



Update on 4-H

Hello Pottawatomie county,

While things seem to be changing day to day, I did want to provide an update regarding what is happening on the 4-H side of life currently. **Most importantly, Kansas State University leadership extended the timeline for the COVID-19 response protocol to eight weeks (May 16th).** As noted in previous statements, this means face-to-face 4-H programming, workshops, shows, activities and events (including club meetings) by volunteers or staff should be canceled, postponed, or converted to distance technologies until then. As, our office is currently working remotely as to follow KSRE recommendations.

So what does this mean for 4-H? This means that it's a great time to adapt and innovate to meet challenges, whether that be on a State, county, or club level. What this looks like may still take some time to figure out, but possibilities are there!

In this newsletter, I'll look to address upcoming events and possible directions we are taking. As we find out more, watch for information on Facebook and from 4Honline e-mail blasts.

Lastly, would now be a great time to work on county fair projects and KAP's or what?

Daniel



4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H council meeting is scheduled for April 27th at 7pm. Before it, a food stand meeting will be occurring at 6:30pm. Both of these meetings will be occurring via Zoom. Members can look for an e-mail leading up this date from either Erin or I with the Zoom information.

For the 4-H council meeting, we will cover the missed agenda items from March. Including: fair awards, fair theme, and ice cream flavors. So, be sure to share your fair theme idea with your county rep before then!

Discovery Days

What: Are you ready for Discovery Days? Put May 27-29, 2020 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. This year's theme is "2020 A Vision for the Future." Discovery Days offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! Are you ready to dance? Are you ready for some Call Hall ice cream? Are you ready for some great speakers and all the other possibilities in your future?

When: May 27 - May 29, 2020

Where: Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

Who: Youth who are 13-18 years old as of January 1 of 2020

Registration Deadline: April 15th

Per the State office: "In this time of uncertainty, we have opened our registration with the understanding that at any point we may cancel this event. We will close registration and post information if and when that may be deemed necessary. If we cancel this event refunds will be processed. Thank you for understanding. [Please Click Here to Register](#). "

Chick Embryology

Need an at-home educational activity during this period of social distancing? Follow along as we try "Virtual Embryology" for the youth of Pottawatomie county. Updates will be available starting on March 25th at <https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/virtualprogramming/embryology.html>

Find out if your 4-H agent makes much of a poultry farmer!



4-H Summer Camp

Similar to Discovery days, Kansas 4-H will continue to plan and prepare for 4-H camp this summer. Knowing that there is a possibility things could change, the state has instructed us to hold on to deposits for now. If camp does have to be cancelled, we would issue full refunds.

‘Purple Power Pack’ will camp from Wednesday, June 10 – Saturday, June 13, with counselor training Tuesday, June 9. Summer camp at Rock Springs offers youth completing 2nd through 7th grade a unique camping experience filled with endless fun and engaging activities! 4-Hers are encouraged to bring their friends and help spread the word about 4-H Camp 2020.

Find out more and register at: <https://www.pottawatomie.k-state.edu/4-h/Camp.html>

Note: We are currently awaiting word back regarding the camp scholarships for this year.

Livestock Weigh-in and Tagging (beef, goats, sheep, ect.)

Currently, the plan is to reschedule beef weigh-in and tagging for a date in April and to still plan on having a tagging day at the extension office parking lot on May 13th for meat goats, sheep, bucket calf, and swine. The current county deadline for weigh-in and tagging is still set for May 13th.

Right now, the state 4-H office and extension livestock leaders are working on guidance for county tagging as well as conversing with State show boards to determine what affects (if any) current situations will have on tagging this year. Once we have the clarity and guidance from state levels, we will begin to make plans on our county level.

YQCA Training

Still need your YQCA training? A reminder that the course can be taken online at the link <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login> using your 4Honline account login.

Note: While YQCA is only required to sell beef at our fair, it is required for anyone showing livestock at KJLS or Grand drive.

Kids Corner!

Time to get outside!

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Tuttle Creek Lake



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

Enjoy the outdoors - how many items can you find?

A little easier

- Something smooth
- Something prickly
- Something round
- Something flat
- Leaf with round ends
- Leaf with pointy ends
- A hole in a tree
- A Pinecone
- An acorn
- A tree stump
- A feather
- A footprint
- A spider web
- A bird or squirrel nest
- A bug or butterfly
- A bird singing
- A squirrel chirping
- Something that smells nice
 - A piece of litter to throw away
 - Something special!

A little harder

- An evergreen tree
- A deciduous tree
- Find 3 different leaves
- A vine
- A thorn
- Seeds or seed pod
- An unblown dandelion
- A mushroom
- A snail or snail shell
- A rollie-pollie (pill bug)
- An ant
- A red bird
- Something that starts with "A"
- Something that starts with "B"
- Something that starts with "C"
- Eroded soil
- An animal hole
- A flower
- A piece of litter to throw away
- Something special!

Wash your hands when you're done!

Date and Deadlines

March 27-29	4-H Shooting Sports Instructor training —Cancelled
April 15	Discovery Days Registration Deadline
April 27	4-H Council: Zoom Based
May 1	State Market Beef Nominations Due
May 1	Project sign-up deadline
May 8	Camp Registration and Counselor Apps due
May 13	County Livestock Tagging Deadline and Tagging event at KSRE office
June 10-13	4-H Camp (Counselors report the 9th)
June 15	(State) Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep, And Meat Goat Nominations Due
July 8	4-H council
July 24	Pre-Fair (Location TBA)
July 29 - Aug 2	County Fair!



**Insect themed
Youth Art
Contest**

Rules and entry
forms can be found at:
<https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/>
Submit entries by April 3, 2020

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The poster features a central light blue box with text. Surrounding the box are four images: a photograph of a grasshopper on a green plant (top left), a detailed black and white line drawing of a beetle (top right), a black and white line drawing of a bee (bottom left), and a photograph of a yellow and black striped beetle on a green leaf (bottom right).

Kansas Range Youth Camp



June 23 – 26, 2020

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Society for Range Management



If YOU are interested in plants, livestock, or wildlife, attend an educational event like no other in Kansas!

Participants: Upcoming High School Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors

Location: Camp Menoscah, Murdock, KS (in Kingman County)

Learning: Range Plant Identification, Plant Growth, Stocking Rate Determinations, Livestock Nutrition, Rangeland Wildlife Management, and much more!

Special Items: Field Trips, Steak Dinner

Activities: Swimming, Canoeing, Fishing, & Hiking

Tuition: \$250 per participant*

*Interested students should contact their local Conservation District, Extension Office, Farm Bureau office, livestock association, and/or other local business for possible financial assistance.



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