4-H Summer Camp at Rock Springs

Over the summer you may have heard about anticipated changes to our state 4-H camp hosted at Rock Springs Ranch. In a kick-off to the new model, all 4-H families should have received a mailer from Rock Springs and Kansas 4-H regarding the new camping model. While there are many changes, at the end of the day it will still be a great 4-H camp experience at Rock Springs with new opportunities and measures to ensure a safe and successful camp. I highly encourage families to read through the information, below are some points to know and links:

Links
- Rock Springs Camp Registration and information homepage
- Camp Mailer
- Pottawatomie local Letter

General Points to Know
- Purple Power Pack has targeted Camp Session #2 for our 4-H’ers that want to sign-up for the same camp session. Note: This is optional, youth can attend any session
- There is a 10% discount for 4-H youth until Oct. 31st. Registration is still open into the Spring, but you just won’t get the “early bird” discount.
- 10% is due at registration. The rest is paid by May 1st (monthly payments are an option).
- Local Scholarships are being worked on as in years past, pending approval, by sponsors and 4-H Council.

While 4-H camp registration won’t be through our KSRE office, don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions or clarifications. Thank you!

2021-2022 4-H Enrollment

The new 4-H year is almost year (GASP)! That means it’s time for re-enrollment in 4-H online.

Who? 4-H Members and volunteer both need to enroll in 4-H online

When? Beginning Oct. 1st, enrollment will be open! I highly recommend doing soon!

Why Soon? A big reason is, 4Honline is our primary way staying in contact with 4H families (i.e. this newsletter)

Cost? Nothing! 4-H Council and Blue Valley Technologies cover the cost of enrollment

How? 1. Visit v2.4honline.com
   2. Existing login and member information has been transferred from the previous system. So only new families/volunteers need to create an account profile.
   3. When Selecting payment method, choose "Payment for this invoice will be collected by 4-H Institution". Click confirm, but do not send a check for payment. The fee is covered!
   4. The State 4-H office has provided a PDF enrollment guide, it can be found at the link below

https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html
Achievement Award and Project Report Season

Award season is here! Below is information that you should know

**Dates**

October 1st  
Award application and Record book deadline

October 8th  
Project Report Judging @ KSRE Offices (volunteers welcome)

October 12th  
Outstanding 4-H’er interviews

October 24th  
Achievement Ceremony at St. Bernard in Wamego

-If you have any pictures of club activities, please share them with us, we are looking to find some for a county slideshow! (skuciusd@ksu.edu)

*** Note: Expect to see an RSVP e-mail coming soon for the Achievement Ceremony***

**Forms**

Don’t forget that KS 4-H is using new forms this year for project reports! Find the new forms on our website. On our page is also a link to the state informational page regarding the new forms (they aren’t scary!). You do not need to do a project report form for every project, but we encourage it for the projects you are active and passionate about!

**Project Report forms**

**Updates**:  
-You’ll notice there is no longer a “4-H Story”. This has been replaced by the “Project Reflection” within the report.
- If you are having trouble with pictures rotating when you insert them, try cropping the photo to landscape dimension. The State is working through this issue on the forms.

-New Forms PDF Guide

-Achievement Forms

-Pin applications, club goals, key awards, outstanding 4-H’er, “I Dare You”, Thelma Hubbard memorial, etc.

For award applications, please fill them out to the best of your ability. As with last year, we know that COVID-19 has had an impact at times on what is/is not doable during the last 4-H year. With COVID in mind, Trips and Awards values being able to see a “Valid Effort” while reviewing award applications.

**Project Report Judging**

Judging of Riley county’s record books (who we’re switching with) will be Thursday, October 7th 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 Project Report Forms. We will provide some snacks, refreshments, and jokes. If you can join, let us know! Btw, you don’t have to be a record book “expert” to participate. (skuciusd@ksu.edu)

**County Officer and Leader Training**

Plans are still coming together regarding club officer and club leader training. We are working once again with other counties to plan a event to help give new, and returning, officers and leaders a time to come together and learn about their roles. Stay tuned.
County Fair Wrap-up - Ribbon Premium Checks

Just as an update, premium checks have been processed and signed. Checks are now being distributed to club leaders for handing out at next club meetings.

National 4-H Week: “Find your spark!”

Don’t forget National 4-H Week, October 3rd through 9th. Now is the time to start thinking about how you and your club would like to celebrate! This is a great week to promote 4-H locally in your school/town or to plan a volunteer opportunity during “48 hours of 4-H” on the 9th and 10th.

National 4-H Week Marketing Material - From 4-H.org

48 Hours of 4H information - October 9th-10th

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Appreciation and Programmatic Support Webinars

Have you seen this volunteer webinar opportunity? On behalf of Kansas 4-H

“It was a tough 2020-2021 4-H year, but we survived. Let’s launch the new Kansas 4-H year by honoring YOU, our volunteers, the people that make 4-H great! Join us for a professional development series to honor and appreciate YOU in August and September 2021. “

There is still time to register for the Sept. 23rd Webinar, “Re-ignite your Spark!”

Find full information Here, at the end of the newsletter. Register by Sept. 17th!

Fall Volunteer Project Leader Training Series

Registration is NOW OPEN for the 2021 Kansas 4-H Fall Volunteer Project Leader Training Series

To help you kick off the new program year, this series is designed to provide tangible ideas and resources you can use to engage 4-H Youth. All sessions are free and will be recorded. The sessions are scheduled to start at 6:30pm. The general outline for sessions is as follows:

Sept. 21 – Personal Development – Public Speaking
Sept. 23 – STEM – Rocketry
Sept. 28 – FCS - Textile Science
Sept. 30 – Animal Science – Livestock
Oct. 5 – Service Learning
Oct. 7 – Creative Arts – Visual Arts – Barn Quilts
Oct. 12 – Financial Literacy
Oct. 14 – Ag & Nat Resources – Wildlife

To register for the event visit - https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/project-leaders/index.html
Northeast Leadership Event (NELE)

Kansas 4-H is Falling into Leadership! 4-H members age 12 to 18 are invited to NELE on Saturday, October 16th from 9:30am to 5:00pm at Rock Springs Ranch. Registration is $30 which includes lunch, snack, and a t-shirt. Registration is due by September 27th at https://cvent.me/lzxY0g. Don’t miss this opportunity to meet new people, learn new leadership skills, and enjoy fun classes!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2022. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 20th – 21st. Highlights include inspirational speakers, workshops, youth council elections and meeting new people. Visit http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youthleadership-forum/index.html for more information and to register online. Registration will be open soon and classes will fill up, so don’t delay. The registration deadline is October 15th.

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Wanting to take your leadership to the next level? Consider applying for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. Applications due October 1st. Council members plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference, and other events along with other duties. 4-H members 14 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2022 are eligible to apply. Find more information here, applications will be online soon: https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/teen-leadership-opportunities/youth-leadership-council/index.html

Parents: Main thoughts for September

- This is a good time to start talking to 4-H’ers about leadership roles they may want to go for! I.e. Ambassador, 4-H Council officer, Trips/Awards member

- If possible, think of ways you can help your local club out as a volunteer. 4-H clubs really do take a village!

- If you have questions about awards, don’t hesitate to ask club leaders or myself (Daniel). The achievements pins can have a learning curve!

- Hand written or typed for record books? Either way works. It’s the content that matters most.

- October will the new 4-H year and enrollment. Start thinking about projects and awards that your 4-H’er may want to pursue next year.
Dates and Deadlines

October
1    Record Books & Award Applications due
1    New 4-H Year Begins / 4Honline Enrollment begins
1    Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
1-3  Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
3-9  National 4-H Week
7    Project Report Judging @ Ext. Office
9-10 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend
15   KYLF Registration due
15/16 CWF garage sale (see flyer at end of newsletter)
24   Achievement Banquet

November
1    Club Financials Due
20-21 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs

FIND YOUR SPARK
DISCOVER MORE AT 4-H.ORG
Re-Ignite Your Spark in Kansas 4-H

A Kansas 4-H Volunteer Training

Re-Ignite Your Spark!

Sit and think for a moment. What makes your 4-H role have meaning and purpose? What is something you are passionate about, the hidden flame that motivates you?

The Search Institute describes this passion as one’s “spark”. Sparks are activities and interests that brings out a person’s energy and joy, allowing them to express their personality and contribute to the world.

Volunteer Training Timeline

7:00 PM  Welcome
Wade Weber, State 4-H Program Leader
Department Head

7:10 PM  Re-Ignite Your Spark
Susan Mueller, Kansas 4-H Volunteer

7:40 PM  Share Your Spark
Group Discussion

8:00 PM  The Magic of Connections
Conrad Cologne, 4-H Alumn

8:30 PM  Closing Comments

Join us Sept. 23rd for an evening to re-ignite YOUR spark in Kansas 4-H as we hear from current volunteers and passionate 4-H alums. Participants will explore how to find their spark, engage families, and realize the impact they have on youth.

Register by September 17th:
Click Here to Register

Register for your chance to win a door prize!
4-H Garage Sale
October 15-16
Wreath Barn, Cico Park, Manhattan

We are looking for a huge selection of items to be donated.
We do not accept TVs of any kind.

Proceeds benefit 4-H members in Pottawatomie, Riley, & Wabaunsee Counties

Drop Off Items on Location
Wednesday, October 13, 5-8 PM
Thursday, October 14, 10 AM - 8 PM

Garage Sale
New Hours: Friday, October 15, 9 AM - 8 PM
Saturday, October 16, 8 AM - Noon

Questions: Call John Jobe, 785-537-6350

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