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.

Please refer to the camp registration email you received on March 23 or contact the Extension Office for details. 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. To be considered counselor applicants must be 14 years old by the time we leave for camp. Please refer to the camp registration email you received on March 23 or contact the Extension Office for details.

Do We Have Your Address?

Please log into your 4-H Online account and confirm we have your current mailing address. We will use that information when mailing the Riley County Fair Book and other fair information. Thanks!

How to Reach Us:

Riley County Extension
110 Courthouse Plaza, RM B220
Manhattan, KS 66502
785-537-6350

John: jajobe@ksu.edu
Brandy: brandymarie@ksu.edu
4-H Info: 4hinfo@rileycountyks.gov
Office Hours: Monday-Friday; 8-5 pm
**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.

**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 to be a Council Representative to attend. It is open to all 4-Hers and parents.

The 4-H Council dates are ABOVE.

**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/)

**2021 Riley County Fair Theme**

At the March 4-H Council meeting, club representatives voted a good number of fair theme ideas down to three options. At the March Riley County Fair board meeting, board members voted to use ‘No Time Like Fair Time’ as the 2021 Riley County Fair theme. This theme will be represented in club banners, window decorations, fair t-shirts, and on the cover of the 2021 fair book.

**4-H Club Window Decorations 2021**

Each club will have the option to decorate a window in a local business or office in their local community. Window designs will be judged on **Tuesday, July 13** prior to the start of the fair. Photos of the window and ribbon placings will be on display in Pottorf Hall during the fair.

**Below are the parameters:**

Each club must secure their own window, making arrangements for painting as well as cleaning the window within a week following the fair

Clubs CAN decorate more than one window, but can only submit one for judging

Fair window need to be decorated by Monday, July 12

Each club must notify the Extension office by Monday July 12 as to the location of their clubs window

Each window should include the fair dates as well as the wording “Riley County Fair 2021” somewhere in the design

Designs are not required to follow the fair theme

Judging criteria will be based on 1) Creativity 2) Fair Marketing Value/ Location

*Details about painting materials coming soon*
Livestock Skillathon – NEW for 2021!

Brand new for the 2021 Riley County Fair, the 4-H youth livestock skillathon contest is designed to promote understanding of management and care of livestock, and is focused on the following species: cattle, swine, sheep, and goats. Contest stations can include any or all of the following areas: feed ID/use, breed identification/characteristics, animal anatomy, meat cut ID, livestock equipment ID/use, animal health management, and livestock quality assurance. There is no team competition; 4-Hers will compete as individuals. Awards will be presented to the top individual in each age division (Junior, Intermediate, Senior). After winning a division, the individual will need to compete in the next older age division in following years. Individuals are eligible to compete in the senior division multiple years, but may only receive an award once per age division.

The contest will be held on the afternoon of Monday, July 26, and you will sign up for the contest at the fair; no fair pre-entry is required. It will be held in the open air tent north of Pottorf Hall. Belt buckles will be given to each division winner. All 4-Hers may compete in the contest; you do not have to be enrolled in a livestock project to compete.

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. We are 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.

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.

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 allows for our 4-H youth to work alongside knowledgeable adults in completing a project or task.
Leaders and Parents

Newsletter Worthy

I would love to highlight some of the wonderful activities and people who are currently active in our Riley County 4-H program. If you would like to let everyone know about something your 4-Hers have accomplished or honor a volunteer please email me the details and I will put it in the next newsletter. Also, if any of our young people deserve recognition for something they have done outside of 4-H let me know and we will recognize them.

Red Wheel Delivery

If your families sold Red Wheel, please plan to be at Pottorf Hall on **Saturday, April 24** to pick up items. Pick up will be from **9:30-10:30 am**.

Please bring coolers to keep frozen items cold, along with a copy of your order sheet. Adults and older 4-Hers will be needed to help unload the truck beginning at 9:00 am. Masks are required.

Dropping and Adding Projects

If you have not gotten around to enrolling for the 2020-2021 4-H year, please do so ASAP. Please remember that **May 1** is the last date to drop or add projects. To add/drop projects, please contact Brandy **prior to May 1** [brandymarie@ksu.edu](mailto:brandymarie@ksu.edu)

Youth Quality Assurance Training

**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 the April 2 date and click on the Select button

Click on Purchase Course and enter credit card information to pay for the course.
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+).

4. 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

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