

SOUTHWIND 4-H

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

July

3 – Southwind Shooting Sports Meeting, Stark

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7 – Southwind Shooting Sport Meeting, Stark

10 – District Horse Show, Parsons

12 – Southwind Shooting Sports Meeting, Stark

13-18 – Woodson Co Fair

14-20 – Bourbon Co Fair

19-23 – Neosho Co Fair

23 – KS 4-H Wheat Expo

Registration Deadline

26-30 – Allen Co Fair

August

1 – Ks 4-H Livestock

Sweepstakes Reg. Deadline

2 – KS 4-H ST Wheat Expo, Hutchinson

18 – ST 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

18-19 – Ks 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan

October

1 – Discovery Days Task Force Apps Due

13-14 – 48 Hours of 4-H

December

1 – Online Enrollment Due

Extension Offices Closed
July 4th

EXTENSION OFFICES:

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2019 DISCOVERY DAYS TASK FORCE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Do you love attending 4-H Discovery Days? We encourage you to apply to be on the Discovery Days Task Force for 2019! Discovery Days Task Force Applications are now available. Applications are due October 1, applicants should expect to be notified by November 1 as to their selection as a Task Force member. You can find the link at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html> it is in the gray box to the right at the bottom.

RAISED HANDS FOR 4-H

Thank you all so much for the momentum you helped create over the past month for the Raise Your Hand for 4-H social media campaign. We are so excited to announce that Kansas 4-H placed 3rd in this national contest and won \$5,000 for our 4-H youth! We are so proud to be part of a community that fights for Kansas 4-H.

DISTRICT-WIDE T-SHIRTS

There has been some requests for District 4-H Shirts to use for different activities, including judging contests. The t-shirts will be green with a white logo and are made of a soft material. Orders and money are due by July 24th. If you would like to place an order, please use this link to do so: <https://goo.gl/forms/CUaKZ7BikMeZMYQS2>

T-Shirt Prices:

Youth S-XL = \$7.00

Adult XS-XL = \$7.00

Adult 2XL = \$8.50

Adult 3XL = \$10.00

4-H FCS JUDGING HEALTH CONTEST

What does health look like where you live?

Here is the quick scoop:

- Youth in two age categories (9-13) and (14-18) can team up (2-4 youth per team) to focus on a local health aspect.
- The team will identify a health aspect to address, collect information about the aspect and create a video about the aspect.
- Video links are due to Andrea Feldkamp afeld@ksu.edu by July 10.
- Video entries will be reviewed, and qualifying entries will be invited to participate in the September 15th contest at the Kansas State Fair.
- Team winners of the September 15th contest are eligible to receive \$250 towards the team's solution plan for their local health aspect.
- Visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/fcs-judging/index.html> for rubric links and full contest details.

JUDGING CONTEST

You are invited to participate in the 4-H Judging Contests held during the Bourbon County Fair.

Registration helps us prepare for those participating while reducing unnecessary paper waste. Please register at <https://goo.gl/forms/6UAL7mKdZBxgURQ2> by July 9th if you plan on participating.

FACS Judging and Sensory Kit is available for check out from the Fort Scott Office. These can be used at your Community 4-H Club, a project meeting, or independently. Contact Joy Miller at 620-223-3720 or joymiller@ksu.edu for more information or to coordinate getting one.

KANSAS 4-H LEADERSHIP WEEKEND – KYLF & KVF

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) and the Kansas Volunteer Forum will soon be on the 4-H Online CVent Registration System. The Forums will be held November 17-18, 2018 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2018 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective. Again this year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, 2018 for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate.

RECORD BOOKS/KANSAS AWARD PORTFOLIO (KAP)

As soon as the County Fair ends, it is a good time to begin working on Record Books. If you are needing any help with completing these books or are completely new to the process, please let Jennifer know. Jennifer will be in the Iola Office on Mondays and Fort Scott Office on Wednesdays throughout August and September.

Record Books are due to your club leaders at their specific deadline to have plenty of time to review books before they are due to the Extension Office on October 1st. Books that are turned in after the deadline of your club leader will not be judged for county-wide awards.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA



SOUTHEAST AREA MULTI-CONTEST DAY

Southeast Area Multi-Contest Day was held in Emporia on Tuesday, June 12. Southwind had great representation from the District. Here are the results:

Crops Judging-

Levi Meiwes – 9th Sr. Individual
Carly Krmaer – 4th Inter. Individual
Abigail Meiwes – 6th Inter. Individual

Favorite Foods Show-

Abby Rinehart – 2nd Individual
Rayanne McKinsey – Participation

FCS Judging-

Levi Meiwes – 6th Sr. Individual
Abigail Meiwes – 4th Inter. Individual
Abby Rinehart – 10th Inter. Individual
Abby Rinehart, Carly Kramer, Jenni Armstrong, and Abigail Meiwes – 2nd Intermediate Team

Horticulture Judging-

Levi Meiwes – 10th Sr. Individual
Carly Kramer – 4th Inter. Individual
Abigail Meiwes – 5th Inter. Individual

Photography Judging-

Levi Meiwes – 8th Sr. Individual
Abby Rinehart – 10th Inter. Individual
Congratulations to everyone!

DISTRICT 4-H FAVORITE FOODS SHOW

The Southwind District 4-H Favorite Foods Show was held at Moran Manor on Saturday, June 9. Those receiving top placings were eligible to attend the Southeast Area 4-H Favorite Foods Show in Emporia on Tuesday, June 12. Results are as follows:

Southwind – Iola:

Top Junior – Jenni Armstrong
Top Junior – Abby Rinehart
Blue Junior – Bailey LaRue
Blue Junior – Carly Kramer
Cloverbud – Henry Kramer

Southwind – Erie:

Top Senior – Rayanne McKinsey
Top Junior – Karlyn Bennett
Cloverbud – Nathan Bennett
Congratulations to everyone!

2018 DISTRICT HORSE SHOW

When: July 10, 2018

Where: Parsons State Hospital Arena

Registration and information is posted on the Southwind website. Must complete level testing for District and State Fair.

KANSAS STATE FAIR GRAND DRIVE ENTRIES OPEN

The entry deadline for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive is July 15th. The Grand Drive is the youth livestock show held annually as part of the Kansas State Fair. Please remember that a complete nomination does NOT constitute entry. Nomination is just the first step to make market animals and commercial females eligible for the state shows. Youth who plan to exhibit in the market or breeding livestock division (beef cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats) must submit an official entry through the Kansas State Fair entry system, as well as pay the appropriate entry fees. Exhibitors may enter online or submit an entry form that is postmarked by July 15th. Youth will need to submit a W-9 as part of the entry process. Also, continuing from 2017, an extension agent or ag teacher signature is no longer required on the entry form. Once all entries have been processed, extension agents and ag teachers will electronically approve all of the members who have entered under their county/chapter. Rules, reminders, and entry information may be found on the Kansas State Fair website, under the Grand Drive tab.
Grand Drive Online
Entries: <https://kansas.fairwire.com/>
Please contact the Kansas State Fair directly at (620) 669-3600 with questions regarding Grand Drive entries.

POULTRY TESTING FOR LOCAL FAIR

The Kansas State Veterinarian suggested all poultry needing testing for Pullorum-Typhoid should be tested at least 10 day prior to the county fair rather than on entry day. The Kansas State Fair General rules states that if testing on site, any birds that test positive for Pullorum-Typhoid, the entire entry, as well as all other birds from the same premises, will be refused. Plan ahead as it's better to be safe than sorry.



2018 STATE 4-H HORTICULTURE JUDGING CONTEST

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held Saturday, August 18, 2018 on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan. Registration information will be on the web in early July. The study material for years 2017 and 2018 is taken from The Kansas Garden Guide, KSRE publication S-51 (Rev.) March 2010. This publication is available for purchase at local Extension offices or can be downloaded The Kansas Garden Guide. Effective January 1, 2015, contestants who have judged as an official team member at the National Junior Horticulture Association Judging Contest are not eligible to compete as a team or as an individual at the State Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest.

DISTRICT-WIDE PET FOOD DRIVE

Kristy Beene member of Hiattville 4-H Club is holding a Pet Food Drive for Lee's Paws and Claws in Fort Scott. You may bring cat and dog food or pet treats to your local office in July. Please make sure all donations are in by August 1. This is a great citizenship opportunity!

SOUTHWIND SHOOTING SPORTS

The following dates have been set for District-Wide Shooting Sports: July 3rd, 5th, 10th and 12th at 7 pm at the Grant Community Building in Stark. For more information contact Donna Kovacic 620-224-3371.

FLOAT TRIP WILDCAT & SOUTHWIND DISTRICTS CHEROKEE COUNTY

Attention 4-H'ers age 14+, here's a trip for you! Parents are also welcome!

It will take place in Noel, Mo., August 25th. Bring a sack lunch, Dinner is included. Register by August 3rd. We will need a waiver.

2018 KS 4-H STATE WHEAT EXPO

Join us for the annual event on Wednesday, August 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 101 W. Avenue C, South Hutchinson, KS 67505. It is open to all 4-H family members, 4-H leaders and Extension staff. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. There will be three tours. There is a \$6.00 per person registration cost. Visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>. Pre-registration will be required by Monday, July 23rd to ensure an accurate meal count and tour divisions.

KS 4-H LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

The 2018 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be held August 18-19 on the K-State campus in Manhattan, KS. Events include the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. The members who will represent Kansas at the national 4-H contest for each of these events will be selected during the livestock sweepstakes weekend. Members are invited to participate in as many or as few of the activities as they would like. So, a 4-H'er is welcome to only participate in the livestock judging contest, or compete in all four of the contests provided, as approved by the local Extension Unit. Contestants in all events must register through their local extension office by the entry deadline, August 1. All entries must be made by the local Extension Office using Cvent. Rules and the Coach's Guide are posted on the Youth Livestock Program website (www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs), under "4-H Livestock Sweepstakes".

FAIR OFFICE

The Extension Office will be moving to the Fair Office location on Thursday, July 12th. Please make sure you have picked up fair entry cards, photo mats, canning labels, etc. before we move. There is no phone at the fair office. **FAIR OFFICE HOURS WILL BE 8:30 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

Our intention is to have fair premium checks ready to hand out to 4-H members after fair clean up on Saturday, July 21st. If not they will be available for pickup in the Extension Office the following week. **Checks will only be given out to the 4-H member or their parent.**

FAIR ENTRY CARDS

Each 4-H member must have their fair entry cards before entering exhibits at the fair on Monday, July 16th. Please make arrangements to pick up entry cards between July 5th and 11th.

HAY BALE DECORATING AND TRADITIONAL SCARECROW CONTEST

Enter as a group or individual. Contest rules and registration can be found on page 3A of the Bourbon County Fair 2018 Fair Schedule.

4-H FAMILY DANCE

This year we will be having the 4-H Family Dance on Thursday, July 19th from 8-11 p.m. The dance will be held at the new Terry Hubenett Pavilion. All 4-H members and their family are welcome to attend. Each 4-H member attending the dance is welcome to bring one guest. We do ask members and their guest to check in when arriving. Each club is asked to bring a dozen cookies or a snack item. Water will be donated.

FAIR REMINDER

Make sure you are utilizing our fair paper. There is a lot of important information regarding guidelines and the schedule. It is important to make note of the judging days and times for each one of your projects. Any additional questions should be addressed with the Southwind Extension Office – Fort Scott 620-223-3720.

KANSAS STATE FAIR ENTRIES

4-H members age 9 and older that have received a purple ribbon (or blue depending on the division) are eligible to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair. Exhibits will not automatically be pre-entered. 4-H members are responsible for obtaining a pre entry form from the Extension Office and returning their KSF pre-entry form to the Extension Office no later than Friday, August 10th. Extension Agents will take smaller exhibits to the KSF that can be handled by one person. If you have any questions please call the Extension Office at 620-223-3720. Visual Arts exhibitors – If you were one of the (4) winners selected to go onto the KSF please have your fair entry in the Extension Office by Wednesday, August 1st. If you do not have your exhibit in the office by August 1st we will then contact an alternate winner for the chance to exhibit.

2018 FAIR THEME

This year's theme is "Grow It and Show It" will be used during the Bourbon County Fair. Clubs are encouraged to use this theme within their booth and banner entries for the fair.

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REMOVING FAIR EXHIBITS & CLEANUP SATURDAY MORNING

Exhibits will be released from the 4-H Building from 8-9 a.m. on Saturday, July 21st. All exhibits are to remain on the fairgrounds from the time of entry until scheduled release that morning. Please make arrangements with your family or 4-H Club if you are unable to pick up your exhibits. 4-H Club members will begin with fair cleanup about 9:00 a.m. Neither the Bourbon County Fair Association, Southwind Extension District nor 4-H Youth Development are liable for the loss or damage of any personal property.

ALL CLUBS FAIR CLEANUP

Fair Cleanup is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10. Each 4-H Club is responsible for cleanup of the 4-H Building and the fair grounds. Club Leaders will have a list of duties for the evening. Please do not come before your assigned time.
Northeast Scott 4-H Club @ 5:30 p.m.
Northwest Scott 4-H Club @ 6:30 p.m.
Barnstormers 4-H Club @ 6:30 p.m.
Uniontown 4-H Club @ 6:30 p.m.
Hiattville 4-H Club - Wednesday, July 11th @ 6:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(Parents and 4-H Members)

Fair Board Work Sessions – Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We are still in need of script writers/narrators and volunteers to pass out programs the night of County Fair Public Style Revue, Thursday, July 19th. Anyone interested in performing the night of style revue (singing, music, etc.) Any 4-H'er can volunteer you do not have to be enrolled in Clothing and Textiles. Please contact Joy Miller if you are interested joymiller@ksu.edu or call 620-223-3720

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WRITING THANK YOU NOTES TO FAIR SPONSORS AND 4-H SUPPORTORS

It is very important that 4-H members are writing and mailing Thank you notes to fair sponsors and livestock buyers. This year we have received a few complaints about notes not being received for awards given at the Bourbon County Fair. Please make sure you take time after fair week to send a simple note of Thanks to each sponsor that has awarded you with funds, trophies or plaques. Livestock buyers would appreciate you sending them a thank you after the sale or taking your baked items and gift baskets to their business the following week rather than during the livestock sale Friday evening.



GUIDE TO WRITING THANK YOU NOTES

Use stationery or plain note cards and proper postage. When you are writing a thank you note, always plan ahead. Be sure the message is clear and that all the information needed is in a logical sequence – you don't want to confuse the reader. Use blue or black ink. Hand-write the notes, even if your handwriting is not so good. Take the time to write as neatly as possible. Keep it short and sweet yet vivid and complete. Think of how you would feel to receive a thank-you not like the one you are sending.

Want an example?

1. Greet the Giver – Dear Mr. Smith, etc.
2. Express Your Gratitude
 - Thank you so much for purchasing my 4-H market hog at the 4-H Livestock Sale.
 - Thank you for sponsoring an award at the Bourbon County Fair.
3. Discuss use-Say something nice about the item and how you will use it. Let's say it's something you actually love and will use a lot-then say so.
 - I plan to start a savings account for college.

- I will hang this plaque on my wall proudly as I have worked very hard on my 4-H project.
4. Be a little personal. Is this your first year of 4-H or first year in this project? Write something about that. Is this your last year of 4-H and you are heading to college? Write something about that, perhaps telling the donor where you are going to college and what you plan to study, maybe even how 4-H has helped prepare you for your college endeavors.
 5. Thanks again – it's not overkill to say thanks again. So say it.
 - Thanks again for attending the auction
 - Thanks again for your generous donation, etc.
 6. Regards – Simple wrap it up. Use whatever works for you.
 - Yours Truly, with Thanks, Sincerely, or Regards, etc.
 7. Now get it in the mail! Make sure the envelope is properly and neatly addressed to ensure it will be delivered to the recipient. Remember the stamp.

Need ideas? Here are a few to spark you appreciation!

This list is to serve as ideas for thank you notes or places to stop by to let them know you appreciate

- their support. By no means is this a complete record, but a list to spark your appreciation!
- Bourbon County Fair Board – Support, facilities, setup and ribbon premium money.
- Bourbon County United Way – Providing financial support for fair ribbon premiums.
- Bourbon County Commissioners – Support of fair.
- Superintendents, Club Leaders, Project Leaders, Jr. Leaders, Neighbors and Friends we have helped you in any way during the 4-H year.
- Fair Judges - For their time.
- Livestock Buyers - For their support.
- Trophy and Special Prize Money Sponsors listed in the Fair Schedule.
- All Hit 103.9 – live broadcast all week, announcing fair results.
- Fort Scott Biz.
- Fort Scott Tribune – Printing the Fair Schedule and proving news stories and pictures during fair week to the public.
- Tractor Supply – Use of fans, donation of shavings in the show ring, buckets for livestock judging and Barnyard Olympics, donation of rabbit and poultry feed during fair week.

- R&R Equipment – Use of equipment during fair week.
 - K&K Auto – Scale battery.
 - Max Fanning – Electricity and Building Repairs.
 - Norvell – Shavings in sheep and goat pens, rabbit and poultry cages.
 - Producer's Co-op of Girard – Straw bedding.
 - Weigh Committee or Livestock Sale Committee members – Listed in the Fair Schedule.
 - Bourbon County Farm Bureau – Providing drinks during livestock shows, tip jar for 4-H Building tables.
 - Martin Auction Service and Auctioneers working during the Junior Livestock Sale.
 - Pam Kimrey – Managing the 4-H Council Concession Stand
 - Cara Comstock – Fort Scott Extension Summer Intern – Barnyard Olympics organizer.
- Or anybody else you can think of! We would love to add to this list, please let us know what else you noticed going on at the fair that deserves a special Thank You. If you need an address give Pat a call at the Extension Office 620-223-3720 or e-mail her at psimpson@ksu.edu .



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!