State Fair Pick-up

State Fair entries and comment cards are now available for pick-up from our Extension office in Westmoreland.

2019-2020 4-H Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

Enrollment and re-enrollment will open on October 2nd and will be done via 4-H Online. If you have forgotten your email login or password, PLEASE do not create a second account. Instead, contact myself, at skuciused@ksu.edu or call 785-457-3319 and we can assist you. The deadline to enroll and change projects will be May 1, however, we highly recommend enrolling before Dec 1 to make sure you receive relevant project area e-mails and updates.

You simply need to go into your profile already set up in 4honline and make any changes such as: email addresses, phone number, physical address, and project changes. If you are an officer in your club or a club leader, please indicate by checking the volunteer as “yes” and then go into the participation part and state what your role is.

As a reminder, the fee of $15 is being covered by local sponsors and 4-H Council. When you enroll, please select: A local sponsor has agreed to pay my fee. There is no charge for Cloverbud.
Announcement / Events

Achievement Banquet  **** RSVP to Club leaders by October 14th****

Our achievement banquet is set for 12:30pm on Sunday, October 20th at St. Bernard Church in Wamego. Awards committee interviews will be held leading up to it on Wednesday, October 16th. If you have any pictures of club activities, please share them with us, we are looking to find some for the slide show! (skuciusd@ksu.edu)

Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters Opportunity

The Riley/Pottawatomie 4-H Straight Shooters will be kicking off the 2019-20 Shooting Sports project year with their annual Beginning Air Gun Safety & Education class. This is a required class for any 4-Her wanting to participate in BB Gun, Air Pistol, and Air Rifle (new shooters only). There will be 1 session offered this year. The class will be held at the ROTC range in the basement of Myers Hall on the K-State Campus. The class consists of a Friday evening session and all day Saturday. The dates will be Oct. 18th-19th. Following the safety class, weekly practices on Tuesday nights (Thursday nights may be available) will be held at the ROTC range in the basement of Myers Hall on the K-State Campus. All classes and practices require a parent or guardian to be present during the sessions.

It is important for any family who wants their youth enrolled in 4-H Shooting Sports to go to 4HOnline on Oct. 1, 2019 to sign up! Please try to have your enrollment done by Oct. 7th. Our numbers grow each year, and our facilities limit the number of participants we can accommodate in the project. Also, each family needs to contact Susan Schanks, County Coordinator, to sign up for the class. Attendance on both days is required.

Note: Enrollees in the Beginning Class will be required to take BB Gun before moving up to Air Pistol/Air Rifle unless they are 14 years old or older. Small Bore Pistol/Rifle (.22) and Senior Hunting Skills participants (14+) require 1 year of Air Pistol/Air Rifle in order to enroll in those disciplines.

If there are any questions regarding the 4-H Shooting Sports project, please contact Susan Schanks at sschanks@yahoo.com or 785-313-7213
4-H Council Meeting: Oct. 28th @ 7pm

This will be the first meeting with the New 4-H Council members. Please try to attend if you have been selected to be on the 4-H Council for your Club. Also, be thinking about which committee you would like to serve on. There are 3 different committees for each 3 members of the club. Fair Committee, Events Committee and Publicity Committee.

Record book / KAP Judging.

Judging for Riley county record books (who we’re switching with) will be Thursday, October 3rd in the Sunflower room. We will beginning at 9 am and going until finished. We can use anyone’s help who would like to join us! It’s a great way to learn more about KAP’s and record books in general.

Ambassador Applications

Are you currently a freshman in high school or older? Are you interested in making new 4-H friends from all Pottawatomie County? Consider becoming a 4-H Ambassador. Ambassadors will be the face of all things Pottawatomie County 4-H. They promote our local 4-H program at county-wide events, raise funds, and work as a team to ensure the 4-H mission is known in our County communities. We are currently accepting applications for those interested in taking their 4-H experience to the next level. Applications are due November 15th.

Thank you’s

If you haven’t already done so, please write a thank you to your fair award sponsors and thank them for their generous donation to our 4-H program! Let them know about how important they are to the success and support of our county 4-H program. Feel free to contact the Office if you need contact information.

Annual Officers Training

We will gather Tuesday, October 29 for our annual 4-H officers training event in conjunction with Riley and Dickinson counties. We will meet from 6:30-8:00 pm at Pottorf Hall in Cico Park. Please send both Sr. and Jr. club officers to the training event. As with years past, we will have training available for President, Vice, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Historian, Parliamentarian, Song Leader, and Recreational Leader.
Citizens Washington Focus

Attention all youth who will be 14-18 by January 1, 2022. Here is a great opportunity for you to attend Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C. at the National 4-H Center. Riley and Wa-bunsee counties have offered to team up with our county in this experience. To learn more about the requirements and fundraising options, please contact Daniel (skuciusd@ksu.edu). As well, we will be putting information on the Pott. KSRE website very soon. This trip will truly be one of the best highlights of your 4-H career! Please reach out soon (as there are fundraising opportunities already in the works.) No sign-up is required right now, we are currently in the process of spreading the word and gauging interest.

However....

Those who are interested, please note the upcoming garage sale in Riley county for us to begin Fundraising! Beginning to fundraise now does not lock you down to the trip. But, it does allow you to begin working on required fundraising hours early! To sign up for the fundraiser, visit: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D44ADA72FA4FD0-april

Cosmosphere will host 4-H Drone and Robotics Olympics

Cosmosphere 4-HDrone + Robot Olympics will begin Friday, October 4, at 4 p.m., and will end on Saturday, October 5, at 4 p.m. Participants will receive introduction education about drones and robots, then split between a robot group and drone group, then continue training activities for each vehicle and finally, a team competition with several challenges using both vehicles. Participants will learn how to program robots and use sensors and understand how to pilot drones. There will also be a tour of the Cosmosphere, a planetarium show, and a digital dome program. Registration also includes three meals and an overnight stay.

This Cosmosphere collaboration is designed to be an adult-child experience, where 4-H members and adults can interact and learn from these fun and educational experiences. The program will include overnight indoor camping at the Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson, KS, (bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items). The experience is open to 4-H members, parents, grandparents, volunteer 4-H leaders, and KSRE staff.

Deadline for registration is September 20th and registration

Find out more at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/tipsheet/announcement/?id=55837
National 4-H Week

Don’t forget, national 4-H week is coming up on October 6th-12th. Now is a great time to start planning activities as a club for the week! (Including a service project for 48 hours of 4-H on the 12th/13th!). The state has great resources available on their website.

Find marketing promo at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/national4hweek.html
And 48 hours of 4-H info at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html

State Dog Conference

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 19-20 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all Kansas 4-H members, accompanying parents, volunteer 4-H leaders and KSRE staff. The theme is “Rock Star 4-H Dogs” . Cost is $125.00 for full-time participants, $75.00 for Saturday only and $50.00 for Sunday only. The fee for full-time registration covers all educational sessions, speakers, dog presentations, quiz bowl, skill-a-thon, lunch, dinner and breakfast, breaks, and one night’s lodging at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Part-time registration costs are less for fewer educational programs and services provided. T-shirts and hoodies may be ordered on-line for an additional cost. Register and find out more at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/tipsheet/announcement/?id=56122

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend - KYLF and KVF **Updated 09/16**

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas Volunteer Forum is now open on the 4-H Event Registration System and ready for you and your 4-H members and volunteers to register in August. The Forums will be held November 23-24, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2020 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective.

Again this year, participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2019 for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate. https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html
Conservation Speech Contest (Non-4-H Announcement)

The Pottawatomie County Conservation District will be holding their forty first annual speech contest in October. The theme for the 2019 contest is: “Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home”.

The county contest will be held at the Pottawatomie County Conservation District Office Conference Room, at 501 State Street, Westmoreland, on Thursday, October 10, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The county speech contest winner will be presented $100 for their efforts. Second and Third place contestants will receive $25.

The local winner will be entered in the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) Area IV contest, with competition from 23 counties. Cash prizes will be awarded. Information for this contest will be determined at a later date.

The northeast area winner will then enter the state speech contest to be held in Wichita on Monday, November 25, 2019. The Conservation District and the KACD Auxiliary may provide expenses to the state contest. Prizes of $1,000 first place, $500 second place and $250 for each Honorable Mention will be awarded at the state level.

Please provide this information to any interested ninth-twelfth grade students from Pottawatomie County and encourage them to enter this worthwhile contest.

For a complete list of rules and guidelines for the contest and an entry form please call (785) 457-3398 Ext 3 or e-mail chalee.braun@ks.nacdnet.net. Thank you!

Photo Contest!

The Pottawatomie County Conservation District is sponsoring a Photography Contest to recognize individuals who use photography to capture conservation images effectively and creatively. The competition is open to amateur photographers (those who earn less than 80% of their income from photography) who are residents of or attend school in Pottawatomie County. One entry per individual will be accepted. The contest is open to all ages.


Photo entries can be taken anytime from now until September 30, 2019 when the contest closes, and entries will need to be submitted.

For contest rules and questions please contact Pottawatomie County Conservation District, 501 State Street Westmoreland, KS at (785) 457-3398.
Funds will go towards supporting "Citizen Washington Focus" Youth of Pottawatomie, Riley, and Wabaunsee counties.

We're looking for a huge selection of items to be donated including:

- Accessories
- Games
- Movies
- Blankets
- Bike, Scooters, and Trikes

Garage Sale: Friday, October 18th, 6:00-8:00 pm / Saturday, October 19th, 7:30-Noon
Drop off items on location: Thursday, October 17th, Noon-8:00 pm / Friday, October 18th, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Shop Til You Drop...or Donate

Huge Selection

Contact 4-H Agent John Jobe at the Riley County Extension Office with questions (785) 337-6350

Accessory
Games
Movies
Blankets
Bike, Scooters, and Trikes

Holiday Decor
Sports Equipment
Toys
Shoes
Furniture
Tools
Household Items

Winter Coats
Working power tools
Working electronics
Baby Items
Children's Clothing
Women's Clothing
Men's Clothing

Riley County/Wabaunsee County/Pottawatomie County 4-H Fundraiser

$5 Sale

Weath Barn in Cico Park • North of Pottor Hall
Kids Corner!

Can you find ten four-leaf clovers?

COLOR ALL THE 3-LEAF CLOVERS ONE SHADE OF GREEN, AND USE ANOTHER SHADE OF GREEN FOR THE 4-LEAF CLOVERS!
Date and Deadlines

September
Sept. 30 KAP and Awards Due

October
Oct. 3 Record Book Judging (Sunflower Room)
Oct. 6-12 National 4-H Week
Oct. 7 Dog Conference Deadline
Oct. 15 KYLF and KVF Early Bird Registration ends
Oct. 14 RVP Deadline for Achievement Banquet
Oct. 16 Outstanding 4-Her Interviews (Evening time frame)
Oct. 17-19 CWF Garage Sale @ Riley County Fairgrounds
Oct. 19 State Dog Conference
Oct. 20 Achievement Banquet
Oct. 29 Officer training @ Riley County Fairgrounds

What do you call it when one cow spies on another?

Answer: A steak out!