4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

To say that Kansas 4-H missed camp last summer is an understatement! We believe in the positive impact that 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch can have on a child. From exploring the outdoors, to building lifelong friendships, to gaining independence and self confidence, camp has a tremendous ability to make a strong impact on youth of all ages.

To ensure that 4-H camp continues to be a safe and high quality experience for generations to come, we established a Kansas 4-H Camping Taskforce two years ago. The task force has been hard at work, as well as leadership at both the Kansas 4-H Foundation and Rock Springs Ranch, preparing and planning for the future Kansas 4-H camp.

In the meantime, save the dates for 4-H camp in the summer of 2021! **Purple Power Pack Camp will take place June 18-21, with counselor training on June 17.**

**Influence a Life**

Do you have what it takes to become a camp counselor? Camp counselors are the backbone of the summer camping experience and must be willing to take on the challenge of working with a co-counselor to get 8 youth to and from different activity locations. If this sounds like you, please apply to become a Purple Power Pack camp counselor for 4-H summer camp 2021, **June 18-21** with counselor training **Tuesday, June 17. Applications will post in March. To be considered counselor applicants must be 14 years old by the time we leave for camp.**

**Longest Carrot Contest**

Join us as we start the charge for the 2021 Riley County Fair ‘longest carrot’ competition. Free seeds are available now at the Riley County Extension Office, 110 Courthouse Plaza Rm. B220. If you need some inspiration check out the following link. [http://www.carrotmuseum.co.uk/](http://www.carrotmuseum.co.uk/)
4-H Council Dates for 2020-2021

Monday, Monday, January 4, 2021; Monday, March 1, 2021; Monday, May 3, 2021; Monday, June 28, 2021; Monday, August 30, 2021 (labor Day is September 6)

All Meetings will take place at 7 pm, Pottorf Hall
Each club is allowed to have 5 voting representatives: 3 youth and 2 adults.

Fair Royalty Program

Please encourage older 4-H members to apply! Applications are available NOW. Fill one out today by visiting www.riley.ksu.edu (4-H → Forms/Resources → Other Resources). Contact the office if you have any questions. Applications are due back to the Extension office by Thursday, April 1, 2021 with interviews on May 19.

Interested in Assisting a Dept. Chair at the Fair?

We are currently looking for individuals willing to assist our department chairs at the 2021 Riley County Fair. If this is something you would be interested in please contact Lynne Berry via email at lberry@rileycountyks.gov or call the Extension Office at 785-537-6350.

Importance of attending 4-H Council

Our Riley County 4-H Council serves as a vital component to our month-to-month programming here in our area, but also allows club representative to take vital information back and report to their club. 4-H Council plans and implements county-wide events, oversees funding request, and votes to make necessary changes to our program as they see fit. Each club is allowed to have (5) voting representatives (3) youth and (2) adults. I would strongly encourage you to exercise that right throughout the year. You don’t have a be a Council Representative to attend. It is open to all 4-Hers and parents.

The 4-H Council dates are ABOVE.

Encouraging Fair Participation

As we ride out these winter months, think about what you can do to get your club active. Perhaps set a date aside from the monthly club meetings as a fun “project day” where each 4-Her walks away with a completed project they can display at the 2021 Riley County fair. Alternatively, make sure your club families are aware of the monthly project meeting taking place here in our area. Keep in mind that it is the “doing” that makes 4-H great. Getting active also allows for our 4-H youth to work alongside knowledgeable adults in completing a project or task.

2021 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. The event will be held on June 1-4, 2021. Thank you to everyone who participated in the interest and availability survey. From that survey, we have an excellent starting list of individuals who are willing to help with content tracks were able to confirm the traditional week after Memorial Day. The dates will still work for the majority of counties.

The decision to again use the virtual format was not taken lightly as the preferred format for the event would definitely be in-person. The decision is in congruence with the current K-State Reopening Phase 3 guidelines https://www.k-state.edu/covid-19/return/reopening/phase-3/ and the most recent vaccine availability projections from Riley County https://www.facebook.com/Rileycountyhealthdepartment/posts/4004392632925122.

Thank You for all of your support as we try to make the Discovery Days experience the best it can be for all Kansas youth.
**Red Wheel Sales**

Red Wheel sales have begun. Money raised goes directly to your 4-H club and can be used for club activities, community service projects, leadership opportunity and more. Order online and have items shipped directly to your home or have items deliver to Manhattan and a Riley County 4-Her would then deliver your order! Contact Riley County Extension Office to learn more. Orders are due in early April. Thank you for your support of Riley County 4-H!

**Youth Quality Assurance Training**

**Wednesday, March 17 -- 2:00-4:00 pm** -- Riley County Public Works Facility

**Thursday, April 19 – 6:00-8:00 pm** -- Clover Room of Pottorf Hall

Who needs to attend? – **All Riley County 4-H members exhibiting market livestock** (beef, sheep, swine, goats) at the county fair are required to attend a quality assurance training. ALL beef exhibitors will be required to attend annually to meet quality assurance training guidelines set forth by the packer purchasing our steers and market heifers. Some swine exhibitors who tested out previously will be allowed to skip this year’s training, but most will need to attend. Requirements for sheep and goat exhibitors are less stringent (so far)

For this year, sheep and goat exhibitors need to have attended a quality assurance training at least once before age 12, then re-certify at age 12 and again at age 15. All State Fair and KJLS livestock exhibitors must re-certify annually.

Registration Process – All attendees will be required to register online. The training was a new program in 2018. It is called Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) and there is a fee to participate. The fee to attend one of the live trainings is $3. Online training is available, but the fee is $12 online. Here are the instructions to sign up for either option – online or in person.

Go to: [https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login](https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login) and sign in through 4-H online (**don't create a new account**)

Choose a course from the Course List (click on your 4-H age).

After clicking on your age you will be instructed to choose either Web-Based Training ($12) or Instructor-Led Training ($3).

On the Instructor-Led menu, choose Kansas, then click on Select Training

Scroll down to either the March 17 or April 2 date and click on the Select button

Click on Purchase Course and enter credit card information to pay

**Leaders and Parents**

**Consider in March**

- Check your club mailbox
- Consider hosting a club project meeting
- Have club members give feedback from CIA 2021
- Encourage Discovery Days 2021
- Remind Families of the May 1 enrollment deadline for dropping/ adding projects
- Encourage members to apply for fair royalty
- Horse ID papers are due May 1 for all horses being exhibited at the Riley County Fair

**Dropping and Adding Projects**

Please remember that **May 1** is the last date to drop or add projects via your 4-H Online account. If you have not gotten around to enrolling for the 2020-2021 4-H year, please do so ASAP. To add project contact Brandy.
1. Building Creations (LEGO®, K’NEX®, tooth picks, Etc.) should be no larger than 24"(L) x 24"(W) x 60"(H). Special size accommodations can be made for larger creations with the approval of Mr. Jobe, Riley County 4-H Agent. Contact him at the Riley County Extension Office prior to entry. 785-537-6350.

2. Building Creations will be judged on theme, neatness, and creativity.

3. Creations will be judged in (4) separate age categories; Junior (ages 7-9), Intermediate (ages 10-13), Senior (14-19), and Adult (20+).

3. Group exhibits are allowed, but only one prize will be given per exhibit if winner.

5. Each builder may enter a maximum of two exhibits.

6. One prize awarded for top exhibit in each age-category.

7. All entries must be completely assembled when entered. Only minor repairs will be permitted at entry.

8. Entries will be displayed for the duration of the 2021 Riley County Fair.

All entries will be brought in on Wednesday, July 21 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Entries will be judged the afternoon of Thursday, July 22. Entries can be picked up Monday, July 26 from 5:00-7:00 pm. No early release will be permitted.

By July 1, you will need to contact Riley County 4-H Agent John Jobe and provide him with the registrants name, age, and size of entry. (785) 537-6350

Open Class Building Creation prizes are made possible by a generous donation from the Manhattan Optimist Club.
2020-2021 Riley County 4-H Calendar

March
1  4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
17 Youth Livestock Quality Assurance Training
   Riley County Public Works Facility
   (6215 Tuttle Creek Blvd; MHK) 2-4 pm
TBA Dog Rally-O-Workshop & Competition

April
Early
April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
1 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
19 Youth Livestock Quality Assurance Training;
   Clover Room of Pottorf Hall 6-8 pm
22-24 CWF Garage Sale; RL Co. Fairgrounds
24 Red Wheel Product Pick-Up, Location TBA
TBA State Shooting Sports Match
TBA Discovery Days Registration DUE

May
1 Project Add/ Drop Deadline
1 Horse ID Papers DUE
3 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging,
   Hurlburt Arena, 5-7 pm
3 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
9 Dog Agility Workshop
19 Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall

June
1-4 Discovery Days, Virtual
TBA Emerald Circle Banquet
5 Dog Agility & Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
28 4-H Council Meeting, Pottorf Hall
TBA State Geology Field Trip
17 Camp Counselor Training, Rock Springs
18-21 4-H Camp, Rock Springs
26 Dog Showmanship & Obedience, Pottorf
27-30 Campference, Rock Springs

July
1  Fair Pre-Entries DUE
5  Independence Day Observed, Ext Off. Closed
15 State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
15 Fair Fashion Review
17 4-H Horse Show
19 Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
20 4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
21 4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
22-26 Riley County Fair, Cico Park
27 Fairground Cleanup

August
6  State Fair Entry Forms DUE
15 KJLS Entries DUE
TBA State Horticulture & Livestock Judging
30 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

September
6  Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
10 State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
10-19 Kansas State Fair
TBA KAP & Awards DUE

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