

SOUTHWIND 4-H

MARCH 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER:

1 – Discovery Days Reg. Open
2 – Regional 4-H Day @ Chanute
6 – AL Beef Weigh-In (1st Option)
8 – AL Beef Weigh-In (2nd Option)
9 – Entomology Mtg. @ Chanute
9 – Jr Swine Producer Day
9 – DWOS Event – BB
13 – BB Beef Weigh-In (1st Option)
10 – NO Beef Weigh-In
16 – District FCS Day
16 – BB Beef Weigh-In (2nd Option)
27 – WO 4-H Council
30 – Jr Meat Goat Producer Day
30 – NO TSC Appreciation Day
31 – BB TSC 4-H EXPO

April

1 – Win A Buck Essay Due
13 – Entomology Mtg. @ Chanute
15 – Discovery Days Reg. Closes
27 – Woodson County Spring Show @ Yates Center

May

1 – Horse IDs Due to Office
11 – Entomology Mtg. @ Chanute
29-31 – Discovery Days

June

5-8 – Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

August

17 – State Horticulture Judging

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

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SUPER 4-H SATURDAY

All 4-H and FFA youth and adults across Kansas are invited to participate in a full day of learning experiences, Saturday, March 23, in Hays on the Fort Hays State University campus. Load the vehicle and head to Hays for an amazing Super 4-H Saturday. Adults: Join other adult volunteers in learning and discussing 4-H topics from 10 - Noon. Morning Activities for Youth: starting at 10 a.m. will be the NW 4-H Judging Contest, with 5 judging contests —Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, and Photography. Youth can judge at one or all of these great contests. Contest rules and registration information are posted at Cottonwood.ksu.edu There will also be a free Meat Goat workshop starting at 9:30 a.m. Afternoon Activities for Youth: starting at 12:30 p.m. will be the Livestock Judging contest and at 1 p.m. there are project workshops. Choose your project workshop: Bread Sculpting (\$2); Creative Magnet Calendars (\$5); Photography (Free); Plant Detectives (Free); or Junk Drawer Robotics (\$5). The registration deadline is March 15, 2019. The judging contest registration is \$5. You can pay an additional \$5 for a sack lunch.

SPRING SHOW INFO

Are you looking to get some more show experience to prepare for the County Fair? All Spring Show flyers for Livestock and Small Animals are placed on the Southwind District website as we hear of them. Follow this link: <https://www.southwind.k-state.edu/springshows/index.html>



REGIONAL 4-H DAY

Those 4-H'ers receiving a Top Blue placing at District 4-H Day will be invited to attend Regionals at the Neosho County Community College in Chanute on March 2. Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. and is first come first serve. Must check in by 11:30 a.m.

4-H PHOTO WORKSHOP

New items expected at this annual event at the Auburn Community Center on April 14th. There will be a keynote speaker, stations to experiment, and youth facilitators. Register by April 1. More info: <https://www.southwind.k-state.edu/springshows/index.html>

JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS @ KSU

The 2019 Kansas Junior Producer Day registration is open! All producer days take place at Weber Arena. **Meat Goat – March 30, 2019**
Registration Due – March 11
Registration Fee - \$15/person (\$20 after March 11)
*Registrations received after March 11 cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Register online at:

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

STATE HORTICULTURE JUDGING @ KSU

The Judging Contest will be held Saturday, August 17th. Registration information will be available 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. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/index.html>

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4-H CAMPFERENCE

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 and will be held June 23-26 at Rock Springs. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying 'camp' activities. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. The event features workshops about opportunities in 4-H and how to better interact with others. Registration and detailed information will be available later in March.

DISTRICT SHEEP MEETING OPPORTUNITIES

Project Leader, Cortney O'Brien, is planning to host a series of sheep project meetings. All Meetings will take place in or around Erie.
Mar. 3 @ 3:30 pm @ Courthouse basement
April 7 @ 3:30 pm @ Courthouse basement
May 5 @ 3:30 pm @ O'Brien's
June 17 @ 6:00 pm @ fairgrounds
June 23 @ 6:00 pm @ fairgrounds
June 30 @ 6:00 pm @ fairgrounds
July 8 @ 6:00 pm @ fairgrounds
July 14 @ 6:00 pm @ fairgrounds
For more details, contact Cortney at: cortneyobrien@gmail.com

DISCOVERY DAYS DATE CHANGE

Discovery Days 2019 - Discover Your Spotlight will be May 29 - 31, 2019. This year the Discovery Days Task Force has made the decision to have Discovery Days become a 3 day, 2 night event. This means that the schedule and class times have changed! Make sure to check out the website for Discovery Days at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Southwind District is looking for three 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 Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

WIN A BUCK!

Locust Hill Lamanchas of Fort Scott wants to encourage expansion of the dairy goat project by giving away a buck kid to one lucky 4-H'er from the Southwind District. To win youth must write an essay expressing what their plans would be for the buck. Essays are due to your local Extension Office by April 1st. Locust Hill will contact the 4-H'er with the best essay to make arrangements for pick-up. If you have questions, contact Jennifer.

KANSAS STATE FAIR CHANGES

There are several exhibit changes for the 2019 Kansas State Fair. The 2019 Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook and the 2019 Kansas State Fair 4-H/FFA Exhibitor handbook is now on the State 4-H website <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/Kansas-state-fair/index.html>. Please be sure to check out changes for your project exhibit before entering the County Fair.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR STATEWIDE FOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

Please join the Kansas Department of Agriculture in celebrating Kansas Ag Month in March with the Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive.

The Kansas ag community is celebrating Kansas Ag Month by helping neighbors in need through the Neighbor to Neighbor statewide food drive. The food drive is jointly hosted by the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Dillon's Food Stores, Harvesters--The Community Food Bank, the Kansas Food Bank, the Second Harvest Community Food Bank and the Kansas agricultural community. Collected food items stay in the areas from which they are donated.

Who can win? Any 4-H or youth organization within the state of Kansas can win the \$1,500 Dillon's grocery voucher for their local food bank. There will be one winner selected for each of the four extension districts.

Visit agriculture.ks.gov/ksagday for full details.

CHALLENGE YOUR CLUB TO BETTER HEALTH WITH WALK KANSAS

Walk Kansas is a team based Extension program that will help you and others lead a healthier life that runs March 17 - May 11

*Gather a group of 6 people to form a team and one serves as a captain.

*Select a challenge.

*Register online. Youth are free and one adult per 4-H club team will also have their registration fee waived for serving as captain. Call the office Extension Office for the discount code.

During the 8 weeks:

*Log and report minutes of physical activity and amount of fruits and vegetables eaten.

*Learn with the Walk Kansas newsletter (focus will be updated physical activity guidelines and reducing food waste).

*Try a healthful recipe .

For more information and to register, visit: www.walkkansas.org or contact Joy Miller at 620-223-3720 or joymiller@ksu.edu.

DISTRICT FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE DAY

FCS Day will be held March 16th from 9:00am-2:00pm in Fort Scott. Nelly Don: Stitched in Time- The Musical and UNFORKED Dinner March 16th ; Musical @ 2 p.m. followed by dinner. Departure may be as early as 11:00 a.m., return in the evening.

Location: Crown Center Plaza, Kansas City. Transportation will be provided. RSVP by March 7th at the Fort Scott Office 620-223-3720. Tickets available on a first come, first serve basis. Cost: \$35/ person for musical ticket, payment due when registering (no refunds).

Dinner on your own, recommend \$15-\$20. Nelly Don: Stitched In Time- The Musical - a World Premiere production produced by Nelly Don Theatrical, LLC. - is written by Terence O'Malley with Music by Daniel Doss. This fully produced original musical celebrates the American entrepreneurial experience of Nelly Don, an improbable heroine whose life's mission was to champion the beauty of women through fashion. It is the true-life, Kansas City story about Nelly Don's creativity,

business acumen and personal travails behind the largest dress design and manufacturing company the world has ever seen. Romance, fashion, glamour, justice and gangsters await you for this world premiere musical sensation!

<https://nellydon.com>; Facebook: Nelly Don: The Musical. After the Musical, we may have time to explore the Crown Center shops and we will have dinner at UNFORKED, also in Crown Center. UNFORKED is about wanting you to rethink what you think you know about food! They are crafting tacos like you have never tasted with seasonal, all natural ingredients sourced from trusted farms and ranches, and whenever possible, they buy local!

<https://www.unforked.com/menu>
Google Docs:

- 1) Name of 4-H'er
- 2) Contact Phone Number
- 3) E-mail address
- 4) Town
- 5) County

KANSAS 4-H DOG CONFERENCE LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference logo design contest is open to all dog project members. Designs are needed for the 2019 theme "Rock Star 4-H Dogs." Designs must reflect this dog rock star theme and be submitted electronically in a JPG format. PDF submissions will not be accepted. The winning logo design, with professional modifications, will be used for promotional efforts including t-shirts. The winning entry will receive a complimentary registration to the 2019 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference, October 19-20, 2019, Rock Springs 4-H Center. There is no cash value. Entries must be received electronically by Friday, March 15. Questions may be directed to Deryl Waldren or 785-462-6281 or at dwaldren@ksu.edu.

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. The 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. 2019 camps will be June 3-5, June 11-13, and June 14-16.

Southwind District 4-H members who are interested in attending this camp should contact Carla Nemecek, 620-365-2242 or cnemecek@ksu.edu so that we can try to coordinate a time to attend one camp as a team.

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 more! Register now until May 3rd at: <https://goo.gl/forms/0bnrUJrw3yN8fpC33>

4-H CAMP

COUNSELORS WANTED

Sunny Hills is looking for Counselors. Those completing their sophomore year in high school may apply. Applications can be found on the Southwind website www.Southwind.ksu.edu or at the Extension Office. Applications are due back to your local Extension Office 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

SOUTHWIND LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

The Southwind Livestock Judging Camp will take place in Fort Scott on June 17, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Bourbon County 4-H Building. Questions contact Carla Nemecek 620-365-2242 or e-mail cnemecek@ksu.edu

UPCOMING LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST DATES

April 5 -Fort Scott Community College Aggie Day, Fort Scott, KS

TBA -Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, KS

4-H CLOVERBUDS AND SPRING SHOWS

When 4-H and/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. An area of concern is 4-H Cloverbuds; the program was designed for 5 and 6 year olds. Cloverbuds is activity focused, rather than project focused. Furthermore, 4-H Cloverbud members may not participate in any competitive 4-H events. 4-H Cloverbud members may showcase their exhibits at fairs and public events. 4-H Cloverbuds may not own and/or show 4-H livestock.

STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK TEAM SELECTION

Southwind is allowed 4 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 in Yates Center
- *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 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 and agent/coach discretion.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA)

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). **Both state shows will require ALL exhibitors to be YQCA certified. This includes youth showing market animals, commercial females, and registered purebred breeding females.**

Southwind District 4-H members have 3 options to receive the certification:

Carla will conduct two face-to-face trainings. Cost is only \$3, and youth must register online through your 4-Honline account. Tuesday, March 12 at Bressner Building in Yates Center, and Monday, March 18 at Moran. Both from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Online certification at your convenience. Cost is \$12.

As of June 1, 2018, the Youth PQA Plus program has been retired and users are being transitioned to YQCA. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (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 use their family 4Honline credentials to log in and register for the appropriate training. The National Pork Board will honor Youth PQA Plus certifications until they expire, but new certifications will no longer be issued.

WHAT DOES 4-H MEAN TO YOU?

Why are you in it? It is very important to really ponder the questions. What is your perspective as a parent or as a 4-H'er? Unfortunately, the main response heard is that 4-H means showing at the county fair. The county fair is where you exhibit all of the hard work and skills you have learned in specific projects over the 4-H year, but not 4-H! There is MUCH more to 4-H than the county fair. The most important part of being in 4-H is the sense of belonging you get by attending monthly club meetings. This is where families can make lasting friendships and keep informed of upcoming events/activities. Not to mention, at the club level is where youth are able to learn about how to run a business meeting, hold an office, give presentations to a large group confidently, and work on committees at such a young age.

Additionally, youth are able to learn about giving back to their communities as a club. Beyond the club/county level, there are numerous events/activities that youth and families can be a part of. Simply reading this newsletter or checking out the website will keep you informed. If these things are not why you are in 4-H, please make a point to truly experience 4-H as a family to its entirety. It all begins with attending the monthly meetings as a family and becoming more involved. National 4-H says, "4-H empowers young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime." What is your family gaining from 4-H?



YOUTH LIVESTOCK JUDGING WORKOUT

Wednesday, March 20 Noon-5pm
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 Nemecek at 620-365-2242 or cnemecek@ksu.edu.

KANSAS ANIMAL SCIENCE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

High school students with a passion for the animal science industry should apply for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy. The academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of high school students. Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council, the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field. The program is open to all current high school students from across the country with an interest in the livestock industry and related careers. For more information contact Carla 620-365-2242.

TRUE LEADERS IN SERVICE

National 4-H is announcing True Leaders in Service, a month-long community service activation. It officially kick-offs April 1, 2019 and culminates with the National 4-H Day of Service on the last Saturday of April each year. The goal of True 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. Register your project here: <https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/#!register-your-event> Over the past several years, we've learned a lot about positive youth development (PYD) and the eight critical elements essential to PYD. One of the eight elements is the opportunity to value and practice service to others. This allows young people to develop a sense of pride and ownership in their community. It also allows youth and adults to work together while helping others. Finally, doing community service allows young people to build discipline, foster respect for others, promote civic responsibility, and participate in real world career related experiences. Wee this fact sheet on Implementing Effective Community Service Projects. <https://4-h.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Community-Service-Fact-Sheet-v1.pdf>

NEOSHO COUNTY NEWS

BEEF TAGGING & WEIGH-IN

The date for beef tagging has been set for Sunday, March 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at SEK Genetics, Galesburg. Beef animals that require tagging include market steer and feeder beef. Heifers and bucket calves DO NOT need to be tagged or weighed. Cost of each tag is \$4. If you have questions, please contact Krista 620-244-3826

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

4-H COUNCIL

The 4-H Council will meet on March 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Erie Courthouse basement. Council Representatives and at least one adult from each Club should attend.

FAIR BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Neosho County Fair Board will be Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse basement.

FAIR THEME "Every Fair has a Story"

4-H & TRACTOR SUPPLY PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN

The annual campaign dates have been set for 2019. Please make plans to visit your county Tractor Supply to encourage community members to purchase a paper clover. 4-H'ers can do this by setting up at the store entrance with a project display telling customers who enter about their project or assisting customers with taking items to their vehicles. 4-H Council plans to hold a Customer Appreciation event on March 30th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. They will be set-up at the entrance with cookies and lemonade promoting 4-H and encouraging the purchase of a paper clover. This year's dates are:
Spring: March 27 - April 7
Fall: October 9 - October 20
Please plan to notify Tractor Supply if you or your club are planning to set-up! They are happy to have us anytime.



SHOW 4-H PRIDE WHEREVER YOU GO

Kansans have the opportunity to show support of the Kansas 4-H program in a new way by purchasing a 4-H distinctive license plate. The clover tag design displaying the clover and 4-H motto was voted on by 4-H members across the state. More Info: <http://www.kansas4hfoundation.org/clovertag/>