State Scholarships **NEW PROCESS FOR 2021**

Applications for ALL 2021 Kansas State 4-H Scholarships will be collected online. The deadline to complete applications and submit recommendation letters or references is March 1, 2021. Please access this link for all the needed information on State scholarships: [http://bit.ly/AwardsRecognitionandScholarships](http://bit.ly/AwardsRecognitionandScholarships)

**Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) 2021**

I’m excited to share with you an amazing opportunity available to our Riley County youth. This March, K-State Research and Extension is partnering with the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, Network Kansans, and Spark to host the 5th 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) Formal Presentation 3) Trade Show Presentation. The top (3) placings at our Manhattan event will then compete in the statewide challenge in April, 2021.

If you have a high school age youth interested in this amazing opportunity, please contact John Jobe at the Riley County Extension office to get started 785-537-6350.

**Kansas 4-H Ambassador Program**

We are looking for a few new Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team Members. Applications can be found on this [page](http://bit.ly/AwardsRecognitionandScholarships). The group has plans for 2021, and would like to get new members involved right away. Please share the link for the application with interested youth and volunteers. Volunteers, teens and Extension staff are welcome to apply.

Soon we will be surveying Extension Units about their 4-H Ambassador Program, to guide the team as they move into the future. Please be watching for that survey via email.

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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed on **February 14** in observance of Presidents Day.
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.

State Horse Quiz Bowl & Hippology Update
Due to Rock Spring’s current closure, the Horse Panorama will not be held in January. Instead, the Horse Action Team will host Hippology, Public Speaking, Demonstrations/Talks, Photography, Logo, Poster, PowerPoint, Ad Layout, and Model Horse Show virtually in 2021. The exact dates are yet to be determined.

In addition, tentatively, Quiz Bowl will join Horse Judging and be hosted with our Kansas Horse Council partners at Equifest March 5-7 in Salina. This plan will be tentative until we learn more about Salina Co. health orders in mid-January. If COVID-19 restrictions prevent us from hosting these contests in the spring, the Horse Action Team is exploring virtual options. Announcements will be made as plans are finalized.

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.

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.

Beef Weigh-In
Beef Weigh-in is **February 13 from 1-3 pm** Casement Barn, Riley County Fairgrounds. Questions, please contact Greg McClure gmcclure@ksu.edu

Junior Producer Days to be held Virtually
The Kansas Junior Producer Days will be hosted in February and March 2021 as a virtual series over the course of a week. The **Junior Swine Producer Week will be February 15-20**. Presentations will be provided a couple of days during the week, with the final sessions and discussions being on Saturday morning. All of the sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register. **Junior Meat Goat Producer Week will follow a similar format March 15-20.**
**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 Thursday, April 1, 2021 with interviews on May 19.**

**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.

4-H camp in 2021 will begin to see new health protocols, as well as some improved health facilities, expedited by the Covid-19 pandemic. Logistics and details will continue to be shared as they are finalized.

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.**

**Club Leaders in February**

Check club mailbox at the Extension Office.

Highlight key points/deadlines from the 4-H newsletter & calendar at club meeting

Check on progress/needs of committees & parent volunteers/leaders.


Remind council representatives of March 4-H Council meeting

Encourage older 4-Hers to apply for Fair Royalty. Applications due soon!

What is your club doing for fun? Plan a fun activity for the whole club

Continue to encourage project leaders to host meetings, tours and other learning opportunities.

At your 4-H meeting brainstorm and submit 2-3 Fair Theme ideas to the Extension Office by March 1. They must be inclusive (no 4-H in theme)
Are you interested in traveling across the county? Have you ever seen Washington, D.C. at night? Do you have an interest in how policies are created at the national level? Are you willing to make life-long friendships with other 4-Hers from our region. Please consider joining us for the experience of a lifetime as we begin the journey towards Citizenship Washington Focus 2022. For the time being, we are simply attempting to gauge interest in the 2022 experience. **We will not start to meet officially as a group until January of 2021.**

The CWF experience allows high school youth to explore hands-on opportunities to learn and practice skills that promote citizenship and leadership within our local communities. Participants will engage in learning experiences for a year and a half leading up to the event, as well as raise funds to support their trip to Washington D.C. in the summer of 2022. **Anyone that will turn 14 years old by January of 2022 is encouraged to join this amazing opportunity.**

Contact the Riley County 4-H Agent John Jobe with any questions about this opportunity.
785-537-6350 or jajobe@ksu.edu
Free Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic

Monday, March 8
4:30-6:00 p.m.

Pottorf Hall - Cico Park
1710 Avery Avenue

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.

Pre-registration required - Masks required - Social distancing will be observed

Clip and Return by March 5

Student (First & Last) Name: ___________________________ Grade: _____
Special Dietary Needs: ____________________________________________
Parent or Guardian Name: _________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________ Phone: __________________

Return this form by March 5 to: Riley County Extension; 110 Courthouse Plaza Rm. B220, Manhattan, KS 66502 or by fax at 785-537-6353.
**2020-2021 Riley County 4-H Calendar**

**February**
13 Beef Weigh-in, 1-3 pm, Casement Hall
14-15 Virtual Citizenship in Action
15 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
20 Virtual Riley County Showcase Event

**March**
1 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
17 Youth Livestock Quality Assurance Training
   Pottorf Hall; 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;
   Riley County Public Works Facility
   (6215 Tuttle Creek Blvd; MHK) 6-8 pm
24 Red Wheel Product Pick-Up, Location TBA
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
3 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging,
   Hurlbert Arena, 5-7 pm
3 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
19 Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall

**June**
1-4 Discovery Days, Virtual
TBA Emerald Circle Banquet
TBA Dog Agility Workshop and Competition
5 Dog Agility & Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
TBA Campference, Rock Springs
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

**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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