

4-H FLASH

Cowley County 4-H News

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What's your role?

Kansas 4-H offers a wide variety of projects for young people to explore. Many parents enroll their kids in 4-H because it is an opportunity to learn about things like photography, food and nutrition, entomology, shooting sports, geology, poultry, leadership, swine, rabbits and so much more. In 4-H, kids get hands-on educational experiences in an area in which they are interested. They can learn things through 4-H that they would not otherwise have the opportunity to learn.

In order for our 4-H members to learn in their projects, we must have one key piece to the puzzle- volunteers. Project Leaders. Cowley County 4-H is in need of caring adults and teens who are willing to organize educational project opportunities for Cowley County 4-H'ers. To be a volunteer project leader, one does not have to be knowledgeable about the project. Project leaders can learn with the members. Project leaders just need to care enough about kids to be willing to organize learning opportunities, find resources to assist members with their

projects, or connect them with community members who have knowledge in that project area.

Later in the Flash, you'll find a "wish-list" for projects that need leaders. This list is based on the number of members enrolled in that project. If you are interested in serving or know someone who is willing to serve, please contact me so that we can begin the volunteer screening process.

—Kelsey Holcomb

Cowley County Extension Office
will be closed on
Monday, May 30, 2016
in observance of Memorial Day

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***** ATTENTION - URGENT *****

May 1st, 2016 is the last day to add or drop projects to be eligible for the 2016 Cowley County Fair. If you are not enrolled in a project by May 1st, you will not be allowed to exhibit in that project area at the fair. Don't remember what projects you enrolled in? Log in to your family account on 4-H Online and click on the projects tab. All project add/drops must be completed online at ks.4honline.com. Remember: It is not your club leader's responsibility to know which projects you are enrolled in.

Upcoming Meetings

The Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board meets monthly and conducts the business of the Extension Office. The May meeting will be held on Monday, May 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Cowley County Courthouse, 311 E. 9th, Winfield.

4-H Council, Junior Leaders and Ambassadors will meet Monday, May 16th. 4-H Council will meet from 7:00 p.m.- 7:45 p.m. Junior Leaders will begin at 7:50 p.m. Ambassadors will meet at 8:30 p.m. If you were selected to represent your club at 4-H Council and find you cannot attend, please let your leaders know and find another member to serve in your place.

4-H Development Fund

The Cowley County 4-H Development Fund is a local non-profit 4-H foundation that was created in 1995 to assist Cowley County 4-H'ers as they take part in educational events and activities. 4-H members have benefited from college scholarships awarded annually at 4-H Achievement Night, Leadership Development Grants and camp transportation. Funding comes from gifts and donations of supporters. This year, the Development Fund Board will be conducting a phone drive and a social media campaign to increase the principle in the fund. Increased funding will result in increased opportunities for 4-H members.

Donation opportunity cards and information about giving have been placed in club mail boxes. If a family or other supporter is interested in contributing, additional information is available in the Extension Office.

Leadership Development Grants

Leadership Development Grants from the 4-H Development Fund are available to Cowley County 4-H members who are attending a multi-county, state or national 4-H leadership event. \$50 Grants are awarded to applicants who complete the application with essay, write a thank-you to a 4-H Development Fund donor, and provide a leadership program to a Cowley County 4-H club or group. To apply, visit the 4-H page on the Cowley County Extension website www.cowley.ksu.edu.

Project Leaders

Project Leaders are vital to the success of the 4-H program. Project Leaders provide educational experiences for members of a particular project and serve as a resource. Knowledge in a particular subject matter is not a requirement in order to serve as a project leader, although it is sometimes helpful.

Cowley County 4-H has a great need for project leaders at the club and county level. We are especially interested in recruiting adults or teens who are willing to coordinate at least six project experiences per year in the following areas:

Photography
Foods and Nutrition
Rabbits

Clothing Buymanship
Meat Goats
Leadership

Horticulture
Arts and Crafts
Ceramics

In order to serve as a project leader, one must complete the Volunteer Screening Process which includes: Volunteer Service Application, 2-part background check, enroll as a volunteer in ks.4honline.com and appointment by the local unit board.

If you or someone you know is interested in providing great learning opportunities for our 4-H'ers, please contact Kelsey.

Want to be a 4-H Rock Star?

Providing good data about what the 4-H program does for young people may not yield you rock star status, but it could be quite impressive to parents, volunteers, your Extension Council and governmental leaders. By participating in the 2016 4-H Impact Study that measures the extent to which youth gained good decision making, communication and citizenship skills you could get impressive data to share. Hard copy surveys will be conducted at 4-H club meetings. An online version will also be emailed to family email addresses. Parents: This survey is intended for YOUTH to complete. Please do not complete the survey for your member(s). This fall, after the data has been analyzed, reports will be available to share with stakeholders and the public. June 30th is the deadline to get our county data collected.

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp

Cowley County will attend 4-H camp at Rock Springs June 24th - 27th, 2016 with the Sunny Hills Camp Group. Camp is a great opportunity for youth in 3rd-7th grades (complete) to meet other youth from across the state and participate in activities like riflery, archery, disc golf, horseback riding and more! Registration is \$185 and is due in the Extension Office by May 20th, 2016. Bring a friend! Campers do not have to be members of 4-H.

Camp Scholarships are available to 4-H members on a limited basis. Scholarship applications are available in the Extension Office or on the county website at www.cowley.ksu.edu, and are due May 20th, 2016.

Camp Counselors Needed

Sunny Hills 4-H Camp is an opportunity for older 4-H'ers to gain positive leadership skills through service as a camp counselor. Counselors must be at least freshman-complete, however, preference is given to those who are sophomore-complete.

Counselors will travel to Rock Springs for Counselor Training June 23rd & 24th.

Applications are available in the Extension Office, or online at www.cowley.ksu.edu, and are due by May 20th, 2016.

4-H Campference

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is excited to plan and host 4-H Campference!!! This event is focused on "betweenagers," youth ages 12-14, and will be held June 24-27, 2016 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. Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program, becoming a leader and activities to energize youth while learning healthy living skills and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

Last year's event was terrific and those that attended highly recommend that you consider it too!

If you are interested in being part of Campference, online registration will be open late-March. Space will be limited, and filled on a first come first serve basis. In 2015, Campference was full before the deadline with a large waiting list.

Online registration, 4-H participation forms, and fees must be in the local Extension Office by May 15, 2016.

Campference is being sponsored by Farm Credit Associations of Kansas and the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council.



Kansas Range Youth Camp

If you are interested in plants, livestock, or wildlife you will want to attend this educational event like no other in Kansas! Upcoming High School Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors are invited to attend. You will learn about Range Plant Identification, Plant Growth, Stocking Rate Determinations, Livestock Nutrition, Rangeland Wildlife Management, and much more! The camp will be July 12th-16th, 2016 at Camp Mennoscah, Murdock KS (in Kingman Co). The registration fee is \$250.00 and is due by June 1st, 2016. The event is sponsored by Kansas

Section of Society for Range Management. Questions can be directed to Amber Johnson, Kansas Range Youth Camp Chairman, 349 DD50 Rd. Fall River, KS 67047 (620) 644-8293, or at aa1@usa.com

2016 State 4-H Geology Field Trip

The State 4-H Geology Field Trip will be held June 10-12, 2016. This year one trip, based in Minneola, will be offered. Participants will collect Cretaceous through Quaternary rocks, minerals and fossils from the Champion Draw area of Kiowa County through the chalk beds of Gove County.

The state trip provides excellent opportunities for youth in the Geology project to learn more about the geology of Kansas, interact with trained geologists and geology leaders, go on collecting trips, participate in quiz bowl and judging contest events, and attend workshops.

Everyone attending the trip (adults and youth) must register online through C-vent. Detailed information about the trip is posted on the Geology Field Trip page. C-vent registration is open and the registration deadline is May 22, 2016.

Southwestern Leadership Rotary Camp

Some people may define a leader as one who is in charge of a group or activity. However, a true leader is a servant first. Rotary Leadership Camp offers an opportunity to discuss the possibilities and responsibilities of being a servant leader, and highlights what Rotary is doing in different communities! The camp will take place May 25th-28th 2016, on the Southwestern College campus, and is available for high school aged youth. Throughout the camp students will learn about themselves and others, and about motivation and teamwork. The students will discover that he or she cannot be a leader without being a servant first.

The week will be filled with both physical and mental leadership building and motivational activities. Registration is available online at sckans.edu/undegraduate/leadership/service_outreach/Rotary_Camp. Click on the "Rotary Camp" link. Print out the registration and turn it in to Dean Kennedy (at Community National Bank, Winfield) or another local Rotarian. Winfield and Arkansas City Rotary screen their local applications and will pay for some participants to attend.

4-H Buddies-Ambassadors

Ambassadors will be hosting the first annual 4-H buddies program this summer. 6-10 year old 4-H members may complete an application from April 20th-June 9th. The applicants will be paired with an Ambassador. Ambassadors will provide mentoring and encouragement throughout their 4-H projects. Applications will be available online at www.cowley.k-state.edu or at the Extension Office.



Suds -N- Fun Day Camp

Ambassadors will sponsor a Suds -N- Fun Day Camp on June 14th, for kids age 5-10. Camp will be held at the Winfield Fairgrounds in Barn 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please pre-register by calling the Extension Office (620-221-5450 or 620-441-4565) by June 13th.

There will be a craft and water games, please dress accordingly. Campers will be provided lunch and snacks. Space is limited, register early!

Fair Changes/Additions

The following Cowley County Fair 4-H changes/additions were reviewed by the Cowley County 4-H Program Development Committee and approved by the Cowley County Extension Council Executive Board. The changes will be noted in the 4-H Fair Book and listed in bold throughout the book.

Swine:

Swine may weigh as soon as they arrive; no earlier than 8:00 a.m.

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Hogs will be sold through the Market Livestock Sale or at base bid and must be slaughtered.

During the Swine show, exhibitors will be limited to one helper in the holding area.

General Livestock:

Changes to show classes will not be allowed within 2 hours of the show beginning.

Ownership deadline for all breeding livestock is June 1 of the current 4-H year.

Dairy:

A cow, in order to be eligible to be shown, must have been owned or leased by the exhibitor as a calf or a heifer.

A Bred and Owned class will be added to Dairy Cattle.

Milking Cow Classes may be brought the day of the show by 10:00 a.m. and released after completion of the Dairy Cattle show. All other dairy cattle entries shall be in place on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

In case the number of entries justify, as determined by the superintendent, the heifer and cow classes may be combined or divided as needed.

Meat Goats:

Registered and Commercial Doe classes will be added to Meat Goats.

Meat Goats are NOT required to be born after January 1.

Dairy Goats:

Senior Dairy Does may be fed in the pen in a hay bag which is securely attached to the south side of the pen. A "buffer" row of Junior Dairy Does must be in place between the Dairy Goats and the Meat Goats.

Rabbits:

The Rabbit Show will begin at 6:00 p.m. Friday.

Entomology:

Entomology rules will be updated to match the updated Kansas State Fair rules.

Cowley County 4-H Livestock Dates

4-H members enrolling in livestock projects should be aware of the following dates/deadlines:

April 30th: Cowley County Classic Spring Beef Show

April 30th: Tagging for Bucket Calves, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats- 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; weigh-in for Meat Goats

May 1st: Add/ Drop deadline for all 4-H projects (must be completed online)

May 1st: KJLS/Kansas State Fair Market Beef Nominations due

May 1st: Horse ID's, two-year old futurity and three year old maturity nominations due

May 3rd: Tagging for Bucket Calves, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats- 4:30-7pm.; weigh-in for Meat Goats

May 27: Youth PQA plus certification

May 28th-29th: Cowley County Swine Classic, Winfield

May 28th: Cowley County Sheep & Meat Goat Show

June 1st: Ownership deadline for registered and commercial breeding heifers, does, gilts, and ewes. **Complete breeding livestock affidavit.**

June 8-11th & 29th - July 2nd: Kansas Animal Sciences Leadership Day

June 15th: 4-H Grade or Dairy Cattle Leasing ID form due

June 15th: KJLS/Kansas State Fair Commercial Heifer, Market/Commercial Sheep, Swine and Goat Nominations due

June 15th: District Horse Show entries due

July 1st: South Central District Horse Show, Hutchinson

July 6th: Cowley County Fair pre-entries due

July 15th: Kansas State Fair pre-entries due

July 25th: Kansas State Fair late entry deadline

July 28th- August 1st: Cowley County Fair

August 1st: State Fair Horse Show entries due

August 22nd & 23rd: State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

September 9th - 18th: Kansas State Fair

September 30th - October 2nd: Kansas Junior Livestock Show



Small Livestock Tagging and Weigh-In

Sheep, Swine, Goat and Bucket Calves will be tagged Saturday April 30th from 1:30-4:00 p.m. and Tuesday, May 3rd from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Winfield Fairgrounds. All Market Meat Goats must be tagged and weighed at one of the designated dates. All Market Sheep, Swine and Goats must be tagged at one of the designated tagging days. Bucket calves must have a Cowley County Extension issued Kansas 4-H ear tag but are not required to come to the tagging day.



Cowley County to host Eastern Kansas Swine Show Series

The Eastern Kansas Swine Series (EKSSS) will host a two day prospect pig show at the Cowley County Fairgrounds on May 28th and 29th, 2016. Participate in one, or both shows. The Eastern Kansas Swine Show Series began in 2003. It is designed for Kansas youth swine exhibitors, with awards provided by series sponsors.

For more information visit the EKSSS website at : www.eksss.net or contact Brian Thiel at 620-222-5154

Spring Sheep and Meat Goat Show

The Cowley County Spring Sheep and Meat Goat Show will be held Saturday, May 28th at the Winfield Fairgrounds. Show information can be found at www.cowley.ksu.edu under "4-H".

South Central District Horse Show

The South Central District Horse Show will be held Friday, July 1st, 2016 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, KS. The District Horse Show is the qualifying event for horse project members that wish to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show. In order to participate at the District Show, members must have completed the Level 1 Kansas 4-H Horse Level Test. Registration will be online at <http://goo.gl/forms/OEoBPGTyKn>, and is due by June 15th.

Horse Project Deadline

Horse members must complete/renew their Horse ID forms annually by May 1st in order to be eligible to show at the Cowley County Fair, District Horse Show, and/or the Kansas 4-H Horse Show. Horse ID forms are available at www.kansas4-h.org. Members interested in participating in the 2-year old futurity project or 3-year maturity project are required to submit appropriate nomination forms also available in the Kansas 4-H website.

Spring Shows

Members interested in showing livestock at spring shows may view fliers for other county shows in our Spring and Summer Shows binder in the Extension Office.

Rabbit Project Meeting

Cristine Noland will host a Rabbit project meeting May 3rd, 6:00 p.m. at Island Park in Winfield under one of the shelters. This meeting will be for informational purposes. Members may bring their rabbits, but are not required to do so. Cristine will share basic project information and a showmanship demonstration.

The Rabbit project is in need of additional project leaders. A project leader does not have to have prior knowledge about rabbits or the project, just be willing to learn and seek out information to organize experiences for the members. This is a great leadership opportunity for older 4-H members as well as adults. Those interested, should contact Kelsey. (620-221-5450 or holcombk@ksu.edu)





YOUTH PQA PLUS CERTIFICATION

Wednesday, June 1, 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Assembly Room, Courthouse, Winfield, KS

Youth PQA Plus is required certification
for youth who plan to exhibit swine
at the Kansas State Fair or the
Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

Join us for a morning of learning about good
swine health, nutrition and management
procedures. Youth who attend will help their
pigs perform efficiently and provide a safe,
wholesome product for consumers.

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All educational programs and materials available without discrimination
on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

For more information: RSVP—TUESDAY, May 31

Call the Extension Office: (620) 221-5450 OR (620) 441-4565

Register online at: <http://bit.ly/1So8RYq>

Email Jill at jazimmer@ksu.edu OR Kelsey at holcombk@ksu.edu

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Host Families Needed

Want to learn about other cultures? Consider hosting a student through one of the 4-H exchange programs for 2-4 weeks. Applications are now being accepted. It is fun if multiple families host exchange students at the same time! Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Sewing Machine for Sale

Make/Model: Calanda 650 (made for Pfaff)

Heavy duty sewing machine sews straight and zig zag stitches. Knee speed control with cabinet storage unit. Call Becky for more information, 620-221-5450.

Support 4-H and Cowley County 4-H Junior Leaders

The Cowley County 4-H Junior Leaders are selling 4-H yard signs. Signs will be approximately 2'x3' and are \$15 each including stakes. Contact a Junior Leader to order your sign.

Shooting Sports

Sunday, May 1 - Air Discipline Practice, Fairgrounds, 2:00

Tuesday, May 3 - Archery Practice, Meadow, 6:30

Thursday, May 12th - Archery & Hunting Skills Match, New Hope Fellowship, 4:00

Sunday, May 15th, Club Meeting, 2:00, New Hope Fellowship Church

Sunday, May 15th, Shotgun, 3:00, Posey Creek Gun Club

Thursday, May 19th, Archery, 6:30, Meadow

Sunday, June 5th, Shooting Sports Banquet, 5:30, Tisdale Methodist Gym



May practices will close the regular practice season this year. Regular Practices will begin again after the fair; emails will be sent about fair booth and foodstand shifts in July.

Watch the web page, www.4hshootingsportscowleyks.com/#!/practice-calendar/cvzz for 2016-17 practice calendar in September.

Good luck to all going to National competitions this summer! A BIG THANKS to all the coaches for practices this year and extra time preparing members for competition.

Congratulations to the following members for representing Cowley at state competitions in April:

State WHEP, Friday, April 8th, Woodson State Fishing Lake.

Senior Team, Madison Friesen (Individual 1st Place), Naomi Ray (Individual 2nd Place), Amanda Bannon, First Place Team overall.

Junior Teams, Hunter Mericle (Individual 1st Place), Koal Meier (Individual 2nd Place), Titus Mill, 1st Place Team Overall. Austin Henderson, Brendan Mackey, Brooke Haunschild, Sophia Mill, 2nd Place Team Overall. Bailey Haunschild, Rebekah Mill (Individual 3rd Place), McKenzie Deal, 3rd Place Team Overall.

Daisy Derby BB Match, April 16th. Members, McKenzie Deal, Stetson Shook, Bailey Haunschild, Logan Wallace, Ethan Wallace, Trey Thiel, Amanda Bannon, 3rd Place Team Overall.

State BB Match, April 23rd. McKenzie Deal (Jr. Kneeling, 3rd Place), Stetson Shook, Hunter Mericle, Bailey Haunschild, Logan Wallace, Ethan Wallace, Trey Thiel, Titus Mill,

State Air Pistol Match, April 23rd. Ben Ray (Sr. 1st Place Silhouette, 2nd Place Sr. Aggregate), Daniel Holland, Naomi Ray, Eunice Ray, Bailey Haunschild (3rd Place Silhouette, 3rd Place Jr. Aggregate).

THANK YOU to everyone who purchased and helped with our annual flower fundraiser again this year!! Have a great summer. —Austin Waite.

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My **head** to clearer thinking
My **heart** to greater loyalty
My **hands** to larger service and
My **health** to better living
for my club, my community,
my country and my world



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