

SOUTHWIND 4-H

APRIL 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April

- 1 – Win A Buck Essays Due
- 9 – Summer Intern Apps. Due
- 13 – Entomology Mtg. @ Chanute
- 15 – Discovery Days Reg. Due
- 27 – Woodson County Spring Show @ Yates Center

May

- 1 – Horse Certification Due
- 3 – Sunny Hills Camp Reg. Due
- 4 – Riverside Classic
- 5 – District Sheep Mtg. @ Erie
- 11 – Entomology Mtg. @ Chanute
- 29-31 – Discovery Days

June

- 5-8 – 4-H Camp, Sunny Hills
- 17 – SWD Judging Camp @ FS.
- 17 – District Sheep Mtg. @ Erie
- 18-19 – Greenbush 4-H Camp
- 23 – District Sheep Mtg. @ Erie
- 23-26 – Campference
- 27 – District Horse Show
- 30 – District Sheep Mtg. @ Erie

COUNTY FAIR DATES

- Allen: July 25-29
- Bourbon: July 13-20
- Neosho: July 25-29
- Woodson: July 13-17

EXTENSION OFFICES

Erie

620-244-3826

Fort Scott

620-223-3720

Iola

620-365-2242

Yates Center

620-625-8620

Website

www.southwind.ksu.edu

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Southwind Extension District

DISCOVERY DAYS REGISTRATION

Discovery Days registration for "Find Your Spotlight" opened on March 1. Registration deadline is April 15 at 11:59 p.m. Information about registration is at www.kansas4h.org. If you have questions please contact Jennifer Terrell 620-244-3826.

CAMPFERENCE 2019

This is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2019), and will be held June 23-26 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. Please Register online and take payment to your local Extension Offices by May 15.

KANSAS STATE FAIR

The 2019 Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook and the 2019 Kansas State Fair 4-H/FFA Exhibitor handbook are now on the State 4-H website <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/Kansas-state-fair/index.html>

SPRING LIVESTOCK SHOWS

For a complete listing of up-coming spring livestock shows, go to <http://www.southwind.k-state.edu/>. Click on 4-H Youth Development in the left hand column, then click on Spring Shows.

RIVERSIDE CLASSIC SPRING SWINE SHOW

Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Riverside Park, Iola, KS. It is open to all youth interested in showing hogs and showmanship will be offered. Details will be posted to www.eksss.net as they become available.

GREENBUSH 4-H CAMP

This camp is for those 4-H'ers who are between the ages of 7 and 9. Dates are June 18 & 19. Camp will cost \$75. Look for more details about registration in your next newsletter.

SUNNY HILLS 4-H CAMP

What a better way to spend a few days this summer, than 4-H Camp! This year, 4-H Camp is June 5-8 and will cost \$200. 4-H Camp is open to youth who have completed the 3rd to 7th Grade. There is a lot of fun at 4-H Camp, like: canoeing, archery, crafts, campfires, horseback riding, and much more! Register by May 4th at: <https://goo.gl/forms/fxttnT2kofRysNfZ2>

CAMP COUNSELORS WANTED

Sunny Hills is looking for Counselors. Must be sophomore complete. Applications can be found on the Southwind website or at your local Extension Office. They are due back by May 3rd. Counselor training will be held the day prior to camp, June 4th. This is a great opportunity to learn more about being a leader.

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 on our website southwind.ksu.edu and are due by April 9, 2019.

VOLUNTEER DINNER

There will be a meal for volunteers of the District on April 10th in honor of National Volunteer Week! Volunteers must RSVP by April 4th to 620-223-3720.

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT

Dates have been set for meetings: April 13 & May 11th at the Chanute High School at 2:00 p.m. Come around to the back of the school. There will be a yellow sign up by the door to come in. For the April meeting, please bring your pinning board and pins again. If you are new to the project I will have pinning set ups available for \$6.50 each. This comes with a pinning board and a packet of insect pins. **All counties are welcome.** Questions: call Vicky at 620-804-9170.

4-H ENTOMOLOGY INSECT SPECTACULAR

Save the Date! June 21 & 22, 2019. The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular is for all youth, beginning through advanced- there will be something for all ages and experience levels. At least one parent must register and attend with child. This year's Insect Spectacular will be hosted at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center northeast of Great Bend. Registration will open in May.

SOUTHWIND LIVESTOCK CAMP

If you are interested in learning more about livestock judging, quiz bowl, skillathon and meats judging, then make plans to attend the Southwind Livestock Camp, **June 17, 2019 from 9am-3:30pm** at the Bourbon County 4-H Building in Fort Scott. Cost is \$25 which includes lunch and snacks. All ages and levels of are welcome! This camp is important to help form our teams for the Southeast District 4-H contests in Yates Center, June 20th and determine who is prepared to attend. If you have questions, please contact Carla Nemecek at 620-365-2242 or cnemecek@ksu.edu.

2019 KSF 4-H DOG SHOW QUALIFICATIONS

4-H members in order to participate in the 2019 Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show, in Hutchinson, September 14, you must have qualified in a specific discipline(s) at a state qualifier 4-H or open dog show during the 2018-19 4-H year. Dog members cannot just register for the KSF 4-H Dog Show without first qualifying every year. The disciplines are showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience. Most qualifiers happen during county fairs or invitational dog shows during spring and summer. For a listing of dog shows visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/local-dog-shows.html>.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

A three day, intense judging camp designed for 4-H and FFA members ages 14-18 who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Workouts will be conducted similar to those at a collegiate level. Chris Mullinix, KSU livestock judging team coach, will conduct the training for each camp. Camp will focus primarily on the proper format, terminology, and presentation of oral reasons. Camp participants will also be exposed to livestock evaluation skills and incorporating performance records in the decision making process. Camps will be June 3-5, June 11-13, and June 14-16. Southwind District 4-H members who are interested in attending Contact Carla Nemecek, 620-365-2242, cenemeck@ksu.edu.

SOUTHEAST AREA LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTESTS

Skillathon, Meats & Livestock Judging Thursday, June 20 Yates Center, KS
**more details next month!*

2019 STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATION INFORMATION

The state livestock nomination season has arrived! The 2019 materials have been distributed to counties and are posted on the KSU Youth Livestock website, under the "Nomination Information" tab <http://bit.ly/ksunominations> Only the 2019 nomination forms will be accepted. The most significant change for 2019 is the addition of the YQCA requirement for all Grand Drive and KJLS exhibitors. Youth need to have completed this program and be certified at the time of nomination. Families will submit confirmation of completion by attaching each child's certificate to the Declaration Form. More specific details regarding this requirement may be found on the youth livestock website, under the nomination information tab or the YQCA tab. Market Beef nominations will be due on May 1, 2019. All other species, which includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, will be due June 15, 2019. 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 Grand Drive has added a doe show for 2019, so youth who would like to participate in this new opportunity will need to nominate their does. 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. It is also important to note that June 15 is a Saturday this year, so families should be cautious in waiting until the deadline to submit their nominations. Sending nominations via certified mail is highly encouraged. Families are also encouraged to use the check list provided for each specie to make sure their nominations are complete. Incomplete or incorrect nominations will be returned to the family and cost \$20 to correct. For information, contact Lexie Hayes by e-mail adhayes@ksu.edu or call her at 785-532-1264.

STATE HORTICULTURE JUDGING AT KSU

The Contest will be held Saturday, August 17. Registration will be in early July. Study material for years 2019 and 2020 is taken from KSRE Horticulture Videos and is available on the Kansas 4-H Website under Horticulture Judging Contest. <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/index.html>

DISTRICT SHEEP MEETINGS

Cortney O'Brien, will host a series of sheep project meetings which will take place in or around Erie. April 7, 3:30 p.m., Courthouse Basement. May 5, 3:30 p.m. O'Brien's. June 17, 6:00 p.m. @ fairgrounds June 23, 6:00 p.m. @ fairgrounds June 30, 6:00 p.m. @ fairgrounds July 8, 6:00 p.m. @ fairgrounds July 14, 6:00 p.m. @ fairgrounds. For more information contact Cortney, courtneyobrien@gmail.com

HORSE CERTIFICATIONS DUE BY MAY 1

Horse ID's are due to your local Extension Office by May 1. The paperwork is available from the website: www.southwind.ksu.edu under "4-H useful forms". Before the May 1 registration deadline, you must have completed the levels required to show at District or State 4-H Horse events.

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

District Horse Show is set for June 27, 2019 at the Parsons State Hospital Arena. Registration to come.

4-H CLOVERBUDS AND SPRING SHOWS

Cloverbuds was designed for 5 and 6 year olds and is activity focused, rather than project focused. Cloverbuds 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.

KANSAS 4-H HORSE RULES

May 1 horse deadlines are quickly approaching. Let's review a few of the frequently asked questions.

Horse Ownership: Youth may own the horse themselves, or use a family-owned horse (immediate family: mother, father, stepparent, brother, sister, grandparent, or legal guardian).

Leasing: The leasing option is intended for youth who are unable to participate fully in the 4-H horse project because they do not have access to family-owned horse, provided that they manage the horse at least 75 percent of the time from May 1 through September 30. If a 4-H member leases his or her project horse to another 4-H member, the leaser forfeits the right to use the horse.

Sharing project horses: Siblings may show the same horse provided they are not in the same class. If both are in the same age classification, they must decide what classes each will show in.

2-year and 3-year old Snaffle-bit: No one is allowed to ride this nominated horse except you from May 1 until the conclusion of the Kansas State Fair. This includes a trainer, parents, horseless horse member, another 4-H member, sibling, potential buyer, etc.

HORSELESS HORSE

Clarifications based on learning and risk management concerning the Horseless Horse Project.

- Member does not own or lease a horse
- Intended to offer members the opportunity to learn about horses
- Member may participate in judging contests, quiz bowl, hippology and give presentations
- Member may volunteer to assist another member at horse shows and trails rides
- Member may exhibit at local fair with a borrowed 4-H Identified horse in the showmanship class only
- No riding.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

Youth planning to exhibit in the 2019 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) are required to be certified for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). YQCA is a new national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program. It is an annual training open to youth 8-21 years of age and focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. Kansas 4-H members may register for the \$12 online certification at yqca.org using their family 4Honline credentials to log in and register.

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK TEAM SELECTION

Southwind is allowed 4 teams at all state judging contests. 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 3 practices before the County Fair.

4-H Age: Eligibility 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. From those 16 youth, composite teams will be determined based on contest scores, practice participation and agent/coach discretion.

SEEKING SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE TEAMS

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. Information check our website <https://www.kansas4-h.org/Projects/science-of-agriculture>

TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE

National 4-H has announced True Leaders in Service, a month-long community service activation. It officially kick-offs the first day of April, and culminates with the National 4-H Day of Service on the last Saturday of April each year. Thousands of 4-H'ers venture out into their communities throughout the month of April to do what 4-H'ers do best: lead in service to tackle community challenges and help meet the needs of others. 4-H members, adult volunteers and friends help improve their communities by adopting a service project. These projects can be done as individuals, as an entire county or district 4-H program, or anything in between. The goal of Leaders in Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a big impact on our country. Each 4-H club or program will choose how best to ignite their spirit of service as they offer help in hundreds of ways across the nation throughout the month of April and/or on the National 4-H Day of Service. If April 27 does not work for a project, any project in April can be a part of this effort.

4-H FOODS PRACTICE JUDGING

FCS Agent Kathy McEwan will be available during the schedule below to help 4-H members prepare for the fair. Bring 1 non-perishable food item for a "practice judging" to learn what the judges look for and what the standards are for non-perishable foods. This event will be come and go, or come and stay as long as you like to listen and learn from others. For questions, call Kathy at 620-365-2242.

Monday, June 24

Yates Center: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 4-H Building.

Iola: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Courthouse meeting room.

Tuesday, June 25

Erie: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Courthouse meeting room.

Chanute: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. - Chanute Recreation Center.

Thursday, June 27

Fort Scott: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - 4-H Building.

DOG PROJECT MEETINGS

Dog project meetings will start Tuesday, April 16 and will be every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. until fair, weather permitting. Meeting will be held at Santa Fe Lake basketball court/fiesta grounds in Chanute. For more information contact Colleen Kincaid at 620-305-6043

SHEEP/SWINE/MEAT GOAT TAGGING

The date for this tagging is Monday, April 22nd from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 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 at 620-244-3826.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

The Copeland Scholarship and the Neosho County 4-H Development Fund Scholarship applications are due in the office by July 1, 2019. Remember, both of these scholarships are available to Neosho county 4-Hers only! Apply today! Applications can be found on the Southwind website

4-H DEVELOPMENT FUND ACTIVITY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Neosho County 4-H Development Fund has activity scholarships available for those attending Discovery Days, 4-H Camp, Campference and the Greenbush camp. To be considered for a scholarship, you must fill out an application form BEFORE the event. Scholarship money will be paid after the 4-Her attends the event. The form can be found on the Southwind District website under Neosho County 4-H Foundation or it can be e-mailed to you.

FAIR BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Neosho County Fair Board will be Sunday, April 14th at 7 pm at the fairgrounds.

RABBIT PROJECT MEETING SCHEDULED

A rabbit project meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, April 6th at 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds. If you have a rabbit that needs looked at, please bring it. Contact Jessie Nevin, Countywide rabbit leader, if you have any questions 620-423-2255.



NEW FACE IN EXTENSION

We are excited to add a new member to the Southwind team - Jeanette Sevart! She is the new office professional in Erie. We are very happy to have her on board! Jeanette lives in St. Paul with her husband Tom and two children, Skyler and Amelia. Stop in and meet her!

