4-H Update from Kaitlyn

On April 8, Gregg Hadley, Director of Extension at K-State Research and Extension announced that our ban on face-to-face programs and meetings (previously set to expire on May 16, 2020) will be extended through July 4, 2020. As you can imagine, this news does upend numerous plans that we have in place. This includes all programs and 4-H club meetings, including Discovery Days, Campference, 4-H Camp, district horse shows and day camp programs.

Our 4-H youth development team is working together to create virtual learning experiences. If you use Facebook, be sure to follow our page at @douglascountykansas4h. We also have been posting educational videos on our website at: https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/educational-resources.html We invite 4-H’ers to submit short videos (1-2 minutes long) about what they are doing with their 4-H projects. Videos can be sent to kpeine@ksu.edu.

As a reminder, our office remains closed to the public. During this time the majority of our team is working remotely. If you have any questions, please do hesitate to ask. I can be reached on my cell phone 620-218-1716 or kpeine@ksu.edu. Stay safe and healthy!

4-H Project Add/Drop and Enrollment Deadline - May 1

All 4-H’ers must establish project enrollment by 11:59 pm, 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, after May 1, 4-H’ers who join or have an enrollment status that is still pending will not be eligible to exhibit in the 4-H division at the 2020 Douglas County Fair.

To make changes to your 4-H enrollment visit https://www.ks.4honline.com.

Questions about enrollment can be directed to Kaitlyn at kpeine@ksu.edu or Nickie at nharding@ksu.edu.
Are you interested in helping educate 4-H youth through judging food and/or food preservation at the county fair?

This training is for you! Whether you are new or a returning judge, register to learn about judging a variety of foods entered by talented 4-H’ers.

The instructor for this training is Karen Blakeslee, M.S. She is the Rapid Response Center Coordinator for K-State Research and Extension.

There is no fee to register!

Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions utilizing Zoom technology.

Sessions include: The Intro to 4-H Food Judging, How to Judge Food: The Basics, and How to Judge Food: Food Preservation.

Online registration must be submitted online by April 13. Registration link: https://bit.ly/3dOu39a

Need assistance registering? Email Beth Hinshaw, bhinshaw@ksu.edu.
Market Steer/Heifer Nominations for KSF and KJLS - May 1

Any 4-H’er planning to show a market steer/heifer (registered or crossbred) is required to nominate their steer/heifer by May 1. A complete nomination includes: an official 4-H EID tagged steer, hair sample with DNA envelope, household declaration form, nomination form and $8 nomination fee.

Nomination materials must be postmarked by May 1 and sent to K-State. For the updated forms, 2020 updates, and additional information visit http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/

Please contact Mallory at mgmeek@ksu.edu to request a DNA envelope(s) or with any questions.

Youth Livestock Updates from Mallory

K-State Research and Extension has banned all face-to-face programs and meetings through July 4, 2020. With information about Covid-19 changing rapidly, I want to keep you all updated on how these changes affect various tasks related to your livestock projects. Please read the entire list below to ensure important information is not missed.

YQCA for Livestock Exhibitors

All instructor led trainings through Douglas County Extension are canceled. Due to K-State Research and Extension’s Covid-19 protocols, the YQCA requirement for 7 year olds has been removed.

If you have signed up for the April 22nd training, you are responsible for going in and canceling your registration to receive a full refund. Instructions on how to cancel an instructor led training are found here on page 3. If you are having trouble removing your child’s registration please email help@yqca.org.

Exhibitors 4-H age 8-18 will still need to complete the certification online. Information for online training can be found at https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/crops-livestock/youth-livestock/YQCA.html The deadline for the certification has been moved to June 15th.

Small Animal Livestock Tagging

Due to recent stay at home orders and recommendations we will NOT be conducting small animal livestock tagging in person. Tagging procedures will all be done virtually. There are different virtual tagging procedures for animals being shown at county fair, state fair, and state shows. Please go to https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/crops-livestock/youth-livestock/livestocktagging.html to view full details and instructions on how to complete the virtual tagging process.

Thank you all for bearing with us during this time. We appreciate all of your understanding! If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Mallory at mgmeek@ksu.edu.
Thank you for your interest concerning RV reservations for the 2020 Douglas County Free Fair!

Please follow the steps below if interested in reserving a spot for the 2020 County Fair:
- Send an email to cflory@douglascountyks.org with 2020 Fair RV in the subject line.
- Add your name, phone number, email address and spot # if known.
- You will receive an e-mail confirmation with reservation forms to be completed.

Names will be taken until June 30th. On July 1, names will be drawn and spots assigned. On July 1, Douglas County Fairgrounds Reservations will send an EMAIL to the winning families along with instruction for payment.

If payment is not received by July 14th your spot will be forfeited without notice and another name drawn.

Fees are $105 for the week. All RVs and campers should be brought in on Sunday, July 26th and left in place until August 2nd to avoid traffic and safety concerns during the county fair.

For questions, contact Clint Flory at cflory@douglascountyks.org

Horse ID Papers Due

Horse ID papers are due to the Douglas County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020. Papers can be scanned and e-mailed to kpeine@ksu.edu AND ctaul@ksu.edu or mailed to 2110 Harper St., Lawrence, KS 66046.

Any 4-H'er planning to show their horse at the Douglas County 4-H Horse Show is required to ID their horse(s). There will be no District Horse Shows.

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

Questions? Contact Kaitlyn Peine, 4-H Youth Development Agent at 785-843-7058 or kpeine@ksu.edu.
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