



APRIL 4-H NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

April 15- 4-H Camp Registration Opens 6 AM- First Come First Serve
April 18-21- National Volunteer Week
April 20- Sign up due for Virtual Arts Q and A Zoom
April 21- Virtual Arts Q and A Zoom at 7 PM
April 26- YQCA Training 6:30-8:00 PM- Community Building
April 29- Last date for small animal tagging.

May 1-

- **4-H Enrollment Due for participation in the 2021 Butler County Fair**

- **Horse ID papers due**

May 6- 4-H Ambassadors meeting 6 PM
May 12- YQCA Training- LAST IN PERSON CLASS- 6:30-8:00 PM
End of May- Watch the mail for County Fair Pre-Entry information!
June 1- YQCA Training, Livestock Exhibition Forms DUE
June 1-4- Virtual Discovery Days
June 3- 4-H Showcase Event and Favorite Foods Contest
June 10- 4-H Council Meeting 7 PM
June 17- District Horse Show Entry Deadline
June 20- County Fair Pre-Entry deadline at 11:59 PM
June 22- Southeast Area Judging Contests-To be announced
June 23- 4-H Counselors to 4-H Camp
June 24-27- Oz Some 4-H Camp- Rock Springs
June 28- 4-H Division Fair Superintendents Meeting
June 29- 4-H Ambassador Day Camp
June 29- 4-H Ambassador Fair Planning Date
June 30- Poultry Testing Date- 4:30-6:30 PM
July 1- District 4-H Horse Show

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact McKenzie Smithson two weeks prior to the start of the event at 316-321-9660 or msmithson@ksu.edu. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

Butler County Fair Update

⇒ *PLEASE CHECK YOUR EDITION OF THE 4-H DIVISION RULES!*

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at the bottom! Use these rules only!

- ⇒ Congratulations to Jaycie M and Kyle P for winning the Cover Contest sponsored by the Butler County Fair Board.
- ⇒ Watch your email for updates regarding Pre-Entry information in late May.
- ⇒ Reminder that youth exhibiting livestock must have animals tagged before April 29 and all required forms on file in the Extension Office by June 1. Those were mailed to all enrolled 4-H members in March. If you need additional copies they can be found here:
- ⇒ <https://www.butler.k-state.edu/4-h/livestock.html>– under forms
- ⇒ Watch the Butler County KS Fair Facebook page for more details on the exciting events, camper registration forms, open class information and more!
- ⇒ Watch for information regarding learning opportunities/workshops to help you fine tune your skills before Fair!

**PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK YOUR 4-H ONLINE
PROJECT ENROLLMENTS PRIOR TO MAY 1, 2021!
MAKE SURE YOU ARE ENROLLED IN ALL THE
PROJECTS YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN!**

4-H Showcase Event

- **Who: All Butler County 4-H Families/Member**
- **What: An opportunity for youth and clubs to share what they are doing.**
 - Youth can have a small card table or display to showcase what they are learning in 4-H. It's an opportunity to show off your learning and get feedback before the County Fair. Youth are also given the opportunity to practice their interview and public speaking skills as people come by and visit with them about their project.
 - Clubs are invited to have a booth area with a game or inviting activity to share. Reach out to the community in your hometown to share that families can come and see what 4-H is all about on this date.
 - We hope to invite the general public down to see what we are up too! Another goal is to engage with the community with this Pre-Fair community event.
- **When: Thursday, June 3 at 6PM**
- **Where: Butler County Community Building, North Room**
- **Watch for a Sign Up Coming out soon via email!**

FAVORITE FOODS CONTEST

- June 3, 2021– In conjunction with the 4-H Showcase in the South Room
- Youth must be enrolled in either Foods and Nutrition or Health and Wellness in order to participate. Enrollment must be completed by May 1, 2021.
- Youth must provide their card table for display.
- Watch for a video in the coming weeks showcasing strategies for designing your display.
- Top Senior Members will have a chance to participate in the Regional Favorite Foods Contest.

Oz Some 4-H Camp

CAMPER INFORMATION

CAMP DATES: June 24-27. Youth must provide their own transportation to and from camp.

WHO: 4-H members age 9-12 . There is no Rookie Camp this year.

LOCATION: Rock Springs 4-H Center, near Junction City, KS

REGISTRATION: Registration will open to all Oz Some Camp families at 6 AM on Thursday, April 15. Registration will be first come, first served with a wait list. Registration closes on April 30 at 11:59 PM.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarships are available through 4-H Council and the Sundgren Family Memorial. Please contact the Extension office for more information. \$50 per youth

COVID 19 PROTOCOLS: Masks will be worn at camp when social distancing can't be maintained outdoors, campfire, ceremonies and non-active activities. Youth are encouraged to bring 2 masks per camp day. Protocols are subject to change as needed.

NURSES NEEDED: If you are a nurse and would be interested in attending camp to serve in that role, please email or call McKenzie.

COUNSELOR INFORMATION

- An email went out to all enrolled 4-H youth age 14 and older.
- To apply to be a 4-H Camp Counselor please complete the Qualtrics survey that was in that email.
- An interview will be scheduled with McKenzie once application is received.
- Selections will be made on May 10 and Counselors will be notified at that time if they were selected.
- Counselors are required to attend Counselor training at RSR on June 23-24 prior to campers arriving on June 24.



YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a , national, multi-species livestock quality assurance program available for youth, ages 7-21. This annual educational and certification program focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character awareness for youth producing and/or showing livestock. The species targeted in the training includes swine, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.

Extension specialists and animal industry representatives were involved in designing the program with the intent to provide a national, standardized livestock quality assurance applicable to multiple species. The curriculum is designed to provide different modules annually, so youth will expand their knowledge by covering new topics every year.

There are two options by which a youth may obtain their YQCA certification; they may attend a face-to-face training with a certified instructor, or they may complete the age-appropriate online certification course. Both the face-to-face training, and the online certification course have an associated per child “certification fee”. The YQCA program has been integrated into the 4HOnline system, so families that may need to will be able to register for a face-to-face training, or complete the online certification, by logging in using their 4HOnline credentials.

See the calendar of events for dates and times of face-to-face trainings available. Contact the Extension Office to secure a spot in the class of your choice!

District Horse Show

- July 1, 2021 in Hutchinson, KS
- Horse project members must have horse ID papers on file in the Extension office by May 1, 2021 and must have passed their Level 1 Skills test prior to participating in a district show.
- Entry information will be emailed to enrolled 4-H horse project members.

Many hands make light work!

We are always looking for individuals who are interested in helping our youth and community grow and develop! If you are interested in being a volunteer, helping as a 4-H volunteer at the County Fair, helping lead a learning series on a specific project area, etc. Please email or call McKenzie at the Extension Office to learn how you can make a difference in the lives of our youth!

STEM PROJET AREA ENROLLMENT

If you plan to exhibit a STEM project (Robotics, Rocketry, Architectural Block or UAS) please make sure you are enrolled in that specific project in 4-H Online. The Architectural Block STEM project is NEW so you will want to make sure you are enrolled if you plan to showcase your learning in that project area!