



SOUTHWIND DISTRICT



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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 newsletter 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, March 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.



NEOSHO COUNTY 4-H NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 4—Southwind 4-H Day
 Feb. 9—Backyard Poultry 101
 Feb. 19/20—Citizenship In Action
 March 4—Regional Club Day
 March 11—KS Jr Swine Producer Day
 March 21—Livestock Quality Assurance Training
 March 23—Livestock Meat Locker Tour
 March 24—FCS Tour
 March 25—KS JR Meat Goat Day
 April 1—Summer Intern Apps Due
 April 11—Dog Meeting, Santa Fe Park
 May 1—Horse ID & Permission Forms Due
 May 6—Riverside Classic Spring Livestock Show, Iola
 May 30/June 2—Discovery Days
 June 16/26—CWF
 June 26-30—Campference
 June 27/30—Sunny Hills 4-H Camp
 Oct. 7-8—48 Hours of 4-H

NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR
"Blue Jeans & Country Dreams"
July 20-24, 2017

FAIR CHANGES

The fair board made some changes at the January meeting:

- ⇒ Market Lamb Weight – upper limit was raised to 155 lbs.
- ⇒ Feeder Beef – weight requirements are now 600 – 900 lbs. at the fair.
- ⇒ Project check-out time – **ALL** projects can be checked out after 8:00 pm on Monday night.
- ⇒ **No clean-up or tear down will be allowed in the barns until after midnight on Monday.** Clean-up and tear down is encouraged to be done on Tuesday.
- ⇒ Base animals will not be loaded until after 10:30 pm on Monday or on Tuesday morning. Sale animals will be taken back to their pen/stall.
- ⇒ Club BBQ contest has been discontinued.

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 March 27, 2017 in the basement of the courthouse. **At least one leader and council rep per club must be present.**

FAIR BOARD DINNER / AUCTION

- Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the Function Junction
- Dinner will start at 6:00 pm
- Admission: \$15/person, \$20/couple or \$35/family
- Tables of 8 will be available for \$100. Please contact Kathy Brazle 620-212-2380.

FAIR BOARD MEETING

The next Fair Board meeting will be Feb 12th at 7:00 pm in the court house basement.

HELP WANTED!!!

The Fair Board is looking for help with putting up the new Horse Barn on the Fairgrounds. There are many days planned to make sure this large task is completed. The dates are March 24th, 25th, and 26th. The Fair Board also wants you to know that anyone is welcome. They will need plenty of help & helpers running to get bolts, tools, etc. Make plans to assist today! Charlie Isle would like to know as soon as possible if you can help, so he knows if there will be enough helpers. It will take him a couple of days to get all of the supplies and equipment to begin. Please give him a call or text at 620-431-8439 or you may email him at islefencing@outlook.com.

Happy Valentine's Day

PORTABLE LIVESTOCK SHELTERS AVAILABLE

As you prepare to make project selections for the upcoming year, those living in the city of Erie have the opportunity to house small animal projects inside the city limits from April until after the fair (sheep and goats). 4-H Council received a grant from Frontier Farm Credit to purchase portable livestock shelters. There are currently 2 shelters that can be reserved for use this spring. If you are interested in using one of these shelters, please let Krista Harding know. If they are not all reserved for Erie, they will be available for use in other parts of the county.

BEEF TAGGING & WEIGH-IN

The date for beef tagging has been set for Sunday, March 12th from 1 to 3 pm. Beef animals that require tagging include market steer and feeder beef.

MARKETING OPTION FOR MARKET STEERS

This year, Neosho County 4-Hers who are enrolled in the market beef project will be able to market their steers "on the rail" at Creekstone Farms Premium Beef in Ark City, KS. This should be a very educational experience for those enrolled in the market steer project as well as a good marketing option for any 4-Her who elects to participate.

To be eligible, a steer must be 51% continuous black (Certified Angus Beef) but can be any breed makeup. Trucking will be provided from the fairgrounds to Ark City immediately following the fair. For those opting not to participate, the option of a base bid buyer will still be available as well as the locker option.

Those enrolled in the market steer project were sent an e-mail on 1/16/17 with more details explaining this option.

If you have questions, please give Krista (244-3826) or Jim Bates (778-3987) a call.



Valentine's Day Word Search

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