Camp! Camp! Camp!

I’m extremely excited to announce our camp dates for 2020. ‘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 2nd through 7th grade (coming out of) 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 the 4-H Camp 2020. Further details, including camping fees will be provided to campers and parents when registration officially opens in March.

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 2020, June 10–13, with counselor training Tuesday, June 9. Applications will post in March. To be considered counselor applicants must be 14 years old by the time we leave for camp.

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**4-H Council Dates for 2019-2020**

**Monday, March 2, 7:00 pm Pottorf Hall, Leaders meeting at 6:00 pm**

Each club is allowed to have 5 voting representatives: 3 youth and 2 adults.


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**Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC)**

This March, K-State Research and Extension is partnering with the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce and Network Kansas to host the 3rd annual Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) here in Manhattan. High school-age youth attending a high school located in Riley County will have the chance to show off their ingenuity and creativity, while showcasing a product, service, or future business concept. Cash prizes will be awarded to groups or individuals in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place based on their delivery in three capacities; 1) Executive summary/business plan 2) Two-minute elevator speech or formal presentation 3) Five to six-minute tradeshow presentation. The top (3) placings at our Manhattan event will then compete in the statewide challenge in April.

Each participant or group must be present for the entire duration, **9:30 am-12:30 pm, on the March 5 YEC event date.** You must register to attend. Registration will be on our website soon. www.riley.ksu.edu

*For more information on how to get started, contact John Jobe at the Riley County Extension Office jajobe@ksu.edu or call 785-537-6350.*

**Cash Prizes!!!!**

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**4-H Showcase Event 2020**

We are happy to announce that we will be hosting the annual Riley County Showcase event on **Saturday, February 22** at Riley County High School. It will include what was formerly Gavel Games and Club Day. Events will begin at 8:30 am and we should be done by 3:00 pm.

As part of the event we will have a STEM activity space, photography, horticulture, and poultry judging. All are a great learning experience! Volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and help you improve your judging skills. Participating in judging can count toward your Achievement pin.

Breakfast and lunch items will be served throughout the day. Registration opened to 4-Hers in January and closes on February 10th.

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**2020 Riley County 4-H STEM Club Meetings Resume**

Interested in challenging yourself? Come check out the Riley County 4-H STEM Club. All STEM sessions will take place at Pottorf Hall in Cico Park. Each session is FREE, but requires participants to register online at [www.riley.ksu.edu](http://www.riley.ksu.edu) prior to attending. This is a wonderful opportunity for 4-Hers to invite non-4 Hers to get involved in our local programming.

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**Upcoming Dates:**

**Thursday, March 26th**

5:30-7:00 pm

Pottorf Hall in Cico Park
**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](http://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 Monday, April 1, 2020 with interviews on May 20**

**Campference 2020**

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2020), and will be held June 22-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

Registration and detailed information will be on State 4-H website in March. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full the last 6 years! Register online by May 15 (or earlier it will close when it is full) and payment must be in the local Extension Offices by May 15.

**Beef Weigh-In**

Beef Weigh-in is **February 8 from 1-3 pm** Casement Barn, Riley County Fairgrounds. Questions, please contact Greg McClure gmclure@ksu.edu

**Youth Quality Assurance Training**

**Wednesday, March 11 -- 2:00-4:00 pm** -- Clover Room of Pottorf Hall

**Thursday, April 2 – 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).
Join the Riley County 4-H Poultry Project

We would like to invite anyone interested or enrolled in the Poultry project to join us for project meetings this year. We will be learning about choosing the right bird for the class, poultry care and disease prevention, showmanship, and the new changes to the project. We look forward to seeing you there!

What: Poultry Project Meeting
Who: Anyone 4-Her interested in poultry
When:
   March 24 @7:00 pm
   May 19 @ 7pm
   July: TBA
Where: Pottorf Hall

Questions about the meetings or getting involved? Contact the Riley County 4-H Poultry Superintendents
Kristie Anderson  Sabrina Scheerer
kanderson@twinvalley.net  sabrinascheerer@gmail.com

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Riley County Poultry Project Proudly Announces

March 24th
7:00 PM

Pottorf Hall; Riley County Fairgrounds
Topics include:
Showmanship and Fitting

Blake Bell

Blake is the Youth Director for the North American Waterfowl Association. He has been showing exhibition and showmanship on the professional circuit since the age of 8. He has also judged county fairs for the last three years, and showmanship classes at larger professional shows for two years.

Don’t miss your chance to learn from one of the best!
Leaders and Parents

Consider in February

♦ Make sure families enroll/re-enroll via 4-H Online.
♦ Talk to families about attending the Annual 4-H Showcase on Saturday, February 22 @ RCHS.
♦ Check on progress/needs of committees & parent volunteers/leaders.
♦ Encourage project leaders to begin hosting project meetings and tours.
♦ Invite Mr. Jobe to a club meeting.
♦ Make sure 4-H Council Reps are attending meetings as voting representatives of your club.
♦ Start the conversation about exhibiting at county fair with new families
♦ Encourage older 4-Hers to run for Fair Royalty

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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 2020 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.

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 2019-2020 4-H year, please do so ASAP.

Red Wheel Fundraising

Riley County 4-H is selling Red Wheel as a fundraiser for clubs. All funds raised will be used to support club activities. There are frozen foods, kitchen items, flower seeds and more.

If you club is participating, packets will be available at your February club meeting. If your club is not participating, but you are interested in learning more, stop by the Extension Office.

You may purchase items in person or order online and have them shipped to family and friends. If you wish to make an online purchase, visit: http://rileyco4h.fundraisingwebstore.com

Send friends and family a text If they text rileyco4h to 855-859-2288 it will send them the link to the online store.
Learn by Doing

Riley County 4-H Showcase Event
Saturday, February 22, Riley County High School 8:30-3:00 pm

Showcase Your Talent
- Project Talks
- Demonstrations/Public Speaking
- Illustrative Talks
- Reading
- Impromptu Speeches
- Instrumental Solos
- Piano
- Photo Judging
- Horticulture Judging
- Poultry Judging

Group Activities
- Par Challenge (Gavel Games)
- Club Skit
- Dances
- Chorus
- Vocal/Instrumental Ensemble
- Cloverbud Activities

Participants will receive a point for each event they participate in. In addition, parents or family volunteers will receive a point for acting as a room monitor or setup volunteer. Clubs who accumulate the highest percentage of participation from Cloverbuds, enrolled 4-Hers, and volunteers will be given a free pizza party at the club meeting of their choosing.

Registration for the Showcase Event is open and closes February 10. Please start getting the word out to 4-H members and families about the event. We hope to see all 4-Hers at the event in February.

Check Out the STEM activity room!!
Create your Future

-Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge 2020-

Are you a high schooler attending school in Riley County that has an idea for a new product or service?  

Do you have a concept that could lead to a future business?

Youth entrepreneurs are invited to participate as individuals or in teams to compete in the 2020 Riley County Youth Entrepreneur Fair

Wednesday, March 4, 9:30-12:30pm @ Pottorf Hall in Cico Park

Registration is DUE by 5:00 pm on Friday, February 28

Top products, concepts, and ideas will be awarded CASH PRIZES for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers based on:

1) Business Plan
2) 5-6 Minute Tradeshow Presentation
3) 4 Minute Formal Presentation

Sponsored by:

Contact John Jobe at the Riley County Extension Office for further details about this amazing opportunity. 110 Courthouse Plaza, Rm B220- (785) 537-6350

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Free Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic

Thursday, March 5
4:30 - 6:45 p.m.

Pottorf Hall - CiCo Park
1710 Avery Avenue
Manhattan, KS

Open to any youth in grades 4-6 who would like to learn more about lawn mowing, mower safety, and the business of lawn care.

Sponsored by:
Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Club
K-State Research & Extension - Riley County

Pre-registration required - Free supper is provided
You may register on-line at www.riley.ksu.edu or

Clip and Return by March 2

Student Name: ____________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________ Phone: ______________________

Return this form by March 2 to the Riley County Extension Office: 110 Courthouse Plaza Rm. B220, Manhattan, KS 66502 or by fax at 537-5353.

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2019-2020 Riley County 4-H Calendar

February
8  Beef Weigh-in, 1-3 pm, Casement Hall
16-17 Citizenship in Action, Topeka
17  Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
21-22 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
22  Riley County Showcase Event, RCHS
TBA  State KAPs DUE

March
2  4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
2  Red Wheel Sales Begin
6  4-H and Open Equifest Judging Contest
11  YQCA 2-4 pm, Clover Room
24  Poultry Project Meeting; 7 pm; Pottorf Hall

April
Early April  Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
1  Fair Royalty Applications DUE
2  YQCA, Training; 6-8 pm, Clover Room
11  Dog Rally-O-Workshop & Competition
25  Red Wheel Product Pick-Up, Pottorf Hall
TBA  CWF Garage Sale; RL Co. Fairgrounds
TBA  State Shooting Sports Match
TBA  Discovery Days Registration DUE

May
1  Project Add/ Drop Deadline
1  Horse ID Papers DUE
4  Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging,
   Hulbert Arena, 5-7 pm
4  4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
19  Poultry Project Meeting; 7 pm; Pottorf Hall
20  Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf
27-29  Discovery Days, KSU Campus
28  Emerald Circle Banquet

June
6  Dog Agility Workshop and Competition
9  Camp Counselor Training, Rock Springs
10-13 4-H Camp, Rock Springs
20  Dog Agility & Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
22-25 Campference, Rock Springs
TBA  State Geology Field Trip

July
1  Riley County Fair Pre-Entries DUE
4  Independence Day, Ext Office Closed
6  4-H Council Meeting, Pottorf Hall
11  Dog Showmanship & Obedience, Pottorf Hall
15  State Fair Livestock Entries DUE
16  Fair Fashion Review
18  4-H Horse Show
20  Fair Work Night, Pottorf Hall
21  4-H and Cloverbud Pet Show
22  4-H and Cloverbud Foods Judging
23-27  Riley County Fair, Cico Park
28  Fairground Cleanup

August
7  State Fair Entry Forms DUE
15  KJLS Entries DUE
17  State Horticulture & Livestock Judging
31  4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

September
7  Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
11  State Fair Project DUE to Extension Office
11-20  Kansas State Fair
25  KAP & Awards DUE

Dates subject to change. Read the 4-H Newsletter or check www.riley.ksu.edu for additions/changes and details. 1/02/2020