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Montgomery County 4-H News

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Wildcat Extension District – Montgomery County 4-H Website:

www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/montgomery/



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@ Montgomery Co. 4-H Fair**

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 24- Dec. 31	Office closed for Christmas
Jan. 31 st	Enrollment Deadline for returning members
Feb 5	County Club Day at Caney Valley High School 8:30 a.m.
March 5	Regional Club Day, Neosho Community College, Chanute
June 1-3	Tentative dates for Discovery Days 4-H Camp
June 6-7	Greenbush 4-H camp
June 8	Floating on Leadership
June 9	Tentative date for Cedar Bluff 4-H Day Camp
June ?	TBA area livestock,meats skill-a-thon, crops, photo, favorite foods contests
July 19	Fair clothing judging
July 26	King and Queen coronation and Style Revue
July 27- August 1	Montgomery County 4-H Fair

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 March 1.

Cecil Eyestone Scholarship can be found on our Montgomery County website. General scholarship everyone should apply. Application due April 1 to local Extension office.

CHECKS Enclosed in this mailing are for premium money from county fair. Only those who submit a completed record book by October 1st, 2021 receive premium money.

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, use the forgot password option or call the Extension office if you're locked out.
- Sometimes families forget which email address is tied to their account, please call!
- <https://v2.4honline.com/>
- Paper enrollment options available at the Extension office
- **Club leaders and volunteers are asked to complete a 4-H Online profile to be certified.**

The state 4-H office charges a \$15 fee per child using a card on 4-H Online or by mailing in a check to the state. When you fill out the online enrollment you can apply for a fee waiver with the click of a button; it is anonymous. I strongly suggest families utilize this option. PLEASE do not stop participating due to the fee. *Options are available.*

4-H Council Meetings for 2022

If you are a council rep for your club please book these dates and plan to attend. If you can not attend it is your job to find someone to come in your place. 7:00 p.m. @ Extension office

- January 13
- March 10
- May 12

Judging Teams

Anyone interested in joining the livestock, meats, horticulture, skill-a-thon or photography judging teams should contact the Extension office to learn more! No experience is necessary! 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!

Rock Springs 4-H Camp

Registration for camp is open and will remain open until May 1 but spots are not guaranteed. Deposit is due at booking but if you camp fee money before May 1 it is refundable if you cancel 5 weeks in advance of camp date.

Youth can pick the week they want to camp. 4 day and 6 day options. Costs are listed on the Rock Springs website in a tiered format. Different tier levels are funded by the KS 4-H Foundation. Rock Springs will provide transportation.** Remember local scholarships are available too. A rock springs bus will come to Parsons for pickup.
www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/

Greenbush 4-H Camp

24 hour overnight camp at Greenbush by Girard, KS for youth 7-8 yrs old. Stay in A/C cabins, high low ropes course, canoeing, fishing, archery, games, etc. June 7-8th Estimated cost \$80

Floating on Leadership 4-H Camp

teens 14-18 are invited to join us on a float trip at the river. Day trip on June 8, 2022, Cost is estimated \$30

Cedar Bluff 4-H Camp

Day camp with STEM activities for ages 9-13. Cost estimated \$20. June 9, 2022. Counselors may have the opportunity to spend the night June 8th if there is enough interest.

**Attend a state camp this year? To apply for a \$100 camp scholarship please get your talks done ASAP and submit to the 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> 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.

Dates for in-person YQCA training in 2022:

April 6	Fredonia @6:30
April 12	Girard @ 6:30pm
April 21	Altamont @ 6:45 pm
April 25	Independence @ 6:45 p.m.

CLUB DAY – February 5 @ Caney High School 8:30 a.m.

What is club day?

Club day is an opportunity for youth to show off the skills they've learned at their 4-H meetings plus a few extra (dance, music, talent, etc.)! Talks and/or demonstrations need to be prepared for club meeting talks (check your club program to see when you give yours) 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 skills. Ribbons are awarded and the top two winners (or one group) have the opportunity to represent Montgomery County at the regional contest March 5th 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 Funds. Local camps honored are Cedar Bluff 4-H Camp in Coffeyville, Greenbush 4-H Camp

in Greenbush (Girard), and Floating on Leadership (canoe trip for teens)

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 or helping with ribbons at the end of the morning. 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.