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It's Time to Spring



Mother Nature has finally granted a string of gorgeous days to enjoy outside! I'm just as much ready for the cold to vanish and the

spring weather to stick around as many of you are as well! This time of year brings a new sense of happiness and refreshing feeling! What's not to love seeing baby animals running and playing, flowers blooming, green grass growing and children frolicking outside! Just a few short days ago, we had to Spring forward with time. Losing sleep is never a favorite of mine!

With Spring near by, it's time to start springing forward with your 4-H projects and bethinking of what's next around the corner....FAIR!!!

If you haven't started springing forward, here are a few tasks you could get started on:

⇒ Review Pin applications, start fill-

ing them out and see what else you need to do to reach that pin

⇒ Start working on your KAP now. It's easier to do then wait until the last minute! Don't forget to take pictures!

⇒ Start working on projects that take time to complete for Butler County Fair (arts & crafts, leather, drawing, crochet, pictures, etc.)

⇒ Spend time with your livestock project teaching them to walk/lead, set-up, etc.

It's never too early to get started!

I would also like to give a huge shout out to all of the youth and adult volunteers who helped with beef weigh-in set-up on Friday night and weigh-in tagging on Saturday. You all did an AWESOME job and kept things flowing smoothly! THANK YOU!

~Charlene

Project Leaders

Project leaders are encouraged to start holding project meetings if they have not already done so! Some clubs do not have a project lead-

er for everything the youth are enrolled in. If you are holding meetings and would like to invite other youth from the county, please

let us know. We will be happy to spread the word! The more we work together, the more we can benefit the youth of tomorrow!

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Leader's Lounge

Calling all Community Leader's!

Can you believe we are almost half way through the 4-H Year! We are in the 6th month and your clubs should be going strong!

Review

____ 4-H Forecaster for important dates

____ Review information with your club

To-Do

____ Plan to have a fun spring!

____ Check in with project leaders to ensure they are on task and holding meetings

____ Review the new pin apps as soon as they come out the end of the month

____ Make sure add/drop forms are done if needed—Due May 1

____ Check club mail-box at Extension Office

____ Look at the Club Seal Summary and bring it up to date!

____ Encourage members to work on Fair projects

Promote/Recruit

____ 4-H Camp May June 3-6, registration due May 1

____ 4-H Camp Counselors—Applications are due April 10

____ 4-H Discovery Days May 26-29

Remember

____ Horse ID Papers and Dairy ID papers Due May 1

____ Jan-March Club Report is due April 10th. Be watching for an email.



Don't Forget, ANY
Fundraiser being held
by your club needs pri-
or approval from our
office, each time, be-
fore it is conducted

What Does a Ribbon Mean?

In 4-H, we use the “Danish” system for ribbon placing. This means that exhibits are not judged “against” each other but rather they are evaluated according to a standard. In this system, judging begins at the white ribbon level.

4—Whiteindicates average work. Project may need some work to be competitive.

REMEMBER—

Competition is a learning experience and a way to get another person's opinion! The real reason behind a project should be to learn about and grown in a project by utilizing the “learn by doing” method

1—Purple.... indicates superior work, no serious errors. Project is outstanding on all standards.

3—Red....indicates average work, has a few weaknesses which need improvement. Project meets the minimum standards. It shows honest effort has been made.

2— Blue....indicates above average work, has minor problems. Project has exceeded minimum standards.

Having one's accomplishments evaluated can be motivating and educational for 4-H'ers. When judges critique their work or performance, it serves as a guide to further improvement. The judging process is probably more valuable than the award or recognition. To plan, practice, and present a finished product is to “learn by doing.” To graciously accept constructive criticism of one's work is a real life experience.

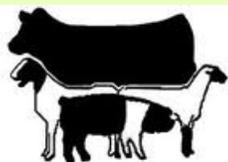
4-H'ers learn quickly that judging results reflect a personal opinion, and that evaluation will vary among judges. (<http://njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/pdfs/4h/e148/425-428.pdf>)

Shooting Sports Project News

The Saturday, April 4, basic shotgun course is being held at Michael Murphy Sporting Clays, 6400 SW Hunter Road. Check in is from 8:30 to 9am. The class starts at 9:00am, and will end at about 4pm. Bring your own lunch and drinks. Ice chests will be available for storing them.

You must complete a Shooting Sports enrollment form and turn it in to the Extension Office by Wednesday, April 1. If you are not currently enrolled in 4-H, your parent will need to complete a participation form before you can participate in the course. This can be done Saturday morning at the range. Your parent must be present to sign the form. If not, you must bring the completed form with you. You cannot participate without the signed form.

Bring your own shotgun, either a 12 ga. or 20 ga. No 410-s. An improved cylinder choke is preferred. If you do not have a suitable shotgun, a limited number of shotguns can be provided. Ammunition is provided. Contact Gene Maggard at 316-742-3746 to let him know if you have your own shotgun and its gauge, or if you have any questions. Signup for this course must be completed by April 1.



SIGN-UP for County Live-

stock Emails—David Kehler, Ag Agent, has created a distribution list of leaders and others who like to receive emails of 4-H Livestock information and updates. If you would like to be included, please email David at dkehler@ksu.edu. Type **YOUTH LIVESTOCK** in the subject line, include your email address and which list you would like to be added to (Beef -includes bucket calf, sheep, swine, and meat goats).

Information and forms on the Internet

Remember, you can go to our Butler County Extension Web-

Youth Livestock

site to get any county or state livestock forms for information. Go to: www.butler.ksu.edu and click on the “4-H & Youth” link on the left side and then on “livestock information” for the selections. In addition to Butler County information, there is a link to the state site. You can get information on state nominations, state events, etc.

Another good sight with lots of information on dates and events is: <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/>

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

March 28th—Kansas Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day

May 1—Market Beef Nominations Due

May 1—Tagging Deadline for Bucket Calves

June 15—Commercial Heifer, Commercial/Market Swine, Sheep, and Goat nominations Due

June 15—Tagging deadline for Commercial Heifers

June 15—Dairy Heifer or Cows must have registration or transfer papers dated before this date.

YOUTH PQA TRAINING

Required for all youth enrolled in the SWINE project. See the flyer included in this newsletter.

Changes for the 2015 Fair

The Butler County Fair Board is working hard on the 2015 Butler County Fair Book and the schedule. Here is a “head’s up”

- 1) Cow/Calf pairs will be a separate division this year
- 2) Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks will take place on Sunday afternoon
- 3) Club banner’s will be county completion only. They have been removed as an exhibit from the State Fair (done so by State Fair, not our county Fair Board!).
- 4) Swine Gilt class has been added. Enrollment is required to the Extension Office by May 1.
- 5) Clothing construction will be judged at the Fashion Review this year on July 11th.



Invitation from Hickory Helpers

Hickory Helpers would like to issue an open invitation to all Butler County Clubs hear him speak. Once you read his Bio, you can definitely derive he will have a lot to speak about concerning the military, being a pilot, setting life goals, and working towards them.

Esty will be speaking at our May 11th, meeting at 7pm following a short club meeting. Our meeting location is the Methodist Church in Leon.

Due to having a speaker, please have each club provide enough snacks for their club to share that evening. Hickory Helpers will provide the paper products along with Tea and Water.

For information or to RSVP: Call/Text Robin Augur at 316-207-9482.

Here is a small glimpse at the Biography for Lieutenant Colonel Esteban L. Ramirez:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ESTEBAN L. RAMIREZ

Lieutenant Colonel Esteban L. “Esty” Ramirez is the Commander of the 931st Operations Support Squadron, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. The



squadron provides Aircrew Flight Equipment, Combat Crew Communications, Current Operations, Intelligence, Mission Development, and Tactics support to the 931st Air Refueling Group. In this position, he commands 47 military and civilian personnel and is responsible for an annual \$2.5 million operating budget, assisting the 931st Air Refueling Group Commander in support of Air Mobility Command's worldwide air refueling mission.

Colonel Ramirez graduated and received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Sciences. He then graduated from Undergraduate Pilot Training in 1993 at Reese AFB, Texas. Throughout his career, he has served in various positions including a tour as the deployed Chief of Safety for the wartime

Joint Special Operations Task Force II (Kosovo). After 9 years on active duty, he joined the reserves where he has served the last 14 years. Since becoming a reservist, his background now includes flying as a pilot with a major airline, as well as managing aircraft development as the Director for Systems Engineering for a major aircraft manufacturer.

Colonel Ramirez is a command pilot with more than 5,000 hours. As the Distinguished Graduate of the KC-135R Aircraft Commander Initial Qualification Course, he has mobilized 4 times in support of worldwide contingencies accumulating over 100 combat sorties and 1000 hours of combat/combat support as part of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, JOINT FORGE, DENY FLIGHT, RESTORE HOPE, ALLIED FORCE, NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, and NEW DAWN.

Summer Camps



WANTED:
4-H Camp
Counselors

If you are currently an 8th grader or older...we

need YOU! Camp Counselors are 8th through 12th graders. Camp counselors will go to Rock Springs on June 2nd and camp will take place June 3rd-6th. Counselor applications are **DUE April 10th**. Interviews will take place on Thursday, April 16th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. PLUS—it's FREE for up to 11 counselors!!! Applications can be found online at www.butler.ksu.edu and in the January edition of the 4-H Newsletter.



Rookie Campers: If you are in 1st or 2nd grade, sign-up TODAY

to be a rookie camper. Rookie Camp is limited to the first 45 campers signed-up. It is filled on a first come first-serve basis between all the counties that attend in the Oz-Some Camp Group. Rookie camp is \$100. You can sign-up here: <https://tinyurl.com/ozsomerookie-15>

Regular Campers: Are you ready for FOUR action packed days? If so, then plan to come to 4-H Camp June 3rd-6th at Rock Springs. Camp is \$190 this year. You can sign up

for camp here: <https://tinyurl.com/ozsomeregular-15>

DISCOVERY DAYS

Discovery Days 2015 will be held May 26th-29th at Kansas State University in Manhattan. This opportunity is open to youth who are 13 to 19 years old. Youth will participate in workshops, service activities, dance, ice cream, a keynote speaker, and free time to enjoy the beautiful K-State Campus. You can sign-up for Discover Days at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=418>

SEWING CAMP

Create a garment from pattern to wear during this year's 4th annual Kansas 4-H Sewing Camp! Participants will explore new sewing concepts and improve current sewing skills. Junior participants (age 9-12) and Senior participants (age 13 and older) will attend camp at K-State Salina, work on touch control sewing machines, and receive assistance from teen counselors and textile knowledgeable adults.

Junior camp will be held June 25-27, and Senior camp will be held June 27-30. You can sign up for camp here: <http://www.cvent.com/d/2rqkr0>

CAMPFERENCE

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is excited to plan and host 4-H Campference!!!

This event is focused on "betweenagers," youth ages 12-14, and will be held May 31-June 3, 2015 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the "camp" activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program, becoming a leader and activities to energize youth while learning healthy living skills and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas. For more information on campference, visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=30>

Stay tuned for registration information.



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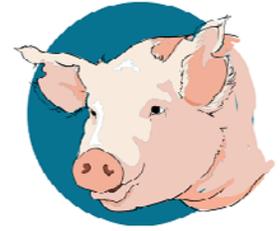
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Pork Quality Assurance

(PQA) Meetings - 2 Sessions Available



- **Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m**
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, March 17
&
- **Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.**
Registration Deadline: Friday, March 20

Meetings Will Be Held at the 4-H/Community Building - 200 N. Griffith - El Dorado, Ks.

To Register, call the Butler County Extension Office at 316-321-9660.

Age Groups (as of January 1, 2015):

Beginners: age 8 - 11 yrs old - **MUST** attend PQA training each year to certify

Intermediate: age 12 - 14 yrs old - can attend each year or by passing a PQA exam (test out for Intermediate)

Advanced: age 15 - 18 yrs old - can attend each year or by passing a PQA exam (test out for Advanced)

- 7 year olds, as of January 1, 2015, with siblings can use the siblings PQA number.
- 7 year olds, as of January 1, 2015, without siblings must have a parent attend an Adult PQA training. Adult PQA training will be scheduled at a later time.
- 7 year olds are encouraged to attend a meeting.

Youth PQA On-Line Available after April 1

☐ Youth Training Requirements

Beginners

- ✓ Attend Annual Training in Person or On-Line
- ✓ Ages 8 - 11

Intermediate and Advanced

- ✓ Attend Annual Training or Pass Test-Out Exam
- ✓ Ages 12 - 14
- ✓ Ages 15 - 19

☐ Youth Certification - Age Levels

Youth PQA Plus consists of 3 age levels:

Ages 8 - 11 Beginner

- ✓ 1 Year Certification through Training in Person or On-Line

Ages 12 - 14 Intermediate

- ✓ 1 Year Certification through Training in Person or On-Line
- ✓ Test Out by Examination Option or On-line

Ages 15 - 19 Intermediate

- ✓ 1 Year Certification through Training in Person or On-Line
- ✓ Test Out by Examination Option or On-line



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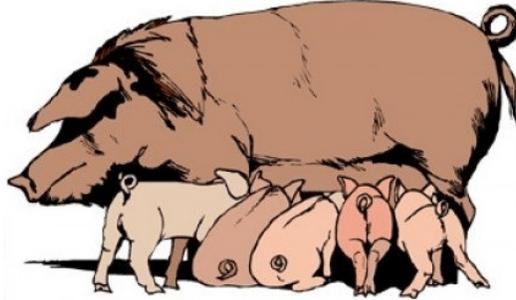


2015 Butler County 4-H Dates



<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. 25 th	5:00 p.m.	KAPs, Special Award, Club Summaries, County Scholarships due
Oct. 2-4		Kansas Junior Livestock Show

****NEW****
**2015 Butler County 4-H
Fair Class**



A Swine - Breeding Gilt Class will be added to the 2015 Butler County 4-H Fair. If you are interested in enrolling in the Swine - Breeding Gilt Project, fill out the bottom portion and return it to the Butler County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1. Office staff will add the project to your ks4honline enrollment profile.

If you have any questions about this project contact, David Kehler, dkehler@ksu.edu or Charlene Miller, cmmiller1@ksu.edu at the Butler County Extension Office, at 316-321-9660.

Club _____

4-H'ers Name _____ 4-H Age _____

Address _____

City / Zip _____

Phone Number _____