



SOUTHWIND DISTRICT

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A NOTE FROM JENNIFER

Hello 4-H Family,

I would like to wish you a Happy National 4-H Week and New 4-H Year! There are lots of great things in store for the coming year and I hope that you have plans of sharing your 4-H story with others. What skills or experiences have you learned through your involvement with 4-H? There truly is no other organization where families with youth of all ages can truly work together on projects, attend meetings, and complete community service opportunities. This October, make plans to tell at least one non-4-H family about all that 4-H has to offer a family and encourage them to join our Southwind 4-H Family! The opportunities are endless!

Sincerely,

Jennifer

KYLF and KVF

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas Volunteer Forum information are on the [4-H Online CVent Registration System](#) and are ready for 4-H members and volunteers to register. The Forums will be held November 18-20, 2017 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2016 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer forum will feature training from the Kansas Leadership Center, workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective. This year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2016 for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate. Volunteers can also apply for a \$75 Julie Green scholarship to attend the volunteer forum. Deadline for the scholarship application is November 1, 2016.

4-H RECRUITMENT

Take advantage of this new school year to invite new families to join 4-H. Drive parents to include 4-H as part of their fall activities. Be sure to increase recruitment efforts and share the key messages that: 4-H is the network of families that grows great kids and 4-H is for city/town families, too.

OFFICER TRAINING

Officer training will be October 30th @ 3 pm at the Erie High School.



A Costume Contest will start the event with prizes being given for most creative; most original; and most scary. The contest is for leaders and parents as well, not just for 4-Hers!

All officers are required to attend. So come and have a "spooktacular" afternoon and show us what you have!!!

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 2-8, 2016 48 HOURS OF 4-H

It's a weekend to plan some kind of service project to join with 4-H members, volunteers and alumni across the state to see how much service we can do! Your project may take 2 hours or 20, it does not matter. Mark your calendars now for October 8-9, 2016. There will be more information coming in the next two months.

RECORD BOOK JUDGING DATES

The following dates have been set for record book judging:

- Iola, Monday, Oct. 3rd
- Erie, Tuesday, Oct. 4th
- Fort Scott, Wednesday, Oct. 5th

Judging will be from 1:30—8pm. Please let Jennifer know if you are planning to attend. Junior Leaders and any adults who are interested are welcome.



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.

SHUTTERBUGS AT HAYS

The 4-H Photo Action Team is planning a new Shutterbug event to be held in Hays on October 15. The events provide opportunities for 4-H youth to participate in hands-on photography activities. It will include workshops on a variety of topics, such as lighting, composition, portraits and macrophotography.

This event will be held the morning of Saturday, October 15 at the K-State Ag Research Center Auditorium, 1232 240th Avenue, Hays, KS. Registration begins at 9:00 am (no pre-registration necessary). The opening session will start at 9:15 am with workshops continuing throughout the morning.

For more information contact Jennifer 620-244-3826.

4-H DANCE

There will be a 4-H Dance in honor of National 4-H Week, on October 8th at the Old Armory in Fort Scott, next to fair grounds.

Admittance is a HUGS (H) Hats; (U) Underwear; (G) gloves and (S) Socks item. Canned Goods are also welcome. This will be our District wide 48 Hours of 4-H Project.

Also, each family will need to bring a snack item per family. Southwind Extension will cover bottled water.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment/Re-enrollment for the 2016-2017 4-H Year will begin October 1, 2016

4-H SUNDAY

This is a Sunday designated by your club throughout the year set aside to highlight the heart "H" and the spiritual side of 4-H work. 4-H strives for fourfold development – spiritual, mental, physical and social. Spiritual growth is enhanced as young people take their place in the church and put its teachings into practice in everyday living.

DISTRICT WIDE ARCHERY MEETING

Sunday, Oct 16th at 4pm @ the Grant Community Building, Stark. This is an informative meeting, we will **NOT** be shooting at this time. **ANY ONE** that is interested in Archery, even if you aren't signed up in this project, is encouraged to attend. There will be some really exciting ideas for the future. If you have any questions regarding the Archery project you may contact Donna Kovacic by email, kssunflower1983@yahoo.com or call her at 620-365-9826.

KANSAS 4-H VOLUNTEER CODE OF ETHICS

4-H Volunteers are so valuable to Kansas 4-H! There is no doubt that volunteers are the backbone of the 4-H Program providing the hands-on experiences for the young people involved. It's the 4-H Volunteers that guide and direct the clubs, meetings and educational experiences for the 4-H members. However, there are days when it's just hard serving as a 4-H Volunteer when there are deadlines to be met, 4-H members needing attention and exhibits requiring special care.

It's during these stressful times when youth watch adults intently. Experiential learning is 4-H's cornerstone and what is demonstrated by adults is repeated by youth. As we begin a new 4-H Year, let's all take a moment and review the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Code of Ethics.

As a Kansas 4-H Volunteer, I will:

- Work within the 4-H program. As a 4-H volunteer, I am accountable to the local club, the appropriate Extension Unit, the Kansas 4-H Youth Development Program, K-State Research and Extension, and Kansas State University for my actions.
- Work as a "team player" for the good of the 4-H program. I will work cooperatively with youth, other volunteers and extension staff and treat them with respect.
- Honor my volunteer commitment.
- Keep records, distribute materials and support the 4-H system.
- Follow established guidelines for keeping financial records and handling 4-H funds.
- I will participate in meetings, self-study, or other training programs which will help me work more effectively with young people and adults.
- Make all reasonable efforts to assure equal access to participation for all youth and adults.
- Kansas State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer committed to non-discrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, or other non-merit reasons.
- Provide a safe environment. I will not harm youth or adults in any way, whether through sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect, or other harmful experiences.
- Not use alcohol or any illegal substances (or be under its influences) while working with or being responsible for youth, or allow youth to do so while under my supervision.
- Operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a safe and responsible manner. When operating a motor vehicle, I will have a valid driver's license and the legally required insurance coverage.
- Role-model the character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.
- Promote and practice the responsible and ethical stewardship of livestock and/or companion animal projects.
- Obey the laws of the locality, state and nation and K-State Research and Extension and 4-H Youth Development policies and guidelines.
- Use technology and social media in safe and appropriate ways for the enhancement and promotion of the 4-H Youth Development program.

KANSAS STATE FAIR EXHIBITS RECEIVING SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Kansas 4-H Foundation selects exhibits from both Photography & Visual Arts to travel across the state. These exhibits are used in a number of different special events and even Rock Springs.

K-State Dean of Agriculture (Photography),
Neosho County: Kaura Julich

4-H Foundation Selections (Photography),

Allen County: Morgan Hunter, Zoey Rinehart, Brooklyn Storrer, Katie Weide, Jenna Wilks, and Shelby Yoho; *Neosho County:* Chellby Cosby & Tarah Stockebrand.

Rock Springs Selections (Photography), *Allen County:* Carly Dreher; *Fort Scott:* Olivia Walker.

Rock Springs (Visual Arts), *Allen County:*

Emily McKarnin; *Bourbon County:* Kiran Bailey; *Neosho County:* Kayleigh Wilson.

STATE FAIR JUDGING CONTEST RESULTS

The senior team of Tarah Stockebrand, Jenna Wilks, Kendle Stockebrand, and Sophie Osborn placed 7th in the state. Kendle Stockebrand led the team with a 4th place individual placing. The other Southwind senior team included Rayanne McKinsey, Shelby Yoho and Zoi Yoho.

The district had two intermediate individuals compete, Kahlan Roloff and Jenni Armstrong.

STATE FAIR PARTICIPANTS

State Fair items are back and ready to be picked up! Congratulations to everyone that participated in the Kansas State Fair! Thank you to those who volunteered or contributed in other ways. Check results at www.kansas-4-h.org under "What's Hot" on the right.

4-H CLOVERBUD POLICIES

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 show-case 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 you may contact Jennifer at the Extension office 620-244-3826.

2017 4-H CAMP

Dates have been set for Sunny Hills Camp—June 24-27 and Campference—June 27-30. Be sure to mark your calendar now!



BOURBON COUNTY 4-H NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 1—4-H Enrollment Starts
Oct 2-9—National 4-H Week
Oct. 4—Record Book Judging
Oct. 8—4-H Dance, Fort Scott
Oct. 8-9—48 Hours of 4-H
Oct. 10—Office Closed, Columbus Day
Oct. 15—KYL & KVF Registration Deadline
Oct. 15—Shutterbugs @ Hays
Oct. 19th—4-H Council
Oct. 24—Jr Leaders Meeting
Oct. 30—Officer Training, Erie High School
Nov. 4—Achievement Banquet/
Friends of 4-H Dinner
Nov. 11—Office Closed, Veterans Day
Nov. 24-25—Office Closed, Thanksgiving

4-H COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee will meet October 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the 4-H Building prior to the Council meeting to begin at 6:30. Chairperson, Lynette Westhoff, Janet Beene, Cassidy Westhoff.

ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATION FORMS

Having this application at the start of the 4-H year allows you to see what you need to do, plan ahead, and accomplish the requirements for your next pin.

The 4-H Kansas Awards Portfolio (KAP) is available on our website www.southwind.ksu.edu or you may pick up hard copies from the Extension Office.

The new 4-H year starts October 1, 2016. Start the year off right by keeping a calendar of your 4-H related activities. Having the information recorded all year will make it easier to fill out your KAP.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bourbon County 4-H Building due to the Extension Agents attending their Annual Conference in Manhattan. This will be election of officers night for the new year. Both the 2016 and the new 2017 4-H Council representatives should attend this meeting. The Food Stand Committee will meet at 6:00 pm.

JUNIOR LEADERS

The first meeting of the New 4-H Year will be held on October 24th at the Common Ground Coffee Shop starting at 6:30pm. This will be an informational meeting for all 4-H'ers who are at least 13 years old and up to learn about what Junior Leaders is all about! Please make plans to attend.

CLUB OFFICER NOTEBOOKS DUE

Secretary, Historian and Reporter 4-H Club Officer Notebooks are due in the Extension Office Thursday, October 3, 2016. Treasurer 4-H Club Notebooks are due November 1, 2016.

4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET and FRIENDS OF 4-H DINNER INVITATION

All 4-Hers, parents, and leaders are invited to attend the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet Friday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fort Scott Middle School. We will be presenting awards to 4-Hers, Community, Project and Teen Leaders for their accomplishments during the past year. Even if you do not receive an award, your 4-H Club will. There is a lot of work done to receive a club seal, and you should support your club by being there. It is also fun to get together with the other 4-H clubs in the county and to support each other. Be sure to make your family's reservation before Friday, October 28, 2016. Meals will only be ordered for those that RSVP.

We are looking for someone or a group to volunteer to do a musical talent or skit for the program. If you are willing please contact the Extension Office.

Special guest will be invited through the 4-H Clubs this year. If you would like someone included on the list please notify Pat by email: psimpson@ksu.edu or call the office at 620-223-3720.



Fall is Here!



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