For everyone who has attended Rock Springs Ranch for 4-H Camp at some point, you may remember utilizing a Leadership Adventure Course. The Kansas Youth Leadership Council are leading the charge for fundraising for a brand-new team obstacle course! The timing is great as Rock Springs Ranch celebrates 75 years of 4-H Camp!

They have a big goal of $25,000 to install the course which will include high ropes, low elements, and a dueling zip-line. Everyone’s goal is to have it in place for the 2021 camp season. As of 3.31.2021, the $10,000 mark had been met so please consider if your family or organization is able to make a small donation to this project that benefits a large number of 4-H and non-4-H youth each year.

#EndorseTheCourse

For more information, check out https://www.kansas4hfoundation.org/etc/give/

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!

Michelle Bramer
Regional Club Day Results

**Junior Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks**
Russell Kern—Red
Shae Hoskins—Blue

**Senior Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks**
Jonas Kern—Blue
Natalie Williams—Purple

**Public Speaking**
Parker Dicks—Purple

**Extemporaneous**
Grace Hoskins—Purple
Dinah Newman—Purple

**Piano Solo**
Lily Hoskins—Red

**Instrumental Ensemble**
Jonas/Russell Kern—Blue

**Vocal Solo**
Avery Panning—Blue

**Junior Reading**
Samantha Negaard—Blue

**Talent**
Bryce Oliphant—Purple

**Project Talks**
Maggie Kern—Blue

Any participants receiving a PURPLE ribbon at Barton 4-H Club Day in Project Talks, Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks, and Reading are eligible to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair in the Public Presentations!

Updated Livestock Nomination Information!
If you plan to exhibit livestock at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show, please review the updated information from the KSU YLP (Youth Livestock Program). [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/)

Be sure to check out the activities of our 4-H2O Ambassadors!
Barton County 4-H member, Jonas Kern is part of this team who have received training and are looking forward to presenting information about water cycles, conservation, water usage and treatment, and careers to classrooms, libraries, and the community.
Jonas recently presented a workshop during the Kansas Wetlands Education Center in a Facebook Live virtual format.
Heart Of Kansas 4-H Camp
Are YOU ready to sing Grey Squirrel, help with KP, and show your love for 4-H and Rock Springs? Then you need to apply to be a Heart Of Kansas Camp Counselor! Counselors need to be 15-18 and want to share their leadership and responsibility with 4-H campers. We have a little different application process this year as you will complete an online application and your parent/guardian will need to complete an authorization via this survey link APPLICATION. DEADLINE for camp counselor applications is 4.15!

Discovery Days
Discovery Days is an event, usually held on K-State’s campus, to give older 4-H youth an opportunity to take classes, explore campus, and meet 4-H members across the state. For 2021, Discovery Days will be held virtually June 1-4 with a great selection of classes online. For more details and registration information, see https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is a nationwide curriculum for youth to bolster their livestock project learning through a three topic session covering animal well-being, food safety, and life skills. Alicia will be offering in-person classes on April 19 at 6 pm and May 27 at 1 pm. You must register through the YQCA website and you will use the same login in that you use for 4-H Online. If you cannot attend one of the classes here, you will see all of the available classes in Kansas and can register for any of those. The cost for an in-person class is $3 and is paid during the online registration. Additionally, you can complete the course in an online format and would select that during your registration with a cost of $12. There are some coupons available and can be used for the online course on a first-come, first served basis.

In order to participate in the fair premium auction, you must complete the YQCA certification BY end of day on June 15!
LEADERS’ CORNER

Looking for resources to energize your club meetings and empower club officers? Check out the Club Corner Resources!

Do your club officers need to brush up on skills and responsibilities? Share these videos!

4-H is about much more than an exhibit at the fair and leaders set examples of intentional learning while guiding youth to practice community service, communication skills, record keeping, and leadership! Check out More Than A Fair Entry

Do your families need assistance in enrolling, adding/deleting projects, or updating their 4-H Online profile? Kansas 4-H has provided a great resource!

There are LOTS of fun project resources located in the Project Pages - most have an Explore Your Spark document within each project. Kansas Clover Classroom has activity page Challenges to expand learning and understanding of different project areas. You do NOT have to be enrolled in a Project to complete a Challenge.

Record Keeping is an important life skill but can certainly be overwhelming! Several great resources are available for use at a club meeting or to share with club families. While we still have Project Recognition, it is no longer called a KAP (Kansas Award Portfolio) so the resources look a little different but should be easier to use and understand! PROJECT RECOGNITION

CLUB LEADERS—It is very important that you set up a Volunteer Profile in 4-H Online! This helps us manage volunteer resources, training, and certification. Please remember that in order for a 4-H Club to be in good standing you must have TWO leaders who have current 4-H volunteer certification.
CAMP MASK REQUIREMENT

In accordance with KSRE, Kansas 4-H, and Rock Springs Ranch COVID guidelines, all camp participants will be required to wear masks for indoor and outdoor activities (only exceptions are while eating, sleeping, swimming, or within housing room).

Campers will need to bring 7 masks with them.

**Families MAY be responsible for camp transportation (more information to be provided at a later date).

**Your county/district may be limited on the number of campers that can attend.
Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp

County 4-H Camp is a four day, fun-filled, learning experience for children who have completed 3rd-8th grades, and counselors 15 years of age and older (must have completed their freshman year of high school).

★ 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!

★ Kansas 4-H Youth from Barber, Cottonwood District, Edwards, Ford, Gray, Kingman, Meade, Midway District, Pawnee, Pratt, Stafford, Walnut Creek District, West Plains District, and Wild West District will camp together at Rock Springs.

Rock Springs Ranch

Rock Springs Ranch 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, and their famous dinner rolls, you won’t go hungry!

★ Cabins provide bunk beds, bathroom facilities, and common living area for campers. Groups of 6 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.

Join us as we explore HAPPY TRAILS of adventure, learning, and fun at 4-H Camp!

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

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:

Cell Phone:_____________________________
Email:_______________________________

Camper Fees: $215 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.

T-SHIRT SIZE:
YOUTH SIZE S M L XL
ADULT SIZE S M L XL

Please make checks payable to:
Barton 4-H Council

REGISTRATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN
APRIL 30, 2021
TO BARTON CO EXTENSION OFFICE
UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

April 15  DEADLINE for Camp Counselor Applications
April 30  DEADLINE for Camp Registration forms

May 1    DEADLINE to make project changes
          Market Beef (steers and market heifers) nominations due
          Horse ID paperwork due
          State Shooting Sports Match, Great Bend
May 5    DEADLINE 4-H Campference registration
May 15   DEADLINE 4-H Discovery Days registration

June 1-4  Discovery Days virtual
June 5    TENTATIVE Super Saturday (judging contests, workshops)
June 15   Other livestock nominations due (commercial heifers market swine, commercial
          gilt, market lamb, commercial ewe, all market goats)
June 15   DEADLINE ALL Barton County 4-H Fair entries by 5 pm
June 17   Poultry Pullorum Testing
June 20   HOK Counselors to RSR for training
June 21-24 Heart Of Kansas 4-H Camp

July 1    4-H Clothing Construction/Buymanship/Fashion Revue/Fiber Arts judging
July 7-11 Barton County Fair
Stay in touch with Cottonwood Extension District—Barton 4-H

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