

**The Barton Co. 4-H newsletter
can be found at:**

- ✓ Cottonwood.ksu.edu -look on the Barton 4-H page
- ✓ at ks.4honline.com
- ✓ Facebook "Barton County 4-H members" Closed group-Ask to join
- ✓ It is emailed to the family's email you listed on 4honline



Congratulations!

Congrats to **Dalton Dicks** and **Luke Wondra** for working hard on their KAP and the 5-minute video to get to state!

The written KAP is first judged at the county level and then the top Barton Co. KAP advances to area.

The top two from the area are sent to state.

If **you** would like to learn more about reporting your project work on the KAP, plan to attend the training on Tuesday, April 10th at 7 pm at the Extension Office. RSVP's by noon on that day would be greatly appreciated!

Heading to State - April 28th

GOOD LUCK to our air rifle members who have qualified for State Air Rifle Competition: **Alivia Bautista, Will Clark, Dalton and Parker Dicks, Woodson and Gus Corbett, Tate Martin, Katelyn Reh, Parker Smith, and Cameron Stacey. Katelyn** will also be competing in air pistol.

Thank you to our shooting sports leaders for spending time with our project members - your work and encouragement is so appreciated.

Congrats to our

Regional 4-H Day participants!

Barton County was well represented at Regional 4-H day on March 9th in Great Bend. Results were posted on Facebook in "Barton County 4-H members" group and the scored sheets have been handed out. The public speaking and presentation skills learned in 4-H will be used throughout your life. Good work 4-H members.

Project Changes due May 1

May 1st is a very important deadline!
To exhibit in the 4-H division at the County Fair, you must be enrolled in the project you are exhibiting in.

Dropping & adding projects needs to be completed by May 1st. A 24-hour grace period is allowed. So the absolute, no exceptions, deadline for project enrollment is May 2nd by 5 p.m.

Project changes need to be completed by YOU in 4H Online. Kansas 4-H Online is at <https://ks.4honline.com> or you can click on the link on the front page at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu

Call the Extension Office at 793-1910 or email Brenda at bwalton@ksu.edu if you need assistance getting into your account.

Project Days - 3:30-5 each day

Join us at the Extension office meeting room to learn more about the different 4-H projects and what can be exhibited at the fair. You will learn about consultation judging and meeting the judge.

April 5 - Foods project

April 12 - Clothing and Fashion Revue

April 19 - Visual arts project (arts and crafts)

In May we will continue the series with horticulture, photography and some of the other miscellaneous projects.

Please let us know you plan to attend by calling 793-1910 or email bunruh@ksu.edu

Monarchs on the Move

Congrats to the teens who stepped up to the leadership challenge to teach about saving the Monarch butterfly. **Lexi Straub** attended the training at Iowa State University. Lexi then helped train these ten Barton County junior leaders on March 17: **Alaina Straub, Caden Rowan, Steele Brack, Dathan Proffitt, Natalie Williams, Noah Deines, Jayla Wyant, Elsa Lopez, Chelsea Villarreal and Ivan Guterrez.** They will be teaching many different groups over the next couple months.

Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp June 9-12, 2018

Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp is held at Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Center. Camp includes canoeing, horseback riding, swimming and much more. Youth completing the 1st through the 7th grade are invited to attend. Eighth graders could attend, but remember that they are not eligible to be a junior counselor the next year.

Cost is \$180 for four days of fun! 4-H Council will pay for transportation and the counselor fee. Registration is due May 3rd.

4-H Discovery Days

4-H Discovery Days will be held May 29 - June 1 on Kansas State University campus. It is open to youth 13-18 years old. Cost is \$235 and registration closes April 16. Registration is open at www.kansas4-h.org Just scroll down to the green Event Registration button. On-line registration is great, because you know right away if you are actually enrolled in the classes you want.

Remember, the sooner you register, the better chance you have of getting the classes you want.

Several of our Monarchs on the Move teens will be teaching classes on Thursday of Discovery Days. Congrats to this group on a great training.

Counselor Apps due April 28th

Counselors age 15 and older will be needed based on the number of campers we have attending Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp. The application is on the Barton 4-H page on our website www.cottonwood.ksu.edu under "forms".

Counselors will need to have volunteer screening complete with CBC and Child Abuse and Neglect registry form. If you have an interest in being a camp counselor please plan ahead and visit with Berny ASAP. IF you have not completed the paperwork you cannot be a counselor.

Dog Meetings

Remember that members must attend a minimum of 8 meetings to be eligible to exhibit in the 4-H dog show at the Barton County Fair. This is necessary to have your dog ready for the show at the fair. Meetings continue at 6 pm on Mondays.

For more updates please ask to join "Barton County 4-H Dog Club" on Facebook.

Campference

This event is for youth, age 12-14 and will be June 26-29, 2018 at Rock Springs Ranch. Participants will experience the feel of a conference while enjoying some of the "camp" activities that RSR has to offer. Registration will be open March 30th. Check out www.kansas4-h.org for specific information. Registration due by May 15th but a limited number of campers will be accepted for Campference, so when that limit is reached, registration is closed. The cost of Campference is \$280.

Barton County H.O.T.

Barton County Hazardous Occupations Training (also known as Tractor Safety) will be held on Thursday, April 12th and Saturday, April 14th. The Thursday evening class (approx 6:00 - 8:30 pm) will be held at Straubs and Saturday the class will be at Barton Community College. The class is intended for 13-16 year olds.

There is a \$15 charge for the class to help pay for a workbook and other costs. Lunch will be provided. Put this date on your calendar and get your registration in soon.

If youth age 14-15 are planning to do farm work for someone other than their parents per the Dept. of Labor requirements, they must take a tractor safety course. The class is open to anyone 13-18 years of age.

4-H T-shirt orders due by May 10th

The 4-H Council t-shirt committee decided to continue with last year's t-shirt with the front crest being a little different and with no date. The back of the t-shirt will still have "4-H is about more than the ribbons and awards...It's about the people, the experiences, the life-long skills, the memories, the county fair. Its about being a role model, giving back and making the best better".

The shirts will be Irish green and the printing will be white and gold. The price is \$5.25 for youth and adult S to XL. (2XL is \$2 more, 3XL is \$3 more, 4XL is \$4 more, etc). **We will be making only one order on May 14th so get your order in on time.**

Clubs can still take orders but we will also take orders at the Extension Office. T-shirts do have to be paid for at the time they are ordered

National Volunteer Week

April 15-21

Have you said “**thank you**” to your 4-H leaders lately? If not, please take the time this month to let them know how much you appreciate them!

We have some wonderful volunteers in Barton County and the 4-H program would just not happen without them sharing their time and talent.

We do need all community leaders and all those working with youth to enroll as a leader at Kansas 4-H online and complete the volunteer screening process. Call if you need assistance in this process.

Sewing Dates

Second Saturday Sewing will meet on April 14th from 9:30 - 11 am at the Extension Office. Berny will be heading to Hays immediately after the sewing time so we will not stay late on this day.

PLEASE call the office 793-1910 or email Berny at bunruh@ksu.edu so we can have adult or junior leader help for that day.

Can I join 4-H now?

As you know, December 1 is the deadline for all returning 4-H members to re-enroll and March 1 is the deadline to get new members enrolled. By now, the 4-H year is half over and there have been lots of club and county activities.

We understand that some families may not be aware of the deadlines set (the first year they join). So, we are doing our best to accommodate everyone and at this time, if a member enrolls after the deadline, the 4-H member and a parent will be asked to sign a second chance form that verifies that “yes, I know this is after the deadline and next year I will not have this second chance opportunity”.

MAY 1 is a drop/add deadline for all project changes.

Mowing Project

The Holding Board would be willing to make a donation of \$150 (each mowing) to a 4-H Club if they would be interested in mowing the 4-H Grounds. This would include picking up trash and weed eating. It could be a different 4-H club each month (May, June, July and August). Please give the Extension office (**793-1910**) a call if your club might be interested and we will pass your name on to the Holding Board members.

Holding Board Update

The Barton County 4-H Holding board was originally set up to hold property for the 4-H program. They are tasked with taking care of and making decisions about the buildings and the 4-H grounds between Great Bend and Hoisington.

4-H Council pays \$2500 each year to have use of the building throughout the year. **To use the building for 4-H purposes your club or project group must still contact the Extension office to put your date on the calendar.** There may be times that the building will be rented and because we need the rent money to pay the bills we may ask a 4-H group to change their location, etc, but normally 4-H has priority.

4-H is also responsible for their own clean up just like those who rent it. All families involved in the activity or the club must help clean up.

Horse ID Papers

May 1st Deadline

Horse Identification forms are available at the Extension Office and online. The easiest way to get to all horse information is to go to www.kansas4-h.org and on the purple bar at the top, click on projects and scroll down to “horse”.

If you are using the same horse as last year, the ID can be signed again and dated. However, please read the specific information about the ID guidelines when you head to District and State. There is a sample ID posted. It needs to be printed on one piece of paper front and back. Remember, we need pictures as stated on the horse ID papers.

If you plan to compete at district horse show, you need to have passed the appropriate knowledge and skill test by May 30th. The South Central District horse show will be held on July 10, 2018 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson. Entry is due June 1 AND no late entries will be accepted.

The next Horse meeting will be _____ Members will discuss the County Fair Horse Show and also save time for riding! Please contact Deidre at 620-639-5144 for specifics about the meeting. Horse members can also ask to join “Barton County 4-H Horse Club” on Facebook.

Livestock and Ag

Important Date - May 5th

Market Animal Weigh-in Deadline

As stated in the fair book, all market animals to be shown at the Barton County Fair in the 4-H classes must be identified on before the Official Weigh Date. Not reading the newsletter or not getting your animals on time is not an acceptable excuse.

You are to have the animal in your possession by May 1 and the “official weigh-in date” is Saturday May 5th but there will not be an official weigh in at the 4-H grounds as in the past. All market goats, market lambs and market hogs must still be eartagged by this date. Please contact Alicia Boor at the Extension office about getting your market animals eartagged by May 5th.

If you are not presently enrolled in the livestock project you must get the project added to your enrollment by May 1st at 4-H Online.

Market Livestock Sale Guidelines

In order to sell through the Sale of Champions at the Barton County fair, the 4-H member must:

- ◆ Attend a livestock quality assurance training annually or pass the written PQA test.
- ◆ Attend a minimum of five 4-H club meetings during the year.
- ◆ Turn in a medication form that includes the eartag number of the animal and a complete list of all medications that have been used since the animal was purchased. The form is to be turned in at the livestock check in when you enter the fairgrounds so please be prepared.
- ◆ Deliver BBQ tickets to previous livestock buyers before the scheduled date.
- ◆ Show your animal AND walk your animal through the ring at the Sale of Champions

ALL Livestock Projects must be in your sole ownership by May 1, 2018 for you to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair, state fair, & other shows. Some shows will require registration papers on registered animals & they must be in the name of the 4-H member. Please read the Barton County Fairbook from cover to cover.

Dates for Spring Shows

We are receiving flyers from across the state about spring shows for livestock. IF you would like those forwarded to you by email, please send a note to bunruh@ksu.edu. We do not print each of these out as we receive them, so if you come into the Extension Office it would really take some time to print them on demand.

KJLS/KSF Livestock Nomination

Berny forwarded information to those who have expressed an interest in showing at the Kansas State Fair or KJLS. If you did **not** receive an email from Berny please ask for more information or go this website and read on!

2018 Livestock Nomination guidelines include:

* DNA hair samples required for each nominated animal for ALL species.

* All nominated animals must have an EID tag. On the forms, there is a place to place the EID sticker.

* All Market steer/ heifer nominations are due May 1.

* All other species and commercial animal nominations are due June 15.

* There is an annual fee. This is for nominations that have to be returned to the family for any reason.

For more nomination information, check out the “Rookie Guide” for first-time state nominating families, and all forms are located on the Youth Livestock Program website.

Visit www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu

Livestock Leadership Academy

Applications due April 1

The 2018 K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA) will be held June 6-9, 2018 in Manhattan, KS. The academy is for 9th - 12th grade livestock members. The applications can be found online at the youth livestock website and applications are always due on April 1. There is a little extra time this year due to April 1 falling on a Sunday.

This is a great opportunity and much of the cost is covered by some amazing sponsors. Only 20 applicants will be accepted and the cost is \$50 to each applicant.

HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP

Camper Name:

Please note any special dietary needs here:

Friends I would like to camp with: (include name, grade, and county.)

1. _____

2. _____

NOTE: Please ask your friends to list you on their registration. Scheduling does not always permit "groups" or friends of different ages or counties to stay together. No more than four youth per county will be housed together, except under special circumstances. The housing committee will make all reasonable efforts to house you with at least one of your choices.

RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN

MAY 2, 2018

TO YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE AT:

Cottonwood Extension Office– Great Bend

1800 12th Street

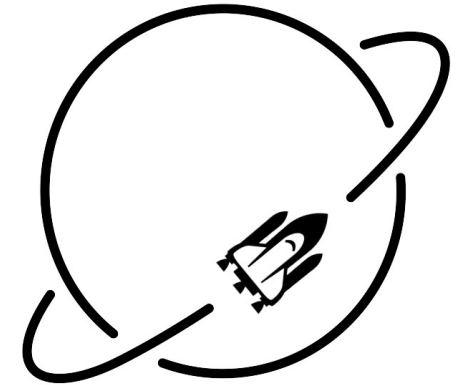
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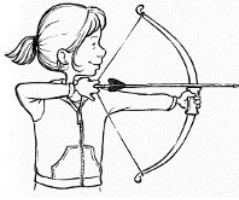
June 9-12, 2018
Rock Springs 4-H Center



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Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp

County 4-H Camp is a four day, fun-filled, learning experience for children who have completed grades 1 through 7 and counselors 15 years of age and older.



★ **Activities** include canoeing, horses, swimming, archery, air rifle, climbing wall, nature centers, crafts, and more!

★ **Workshops** include fishing, catapults, robotics, rocketry, compass course, animals/creatures, & more!

★ **Highlights** include camp fire, night swim, talent show, night hikes, a dance and more!



Kansas Youth from Barber, Barton, Edwards, Ellis, Finney, Ford, Gray, Haskell, Kingman, Meade, Midway District, Pawnee, Pratt, Seward, Stafford, Stevens, and Walnut Creek District will camp together at Rock Springs.

After registration & payment, you will receive the "Heart of Kansas Camp Chronicle". It will explain what to pack, travel arrangements to and from camp, prescription medication instructions and many other details pertaining to 4-H Camp.



Rock Springs 4-H Center

Rock Springs Center is owned & operated by the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

- ★ **Located** in the heart of the Kansas Flint Hills off interstate I-70, 13 miles south of Junction City.
- ★ **735 Acres** of tall grass prairie on rolling hills, nestled in a valley surrounded by creeks and woodlands.
- ★ **Cooks** provide hearty home-cooked meals. From chicken fingers to pulled pork, not to mention their famous dinner rolls, you won't go hungry!
- ★ **Cabins** provide bunk beds, bathroom facilities, and common living area for campers. Groups of 8-10 campers live and learn together, under the supervision of two trained counselors.
- ★ **Registered Nurses** are on staff to distribute any medications, as well as handle any illness or accidents.



HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Camper Name: _____

Check one: Boy or Girl

Birthdate: ____ / ____ / ____ Age: _____

Grade Completed: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Camper Fees: \$180.00 per 4-H member

Camp fees include travel to and from camp, lodging, meals, nurse, adult supervision, special programs, and the use of the Rock Springs facilities for 4 days and 3 nights.

**Please make checks payable to:
Barton Co. 4-H Council**

Don't Forget:

- ✓ \$ 180.00
- ✓ Update your Kansas 4-H Participation Form on 4-HOnline

REGISTRATION IS DUE MAY 2, 2018
Cottonwood Extension Office—Great Bend
1800 12th Street, Great Bend, KS



April 2018

DON'T FORGET:
All Market Swine, Sheep and Goats
MUST be eartagged before May 5th. Call
793-1910 to set up an appointment
ASAP

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Happy Easter!</i>	2 <i>Summer Assistant Applications Due EE</i>	3 <i>Fairboard meeting 7 pm</i>	4	5 <i>Fair Prep session 3:30– 5 pm SS—7 pm</i>	6	7 <i>K-state Open House—Manhattan</i>
8	9 <i>RSVP for KAP training</i>	10 <i>KAP and Records training - 7 pm</i>	11	12 <i>Fair Prep session 3:30-5 pm Tractor Safety—6 pm GBCS</i>	13	14 - 2nd Saturday Sewing 9:30 - 11 Only. <i>Tractor Safety 8-5 @ BCC Family Fun Festival Hays Mall</i>
15	16 <i>Volunteer Screening training—7 pm</i>	17 <i>Real World 101 in Hays</i>	18	19 <i>Fair Prep Session 3:30—5 pm TLC</i>	20	21
22	23 <i>Livestock members Don't forget to set up an appoint to eartag animals.</i>	24	25 Berny out of office for KAE4-HA	26 Berny out of office for KAE4-HA	27 Camp Counselor Applications Due	28 <i>State Shooting Sports Competition in Garden City</i>
29 <i>Ambassadors meet Great Migration at Wetlands Center</i>	30 <i>Contact Alicia about small animal eartag appt.!</i>	May 1 All Project Changes Due on 4-H Online State Beef Nom Due	May 2 Camp Registration Due	May 3	May 4	May 5 <i>Cinco de Mayo Spring Livestock Show in Hays</i>

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GREAT BEND, KS 67530-4500



April, 2018

Dear 4-H Families,

Please continue to read the entire 4-H newsletter and check the website cottonwood.ksu.edu for important due dates!

Important April Dates

- 2- Due date for Youth Livestock Academy applications.
- 5, 12, 19 - Project overview to prepare for the fair - 3:30 - 5 each of these days.
- 10-KAP (Kansas Award Portfolio) training - 7 p.m. - Ext. Office
- 12- Hazardous Occupations Training (Tractor Safety) - 6-8:30 Straub's & April 14th - 2nd Session at Barton Comm. College - 8 am - 5 pm
- 14 - Second Saturday Sewing - 9:30 - 11 am - Please call in if you plan to join us
Family Fun Festival in Hays to Kick off the Monarchs on the Move activities.
- 27- Heart of Kansas Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 28 - 4-H State Shoot (air rifle) - good luck Barton County Members!

Important May Dates

- 1- Final Project enrollment changes due. If you are not enrolled in the project, you cannot exhibit in that department.
- 3- Heart of Kansas Camp Registration Due Date
- 5- Sheep, goat and swine identification process deadline! Call in to set an appointment early!

Sincerely,

Berry Unruh

District Extension Agent, 4-H & Youth Development



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