4-H Day
4-H Day will be taking place February 26th at Wabaunsee high school in Alma. 4-H day is a great opportunity for 4-H’ers to work on their presentations skills. From speaking to musical performances, individuals and groups, 4-H day has something for all! Registration, regulations, and helpful tips found here: https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/4H%20Day.html. Deadline for entries is February 10th! Hint: 4-H day is also a great way to add to your project report!

Fair awards ceremony - T/A wants your opinion! - Last call for responses!
Pre-COVID, a simple ceremony would be held on Sunday afternoon of the county fair to announce and hand out plaques of static and small animal classes. This ceremony would be held in the livestock show arena and would provide a chance to recognize youth accomplishments. Since 2020, we have not had the ceremony in order to simplify fair pick-up with COVID concerns. Instead, plaques were placed with youth projects for display and pick-up. Trips and Awards has discussed whether to bring back the ceremony and wants your opinion. Feel free to vote anonymously at this link: https://forms.gle/wJEco29pkPVeKfuV9

Insect Art Contest
It’s time once again for K-State’s Integrated Pest Management Insect Art Contest! This year’s theme is “The Benefit of Insects”. The goal is to capture in an art piece that insects benefit us as a society and why they are important. Selected artwork will be used to promote the importance of insects and to create other educational items. Artists who have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Visit https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/ for more information. Postmark date to submit entries is April 15th.

Citizenship in Action (CIA)
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 19, 2021 1pm - 5:30pm & February 20th 1pm - 4:30pm
Where: Topeka KS
Who: Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year
Registration: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html
Registration Fee: $200 (Trips and Awards Scholarships available)
Registration Deadline: February 1, 2022
As information is available, it will be posted to: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/citizenship-in-action/index.html
**Volunteer Screening**

Do you volunteer in a club or project area? Work directly with 4-H youth or financials? Then please take a moment (if you haven’t) to sign-up in 4Honline as a volunteer. This will help start the process of registration and then volunteer background screening. Information about doing this can be found here.

*Thank you for all your help as a 4-H volunteer!*

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**Table Setting Project Meeting**

Want to learn about Table setting? What it’s all about and tips for success? Then consider attending an upcoming table setting project meeting! Please let us know if you are interested. This will help the project leader decide how to hold the meeting! E-mail Daniel at skuciusd@ksu.edu if you’d like to receive more information.

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**4-H Council**

As a reminder, 4-H council is scheduled for January 24th. Currently, we are planning on an in-person meeting at the Sunflower room. However, there is a possibility of this meeting changing to virtual, depending on COVID numbers. An e-mail will be sent to Council members to confirm meeting details once we get closer.

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**Kansas Junior Producer Day - Beef/Sheep**

The 2022 Kansas Junior Producer Day dates have been set! We are excited to return to hosting in-person events next spring. Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day will be Saturday, March 5, with Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day scheduled for Saturday, March 19. Both events will be hosted in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day educational events for families to learn more about the selection and management of a specific specie. Youth, adults, extension agents, project leaders, and volunteers are invited to attend!

Full information at: [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html)

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**Livestock Tagging - 2022**

The livestock committee has set the 2022 4-H livestock tagging dates

- March 19th - Tentative beef tagging date
- May 4th - Small livestock tagging date @ Extension office (Meat goat, Swine, Sheep, b.calf)
- May 15th - ALL livestock tagging deadline for Pottawatomie 4-H Fair

Please note, there will be a fee for “on the farm” tagging this year. To avoid this, please plan on tagging animals at designated tagging events or at the KSRE office by appointment.

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**Seniors - Scholarships!**

The 2022 Kansas 4-H Scholarship application can now be found online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2022. This is a great opportunity for our seniors! Find out full information and apply at: [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html)
**Dates and Deadlines**

**January**
- 23  4-H Day With Wildcat Women’s Basketball
- 24  4-H Council

**February**
- 10  4-H Day registration deadline
- 19/20  Citizenship in Action
- 26  4-H Day

**March**
- 1  4-H Scholarship applications Due
- 19  Beef Tagging  - Tentative

**April**
- 17 - 23  National Volunteer Week

**May**
- 1  Project Add/Drop Deadline
- 4  Small Livestock Tagging Day
- 15  Livestock Tagging deadline - PT 4-H Fair

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**Parents/Leaders: Main thoughts**

- Make sure families enroll/re-enroll via 4-H Online.
- Know your youth want to go to 4-H Camp? Sign up soon! Camp session #2 is filling up quickly for certain ages.
- Talk to families about attending 4-H Day in February
- This is a great time to begin hosting project meetings (even if it’s virtually). No PHD’s or doctorates required, YOU are qualified!
- Start the conversation about exhibiting at county fair with new families.