4-H Day follow-up and Opportunity

First off, thank you for those that participated in 4-H days! We greatly appreciated your help in creating a safe event. Secondly, did you miss the day or had to scratch? Then don’t forget that our county fair has an underutilized class for demonstrations, illustrated talks, project talks, and public speaking! It’d be a great way to put your hard work to use. Class # 41360.

4-H Project Deadline - May 1

May 1st is coming up, that is the deadline to add 4-H projects to your 4-H online profile. The projects you add are the ones that you can then take to the county fair. If you think you might be interested at all in a project for fair, don’t hesitate to add it!

KAP Project Report Forms

As a reminder from last fall, Kansas 4-H has transitioned to Project report forms. The new forms, guides, and tutorials from Kansas 4-H have been added to our county website. Find them at this link: https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/ks-4-h-award-portfolio.html

Swine Project Meetings!

The DeRoucehy family of Wamego are putting on a Swine Project education series. The three part series is designed to help families navigate raising swine to show at our county fair. This would be great for both new and experienced swine families! See flier at the end of the newsletter for more information.

4-H Council Meeting - Fair Theme

Our next 4-H council meeting is March 22nd. We have a lot of business to take care of, including the decision of a Fair Theme. If you have any suggestions, be sure to tell a 4-H council representative! Short themes that can fit on a t-shirt are encouraged.
Summer Camp Update Coming 3/22

This past week we received updates regarding plans for an in-person 4-H camp at Rock Springs. Our camp group is currently working on adjustments for Purple Power Pack to meet COVID criteria as we wait for additional information. You can expect a communication on 3/22 regarding final camp plans. What we do know for sure is the dates below!

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

Pizza, Pizza!

On March 30th, Pizza Hut in Wamego will hold a fundraiser for our group of 4-H youth that are attending “Citizenship Washington Focus” in 2022. This week long Washington D.C. educational trip focuses on building citizenship and leadership. On that day, 10% of all sales will go towards the fundraising efforts. We would love your support!

Wildlife Habitat Education Program Contest- Virtual

The 4-H Wildlife Habitat Education Program is set to take place virtually this year in early May. The major objectives are for youth to gain an understanding of wildlife management including ecological principles, basic life history of a variety of species, use of management techniques to enhance habitats, and for participants to develop leadership skills. This years focus will be on the Eastern Deciduous Forest Eco region.

*If you are interested in learning more or registering, contact Daniel @ skuciusd@ksu.edu. If we have enough PT youth, we could form a team!* 

Pottawatomie 4-H Sportfishing

Do you like to fish? Or maybe want to learn how to? Or are you an adult who wants to help teach 4-H’ers about the life long hobby? Well, here is your chance! A sportfishing project club is taking off in Pottawatomie county. See the flier at the end of the newsletter for more information.

No equipment required!
Virtual 4-H Horse Panorama **Sign-up Now Available, Deadline of 3/22**

**When:** April  
**Where:** Online  
**Who:** 4-H Members ages 7-18 and adult volunteers. Horse Panorama consists of various contests related to the Horse Project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography and educational posters. There will also be educational activities for 4-Hers of all ages.

*If you are interested in being part of a Pottawatomie Quiz Bowl Team, let Daniel know Skuciusd@ksu.edu*

Information: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html)  
[Click here to register]

**Beef Weigh-In**

March 20th from 9-11 a.m. is the Beef weigh-in and tagging for market and commercial breeding cattle. For Beef wanting to enter R.O.G. contest, they will need to be tagged at or before weigh-in. The tagging will take place at Jay Rezac’s facility, 24110 Aiken Switch Rd Onaga Ks, which is the same location as used in past years. Beef tags will cost $3.50.

**Livestock Dates To Know**

- March 20: Pottawatomie Beef Weigh-in and Tagging  
- May 1: State Market Beef Nominations Due  
- May 1: Horse ID Due  
- May 12: Pottawatomie Livestock Tagging Deadline  
- June 15: Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat Nominations due

**YQCA Trainings**

For those needing YQCA (ex. selling beef at county fair, participating in State livestock shows) we are currently recommending online trainings. K-State information on YQCA can be found at the link below. The online trainings are currently $12 per youth.

[https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html)
County Fair Dates Have been Set!

Horse Show: July 31st
Pre-Fair: July 30th
Main Fair: August 4th - 8th

Pottawatomie Horticulture Judging

Do you enjoy the horticulture judging at our county fair? Attending State Contests? Learning more about garden plants? Then consider attending an upcoming horticulture judging meeting! Team meetings begin soon! Horticulture judging consists of: Plant Identification, Plant Material Quality Judging, and a Written exam. If interested, check out the flier at the end of this newsletter.

2021 Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. The event will be held June 1-4th, 2021. The decision to again use the virtual format was not taken lightly as the preferred format for the event would definitely be in-person. The decision is in congruence with the current K-State Reopening Phase 3 guidelines and the most recent vaccine availability projections from Riley County.

Kansas 4-H Host families Wanted for Japanese Youth Exchange

Japan and Kansas 4-H youth have a 40-year history of building connections and exchanging culture over Kansas summers. Even though we were not able to exercise this option in 2020, we are planning to host the In-Bound Kansas 4-H Japan Youth Exchange program in summer 2021. There will be limited family opportunities to host youth in 2021 due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

Interested in hosting? Find out more at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/tipsheet/announcement/?id=72853
https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html
Extension’s COVID-19 Meeting Protocol

As 4-H continues through these COVID times, a reminder that K-State Research and Extension’s current protocol is that virtual platforms are the preferred method for meetings (including 4-H). This means that while county 4-H clubs are allowed to meet in person with proper justification and safety measures, that individual families who can successfully use virtual means to participate in meetings are being encouraged to do so by KSRE.

Parents and Leaders : Consider in March

- Is everyone enrolled in 4-Honline? Do so ASAP, this includes volunteers!
- Finalize project add/drops in 4-Honline and begin planning fair projects
- Start Project Report Forms now! They can be worked on before Sept 30th :)
- Consider hosting or attending a project meeting. Contact Daniel if you are interested in hosting a county project meeting.

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