The Clover Connection
A newsletter for Douglas County 4-H Families and Volunteers
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2016 Fantastic 4-H Camp

Registration is open for 2016 Fantastic 4-H Camp. Fantastic 4-H Camp is a three night, four day camping adventure at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. Camp will be June 12-15.

Registration: including full payment, an updated 4-H participation form and online registration, is due April 15. Registration is available at: http://tinyurl.com/16dg4hcamp

Questions about 4-H camp can be directed toward Kaitlyn Peine, 4-H Youth Development Agent, or Nickie Harding, 4-H Program Assistant, at 785-843-7058.

Camp Counselors for Fantastic 4-H Camp

Seeking responsible and energetic teen and adult volunteers to serve as camp counselors. A complete volunteer screening application is required for all camp counselors. Teen volunteers should be at least 15 years old.

Camp counselors are also expected to attend camp counselor training at the Johnson County Extension Office on Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.

A camp counselor position description along with the link to the application is available at http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/ Applications and a current volunteer screening is due by April 15.

Questions? Contact Nickie Harding, at nharding@ksu.edu or 785-843-7058.

Douglas County 4-H Council Scholarship Program

The Douglas County 4-H Council Scholarship Program was established to provide financial assistance to encourage all 4-H’ers and adult volunteers to attend 4-H related conferences and camps.

Conference opportunities include but are not limited to: Campference, Discovery Days, KYLF, Sewing Camp, Photo Adventure Camp, Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum, adult trainings, etc. The funds used for this program are raised through the annual county fair 4-H concessions stand.

The scholarship application is posted at www.douglas.k-state/4-h/forms.html under the Scholarship Application heading. Return the completed form to the Extension office at least 14 days prior to the event registration deadline.

Questions can be directed to Kaitlyn Peine at kpeine@ksu.edu or call 785-843-7058.

Save the Date:

Douglas County Free Fair - July 24 - August 2

Kansas State Fair - September 11 - September 20; Hutchinson
Campference

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is excited to host 4-H Campference!!! This event is focused on "betweenagers," youth ages 12-14 (As of January 1, 2016), and will be June 24-27 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, 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.

Last year’s event was terrific and those that attended highly recommend you consider it too!

Families can visit: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html for details and registration.

Registration is due to the Douglas County Extension Office by May 16 and includes: online registration, a current Kansas 4-H Participation Form and payment. Checks should be made payable to the Douglas County Extension Council.

2016 Discovery Days

Are You Ready for Discovery Days? Put May 31-June 3 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. This year’s theme is “Get a Clue and Discover YOU.”

Discovery Days offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! You can also share your talents in the talent show. Are you ready to dance? Are you ready for some Call Hall ice cream? Are you ready for some great speakers, Discovery Days Night Live, and all the other possibilities in your future? This year will feature a mystery for all delegates to investigate and hopefully solve!

Discovery Days is a three night, four day overnight camp. Youth who are at least 13 as of January 1, 2016 are eligible to attend. Delegates experience the dorms on campus, attend workshops, gain leadership skills and make new friends. Registration is posted at www.kansas4-H.org and click on “Register for 4-H Events” registration deadline is May 1.

Payment and a updated 4-H Participation Form is due to the Douglas County Extension Office by May 2.

Please make checks payable to Douglas County Extension Council.

4-H Lawrence Area Lego Brick Drive

Remember to drop off any unused Lego or Duplo bricks to the Extension office. Any piece no matter how small is very helpful. They do not have to be clean or sorted. Any sets with missing pieces or parts is okay. All donations will go to rebuild sets to give to kids in need at the holidays. The Brick Donation Drive ends the last day of the county fair so clean out those toy boxes soon! Any questions contact Erik Dallman, 785-424-0591, Erik@ErikDallman.com
**Sewing Camp**

Come join us for the 5th Annual State 4-H Sewing Camp! This year’s Specialty Camp is designed for youth who have mastered basic sewing skills and are ready to challenge themselves to learn new and more advanced skills. The camp offers 4-H members an opportunity to learn and build confidence in the Clothing and Textiles project. Participants should all know the basics with pattern layout/cutting and basic sewing machine operation. Participants will choose their project when they arrive on campus.

There will be time for a service learning opportunity again this year and a creative challenge led by Central KS District 4-H member and Project Runway Junior Premier Season participant, Jaxson Metzler.

All fabrics, supplies and equipment will be provided for youth to construct their project.

Camp is May 31-June 3 in Manhattan. Youth ages 13-18 (as of Jan. 1, 2016) are eligible to attend. Camp registration fee is $195.

Please go to [www.kansas4-h.org/event/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/event/index.html) to register by May 1.

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**Douglas County 4-H Swine Club Meeting and YPQA Plus Training**

The Douglas County 4-H Swine Club will be hosting a Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus training at their meeting on Thursday, April 28th at 7:30 p.m. The Douglas County Pork Producers will be serving pork burgers for supper at the meeting. Please RSVP by Monday April 25 to the Extension office at 785-843-7058 or you may e-mail Roberta at rwyckoff@ksu.edu with the total number (4-H’ers and adults) that will be attending so we may plan accordingly.

All youth who plan to show swine at the county fair are strongly encouraged to complete the Youth PQA Plus program. 4-H members nominating hogs for the state fair and/or KJLS are required to complete the certification program.

The National Pork Board now offers online training for the Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus certification program. Information about the online training can be found at [http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/YPQAOntlineCertificationInstructions.pdf](http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/YPQAOntlineCertificationInstructions.pdf)

The National Pork Board requires youth to be at least 8 as of January 1, 2016 before they can be assigned a Youth PQA Plus certification number. Youth who are nominating swine for the state shows and are not at least 8 as of January 1, 2016 need to contact Roberta at rwyckoff@ksu.edu or 785-843-7058 to make alternative arrangements.

Swine project members, please be sure to login to 4-H online at [www.ks.4honline.com](http://www.ks.4honline.com) and sign-up for the Douglas County Swine Club project. This will ensure that you receive emails about upcoming meetings. If you have questions about sign-up, contact Nickie Harding at nharding@ksu.edu. The fall meeting will take place on November 10 at 7 p.m., in the Dreher Family 4-H Building - North Room. If there are particular topics/speakers you would like for these meetings, please email kellyloganbill@gmail.com.
The Douglas County 4-H Spring Livestock Expo is scheduled for May 21 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Pre-entries are due electronically at http://tinyurl.com/DG4hspringexpo by May 9. Pre-entries are required to guarantee an exhibitor t-shirt. The Expo flyer including the rules can be found at http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/ Questions? Contact Roberta rwyckoff@ksu.edu or 785-843-7058.

A planning meeting is scheduled for the Spring Expo on Tuesday, April 12 at the Extension office starting at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to rwyckoff@ksu.ed.

**Weigh-In and Tagging for Sheep, Swine and Goats**

**May 21** – during check-in for the Expo and **May 23** from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**The Details**

All market lambs, hogs, and goats intended to be shown at the county fair must be tagged by May 23. Each 4-H member can tag up to 5 market animals per specie for the Douglas County Fair. All livestock will be tagged with 4-H EID tags. The tags are $4 each.

**Make an Appointment**

On Saturday livestock will be weighed and tagged during the appropriate check-in times. Appointments are required for Monday. To schedule an appointment call the Extension office at 785-843-7058.

**Tagging Policy for State 4-H Livestock Shows**

The following policy is regarding tagging livestock after the spring weigh-in and tagging dates. Please note the same policy applies to county fair livestock that lose their tag prior to county fair.

Livestock tagged after May 23 will not be eligible to be shown as a market animal at the 2016 Douglas County Fair. Exhibitors purchasing livestock for state shows after the spring tagging date will be required to bring the animal(s) to the Douglas County Extension Office. Exhibitors also have the option to have the tags delivered to their farm by an Extension agent for a $40 fee. Make checks payable to the Douglas County Extension Council. Either the exhibitor or parent will be responsible for tagging the animal(s) under the supervision of an Extension agent. An appointment is required. The office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For appointments, contact Roberta Wyckoff or Kaitlyn Peine at 785-843-7058.

**Horse ID Papers Due**

Horse ID papers are due to the Douglas County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2.

Any 4-H’er planning to show their horse at the Douglas County 4-H Horse Show and/or the District 4-H Horse Show is required to ID their horse(s) by May 2.

The 4-H Horse ID form can be found at http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html

Questions? Contact Kaitlyn Peine, at 785-843-7058 or kpeine@ksu.edu.
Douglas County 4-H Shooting Sports

Douglas County 4-H Shooting Sports is pleased to announce that we will be offering a shotgun project starting in May. Please be aware that the project has some very specific requirements:

- Participants will be 4-H age 11 or older.
- Participants will be required to show proof of completion of the Kansas Hunters Safety certification program.
- Enrollment in the project prior to June 7 is required.
- Shooters will be required to provide their own shotgun, shotgun ammunition, shell pouch, eye protection, hearing protection, and range fees.

Practice will be held at the Cedar Hill Gun Club from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings beginning May 10. The project will run weekly from May 10 - September 27.

Shooters are responsible for paying their own range fees of $10 per project meeting and will need to bring $10 to EACH project meeting they attend. You will pay your money directly to the staff of Cedar Hill Gun Club at the end of each project meeting. Failure to have money to pay for your rounds of trap will result in you not shooting.

Space is limited so don’t hesitate to get signed up! If you have any questions, please contact Darrel Ward at: Ward.darrel@gmail.com or 785-760-1231.

Douglas County 4-H Archery Project

The Archery Leaders met and the following are plans for the 2016 Douglas County 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Project Club meetings:

1. Youth must be eight years of age by December 31, 2015 to participate in archery in the summer of 2016. To participate in the State Match in September, the 4-H’er must be nine years of age.
2. Youth must be enrolled in a 4-H Community Club and in the Shooting Sports Archery project by June 8, 2016.
3. Project meetings are scheduled every Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., beginning June 1 through the end of August. Youth are not required to attend every week. Should the number of youth participating be larger than can be safely handled, adjustments will be made and youth split into two groups and meet every other week.
4. Project meetings will be at the home of Brian Lantis, 1134 N 100 Road, Baldwin City.
5. Safety training is required and will be offered June 1 and June 8. This is required for all youth, including those who have participated in the past. At least one parent is required to be at the safety training. There is a section specifically for parents. If there is a conflict with these dates, contact Brian Lantis at 785-979-1532 before June 1 to make other arrangements.
6. Unless the youth is 14 or older, at least one parent is required to be at the project meetings. Parents will be given an opportunity to volunteer with various jobs at the project meetings.
7. There will be educational lessons at the project meetings. Youth are encouraged to give project talks and/or demonstrations at the meetings.
8. The Archery Project Club has all necessary equipment. Youth do not need their own equipment. Youth may use the club equipment before deciding if they want their own. Youth may bring their own equipment, however, it will need to be safety checked by an instructor before it may be used at project meetings.
9. There is a $10 per youth activity fee due by June 8. It is paid to Douglas County 4-H Shooting Sports and helps to pay for targets, and equipment repairs/replacement.

Certified archery instructors are: Jordan Olsen, Brian Lantis, Darrel Ward, and Bill Wood.

For further questions, please contact Darrel Ward at Ward.darrel@gmail.com or 785-760-1231.
2016 Douglas County Fair Updates

Please note changes for various classes and sections for the Douglas County Free Fair and Kansas State Fair.

The Douglas County Fair Book can be found at http://dgcountyfair.com/fair-info/ and will be posted by April 15th.

The Kansas State Fair Book is available at https://kansasstatefair.com/

Breeding Beef: Added nine new breeds. Please refer to the 2016 Douglas County Fair Book.

Entomology: Many changes, please refer to the 2016 Douglas County Fair Book.

SpaceTech, Robotics: Class added to robots designed and constructed by exhibitor that are operated by a remote controlled device. Weaponry (defined as any instrument, possession or creation, physical and/or electrical that could be used to inflict damage and/or harm to individuals, animal life, and/or property) will be disqualified. Remote controlled card, boats, planes and/or action figures, etc. are not allowed.

SpaceTech, Rocketry: Rockets that have crashed and/or are highly damaged that cannot be launched again may be made into an educational display or poster which tells a story with many lessons learned.

Woodworking: Firearms and weapons are not to be entered or displayed.

Most poster sizes for educational displays have changed size from 22” x 28” to 20” x 30”

Reading Project and County Fair Reading Contest

The semi-annual meeting of the Reading Club will begin with a pizza party starting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday April 19 in the Dreher Family 4-H Building with the meeting following. The book for the Reading Contest at the county fair will be announced and a free copy of the book will be available for all that RSVP. Bring your favorite book or reading project item to share. You can also bring Lego Brick Drive donations to the meeting. Please RSVP for pizza and the free book by Monday April 18 at 5:00 p.m. to Marisa Dallman, 913-915-9151, 3dallman@gmail.com

Project Add and Enrollment Deadline- May 1

All 4-H’ers must establish project enrollment by May 1 to be eligible to exhibit in those project areas at the Douglas County Fair. This deadline is for all 4-H members. 4-H membership is open all year however, 4-H’ers who join after May 1 will not be eligible to exhibit in the 4-H division of the Douglas County Fair. To make changes to your 4-H enrollment visit https://ks.4honline.com. Questions about enrollment can be directed to either Kaitlyn or Nickie at 785-843-7058.
2016 Douglas County Fair Horse Show Changes

Ranch Pleasure will be changed to Ranch Riding.

Cross-entering from Western Pleasure and Ranch Riding (members can show the same horse in both classes) will be allowed.

Ranch Riding Rules
The purpose of the ranch horse should reflect the versatility, attitude, and movement of a working ranch horse. The horse's performance should simulate a horse riding outside the confines of an arena working cattle and performing other ranch chores. This class should show the horse's ability to work at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider with a natural headset, tail carriage and gait. Riders should maintain light contact on the reins with a full drape of the reins discouraged. The overall manners and responsiveness of the horse while performing the maneuver requirements, and the horse's quality of movement are the primary considerations.

Requirements:
(1) Every horse will complete an individual pattern. The pattern will be chosen by the judge prior to the start of the show from one of the four published patterns.
(2) Exhibitors will be scored on the basis of 0 to 100, with 70 denoting an average performance.
(3) The overall cadence and performance of the gaits should be as those described as natural long stride walk, smooth jog, ground-covering extended trot, rhythmical natural stride lope; with an emphasis on forward movement, free-flowing, and ground covering for all gaits. Transitions should be performed where designated, with smoothness and responsiveness rewarded.
(4) Failure to perform a required maneuver will result in a horse placing below all other horses that perform all maneuvers.
(5) There is no time limit.

Equipment: Horses should be shown in appropriate Western tack as described in the Kansas 4-H Horse Show Rulebook. Hoof polish, braided or banded manes, and tail extensions are discouraged and will not result in a lower or higher score. Trimming inside ears and bridle path is allowed, as is the trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair. “Working ranch” equipment is encouraged but equipment with silver will not increase a score over a good working outfit.

Patterns: AQHA Ranch Riding Patterns 1 – 4 will be utilized and can be found in the 2016 AQHA rulebook or online at https://aqha.com/journal/resources/exhibitors/patterns/

Questions? Contact Bobby Hinds, Douglas County 4-H Horse Project Club Leader at 515-480-3533.

Market Steer/Heifer Nominations for KSF and KJLS- May 2

Any 4-H’er planning to show a market steer/heifer (registered or crossbred) is required to nominate their steer by May 2. A complete nomination includes: an official 4-H EID tagged steer, hair sample with DNA envelope, household declaration form (updated), nomination form and $8 nomination fee. Nomination materials must be postmarked by May 2 and sent to K-State. For the updated forms, 2016 updates and additional information visit http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/ Questions about nominations can be directed to Roberta at rwyckoff@ksu.edu or 785-843-7058.

Incubators to Good Home

If any 4-H member is interested in expanding their 4-H project work, we have several incubators available to you at no cost. Please contact Nickie at nharding@ksu.edu if you are interested and would like further information.
Concession Opportunity for 4-H Club or Groups
If your club or group is looking for a fundraising opportunity, the Mid-American Kiko Goat Association will be hosting a show and sale on Saturday, September 24 in the Livestock Barns on the Douglas County Fairgrounds. They are looking for a group to provide concessions from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and expecting about 100-150 people. If you are interested, contact Darlene Cullen at 870-420-3120 or midamericakiko@gmail.com.

Show Pigeon Opportunity
If any 4-H member is interested in breeding and showing pigeons contact Chris Ly, Treasurer of the Kansas Pigeon Club. He would like to donate Fantails, Frillbacks, and Homing Pigeons to any interested 4-H’er. You may contact Chris at 620-388-3671.

Lone Star 4-H Club Celebrates 70 Years
Lone Star 4-H Club is celebrating 70 years of service on Sunday, April 17 at the Lone Star Church of the Brethren from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Please drop by for refreshments and fellowship as current and past members and volunteers talk about their experiences and memories.

Do you love Science? If you answered yes and would be interested in being a part of a county STEM Team, please contact Kurt or Marisa Dallman. We will be launching a new STEM program soon, that will allow you to use your science skills and further develop your communication and critical thinking skills as you work as a team to produce a solution to a performance and/or task based challenge. Please, e-mail 3dallman@gmail.com to be put on a list for updates.
IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Equine Wellness Fair – April 11, Douglas County Fairgrounds
Reading Club Meeting - April 19, Dreher Family 4-H Bldg.
Swine Club Meeting, PQA - April 28, Dreher Family 4-H Bldg.
Project Add/Drop - May 1
Horse ID Papers Due - May 2
Market Beef Nominations for KSF & KJLS Deadline - May 2
Spring Livestock Expo - May 21, Douglas County Fairgrounds
Weigh & Tag, Swine, Sheep & Goat - May 21 and 23
Discover Days - May 31-June 3, Manhattan
Sewing Camp - May 31-June 3, Manhattan
Fantastic 4-H Camp - June 12-15, Rock Springs 4-H Center
Campference - June 24-June 27, Rock Springs 4-H Center

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