Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

Summer is HERE! How’s your 4-H project work coming along? Camp is just around the corner and Fair isn’t far off. You’ll find a variety of topics dealing with Fair in this issue. Watch for another mailing with fair forms for all areas coming your way soon. Fair entry deadline for Livestock, Horse, Small Animals and Clothing Buymanship/Fashion Revue project areas is Tuesday, June 15 this year ALL OTHER entries in 4-H & Open Class will need to be entered into the Fairentry system by JULY 1. We will be using the same Fair entry process on-line this year. Watch for more info. on this process in the FAIR EDITION of the newsletter.

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

Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Fashion Revue Planning – June 3, 1:30 – Front Meeting Room
4-H Scholarship & Development – June 9, 5:30 - Zoom
4-H Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand – June 9, 6:00 - Foodstand
4-H Council – June 10, 6:30 – Ext. Office

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
• sschlich@ksu.edu

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.

Important Deadlines to Note

June 15 – Youth Quality Care of Livestock Required On-line Training Due
June 15 – All Commercial Heifer, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goat nominations for KSF and KJLS are due in Manhattan.
June 15 – County Fair Entry Deadline for Livestock, Fashion Revue, Horse & Small Animal Projects
June 25 – District Horse Show Entries Due online
July 1 – Submit Club Volunteer Lists to Ext. Office
July 1 – Sign Up for Fairgrounds Work Nite
July 1 – 4-H and Open Exhibits Entries for Ellis Co. Fair Close
July 15 – KSF Livestock Entries Postmarked
July 15 – Enroll in the KS 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Project
July 23 – KSF Small Animal and Indoor Exhibits Pre-entered with Ext. Office
July 23 – Register for KS 4-H Wheat Expo in El Dorado
July 23 – Register KSF Horse entries with Ext. Office
July 23 – Entries for 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes due in Ext. Office
Meet the Interns
The Cottonwood Extension District is hosting several college interns this summer. If you see them, help us welcome them to the area!

Mattie Rossi is working in the Hays office and Tamara Robertson is in the Great Bend office. Watch for more information and photos in the Fair Edition of the newsletter.

Livestock Deadlines for Kansas State Fair and Kansas Jr. Livestock Show Participation
June 15 – Youth Quality Care of Animals required course completed to show at KSF and KJLS
June 15 – All Commercial Heifer, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats nominations for KSF and KJLS are due in Manhattan.
July 15 – Kansas State Fair Entries Postmarked

Don’t Forget to De-Worm Livestock Projects
4-Hers if you haven’t done so, I would recommend that you be sure and de-worm livestock projects for internal and external parasites. By doing this it can increase animal gains, improve hair coats and make the animals more comfortable. Swine are very prone to lice and may need treated every month, plus their housing area and bedding will need treated as well. If you need further information give us a call or your veterinarian.

District Horse Show Entry Deadline – June 25
District Horse Show – July 8 – Norton
Ellis County is required to provide 2 volunteers for the District Horse Show. If you are able to help out, let the Extension Office know.

Poultry Testing for County Fair in 2021
If you are showing chickens and need to have them Pollurum tested for entry in the county fair, please contact the Extension Office by June 15 to sign up. We will be conducting the testing at the Extension Office on June 29 at 5:30 p.m.

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.

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2021 is set for July 10 - 17, 2021
The Theme is “Ellis County Fair Safari – It’s a Jungle Out There”

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 Fair Books
A special printed copy of the Ellis Co. fair book is provided to 4-H families by the Fairboard. These are in the Extension Office and ready for distribution at your June club meetings. Stop by and pick your club’s books. You can also view the books online at https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/EllisCountyFair.html

Foods Judges Resources
If you’re a County Fair Foods Judge or if you are interested in what judges look for when evaluating your products, check out these new resources from K-state - http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/

Fair Supplies Fair stall cards and photo matte board are available for pick-up at the Extension Office. Photo Matte Board are available for $1.50 per sheet.
Rocket Kits for Sale
If you’re not able to participate in the Rocketry class this summer, you may be interested in purchasing a kit from our office. They range from $7.50-$12 each and are suitable for beginner to intermediate rocketeers. We do have a few rocket engines available for purchase, as well, for a small fee. You can also check out the rocket launch systems from our office to complete your rocket launch prior to the Fair.

Virtual KS 4-H Insect Spectacular 2021
We are excited to announce the 2021 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular is scheduled for June 21st, 23rd, and 25th. This year there will be three webinar sessions each lasting about an hour. Each session will begin at 7:00 PM CST. The sessions are open to all youth and are designed as an opportunity to learn as a group. You may participate in one or all three of the following planned sessions:

Monday, June 21st- Lookalike Insects: and how to properly identify them - Isaac Fox
Wednesday, June 23rd- Invasive Species: Asian Giant Hornets - Vicky Wallace
Friday, June 25th- Invasive Species - Sharon Dobesh
Please register by June 11th – 2021 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular Registration Visit the Entomology event page for more info.

National Festival of Breads Online, June 9
Here’s a great opportunity to learn tips and tricks from the best bakers in the nation! It’s FREE to participate.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Presenters Needed
The 17th Annual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is November 20 —21 at Rock Springs. This conference, for 14-18-year-old 4-Hers, will include speakers, workshops, consulting groups and the election of the 2019 Kansas State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. If you would like to join the Ellis Co. 4-H leadership team to plan and present a workshop for KYLF, contact Susan by June 25.

K-State Summer Camps
K-State host a variety of summer camps — some in person and some virtual. Learn more at https://www.k-state.edu/summer/camps/

Photography Leaders WANTED!
C.A.T.S. (Cameras at the Springs) is a training, networking weekend (Saturday morning through Sunday morning designed to provide leaders with hands on photo shooting activities, resources from print, web and mentors and materials to take back to your home county to use with youth.

If you would serve as a photography volunteer leader, you could attend C.A.T.S. at no cost to you beyond transportation to Rock Springs. Up to 24 volunteers are eligible to attend with full scholarship joining with those who attended the 2019 session. Adults and youth age 16 and older are welcome to attend for training.

Interested??? Contact your local Extension Office and submit your name. C.A.T.S. 2021 will be held Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10, at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Plans are already being made to provide fun, learning and lots of sharing about photography. Questions? Contact Christy Befort- Clixbychristy@gbta.net or Eric Otte- eotte@ksu.edu

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