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

Virtual 4-H Horse Panorama

When: April 2021
Where: Online
Who: 4-H Members ages 7-18 and adult volunteers. Horse Panorama is a compilation 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.

Full information, when available, will be found at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html

County Fair Dates Have been Set!

Pre-Fair: July 30th
Main Fair: August 4th - 8th

Share theme ideas with a county council member for consideration at our March meeting!
**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!

**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 consist 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 on 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.kansas4-h.org/tipsheet/announcement/?id=72853)
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 overall goal of Rock Springs is to offer an in-person camp experience using recommendation from the American Camping Association and other guidance.

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

4-H Scholarships

The 2020 Kansas 4-H Scholarship is now available! 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. Visit: https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html

JR. Producer Day: Sheep

The 2021 KSU Junior Producer Days will be hosted virtually as week-long educational events this year. 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:
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.

Date and Deadlines

February 27 4-H Day  
March 1 State Scholarships Due  
March 22 4-H Council  
March 20 Beef Weigh-In  
May 1 (State) Market Beef Nominations Due  
May 1 Horse ID Deadline  
May 12 Livestock Tagging Deadline  
June 1-4 Discovery Days (Virtual)  
June 15 (State) Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, And Meat Goat Nominations Due  
July 30 Pre-Fair  
Aug. 4-8 County Fair

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 Skucius) two weeks prior to the start of the event at skuciusd@ksu.edu or 785-457-3319. Requests received less than two weeks before the event will be honored when it is feasible to do so.
Pottawatomie County 4-H
SPORTFISHING Project
New for 2021- Project Meetings

Do you like to fish or want to learn more about fishing?
Open to all 4-Hers and cloverbuds.

This will be a year-round program with Zoom classroom sessions on tips/tactics/ presentations along with fishing trips, fishing derbies and so much more!
All fishing equipment will be provided!
The first Zoom Meet and Greet will be in March!
Enroll in the project to receive the Zoom Link!

Project Leader: Marcus Bryant has been a fisherman ever since he was a little boy catching monster size bass in farm ponds. He has 3 daughters in 4-H who all love to fish. Along with being a Riley/Pott. 4-H Shooting sports instructor coaching the BB gun team, he is also in the process of becoming a KDWP Certified Angler Instructor.

To join the group, e-mail Daniel at skuciusd@ksu.edu

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service

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Join the Pottawatomie County 4-H Horticulture Judging Team

March 7th, 2021
7-8 pm

Meet & Greet Zoom Session to learn more about Horticulture Judging

Email Tammy Bryant at tbryant@varney.com for the Zoom Link
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  Clipping & 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 KJLS)

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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:

Lexie Hayes  
adhayes@ksu.edu  
785-532-1264

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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.

K-State Research and Extension and the Kansas State University Department of Animal Sciences and Industry, or their agents, reserve the right to photograph, record the image and/or voice of participants for current or future research, educational, and/or promotional purposes. By attending, you provide consent to the above terms and waive all rights to claims for payment or royalties in connection with any use of said images or recordings.