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2019-2020 4-H Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

Enrollment and re-enrollment will open on October 1 and will be done via 4-H Online. If you have forgotten your email log in or password, PLEASE do not create a second account. Instead, contact Brandy bmberg@ksu.edu or call 785-537-6350 and she can assist you. The deadline to enroll and change projects will be May 1.

4-H Council Officer Applications

If you wish to be a 4-H Council Officer, applications are due Friday, October 25. For details on 4-H Council Officer responsibilities and for an application, please visit https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/council/19-20Council%20Officer%20Application.pdf You will have to download the application for it to be form fillable.

Annual Officers Training

We will gather Tuesday, October 29 for our annual 4-H officers training event. We will meet from 6:30-8:00 pm at Pottorf Hall in Cico Park. Please send both Sr. and Jr. club officers to the training event. As with years past, we will have training available for President, Vice, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Historian, Parliamentarian, Song Leader, and Recreational Leader. Attendance at this training can count towards your club seal next fall, so please spread the word.

Join the 4-H Ambassador Team

Are you currently a freshman in high school or older? Are you interested in making new 4-H friends from all over Riley County? Consider becoming a Riley County 4-H Ambassador. Ambassadors are face of all things Riley County 4-H. They promote our local 4-H program at county-wide events, raise funds, and work as a team to ensure the 4-H mission is known in our Riley County communities. We are currently accepting applications for those interested in taking their 4-H experience to the next level. Please consider applying today. Applications are DUE to the Extension office by October 1. https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/ambassadors/19-20Ambassador%20Application.pdf

Interviews will be conducted in October. Date TBA

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The Riley County Extension Office will be closed Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day and Monday, October 14 in observance of Columbus Day

JOIN THE CLUB

If you have something for the 4-H newsletter, please submit it to jajobe@ksu.edu by the 10 of the month.
4-H Council Dates for 2019-2020

Monday, November 4, 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.


4-H Showcase Event 2020

Our 4-H Showcase event date will be announced in the coming weeks. Our hope is that once again we will be at Riley County High School one Saturday in February. 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 and horticulture judging, as well as a Cloverbud activities. Breakfast and lunch items will be served throughout the day. Registration will open to 4-Hers in December so check back in with us. Start the planning process now for the February event. See you there!

Shining Star Volunteer Award

I would encourage 4-H clubs, individual’s 4-H families, or 4-H volunteers to nominate an outstanding volunteer in your club as a “Shining Star”. Depending on the number of submissions, one or two individuals will be selected and acknowledged at the November 3 Achievement Celebration. Shining Star award nomination forms can be found online at www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/awards/index.html or picked up at the Extension office. All nominations are due on September 27.

Club Seal, Pin, Key and KAPs

Kansas Award Portfolios (KAPs), due on Friday, September 27, you can only have (1) portfolio per book and must feature; Personal Page, 4-H Story, and KAP, including pictures. These items need to be placed in a folder or report cover. Cover labels need to include the member’s name and state whether this is a Junior or Senior project and the project name. Other awards due on September 27 include: Club Seal Applications, Pin Applications (DO NOT use state forms), I-Dare-You Applications, Key Awards (follow state guidelines), Family of the Year Applications, and 4-H Shining Star Award Applications. Visit http://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/awards/index.html. Additionally, forms may be picked up from the Extension office.

Nominate a Family of the Year

Do you know of a Riley County 4-H family that has gone above and beyond this past year? Nominate them for the 2018-2019 Family of the Year Award. This family will be acknowledge at the 2019 Riley County Achievement Celebration on November 3. Applications can be found at https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/awards/2019%20Family%20of%20the%20Year%20Award.pdf. Applications are due at the Extension office on September 27.

National 4-H Week 2019

This year National 4-H week runs October 6-12. We encourage all families to take advantage of this exposure by speaking to friends, family, and other community members about what 4-H youth development programming has to offer. If your club wishes to purchase 4-H promotional items (pencils, stickers, tattoos, bookmarks, etc.) to be used in conjunction with National 4-H Week, please contact Brandy ASAP.

Holiday Wreath Sales

Riley County 4-H is selling holiday wreaths, door sprays, table top trees and centerpieces. These items can also be shipped to family and friends. Funds raised will help support club activities including 4-H camp, community service activities, leadership opportunities and more. Sales packets were shared with club leaders earlier this week. If you want a sales packet, please see your club leader or stop by the Extension Office.
Cosmosphere Drone Olympics

Cosmosphere 4-H Drone + Robot Olympics will begin Friday, October 4, at 4 pm, and will end on Saturday, October 5, 4 pm. Cost will be $115 for youth between 9-18-years old and $85 for all adult chaperones (all youth must have a designated chaperone to attend). Parents, grandparents, other relatives, and guardians may chaperone their own children/relatives. They may not chaperone other non-family members. Registered KSRE 4-H Leaders or KSRE staff may also chaperone 4-H members. Adult chaperones will be responsible for their children overnight.

Participants will receive introduction education about drones and robots, then split between a robot group and drone group, then continue training activities for each vehicle and finally, a team competition with several challenges using both vehicles. Participants will learn how to program robots and use sensors and understand how to pilot drones. There will also be a tour of the Cosmosphere, a planetarium show, and a digital dome program. Registration includes three meals and an overnight stay.

This Cosmosphere collaboration is designed to be an adult-child experience, where 4-H members and adults can interact and learn from these fun and educational experiences. The program will include overnight indoor camping at the Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson, KS, (bring your own sleeping bag, air mattress, pillow, towel and toiletry items). The experience is open to 4-H members, parents, grandparents, volunteer 4-H leaders, and KSRE staff.

Deadline for registration is September 20 and registration is available here: http://www.cvent.com/events/cosmosphere-4-h-drone-and-robot-olympics/event-summary-2dad2757b2484c53a75711ea6054a45a.aspx

If you have any questions, please contact Anissa Jepsen ajepsen@ksu.edu

48 Hours of 4-H

Has your unit registered 48 Hours of 4-H projects yet? We hope every Extension Unit will join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, potential 4-H members and 4-H Alums too! This year you can even follow us on a FaceBook Event to keep up to date! Check that you are interested so updates hit your feed!

When: October 12-13, 2019

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni

It's time to make plans for your club to participate. Check out the website for a helpful guide, and to register your project(s). Be watching the Facebook Event to win some prizes and get excited about serving our communities. We will also have some 48 Hours of 4-H cups, flashlight pens and other items if you are looking for some things for your local unit.

Click here for the registration link and the link for t-shirt orders. Order T Shirts by September 16.

If you have a big Community Project planned, we have two pop up banners and one hanging banner. We would love to have those used in 3 different locations this year. Contact Beth Hinshaw (bhinshaw@ksu.edu) if you are interested in borrowing one!
Leaders and Parents

September Checklist
- Check club mailbox at the Extension Office
- Highlight key points/deadlines from the 4-H newsletter & calendar at club meeting
- Elect Club Officers and 4-H Council Representatives
- Send announce to club members that you are recruiting project leaders and other volunteers (Parent Advisory Committee, New Family Coordinator, etc.).
- Promote Ambassadors program to members (freshmen and older). Applications are due Oct 1
- Report on August 4-H Council Meeting.
- National 4-H Week is in early October - Promotion ideas/Implement plan within community/school
- Encourage members to fill out Achievement Pin applications, KAP’s, Key Awards, I Dare You, etc. They are due to the Extension Office Sept 27.
- Work with Club Officers/Parents to make club handbook with member/leader contact info, monthly meeting information (date/time/project talks/demonstrations). A copy should be given to each family.
- Make plans to attend 4-H Achievement Celebration (Nov 3, 5:30 )

KAP Screening
Volunteers are needed to screen KAP’s from Leavenworth County this year. Screenings will take place at the Riley County Extension office, **Wednesday, October 9 and Thursday, October 10**, starting at 9:00 am both days. **Each club is required to provide at least two screeners.** Screeners can come and go from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on **Wednesday** and 9:00 am to whenever we’re finished on **Thursday**. **Screeners should call Thursday before coming to check status.** Each club will be required to report who their screeners will be by **September 27** (email jajboe@ksu.edu or bmberg@ksu.edu). Please consider this opportunity!

Trips and Awards Nominations
Nominations for new 2019-2020 Trips and Award Committee members are due on **Friday, October 25**. **Qualifications:** Any adult (leader, parents' advisory committee member, or parent) with three years exposure to the 4-H program.

Applications can be accessed online:
[https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/awards/2019%20Trips%20and%20Awards%20Nomination%20Form.pdf](https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/awards/2019%20Trips%20and%20Awards%20Nomination%20Form.pdf)

4-H Foundation Grant Proposals
Are you a Riley County 4-H youth development group seeking support funds? Consider filling out a Riley County 4-H Foundation funding request application. Application must be returned to the Riley County Extension office, 110 Courthouse Plaza, Rm B220 by **5:00 pm on November 26**. Recipients will be notified after the first of the year as to the status of their request.

Applications can be found online at [www.riley.ksu.edu](http://www.riley.ksu.edu) or [https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-hfoundation/2020%20Riley%20County%20Foundation%20Funding%20Request.pdf](https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-hfoundation/2020%20Riley%20County%20Foundation%20Funding%20Request.pdf)

If your group received a grant at the beginning of 2019 you will need to fill out a grant follow-up report [https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-hfoundation/2019%20Foundation%20Grant%20Report.pdf](https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-hfoundation/2019%20Foundation%20Grant%20Report.pdf)
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 mid-2020.**

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.**

**CWF information meeting on Thursday, September 12 from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Green Valley Community Center** off Green Valley Rd. and Highway 24. Contact Riley County 4-H Agent John Jobe with any questions about this opportunity. 785-537-6350 or jajobe@ksu.edu
2019-2020 Riley County 4-H Calendar

**October**
- 1 4-H year Begins
- 1 Online 4-H Enrollment Opens
- 1 Ambassador Applications DUE
- 9-10 KAP Screening, Extension Office
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- TBA State Dog Conference Registration DUE
- 14 County In-Service, Ext. Office Closed
- TBA CWF Garage Sale; Wreath Barn
- 17-19 CWF Garage Sale; Wreath Barn
- 19 State Dog Conference
- TBA Ambassador Interviews, Pottorf Hall
- 24-25 4-H Council Officer Applications DUE
- 26 Officers Training/ Leadership Training
- Late October Wreath Sales DUE to Ext. Office

**November**
- 3 Achievement Celebration, Pottorf, 5:00-6:30 pm
- 4-5 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 11 Veteran’s Day, Extension Office Closed
- 23-24 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum & Kansas Volunteer Forum, Rock Springs
- 23 Wreath Pickup, 9-10 am Casement Barn
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday, Ext Office Closed
- 26 Riley County 4-H Grant Proposals DUE

**December**
- 25 Christmas Holiday, Ext. Office Closed

**January**
- 1 New Year’s Holiday, Ext. Office Closed
- 6 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 16 NE Area KAP Screening, Pottorf Hall
- 18 NE Area Leadership Event, Rock Springs
- 20 MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed
- 24-26 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs

**February**
- 1 State and Local Scholarship DUE
- 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
- TBA Riley County Showcase Event, RCHS
- TBA State Horse Judging
- TBA Scholarship and State KAPs DUE

**March**
- 2 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
- 2 Red Wheel Sales Begin
- 11 YQCA 2-4 pm, Clover Room
- 14 Dog Rally-O-Workshop & Competition
- 15

**April**
- Early April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
- 1 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
- 2 YQCA, Training: 6-8 pm, Clover Room
- 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
- TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf
- 27-29 Discovery Days, KSU Campus
- 28 Emerald Circle Banquet

**June**
- 6 Dog Agility Workshop and Competition
- 20 Dog Agility & Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
- 23-26 Campference, Rock Springs
- TBA State Geology Field Trip
- TBA Camp Counselor Training, Rock Springs
- TBA 4-H Camp, Rock Springs

**July**
- 1 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. 8/14/19