Douglas County 4-H Family Survey

The Douglas County 4-H Youth Development Program is continually seeking opportunities to “Make the Best Better”. Our program is collecting data from our 4-H families to help us set program priorities and identify opportunities for improvement. We appreciate you taking the time to share your experience as a 4-H family with us.

The survey will close on Friday, August 23 at 11:59 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Kaitlyn Peine, 4-H Youth Development Agent, at 785-843-7058 or kpeine@ksu.edu.

To complete the survey visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHZV2ZL

Remember to Say Thanks!

Many gracious volunteers and sponsors share their time and resources to put on the Douglas County Fair. Did you earn an award at the county fair? Make sure to take a few seconds to write a thank you note. Remember to thank your department superintendents and fair board members. Feel free to stop by the Extension office if you need to look up an address for a volunteer or award donor.

State Fair Entries

Pre-entered Kansas State Fair exhibits needing a ride, are due to the Extension office by September 5 by 4:00 p.m.

Please remember to package your exhibit for safe travels to Hutchinson. Include plans, recipes, etc. with your project(s). Due to limited space to transport entries, we cannot take large projects.

If you are personally taking non-livestock projects to the state fair, come to the Extension office to pick-up your entry card(s).
4-H Ambassador Program

Are you at least a freshman in high school and have been in 4-H for a minimum of two years? Do you enjoy sharing your 4-H story with others? Are you committed to growing our 4-H program? If you answered yes to the previous questions, you should consider applying to become a Douglas County 4-H Ambassador. The application process includes a written application, a written recommendation letter, an interview and a short speech.

The application and recommendation are due to the Extension office by 5:00 pm on October 1.

The application materials can be found at http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/.

Questions about the Ambassador program can be directed to Sue Ashcraft at sfashcraft@yahoo.com.

2019 - 2020 4-H Enrollment Timeline

**October 1** - enrollment for 2019 - 2020 4-H Year will be open to all returning and new 4-H youth and volunteers.

**December 1** - enrollment deadline for returning 4-H families and volunteers.

**May 1** - project add deadline to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair

Cloverbud Enrollment

- Youth must be five or turn five by January 1, 2020 - **No Program Fee**

Full 4-H Membership Enrollment

- Youth must be seven or turn seven by January 1, 2020 - Program Fee of $15

A helpful Family Re-Enrollment Brochure/Guide can be found at http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/.

KAP Forms and Membership Pin Applications

All pin applications and KAPs must be turned into community leaders for signatures and are due to the Extension office by **5:00 p.m. October 1**. If you have questions about completing these forms, contact your community leader or the Extension office at 843-7058!

Applications may be found at http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html

Good Luck to all our 4-H Members participating at the Kansas State Fair!
Final KAP Tip of the Month

It’s time to put all the information that you have gathered throughout the 4-H year together and submit your KAPs to your community leader. Remember that each KAP is specific to a project and each project should match up with one in which you enrolled. Go to 4-H Online and look at the list of projects if you are unsure of a project name.

**Juniors** (ages 7-8) will have a personal page, KAP form, and one page of photographs in each book they complete. The story is part of the KAP in the junior division. It can be written in the space provided on the KAP form, or on a separate piece of paper.

**Intermediates** (ages 9-13) will have a personal page, story (no more than six pages), and KAP form in each book they submit. The three pages of photographs are part of the KAP form for this age level.

**Seniors** (ages 14 and older) will have a personal page, story (no more than six pages), and KAP form in each book they submit. Again, the three pages of photographs are part of the KAP form. There are two optional pages along with the required page in Section 2 at the senior level. It is recommended that at least the optional financial page be completed.

Check with your community leader to determine the date that your book(s) should be turned into your club. Community leaders will then make the decision as to which books to submit for county judging. Books selected for county judging must be at the Extension office no later than Tuesday, October 1 at 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Paula Aiken at the Extension office, 785-843-7058, if you have questions or would like help completing your KAPs.

County Achievement Celebration

**Save the date!** The County Achievement Celebration will be **Sunday, November 3** in Brooklyn Hall at Enright Gardens at 2351 N 400 Rd, Edgerton, KS 66021. There will be a barbecue luncheon beginning at 12:30 p.m. with the awards ceremony to follow at 1:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend. Watch for more details in the October newsletter.

2019-2020 4-H Club Officer Training

**Save the Date!** The Douglas County 4-H Council is hosting an Officer Training for all 4-H Club Officers on **Sunday, October 13 at 4:00 pm** in the Dreher Family 4-H Building. 4-H’ers will further develop their leadership skills and gain knowledge about their role as a club officer and role model. Pizza will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend - KYLF and KVF

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas 4-H Volunteer Forum will be held **November 23-24** at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2020 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas Volunteer Forum will include a workshop with the Kansas Leadership Center, opportunities for networking and sharing resources.

Registration and additional information will be in the September newsletter.
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FRIENDS & FAMILY
SCAVENGER HUNT

Who: teams of 5-6 friends & family of all ages
What: a scavenger hunt around Lawrence
When: Oct. 5th, 2019 from 2:30-4:30pm
Where: meet at the Douglas County Fairgrounds to start the wild goose chase!

Come one and all to a friendly competition brought to you by Douglas County 4-H Council. You will be finding landmarks, completing simple missions and gathering video footage of the fun around town. Gather 5-6 people and register your team at mullenfam96@gmail.com You can also register as an individual and be added to a team. Each team will need to download the free GooseChase app and be able to drive to different locations. The team who completes the most missions will be declared the winner and will receive a cash prize!
Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Application Process

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2020 may apply. This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW). Youth Council members work to involve youth with K-State Research and Extension in promoting, developing, implementing and evaluating Kansas Extension 4-H Youth Development programs in order to reflect the needs and interests of youth in the state. Council members will also plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference and other events.

Information about the application process can be found at http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html on the right hand side of the screen.

Application and photos are due on an online form on October 1 before 5 p.m. CST and two letters of reference must be postmarked on or before October 1 or they may be uploaded on the application site by October 1 at 5 p.m. The signature page should be postmarked by October 1.

The elections will include the application process detailed above, and from those applications up to 12 young people per area will be invited to interview with a panel at the beginning of KYLF. From those that interview, up to six candidates will be selected to be in the election.

2021 Citizenship Washington Focus Informational Meeting

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a citizenship program conducted by the National 4-H Council for high school youth ages 14 - 18.

Delegates will attend an eight day program in Washington D.C. where they will participate in hands-on workshops learning the democratic process and their role as citizens.

4-H'ers participate in civic workshops, committees and field trips before returning home to make positive changes in their own communities.

To prepare for this our group meets monthly for about 18 months to raise money and gain further knowledge about local, county and state government and skills that will prepare them to be leaders in their communities.

CWF not only strengthens young people’s understanding of the government’s civic process, but it also boosts their leadership skills, communication skills and overall confidence.

All applicants interested in the 2021 CWF experience, are required to attend an informational meeting about the CWF Program on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Dreher Family 4-H Building, north room.

Applications are available at http://www.douglas.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html.

Applications are due to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on November 1!
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