

SOUTHWIND 4-H

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

September

8-17 – KS State Fair
10 – St Photo Judging Contest
16 – FCS Judging St Contest
17/19 – KS Jr Dairy Show

Sept/Oct

29 – 1 Ks Jr Livestock Show

October

2 – 4-H Enrollment Begins
7-8 – 48 Hours of 4-H
7 – 15 Nat'l 4-H Week
15 – 4-H Sunday
15 – Registration Deadline KYLF
15 – Officer Training

NOT GETTING EMAILS?

Emails are sent via 4-H Online. Please check your spam/junk folder and make sure at enrollment you make sure to accept.

Also, if you do not frequently check the email you use for 4HOnline as a login, please change it. Jennifer can help you with this!

EXTENSION OFFICES CLOSED

September 4, 2017

In observation of Labor Day

EXTENSION OFFICES:

Erie

620-244-3826

Fort Scott

620-223-3720

Iola

620-365-2242

Website

www.southwind.ksu.edu

Facebook

Southwind Extension District

KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEKEND- KYLF and KVF

The Forums will be held November 17-19, 2017 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2017 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 workshops and information to help volunteer be more effective. This year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2017 for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate.

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.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

It is now time for young people to apply to be National 4-H Conference Delegates. The conference will be April 7-12, 2018 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED NATIONAL CONFERENCE EVALUATORS

Applications for National 4-H Conference are out. If you are interested in serving as an evaluator please let Jennifer know by Sept 29. Typically there are 5 evaluators for written applications and 5 evaluators for interviews. If you have a youth from your Local Extension Unit who is applying, you are not able to serve in this role.

ENROLLMENT

4-H Online will be closed for all of September to complete end of year reporting. It will re-open October 2nd after 8:00am.

Also during enrollment in 4HOnline, you will be asked to declare a program fee intention. There will be an option for credit cards, checks, and waiver. Unless you are asking for a waiver, please select check. Payment is due within seven days. Clubs who plan to pay for their members need to speak with Jennifer about a form to submit with their check to the State Office. Cloverbuds & volunteers are exempt.

4-H DISCOVERY DAYS TASKFORCE

If you love to attend 4-H Discovery Days then you are encouraged to apply to be on the Discovery Days Task Force for 2018! The task force is a planning/working team that is responsible for putting together the program and coordinating the event.

Applications are now available and are due October 1. Applicants should expect to be notified by November 1 as to their selection as a Task Force member. This year the Discovery Days Retreat will be held in December. For more information contact Jennifer 620-244-3826.

484H FALL CLEAN-UP AT ROCK SPRINGS

Do you or your 4-H club want to participate in the state-wide 48 hours of 4-H event but can't come up with a project? Join Rock Springs 4-H Center for our 48 hours of 4-H fall clean-up event! Clean-up will be Saturday, October 7th at 9am and conclude before 5pm. Lunch will be included. Lodging and additional meals are available to add on for a reduced rate.

RECORD BOOKS/KANSAS AWARD PORTFOLIO (KAP)

As soon as the County Fair ends, it is a good time to begin working on Record Books. If you are needing any help with completing these books or are completely new to the process, please let Jennifer know. Jennifer will be in the Iola Office on Mondays and Fort Scott Office on Wednesdays throughout August and September.

Record Books are due to your club leaders at their specific deadline to have plenty of time to review books before they are due to the Extension Office BEFORE October 1st. Books that are turned in after the deadline of your club leader will not be judged for county-wide awards.

RECORD BOOK JUDGING DATES

The following dates have been set for record book judging:

Iola, Monday, Oct. 2nd
Fort Scott, Wednesday, Oct. 4th
Erie, Thursday, Oct. 5th

Judging will be from 1:00—7pm. Junior Leaders and any adults who are interested in judging are welcome. Please contact your local Extension Office if you are planning on attending.

2018 4-H CAMP

Dates have been set for Sunny Hills Camp—June 3-6. Be sure to mark your calendar now!

48 HOURS OF 4-H

Let's see how much we can give back during the 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge, October 7-8. Find information here and start planning your projects. <http://Kansas4H.org/484H>.

GET INVOLVED WITH THE NATIONAL e-FORUMS

Coming this fall are three opportunities for 4-H Volunteers who serve in a variety of roles such as club organizational leaders, project/subject leaders, committee members, and advisory boards. It's the National 4-H e-Forums, a new format that involves a web based concept which capitalizes on the strengths, resources, and experiences from 4-H programs across the nation and to allow 4-H volunteers and staff to have a richer experience. The e-forums are scheduled October 3, November 2 and December 7! For more information contact Jennifer 620-244-3826.

COUNTIES/DISTRICTS NEEDED FOR 2018 KS 4-H JAPANESE EXCHANGE

If you think your county might be interested, or to find out more details about your county/district hosting Japanese youth from 12-18 years-old in 2018, contact Jennifer 620-244-3826 by September 14th.

VOLUNTEERS

Each year, club and project leaders are required to complete paper work to be registered volunteer. All paper work is reviewed and approved by the Extension Board. To check your volunteer status, contact Jennifer. This includes youth project leaders and counselors as well.

APPLICATIONS FOR 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ARE OPEN

The Youth Council Application information link is available on the KYLF webpage on the State 4-H Website. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2018 may apply. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW).

Council members will plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference, 48 Hours of 4-H and other events.

Applications are due on an online form on October 2, 2017 before 5 p.m. CST and 2 letters of reference must be postmarked on or before October 2, 2017 or they may be uploaded on the application site by October 2 at 5 p.m. The signature page should be postmarked by October 2, 2017.

SHOW CALF EDUCATION

The families of Kurt Schwartz & Brad Aust will host a "Show Calf Education" program October 7th at 20418 KS Hwy 7, LaCygne, KS. There will be a Fitting Demonstration, Showmanship Clinic, Feed Tips, Games & Prizes. Lunch will start at 12:30 with the program starting at 1:30. For more information or questions please contact Kurt 660-424-3422, Paula 913-333-8260 or Brad 913-980-3795.

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LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

Nine 4-H members had the opportunity to represent the Southwind Extension District at the annual Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes at Kansas State University. Their skills and knowledge were challenged by participating in Livestock & Meats Judging, Livestock Quiz Bowl and Livestock Skillathon contests.

Those attending were (from left to right): Carla Nemecek, Southwind Extension District Director & coach of the teams; Haydon Schaaf, Gavin Fry, Ryann Allison, Clay Brillhart, Brody Nemecek, Jillian Keller, Danielle Nading, Kolby Seested and John Emmerson.

KANSAS 4-H DOG CONFERENCE & QUIZ BOWL

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be October 21-22 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The theme is "Dogs 'R' Game." Registration will be through the Cvent 4-H system with registration closing October 8th, 11:59 p.m. There is a \$25.00 cancellation fee once participants have registered. To register beginning in mid-August, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>. Cost is \$110.00 for full-time participants, \$65.00 for Saturday only and \$45.00 for Sunday only.

OFFICER TRAINING

All officers and leaders are required to attend the annual training. It will be Oct. 15th at 3:00pm in the Erie High School Auditorium. If you are unable to attend, let Jennifer know ASAP! Leaders will be having a special meeting regarding club leader succession plans. Please bring any adults that would like to be a future leader.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

ALLEN COUNTY FAIR

Congratulations to all 4-H members on their hard work at the 2017 Allen County Fair. 125 members exhibited **1103** total entries. That's an average of over 8 entries per exhibitor!! Congratulations!

Don't forget to send your Thank - You's. With a tight economy, it is more important than ever to take time to thank those folks who give monetary contributions for awards at the Fair.

LIVESTOCK CHECKS

If you are receiving a check from the Extension Office for Add-Ons, Base Bid or from the Livestock Boosters, those will be available for pick up on Friday, September 1st. Each 4-H member is required to bring 5 stamped and addressed ready to mail thank you's. If you need addresses for businesses or individuals who helped with your projects, we will have those available to help you out.

TIPS FOR WRITING A GOOD THANK YOU

- Take the time to personalize the card
- Don't just say "thanks for sponsoring awards at the county fair"
- Consider saying "At the fair this year, I took X, Y, Z projects and learned A, B, C. Thank you for sponsoring the trophy I won for A."
- Tell them what your animal's name was and how the animal did at the fair before you tell them thank you
- If it was for livestock, consider telling them what you will use the money for - projects for next year, pay a feed bill, saving for college
- A good thank you takes time to write - take the time!
- Add a nice gift to go with the card
 - Something you baked at the Fair for foods
 - Home made baked goods or snacks - not store bought
 - Jelly, Jam or other preserved food
 - Trail mix in a decorated jar
 - Flavored popcorn in a nice container
 - Something unique and yummy!