

## In the Loop December Update

- We are currently collecting data on what the best mode of communication will be for the coming year. We will review the data regarding communication modes next week and make a plan for how we will communicate with our club members and families this year. Look for the platform to begin in January 2021. For now, here is a quick rundown of what is happening, how you can be involved and some tips and tricks!
- Extension Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
  - We will be closed from Thursday, December 24 to Sunday, January 3. We will reopen on Monday, January 4 at 8 AM.

### December Dates and Events

- **Due by December 16-** KSRE Community Cares Drive- We are supporting the SCARF Children's home out of Andover again this year. They have supported over 230 youth during this past year and resources are spread thin. Attached is our flier that shares what items they are looking to collect. All donations need to be delivered to the Extension Office by Wednesday, December 16. We will deliver to them later that week.
- **Due by December 17-** Goat Kidding 101 Workshop Registration- See the flier attached for more information. Registration link here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdz50R6O3nGr-VcxkhMXTN2aUMIDZkKQeYGmTrQpXkPR53dCg/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0Da9JXucGZKL-BHmKRUAowJSocDV3WYnZRvWcRfJbX9zBe\\_VTr2NSuHQc](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdz50R6O3nGr-VcxkhMXTN2aUMIDZkKQeYGmTrQpXkPR53dCg/viewform?fbclid=IwAR0Da9JXucGZKL-BHmKRUAowJSocDV3WYnZRvWcRfJbX9zBe_VTr2NSuHQc)
- **December 19-** Goat Kidding Workshop 2:00-3:00 PM- Varner Farms

### 4-H Day

We hope to have 4-H Day in person as much as possible this year. We will be hosting it on February 5-6, 2021 at the Community Building. The planning committee is currently meeting to discuss plans and options for what 4-H Day will look like so watch in January for more details and a registration link to sign up!

### Jr. Producer Days with K-State

This year the Jr Producer days for Swine and Meat Goats will be held virtually. Links to registration will be released soon and we will share those with you but for now please mark these dates on your calendars for these learning experiences. Sessions will be spread over a week's time, but will be recorded and shared with those who register if you are not able to watch live.

Swine: February 15-20

Meat Goat: March 15-20

## YQCA Trainings

All youth who plan to exhibit livestock, except horses, must complete YQCA by June 1, 2021. Livestock includes beef, sheep, swine, meat goats, dairy goats, chickens/poultry/pigeons, and rabbits.

### In-person classes information

- 1) All 7 year olds must register and pay for YQCA online this year.
- 2) Class enrollment size is limited to 20. One parent per 4-Her is encouraged and recommended.
- 3) Class time will be 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 4) Location - -Butler Community/4-H building
- 5) Youth can still take the online class if they wish – if you take the online course you must submit your certificate of completion to the Extension Office via email or mail by June 1, 2021.
- 6) Masks required.

### Dates for in-person classes

January 12	March 31
January 27	April 8
February 8	April 26
February 23	May 12

## Favorite Foods Competition

The Static Project Committee is working on plans to share information about how to participate in the Favorite Foods competition coming to Butler County this spring. Watch for details about Zoom classes to help you learn about this new event and how to participate soon! All registered 4-H members may participate but must be enrolled in either the Foods and Nutrition or Health and Wellness project in order to be eligible to compete.

## Need to Add/Delete Projects on 4-H Online?

The new 4-H Online 2.0 system does not allow at this time for families to go in and change projects once you have submitted your enrollment. Please use the attached link if you need to make any changes to enrollment in projects. All changes must be submitted by **May 1, 2021**. No changes will be made after that. When we add/delete projects to your account we will send an email to you noting that those changes have been made.

Change/Add/Delete 4-H Projects- <https://forms.gle/pA1o9Cnt1KgtDU1w7>

## Livestock Weigh In Dates/Times

All market livestock that are going to be shown at the Butler County Fair must be tagged. Tagging dates are listed below. Note swine tagging dates and information will be posted soon! Watch for dates and details.

Beef Tagging and Weigh In: Saturday, February 27- Set up 7:30-9 AM, Tagging/Weigh In- 9:00-10:30 AM, Clean Up 10:30-12:00

Sheep and Meat Goat Tagging: Friday, April 30- Set up 4:30-5 pm, Tagging- 5-7 PM, clean up 7-7:30 pm

### Horse Project Winter Series

We are currently working on a winter horse project series. We are looking at one Saturday a month from January to May to work on learning more about the horse project. Information is still in the works. We hope to have sessions safely in person and we are partnering with Cowley and Harvey counties to coordinate our locations. Potential Dates are: January 23, February 20, March 6, April 10, and May 8. We hope to complete our winter series with a joint horse show on our date in May. Watch for more information soon!

### 4-H Camp

4-H Camp is currently a go! We are excited about this opportunity and more information, including registration will tentatively be released in March. Much is still to be determined on the final status of camp but we are thankful it is on the calendar right now! Our camp dates are June 24-27. Counselors would report on June 23.

### Butler County 4-H Facebook Pages Explained

A few questions have been received the past few months regarding the different 4-H Facebook pages. I want to clarify the purpose of each page so that everyone understands how best to utilize these resources.

**Butler County 4-H Members and Leaders Page (Closed Group)- This page is your #1 BuCo 4-H Facebook destination.** This is our internal information sharing source and is most frequently updated with new 4-H opportunities and information. We share things here specific to the 4-H community that is enrolled now. We share dates, times and links here that isn't shared with the general public. If you are not a part of this page and you would like to be please request to join!

**Butler County 4-H page (Public page)-** This page is our public community page. Here we focus on sharing events and opportunities that are open to all Butler County residents and we also use this page to promote reasons to join Butler County 4-H. It will not have the details to our current 4-H specific programming posted on a regular basis as those go on the members/leaders page.

**Butler County 4-H Fair page-** This is a joint effort page between the Butler County 4-H Staff and the Butler County Fair board. These two partners share information here to help promote the Butler County Fair to both 4-H members and the general public. This pages purpose is to share about events, activities and opportunities that are at the Butler County Fair for all.

**KSRE- Butler County page-** This is the official K-State Research and Extension page for all the agents and the mission of K-State Research and Extension at large. Our office agents: myself with 4-H/Youth Development, Barb Roths with Family Consumer Science and Charlene Miller with Livestock and Agriculture share learning resources and opportunities with the general Butler County public here.

## 4-H Enrollment!

Butler County 4-H enrollment deadline is May 1, 2021! At this time I am sending the newsletter and updates to both 4-H members enrolled for the 2020-2021 program year as well as those enrolled in last year 2019-2020. **Starting in January, I will only send the newsletter and updates via email to those youth/volunteers who are enrolled in 4-H for the current year 2020-2021.** So if you haven't enrolled yet and would like to continue to receive the email announcements please get enrolled by January 1 so you will receive those communications in your email inbox. I would hate for anyone to miss a deadline or information! Information will still be available on our website and FB pages but it won't come via email.

## Learning Resources

**Parenting through a Pandemic:** Learn how as a parent to navigate the challenges of raising a child during a pandemic. Register Here: [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3vYM9cbo9vYHtYN](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3vYM9cbo9vYHtYN)

**Club Resources/New Family Resources:** New tools to help engage with your local 4-H community. Ideas to spark creativity and ingenuity: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/ClubCorner.html>

**Project Challenge Activities-** Want to challenge yourself to learn more about your project area? These brand new resources are still in the works and there should be many more posted in the next few weeks. Check back at this link for more opportunities to gain new knowledge using these fun, interactive project challenges! These will make great tools for project leaders to engage with their youth! <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/cloverclassroom.html>

**Setting Project Goals:** <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/Item.aspx?catId=1007&pubId=21479> What do you want to accomplish this year with your project? Use this new tool to help you outline your plans to reach your goals this year!

**Judging Score Sheets:** As you start to work on products for your project to exhibit at 4-H Day and County Fair, review the judging score sheet for your division to see how you can be ready to really shine this year! What are judges looking for and what is scored to obtain your final ribbon placing? These tools also help you learn vocabulary and definitions that are project specific. Information here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/forms/judging-score-sheets.html>

**REMINDER: WE WILL NOT BE USING THE KAP REPORT FOR END OF THE YEAR RECORDS THIS YEAR!** The State has moved over to the new Project Record Forms. I can't encourage you enough to download and save this form to your computer now to help you as you go this year. There are two different categories of forms: livestock and static projects as well as 3 different age divisions. While many of the details and data are the same there are some pieces that are new and I don't want anyone to have a surprise come August/September!

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