4-H families,
A calendar for the entire 4-H year can be found on our website or at the end of this newsletter. Please check it out to plan your year! Most dates are permanently set but the calendar is listed as tentative as things can change. We will do our best to give everyone plenty of notice if that happens.

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High School Seniors

Kansas 4-H State Scholarships link to state page can be found on the Montgomery County website. There are two opportunities, the Vanier application and the general application that puts you in the running for the list of scholarship opportunities. Application due January 23 to the local extension office.

Cecil Eyestone Scholarship can be found on our Montgomery County website. General scholarship everyone should apply. Application due April 1 to local Extension office.
NEW 4-H YEAR!
4-H Online system opens Oct. 1st for enrollment.
  • The system will save your information from last year
  • Do NOT create a new profile. If you forgot your password, use the forgot password option or call the Extension office.
  • Sometimes families forget which email address is tied to their account, please call and we can help!
  • New families will need to set up a new profile using the instructions at
  • https://ks.4honline.com/
  • Paper enrollment options available at the Extension office
  • Club leaders and volunteers are asked to complete a 4-H Online profile to be VIP certified. Please read the fine print in the release sections. The online profile replaces the paper VIP form for the new year.

The state 4-H office charges 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 with the click of a button and it is anonymous. I strongly suggest families utilize this option. PLEASE do not stop participating due to the fee. Options are available.

Enrollment DEADLINES

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5 MEETINGS
Youth who would like to show a market animal and then participate in the premium livestock sale must have attended five regularly schedule 4-H club meetings from October 1 to June 30th. First-year members and full-time college members are exempt. If youth choose to sell at our fair that animal can NOT go on to Kansas Junior Livestock Show or the Kansas State Fair, eid tags are submitted to the state for verification from our sale book.

RECORD BOOKS
Record books as of 2020 will always be due the last Monday of September to make the date easy to remember for everyone and to allow families to plan. However, your club leaders may have an earlier due date to sort and sign books.
  • Record books are not required to be submitted
  • However, the fair board requires youth to submit a record book if they wish to receive their ribbon money check from the Montgomery County 4-H Fair
  • 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. How they will be judged is still to be discussed.
- Juniors 7-9 and Intermediates 10-13 will use the new PDF forms. Seniors 14-18 are encouraged to fill out at KAP or they can fill out a simple PDF form. NOTE*** only the KAPs will be considered to go on to area judging. Seniors PDF forms do count in order to receive ribbon money from the fair.

- The main thing is to delete all old record book forms. The process is changing with or without our input so we might as well be on the pilot program and provide input!

- New record book forms ask families for more in-depth financial information over projects. Youth should be picking which project they want to do a record book on for 2020 keeping track of all costs associated with their project in detail! We are excited for this change as we believe youth should understand the true cost behind their projects. One example the new form will capture is even if the calf came from the pasture or the fabric came from grandma what would that project have cost you if you purchased it?

- Please go to our website: [https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/record-keeping/index.html](https://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/record-keeping/index.html) for information, frequently asked questions, and to check out the new forms!

**4-H Council Meeting Dates for 2020**

- January 9th, 7:00 4-H Leader meeting, 7:30 business meeting for 4-H Council
- March 12th, 6:45 -7:15 Photography Project meeting everyone invited more details to be announced. 7:15, business meeting for 4-H Council
- May 14th start with a small learning opportunity followed by a business meeting for 4-H Council

Anyone is welcome to attend 4-H Council! Clubs are asked to send representatives to every meeting to relay information. **Next Fair Board meeting** will be, Feb. 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension office.

**Youth for the Quality Care of Animals**

YQCA training is required for youth (ages 8-21) who will be showing livestock at the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (one exception is horses. Horse members are required to do the Coggins test and horsemanship tests). In-person classes will be held in each county again this year. In-person classes cost $3.00 (still need to sign up through the YQCA website) or youth may go take the online class for $12.00 YQCA website, [https://yqca.learngrow.io](https://yqca.learngrow.io) Youth will learn about reading feed tags, giving shots, and more! Classes are specifically for youth 8-21 years old but new in 2020, seven year olds may take the class as a learning opportunity. In 2021, the class ages will change from 8-21 to 7-21, as seven year olds competing in the Kansas Junior Livestock show be required to take the class.

Tentative dates for in-person YQCA training:

February 19 Fredonia @ 6:30
April 14 Girard @ 6:30pm
April 15 Independence @ 6:30 pm
March 16 Altamont @ 6:30 p.m.

**Horse Project**

**Those wishing to compete in the district horse** show must be 9 years old and have completed the level one written and riding test. Now is the time to start studying! For more information about taking the level 1 horse test please call the Extension office! Don’t forget to get your Coggins papers and make out new horse ID papers for the new year! Youth may now attend more than one district horse show in an attempt to qualify for state. After shows youth must declare which district show placings they intend to use – can not combine results.
Judging Teams
Anyone interested in joining the livestock, meats, horticulture or skill-a-thon judging teams should contact the Extension office to learn more! No experience is necessary! The new year, means filling the shoes of our graduates and we are always looking for new team members! These teams would not be possible without our great volunteer coaches. Please tell the coaches THANK YOU next time you see them!

CLUB DAY – February 8 @ Independence High School 8:30 a.m.
What is club day?
Club day is an opportunity for youth to show off the skills they’ve been learning at their 4-H meetings plus a few extra (dance, music, talent, etc.)! Talks and/or demonstrations need to be prepared for club meetings so why not give it at club days too! Public speaking is an essential skill and 4-H is a safe place to practice and hone those skills. Ribbons are awarded and the top two winners (or one group) have the opportunity to represent Montgomery County at the regional contest March 7th in Chanute.

Why should I participate in club day?
If you don’t do it for the practice with public speaking skills do it for the camp scholarship! Youth giving a talk or demonstration at club days will receive a $45 scholarship to a local camp from the Montgomery County 4-H Foundation. Local camps honored are Cedar Bluff 4-H Camp in Coffeyville, Greenbush 4-H Camp in Greenbush (Girard), seniors a local camp option (like floating on leadership) should be held.

How do I sign up? And what are my options to sign up for?
A sign-up form is posted on our website using google docs. Also on our website is the guidelines for each category. They are the same guidelines as regional club days. Sign up for everything you think you might do so we have enough judges to make the day go quickly. You can always scratch at the door that morning.

I have a basketball game can I do go early or late?
YES! Please make arrangements to do both if possible. We are always willing to work with youth. Order is determined by signing up on the door that morning. If you want to go first be sure to show up a little before 8:30 and be set up and ready for the judge. If you want to go later in the day, have a 4-H friend sign you in on your room door for a later time slot. If you’re not present, the room will skip you and go to the next person but as when you get there you’ll still be able to give your presentation! We recommend being present by 11 a.m. to keep the day moving smoothly.

When are awards announced?
Ribbons will not be handed out until the entire room is done. If you would like to stay until everyone in your room has gone, ribbons will be handed out as soon as we can get them organized. If you would like to leave when you are done, ribbons will be sent with a club leader or mailed to you. You will be contacted by the extension office if you were the winner of your division to see if you want to compete at regionals or offer it to another youth.

How can I help?
Older youth looking for jr. leader/ambassador checkmarks for achievement pins should consider being a door monitor. Sign up to be a door monitor when you sign up to compete on the google doc. Club leaders or other adults interested in helping please send the extension office an email, krohling@ksu.edu if you are interested in helping or tag the information onto a youth’s google sign-up, either way works. Door monitors will make sure the youth are ready in the correct order outside the room to keep the day moving quickly and smoothly. Door monitors will also make sure youth have filled out an evaluation sheet to hand to the judge as they enter the room.
Club Day event options (more details on website):
Public Speaking (sr. 13 & up) (jr. 12 & under “talks”)
Extemporaneous Speech - seniors only *Not eligible for regionals local contest only
Demonstrations
Multi Media Video Presentation
Reading
Folk and Classical Dance
Group Skits/Plays
Novelty (gymnastics, karate, etc.)
Chorus, vocal ensemble, vocal solo, instrumental ensemble, instrumental solo

Montgomery County 4-H Calendar Dates for 2020

January 1  New Years- Holiday Office Closed
January 9  Montgomery County 4-H Council Meeting 7pm @ Extension office
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 28-30  4-H Agents gone to Program Rally
January 31  Enrollment deadline for returning youth
January 31  4-H Club Day sign up deadline on website
February 8  Montgomery County 4-H Day at Independence High School
February 16-17  Citizenship in Action @ Topeka
February 19  YQCA Training in Fredonia @6:30 sign up on YQCA website
February 20  Montgomery Co. 4-H Fair Board meeting 7:00 Extension office
February 29  Jr. Beef Producer Day @ K-State Weber Arena, Manhattan, KS
March 7  Regional Club days 8 am @ Neosho County Community College (need to qualify at local club day)
March 12  Montgomery County 4-H Council Meeting @ Office 7:15 p.m.

6:45-7:15 Photography Project meeting followed by business meeting of 4-H Council

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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   Montgomery County Cecil Eyestone Scholarship Due
April 3   FSCC Aggie Days (Livestock Judging) Contact Agent Cara Comstock if you want to attend.
April 14  YQCA training in Girard @ 6:30pm
April 15  YQCA training in Independence @ 6:30 pm
April 15  Discovery Days 4-H Camp sign-up deadline on state 4-H website (ages 13-18)
May 1    Deadline to enroll for new 4-H Members
May 1    Camp sign up deadline (Rock Springs, Greenbush, Cedar Bluff)
May 1    Counselor applications due to local office (Rock Springs, Greenbush, Cedar Bluff)
May 1    Horse ID papers due to extension office
May 1    Steer nomination deadline for State Fair and KJLS
May 2    Wilson County Livestock Judging contest all are welcome
May 11   Fair Entry Opens
May 14   Montgomery County 4-H Council Meeting 7pm @ Office
May 25   Memorial Day - Wildcat offices closed
May 27-29 Discovery Days 4-H Camp @ Manhattan (ages 13-18)
June 1-4 window Potential and tentative date window for Cedar Bluff 4-H Camp
June 2    Favorite Foods contest at Fredonia –contact office to sign up and get more info!
June 6-7  Sunny Hills Camp Counselor Training Rock Springs
June 7-10 Sunny Hills Camp @ Rock Springs $225,(3^{rd} grade complete- 7^{th} grade complete)
June 12   Beginning Judging Camp (Local Camp by Wildcat Coach)
June 15-16 Advanced Livestock Judging Camp (Local Camp by Wildcat Coach)
June 15   District Horse Show Entry Deadline
June 15   Nomination Deadline for Kansas State Fair and KJLS
June 16   SE Area Challenge Day (Horticulture, Crops, Photography, FCS, Favorite Foods)
June 22-23 Greenbush Camp (youth 7-8 years old)
June 29  Crawford County Junior Leaders Meeting 6:30pm @ Office
June 29  Crawford County 4-H Council Meeting 7:30 pm
June 30  Wilson County 4-H Fair Entry Deadline
July 1   Montgomery County Livestock Fair Entry Deadline
July 3   Holiday- Wildcat District Offices Closed
July 13  Montgomery County Fair Inside Entry Deadline
July 14  Montgomery County Clothing Judging
July 21  Style Revue and 4-H Dance
July 23-27 4-H Fair (events are on the same days as last year)
August 6 State Fair Entries Due to local office (recommend filling out paperwork during county fair, look for a table set up at fair)
August 22-23 State 4-H Sweepstakes Contests (livestock, meats, quiz bowl, skill-a-thon)
Manhattan, KS
September 7 Labor Day- Wildcat District offices closed
September 9 State Fair Exhibits due to local office
September 11-20 Kansas State Fair
October 1 Club summary/ Financial Review due/ Record Books due
October 2-4 Kansas Junior Livestock Show
November 11 Veterans Day- Wildcat offices closed
November 26-27 Thanksgiving- Wildcat offices closed
December 24-25 Christmas- Wildcat offices closed