



**COTTONWOOD DISTRICT – BARTON  
4-H NEWSLETTER  
May 2021**

It is hard to believe that we are winding down the last few weeks of school and gearing up for summer activities!

I hope that all of our 4-H members are reviewing what they have learned about their project areas this year and starting to plan for fair entries. My favorite parts of the year are listening to the challenges and how they overcame each one by reaching out to a parent or mentor for ideas, going back to review resources, or just spending more time practicing.

This is also a great time to think about the fair schedule as families plan the number and types of entries. Keeping perspective of the learning opportunities from evaluation by a judge is more important than having the highest number of entries at the fair; in other words, I'd much rather see a 4-H member bring 4 entries that they worked really hard on and learned about than 15 entries and not be able to talk to the judge about each of them in detail. The fair is a fun, crazy, and sometimes overwhelming week but it is just that.....a week. Don't let the stress of the one week overshadow the learning and opportunities of the other 51 weeks!

We are excited to have a summer intern this summer and I'll introduce her in the June newsletter but be on the lookout to give her a warm welcome at activities this summer.

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!



# 4-H IN THE NEWS



## Update from the Kansas 4-H Foundation!

As of 4.25.2021, over \$21,000 had been raised by 4-H clubs, councils, 4-H agent association, and many more!

Well done to our Kansas Youth Leadership Team—and our own Lexi Straub—for spearheading this fundraising event.

The new Leadership Adventure Course will be in place for summer 2021 and the 75th Anniversary of Rock Springs Ranch!

## Camp Updates and Transportation

We will be getting updates to counselors, campers, and families toward the end of May.

At this time, counselors and campers need to be prepared with masks for most activities, and during transportation so add that to your bug spray, sun screen, and close-toed shoes. From the HOK Camp Registration brochure: 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.

Any changes will be communicated but decisions are based on requirements from Kansas 4-H, Rock Springs Ranch, and Dickinson County (where RSR is located).



## 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/>



# Family Resource Page



**While the County Fair is an important piece of 4-H, it is only ONE part of project learning!**

There are LOTS of resources available to dive into a project area:

\*Project SPARK Pages—located within each project area <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/>

\*Clover Classroom Challenges— for many projects and more in the works <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/cloverclassroom.html>

\*Goal Setting— <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1100.pdf>

\*Project Resources—The Extension Office has many project resources that can be checked out for 1-2 weeks.

## 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>

Deadline for registration is May 15!



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 a second in-person class on 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!



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](#)



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.**

## 2021 Fair Changes

A few sections of the 2021 Barton County Fair Book will be updated. If you have questions, please let me know!

- 1) If you plan to sell an animal through the BCFA Premium Auction, you must complete YQCA by midnight on June 15.
- 2) KSF has changed rules for Arts and Crafts. Judges will select one entry from each of the following for evaluation at KSF:
  - \*Fine Arts
  - \*Clay & Ceramics
  - \*Leather & Jewelry
  - \*Three Dimensional
  - \*General Crafts
- 3) Minor updates in resources for Foods/Food Preservation
- 4) Horse Show classes have been updated. Attire recommendations are noted for halter and riding classes. Added that if a participant competes in a Walk/Trot class, they would only compete in Walk/Trot for any other classes and are not eligible for High Point Rider calculations.
- 5) "Legos" have been moved to STEM/Space Tech under "Architectural Blocks". This is a new category that can advance to KSF! Since this is a new class, you can still enter Architectural Block design if enrolled in Self-Determined. For 2022, you will need to be enrolled in STEM/Architectural Blocks.
- 6) Resources in STEM/Space Tech have been updated in several areas.



**Deadline approaching—DON'T DELAY!**



## 4-H CAMPFERENCE

### A Cosmic Campference

June 27-30, 2021

Rock Spring 4-H Center

**Ages 12-14, before January 1, 2021**

**Registration closes May 15, 2021**

**Or earlier if filled (register early)**

#### Highlights:

4-H Campference is an event for youth ages 12-14, who are ready to take 4-H to the next level.

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council combines the best aspects of a camp and a conference into an event for middle school youth who still want the 'fun' of 4-H camp, but who also want to challenge themselves to develop critical skills so that they can set themselves up for success in the future. Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Members will serve as counselors for this event.

The pace of 4-H Campference will be upbeat, combining fun-filled games with time to talk, listen and learn. Youth should expect to be challenged and should prepare themselves for a thrilling experience, as youth from all across the State of Kansas will be attending.

The week will include learning more about leadership, workshops, and thrilling opportunities that lie ahead in the 4-H program.

Each day will be broken down into time for traditional camp activities, such as horses, canoeing, mountain bikes, leadership adventure and workshops. Other important activities include a talent show, campfire, games, swimming, and free time to meet and enjoy new friends from across the state.

#### Who Should Register:

All youth who plan to attend 4-H Campference. Youth participants must be 12-14 years old before January 1, 2021. The experience is brief, so delegates should plan to attend full time (Sunday - Wednesday).

#### Registration:

Registration information is found on [www.Kansas4H.org](http://www.Kansas4H.org) under the events registration button. Online registration is open until May 15 or until spots are filled. Payments are due to your local Extension Office on May 15. There is a cancellation fee of \$25, this fee will be applied to anyone who registers and then cancels by May 15. Anyone who cancels after May 15 will be assessed the full fee to come to Campference.

**Space is limited, and has filled the past several years before the deadline, so register early.**

**Once registration is completed your confirmation will have a link to complete additional information on the CampinTouch Portal through Rock Springs.**

**Cost:** \$320.00 includes: a 2021 Campference T-shirt, Rock Springs T-Shirt, water bottle, retreat lodging, meals, insurance, and program fees. Delegates should pay fees to their local Extension Office to the fund they designate, they will in turn write one check for all delegates from your unit.

Begins 4:30 p.m. on June 27 (Sunday) through 1:00 p.m. June 30 (Wednesday).

4-H Campference is sponsored by the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

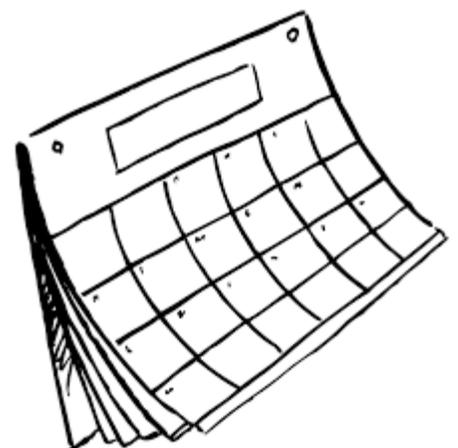
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# UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 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 15      DEADLINE 4-H Campference registration
- May 15      DEADLINE 4-H Discovery Days registration
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- 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 15      DEADLINE to complete YQCA to have animal BCFA 4-H Premium Auction
- June 17      Poultry Pullorum Testing
- June 20      HOK Counselors to RSR for training
- June 21-24   Heart Of Kansas 4-H Camp
- June 26      Dog Show—old 4-H Grounds
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- July 1        4-H Clothing Construction/Buymanship/Fashion Revue/Fiber Arts judging
- July 7-11     Barton County Fair



**Junior Leaders**

**May 17 at 6 pm**

**4-H Council**

**May 17 at 7:30 pm**

**Meetings are held at the 4-H Education Building (Hwy 281) OR Zoom Conference Call**



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