaches youth how to code and use these technologies to solve issues within their communities.

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



Camps

Discovery Days Registration

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. The event will be held on June 1-4th, 2021. Registration is open now!

Greenbush 4-H Camp-June 8th-9th

This camp is for 7-8 year olds. It is a 24-hour camp. Youth arrive the morning of the 8th spend the day doing fun activities, spend the night, and are picked up the morning of the 9th. Activities include: archery, fishing, canoeing, low ropes course, STEM activities, s'mores, etc. Cost is \$75. Agents are present for the duration of camp. Transportation may be available.

Rock Springs 4-H Camp, Sunny Hills Group-June 15-18

For 3rd grade complete through 7th grade complete. Transportation provided. Activities include swimming, horseback riding, shooting sports, stream studies, robotics, rock climbing, mountain bikes, etc

Floating On Leadership -June 11th (rain date, June 25)

This camp is for 14-18 year olds. A float trip on the river focused on team building, leadership and connecting youth throughout the district. If you are a Junior Leader in Crawford County you Get to attend for free!

Campference 2021

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2021), and will be held June 27-30 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 communicate with others. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis and Campference was full the last five in person years. Register online by May 5 (or earlier, it will close when it is full).

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.

If you do both camp scholarship options, you could earn up to \$200 for camp!

Favorite Foods Contest

The Favorite Foods Contest encourages 4-H'ers to learn about meal planning, food preparation, and presentation. A favorite food is chosen, a menu is planned with the food, and the table decor is coordinated. Foods chosen may be main courses, desserts, snacks, breads, casseroles or other. Youth present their table to the judge and answer questions about nutritional value, cooking skills, table setting, etc. Contact your agent for more information and to sign up! Contest June 7, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Fredonia Extension office.

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!

Record Books and Achievement Banquet Awards

You can pick up your record books and Achievement Banquet awards at the Extension Office M-F 8am-4:30pm.

Small Animal Weigh-In for Fair (Bucket Calf, Market Goat, Market Sheep, and Market Swine)

Small animal weigh-in will be May 8th from 8-10am at the fairgrounds. Remember in order to be eligible to show market goat, sheep, hog, or bucket calf at fair you must be tagged on or before this deadline. If you cannot make it to tag in you must set up a time with Will to tag your animal in before May 8th.

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!

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 4th 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 29th in order to be considered for prizes.

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 13th from 5:00-7:00pm at the fairgrounds.

Fair Entry Deadline

Crawford County Fair Entry Deadline is July 15th. When completing your entries that will also be your stall reservation for the fair. You can make your entries at 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 of at 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.

2021 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trips

The 4-H Geology Action Team has been working hard to plan opportunities for youth to learn and engage in the 4-H Geology project. The group is excited to announce three great options for youth to collect specimens and learn from experts in the field. For 2021 there will be three single day field trips offered in different part of the state:

- June 12th – Western Kansas Smoky Hills
- June 19th – Southeast Kansas
- June 26th – Central Kansas



The dates and general locations have been confirmed. Please keep these dates as place holders as more information for registration and logistics will be posted soon on the 4-H Geology Page.

Additionally, with the opportunity for state field trips, the 2020 State Fair lower specimen requirement will return to the full 15 new specimens for the 2021 KSF.

SUMMER FUN SEWING CAMP

Do you like to sew or would you like to learn? The opportunity awaits. The Youth Sewing Camp is set for **June 21-23, 2021**. Youth ages 10-18 are eligible to attend. There will only be one class this year from 8:30-11:30am. **Space is limited to 10 campers, so register early!!**

For more information or to sign-up, contact the Crawford County Extension Office 620-724-8233.

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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