

Rice County 4-H

January 2020 Newsletter

Hello All,

Club Days will take place **February 17th at Little River High School at 4 pm**. The following links will help you decide what to do and how to prepare for Club Days. The links below will also describe each event. If you have further questions, please contact the office.

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CIA (Citizenship in Action)

The registration deadline is this **Wednesday, January 15th**. Don't be late. I will send you all information on how to contact your senators and congressmen soon. We will have a few changes this year with the biggest one being each 4-H member will have a bed to themselves. There will be roll away beds in many rooms as well. We will use leadership grant funding to pay for the registration of this event. I plan on attending and driving the youth there unless we have more than 6 sign up. We may be able to pool rides again with another county. This is a great experience for the youth to meet their congressmen and learn about politics and how 4-H extends out into real life careers.

Ambassador Training

The 2020 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training will be **February 21-22 at Rock Springs Ranch**. It is open to all county/district 4-H ambassadors, interested teens, ambassador advisors and Extension staff. Ambassador training is open to any 4-H member in 8th – 12th grade. Local Extension offices may not be able to provide chaperones and/or transportation to this training. Check with your local Extension office before registering.

Dr. Frank Tracz, Director of Bands at K-State, will be one of the keynote speakers. Dr. Tracz has served as an adjudicator, clinician, and speaker in various schools and conferences and has conducted All-State and Honor bands across the United States as well as in Canada, Singapore, South Africa, Fiji, Australia, and New Zealand. We are excited to learn his views on leadership!

Ross Janssen, KWCY Chief Meteorologist, is our second keynote speaker. As a Kansas 4-H alum, Ross will share how he combined his passion for weather and the skills he learned in 4-H to help get him where he is today. He'll also give insight as to how we can continue to share the 4-H story to strengthen the brand across the state.

The theme is **“4-H Ambassadors- Under Construction.”** The following workshops will be offered, as well as two speakers, with lots of fun and fellowship. Workshops to be offered include:

- Real Colors, 1st Year Only - Learn about the four color personalities of green, blue, gold and orange. Discover your primary color and what it means.
- Leadership 101, 1st Year Only – Knowing your leadership style will help you learn about collaborating for self, others and your community.
- Intro Communications, 1st Year Only – Learn basic communication skills that you need to know to be an effective county/district ambassador.
- Facilitation Skills – Learn how to effectively organize and engage participants for a meaningful experience.
- Growing the 4-H Brand- What progress has been made since launching the Grows Here campaign in 2016 and where do we go from here?
- Advanced Communication- how to be a more effective communicator, take your skills to the next level!
- Advanced True Colors, 2nd Year and Up – Learn how to make your primary color complement better within your team's color palette.
- Advisors' Workshop: Tips for a Great Program and Round Table– County/District advisors will get tips on how to effectively work with Ambassador teams, along with a round table discussion.

Full details with flyer, schedule, letter to youth and letter to staff are posted on the [Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training](#) page. **[Click here to register.](#)**





K-State Plans Leadership Academy for Youth Interested in Livestock Industry

Registration is now open for four-day summer event.

MANHATTAN, Kan. – Students from across the country with an interest in the livestock industry and related careers can apply now for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA).

The academy, now in its 12th year, is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in **grades 9-12**.

Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC), the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

“The biggest benefit that I received from KASLA was identifying my strengths and weaknesses and figuring out how to play to my strengths,” said Gavin Beesley, 2019 participant from Conway Springs, Kansas. “I would encourage others to apply. You get to have learning experiences while also being able to meet people in the agriculture industry. I got to meet so many fun people who were interested in similar things that I was and we got to have fun while learning.”

The academy will take place in **Manhattan, June 24-27. Applications are due April 15, 2020, and can be found at <http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu>.**

The program's itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours and faculty mentor time with animal sciences and industry professors. Industry leaders will also join the participants frequently to share their knowledge and expertise.

Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry in order to educate others. The leadership academy will culminate with team presentations and a closing reception on Saturday morning.

Only 20 students will be accepted for each session so that counselors, professors and industry leaders can provide individualized attention. Participants will stay on campus in university housing with program staff for the duration of the event.

Transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the participant, along with a \$50 fee to reserve space. This fee is only due upon acceptance and not at the time of application. Through its sponsorship, the Livestock and Meat Industry Council covers all other costs.

For more information or questions, contact academy director Sharon Breiner at sbreiner@ksu.edu or 785-532-6533.



The **SOUP SUPPER** is **THIS SUNDAY** (1/19/2020)! IF you missed your last club meeting, be sure to ask your leaders what your family needs to bring to contribute to this event. Don't forget to bring a pie or two. We are serving Tortilla, Potato, and Chicken Noodle Soups. Jr. Leaders need to arrive by 4:30 PM at the latest to set up tables and chairs in order to be prepared for the crowds. If you are able to come earlier, please do so.

We will have 3 gift baskets that will be in a silent auction during the soup supper. Zane, Kami and Peyton will bring those.

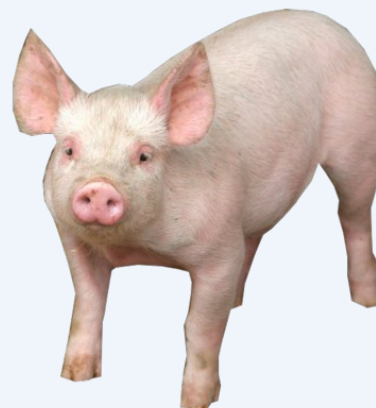


Cloverbud Meetings have begun. The next one will take place February 10th at 6:15 pm.

This meeting will be led by: Mallory, Alaina, Colton and Lindsey.

SWINE PROJECT MEETING

The Grasser family will host an all county swine project meeting on February 24th at the extension office. Please add this to your calendar if you are enrolled in the swine project.



DOG PROJECT MEMBERS: Sue is feeling better and her home is no longer flooded. She wants to get started on project meetings again. What day would work best for you? She was hoping to meet on Tuesday evenings again. If you have an interest in the dog project please let us know. You can always add the project before May 1.

LEADERS: We hope to get an updated list of 4-H members out to you by the end of this week. It is always good to check your list with what we have enrolled so that if you find someone who missed enrollment, you can urge them to do so.

DEADLINE

Horse Panorama Registration Deadline

The 2020 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 24-26. 4-H members ages 7 to 18 and adult volunteers are welcome to register. Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests and educational activities related to the Horse Project.

The registration deadline is **January 15**.

KAP Evaluator Interest Form Deadline

Those interested in evaluating **STATE** level KAPs should complete the following application by January 20th, 2020: 2020 Evaluator Interest Form.

Kansas 4-H Scholarship Deadline

Kansas 4-H Scholarship applications must be in the State 4-H Office or postmarked no later than February 1, 2020.

Kansas 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball

- Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
- K-STATE V.S. KU!!!
- More information will be shared in the next newsletter. Wendy has 4 tickets she will be giving away. We are still deciding how you will be able to win these.



Horse Project Updates



Horse Panorama

The **Horse Panorama** will take place **January 24th-26th at Rock Springs Ranch**. Registration for the Horse Panorama is due **January 15th**. One of our very own 4-H'ers, Hadley, will be representing Rice County in Open Hippology at the 2020 Horse Panorama.

We will be holding a **Hippology study session on Thursday, January 16th at 5:30 PM**. Anyone may attend. This is a great opportunity to learn more about horses and to prepare for future Hippology contests. I hope to hold a second study session the week before the Horse Panorama.

Horse Project Meetings

We will be holding our regular **Horse Project meeting on January 18th at 3:00 PM at Bar K Bar Arena in Lyons**. For the first part of the meeting, we will cover proper grooming, tacking up, and safety. For the second half, Horse Project members that own or lease a horse may ride or work their horses. Horseless Horse members are welcome to stay for the second half to watch (or to tell Katie's horse how handsome he is).

Please wear appropriate attire (long pants, close-toed shoes, etc). **Horses will be present**. If you plan to bring your horse to ride, please also remember to bring your usual tack, grooming tools, and a **riding helmet**.

The next meeting will be held **February 1st or 2nd** at Bar K Bar Arena in Lyons. If you have not contacted me with your date preference (if you have one), please do so ASAP.

State 4-H and Open Equifest Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will take place **March 6th in Salina** in conjunction with Equifest. Please contact me if you are interested in attending. Registration is due **February 15th**. Check out Equifest if you can!

Registration: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/docs/2020/Judging%20Registration_2020.pdf

Rules: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/docs/2020/4-H%20Judging%20Rules_2020.pdf

Equifest: <https://equifestofks.com/>

Other Horsey Happenings:

There is a Wild Wind Horse Show February 15 & 16 at Bar K Bar Arena in Lyons. This would be a great show to watch to gain a better understanding of how a horse show works; if you go, pay special attention to the classes that you are interested in. Check out the Wild Wind Horse Shows Facebook page for updates on this show series.

There are other shows at Bar K Bar arena that are worth watching as well. See the calendar of events at:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendarembdsrc=verton.miller40gmail.com&ctz=America%2FChicago>

Happy Horsing!



Upcoming Events of 2020:

- January 16—KAP Area Screening in Manhattan, KS
- January 18—North East Area Leadership Event @ Rock Springs
- January 19—Annual Soup Supper
- January 20—Extension Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- January 24-26—Horse Panorama @ Rock Springs
- January 24-26—Kansas 4-H Dog Judges' Certification, Re-certification and Project Leader Training
- January 28-30—Kansas 4-H Program Rally @ Sedgwick County Extension Office
- February 4—Wear your 4-H shirts to support 4-H!
- February 9—YQCA Training, 5:30 PM
- February 10—Cloverbuds Meeting w/ Jr. Leaders @ 6:15 PM
- February 16-17—Citizenship in Action in Topeka, KS
- February 17—County Club Day, 4:00 PM @ Little River High School
- February 17—Extension Office closed in observance of Presidents' Day
- February 21-23—Ambassador Training @ Rock Springs
- February 29—Junior Beef Producer Day in Manhattan, KS
- March 2—4-H Council Meeting, 7:15 PM
- March 4—Wear your 4-H shirts to support 4-H!
- March 4—Beef Weigh-in, 4:30-6:30 PM (tentative date)
- March 6—State 4-H Horse Judging Contest (held in conjunction with Equifest!)
- March 8—Kansas 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball
- March 9—Cloverbuds Meeting w/ Jr. Leaders @ 6:15 PM
- March 14—Junior Sheep Producer Day in Manhattan, KS
- March 28-April 2—National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C.
- April 11—Cloverbuds Meeting w/ Jr. Leaders @ 6:15 PM
- May 11—Cloverbuds Meeting w/ Jr. Leaders @ 6:15 PM
- June 16-19—OzSome Camp @ Rock Springs
- June 22-25—4-H Campference
- August 22-23—4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan, KS