2020-2021 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 brandymarie@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 23. 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/20-21%20Council%20Officer%20Application.pdf You will have to download the application for it to be form fillable.

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 the 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 2. https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/ambassadors/index.html

Interviews will be conducted in October. Date TBA

National 4-H Week 2020

This year National 4-H week runs October 4-10. 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.
4-H Council Dates for 2019-2020
Monday, August 31, 2020 at 7 pm, Pottorf Hall  (Labor Day is September 7)
Each club is allowed to have 5 voting representatives: 3 youth and 2 adults.

2020-2021 Council dates will be voted on at the August 31 meeting.

4-H Showcase Event 2021
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 1 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 25.

Club Seal, Pin, Key and KAPs
Kansas Award Portfolios (KAPs), due on Friday, September 25, 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 members name and state whether this is a Junior or Senior project and the project name. Other awards due on September 25 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 hat has gone above and beyond this past year? Nominate them for the 2019-2020 Family of the Year Award. This family will be acknowledged at the 2020 Riley County Achievement Celebration on November 1. Applications can be found at https://www.riley.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/awards/2019%204-H%20Family%20of%20the%20Year%20Award.pdf  Applications are due at the Extension office on September 25.

On Display
Each year we ask 4-Hers to allow us to display some of their fair entries in a glass case at the Riley County Courthouse Office complex. Thank you to those who generously allowed us use their projects for the month of August. The public has been enjoying the projects as they enter the building.
48 Hours of 4-H 2020

Has your unit considered 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!

When: October 10-11, 2020

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 soon you will be able to register your projects(s). Be watching for 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.

Youth Council and National Conference Applications

The Youth Council Application and National Conference Application will be combined again this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities.

The information will soon be available on the KYLF webpage and the National Conference webpage on the State 4-H Website. Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 -18 before January 1, 2021 may apply as a Council Rep and those 15-18 before January 1, 2021 may apply for National Conference. This year's virtual KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an application and interview process and they serve a two year term on council.

Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing, and evaluating Kansas Extension 4-H Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of the youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference, 48 Hours of 4-H and other events.

Applications and reference forms are due on an online form by September 21, 2020 before 11:59 p.m. CST. Applicants will also be asked to prepare a short video and email or upload that link or file by the above deadline. The signature page (both conference or council rep) and agreement page (conference only) must be postmarked by September 21, 2020, or emailed on or before September 21.

If any Riley County 4-Hers are interested in this next level opportunity, I can put you in touch with current Riley County 4-Hers who are serving in these roles. Consider applying!
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 announcements to club parents 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 October 2
- Report on August 4-H Council Meeting.
- National 4-H Week is October 4-10 - 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 25. (Check with your club leader for details)
- 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 1, Late afternoon)

KAP Screening
Volunteers are needed to screen KAP’s from Pottawatomie County this year. Screenings will take place at the Riley County Extension office, Wednesday, October 7 and Thursday, October 8, 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 25 (email jajboe@ksu.edu or brandymarie@ksu.edu). Please consider this opportunity!

Trips and Awards Nominations
Nominations for new 2020-2021 Trips and Award Committee members are due on Friday, October 30. 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/index.html

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 23. Recipients will be notified after the first of the year as to the status of their request.

Applications can be found online at http://a.cms.omniupdate.com/10/#k-state/k-state/ksre-riley/preview/4-hfoundation/index.pcf

If your group received a grant at the beginning of 2020 you will need to fill out a grant follow-up report http://a.cms.omniupdate.com/10/#k-state/k-state/ksre-riley/preview/4-hfoundation/index.pcf
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.**

Riley County 4-H Agent John Jobe with any questions about this opportunity. 785-537-6350 or jajobe@ksu.edu
2020-2021 Riley County 4-H Calendar

**October**
1 4-H year Begins
1 Online 4-H Enrollment Opens
2 Ambassador Applications DUE
4-10 National 4-H Week
7-8 KAP Screening, Extension Office
TBA State Dog Conference Registration DUE
TBA CWF Garage Sale; Wreath Barn
TBA Ambassador Interviews, Pottorf Hall
23 4-H Council Officer Applications DUE
30 Trips/ Awards Nominations DUE
TBA Officers Training/ Leadership Training

**November**
1 Achievement Celebration, Pottorf,
2 4-H Council Meeting, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
6-7 State Dog Conference
11 Veteran’s Day, Extension Office Closed
21-22 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum & Kansas Volunteer Forum, Rock Springs
23 Riley County 4-H Grant Proposals DUE
26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday, Ext Office Closed

**December**
24 Christmas Holiday, Ext. Office Closed Half Day
25 Christmas Holiday, Ext. Office Closed

**January**
1 New Year’s Holiday, Ext. Office Closed
4 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
TBA NE Area KAP Screening, Pottorf Hall
TBA NE Area Leadership Event, Rock Springs
18 MLK Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed
30-31 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs

**February**
1 State and Local Scholarship DUE
13 Beef Weigh-in, 1-3 pm, Casement Hall
TBA Citizenship in Action, Topeka
15 Presidents Day, Extension Office Closed
TBA 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
TBA Riley County Showcase Event, RCHS
TBA State Horse Judging
TBA Scholarship and State KAPs DUE

**March**
1 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
1 Red Wheel Sales Begin
17 YQCA 2-4 pm, Clover Room
TBA Dog Rally-O-Workshop & Competition

**April**
Early April Red Wheel DUE to Club Leaders
1 Fair Royalty Applications DUE
1 YQCA, Training; 6-8 pm, Clover Room
24 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
3 Sheep & Goat Weigh-In/ Tagging, Hulbert Arena, 5-7 pm
3 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall
TBA Fair Royalty Interview; Pottorf Hall
TBA Discovery Days, KSU Campus
TBA Emerald Circle Banquet

**June**
TBA Dog Agility Workshop and Competition
TBA Dog Agility & Rally-O, Pottorf Hall
TBA Campference, Rock Springs
28 4-H Council Meeting, Pottorf Hall
TBA State Geology Field Trip
TBA Camp Counselor Training, Rock Springs
TBA 4-H Camp, Rock Springs

**July**
1 Fair Pre-Entries DUE
5 Independence Day Observed, Ext Off. Closed
11 Dog Showmanship & Obedience, Pottorf
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**
6 State Fair Entry Forms DUE
TBA KJLS Entries DUE
TBA State Horticulture & Livestock Judging
30 4-H Council, 7 pm Pottorf Hall

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

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