

Rice County 4-H September Newsletter

It's back to school time. I know so many of you are excited about school being in person. Just think of the stories you will have to tell your grandchildren in 50 years. With September brings the end of a 4-H year and time to elect new officers for your clubs. Take the time to step up and be a leader for your club, your community, and your county.

This is also the time to get your friends and classmates interested in joining 4-H. Tell them about the projects you are involved with and get them to join you for a meeting. Enrollment begins October 1st. Please do not try to enroll before October 1.

We are always looking for leaders for projects. Do you know someone with a special interest? Photography, cooking, canning, ceramics? It would be wonderful to have a leader for every project.

Peach Sales and Jr Leader Information

We have had the peaches delivered and all but 8 cases distributed. Thank you all for helping to earn about \$1,600 for the Jr Leader Fund. As the new year begins, we should consider some ways to use the funds. There also needs to be a way that each member has accountability in helping "make" the money. Please think of this as you and your leaders set up a time for a meeting soon. A Jr Leader is defined as anyone 13 and up. If you are 13 and up, you should enroll in the leadership project!



Club Financial Audit Form

Due Oct. 1, 2020

https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/employee_resources/forms/admin_forms/KSU4-3.pdf

This form needs to be completed by each club for the end of the 4-H year 2019-2020. It needs to be done by two people who are not related to the club treasurer.

Family Nominations

Several families have asked about changing the way you enter your livestock for the county fair. The state fair and KJLS both use family nominations to enter livestock. This means that when you bring your beef to get weighed and tagged for the spring weigh in, we will tag all the steers for your family but not for you as an individual. The same with sheep, goats and pigs. When you do your pre fair entries, you decide then which animal belongs to which youth. We feel this will help all participants in case of a death or weight issue or other problems that could occur. We have included the link to watch the informational video from the state livestock web page. The information on family nominations is between 13:30 and 15:04. The whole video is about the state fair nomination process.

<https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>



48 Hours of 4-H

We had voted on collecting jeans for the Blue Jean Project. It is a spring collection, so we can continue to collect Jeans and do this next spring and could use it for next year.

Painting Party!

The Rice County Extension Board wishes to extend an invitation to each club to come pick an office in the extension building to paint on September 26th. We hope that you use it as a service project, and we could also use it for our 48 Hours of 4-H. We have a church group that is coming to the office to clean and paint upstairs, so they could help move things around to paint that day too.



Updated 2020 State Fair FCS Judging Contest Information

Date of Contest: Saturday, September 19, 2020 Contest Open from 9 am to 9 pm

Youth ages 9-13, as of January 1 of the current year, are eligible to participate in the Intermediate division.

Youth ages 14-19 as of January 1 of the current year, are eligible to participate in the Senior Division.

The contest is open to all Kansas 4-H members in the 9-18 age bracket ONLY for 2020 - NO qualifying contest is required. There is not a limit on the number of participants a county may send.

Registration is due by September 15 using this link:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2fUlkYeccAQfYA5

Contest Details:

- The contest will be offered in a virtual format. Specific contest details will be emailed to the participant at the email address provided during pre-entry.
- Virtual Contest will be held on Saturday, September 19. The contest will be available from 9 am to 9 pm.
- Contestants will participate as an individual instead of as a team for this year only.
- FOR 2020 ONLY: Class judging will be the only component
 - Intermediates will have 5 classes
 - Seniors will have 6 classes
- All cell phones and other communication devices must be turned off while participating in the contest. The expectation is that you are doing this contest independently - no use of extra help (search engines, study guides, parents/adults).
- If accommodations need to be made for participants (reading of questions, internet access), please answer yes to the question in the registration link.
- Contest answers will be e-mailed after 24 hours of contest completion so participants can get feedback.
- Awards to the top individuals (intermediate & senior) will be an educational FCS related trip for reimbursement (up to \$100) to be used for registration fee and travel expenses. Ideas include "Wild about FCS" event at Kansas State University; facility tours; leadership experience; artisan events/conferences.

To prepare for the contest, select "Study Guide" on the following page:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/fcs-judging/index.html>

Family and Consumer Sciences Judging Contest, continued

Video overview of the 2020 State Fair FCS Contest

<https://spark.adobe.com/video/2GPJ6Wg4AHG2B>

The 2020 FCS state fair contest will include three components: 1) judging classes 2) a Group Think and 3) a hands-on puzzle room experience. For 2020, intermediate youth will have classes from five topics and seniors will have six topics. The categories that will be used for both age divisions are carry-on luggage, fast food, ground transportation, place settings, and wearable technology. The seniors will also have brewing coffee as the sixth topic. These categories are chosen from the same list that the Western National Roundup uses for their contest. All local units are encouraged to review the study guide assembled by the Western National Roundup available here: [http://www.westernnationalroundup.org/rules/january2021/FCS%20CDM%20Study%20Guides%202020-2022%20\(Jan.%202021%20&%20Jan.%202022\).pdf](http://www.westernnationalroundup.org/rules/january2021/FCS%20CDM%20Study%20Guides%202020-2022%20(Jan.%202021%20&%20Jan.%202022).pdf)

The judging classes will be based on the previously mentioned categories. The Group Think activity is modeled from the Western National Roundup. In this activity, youth work as a team to come up with a solution to the challenge presented. Here are some YouTube examples from states that are currently using this as part of their contest: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_c23gHcWIM & https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ldvcx_UktY. There will also be a puzzle room experience which will involve the group working together to solve a series of puzzles.

Please refer to the 2020 State Fair book for updated rules.

Communications Project

The state did a survey that asked what projects would be beneficial to improve upon. Communications was the top choice. They have now put together a new project guideline and have gotten a grant to help boost the project. If we can get someone to lead this project for each club, then each club will get a free set of guidebooks. There are exact details on how to lead this for each club meeting and then report back to the state, through a very easy Qualtrics format, after each activity is completed. It is our hope one parent will step up in each club to lead this project. Once you decide who will be your communications person, please let me know and I can get you all the information you need.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/personal-development/ClubCommunications.html>

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training Fall 2020

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training has been scheduled for November 7-8, 2020, at the Gray County Fairgrounds in Cimarron. To help with our planning process, we are gathering interest from potential trainees. Agents and Coordinators should work with potential instructors and submit this survey. This is not a registration.

Responses are due August 23.

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9SmG1GLt2CQRcAR

Training will begin at 8 am Saturday, November 7, and conclude Sunday, November 8, after lunch.

The general session will be held online and will need to be completed prior to final registration (not this survey). If online training was completed earlier this year for spring training, it would still be accepted. Instructions and details will be released along with registration information.

The estimated cost will be \$225 per registrant, which includes two nights (Friday and Saturday), five meals, and training materials. Two people per room will be required. Options will be available for local individuals to register for a reduced rate without lodging.

Jr. Apprentice training will not be available. Apprentice training will be available if there is space.

Schedules and further information will be released soon. Details may change due to COVID-19 restrictions.

If you are interested in this training and agree to be a county leader, the county will cover the cost of this training.

Please check out the state 4-H web site, the tip sheet, and our county web page for more useful information. As always you can call our office for more details or questions.



Kansas Youth Leadership Forum-Virtual for 2020

What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2021 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF.

When: November 21-22, 2020

Where: Your Device (computer, tablet or phone) connected to the internet

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2021

Registration: Open late Summer of 2020

Early Registration Deadline: October 15, 2020

This is a state event right from the comfort of your own home!





September

4 - Record Books due to office/Wear your 4-H shirts!

7 - Office Closed, Labor Day

11-20 - KS State Fair, modified

26 - Concession Stand for Archery Meet

October

4-11 - National 4-H Week: Wear a 4-H t-shirt every day this week!

10/11 - 48 Hours of 4-H; #484h blue jeans collections finish

11 - Fair Awards BBQ and Awards Night @ Celebration Centre

12 - Office Closed, Columbus Day

November

7/8 - Shooting Sports Instructor training

11 - Office Closed, Veterans Day

21/22 - KYLF

26-27 - Office Closed, Thanksgiving