Welcome Back
Douglas County 4-H

We are all excited to hold our face-to-face meetings again. Here are a few reminders on how to keep us all safe!

Before the Meeting:

✔ Stay at home if you feel symptoms – We will have a virtual option for you to join us if you cannot make it or feel safer participating from your home.

✔ Please bring a face covering – Fortunately, we all already recognize each other from ZOOM; therefore, please be sure to wear a face covering during our meeting. If you are unable to wear a face covering, please join us virtually and we’ll see you on ZOOM! Masks are required in both indoor and outdoor spaces.

✔ Wear face covering properly – As tempting as it is to lower your face mask to talk, fight that temptation! Proper protection will cover your mouth AND your nose, not just your chin.

✔ Wash your hands – Knock out some of those germs prior to coming! Wash those hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds prior to leaving your home.
During the Meeting:

- **Avoid physical greetings**— It is natural to want to shake each other’s hands, high five, or give a touch on the shoulder, but **REMEmber**— It’s safer to give a little wave or even a nice, quick head nod.

- **Social distance**— If we can read something our neighbor is holding, then we are TOO close! Please maintain a social distance of at least 6ft from each other to reduce any risk of transmitting COVID-19. Social distancing should be practiced in both indoor and outdoor spaces.

- **Practice good hygiene**— Have an itch on your face? Twinkle your nose like in “Bewitched” (ask your parents!) Do your best to not touch your face! Need to cough or sneeze? Cough or sneeze into your elbow but remember not to “elbow bump” with that same elbow to greet someone.

- **Be wise: Sanitize**— Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs, but in case you can’t find a sink— we have you covered! We will have sanitizing bottles available for your convenience.

- **Speak loudly**— Don’t be afraid to let your voice be heard. Those in the room and on ZOOM need to hear you!

- **Fun and games**— Recreation helps us get to know each other. Choose games that don’t require shared equipment or contact!

- **Stay on task**— Let’s keep our agenda goals in mind so we can make needed decisions, learn, have fun together, and make it home safe.

After the Meeting:

- **Disinfect surfaces**— Don’t disappear too quickly! We will need to disinfect our chair and table area prior to leaving.

- **Avoid physical greetings**— Give a little wave or head nod again on your way out.

- **Wash your hands**— You have heard this often, but repetition is good for the mind! Make sure to wash your hands again when you get home.

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Summer Day Camps

We are excited to announce our 2021 Douglas County 4-H day camp opportunities. For details about each day visit the registration links below. Registration closes on May 5.

### Cloverbuds Day Camp - Ages 5-6
When: June 15, 2021 from 9 a.m. - Noon  
Location: Dreher Family 4-H Building, DG Co. Fairgrounds  

### TimberRidge Day Camp - Ages 7-10
When: June 30, 2021 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Location: TimberRidge Adventure Center Olathe, KS  

### TimberRidge Day Camp - Ages 11-13
When: June 9, 2021 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Location: TimberRidge Adventure Center  

### TimberRidge Day Camp - Ages 14-18
When: June 9, 2021 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Location: TimberRidge Adventure Center  

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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 or incomplete** will not be eligible to exhibit in the 4-H division at the 2021 Douglas County Fair.

To make changes to your 4-H enrollment and/or project list visit **https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in**

Questions about enrollment can be directed to Nickie Harding at nharding@ksu.edu

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4-H Robotics at Home

4-H Robotics at Home will be offered April 19 through May 10. Registered families will checkout a robotics kit from the Extension office with a Dash robot ([https://www.makewonder.com/](https://www.makewonder.com/)), tablet, coding cards and more. The Dash robot is for ages six and up. The kit will need to be picked up prior to **April 19** and will be due back to the office by 5 pm on **May 17**. During the four week session there will be one live Zoom session, scheduled according to the participants availability. Supplemental lessons will be provided throughout the four weeks.

Our robotics equipment is made possible by a 4-H Innovation Grant from the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

Space is limited. Registration will close **Monday, April 12**.

Please register at **https://tinyurl.com/20204HRoboticsAtHome**

Questions? Contact Kaitlyn Peine at kpeine@ksu.edu or 620-218-1716.

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Serving Better Together Service Campaign & Grant Application

Serving Better Together is a community service campaign hosted by the Douglas County 4-H program. All 4-H community clubs, project clubs and county-wide groups are encouraged to host a service learning project through the months of March-May 2021.

The Douglas County 4-H Council and Douglas County 4-H Foundation have graciously agreed to pledge $1,500 each for a total of $3,000 dollars to be used for the Serving Better Together grants. The grant applications will be reviewed every two weeks. Applications will continue to be reviewed until May 31 or until all the funding has been awarded. The applications will be reviewed by a committee with representation from both 4-H council and the 4-H foundation.

If you would like your application to be reviewed in the third round, the application will be due by the end of the day on **Sunday, April 18**. The fourth round of applications will be due **Sunday, May 2**. The sooner you turn in the application the better. Grants will be awarded as they are evaluated.

All projects are required to follow local COVID-19 recommendations and the current meeting policies from K-State Research and Extension.

You can find the grant application at **http://bit.ly/3uXEzTl**

Questions? Contact Kaitlyn at kpeine@ksu.edu
4-H Council Service Learning Incentive Project

The Douglas County 4-H Council Community Service Committee would like to see all the amazing service activities that are happening from your club in Douglas County.

We ask that clubs please complete a google form showcasing your club service project. We want to know how many club members participated, who benefited from the project, how many service hours were completed, and how and when the project was carried out.

The service-learning incentive project submission will begin on March 15. Once project submissions have ended on September 30, the committee will figure the total number of entries for each club. A financial award of $100 for first place, $50 for second place, and $25 for third place will be announced at the 2021 4-H Achievement Celebration.

To submit your club project go to http://bit.ly/ServiceLearningIncentive

Questions? Contact Nickie Harding at nharding@ksu.edu

2021 Douglas County Fair

Our K-State Research and Extension team is working with the Douglas County Fair Board to plan for the 2021 county fair. Be sure to mark your calendars this year’s fair- July 26-31, 2021. We will be working closely with the local health officials as we consider our options for this year’s fair. As plans are made, we will be communicating those details with our 4-H families.

2021 YQCA For Livestock Exhibitors
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

All 4-H’ers exhibiting a food producing animal for the 2021 Douglas County Fair, Kansas State Fair Grand Drive, and KJLS will again be required to complete the YQCA training. Food producing animals include: beef (including bucket calf), swine, sheep, meat & dairy goats, dairy cattle, poultry, and all rabbits. YQCA is designed as an educational tool and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character development for youth ages 7–18. As a result of this program, we hope youth leave with a better understanding of their livestock project and how to produce a healthy and safe food product.

2021 YQCA online training is now live. Youth may complete the online training for $12/child. Any 4-H’er who is seven years old (4-H age) may now complete YQCA certification online or in-person. In-person training dates will be held April 18 at 2:00 p.m. and April 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the Extension office.

A young person’s YQCA certification is valid for one year and must be completed by June 30th.

For details regarding in-person training and for more information go to https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/crops-livestock/youth-livestock/YQCA.html

For questions regarding YQCA contact Mallory Meek, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, at mgmeek@ksu.edu
Weigh-In and Tagging for Sheep, Swine and Goats

The Details
All market lambs, hogs and goats intended to be shown at the county fair must be tagged by 7:00 pm on April 27th. 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 will be $4 each.

Tagging Dates: Sunday, April 25 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. & Tuesday, April 27 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

For more information and tagging slots, visit: http://bit.ly/21smalllivestocktagging

Questions? Contact Mallory Meek, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent at mgmeek@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 YQCA Certification and $8 nomination fee.

Nomination materials must be postmarked by May 1 and sent to K-State. For the updated forms, 2021 updates, and additional information visit https://www.douglas.k-state.edu/crops-livestock/state_livestock_shows/statelivestockshows.html

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

Horse ID Papers Due May 3

Horse ID papers are due to the Douglas County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2021.

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).

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.

Commercial Heifers and Small Livestock Nominations for KSF and KJLS

Due June 15

Any 4-H’er planning to show a commercial heifers and/or small livestock is required to nominate their animals by June 15. A complete nomination includes: an official 4-H EID tag, hair sample with DNA envelope, household declaration form, nomination form, and YQCA Certification and $8 nomination fee.

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Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP) Update

The Kansas 4-H Youth Development program has worked to enhance the 4-H record keeping system. What was formerly know as the KAP is now referred to as the 4-H Project Report Form.

Record keeping and project reporting are valuable skills taught to Kansas 4-H members. 4-H’ers are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and non-4-H experience and are encouraged to summarize their project experiences in the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form (formerly KAP) for project recognition.


To view the new report forms (General Report Form & Animal Report Form) and video tutorials on how to complete those forms go to http://bit.ly/4-HProjectReportForm

When submitting a 4-H Record Book (Project Report Form) for county judging, the following will be required:

- Personal Information Page (with appropriate signatures)
- Kansas 4-H Project Report Form (s) - (one report per project)

Optional Requirements:
- Record Book Check Sheet
- Kansas Permanent Record

More details regarding the Project Report Form will be available in the future.

Swine Across Kansas Series

If you missed the first webinar in the series about Show Pig Breeders Tips and Tricks to selecting your show pig project, you can find the recording here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xE5p-Y_svoU

The next webinar about swine feeding and breeding will be April 11th from 2 - 4 pm. You can register for the second webinar at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tUgrcWtkQMnlie

Questions? Contact Mallory Meek mgmeek@ksu.edu

Swine & Goat Producer Day Materials and Recordings

If you missed the Kansas Junior Producer Week, session recordings and materials can be found at:


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**“To Make The Best Better”**

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The newsletter is one way of communicating educational information and updates to members, leaders, parents, and community officials.

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