



SOUTHWIND DISTRICT



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A NOTE FROM JENNIFER

Hello 4-H Family,
I wanted to remind you about the Western Kansas Challenge that I sent out through 4HOnline. Some families shared that they had not seen the email. The mailer page of this newsletter will be the email that was sent. I encourage every club to donate \$50 to this Challenge. I plan to speak with other Extension Office's in the affected areas to see what needs are current. Shout out to NO and BB County 4-H Councils, as well as BB County Jr Leaders for your donations. I know many other clubs expressed interest in donating. Let's reach the goal of \$2000 for Southwind 4-H!

Jennifer

DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days Registration is open! Youth who are 13-18 years of age as of January 1, are encouraged to visit Kansas State University and "Make a SLASH" at Discovery Days. This 4 day, 3 night experience is sure to have something for everyone. From attending classes and dances to participating in Discovery Days Night Live, make sure you are there! To register visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>.



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 FCS JUDGING STATE CONTEST

The State 4-H FCS Judging Contest for both Intermediate and Senior youth will be conducted on Saturday, September 16 in the Encampment Building.

Each local unit will be permitted to enter one team of two youth participants in each age division. Registration will occur in August, when local units complete State Fair 4-H project pre-entries. Registration cost of \$15 will be assessed per team. If interested contact Jennifer 620-244-3826.

KSF/KJLS NOMINATION WORKSHOP

May 23 is the date for a KSF / KJLS nomination workshop. This program will take place at the 4-H building in Fort Scott at 7:30 p.m., and will help to explain the process of correctly filling out the nomination forms to nominate livestock, (which is not the same thing as an entry). Incorrect nominations are returned and must be re-submitted with an additional penalty fee. The goal of this program is to help 4-H families increase the number of correct nominations, saving everyone valuable time and money! If you have any question please contact Chris Petty 620-223-3720.

4-H JUDGES WORKSHOP

A 4-H Judges Workshop will be held in Parsons, KS, Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at the SE Research & Extension Center, 25092 Ness Rd., for Judges, Potential Judges, Agents, Leaders & JR Leaders.

Early session registration starts at 3:45 pm. Dinner will be at 5:30 pm.

Session 1—6:35-7:50pm will be on Foods, Clothing Construction, Horticulture/ Vegetables & Photography.

Session 2—8:00-9:15 pm will be on Fashion Revue, Posters and Displays & Photography.

The objective of the workshop is to improve judges' skills in using standards for conference evaluation while providing project information in various areas.

You can register at <http://tinyurl.com/2017JudgesTraining>. Registration is due Monday, April 24th. Payment of \$15 must be sent in at time of registration to: Southeast Research & Extension Center, PO Box 316, 25092 Ness Rd, Parsons, KS 67357.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer 620-244-3826.

4-H CAMPFERENCE

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2017), and will be held June 27-30 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. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.



Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full the last three years! Register online by May 15 (or earlier it will close when it is full) and payment must be in your local Extension Office by May 15. Detailed information will be the State 4-H Website. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer 620-244-3826.



4-H SEWING CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2017 Kansas 4-H Sewing Camp!

What: 4-H Sewing Camp

Who: 13-18 year old 4-H members with sewing experience

When: May 30-June 2

Where: Justin Hall, KSU, Manhattan Campus

Cost: \$215

Registration: March 1-April 15 through Cvent.

Note: Registration is limited to a maximum of 30 youth

Website: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/specialty-camps/clothing-camp/index.html>

In addition, we are seeking adult and teen leader volunteers to assist with 4-H Sewing Camp. Teens 16-18 and adults with sewing knowledge, are invited to apply. Applications are available at the above website link. Teen and adult leader applications are due April 1. Cost for teen or adult volunteer leader registration is \$125.



FAVORITE FOOD SHOW

Favorite Food Show will be on June 10th at the Marmaton Valley Gymnasium starting at 9:00am. If you want to know more about the contest, Jennifer is happy to answer any questions 620-244-3826.



2017 KANSAS STATE FAIR PROJECT CHANGES

4-H SPACETECH

-GPS/GIS have been suspended for this 4-H program year due to low participation numbers. A final decision about the future of the project will be decided by October 1, 2017. Extension units may still include GPS/GIS classes in local fairs, but there will be no classes at the Kansas State Fair this year, and all references to GPS/GIS have been removed.

-Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) have been added to Kansas 4-H



SpaceTech for 2017. The roll out will be over a two-year period. For 2016-17, only posters, display boards and notebooks will be allowed.

4-H DOG CARE AND TRAINING



-2017 Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show fee – A \$5.00 entry fee per class with a maximum of \$30.00 per 4-H member will be due to the Kansas State 4-H Office with all Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show entries by August 15, 2017.



HOST FAMILY PLACEMENT FOR ACADEMIC YEAR STUDENTS

Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs has identified one 4-H family to host a Japanese student for the 2017-18. We have committed to host at least one more student from Japan, Korea, Eastern Europe and Eurasia. These students go to a public school as senior high student and participate in school activities. Except for the meals, lodging and transportation provided by the family, these students have funds to cover their school and personal expenses. There is no requirement about age or gender of host siblings. They have been selected to be successful in the program. Families can select from students available through States' 4-H International Exchange Programs nationally.

A flyer on the Academic Year Exchange (AYP) options is posted on the Kansas 4-H Exchange Hosting page: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/host-family-information/index.html>.

For more information or questions please contact Jennifer 620-244-3826.



4-H CLOVERBUDS EXTENSION POLICIES

When 4-H and/or Extension plans, organizes and facilitates a livestock, small animal, horse or pre or post-fair activity please double check that 4-H Policies are being followed. An area of concern is 4-H Cloverbuds. The program was designed for 5- and 6-year-olds.

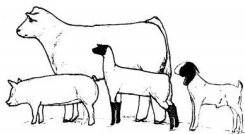
Cloverbuds is activity-focused, rather than project-focused. Furthermore, 4-H Cloverbuds members may not participate in any competitive 4-H events. 4-H Cloverbuds members may showcase their exhibits at fairs and public events. 4-H Cloverbuds may not have 4-H livestock projects that require long-term, ongoing care or weigh-ins, nor can the member participate as a competitive 4-H exhibitor within livestock divisions.

For more information referring to 4-H Cloverbuds, please check the Kansas Department of 4-H Youth Development Policy Guide, section D3 4-H Cloverbuds, page 8 or contact Jennifer 620-244-3826.

UPCOMING LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST DATES

April 6th- Allen Aggie Days, Iola, KS; **April 13th** - Hutchinson Community College; **May 10th, 17th & May 24th**- Practice Dates; **June 20-21** Southwind District Judging Camp; **June 29**- Southeast Area Livestock Contests.

If interested in attending any of these events contact Carla 620-365-2242.



RIVERSIDE CLASSIC SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOW

Saturday, May 6th at Riverside Park, Iola, 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!!



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.

2017 DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

When: July 6, 2017

Where: Parsons State Hospital Arena
Registration to come. Must complete level testing for District and State Fair.

SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS

For a complete listing of up-coming spring livestock shows, go to <http://www.southwind.k-state.edu/>. Click on 4-H Youth Development in the left hand column, then click on Spring Shows.

4-H HORSE SNAFFLE-BIT PROJECT



Horse snaffle bit projects are due into the local Extension Office by May 1. Along with the nomination, the 4-H member must submit the Horse ID and a \$10 fee. The nomination form, a copy of the horse ID (including a color picture of the horse) and fee should be forwarded to the State 4-H Office as soon as possible, within the May 1-5 week for Snaffle and 3 year olds.

Three-year old snaffle bit projects must have been nominated the previous year and did not have to be shown to be re-nominated. State Fair entries for these projects are due August 1 in the State 4-H Office. For more information concerning the Snaffle bit project check the 4-H Horse Show Rule Book or call your local Extension Office.

LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL/SKILLATHON PRACTICE

Monday, April 24 - 4:00pm-6:00pm
Community Building in Moran, KS
All youth enrolled in livestock projects should consider this fun opportunity to not only learn more about your animals, but also help prepare for the State Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contests in August. This practice will serve as an introduction to the contests, and determine how many youth are interested in participating in these fun events. If you have ever wondered what these contests entail, now is your opportunity to learn more about them! Contact Carla if you have any questions, 365-2242.

2017 LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS

DNA hair samples are required for each nominated animal for all species. Nomination fee per animal is \$8.

May 1 - Market Steers & Market Heifers

June 15 - Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Hogs, Commercial Gilts and all Meat Goats (Market Goats, Commercial Does & Registered Does)



GREENBUSH 4-H CAMP

This camp is for those 4-H'ers who are between the ages of 7 and 9. Session 1 (June 6&7) & Session 2 (June 7&8). This will be a first come, first serve basis. Camp will cost \$65. Contact Jennifer for registration form. Registration and payment are due to your local Extension office by April 15th.



SUNNY HILLS 4-H CAMP

What a better way to spend a few days this summer, than 4-H Camp! This year, 4-H Camp is June 24th-27th and will cost \$205. As always, 4-H Camp is open to all youth who have completed the Third through the Seventh Grade. There is a lot of fun at 4-H Camp, like: canoeing, archery, crafts, campfires, horseback riding, and more! Register at: <https://goo.gl/forms/NvjGohsqa87Beuf1>

COUNSELORS WANTED

Sunny Hills is looking for Counselors. Must be sophomore complete. Applications can be found on the Southwind website or at the office. They are due back to the Extension office by May 19th. Counselor training will be held the day prior to camp, June 23rd.

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

Kansas 4-H Youth Development, the Kansas 4-H Foundation and Saint Francis Community Services are working together to provide funding opportunities for children and families involved with foster care. The purpose of the Kansas 4-H Resource Family Project and Camp Grant Programs is to provide financial assistance for foster youth and their resource families who want to participate in learning opportunities available through 4-H.

Kansas 4-H is open to all youth ages 7 through 18 wanting to expand their learning opportunities. 4-H focuses on developing confident, capable, caring, responsible citizens. 4-H offers a wide range of project areas that youth may learn from, ranging from agriculture to food and nutrition to aerospace and photography. Although being involved in the local club can provide an opportunity for youth to learn from each other and contribute to others through community service projects, volunteers and family support are also important elements of 4-H as volunteers and parents serve as club and project leaders that guide and mentor youth. Through the Kansas 4-H Foundation, \$5,000 in grant funds are available to support foster care families and the children in their care who are current or potential 4-H members.

Grants due May 1!

Family Project Grants

- Children must enroll as 4-H members through their local extension office.
- Eligible 4-H member can only apply for one 4-H project and one 4-H camp (which could include Discovery Days, Campference, etc.) grant per year.
- Grant funds are for the purpose of starting or enhancing a 4-H project during the 4-H year such as purchasing a camera, craft supplies, clothing, feed, equipment, etc.
- Eligible 4-H member may request funds for supplies and equipment needed for participating in a pet or livestock project; however, funds are not available for the purchase of pets or livestock.
- Grant funding cannot include meal expenses.
- Items and supplies purchased from grant funding for 4-H project become the property of the eligible 4-H member.
- Liability, maintenance and warranty of the items and supplies purchased become the responsibility of the eligible 4-H member.
- Grant application and instructions available on the Kansas 4-H website on the 4-H Camping page.

NEOSHO COUNTY 4-H NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 1**—Summer Intern Apps Due
April 6—Livestock Judging Contest, Aggie Days, Iola
April 13—Livestock Judging Contest, Hutchinson
April 24—Livestock Quiz Bowl/Skillathon Practice
May 1—Horse ID & Permission Forms Due, Market Steer/Heifer Nominations Due
May 2—4-H Judges Workshop
May 6—Riverside Classic Spring Livestock Show, Iola
May 10th, 17th, 24th—Livestock Judging Practice Dates
May 23—KSF/KJLS Nomination Workshop
May 30/June 2—Discovery Days
May 30-June 2—Sewing Camp
June 10—Favorite Foods Show
June 15—Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Hogs, Commercial Gilts and all Meat Goats Due
June 16/26—CWF
June 20/21—Southwind District Livestock Camp
June 26-30—Campference
June 24/27—Sunny Hills 4-H Camp
June 29—SE Area Livestock Contests
July 6—District Horse Show
Aug. 19/20—KS 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
Sept 16—FCS Judging St Contest

HORSE BARN

POSTPONED AGAIN

Work on horse barn has been moved again. Due to the weather we will work on building the barn to April 6, 7, and 8.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLATS AVAILABLE TO 4-H FAMILIES



4-H Families, are you interested in growing your own produce but don't have a garden space? The

Chanute Community Garden has garden plots available. These plots are 12'x24', already tilled and the city will provide the water. The garden is located on the east side of Chanute, just west of the skate board park. Thanks to a generous donation from an individual, the plots will only cost 4-H families \$10 per year. If you are interested in a plot, please contact Gary Kilgore at 620-496-7609 by April 10th.



PROJECT MEETINGS



HORSE: The following dates have been set for project meetings: Saturday, April 8th & 15th at 2:00pm at the Chanute Arena.

For more information contact Mara Jordan 620-212-2794.



SHEEP: The following date has been set for a project meeting, April 9 at 1:00 pm at the Neosho County Fair Grounds.

For more information contact Cortney or Seth O'Brien 620-717-

SHEEP/SWINE MEAT GOAT TAGGING

The date for this tagging is Monday, April 24th from 5-7 pm at the fairgrounds. If you are unable to bring your animals, you will need to find someone to bring them in for you. Cost for the tag is \$3 each. If you have questions, please contact Krista Harding.

4-H COUNCIL

It has been decided to hold meetings on the fourth Monday of every other month at 7pm. The next meeting will be May 22, 2017 in the basement of the courthouse. **At least one leader and council rep per club must be present.**

SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS



This year's Special Photography Class will be "Emotion". Capture an image of someone or something that triggers an emotion, any emotion. Be prepared to share details.

FAIR BOARD MEETING

The next Fair Board meeting will be April 9th at 7:00 pm in the courthouse basement.

DAY CAMP

Day Camp will be June 9th from 8:30 to Noon. Location TBD. Details to come.

We're on the Web!
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WESTERN KANSAS AID

Have you been wondering how you could help those who lost so much due to the wild fires in Western Kansas? I am sure you have seen all of the wonderful things people from all over the United States have been doing and I think we here in the Southwind District need to help too!

So, the Extension Office is challenging you, your 4-H Club, and your County 4-H Council to donate or collect fencing supplies for those in need. Agents are currently working with local farm supply stores to secure donations or matching in product. Transportation has been secured to take supplies as well.

Are you curious why we selected fencing supplies? Well, it costs roughly \$10,000 to build one mile of fencing. Now multiply that by the miles upon miles of fencing that needs replaced.

I would like to set a goal of \$2,000 in donations. If each 4-H Club in the Southwind District was able to donate at least \$50, we could have \$1,000 to put towards building supplies. That puts us halfway to our goal. I am confident Southwind 4-H could easily meet, if not exceed, this goal.

Of course your participation is completely voluntary, but how awesome it would be for all of us within the entire Southwind District to come together for such a great cause!

If you are interested in making a donation as a club, please let me know and send a check payable to your local 4-H Council. More details on when we will conclude this challenge will be sent out soon!

Please let Jennifer know if you have questions or would like to make a donation 620-244-3826.



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