In-Person 4-H Meetings & Events

We received notice recently that K-State Research & Extension and Kansas 4-H have decided that the preferred method for all extension and 4-H meetings and events is by virtual means due to the current COVID-19 situation. If you would like to hold an in-person 4-H meeting or event, please contact Daniel Skucius to submit a Face to Face Meeting necessity form to the State KSRE office. Preferably 2 weeks prior to the meeting or event. This form will ask for a brief description of the proposed meeting or event, educational objectives; justification of why the meeting/event needs to be held in person, and a plan for COVID-19 mitigation. KSRE administration will review the forms and provide feedback. This is NOT a ban on face-to-face, but it is a step we need to take before having face-to-face meetings.

Re-Enrollment: Volunteers and Members alike!

If you have not re-enrolled via 4-Honline and are an active member or volunteer, please do so ASAP! We would like everyone to be re-enrolled by January 1st. This ensures newsletters, project information, and more can make it to you. Re-enroll for this 4-H year by going to this link. Instruction on how to enroll can be found here.

4-H Club Days

Time to start planning your Demonstrations, Music performances, Project Talks, Gavel Games or other activities for the upcoming Club Days! Things will be different this year due to COVID-19 protocol. Current information can be found on the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter.

2020-21 Ambassadors

Congratulations to the new Pottawatomie Ambassadors! The applicants did a great job interviewing and will be awesome additions. That being said, the following 4-H members are your 2020-21 Pottawatomie ambassadors: New: Tyree Figge, Jaydee Abitz, Hayes Rickstrew, Kiersten Blankley. Returning: Grant Dugan, Allison Moser, Emma Kasselman, Elyse Louderback, and Elizabeth SinghDhillon.
**JR. Producer Day: Beef and Sheep**

The 2021 KSU Junior Producer Days will be hosted virtually as week-long educational events this year. Kansas Junior Swine Producer Week will be February 15-20, 2021, with Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Week being March 15-20. There will be a few presentations throughout the week, with each of the programs wrapping up on Saturday morning. The junior day events will be free this year, thanks to gracious sponsors, but all participants will still need to register. Participants will need to register by February 8 and March 8, respectively, to receive the information. **Flyers are found at the end of this newsletter.**

Here are the registration links:

**Summer Camp Dates**

Mark your calendars, summer camp is schedule!

Purple Power Pack Counselors: June 17-18
Purple Power Pack Camp: June 18-21

More information is sure to come, but, the plan is currently for an in-person camp experience.

**Citizens in Action**

**What:** Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you’ll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

**When:** February 14-15, 2021

**Where:** Virtual

**Who:** Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

**Registration Deadline:** February 1, 2021

[More info and Registration](#)
4-H Scholarships

The 2020 Kansas 4-H Scholarship is now available by clicking here. Applications for all 2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarships will be collected online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2021

New Record Keeping and Project Report Forms!

The new Kansas 4-H record book forms are here! This roll out is very new, but, from what I can see these form should make life easier for members. Here are some key points to begin with.

- Agents are being provided tools for local trainings. So more training for our families will be forthcoming!
- It is very important to have the newest Adobe Acrobat Viewer DC (free). Info on downloading it is found at the first webpage link below.
- Big change: There are separate record books for animals vs. general projects. All animals projects should use the animal forms (livestock, rabbits, dogs, cats, etc.). However, do not worry if some parts are not applicable for your animal, inapplicable parts may be left blank.
- Families DO NOT have to copy all of their old permanent record form information into the new permanent record form.

You can find the new forms, guides, and rubrics here: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html

4-H Council Dates for 2020 **Updated from November**

January 25th, March 22nd, May TBD, July 26th, September 27th, November 22nd

Extension’s COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

We must remain vigilant to keep safety of the participants, volunteers and public top priority during this COVID-19 pandemic. We ask that all participants do their part to minimize the risk by staying home if you are sick, wearing a face covering, maintaining social distance, and following all other health recommendations from our local health department. Please review the 4-H Meeting
January
25th  4-H Council Meeting

February
1st    CIA registration due
8th    Junior Swine Producer Week registration deadline
27th   4-H Day
14th-15th  Citizenship in Action Virtual Conference
15th-20th  Junior Swine Producer Week

March
1st    4-H Scholarship Application deadline
8      Junior Meat Goat Producer Week registration deadline
15-20  Junior Meat Goat Producer Week
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4-H DAY 2021

Pottawatomie - Wabaunsee

WHEN: FEBRUARY 27TH
WHERE: WAMEGO, SPECIFICS TBA
HOW: LIVE VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFO WILL BE RELEASED IN EARLY JANUARY

Changes to Promote Safety

-Masks will be required

-Families may choose whether to participate live virtually or in-person

-All times will be scheduled by the ext. offices

- No group performances
  (i.e. Skits, ensembles, dance.)

- Gavel Games will only be via pre-recorded video submission.
  Show us how to run a virtual meeting!

The in-person option is subject to change if new state, local, or KSRE guidelines are enacted

*K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact, Daniel Skudlarski, two weeks prior to the start of the event (2/12/2021) at 785-457-3319 or skudlarski@ksu.edu. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.*
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March 15-20, 2021
Kansas State University Hosted Virtually

Join us March 15-20 for a virtual Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Week. This educational event will span a week of sessions during which youth, parents, meat goat project leaders, and adults can increase their knowledge of meat goat production and management practices. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students, and guest speakers. Sessions will be conducted during the week, with the program concluding on Saturday morning. All presentations will be recorded and shared with those who register, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows. The program is free this year, but all attendees will need to register using the link below.

Register Online by March 8!

Schedule (tentative):

**Tuesday, March 16**
- 6:30 PM  Selection
- 7:15 PM  Nutrition & Daily Feeding
- 7:45 PM  Wrap-up

**Thursday, March 18**
- 6:30 PM  Health & Wellness
- 7:00 PM  Livestock Guard Dogs
- 7:30 PM  Wrap-up

**Saturday, March 20**
- 9:00 AM  Equipment & Daily Care
- 9:30 AM  Chipping & Show Day Prep
- 10:00 AM  Showmanship
- 10:30 AM  Overall Q&A, Wrap-up
- 1:00 PM  State Livestock Nominations*  

*(optional for those interested in exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KLS)*

Thanks To Our Sponsors!

- Essential Show Feeds
- Valley Vet Supply
- K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry

Door Prizes!

We will be drawing for show equipment and supplies!

Questions? Contact:

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To Register Online:  https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek

Although the program is being provided free of charge, thanks to our generous sponsors, we do need ALL participants to register, including youth and adults.

Make sure to use a valid email address that a member of your household checks regularly, as we'll be relying on email correspondence leading up to the program.

Watch your email the week of March 8 for attendee details and specific links!
February 15-20, 2021
Kansas State University
Hosted Virtually

Please join us February 15-20 for a virtual Kansas Junior Swine Producer Week. This educational event will span a week of sessions during which youth, parents, swine project leaders and adults can increase their knowledge of swine production and management practices. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by K-State faculty members and graduate students, as well as guest speakers. Sessions will be conducted during the week, with the program concluding on Saturday morning. All presentations will be recorded and shared with those who register, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows. The program is free this year, but all attendees will need to register using the link provided below.

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- 6:30 PM: Meat Science & Cookery
- 7:00 PM: Health Management & Diseases
- 7:30 PM: Wrap-up

**Saturday, February 20**
- 9:00 AM: Equipment & Daily Care
- 9:30 AM: Clipping & Show Day Prep
- 10:00 AM: Showmanship
- 10:45 AM: Q&A, Final Wrap-up
- 1:00 PM: State Livestock Nominations*  
  (*optional for those interested in exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or KJLS)

Thanks To Our Sponsors!
- Kansas Pork Association
- Essential Show Feeds
- Valley Vet Supply
- K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry

Door Prizes!
We will be drawing for show equipment, supplies, & fun pork paraphernalia!

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