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Happy New Year!



Happy 2015! I hope the New Year is off to a good start for each and everyone of you and you are all staying warm! 2015 is going to be a fun and busy year!

Thank you to each and everyone of you that have been working to get through the 4-H Online and VIP process! Your support is greatly appreciated it! Not only is it a lot to tackle on your end, but a lot on ours as well!

If you have a thought or suggestion of something that would help the process out, please let us know. We, by all means, can't change everything, but we can take a look to see if there's a way to make it more user friendly!

As we go through the year, remember, we are here to help! I say that honestly and sincerely. Do not hesitate to call or e-mail. I look forward to seeing you at events and working with you!

~Charlene

Record Books

Some dread record books others embrace the opportunity! If you ever get to chance to judge record books you should capitalize on the opportunity! After our county record book judging, we had 5 county champions that were eligible to go to the SE Area record book judging contest.

The SE Area judging brings together the county champions from all over the SE area. This year there were 124 record books submitted—which is the lowest number since 2007. However, from that, 3 of our county champions are eligible for the State judging.

Congratulations to Danielle Chilcott (Hickory

Helpers) with her Foods & Nutrition KAP, Renata Goossen (North Butler) with her Clothing & Textiles KAP and Timothy Johnson (El Dorado Boosters) with his Entomology KAP!

I also want to recognize Katelyn Hageman for submitting a Leadership KAP and Danielle Chilcott who also submitted a Swine KAP. Great job ladies!



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Leader's Lounge

Calling all Community Leader's! Each month I will have a section for you as a "check-up" and serve as a reminder of things to do. If there is something you would like to see, don't hesitate to let me know!

We are into our third month of the new 4-H Year. I hope you are starting to settle in!



Review

- _____ 4-H Forecaster for important dates
- _____ Review information with your club

To-Do

- _____ Make sure all VIP's are turned in & they have done the 4-H Online account set-up
- _____ Make sure all 4-H Enrollment cards are turned in & 4-H Online completed
- _____ Make sure add/drop forms are done if needed
- _____ Check club mail-box at Extension Office
- _____ Check your club's progress towards goal you set
- _____ Make sure 4-H Council report is given to the club
- _____ Project Leaders conducting project meetings
- _____ Turn in registration for County 4-H Days
- _____ Watch closely for 4-H Days door monitor assignments
- _____ Complete Club Leader Report—Due Jan. 23rd

*"If your actions inspire
 other to dream more,
 learn more, do more and
 become more, you are a
 leader."*

John Quincy Adams

Promote/Recruit

- _____ 4-H Camp June 3rd-6th
- _____ 4-H Discovery Days the last week of May
- _____ 4-H Camp Counselors needed for 4-H Camp (go up on June 2)

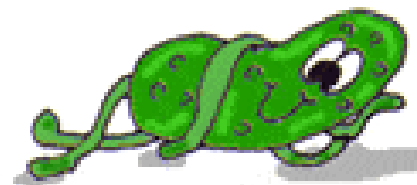
Remember

- _____ If you need to cancel for 4-H days, call the extension office by noon on February 13th
- _____ 4-H Days will be held on Feb 14th at Butler Community College
- _____ VIPS and 4-H online enrollment for Livestock Projects is due Feb. 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

4-H Days

February 14th, 2015 at Butler Community College, 901 S. Haverhill Rd., El Dorado

- 1) Entries are due by 5:00 pm on January 21st.
- 2) Scheduling—We will have the schedule out just as soon as possible!
- 3) Room Monitors—Each club will be responsible for room monitors. Those will be assigned as we are doing the scheduling.
- 4) Cancellations—We know last minute events and illnesses happen. If at all possible, please let us know by Noon on Friday the 13th if you know you will not be there. If you wake up sick that morning, please stay home and call your community leader to let them know you won't be there!
- 5) Guidelines, Scorecards, Etc—Can be found online at www.butler.ksu.edu. Community Leaders also have them!
- 6) Pickle Power: A No-Prep, Drop-In Event at 4-H Days! - Solve a dilemma, eat a pickle! 4-Her's of any age can drop-in
- 7) Regional 4-H Days will be held on March 14th. Those receiving top blues at County 4-H Days will be eligible to participate in Regionals. Regional 4-H Day entries are due 5:00 p.m. on February 20th.
- 8) FCS judging contest is BACK at 4-H Days this year!!



VIPs and Enrollments



Thank you to everyone who is hanging in there with us and being patient as we get through 4-H Online Enrollments. It is very time consuming on our part to cross reference the 4-H paper forms and online enrollments to make sure they match up. When they don't match up it takes a lot more time! If you have not done the online portion yet, please do so soon! Returning VIPs are a lot easier! We verify their club, and that we have the VIP renewal form in our office. Our first enrollment deadline is coming up and the paper form is required along with the online form. Here is a reminder at what's due and when:

February 2nd, 5:00 p.m.

Deadline for ALL VIPs and 4-H Enrollments for Livestock projects

May 1st, 5:00 p.m.

Enrollment deadline for all other projects to be able to exhibit at the County Fair.

REMEMBER—your community leader has all of the specific information and details. Don't miss out!!!

Local News and Deadlines

4-H Council

- Next meeting is February 12th. Please have a representative from your club attend every meeting!

Pin Applications & KAPs

- If you haven't started yet, now is a perfect time to review your pin application, make sure you are enrolled in Leadership if needed and start filling the form out. Check them off as you go!

- It's also time to be working on you KAPs! It's easier and less stressful if you start now!

Year At a Glance

Included with this Newsletter is a document with a lot of important dates. Make sure to save it!

4-H Camp

Camp is just around the corner. Be watching for sign-up forms to be coming out. If you are interested in being a counselor, you will need to complete the 4-H VIP screenings. Contact Charlene ASAP!

IMPORTANT DATES

January 19—Fair Board Meeting

January 21—4-H Day pre-entries due

February 1—Market animal enrollment deadline (paper & 4-H Online both required)

February 12—4-H Council

February 13—4-H Day cancellations due to Extension Office by noon.

Feb. 14—4-H Days

March 7—Market Beef Weigh-In

May 1—Market beef nominations due

May 1—All non-livestock project enrollment deadline

May 21 - Mini-Fair

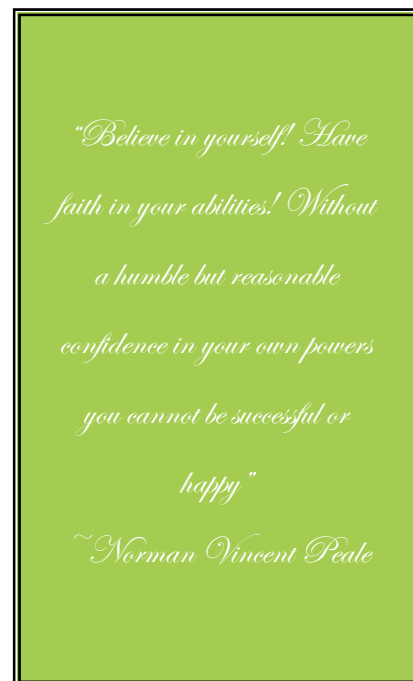
June 13—Spring Horse Show

July 11—Fashion Review

July 13—Supporter's Picnic

July 18—Co. Fair Horse Show

July 25-30—County Fair



4-H Ambassadors at the El Dorado KidzFest.

News from the State



4-H Day Presentations Fact

Sheets—Are available online at the State 4-H Website. Need help finding them? Contact Charlene and she can point you in the right direction!

AWARDS

- 4-H Scholarships for the State level are due into the State 4-H Office by February 2nd. If you are interested in scholarship information, contact Charlene. They need to be submitted to the our office by **Noon, January 27th**

- Alumni Award—Do you know someone who is a 4-H Alum and has made significant contributions and exemplifies leadership and citizenship?

Consider nominating them for an Alumni Award. Contact Charlene for more information. Nominations are due March 1 into the State office.

CAMPS

- Junior Swine producer day in Manhattan Feb. 28th. Registration due by Feb. 18th

- There will be 2, KSU Animal Sciences Leadership Academy's, in 2015 in Manhattan. Visit www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu for more info. Applications are due April 1st.

HORSE

- 2015 SC District Horse Show will be on July 7th in Kingman, KS

- Horse judging camps for beginners and advanced in June. Visit www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

- Are you a Key Award recipient or interested in going to National 4-H Congress and have never been? If you are interested in more information, contact Charlene

SHOOTING SPORTS

- Instructor training will be April 24-26 at Rock Springs. Contact Gene Maggard if you are interested. More information will be available soon.

El Dorado KidzFest

The Butler County 4-H Ambassadors volunteered some of their Saturday time on January 10th to help promote 4-H and Healthy Eating at the El Dorado KidzFest. Over 1,100 people were in attendance at this event with multiple booths and activities for youth ages 2-12 to participate in. The Ambassadors handed out information on 4-H and how to make fruit & yogurt parfaits, provided samples of fruit & yogurt parfaits, and handed out kazoo's and magnifying glasses with the saying "Find your way with 4-H"! Thank you Butler County 4-H Ambassadors and advisors Joanna Hadley and Deb Johnson for giving your time on Saturday! Barb and I truly appreciate it!





2015 Butler County 4-H Dates

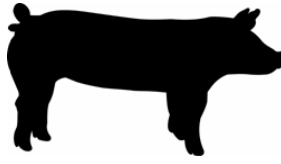


<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
January 8 th	7:30 pm	4-H Council
January 19 th	ALL DAY	EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED
January 21 st	5:00 p.m.	4-H Day Sign-up Due
Feb. 12 th	7:30 p.m.	4-H Council
Feb. 14 th	8:30 a.m.	4-H Days at Butler Community College
Feb. 2	5:00 p.m.	Livestock enrollment deadline both on paper forms and through 4-H online.
Feb. 2	5:00 p.m.	VIP deadline
Feb. 16 th	ALL DAY	EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED
Feb. 20 th	5:00 p.m.	Regional 4-H Days entries due to Ext Off
March 7 th	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Market Beef Weigh-in with the option to tag Commercial Heifers and Bucket Calves
March 14 th	9:00 a.m.	Regional 4-H Days at Bu. Comm. College
April 9 th	7:30 p.m.	4-H Council
April 24 th	4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Market Lamb and Meat Goat tagging at Fairgrounds
April 25 th	8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Market Lamb and Meat Goat tagging at Fairgrounds
May 1 st	5:00 p.m.	4-H Project Enrollment Deadline (non-livestock)
May 1 st	5:00 p.m.	Market Livestock Nominations Due into State
May 21 st	6:00 p.m.	Mini-Fair
May 25 th	ALL DAY	EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED
May 26-29		Discovery Days at Manhattan
June 3-6		4-H Camp
June 13		Spring Horse Show
June 15th		Commercial Heifer, Swine Sheep, and Meat Goat nominations Due to State
July 3 rd	ALL DAY	EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED
July 7 th		All Day District Horse Show - Kingman
July 11 th	All Day	4-H Fair Fashion Review
July 13 th	Evening	4-H Supporters Picnic
July 18 th	All Day	4-H Fair Horse Show
July 25 th – 30 th		2015 Butler County Fair
Sept. 3 rd	7:30 p.m.	4-H Council
Sept. 7 th	ALL DAY	EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED
Sept. 10 th	Noon-4:00 p.m.	Gather small, non-breathing items to take to State Fair
Sept. 11 – 20		Kansas State Fair
Sept. 18 th	5:00 p.m.	KAPs, Special Award, Club Summaries, County Scholarships due
Oct. 2-4		Kansas Junior Livestock Show

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day



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February 28, 2015
Kansas State University
Weber Arena

Please join us February 28th for the Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day at Weber Arena. This highly interactive, hands-on educational event will be a fun filled day of activities in which youth, parents, swine project leaders and adults can increase their knowledge and experience of swine production and management practices. This event was last held in 2013, where over 400 participants from 47 counties attended! All participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, T-shirt, and a complimentary noon lunch. Participants with registrations after February 1 cannot be guaranteed a T-shirt.

Cost: \$10/person by February 1 or \$15/person after February 18

More than \$1,000 in show equipment/supplies to be given away!

Schedule:

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 9:30 Selecting Your Youth Project
- 10:00 Breakout Sessions (will attend 2)
 - Meat 101: Know your Pork!
 - Swine Breeds and Ear Notching
 - Proper Grooming and Clipping
- 11:15 Nutrition and Daily Feeding
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:15 Youth PQA+ Certification Session
(optional to attend, will last until 1:30)
- 12:30 Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDv) Update
- 1:00 Daily Care: From Purchase to Show
- 1:30 Hands-On Showmanship
- 2:15 Final Questions and Wrap-up

Thanks To Our Sponsors!

Kansas Pork Association
Suther Feeds Inc.
Essential Show Feeds
Valley Vet Supply (will have supplies on-site)
K-State Department of Animal Sciences
and Industry

Questions? Contact:

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Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day: Feb. 28, 2015 Early Registration By Feb. 18, 2015

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Email contact: _____

Adult Shirt Size: ____ or Youth Shirt Size: ____ Check Age: __ 13 & Under __ 14-18 __ Adult

\$10 Fee Enclosed: _____ Do you plan on attending the Youth PQA+ session: __ Yes __ No

One form per participant. Please make checks payable to: **Jr. Producer Day**

Mail check and registration to Lois Schreiner, 218Weber Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506

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VIP IS REQUIRED !

OZ-Some4-H Camp Counselor Application and Code of Conduct

(completed form due to Butler County Extension Office no later than **April 10, 2015**)

Camp Counselors must be 8th grade and older (May, 2015). Preference will be given to those in 9th grade and above. Interviews will be scheduled on Monday, April 13 and Thursday, April 16 at the Butler County Extension Office. Interviews will be scheduled between 3:30 -5:30 p.m. Please call the Extension Office to schedule your time. If these dates and times don't work for you, contact Charlene to set up an appointment for an interview.

All Counselor Applicants must attend Training on June 2 and 3.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____
(Street, Road) (City) (Zip Code)

Grade _____ Phone (_____) _____
(Grade completed 2015)

T-Shirt - Adult Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

Sex: Male Female E-mail _____
(Please circle)

Counselor Objective

Serving as a counselor at 4-H Camp is a rewarding experience. The personal growth and sense of accomplishment that counselors gain by providing educational experiences for campers is significant.

Counselor Agreement

I realize that as a counselor at Rock Springs 4-H Center for the Oz-Some 4-H Camp group, I will:

- ✓ **Must attend the Camp Counselor Training on June 2 and 3.**
- ✓ Be responsible for a group of 8-9 4-H campers from our camp group. This group will be of similar grades. This responsibility will be 24 hour per day while at camp, beginning when campers start arriving and ending when all campers leave camp.

This responsibility will include, but not be limited to the following:

- ✓ Getting campers to scheduled activities on time.
- ✓ Being with campers at all times! The only exception is counselor meetings.
- ✓ Being accountable for the camping group's behavior. Acceptable behavior and discipline policies will be discussed during counselor training and meetings.

Counselor Questions

Have you served as a camp counselor before?

CHECK: _____ 4-H, Years _____ Other, Years _____

Explain _____

Have you attended camps before?

CHECK: _____ 4-H, Number of times _____
_____ Other, Number of times _____

Explain _____

What camp experience would you prefer? Please rank all positions available.

Rank: _____ Rookie Camp (June 3-4)
_____ Regular Camp (June 3-6)

Explain _____

What previous experience do you have working with youth, small groups specifically? (i.e., church, school, community, etc.)

Why are you interested in serving as a camp counselor? Why should you be selected to serve as a counselor this year?

Have you read the camp counselor guidelines and job description? ____ After doing so, what is the role of a camp counselor? How can you fulfill this role?

What are some of the reasons for conducting 4-H Camp, besides fun???

What counselor responsibilities would you like to learn more about in the counselor training session?

Committee Selection: Please rank the following committees 1 thru 4 (All selected Rookie Counselors will be on a Rookie Committee)

____ Meals, Manners and Songs Committee

____ Pre-Meal Activities Committee

____ Campfire Planning Committee

____ Camp Closing Ceremony Committee

*****Essay:** By serving as camp counselors you are preparing yourselves for college and the workforce. Many of you will be applying for college, scholarships and jobs. Often times an essay is a part of this process. So, to apply for camp counselor this year, please practice your essay writing by completing a one page essay on a separate piece of paper, double spaced, typed preferred.

Essay Topic: Choose two Kansas 4-H Life Skills and explain how those are practiced during camp. Life skills include: Sound Decision Making, A Positive Self Concept, Concern for the Community, Healthy Interpersonal Relationships, and An Inquiring Mind.

COUNSELOR RELEASE/AGREEMENT FORM

Message to Parent and Campers

All reasonable efforts are made by the OZ-Some Camp Association to provide a safe, secure environment at 4-H Camp. As part of that effort, parents and counselor applicants are asked to jointly complete the following information.

COUNSELOR CODE OF CONDUCT:

Attending camp and being a camp counselor at Rock Springs 4-H Center is a **privilege; not a right**. Camp provides a wonderful opportunity for exploring new interests, making new friends and learning to make decisions as a member of a group. To maximize this experience, each counselor is expected to abide by the camp rules and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Please read and sign this agreement at bottom of page.

As a camp counselor, I agree to:

- ✓ Follow the guidance of the agents and Rock Springs staff.
- ✓ Attend all scheduled camp activities and be on time. I will communicate with an agent if problems arise.
- ✓ Use language and manners that will bring respect to myself and Kansas 4-H. Bad language will not be tolerated.
- ✓ Treat Rock Springs 4-H Center, including the wildlife, with respect.
- ✓ Follow and enforce curfew and quiet time hours.
- ✓ Not bring water guns, water toys, radios, tape players, electronic games, weapons (knives, guns, etc.) matches, lighter, cell phones or offensive magazines.
- ✓ No cell phones are allowed. If a counselor or camper is found to have a cell phone, he/she will be sent home.
- ✓ Abide by the OZ-Some Camp Group Dress Code:
 - Items of clothing advertising alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or drugs, or that have vulgar, obscene or offensive messages **are not appropriate**.
 - Undergarments should be worn but not seen.
 - Hats, caps, and visors are not appropriate inside buildings and at meals.
 - Shorts should be appropriate for school (Example: 3-5 inch inseam).
 - Shirts, blouses, tops and t-shirts cannot expose the midriff, the back, or cleavage. Tank tops are allowed as long as they are not revealing. See through shirts are not acceptable. Shirts cannot be altered.
 - One piece swimsuit is preferred.
 - When leaving the swimming pool area everyone must have a shirt on.
 - All wardrobes are subject to approval of adults in charge.
- ✓ Forfeit my camp counselor experience, if I am arrested and/or convicted of a DUI, MIP and/or other drug or alcohol-related offense after being selected as a camp counselor.
- ✓ Contact my Extension Agent to let them know I have been arrested and/or convicted of a DUI, MIP and/or other drug or alcohol-related offense.
- ✓ Attend Camp Counselor Training and fulfill my Camp Counselor time commitment.

PHOTO RELEASE

I hereby give my permission to K-State Research and Extension to use any photography of my child taken by the official 4-H activity or 4-H conference photographer for programs, promotions or for any other use by K-State Research and Extension. I also recognize that these photographs are the property of K-State Research and Extension.

Signature (parent or guardian if under 18)

Date

I have read the Camp Counselor Agreement and completed the application to the best of my ability. I also understand that the decision to not behave acceptably or carry out my responsibilities in the accepted format could result in my being sent home at my own and parents' expense, i.e., transportation.

(Parent or Guardian Signature)

(Counselor Signature)

OZ-Some Camp

Title: CAMP COUNSELOR

Purpose: Provide guidance and leadership for 8-9 campers in a safe, nurturing environment.

Responsibilities of Duties:

1. Complete the camp counselor application, arrange for interview time, and sign camp counselor code of ethics.
2. Attendance and participation in camp counselor training.
3. Welcome campers to camp and make them feel safe.
4. Create a team atmosphere among campers while participating in activities.
5. Observe campers and be aware of their health (checking health card and taking campers to nurse if necessary), safety and well-being. Report to camp nurse if necessary.
6. Know where campers are at all times and be present during critical times.
7. Observe the camp rules.
8. Initiate group decisions.
9. Follow camp schedule.
10. Communicate with agents any behavioral problems, sickness, etc.
11. Full payment of camp registration.

Skills/Knowledge Needed:

- Junior Counselor experience (preferred not required)
- Communication skills both written and verbal
- Organizational skills
- Ability to work with youth
- Listening skills
- Sensitivity to campers' personalities, differences, and needs
- Ability to motivate youth
- Small group decision-making skills

Time Required:

- 15 minute interview
- 2 day camp counselor training
- 4 days Rock Springs 4-H Center

Resources Available:

- Previous camp counselors
- OZ-Some Association members
- County/District Extension Agent
- Counselor Application

Benefits to Volunteer:

- Full Camp fee provided for up to 11 counselors
- Meet new friends
- Work with youth
- Leadership skills gained
- Opportunity to role model

Expectations Resulting from this Position:

- Fun, safe, camp environment
- Campers' feeling safe
- Self-confidence