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A NOTE FROM JENNIFER

Hello 4-H Family,

Can you believe it is already February? With busy schedules time just slips away! Remember to really check out the news-letter and mark the dates to remember on your calendars! As we are preparing for a 4-H Day and other 4-H Events, I want you to remember your responsibility as a 4-H'er. Really think about the parts to the 4-H Pledge as you recite it and always strive to be better than your best!

Sincerely, Jennifer

DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days is one of the largest events that is put on by the Kansas 4-H program. Registration "Make a Splash" will be opening soon and will be closing on April 15 at midnight. This year Discovery Days will be held May 30-June 2, 2017 and classes will be held on May 31 and June 1.

48 HOURS of 4-H SERVICE CHALLENGE

Please save these dates on your calendar so you will be ready for the 2017 challenge, October 7-8. More information will be shared with Extension offices at a later date.

ROCK SPRINGS HIRING FOR SUMMER 2017

Rock Springs 4-H Center is recruiting Summer Staff positions for 2017! Outstanding young leaders graduating high school through college age that are looking for an exciting Summer opportunity? This is a great employment opportunity! Must be able to "Think Outside. No Box Required." For a list of position openings please click: <http://www.rocksprings.net/employment/Summer/positions.php>
To apply: <http://www.rocksprings.net/employment/Summer/apply.php>

CAMPFERENCE 2017

Mark your calendar! 4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2017), and will be held June 26-30, 2017 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer.

DISCOVERY DAYS FLOOR COUNSELORS NEEDED

We are looking for young adults to serve as Floor Counselors. You will be responsible for leading floor meetings, doing room checks and making sure youth stay in their rooms after lights out each evening. You will receive free room and board for 5 days and 4 nights as well as \$100. Applications are due by April 1, 2017.

To fill out an application, visit <http://tinyurl.com/2017FloorCounselorApp>.



CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Information for the Kansas 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus trip is now out! If you have been thinking about attending this trip, you are encouraged to apply this year! If you are interested in attending as a chaperone, please plan on registering as a chaperone as well.

The trip will be June 16-26, 2017. The cost to attend is \$1,850. For more information please contact Jennifer 620-244-3826.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS COORDINATOR/ INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The next 4-H Shooting Sports Training is scheduled, Friday - Sunday, April 7 - 9, 2017 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Disciplines offered: Coordinator, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Hunting Skills and Western Heritage/ Cowboy Action. Registration will be on the 4-H web page mid-February.

Additionally, a 4-H Volunteer Orientation Session will be offered on Friday, April 7, 10 a.m. for interested 4-H Shooting Sports participants.

AGE FOR KANSAS

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports program adheres to the National Shooting Sports Policies. The national policy regarding youth participation is stated as follows:

"4-H Shooting Sports Programs are open to all youth 8 years of age or older (as of Jan. 1 of the current year) without regard to race, color, sex, handicap, religion, age or national origin. Each state Land Grant University determines 4-H maximum age eligibility. Note that age eligibility for National 4-H Shooting Sports Events are determined by the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee and may be different than that of states. 4-H Clovers (age 5-7) are not eligible for any aspect of 4-H shooting sports programs as these are not age appropriate activities."



EXTENSION OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED February 20, 2017

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Southwind Extension District is looking for three individuals to work approximately 20 hours per week throughout June, July and early August to assist with summer youth programming and preparation for the County Fair. Applicants should be at least 16 years of age with the ability to drive and willing to work a flexible schedule. Applications are on our website www.southwind.ksu.edu and are due by April 1, 2017.

APPLY NOW FOR HOSTING INBOUND INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES

States' 4-H International Exchange host families from across the U.S. will have the opportunity to host inbound teens from Costa Rica, Norway, South Korea and Japan. For Costa Rica and Norway applications and host family vetting needs to be completed by March 1, so on line **applications in Kansas should be completed by February 15**. Because placements for hosting Japanese are made in Kansas, applications will be accepted a little later, but families will have a better chance for a match if they also apply early.

Applications for hosting States' 4-H summer inbounds are all on line with a link from the Kansas 4-H web site: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/host-family-information/index.html>.

Kansas expects to host several IFYE's between June 19 and September 8 with each IFYE hosted by multiple families for 2-3 week periods for each family. This year to date we have committed to host IFYE's from Austria, Estonia, Northern Ireland and Scotland. Other countries will likely be added. Families who wish to host one of these young people should complete the IFYE Host Family Application. Go to the same web page as above: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/host-family-information/index.html>, then scroll down to the IFYE Hosting Section, and download the form-fillable pdf application form to their own computers. For more information you can contact Jennifer Murphy at 620-244-3826.

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

Tuesday, March 21st at 9:00am-Noon at the Moran Community Building, 407 N Cedar, Moran, KS.

For all livestock exhibitors – if you are raising a 4-H animal, it is important that you learn about the Good Production Practices to raise a high quality product that is safe for others to eat.

This training is required for youth who plan to show swine at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show. However, all livestock participants will benefit. RSVP Carla at 620-365-2242.

KS JUNIOR MEAT GOAT DAY

The 2017 Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day will be held on Saturday, March 25th, in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. Youth, parents, project leaders, and extension agents of any skill level or knowledge base are invited to participate in this program.

Participants will learn about various topics related to meat goat production and youth meat goat projects. For more details and registration information click on the following link: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>.

JUNIOR SWINE PRODUCER DAY

March 11, 2017

Weber Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS. Early registrations due Feb 22. For more information click on the following link: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html>.



LIVESTOCK MEAT LOCKER TOUR

Interested in learning more about the meat you eat? How does a pig become bacon? Thursday March 23, 2017, beginning at:

9:00 a.m. Erie Locker. Erie, Kansas (full locker tour)

10:15 Bronson Locker (meeting with owners and discussion of Business)

11:15 Butcher Block (old dairy queen in Fort Scott) Butcher Shop tour

11:30 Lunch at Marsha's Deli

Participants should plan on approximately \$8 for lunch.

Agent Chris Petty will leave the Courthouse in Fort Scott for Erie at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Call 620-223-3720 if you would like a ride. He will take the first 6 interested 4-H members.

4-H HORSE CERTIFICATION

Horse ID's and Permission forms are due in your local County Extension Office on May 1st. If you have a new horse, a new ID is required. If you plan to use a horse you used last year, bring in your ID to be signed.

The ID papers and permission form are both available on the website: www.southwind.ksu.edu under 4-H useful forms. These forms will not be sent out by mail unless you request them from the Extension office.

Remember, before registration deadline 2017, you must have completed the levels required to show at District or State 4-H Horse events.

BACKYARD POULTRY 101

Allen County courthouse meeting room, Thursday, February 9th at 6:00pm. The cost is \$5 per person to attend with a meal being provided. General poultry production for egg layers and broilers will be discussed.

Dr Scott Beyer, KSU Assoc. Professor Poultry Nutrition & Management, will be the featured speaker.

Please RSVP by February 6th by calling the lola office at 620-365-2242.

4-H UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS EXPERIENCE

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Program and the Kansas Cosmosphere in Hutchinson are again teaming up to provide fun, hands-on and science-based programming for Kansas 4-H Youth Development. This second program will feature "Unmanned Aerial Systems." It will begin Friday, March 31, at 4 p.m., and will end on Saturday, April 1, 4 p.m. Cost will be \$110 for youth between 9-18-years old and \$110 for all adult participants. All youth must have a designated chaperone to attend. Parents, grandparents, other relatives, and guardians may chaperone their own children/relatives. They **MAY NOT** chaperone other non-family members. Adult chaperones will be responsible for their children overnight.

Registration includes three meals, two breaks, and an overnight stay. Topics include: a tour of the Cosmosphere, a UAS flying challenge inside the Cosmosphere, an outside UAS demonstration (weather permitting), FAA regulations and compliance of registering private and commercial UAS's, guest speaker, UAS applications in agriculture, fixed and rotor wings UAS's, plus much more.

This collaboration is designed to be an adult-child experience, where 4-H members and adults can interact and learn from these fun and educational experiences. The program will include overnight indoor camping at the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, KS, (bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items). It is open to 4-H members, parents, grandparents, volunteer 4-H leaders, and KSRE staff.

The CVent registration system will be used, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html> beginning February 1, 2017. Registration will close March 16, 2017, 11:59 p.m. There will be a minimum number required or the experience will be cancelled. It is limited to the first 75 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

RIVERSIDE CLASSIC SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW

Saturday, May 6th at Riverside Park, lola, KS.

Species that will be shown include hogs, steers, heifers, meat goats, sheep, and bucket calves. There will also be Showmanship divisions in all species. We are excited to offer this show for all species this year!!

TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING

Wednesday, April 8th 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Allen County Courthouse. Youth ages 14 and older.

If you are planning to do farm work, and it is for someone other than a parent or guardian, and you are 14 or 15 years of age, you must take a tractor safety course following the U.S. Department of Labor requirements before you can be employed at certain hazardous farm tasks. Contact your local extension office to register by March 3.



BOURBON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 4**—Southwind 4-H Day
- Feb. 9**—Backyard Poultry 101
- Feb. 19/20**—Citizenship In Action
- Feb. 20**—Office Closed
- March 4**—Regional Club Day
- May 6**—Riverside Classic Livestock Show, lola
- March 11**—KS Jr Swine Producer Day
- March 15**—Beef Tag-in at Uniontown
- March 18**— Beef Tag-in at Ft Scott
- March 19-May 13**—Walk Kansas
- March 21**—Livestock Quality Assurance Training
- March 23**—Livestock Meat Locker Tour
- March 24**—FCS Tour
- March 25**—KS JR Meat Goat Day
- March 29**—4-H Council Meeting
- April 1**—Summer Intern Apps Due
- May 1**—Horse ID Certificate & Bourbon Co Fair Horse Permission Form Due
- May 6**—
- May 20**—Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine Tag-in Ft Scott
- May 24**—Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine Tag-in Ft Scott
- May 30/June 2**—Discovery Days
- June 15**—Fair Entries Due
- June 16/26**—CWF
- June 26-30**—Campference
- June 27/30**—Sunny Hills 4-H Camp
- July 11**—Clothing & Textile and Buymanship Judging
- July 11**—Fair Clean Up
- July 15-22**—Bourbon Co Fair
- Oct. 7-8**—48 Hours of 4-H

VAQUEROS

The Vaqueros will start meetings and practices in the spring. Practices will either be held at the fairgrounds arena or Uniontown Saddle Club and will be announced in this newsletter and on our Facebook page. Horse leaders are Rachel Martin, Holli Mason and April Hays. Please contact Rachel at martinranch@ckt.net if you have suggestions, concerns or questions.

To show at the county and district show you must have a Horse ID Certificate on file with the Extension Office. No exceptions. The Horse ID Certificate along with a Bourbon County Fair Horse Permission Form are due by Monday, May 1st. Forms may be downloaded and printed at www.southwind.ksu.edu 4-H Youth Development>Event Forms listed under Livestock Forms.

Each horse must also have a negative coggins test within the current year. Coggins papers and IDs will be checked at the county horse show.

TAG-IN DATES

The following dates have been set for Beef tag-in: Wednesday, March 15th at Uniontown, High School Parking Lot 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 18 at Fort Scott, Bourbon County Fair Grounds 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Animals brought to Uniontown will not be weighed.

Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine tag-in is set for Saturday, May 20th at Fort Scott, Bourbon County Fair Grounds 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, May 24th at Uniontown, High School Parking Lot 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Rate of Gain weigh-in will be at Fort Scott only.

Please make arrangements for your animals to be brought to one of these locations as there will not be any traveling to homes and farms. Contact Chris 620-223-3720 with any questions.

4-H EXPO DAY

4-H Council will be hosting a 4-H Expo Day coming soon. Please let your club council representative know if you are willing to help with this event. It would be great to have on display the various projects that 4-H has to offer to encourage and promote this great organization to the community members. At the January 4-H Council Meeting, we set a date and location, but since then it has been discussed to see what other events we might be able to work with. I will send out an email with more specific details ASAP. We will finalize all details at the March 4-H Council Meeting, so please plan to attend that meeting even if you aren't on Council to assist. Please call Jennifer if you have questions, ideas, or would like to help at 620-244-3826.

Happy Valentine's Day!



Valentine's Day Word Search



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