

SOUTHWIND 4-H

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

April

- 1 – Win A Buck Essays Due
- 5 – Summer Intern Apps. Due
- 5 – Livestock Judging Contest & Practice, Iola
- 6 – Livestock Judging Contest, FS
- 7-12 - National 4-H Conference
- 11 – Livestock Judging Contest, Hutchinson
- 14 – Entomology Meeting, Chanute High School
- 15 – Discovery Days Registration Due
- 23 – Livestock Quiz Bowl Skillathon Practice
- 28 – True Leaders Service Day

May

- 1 – Horse Certification Due
- 5 – Riverside Classic Spring Show
- 5 – Entomology Meeting, Chanute High School
- 7 – Livestock Judging Practice
- 9 – Tractor Safety Training, Erie
- 14 – Livestock Judging Practice
- 15 – FCS State Judging Contest Video Due
- 21 – Livestock Judging Practice

June

- 3-6 – 4-H Camp, Sunny Hills
- 14-25 – KS 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus
- 19-20 – SWD Judging Camp, FS
- 19-20 – Greenbush 4-H Camp
- 21 – SEA Livestock Judging Contest, Yates Center
- 26-29 – Campference

July

- 10 – District Horse Show, Parsons

EXTENSION OFFICES:

Erie

620-244-3826

Fort Scott

620-223-3720

Iola

620-365-2242

Website

www.southwind.ksu.edu

Facebook

Southwind Extension District

DISCOVERY DAYS REGISTRATION

Discovery Days registration for “Tell Your Story” is open on March 1, 2018 will close April 15th at midnight. Information about registration is at www.kansas4h.org If you have questions please contact Jennifer Terrell 620-244-3826.

DISCOVERY DAYS FLOOR COUNSELORS

They are again looking for responsible, mature and dependable young adults to serve as Floor Counselors. The Floor Counselors will be responsible for leading floor meetings, doing room checks and making sure youth stay in their rooms after lights out each evening. Floor Counselors can expect to work evenings and early mornings. You will receive free room and board for 5 days and 4 nights as well as \$100. Applications are due by May 1, 2018. To fill out an application, visit <https://tinyurl.com/DD18FloorCounselor> or.

CAMPFERENCE 2018

This is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2018), and will be held June 26-29 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 coming soon. Register online by May 15 and payment must be in the local Extension Offices by May 15.

NEW ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

In January, the Southwind Extension District Executive Board voted to move the enrollment deadline with fees paid, to December 1st.

GREENBUSH 4-H CAMP

This camp is for those 4-H'ers who are between the ages of 7 and 9. Dates are June 19 & 20. 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 3-6 and will cost \$205. 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 4th at: <https://goo.gl/forms/fxttnT2kofRysNfz2>

COUNSELORS WANTED

Sunny Hills is looking for Counselors. Must be sophomore complete. Applications can be found on the Southwind website or at the office. They are due back to the Extension office by May 4th. Counselor training will be held the day prior to camp, June 2nd. This is a great opportunity to learn more about being a leader.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP

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 April 5, 2018.

2018 KANSAS 4-H SPACETECH CHANGES

GPS/GIS have again been suspended for this 4-H program year due to low participation numbers. A final decision about the future of the project will be decided by October 1.

FCS STATE JUDGING CONTEST

Challenge Topic: Health
Senior: 14-19 as of 1/1/2018
Intermediate: 9-13 as of 1/1/2018
Teams 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 15th**, use the following link <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/fcs-judging/index.html>
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.ksu.edu/fcs
If you need assistance or have questions, contact Joy Miller @ joymiller@ksu.edu or 223-3720.

ENTOMOLOGY PROJECT

Dates have been set for meetings: April 14 & May 5th at the Chanute High School at 2 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 up 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.

TRUE LEADERS SERVICE DAY

National 4-H has issued a “True Leaders Service Day” for April 28th. More information to come.

STATE 4-H FCS/PHOTOGRAPHY TEAM SELECTION

Southwind is allowed 3 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 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.

UPCOMING LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST DATES

April 6 - Fort Scott Community College Aggie Day, Fort Scott, KS
April 11 - Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, KS

2018 DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

When: July 10, 2018
Where: Parsons State Hospital Arena
Registration to come. Must complete level testing for District and State Fair.

COGGINS TESTING and VACCINATIONS

The Red Barn Veterinary Clinic, will give all 4-H members a 15% discount on Coggins testing and vaccinations for their horses in the month of April. You can be from any county. Call 620-365-3964 for appointment.



RIVERSIDE CLASSIC SPRING SWINE SHOW

Saturday, May 5 at Riverside Park, Iola, KS. New in 2018 the Riverside Classic will be a member of the Eastern Kansas Swine Show Series and therefore be a swine only event. It is open to all youth interested in showing hogs and showmanship will be offered. You do not have to be a member of the Eastern Kansas Swine Show Series to participate in this show. Entries can be found at www.eksss.net

ST. FAIR OPPORTUNITIES FOR 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports is expanding exhibit opportunities for 4-H members at the Kansas State Fair. Check the Kansas 4-H State Fair 4-H Shooting Sports division to learn more about the specific details. Along with promotional posters and educational displays, the 2018 Fair will offer a 4-H Shooting Sports notebooks class. The notebooks are to highlight a phase, result, story or information about 4-H Shooting Sports. Additionally, all entries, promotional posters, educational displays and notebooks are to incorporate the 4-H Clover and KSRE branding with the Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports emblem. The Kansas 4-H Shooting Sports logo can be found on the 4-H Shooting Sports web page.

Another opportunity available for sharing individual mastery of 4-H Shooting Sports - the *4-H Public Presentation Division* offers 4-H Shooting Sports members will have a chance to share their knowledge from the stage. There are specific safety rules that must be followed and shooting sports-related entries must inform the State 4-H Office of entry to meet requirements. Participants must follow *Kansas State Law* regarding firearms listed in the General Rules section of this Fair Book and use 4-H Shooting Sports minimum standards and best management practices will be followed.

NEW 4-H HORSE CERTIFICATION DUE MAY 1

Horse ID's are due to your local Extension Office by May 1st. There is a new form in 2018, that must be used. The paperwork is available from the website: www.southwind.ksu.edu under "4-H useful forms". This paperwork will not be sent out by mail unless you request them from the 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.

SNAFFLE BIT NOMINATIONS

Horse snaffle bit projects are due into the local Extension Office by May 1. Along with the nomination, the 4-H member must submit the Horse ID and a \$10 fee. Three-year old snaffle bit projects must have been nominated the previous year and did not have to be shown to be re-nominated. State Fair entries for these projects are due August 1 in the State 4-H Office. For more information concerning the Snaffle bit project check the 4-H Horse Show Rules in the 2018 Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook.

2 & 3-YEAR OLD HORSE RULE CHANGES

There will be a new edition of the 4-H Horse Show Rule Book coming out this spring. Coming with the new edition will be some major changes to the 2-Year Old Snafflebit and 3-Year Old Projects. 4-H members in the 2-Year Old Project should expect to show in two rail phases and be prepared for the interview phase. However the 2-Year Old Project will be discontinued after the 2019 State Fair Horse Show. The 3-Year Old Project has been expanded. It will also have three total phases - Phase 1 is rail work, Phase 2 is a pattern, and Phase 3 is an interview. 4-H members involved in the 3-Year Old Project should plan to participate in all three phases at this year's state fair.

2018 KANSAS STATE FAIR 4-H DOG SHOW QUALIFICATIONS

Just a reminder that 4-H members in order to participate in the 2018 Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show, in Hutchinson, on Saturday, September 15th, must have qualified in a specific discipline(s) at a state qualifier 4-H or open dog show during the 2017-18 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 of these qualifier dog shows happen during county fairs or invitational dog shows during spring and summer. For a listing of dog shows open to 4-H members to qualify for the 2018 KSF 4-H Dog Show visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/local-dog-shows.html>.

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 submit their top 4 individuals from the above events, which will give us 12 individuals eligible for the 3 teams during the Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes weekend. From those 12 youth, composite teams will be determined based on contest scores, practice participation and agent/coach discretion.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT ROCK SPRINGS

Summer is just around the corner and Rock Springs Ranch is in the process of recruiting motivated individuals to join this year's leadership camp staff! Our staff work an average of 10 hours a day with kids mostly 8-12 years old. We provide staff training on leadership skills and instructing the educational area of their specific position. These areas include STEM, conservation education, leadership adventure course, the horse barn, traditional camp activities, and more! Interested applicants can apply at rocksprings.net/summerjobs Employment includes: Salary, meals, lodging, laundry facilities and 55 new best friends! Must be 18 and older and have completed HS. For more information visit Rock Springs website.

LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL SKILLATHON PRACTICE

Monday, April 23, 4pm-6pm
Community Building in Moran, KS
All youth enrolled in livestock projects should consider this fun opportunity to not only learn more about your animals, but also help prepare for the State Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contests in August. This practice will serve as an introduction to the contests, and determine how many youth are interested in participating in these fun events. If you have ever wondered what these contests entail, now is your opportunity to learn more about them! Contact Carla if you have any questions, 365-2242.

SUMMER HOST UPDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES

Two teens each from Costa Rica and Finland will arrive in Kansas June 26. They have each been matched with a 4-H host family for a 3 ½ week stay departing July 22. All of the rest of their delegations have been placed in other states. We are in the process of completing background checks and In Home Interviews for some families. Announcements of host families and inbounds will be made next month. Anyone interested in hosting should consider one of the Japanese inbounds, a Kansas 4-H Exchange Program inbound or an IFYE. Contact Mary Kay Munson, 4-H Exchange Coordinator at 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net with questions or for referral to the Japan Exchange to host a girl or boy 3 ½ weeks July 23 to August 16. For the IFYE Program or Kansas 4-H International Exchange we are planning to host girls from Estonia, Germany, Greece and Thailand and a young man from Germany most of the summer for 2-3 week hosting periods with multiple families beginning June 19.

TRACTOR SAFETY TRAINING

If you are planning to do farm work, and it is for someone other than a parent or guardian, and you are 14 or 15 years of age, you must take a tractor safety course following the U.S. Department of Labor requirements before you can be employed at certain hazardous farm tasks. Training will be Wednesday, May 9th from 5-9 pm at the Neosho County Courthouse meeting room. Contact your local Extension Office to register by May 1, 2018.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST & PRACTICES

Upcoming Livestock Judging Contests & Practice Dates:

- April 5 - Allen Aggie Day, Iola
- April 11 - Hutchinson Community College Contest
- May 7, 14, 21 - Livestock judging practice
- June 19-20 - Southwind District Judging Camp, Fort Scott
- June 21 - Southeast Area Livestock Judging Contests, Yates Center

ALLEN COUNTY NEWS

GWEN E. WILSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Gwen E. Wilson Memorial 4-H 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, www.Southwind.ksu.edu. Applications are due no later than May 1st to the Southwind Iola office.

SHEEP/SWINE/MEAT GOAT & BUCKET CALF WEIGH-IN

Wednesday, May 2, 4pm-6pm
Thursday, May 3, 4pm-6pm
Please note! No Friday weigh in this year.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

Allen County 4-H Council will meet Thursday 26th, at 7pm at the courthouse.

FAIRGROUNDS SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Thursday, May 3rd, 5:00 pm

It's time to clean up the fairgrounds for the Riverside Classic Spring Livestock Show! There are a lot of leaves in the show arena and some trash that needs picked up around the barns. It should not take too long, as long as we have a couple of families from each club who volunteer to help. Please bring rakes, shovels, etc. to make the cleaning easier.

SPECIAL 4-H MEETING FOR SUPERINTENDENTS AND LEADERS

Thursday, April 26

6:30 pm (before 4-H Council)
Allen County Courthouse.

2018 will be the 125th Allen County Fair, and we would like to get together to share ideas about awards, trophies and look at the schedule of events for the Fair. If you are not able to attend, please do not hesitate to stop by the Extension Office to visit with us. Thank you for considering this opportunity to have a conversation about Making the Best Better in Allen County!

