



SOUTHWIND DISTRICT



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A NOTE FROM JENNIFER

Hello 4-H Family,

March is upon us! And the weather definitely feels like Spring as well! So, make sure you are spending plenty of time in the great outdoors as a family. I know it can be hard with busy schedules, but it can be as simple as going for a walk around the block or mile-section. Exploring healthy living is a 4-H Project that the entire family can learn about together. What are some ways you can add more healthy living habits to your family schedule?

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 March 1 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.

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.

Registration and detailed information will be on the State 4-H Website in March 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 the local Extension Offices by May 15.

SOUTHWIND DISTRICT 4-H ENROLLMENT POLICY

September 29, 2011

Extension Board Meeting Minutes

"Youth must be 7 and enrolled for the current program year by January 1, in order to participate in competitive events and be eligible for competitive scholarships. Youth who are 5-6 years old by January 1, may be enrolled in our Cloverbud program. Youth will be allowed to join 4-H after January 1 but will be ineligible to participate in competitive events or apply for competitive scholarships. Anyone turning 19 before January 1, of the 4-H year will not be eligible to join the 4-H program. The latest to drop or add a project for all members will be May 1st."



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.

WADE WEBER TO LEAD KSU 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



Wade Weber has been named the new State Program Leader for 4-H Youth Development and head of Kansas State University's 4-H Youth Development Department.

If you'd like to welcome Mr. Weber into his new position and into the K-State Research and Extension family, you can contact him via email at wademweber@gmail.com.

NW 4-H JUDGING aka SUPER 4-H SATURDAY



4-H Leaders, load up the car and head to Hays for a day filled with 4-H learning fun on March 11. There will be the annual judging contests (Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life skills, Livestock and Photography), project workshops and a volunteer gathering.

Here's the link to the flier and results page: <http://www.ellis.k-state.edu/4-h/northwest-judging.html>

WALK KANSAS

March 19—May 13, 2017

Walk Kansas, a great opportunity for 4-H'ers, parents, and families to participate as a team to fulfill the 4-H pledge – my **HEALTH** to better living for my club, my community, my country, my world. Walk Kansas is an opportunity for 4-H'ers who are in the Health and Wellness, Citizenship, or Leadership projects and Recreational Leaders to organize and lead teams.

Walk Kansas Participation Fees:

Individual Rates: \$8 for adults; \$5 for youth 12th grade and under.

For more information or to sign up a team, call Joy Miller 620-223-3720 or visit www.southwind.ksu.edu.

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.

SHUTTERBUGS AT AUBURN

What: Workshops and photo judging contest. Topics include understanding your camera equipment; action photos; digital composition; digital photo manipulation; portraits; gem, mineral and fossil photography; evaluating photos; rear curtain sync and twirling light; evaluating photos and much more. You may also register to participate in a photo judging contest.

When: March 19, 2017

Where: Auburn Community Center, Auburn, Kansas

Registration: Registration required. Registrations due March 11, 2017

Registration Fee: All participants will pay \$5.00. Photo judging contest fee is an additional \$2.00. NO REFUNDS

For more information visit:

http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/photographydocs/2017_Auburn_Photo_Workshop_Flyer.pdf

Teri Kretzmeier has agreed to transport 6 youth, email her at takretz@cox.net for details.

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>.



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.

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.

If you need a ride, call the following agents: Chris Petty, Bourbon Co 620-223-3720; Carla Nemecek, Allen Co 620-365-2242; Neosho Co 620-244-3826. Rides will be limited.

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.

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!!



KANSAS ANIMAL SCIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

High school students with a passion for the animal science industry should apply for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy. The academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of high school students. Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council, the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

Sessions will take place June 14-17, 2017. The program is open to all current high school students from across the country with an interest in the livestock industry and related careers. Applications are due April 1, 2017 and can be found at <http://bit.ly/KSUASILeadershipAcademy>.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK JUDGING PROGRAM

All Southwind District 4-H youth interested in Livestock Judging are welcome to participate.

At least the first two practices will be spent in the classroom learning the basics of livestock judging.

If weather allows, we will judge live classes during sessions 3 & 4. We will be working with Scott Sutton, Uniontown High School FFA Advisor.

Youth Livestock Judging Practice-
Uniontown High School Ag Building
Session 1: Wed, Feb 22nd- 3:45-5:15
Session 2: Wed, March 1st- 3:45-5:15
Session 3: Tues, March 7th- 3:45-5:15
Session 4: Tues, March 14th- 3:45-5:15
Session 5: Spring Break Week- day & time to be determined

If interested, contact Carla Nemecek, Southwind District Director, 620-365-2242 or cnemecek@ksu.edu

*All students should come to the first session with a Steno pad and a pen or pencil.

*No prior livestock judging experience is necessary.

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.

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK TEAM SELECTION

Southwind is allowed 3 teams at all state 4-H judging contests. The 4-H livestock teams will be selected by scores and participation in the following:

- Southeast Area Contest
 - Allen, Bourbon and Neosho County Fair Contests (must participate in at least one)
 - Attendance in at least 3 practices before the County Fair
- 4-H Age: to be eligible for an out of state trip, participants must be 14 years or older as of January 1.

To be clear, each county will submit their top 4 individuals from the above events, which will give us 12 individuals eligible for the 3 teams during the Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes weekend. From those 12 youth, composite teams will be determined based on contest scores, practice participation and agent/coach discretion.

STATE 4-H HORTICULTURE & POULTRY JUDGING OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in participating on a District Horticulture or Poultry Judging Team, please contact your local Extension Office. If we can get enough interest, we will try to send teams to those State Contests this year.

STATE 4-H FCS/ PHOTOGRAPHY TEAM SELECTION

Southwind is allowed 3 teams at all state 4-H judging contests. Team placement and preference will be given to those individuals who have participated in current years FCS and Photography judging contests and practices.

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.



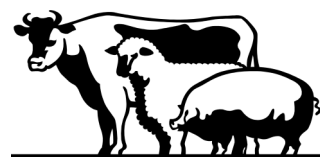
HOSTING IFYE's

Families are needed between June 19 and September 8. To date all IFYE's we have information on this year are females. There should be at least a couple of males. We expect most will be from farms. Several express interest in horses among the currently available bios. Countries include Austria, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Taiwan and Wales.

As information becomes available, it will be posted on the Host Family web page: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/host-family-information/index.html>. To apply, go to the bottom of the page under IFYE Hosting and download the IFYE Host Family Application as a fillable pdf, save it to their computer, fill in the form and save it. The completed form should be emailed to Mary Kay Munson at munson@ksbroadband.net. The web site has a separate Word document applying families can download and insert a family picture(s) in, save and email to Munson. She will work with them on placement of an IFYE.

DISTRICT FCS TOUR

District Family and Consumer Sciences Tour to be held Friday, March 24. This year, we will be traveling to the River Market in Kansas City. We will depart from Marmaton Valley Schools at 8:00am and plan to return by 4:00pm. The cost will be \$10/person and open to all 4-H Families. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by March 17th, 620-365-2242. Space is limited, so call today!



UPCOMING LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST DATES

March 31st- FSCC Aggie Days, Fort Scott, KS

April 6th- Allen Aggie Days, Iola, KS

April 13th - Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, KS

NEOSHO COUNTY 4-H NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

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
Aug. 19/20—KS 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes
Oct. 7-8—48 Hours of 4-H

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.

FAIR BOARD MEETING

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

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 and WEIGH-IN

The date for beef tagging has been set for Sunday, March 12th from 1 to 3 pm. at ****SEK Genetics located 1/2 mile west of Galesburg (70th Rd)****. Beef animals that require tagging include market steer and feeder beef. Cost of tags will be \$4 each. If you have any questions please contact Krista 620-244-3826.

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.**

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.

HORSE PROJECT MEETINGS

The following dates have been set for project meetings: Thursdays, March 2nd, 9th, and 16th at 6:00pm at the Chanute Arena.

The Horse Club and Quiz Bowl Team dinner will be held March 12th at 6:00pm at the Canville Building, Shaw

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

NEOSHO COUNTY FAIR
 "Blue Jeans & 4-H Dreams"
 July 20-24, 2017

A BIG THANK YOU!

The Neosho County Fair Board would like to thank everyone that contributed, came to the banquet and who purchased items at the auction. Because of you and your generosity we were able to raise **\$18,000.00**. This will go toward making improvements at the fair grounds.

We're on the Web!
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WHY THE CLOTHING PROJECT?

A good KAP consists of several 4-H projects that work together. Why should you consider the Clothing and Textiles Project. Learning how to assess your wardrobe and determine your needs is a life skill in taking care of yourself and how you present yourself. The 4-H clothing and textiles project will help you acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to plan, select, make, assemble and care for suitable clothing for work, school and social events.

You can learn how to:

- *Express yourself through creating and planning a wardrobe
- * Develop skills to purchase and make clothing
- * Learn how to use equipment to make and care for your clothes

These skills compliment other 4-H projects when working on your Kansas Award Portfolio. Some examples may include:

- * Project talks, demonstrations, Favorite Foods contest, or conference judging at the fair is about how you present yourself.
- * Performing Arts participants may have a dress code, need "Sunday" clothing, or have a costume.
- * Livestock Project participants may have boots, jeans, shirts, coats, overalls, etc. that are helpful when taking care of their animals and different set of clothes when showing.

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