



## Crawford County 4-H News

February 2019

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

We are starting to get back into the busy season so read the calendar carefully! If you are interested in attending skill-a-thon, quiz bowl, livestock judging, or junior producer days please reach out to me! I can help coordinate car pools and will be traveling to some events myself.

Sincerely,

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**Wildcat Extension District – Crawford County 4-H Website:**

[www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/](http://www.wildcatdistrict.k-state.edu/4-h/crawford/)



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### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 6	YQCA Training Fredonia KS
Feb. 9	Crawford County 4-H Club Days @ Girard High school Cafeteria
Feb. 17-18	Citizenship in Action
Feb. 22	State Horse Judging Contest in Topeka
Feb. 22-23	KS 4-H Ambassador Training @ Rocksprings
Feb. 25	5:30-6:30pm 4-H Superintendence Meeting @ Extension Office 6:30pm Junior Leaders Meeting @ Extension Office 7pm Poultry Judging Meeting @ Extension Office 7:30pm 4-H Council Meeting @ Extension Office
Mar. 2	Regional 4-H Club Day @ Neosho County Community College Jr. Leaders Make sausage 2pm @ Office
Mar. 3	Jr. Leaders Pancake Feed 7am-1pm @ Extension Office
Mar. 9	Jr. Swine Producer Day in Manhattan
Mar. 14	Gardening Institute @ Extension Office
Mar. 30	Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day
Apr. 13	Beef Weigh in 2-3:30pm @ Mesa Animal Clinic
May 1	Enrollment Deadline for New Families Camp Registration and Camp Counselor Applications Due
May 11	Small Animal Weigh-In 8-10:30am @ Fairgrounds
May 29-31	Discovery Days in Manhattan
June 5-8	Sunny Hills Camp @ Rock Springs
June 18-19	Greenbush Camp

## **Crawford County Club Day**

County club day will be held Feb. 9 at Girard High School sign up at 9:00 a.m. Enter through the cafeteria. All youth and clubs must be signed in on the door of their event by 9:30 a.m.

See categories, rules, and guidelines on our website. Top two purples in each individual event and top purple in each group event qualify for regionals. Regionals will be March 2 at Neosho County Community College.

## **Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day Registration Open**

The Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day will be held March 9 in Manhattan, at K-State's Weber Hall. Youth, parents, extension agents, and project leaders are invited to attend. The early registration fee is \$15/person and is due by February 15.

## **Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day Registration Open**

The Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be held March 30 in Manhattan at K-State's Weber Hall. Youth, parents, extension agents, and project leaders are invited to attend. The early registration fee is \$15/person and is due by March 11.

**Hazardous Occupation Training (Tractor Safety)!** Completion of this training allows youth 14-15 years old to legally operate farm equipment for employers. Saturday, February 23 | 8-2pm. To register, please contact 620-784-5337 or Jeri Geren at jlsigle@ksu.edu

## **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

## **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PRACTICING WITH ONE OF THE COMPETITIVE TEAMS BELOW, CALL OR EMAIL WILL AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE!**

**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.

## **Kansas 4-H Horseless Horse**

Questions have come concerning the Horseless Horse project; below are clarifications based on learning and risk management:

- 4-H member does not own or lease a horse.
- Project intended to offer a 4-H member opportunity to learn about horses.
- 4-H member may participate in judging contests, quiz bowl, hippology and give presentations.
- 4-H member may volunteer to assist another 4-H member at horse show and trails rides.
- Project member may exhibit at local fair with a borrowed 4-H Identified horse in the showmanship class only.
- No riding.

## **HORSE ID INFORMATION**

Horse ID's are due in the Extension Office prior to May 1, 2019. ID Papers are required to show any horse. Stop by the Extension Office to pick-up new ID forms if you have a new horse or drop-off your ID Papers from last year for returning horses. At the office, forms will be signed and mailed to you for your records.

## **Discovery Days Registration**

Discovery Days registration will open at midnight on March 1.

## **Sunny Hills 4-H Camp**

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch will be June 5-8, 2019. Camp is an awesome opportunity for 4-H'ers who have completed the third grade and up to the seventh grade. Camp Counselor Applications and Registration forms will be available soon. Save the Date!

## **4-H Campference**

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2019), and will be held June 23-26 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 interact with others. Registration and detailed information will be the State 4-H Website in March. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full the last five years! Register online by May 15 (or earlier it will close when it is full) and payment must be in the local Extension Offices by May 15.

## **Citizenship in Action**

Kansas youth ages 13-18 are invited to spend a weekend touring the Kansas capitol, meeting with legislators, and learning how to make a difference in their community. The trip will be February 17-18th and will cost \$175, which includes lodging, most meals, a banquet, and a dance. The registration deadline is February 1st. Parents can attend as a chaperone or arrangements can be made for one. For more information, go to [www.ks4h.org](http://www.ks4h.org), click on Events and Activities, Conferences and Events, then Citizenship in Action. Or reach out to Will at [willmorris@ksu.edu](mailto:willmorris@ksu.edu).

## **Camp Scholarships**

This year there are Camp Scholarships 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/Demonstration at County 4-H Club days or participate at 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.

## **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 2019 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.

## **Fair Entry System**

Something new this year in the 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 will not only create more time, but also resources for greater more impactful programs. With the transition of utilizing this system will align the us with the rules and regulations at the state level. Adjustments will include age break outs for classes, smoother entry process, and even the opportunity to offer more classes.

### **SPRING SHOW INFORMATION**

Each year we receive lots of show fliers for all sorts of projects. We keep these in the office for your convenience, or visit our website:  
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**Included in this issue:**  
4-H Club Days  
Sheep & Beef Producer Day  
SEK Showing & Fitting Clinic