DATES TO REMEMBER

**March**
- 6 – State Horse Judging Contest
- 7 – Regional 4-H Day @ Chanute
- 8 – 4-H Day & Wildcat Women
- 14 – Jr Sheep Producers Day
- 15 – Walk Kansas Program
- 21 – 4-H Super Saturday

**April**
- 1 – Horse Certifications Due

**May**
- 21 – 4-H Super Saturday

**June**
- 1 – Horse Certifications Due
- 25 – Offices Closed – Memorial Day

**July**
- 15 – State Horticulture Judging

**August**
- 15 – State Horticulture Judging
- 22-25 – 4-H Campference

SOUTHWIND COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULES

- Bourbon - July 11-18
- Woodson - July 18-22
- Allen/Neosho - July 23-27

EXTENSION OFFICES:

- Erie: 620-244-3826
- Fort Scott: 620-223-3720
- Iola: 620-365-2242
- Yates Center: 620-625-8620

Website: [www.southwind.k-state.edu](http://www.southwind.k-state.edu)

Facebook: Southwind Extension District

WALK KANSAS

If you are a 4-H, Girl Scout, Boy Scout, or after school Program Leader, or School Teacher; or any other Youth Leader and you would like to register your group to participate in Walk Kansas, registration forms (one per leader and one for each youth) are available on our website at [www.southwind.k-state.edu/walk-kansas](http://www.southwind.k-state.edu/walk-kansas). An adult serving as captain and all youth in high school and below can participate FREE! If you have any questions, please contact Joy Miller at 620-223-3720 or [jymiller@ksu.edu](mailto:jymiller@ksu.edu).

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

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: [www.southwind.k-state.edu](http://www.southwind.k-state.edu) and are due by April 3, 2020. Ideally, an intern will be hired for each office location in the Southwind Extension District, Erie, Fort Scott, Iola and Yates Center.

MEAT SCIENCE ACADEMY

Save the date for this special event to be held on March 20th from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and March 21st from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. All youth are welcome to attend and can expect to learn about meat from beef, pork, rabbits, poultry, sheep and goats. More details and registration to come soon! “Watch your e-mail.

RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP

There will be a record book workshop held in Yates Center at the 4-H Community Building on April 5th at 2:00 p.m. All Southwind 4-H families are welcome to attend this event.

DISCOVERY DAYS 2020

Make your calendar for May 27-29 for this learning experience. Youth ages 13-18 will learn about being a college student on the campus of Kansas State University. They will stay in the dorms, eat in the dining hall, attend classes during the day, and enjoy campus nightlife at the Student union with bowling, billiards, performances, and dances. It is a great way to make new friends from across the state as well. Registration will open on March 1st, so plan to register early to select those classes that traditionally fill quickly. Registration will close on April 15th. Check with your local office on special event scholarships.

CAMPERENCE 2020

This is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2020), and will be held June 22-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 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. Register online by May 15 and payment must be in the local Extension Offices by May 15.

ENTOMOLOGY MEETING

The next project meeting will be March 28th at 2:00 p.m. at the Chanute High School. Come to the back of the school. The sign will be up by the entrance door. Please bring a zip drive and a list of insects you need Common Name labels and Date/Location labels for. Also bring insects you need to identify. Questions: call Vicky at 620-804-9170

4-H CLOVERBUDS AND SPRING SHOWS

When 4-H or Extension plans, organizes and facilitates a livestock, small animal, horse or pre or post-fair activity, please double check that 4-H Policies are being followed. Cloverbuds was designed for 5-6 year-olds. Cloverbuds is activity-focused, rather than project focused. Cloverbud members may not participate in any competitive 4-H events. Cloverbuds may showcase their exhibits at fairs and public events, but they may not own and/or show 4-H livestock.

SUNNY HILLS 4-H CAMP

What a better way to spend a few days this summer, than at 4-H Camp! 4-H Camp is June 7-10 and will cost $225. Open to youth who have completed the 3rd-7th grade. There is a lot of fun at 4-H Camp, like: canoeing, archery, crafts, campfires, horseback riding, and more! Register now until May 1st Sunny Hills Camp Registration link: https://forms.gle/x5UVN7Z7hJoECXHu9.

COUNSELORS WANTED

Sunny Hills is looking for Camp Counselors. Must be sophomore complete. Apply at: [www.southwind.k-state.edu](http://www.southwind.k-state.edu) by May 1st. Counselor training will be held June 6th. This is a great opportunity to learn more about being a leader.

GREENBUSH 4-H CAMP

This camp is for 4-H’ers who are between the ages of 7 and 9. Dates are June 12 & 23. Camp will cost $75. Look for more details about registration in your next newsletter.
FCS AND PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING

Southwind is allowed 4 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.

KANSAS JUNIOR SHEEP PRODUCER DAY REGISTRATION OPEN

Junior Sheep Producer Day Saturday, March 14, 2020, in Weber Arena on the K-State campus. This one-day educational event is devoted to the selection and management of youth sheep projects. All ages and knowledge levels are invited. Topics will include selection, nutrition, the state nomination process, flock management, herd health, facilities and equipment, clipping, and showmanship. An optional instructor-led YQCA training will also be held at the conclusion of the program. Cost is $15 per person; if registration is submitted by February 21, 2020, or $20 per person after the early deadline. All attendees, including youth and adults, must register. Families register online: http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister or by downloading the flyer: http://bit.ly/ksuirproducerdays, completing the bottom portion of the flyer and mailing it, with payment, to the KSU Youth Livestock Program. Those who plan to attend the YQCA certification will need to register separately at: www.yqca.org. Detailed instructions will be emailed to families who indicate they plan to attend YQCA on their junior day registration materials. Youth may attend the optional YQCA session without participating in the junior day activities. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-

4-H & TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

Dates for the 2020 Campaign: Spring: 4/29/20-5/10/20 Fall: 10/7/20-10/18/20 Each spring and fall, Tractor Supply helps raise money for 4-H programs through the sale of Paper Closers in their stores. 90% of funds raised go back to state and local 4-H programs to support scholarships for camp and leadership activities. Join us in Hays on March 21 for this year’s 4-H Super Saturday. It's a day filled with judging contests and learning opportunities and is open to 4-H and FFA members statewide. The contest information and registration for all six contests - Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Livestock and Photography - is posted on the Cottonwood Extension District website - Ellis 4-H - 4-H Events - NW Area 4-H Judging. Also held in conjunction with this is a session for parents held during the judging contests. Parents will gain new ideas to take back to their 4-H clubs. The afternoon is filled with livestock judging and a variety of hands-on workshops to choose from. Pre-register for workshops and livestock judging by the March 13 deadline.

SAVE THE DATES FOR JUDGES TRAINING

4-H Fair Judges Training opportunities are being planned in the SE Region: Monday, March 30, Wellington – evening. Wednesday, April 1, Paola – evening. Thursday, April 2, Chanute – evening. Monday, April 6, Foods and Foods Preservation Judges Training – Iola – All Day. A complete list of topics and registration information will be available on or before February 28. Foods will only be covered on April 6, as it takes a longer time frame to cover all aspects of Foods and Foods Preservation. These trainings would be great for project leaders, judges that would like a refresher.

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 in the Intermediate and Senior divisions 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 If you need assistance or have questions, contact Joy Miller @ joymiller@ksu.edu or 223-3720.

SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE TEAMS NOW FORMING

We're looking for adults and youth to participate in the Kansas 4-H Science of Agriculture Challenge. hands-on learning experience to inspire the next generation of agriculture leaders in Kansas. Teams of 3-5 youth in grades 6-12 work with volunteer coaches and mentors to create projects and develop solutions. Teams will identify agriculture-related issues in their community, find solutions and share projects with the community. Teams will present their ideas to a panel of industry expert judges at a preliminary and state competition. Each member of the top three teams receives a scholarship. If you are interested in learning more about leading a team, check out this link: https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/science-engineering-and-technolog y/science-of-agriculture/index.html or email Anissa Jepsen at: ajepsen @ksu.edu.

TEAM BONDING, TEAM BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

The philosopher Plato was once quoted as saying, “I can learn more about a person in an hour of play than a lifetime of conversation.” In this workshop, Michelle Cummings will share insights and strategies on how to surface behaviors through play experienced activities. This high-energy, hands-on workshop will teach participants how to play some of the industry’s best icebreakers, leadership games and unique ways to reflect on what you are learning. Michelle will engage you physically, intellectually and mentally with lots of opportunity for laughter and learning. Attendees will discover how powerful the impact of the value of connection, leadership, and purposeful play have on the participants in your programs. Learning Objectives: 1. Learn multiple hands-on activities you can utilize right away. 2. Each participant will receive a detailed handout with write-ups for each of the activities presented. 3. Enhance the participant experience by learning new ways to reflect on what they are learning. Who: This workshop is open to youth 7th grade and older and adult sponsors, staff and volunteers. What: Team Building Facilitation Training, Networking that will help build your team. When: Friday, April 3rd, 10:00am to 4:00pm Saturday, April 4th, 10:00am to 4:00pm Cost: Includes fabulous facilitation and training by Michelle Cummings, key chain debriefing tool, meals and snacks. $10 Coupon for the opportunity to purchase her tools. Registration Deadline March 25th KSRE Extension Staff, 4-H Members and 4-H Volunteers: One Day: $50 Two Day: $85 Non-Extension Related Participants: One Day: $65 Two Day: $115 School Teams (4 youth and 1 Sponsor) All Key Chains, Only 1 Coupon per team One Day: $160 Additional Students: $45
**LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING**

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. An in-person YQCA workshop requires complete attendance. Cost will be $12 for the online training, and only $3 for a one-hour classroom training. Youth may attend any training of their choice based on which date/time works best for your schedule. In the Southwind District, the in-person training will be held on the following dates and times.

- May 20, 9:00a.m., Moran Senior Center
- May 20, 1:00 p.m., Bourbon County 4-H Building
- May 21, 9:00 a.m., Neosho County Courthouse Basement Meeting Room
- May 21, 1:00 p.m., Woodson County Bressner Hall

**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 send their top 4 participants to the Nebraska District show. More details will follow.

**STATE FAIR 4-H DOG SHOW**

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. This is just an FYI to save the date. As additional details beyond the date are finalized, more updates will follow.

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

We are seeking ideas for the 2020 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference Theme and T-Shirt Design. The 4-H member who creates the winning design idea will receive a free Dog Conference registration for the 2020 event. The 2019 winner was Josslyn DePew from Dickinson County with the “Rock Star 4-H Dogs” theme. Please submit your ideas to Shane Potter: potters@k StateU.edu by April 15, 2020. Please include: Name, Local Extension Unit, Address, Email, Theme idea for 2020 Dog Conference – Please include the text idea as well as a sketch for the conference graphic

**NEW 4-H HORSE CERTIFICATION**

Horse ID's are due to your local Extension Office by May 1st. There is a new form in 2020, that must be used. The paperwork is available from the website: www.southwind.k-state.edu under "4-H useful forms". This paperwork will not be sent out by mail unless you request them from your local Extension Office. 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, stepsibling, 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.

**YOUTH LIVESTOCK JUDGING WORKOUT**

Wednesday, March 26, Noon-5:00 p.m. Meet at Gilliland Angus: 1101 Cavalry Road, Fort Scott, KS. All Southwind District 4-H youth interested in livestock judging are welcome to participate in this spring break practice and learn the basics of evaluating livestock and giving reasons. We will be working with Scott Sutton, Uniontown High School FFA Advisor. All students should come to the practice with a steno pad and pencil. No prior livestock judging experience is necessary. If you have any questions, contact Carla Nemec at 620-365-2242 or cnemeck@ksu.edu.

**STATE FAIR 4-H DOG SHOW**

May 21, 1:00 p.m., Woodson County Bressner Hall

May 20, 9:00 a.m., Neosho County Courthouse Basement Meeting Room

May 20, 1:00 p.m., Bourbon County 4-H Building

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BEEF TAGGING AND WEIGH-IN
All steers and commercial (crossbred) heifers must be weighed and tagged to be eligible to show at the Allen County Fair. Tags will cost $4 per tag. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 4 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. or Friday March 6 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the Allen County Fairgrounds. We can always use extra help if you are available on either of those days. Registered heifers do not need to be tagged.

GWEN E. WILSON SCHOLARSHIP
The Gwen E. Wilson Memorial 4-H Scholarship 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. The application can be found on the Southwind Extension District website, www.southwind.ksu.edu. Applications are due no later than May 1st to the Southwind Iola office.

MILES KESSINGER 4-H MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
This scholarship is awarded annually to an Allen County and/or a Woodson County 4-H member who is a graduating senior and planning on attending Allen County Community College. Those eligible to apply for this scholarship must have been a 4-H member for at least three years, be of good moral character and have financial need. This scholarship is worth $500.00 and is payable to the recipient 1/2 the amount upon enrollment at ACC and the remainder upon re-enrollment the second semester. The scholarship awardee must maintain a “C” grade point average in order to collect the balance of the monies the second semester. The scholarship winner must use this award in the school year selected, otherwise he/she will be required to re-apply. Completed applications are to be mailed or brought to Allen Community College, Financial Aid Office, 1801 N. Cottonwood, Iola, KS 66749 on or before April 1.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!