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May 2019

Ellis County

4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

Summer is almost upon us.

There are several exciting workshop opportunities and the Ellis County Fair in the weeks ahead. Check out the details and come join us for these fun summer program opportunities. (Several of them have you register directly through the local Recreation Commissions.)

The Ellis Co. Fairbook is now posted on-line at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu Check it out! It's your guide to exhibit categories for each of the project areas. You will receive a printed copy of the fairbook in the near future. Thank the Fairboard for providing these handy references to us!

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call! Come join the fun and learning!

Yours in 4-H,

Susan Schlichting

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County Extension Agent – 4-H Youth Development



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! We do offer many ways for you to contact our office. See below.



Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Achievement Banquet, 4-H Day, Promotion – April 30, 5:30 – Ext. Office

4-H Council – April 30, 6:30 – Ext. Office

4-H Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand & Subcommittees – May 9, 5:30 – Ext. Office

Fair Superintendent Meeting – May 21, 6:00 p.m. Fairgrounds – **RSVP by Friday, May 15**

Ways to Contact Us

- We make a drop box 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
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- May 1** – Last Day to Make Changes to Your 4-H Enrollment for 2018
- May 1** – 4-H Horse ID Papers Due in Ext. Office
- May 1** – Registered Breeding Livestock in name of 4-H'er
- May 1** – Heart of KS 4-H Camp Registrations Due
- May 1** – Bucket Calf & Commercial Breeding Heifer forms due in Ext. Office
- May 3 – 5:00 p.m.** – **Sign up Deadline for Market Poultry Project**
- May 8** – Enroll in 3-2-1 Blast Off Classes through the local REC
- May 15** – Campference Registrations Due
- May 15** – 4-H Academy Registrations Due
- May 24** – State Geology Fieldtrip Registrations due
- May 24** – Teen Leadership Day Camp Registrations Due

4-H On-line Enrollment

Hopefully by now, you have gone on and completed your family profile and enrolled your members on-line. Remember, **you can make changes to your enrollments until May 1. Your enrollment is not final until you have successfully paid the \$15 fee.**



Congrats to . . .

Graduating Seniors . . . Aubry Appelhans, Megan Cranwell, Abigail Dickinson, Brett Droegemeier, Tanner Haselhorst, Alexia Oxenford, Brittani Park, Emma Pope, Elijah Raub, Jacob Schmeidler, Connor Staab and Bryce Wasinger.

Camp Scholarship Recipients. . . Alyssa Church, Aydan Church, Kylie Dreiling, Nicole Dreiling, Brett Droegemeier, Macie Herrman, Keeli Kimzey, Kaleb Neher, Faith Schmeidler, Grace A. Schmeidler, Grace B. Schmeidler, Jacob Schmeidler, Taegan Shannon, Harper Sultzer, Lizzy Vajnar and John Wasinger.

Camp Counselors for Heart of KS 4-H Camp . . . Kylie Dreiling, Brett Droegemeier, Alexia Oxenford, Jacob Schmeidler and Sasha Wasinger.



4-H Quilt Project Workshops Continue

We are getting ready for the next 4-H Quilt workshop. Thanks to Tatum Kimzey for stepping up to lead these learning sessions. Sessions set for May 20 and 27, 5:30 – 7 at the Ext. Office. If you would like to join this creative fun, give the Extension Office a call or contact Tatum.

4-H Knitting Project Workshops

We are getting ready to start knitting for the year. Thanks to Rae Smith for offering these learning opportunities. If you would like to know how to knit, come and join the fun! May 16, June 13, 18, 27, 5:30 – 7 p.m. All meetings are at the Extension Office.

4-H Photography Project Workshops

Thanks to Christy Befort who is continuing to offer 4-H Photo workshops for those interested in learning some new and fun techniques to try with your camera. Upcoming date. . . May 6, 5:30 at the Extension Office.

Livestock ID Procedures

Large and Small animal ID procedures for 2019 are posted to the Ellis Co.4-H website. Please take time to review them.

Small Livestock Weigh-in Date Set for May 1, 6 – 8 p.m.

If you're planning to show Feeder Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep or Swine at this year's Ellis County Fair, make plans now to get your official 4-H tags and tag your project animals before the weigh-in at the Fairgrounds. Swine will continue to have to option to weigh or have their tags visually inspected. The Ellis Co. Spring Livestock Show has been set as an alternate weigh-in date on Sunday, May 5, 7 – 9 a.m. ***Please call our office BEFORE THE MAY 1 WEIGH IN to let us know if you plan to use the alternate date.***

Bucket Calf and Commercial Breeding Heifer Photo ID

Don't forget to purchase your official 4-H EID tag and snap a photo of the project animal with the tag in its ear now. These are submitted to the Extension Office **by 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 1.**

[Bucket Calf Photo ID Form](#)

[Commercial Breeding Heifer Photo ID Form](#)

Livestock Deadlines for Kansas State Fair and Kansas Jr. Livestock Show Participation

May 1—All Market Steer/Heifer nominations for the KSF and KJLS are due in Manhattan.

June 15 – All Commercial Heifer, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goat nominations for KSF and KJLS are due in Manhattan.

Ellis County Spring Livestock Show

A committee is working hard to make this year's Spring Livestock show a great success. The date for this year's show is Sunday, May 6. Registration and Spring Show Circuit Rules are posted on the NCK Livestock Circuit Facebook page.



4-H HORSE ID PAPERS DUE MAY 1

Horse ID papers are available at the Extension Office or on line at kansas4-h.org. You have to have these papers completed and on **file with our office by May 1** in order to show at 4-H sanctioned horse shows. Now's the time to get the photos taken and the forms filed with the Extension Office.

District Horse Show Entry Deadline – June 14

District Horse Show – July 3 - Oakley



Cat Proof of Vaccination for County Fair

Cats & kittens (over 2 months of age) shown at the Ellis Co. Fair must be current on rabies and distemper vaccinations. Be prepared to provide proof of vaccination at show check in.



4-H Market Poultry Project

Contact Theresa by phone by 5 p.m. Friday, May 3 if you would like to participate in this year's 4-H Market Poultry project. Thanks to Orscheln's who are again giving 5 baby chicks to each 4-H member enrolled in the poultry project who signs up by the May 3 deadline. **You must talk directly to Theresa to sign up. No emails or voicemails!**

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2018 is set for July 14 - 20, 2019.
The Theme is "Follow the Fairground Road"



Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

We have posted an on-line form that you can complete to let us know how you'd like to help. Older 4-H'ers and interested adults are encouraged to join our "team" in getting things ready for this year's Fair. [Here's the link to the on-line form.](#) Once again, all clubs will be asked to recruit volunteers to help with a variety of jobs at the Fair, as well. Watch for that listing coming your way soon.



4-H Camp Here WE Come!

4-H Camp will be held June 11 -14 at Rock Springs 4-H Center! Get ready to have fun exploring streams, riding horses, canoeing, swimming, and much more! Start asking your clubs now for financial support to attend. **Registrations are due May 1.**

Campference

Too old to go to 4-H Camp, but you love camp? **Campference is for YOU!** It's held at Rock Springs, June 24 – 26. Campference is a cross between Camp and a Leadership Conference for 12 – 14 year old 4-H members. Registration will open soon on the [State 4-H](#) website. Register quickly, as spaces fill quickly. There's been a long waiting list the last 3 years! Don't miss out!

4-H Leadership Day Camp – June 6

If you are 12 – 18 and want to step up your skills, here's your chance to build your leadership skills! Our summer leadership intern will be guiding you through a variety of engaging activities filled with leadership learning and fun! Watch for more details coming your way soon and come and join us!

4-H Academy . . . Explore Your Pathway

June 23-26

Rock Springs 4-H Center

The 4-H Academy is fun, fast-paced and a great way to build strong, fit mental muscles in a subject that interests you. Explore, learn and ask the experts to satisfy your deeply-rooted curiosity to understand more about the topic. The best part is you choose and register for the pathway that will inspire you at 4-H Academy. Each pathway is created to challenge your critical thinking skills and open new approaches for learning. You'll be amazed and enthused to excel!

4-H Academy offers engaging and exciting activities and challenges that will guide you through adventures to the capstone finale where you and your explorer team share exhilarating discoveries. Choose from: **Horse,**

Leadership, Photography, GPS, and Environmental Science

Register for one of the following pathways at: <https://www.kansas4hfoundation.org/4hacademycamp/> **Register by May 15.**



[Kansas 4-H Geology Fieldtrip](#)

This year's 4-H Geology Fieldtrip is set for June 7-9, 2019. All 4-H'ers and family members interested in collecting geology specimens for their 4-H project work are invited to join one of two sites that will be available June 7-9. **Register on-line by May 24.**

- [Northern Smoky Hills](#) - Headquartered in the Republic County 4-H Building in Belleville, KS
- [Southern Osage Cuestas](#) - Headquartered in the Flint Hills Middle / High School, in Rosalia, KS



KS 4-H Insect Spectacular 2019

SAVE THE DATE! June 21 & 22, 2019. The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular is for all youth, beginning through advanced- there will be something for all ages and experience levels. At least one parent must register and attend with child. This year's Insect Spectacular will be hosted at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center northeast of Great Bend. Visit the [Entomology event page](#) for more info.

Changes to Entomology division at the Kansas State Fair:

Please look closely at the guidelines for Entomology at the Kansas State Fair for 2019. Two significant changes have been made that we would like you to be aware of.

- 1) Choosing the Taxonomy of Option A or B is now the 4-H member's choice. They DO NOT have to change to Option B if they do not want to.
- 2) The guidelines for the Educational Exhibit class have been expanded. While 4-H'ers can still make an insect collection exhibit in the standard display box, they can also make a poster, display, game, webpage, or any other creative exhibit that fits within the space allowed. We strongly encourage educational exhibits to be related to learning experiences from the [Teaming With Insects](#) curriculum.



Consider Hosting for the Summer 2019 4-H Japan Inbound Exchange

Looking for some new fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, July 23 – August 17. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities to 27 families this summer. We need host families who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl; most are aged 12-14. We need to make host family

assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-16, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life. If you have further questions, please call Rose Scott, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, 785-388-2009 or 785-565-3197, or e-mail sixtykid2@gmail.com.



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