Enrollment Details
Online is closed to complete end of year reporting. It will re-open October 1 after 8:00 am. During enrollment you will be asked to declare a program fee intention. There will be an option for credit cards, checks, waiver, and sponsor. If your club will be paying or your county has a sponsor, please select sponsor payment. 4-Hers paying for their own fee will select any of the other options and keep in mind that payment is due within seven days. Cloverbuds & Volunteers are exempt. Cloverbuds who turn 7 during the year will be sent an email from the State 4-H Office to pay the program fee. 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.

Enrollment Deadline
4-H Enrollment opens Thursday, October 1, 2020. Enrollment and payment must be completed by December 1st. Youth age 18: If you plan to participate as a 4-H member you will need to enroll as youth. If you plan to be a volunteer in 4-H only, please enroll as an adult.

Officer Books, MIG’s and KAP’s
Hopefully, you are working on or have completed your MIG and at least one KAP. If you need help with completing these books or are completely new to the process please let the 4-H Staff know! Cassidy, MaKayla, and Jennifer are willing to help! Record Books/MIGs are due to club leaders at their specific deadline to have plenty of time to review books. Club Leaders will then drop off those books to the Extension Office by October 1. Books turned in after the deadline of club leaders will not be judged.

Individual and Club Seal Summary Requirements
I know many of you have been looking at the Club Seal Summary requirements and wondering about exceptions for this year. Upon review, it looked to me like there would be roughly 5-7 different items that would not be attainable this year. Therefore, for both the Individual Seal Summary and the Club Seal Summary, there will be a grace of 5 points for each seal placing. The forms will not be adjusted, but we keep those in mind when they are reviewed.

Record Book Judging
Mark your calendars for the following dates which have been set for record book judging: Iola: October 5th, Erie: October 6th, Fort Scott: October 7th, Yates Center: October 8th. Judging will be from 1:00 – 7:00 pm at your local Extension Office. Volunteers are needed. Junior Leaders and any adults who are interested in judging are welcome. This is a great opportunity to learn more about completing record books. Please contact Jennifer, if you are planning on attending.

4-H Recruitment!
Take advantage of the new school year and invite new families to join 4-H. Encourage parents to include 4-H as part of their family activities. 4-H is the network of families that grows great kids. 4-H is for city/town families too. How can you or your club work together to share what 4-H is about to gain new members? Tell your story

4-H Swag
If your club is looking for 4-H items to distribute over National 4-H Week contact Jennifer, she can bring it to your local Extension office. Please provide her a week notice due to District travel.

Share the Clover
Each day of National 4-H Week, plan to wear a 4-H Shirt or at least green! AND don’t forget to take a selfie for FB or Instagram! When you post use the hashtags: #KS4H, #InspireKids2Do, #4HGrow, TrueLeader, #Southwind4H, Don’t forget National 4-H Spirit Day on Tuesday, October 8th!!

Go Live!
National 4-H Week is coming soon! I want to challenge each and every 4-H Member, Parent, and Volunteer to share your 4-H Story with the world! Facebook! Each day I encourage you to pick a topic and go LIVE! To make it easier, I compiled a list for you (one for each day of the week)! Please make sure to use the hashtags TrueLeader, #InspireKids2Do, #4HGrow, #KS4H, #Southwind4H in your comments and posts all week! Ideas to use are: What is 4-H?, Why 4-H?, Best 4-H Memory, Favorite Project, 4-H Community Service Project, Favorite Club Activity, How to Join! You may GO LIVE with any one idea for the week (or one each day)!

48 HOURS of 4-H
Make sure to get 48 Hours of 4-H on your calendar! October 10-11, 2020. We hope every 4-H Club will join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! Invite your friends, 4-H clubs, parents, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alumni too! It’s time to make plans for your club to participate. With COVID-19 we may have to be more creative this year, but there are still ways to serve! Clubs and groups should consult with their local staff about their plans and ways to mitigate risk. Check out the website for a helpful guide, and soon you will be able to register your project(s). Be watching for the Facebook Event to win some prizes and get excited about serving our communities.

FACEBOOK PHOTO CONTEST
Did you know that there is a photo contest on the Southwind District 4-H Facebook page? Cassidy Lutz, one of our 4-H Program Assistants has put it together, and there’s a new category every two weeks. The next category is “Portraits/People”. Submissions are due by Thursday, Sept. 3 at 5pm. Eric Marr, the photography judge from the Woodson County fair, will critique and pick a winner, and results will be posted on September 4 on Facebook. Submit your photos by emailing them to Cassidy: caultz@ksu.edu. The contest is open to all adults and youth in the Southwind District. This contest is NOT restricted to those enrolled in the Photography project. It is a fun learning experience for all!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Will Be Virtual
The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum will be virtual this year! Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22. We are looking for workshop presenters that would be willing to present on a leadership related topic virtually! Dates and times for workshops are: Saturday, November 21 – 11: 00 a.m. to noon and Sunday, November 22 - 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 pm. Find submission information on the KYLF Page. Deadline for submissions is August 25. Be watching your email for more detailed schedules, registration and additional information.

The Kansas Youth Leadership Council is working to transform their in person plan to a virtual plan as quickly as possible. Components should include a speech, election of the new council, workshops, some small groups and some fun too. The tentative plan looks like:
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon session
Saturday 1:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. session
Sunday 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

National Conference and Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Application Process
The Youth Council Application and National Conference Application will be combined again this year, with applicants indicating if you are applying for one or both opportunities. The information is available on the KYLF webpage and the National Conference webpage on the State 4-H Website. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2021 may apply as a Council Rep and those 15-18 before January 1, 2021 may apply for National Conference. This year’s virtual KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year on terms on council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an application and interview process and they serve a two year term on council. Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas Extension 4-H Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of the youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campfire, 48 Hours of 4-H and other events. Applications and reference forms are due on an online form on September 21, 2020 before 11:59 p.m. EST. Applicants will also be asked to prepare a short video and email or upload that link or file by the above deadline. The signature page (both conference or council rep) and agreement page (conference only) must be postmarked by September 21, 2020 or emailed on or before September 21. This year the Council Elections will include the application process detailed above and from those applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview by zoom prior to KYLF. From those that interview, up to 6 candidates will be selected to be in the election. If you have questions, please contact Beth Hinshaw bhinshaw@ksu.edu

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Fall 2020
4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training has been scheduled for November 7-8, 2020, at the Gray County Fairgrounds in Cimarron. Training will begin at 8 am Saturday, November 7, and conclude Sunday, November 8, after lunch. The general session will be held online and will need to be completed prior to final registration. If online training was completed earlier this year for spring training, it would still be accepted. Instructions and details will be released along with registration information.

The estimated cost will be $225 per registrant, which includes two nights (Friday and Saturday), five meals, and training materials. Two people per room will be required. Options will be available for local individuals to register for a reduced rate without lodging. Jr. Apprentice training will not be available. Apprentice training will be available if there is space. Schedules and further information will be released soon. Details may change due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Western National Roundup Cancelled
After much consideration, the difficult decision was made to cancel the Western National Roundup, scheduled for January 2021 to be held in Denver, CO. The size and design of this event cannot be planned for or managed in a safe manner in light of the pandemic. Although we are discussing the possibility of some virtual activities, none are planned for at this time.
Kansas State Fair 4-H Crops Identification Contest Delayed

The 2020 Kansas State Fair 4-H Crops Identification Contest that historically has been held the first weekend of the KSF, will be pushed back into the fall for 2020. It will still be conducted this fall, and it will be a virtual contest only. Full details about the contest will be published on or before October 15, 2020, on the Kansas 4-H web site. For more information, contact Daryl Waldren, Kansas 4-H Crops Coordinator, dwaldren@ksu.edu, or call him at 303-349-7403.

Kansas State Fair Family and Consumer Sciences Judging Contest

We've gotten a directive now on how the State Fair Consumer Judging Contest is going to take place. Date of Contest: Saturday, September 19, 2020 Contest will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Youth ages 9-13, as of January 1 of the current year, are eligible to participate in the Intermediate division. Youth ages 14-19 as of January 1 of the current year, are eligible to participate in the Senior Division. The contest is open to all Kansas 4-H members in the 9-18 age bracket ONLY for 2020 - NO qualifying contest is required. There is not a limit on the number of participants a county may send. Since any 4-H member 9-18 is eligible to participate, this will be a good way to participate in a state contest that can be added to your Achievement member pin application. Pre-entries are due by September 15 using this link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ZFUkVaccAQfYAc.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Counties/Districts Needed for 2021 Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange

The summer inbound Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange program which Kansas 4-H began participating with LABO and LEX in 1977 is seeking counties to participate in 2021. Based on your county/district responses, Kansas will commit to hosting a specific number of youth and adult chaperones for the 2021 summer inbound program. In 2019, Kansas hosted 25 Japanese youth and adults. Due to COVID-19, Kansas 4-H did not host any Japanese in 2020. Participating counties get to host a small group of young Japanese teens who are highly motivated to become a member of their Kansas host family and to learn English. Kansas 4-H families have reported many good experiences and say that the program has had a positive impact on their children. The Japanese will arrive in counties July 23, 2021, and stay with one family each for four weeks through August 17, 2021. Consider getting involved with your county. Participating counties should locate a volunteer coordinator who then manages the recruitment and screening of five to six host families, and organizes local activities during the stay. Training, resource materials and some expense money are available for the coordinators and agents. Extension staff liaison with the Kansas 4-H Japanese Coordinator to conduct the program. To find out more details about your county/district hosting Japanese youth from 12-16 years-old in 2021, contact Rose Scott by September 14th: sixtykid2@gmail.com, or call Rose at 785-388-2009 or 785-565-3197 (cell).

States '4-H International Exchange Programs Windows Electronic Newsletter Available

States '4-H International Exchange Programs has recently published its 2020 Windows newsletter. Due to COVID-19, the newsletter will not be printed in paper form this year. However, it is available by downloading it from the Kansas 4-H web site. Visit: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/index.html.

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

LIVESTOCK CHECKS

If you are receiving a check from the Extension Office for Add-One, Bees Bid or from the Livestock Boosters, those will be available for pick up on Tuesday, September 1st. Each 4-H member is required to bring 5 stamped and addressed ready to mail thank you cards to the Extension Office when picking up checks. If you need addresses for businesses or individuals who helped with your projects, we will have those available.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next Allen County 4-H Council meeting will be held on Sunday, October 25th via zoom 30 minutes prior to the District 4-H Officer Training in Moran. Officer elections will also take place at this meeting.

LOCAL PROMOTION FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

4-H Council decided to continue letting Allen County 4-H Clubs promote 4-H during National 4-H Week at their local elementary schools. The assignments for this year are: Jefferson – Square B, Lincoln, Prairie Dell; Iola Middle School – City Stickers; Humboldt Elementary – Logan Pals; Maranoton Valley – Prairie Rose. Also, 2020-2021 Club Presidents will need to record radio spots for National 4-H week at KIKS, and clubs are encouraged to use digital billboards and social media to promote 4-H.

ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

The Allen County 4-H Achievement Banquet will be held on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00 pm in Humboldt. Details to follow in the October Newsletter.

4-H COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

4-H Council is giving out a $50 scholarship to MIGS (Members In Good Standing) who attend the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum at Rock Springs, November 21-22.

BOURBON COUNTY NEWS

Premium Checks

Please pick-up your premium check if you have not already done so. Checks need to be cashed as soon as possible.

Livestock Checks

Checks are available in the Extension Office. 4-H members who sold livestock at the County Fair are required to bring 5 stamped and addressed ready to mail thank you cards to the Extension Office when picking up checks. Please let your supporters know how much you appreciate their support!! Several groups give money to be split between members after the livestock sale. These sponsors need thanks too!

2020-2021 Council Representatives

Both 4-H Council Representatives and at least one Community Leader from each club should attend each 4-H Council meeting. The first council meeting of the 4-H year will be held Sunday, October 25th at Marmaton Valley High School, Moran. 4-H Council officer elections will be held immediately following 4-H Club officers training.

Achievement Banquet

Please Save the Date! Sunday, November 8, 2020 for the Annual Achievement Banquet. More information will be listed in the October 4-H newsletter.

Family and Community Education Scholarship

The Bourbon County Family and Community Education (FCE) Council is offering a $200 scholarship to a high school senior or college student who is a Bourbon County resident and will be attending any two-or-four-year college or university in Kansas. All students are welcome to apply; preference will be given to a student who plans to major in Family and Consumer Sciences or a related field. Applications and references must be post marked by February 12, 2021. The application is available on the Southwind Extension District website: www.southwind.ks-state.edu/home-family/fce/. If you have questions or need more information please contact Joy at 620-223-3720 or jomiller@ksu.edu.

LEAVES A MESSAGE FROM DALE AND BARBARA

Dear 4-H Families, Congratulations to each of you for another successful 4-H year! Finishing record books is the closing of one great 4-H year, and the beginning of a new one. Records are a very important part of your 4-H experience, and a great learning too. Some day you will be glad you took the time and effort to fill out your record books. Since we are adapting the Southwind District record book methods, you may have questions. If we don’t have the answers, we will find them, so don’t hesitate to call us for help! It’s a great time to encourage your friends to join the wonderful experience that is 4-H! —Dale and Barbara

RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY OCTOBER 1ST.

4-H CLUB ELECTIONS

Club elections are coming up, and clubs should keep in mind the following:

v Members who have just joined are not eligible to be elected officers or to vote.

v Who gets to vote? Last year’s 4-H'ers.

v Candidates should be introduced or allowed to introduce themselves with a very brief (one minute) “speech” before voting.

v Numbering the candidates may allow very young members to vote without assistance. Writing a number instead of a name may be easier for 7- and 8-year-olds.

v Term limits may be a good idea and should be consistent from year to year. Every leader, nominating committee member, and officer should be familiar with their club bylaws.

PREMIUM SALE CHECKS

If you have not cashed your check from the Premium Sale yet, please do so at your earliest convenience.