Hello 4-H Family,

As we are all currently following the stay-at-home order for COVID-19 from Governor Laura Kelly, I want to remind everyone that all face-to-face Extension programs, activities, workshops, and meetings must be canceled, postponed, or held virtually (I can help you with this!). This also means, there will not be any spring shows or weigh/tag ins at this time. Recently, K-State Research and Extension extended the timeframe to July 4th. The Southwind staff are still working daily to brainstorm ideas and alternatives. Please reach out if you have questions and make sure to keep up with us on the website and social media at Southwind District 4-H. I want to encourage you to keep working hard on your project exploration and dabble into those record books.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Terrell, 4-H Youth Development Agent

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**SPECIAL NEWS**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED**

Southwind District is looking for four youth to work approximately 20 hours per week to assist with programming and preparation for the County Fair. Applicants should be at least 16 years of age with the ability to drive. Applications are located on our website and the deadline to apply has been extended to May 1, 2020. Ideally, an intern will be hired for each office location in the Southwind District: Erie, Fort Scott, Iola and Yates Center. Mail applications to your local Extension Office.

**4-H DOG CONFERENCE THEME AND T-SHIRT DESIGN FOR 2020**

Send in your ideas for the 2020 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference Theme and T-Shirt Design. The 4-H member who creates the winning design will receive a free Dog Conference registration for 2020. Submit ideas to Shane Potter: potters@ksu.edu by April 15. Include: Name, Local Extension Unit, Address, Email, Theme idea – Please include the text idea as well as a sketch for the conference graphic.

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**PROJECT NEWS**

**NEW HORSE CERTIFICATION**

Horse ID’s are due by mail to your local Extension Office on May 1. The new form for 2020 must be used. Paperwork is available on our website under 4-H Events. Remember, before the May 1 registration deadline, you must have completed the levels required to show at District or State 4-H Horse events.

**2020 HORSE SHOW RULE BOOK REVISIONS**

The newly revised 4-H Horse Show Rule Book can be found on the state horse project page.

Revisions:

- **Ownership** - Youth may own the horse themselves or use a family-owned horse (immediate family: parent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepchildren, grandparent, or legal guardian).
- **Leasing** - If a 4-H member identifies a family-owned horse, 1 additional horse may be leased and identified.
- **Entering District Horse Shows** - 4-H members may participate in their county/district designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing. But before 4-H members must indicate through which District Horse Show. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used.
- **Senior Horse Western Pleasure & Junior Horse Western Pleasure** - have been eliminated.
- **Ranch Horse Pattern and Reining** - Patterns have changed.
- **Costume, Roping Classes** - All information to be added to the web site and not included in the rule book.
- **Two-year-old Snaffle bit** - Reminder that the class was phased out.

** DISTRICT HORSE SHOW - CANCELED**

District Horse Show was set for Friday, July 1 at the Parsons State Hospital Arena, Parsons, Kansas.

**INSECT SPECTACULAR POSTPONED**

The group planning the Insect Spectacular had a Zoom meeting at the end of March. After considering the affects COVID-19 is having on the logistics of getting Insect Spectacular put together, and the timeline of the spreading virus, the group decided to postpone the workshop until next year. However, we wanted to provide some type of learning platform for the 4-Hers enrolled in the project statewide. So, we are planning 3 presentations virtually for 3 nights in June. More information coming soon.

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**LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**SUMMER INTERNSHIP DEADLINE EXTENDED**

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**4-H EVENT INFORMATION**

**DISCOVERY DAYS - CANCELED**

Discovery Days was scheduled for May 27-29.

**FCS AND PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING**

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

**FCS STATE JUDGING CONTEST – CHALLENGE TOPIC: HEALTH**

Seniors age 14-19 and Intermediates age 9-13 as of January 1, 2020 are asked to explore their community and determine an existing health problem they would like to research and create a plan. The next step is to complete a 2-4 minute video that needs to be submitted by May 15. Eligible teams will be notified about participation in the September 15 state contest, after videos are reviewed. Both first place teams per division will receive a $250 grant to be utilized towards implementing the team’s proposed solution, to their identified local health issue. More information and resources are posted at southwind.k-state.edu/fcs.

**STATE HORICULTURE JUDGING AT KSU**

The Contest will be held Saturday, August 15. Registration deadline will be August 10. Study materials are available on the Kansas 4-H website under Horticulture Judging Contest: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/index.html.

**KANSAS STATE FAIR 4-H DOG SHOW – NEW DATE**

The 2020 Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show is scheduled for September 5, 2020 in the Expo Center. This is the weekend before the start of the fair as the Bison Arena is no longer available for use.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR 48 HOURS OF 4-H**

The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project and join the 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge, October 10-11, 2020. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! By starting to discuss and plan now, you can find the perfect project for your group and engage important partners.

**POLLUTRY HEALTH REQUIREMENT**

Due to continuation of the nationwide shortage of the antigen needed to conduct pullorum-typhoid testing in poultry, the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health is waiving certain poultry testing requirements for 2020. As a result, Kansas poultry owners do not need to test their exhibition birds for the pullorum disease while the waiver is in effect.

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**OTHER INFO**

**POULTRY HEALTH REQUIREMENT**

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SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE TEAMS NOW FORMING

What is the Science of Agriculture Challenge? It’s a hands-on learning experience to inspire the next generation of agriculture leaders in Kansas. Teams of 2-5 youth in grades 6-12 work with volunteer coaches and mentors to create projects and build solutions. The team will identify agriculture-related issues in their community, develop solutions and share the projects with the community. Each year, teams present their ideas to a panel of industry expert judges at a state competition. Each member of the top three teams will receive a scholarship ranging to use at the university, college or trade school of their choice. For more information, contact Anissa Jepsen at ajjepsen@ksu.edu or check out: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/h.org/projects/science-engineering-and-technology/science-of-agriculture/.

CAMP INFORMATION

SUNNY HILLS 4-H CAMP REGISTRATION - CANCELED
Sunny Hills 4-H Camp was set for June 7-10.

GREENBUSH 4-H CAMP - CANCELED
Was scheduled for June 22-23.

CAMPFERENCE 2020 - CANCELED
Was scheduled for June 22-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

KSU YOUTH HORSE JUDGING CAMP - CANCELED

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

2020 STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATION INFORMATION
The state livestock nomination season is rapidly approaching! The 2020 materials have been distributed to counties and are posted on the KSU Youth Livestock website, under the “Nomination Information” tab (http://bit.ly/ksunominations). Market Beef nominations will be due on May 1, 2020. All other species, which includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, will be due June 15, 2020. Please remember there is not a registered breeding doe show at either state show, so all meat goats must be nominated to be eligible. The nomination deadlines are firm postmark deadlines. Any nomination envelope or package received must have a visible postmark prior to the deadline, or it will not be accepted. Agents are encouraged to use the check list provided for each species to make sure their nominations are complete. Incomplete or incorrect nominations will be returned to the family and cost $20 to correct. The YQCA certification requirement will also continue for all Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and KILS exhibitors. Agents are able to help with the nomination process, just give your office a call to make an appointment.

KSU NOMINATION INFORMATION – STAY TUNED FOR COVID-19 UPDATES
https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/

GRAND DRIVE & KILS IMPORTANT DATES
https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/All%20Important%20Dates%20Graphic_2.23.20.pdf

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING - MUST BE COMPLETED ONLINE
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. The program is designed to provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year. The online program requires the passing of a series of three quizzes to earn certification. Cost will be $17.

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: 1. Southeast Area Contest. 2. Allen, Bourbon and Neosho County Fair Contests (must participate in at least one). 3. Attendance in at least 3 practices before the County Fair. 4- 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 16 individuals eligible for the 4 teams during the Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes weekend. From those 16 youth, composite teams will be determined based on contest scores, practice participation, maturity and agent/coach discretion.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

GWEN E. WILSON SCHOLARSHIP
The Gwen E. Wilson Memorial 4H Scholarship Award, is to be awarded to an Allen County 4 H Club Member, annually. This scholarship must be used at Kansas State University for work leading to a degree of the student’s own choice. The scholarship is worth $1000. No winner may receive it more than once and it is not renewable. Specific details and the application can be found on the Southwind Extension District website. Applications are due to later than May 1st to the Southwind District Iola Office.

2020 ALLEN COUNTY FAIR THEME
“Have a Roaring Good Time at the Allen County Fair” with a Roaring 20's/Gatsby theme

VIRTUAL 4-H COUNCIL MEETING
Allen County 4 H Council will meet by Zoom on Thursday, April 9 at 7pm. Please follow this link to connect: https://ksu.zoom.us/j/532228547 A phone in option will also be made available to club leaders by email to share with their 4-H Council representatives.

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

FAIR PAPER INFO
There are communications between the Tribune and the Extension Office currently regarding the printing of the fair paper. Typically, the paper is available for families or club leaders to pick-up in May. We ask that you have patience during this time, and we will notify you when the paper is available for pick-up.

COUNTY FAIR INFO
Any info regarding the county fair will be available in the May Newsletter. However, changes with the COVID-19 situation are possible and we plan to keep you posted with any possible changes.

NEOSHO & WOODSON COUNTY NEWS

MAKE SURE YOU ARE FOLLOWING ALL SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS FOR SOUTHWIND EXTENSION DISTRICT.
FIND US ON FACEBOOK: SOUTHWIND EXTENSION DISTRICT AND SOUTHWIND DISTRICT 4-H.