The Douglas County Fair Board and K-State Research and Extension are working closely with local health officials as we plan for the 2021 county fair. The scenario of planning for a public fair experience is becoming a reality.

We are currently working on finalizing the fair book and the FairEntry system. 4-H project enrollment for county fair participation will close on May 1. **Don’t forget, entering for the fair is a separate process.**

As soon as the FairEntry system is ready, families will receive an email with additional details. For now, mark your calendars, fair entries for 4-H departments and open class livestock are due by **11:59 pm on June 30.**

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

Don’t Forget: This is not Fair Entries

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://v2.4hornline.com/##/user/sign-in](https://v2.4hornline.com/##/user/sign-in).

Questions about enrollment can be directed to Nickie at nharding@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, YQCA Certification, and an $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 Heifer and Small Livestock Nominations for KSF and KJLS Due June 15

Any 4-H’er planning to show a commercial heifer 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, YQCA certification and an $8 nomination fee.

Nomination materials must be postmarked by June 15 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.
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.

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 at mgmeek@ksu.edu.

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**2021 County Fair Livestock Health Requirements**

The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) has released the 2021 County Fair Livestock Health Requirements. These requirements are mandated by the KDA. All 4-H’ers exhibiting livestock at the 2021 County Fair should review the requirements prior to the fair. The document is posted at: http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html under the livestock heading.

Questions regarding the requirements can be directed to Mallory Meek at mgmeek@ksu.edu.

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**Swine Across Kansas Series**

If you missed the second webinar in the Swine Across Kansas series, you can find the recording here: https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=zhstdpaMBpDM. This webinar focused on swine nutrition and showmanship.

The next webinar about: “Quality Matters” will be May 10 at 6:30 p.m. You can register for the third webinar at: Swine Across Kansas Series - Quality Matters.

Questions? Contact Mallory Meek at mgmeek@ksu.edu.
K-State Champions Livestock Judging Camp
The K-State Livestock Judging Team is offering a three-day, intense judging camp designed for 4-H and FFA members (ages 14-18) who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Workouts will be conducted like those at collegiate level.

2021 Camp Dates
Camp A – June 4-6
Camp B – June 7-9
Camp C – June 14-16

For details and to register visit: http://bit.ly/ksulivestockjudging2021

Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp
Youth ages 13-18 are welcome to register for Kansas State University's first Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp, June 28-30. This event is for youth, ages 13-18, with a desire to learn more about fiber production and utilization.

Participants will have the opportunity to shear sheep, grade wool, card and comb wool fiber, spin and dye wool yarn, weave a small project from wool, and visit a working sheep farm. Participation is FREE!

Register at: http://bit.ly/farm2fashionregistration

For more information, please email kyhc@ksu.edu

Northeast Kansas District #5 Horse Show
The Northeast Kansas District #5 4-H Horse Show is scheduled for July 1 at the Stormont Vail Events Center. 4-H'ers who are at least 9 years old as of January 1, 2021 and have horse ID papers on file are eligible to show at the district show. 4-H'ers earning a blue or purple ribbon in their respective classes will qualify to show at the Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

The entry deadline for the district show is June 10. Additional information about the entry process and requirements can be found at: https://www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h/news.html under the District Horse Show tab. 4-H'ers showing at the District Horse Show are required to complete Horse Level testing by June 15.

Contact Kaitlyn Peine, 4-H Youth Development Agent at kpeine@ksu.edu to make arrangements to complete the testing.

2021 Virtual 4-H Discovery Days
We invite youth, ages 13 – 18 BEFORE January 1, 2021 to register for Kansas 4-H Discovery Days. This virtual event will take place from June 1 - 4th and cost $35.

Discovery Days is a college and career readiness opportunity for youth. Sessions are organized into content related tracks, so youth can learn a bit more about potential future career options. This happens through educational sessions from content and youth development experts. Youth can learn new ideas, techniques, and skills they can use personally and in their 4-H clubs or groups and communities.

To learn more about the event including the tracks being offered, click here.
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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**2021 Douglas County 4-H Day Camps**

[**Cloverbud Day Camp**](#) - June 15, 2021 - 9 am - 12 pm  
[**TimberRidge Day Camp Ages 7-10**](#) - June 30, 2021 - 10 am - 2 pm  
[**TimberRidge Day Camp Ages 11-13**](#) - June 9, 2021 - 9 am - 2 pm  
[**TimberRidge Day Camp Ages 14-18**](#) - June 9, 2021 - 9 am - 3 pm
Your Child’s Thoughts Matter
A conversation about youth mental health and suicide.
Parents, guardians, middle school and high school students are invited to join us for a conversation about navigating mental health and suicide awareness.

Monday, May 17 from 6:30- 8:00 p.m.

Hosted at The Center for Great Futures located at 2910 Haskell St Lawrence, KS

Space is limited. Sign up today at: https://conta.cc/2QzxkCk

K-State Research and Extension Douglas County and Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence are hosting “Your Child’s Thoughts Matter: A Conversation About Youth Mental Health and Suicide.” The program will include presentations from: Nicole Stafford, Children and Family Services Director for Bert Nash; Julia Gaughan, Prevention and Education Manager at Bert Nash; and Mary Wilson, licensed child psychologist at Stormont Vail Health.

Parents, guardians, middle school and high school students are welcome. Masks will be required. Due to social distancing requirements, space is limited. Those not able to join in person are encouraged to watch the program live on Facebook @douglascountykansas4H. Registration will close on Sunday, May 16.

Register by May 16 at: https://conta.cc/2QzxkCk
Bromelsick and Dreher Memorial Services
Each year, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4-H join together to remember Alfred Bromelsick. Mr. Bromelsick graciously designated Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4-H to be the beneficiaries of his estate. Bromelsick funds are used throughout the year to help defray the cost of 4-H Camp, leadership conferences, volunteer training, and much more.

The Bromelsick Memorial service is scheduled for 10 am on Saturday, May 29 at the Oak Hill Cemetery. All 4-H’ers are welcome to attend in person or view the memorial online at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoKfHzvvlz8X2e6lk4PMLQ.

Masks and social distancing will be required.

2021 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip
The 4-H Geology Action Team has been working hard to plan opportunities for youth to learn and engage in the 4-H Geology project. The group is excited to announce three great options for youth to collect specimens and learn from experts in the field. For 2021 there will be three single day field trips offered in different parts of the state:

• June 12 – Western Kansas Smoky Hills
• June 19 – Southeast Kansas
• June 26 – Central Kansas

The dates and general locations have been confirmed. Please keep these dates as place holders as more information for registration and logistics will be posted soon on the 4-H Geology Page.

Additionally, with the opportunity for state field trips, the 2020 State Fair lower specimen requirement will return to the full 15 new specimens for the 2021 KSF.

2021 Douglas County Fair Reading Contest
The annual walk-in reading contest will be on Wednesday, July 28 from 12:00 -2:00 p.m. in the Dreher Family 4-H Building. Top scorers in each level will earn an award.

This year there are three different books. Junior members ages 7-9 (4-H age) will answer questions about the book, Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl. Intermediate members ages10-13 (4-H age) will answer questions about the book, The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster. Senior members ages 14-19 (4-H age) will answer questions about the book, Life of Pi by Yon Martel.

Free copies of these books, which are provided by the Douglas County 4-H Council, are available at the Extension office. Copies are limited, so call the office to RSVP your copy before you come by to pick up your book.
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, submit them by the end of the day on Sunday, May 2, May 16, or May 31. 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/3uXEZtI

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.
IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

4-H Project Enrollment Deadline in 4-H Online - May 1, 4-H Online
State Fair Market Heifer & Steer Nominations Due - May 1
4-H Day Camp Registration Deadline - May 5, Online
Horse ID Papers Due to Extension Office - May 3
Your Child’s Thoughts Matter - May 17, The Center for Great Futures
Discovery Days - June 1 – 4, Virtual
TimberRidge Day Camp Ages 11-13 - June 9, TimberRidge Adventure Center
TimberRidge Day Camp Ages 14-18 - June 9, TimberRidge Adventure Center
Cloverbud Day Camp - June 15, Dreher Family 4-H Building
State Fair Commercial Heifer/Small Livestock Nominations Due - June 15
TimberRidge Day Camp Ages 7-10 - June 30, TimberRidge Adventure Center
YQCA Training Deadline - June 30, In-Person or Online Training
Douglas County Fair Entry Deadline - June 30, Online
Douglas County Fair - July 26 - July 31, Douglas County Fairgrounds

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