



JANUARY 4-H NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you all had a Happy Holiday Season and are looking forward to a great 2021! Please feel free to share any new ideas with us at any time that will benefit the 4-H program.

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UPCOMING EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

January 12– YQCA Training 6:30-8 PM– Community Building
January 18– Extension Office closed– Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 27– YQCA Training 6:30-8 PM– Community Building
February 1– CIA Registration Due
February 3– 4-H Day Online Registration Due
February 5– 6 PM-8 PM– 4-H Day– Hope Community Church– Andover
February 6– 8 AM to 3 PM– 4-H Day– Hope Community Church– Andover
February 8– YQCA Training 6:30-8 PM– Community Building
February 14-15– Virtual CIA Event
February 15-20– Virtual Jr. Swine Producer Program
February 15– Extension Office closed– President's Day
February 23– YQCA Training 6:30-8 PM– Community Building
February 27– Beef Weigh In– Set up 7:30-9:00 AM, Weigh In 9:00-10:30 AM
March 4– 4-H Council Meeting 7 PM
Early March– 4-H Camp Registration Opens
March 15-20– Virtual Jr. Meat Goat Program
March 31– YQCA Training 6:30-8 PM– Community Building
April 1-April 29– Small Animal Tagging by Appt Only. Call the office to schedule an appt to bring your animals to the Extension Office to be tagged. April 26 tagging appts available till 6 PM and April 29 tagging appts available till 7 PM. No tagging on April 30.
April 8– YQCA Training 6:30-8:00 PM– Community Building
April 26– YQCA Training 6:30-8:00 PM– Community Building
May 1– 4-H Enrollment Due for participation in the 2021 Butler County Fair

4-H Mini Fair/4-H Showcase and Favorite Foods Contest will be in late April/Early May.

COUNTY 4-H DAY

County 4-H Day will be held Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6. We will host this event at the Hope Community Church in Andover. Watch your email for a registration link and appointment scheduling information in the coming week.

4-H Day is a great way to share your knowledge and project expertise! So be working on your project talks, demonstrations, musical and dance pieces and sign up soon!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out and ask!

PROJECT LEADERS

Although we discourage face-to-face meetings right now, it is recommended that you start having some type of contact with 4-Hers now! The 4-Hers need encouragement and assistance to keep them interested and to gain knowledge as well as to make record book time much easier. If you are a new project leader, please check with the office for info. Reminder - ALL Project Leaders and anyone else who works with 4-H Youth, must be 4-H Volunteer Certified. Contact the Extension Office if you are a new leader and/or you have questions! Volunteer Enrollment is due February 1, 2021 and Volunteer training will happen virtually in late February.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-HERS –DUE MARCH 1, 2021

2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application, 2021 Scholarship List, Vanier Family Scholarship—
www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html

KSU Ag College Scholarship forms can be found at <https://www.ag.k-state.edu/academics/scholarships.html>

If you are completing an application and need a letter of recommendation, then please let us know as soon as possible.

4-H Online Enrollment Changes

Once you have enrolled, if you need to make project selection changes please use the following link to submit those change requests. Once the change has been completed we will email you a confirmation that it has been done so you can check your project list to make sure it is correct.

Project Selection Change Form: <https://forms.gle/NoJ6dNv1Hywj9Azn9>

*******4-H BEEF TAGGING DATE*******
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
SET UP 7:30-9 AM AND TAGGING 9:00-10:30 AM
BUTLER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

- Required to be eligible to exhibit at the 2021 Butler County Fair
- The tag cost will be \$4.00 and must be paid by cash or check at the time of tagging; please bring exact change.
- Bucket Calves and Commercial Heifers are welcome to be brought to this tagging. Please note that Bucket Calves must be tagged by May 1st and Commercial Heifers must be tagged by June 15th. For Bucket Calves and Commercial heifers that are not at County Tagging, please contact the Butler County Extension Office to schedule a time to have them tagged.

CITIZENSHIP IN ACTION -

Citizenship in Action, state 4-H legislative event will be virtual this year on February 14-15, 2021. Registration will be out in early January and due by February 1st. More details are available online with the registration. Contact the office if you are interested. 4-H Council will help defer the cost for up to 20 participants.

JR. PRODUCER DAYS—SWINE AND MEAT GOAT

The 2021 junior producer days will be hosted as a virtual series during the course of a week.

The **Junior Swine Producer Week** will be February 15-20. Presentations will be provided a couple of days during the week, with the final sessions and discussion being on Saturday morning. All of the sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register.

Junior Meat Goat Producer Week will follow a similar format March 15-20. All youth, parents, leaders and extension agents are invited to participate in these educational experiences. K-State faculty members, graduate students, veterinarians, extension agents, guest speakers and specialists will speak about youth livestock project management. More details and registration information will be released later this fall. Please watch the youth livestock program website and Facebook page for updated information and a link to register.

Discovery Days—watch future newsletters for more details.

KSU Youth Livestock Leadership Academy—watch future newsletters for more details.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CCARE 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!

NEW PROJECT RECORD FORMS...

4-H Project Record Report Form Replaces KAP. The State 4-H KAP Revision Taskforce Team is excited to announce the launch of a new project-based record keeping and award system for the new 4-H program year.

Below are a few things that you need to make sure that are recording and keeping track of.

- Set project goals
- Project Presentations & Communication
- Project Learning Experiences
- Project Exhibits and Showcase Opportunities
- Project Leadership
- Project Citizenship/Community Engagement
- Project Finances (keep receipts) Income and Expenses
- Project Finances (Project Animal Inventory/ Performance Record)
- Seniors (will have to submit a resume and cover letter)

Two Project Record forms

- General Form
- Animal Form

Three Age levels

- Junior 7-9 years (4-H age)
- Intermediate 10-13 year (4-H age)
- Senior 14-18 year (4-H page)

Regional Level

- Submit a Project Record Form, Cover Letter, and Resume

State Level

- Submit a Project Record Form, Cover Letter, Resume and Video

The new forms, an instructional guide and check sheet, an evaluation rubric, and a form fillable personal page and permanent record are now available, as is a free download of the current Adobe Reader DC. Please click the following link for more information....

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html>

Upcoming Learning Series

Talkin' About It Project Series

Join 4-H volunteers and junior youth leaders as we explore 4-H projects! These question and answer Zoom seminars will allow youth to connect and talk about questions they might have, share experiences and gain knowledge in the project area. This is a great way for our experienced 4-H members to share with new 4-H members about the in's and out's of the 4-H project area.

Youth can participate in as many Talkin' About it seminars as they want. Zoom links will be published when meetings are set.

INTERESTED IN HELPING HOST A MEETING: We are looking for Registered Adult Volunteers as well as youth leaders to help facilitate these Q and A seminars. If you are interested in helping with a particular project area, please email McKenzie at msmithson@ksu.edu

Sign Language Series

Join us as we learn about the ASL! Our goals for this series are to learn how to sign the basic alphabet, learn a few common phrases/sentences and our culminating learning activity will be to sign the 4-H Pledge. Youth interested in continuing can have the opportunity to learn how to sign the National Anthem.

Class will meet for 6 weeks via Zoom. Watch for details soon!

FAVORITE FOODS CONTEST

This new competition coming to Butler County is one to entice the senses! From beautifully displayed tables and place settings to a well planned, balanced meal the Favorite Foods competition is for anyone! Enroll in the Foods and Nutrition project or the Health and Wellness project to be eligible to participate. The Butler County Favorite Foods competition will be held in late April or early May.

We will have an informational video to share more information in February!

Horse Project Learning Series

Want to learn more about horse safety, care and nutrition as well as increase your basic horsemanship skills? We have a learning series for you! Starting in February, we will release a series of videos on topics such as ground safety, proper saddling, and care of your horse. We will also touch on topics such as how to improve your performance in classes such as showmanship, ranch riding and speed events.

Watch for video links on our Youtube page in February.