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**November /
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Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

The new 4-H year is underway and it's time to get those 4-H enrollments in! Just a reminder to those who haven't updated enrollments & participation forms on-line, they are due now. Please take time to update them ASAP. Thanks.

Now is the time to set your project goals for the year. I hope you will take time to think about what it is that you want to do and learn through your 4-H activities. Write it down! If it's on paper, it's much easier to reach that goal. Here's a link to a [new worksheet](#) to help you get those goals written down.

If you set your goals now, you will have a great guide to follow to get to where you want to go. . .by the year's end! Make the most of your 4-H year by planning ahead! Take a few minutes to record those goals in your 4-H Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) now, so it will be easier to complete at the end of the year. And as always, don't hesitate to give our office a call if you have a question. There's a great resource available to help you learn more about all of the learning opportunities available through Ellis County 4-H. Check out the [Project Selection Guide](#).

We hope that you and your family will make time to spend some quality time together during the upcoming holidays.

The Cottonwood Extension Staff wishes each of you a joy filled holiday season!

We look forward to working with you in 2019!

Yours in 4-H,

Susan Schlichting

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County Extension Agent – 4-H Youth Development



Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Council – November 8, 6:30 p.m. – Ext. Office Conference Room

4-H Achievement Banquet, 4-H Day, Promo – Help select the next meeting date by responding to the Doodle poll coming soon

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WINTER WEATHER & 4-H ACTIVITIES

Our policy is that if school cancels for weather related events, 4-H events are canceled, too. Please check our website or contact the person in charge before traveling in, if you are in doubt about the status of an event.

Ways to Contact Us

- The drop box is BACK! And available in the front of the Extension Office for your convenience.
- You can reach the 4-H Office Voice Mail at (785) 628-9430 ext. 14
- Extension Office fax # is (785) 621-2002
- sschlich@ksu.edu

IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- November 1** – 4-H Enrollments Updated for new 4-H year in 4-H Online
- November 1** – 4-H VIP Renewal forms due & profiles updated in 4-H Online
- November 1** – 4-H Club Financial Annual Reports due in Ext. Office
- November 9** – Sign up for Wacky Edible Science through Victoria Rec
- November 22** – Sign up for Got Bot NXT through HRC & ERC
- November 1** – 4-H International Travel Aps due
- December 3** – 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Aps Due

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4-H Enrollments

It's time to get enrolled for the new 4-H year. ***Even if you are enrolling in the same projects, you will still need to log-on and update.***

There will be a \$15 fee per member payable to the KS 4-H program as you enroll. **Your enrollment is not considered complete until you hit the SUBMIT button.** You can pay by credit card or by check to the State 4-H Office. **Payments do not come to the local Extension Office.** If this fee is a hardship for your family, you can select the "Request a Waiver" button and the State 4-H Office will consider your request.

You will be able to add projects or delete them from your list of enrollments until May 1 for all areas, **except Livestock projects.** **Those need to be enrolled prior to the weigh-in and identification date set for each specie.** I.e. Market Beef is usually weighed in early February and Small Livestock weighed in in late April.

VIP (Volunteer Information Profile)

Each 4-H volunteer working directly with youth in the club, is required to go through this screening and training process. The application is available from your club leader or on the [Ellis 4-H website](#). Apps can be submitted at any time during the next few months, but the screening and training process **must be completed by January 1.**

National Background Checks—Kansas 4-H requires national background checks for all volunteers. 1/3 of our 120 current VIP volunteers will go through this process this year. Your club leader has this list and will be contacting you to complete this process now. **All volunteers will be required to go through this process every 3 years.**

Current Volunteers - If you are a current screened volunteer in your 4-H club and plan to continue to do so, please complete and return your [VIP Renewal Form](#) to the Extension Office **ASAP**. These are available from your club leader or can be found on-line at www.kansas4-h.org and click on the Volunteer link for a form-fillable version.

New & Returning Volunteers – ***will need to add yourself to your family profile in 4-H On-line.*** Visit with your club's leader or our office if you need assistance with this!

CONGRATS TO . . . Five members of the Cottonwood District (Hays) 4-H shotgun shooting team participated in the State competition the weekend of October 6th & 7th. Jordan & Tanner Hunsicker, Monique & Madalyn William & Cooper Shubert all went to Wichita to compete with 165 other shooters from across the state. It was a cold and windy day for day 1 of shooting 50 rounds of each trap and skeet and came up in 4th place as a team in skeet. Day 2 on Sunday was nicer weather but on a tough 50 round course of sporting clays. Jordan brought home the top shot award for the weekend and overall it was a good weekend for all the kids. They are looking forward to next season. Great job to everyone!

. . . All 4-H clubs who participated in Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat service project this past month. Be sure to register your results with the [Kansas 4-H website](#) so Ellis Co. 4-H activities are counted in the state report.

. . . 4-H Ambassadors for 2019! We had a record number of members apply again this year. You all did a great job interviewing. We have some awesome young leaders in our program! Those selected to serve as Ambassadors for the 2018-19 4-H year are: Rosston Eckroat, Wyatt Grabbe, Anna Kuhn, Luke Montgomery, Kaleb Neher, Karli Neher and Colton Pfannenstiel. Watch for them to do some creative promotion both in 4-H clubs and out in the county this year.

. . . Quentin Rupp and Heather Scheck who were selected to present a workshop at KYLF 4-H Leadership Weekend at Rock Springs "Leadership. . . Ride the Wave?"

. . . All honorees at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet! A special congrats to our Friends of 4-H Mike & Amy Jensen and Russell Livestock

. . . Ellis 4-H Fall/Winter Camp Scholarships Awarded to Cadence Dickey and Megan Howe.

4-H Achievement Banquet

Thanks to the 4-H Clubs for donating to this year's basket auction. And to the many dedicated 4-H supporters who bid and regifted the basket for bidding. We raised over \$2,300 to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

4-H Project Leaders Needed

As members enroll in projects, it is important to provide them with learning experience in those areas. Adults and teens are needed to guide the members in their project earning. If you have a skill to share, visit with you club leader to get involved.



4-H Photography Project Meeting November 15, 5:30 p.m. Ext. Office

Christy Befort will be hosting a 4-H Photo project meeting for any 4-H'er interested in learning more about the photography project. Come on and join the fun and learning. Give the Ext. Office a call by Tuesday, November 13 to sign up.



Citizenship in Action

What: Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

When: February 17 – 18, 2019

Where: Topeka, KS

Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2019

Last Call for Citizenship Washington Focus – Spaces still available!

Road trip across the USA stopping to see Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Liberty Bell and more! Meet, learn, share and tour with youth from other states and respected resource people. Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today. Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites, and memorials. Get a close-up view of political process through visits to Capitol Hill. Meet with the Kansas Congressional and Senate delegations to discuss legislative issues. Participate in workshops and assembly groups to learn life skills and discuss possible solutions to domestic and international problems. Interact with 4-H members from other states, learning and sharing about 4-H and other interests and issues. This trip has filled up quickly in the last few years; make sure that you do not delay in signing up to attend! Cost is \$1850.

When: June 13-24, 2019

Where: Washington D.C.

Who: Youth 15-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

How: **Apply to the Ellis Co. Ext. Office by December 3.** Interviews to be held soon after this date.

KS 4-H Scholarships Due in Early 2019

Get an early start on your application for the **2019 Kansas 4-H Scholarship**. They are due in the local Extension Office in late January each year. Current college students and graduating seniors are eligible to apply. A list of scholarships available to apply for will come out closer to the end of the year.

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2018 is July 14 - 20, 2019.

The Theme is "Follow the Fairground Road"



New in 2019

Youth showing in state livestock shows will be required to take a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training. This is available on the web and is valid for one year. Cost is \$12. Visit yqca.org to get trained.

Remember, **DEADLINES are DEADLINES** in **Ellis Co. 4-H**. Please pay attention to and respect those deadlines so that your child doesn't miss out on an opportunity!