

March 4-H Newsletter

2016 4-H CAMP INFORMATION/DETAILS

There are lots of changes this year, so please read carefully.....



NEW TIMES – **check in** will be Saturday at approximately 2:00 pm and **checkout** will be on Tuesday after lunch, about 2:00 p.m.

All campers are responsible for their own transportation. Many clubs car pool so you don't have to make 2 trips, so check with others in your club.

All registration will be done online again this year, starting March 1. Register here: app.campdoc.com/register/ozsome or tinyurl.com/ozsome

Full Time 4-H Camp

June 4-7 at Rock Springs 4-H Center, South of Junction City
Must be completing 3rd – 7th grade this May, 2016
Cost \$198 (less any scholarships you receive)

Scholarships: All campers can apply for a \$30 scholarship when you register online. You will be asked to submit a paragraph on why you want to go to camp. You will then get a "coupon code" to use at checkout, so you will get \$30 off.

Additional financial assistance is available for up to 100% of camp thru 4-H Cares. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/hsatdd7>

Campers may select 1 or 2 friends that they would like to room with. They must be within 1 year of each other.... We can't house 4th grader with a 7th grader, etc.

Camp offers a variety of fun and learning activities in the natural setting. Everyone will get to canoe, horseback ride, swim, archers, teambuilding games and more. Campers are housed in groups of 8 with 2 teens as co-counselors. You will go to all the activities with this group, so no need to worry about getting lost! Camp serves meals family style and each group will have their own table. Plus everyone gets a turn at KP – setting the table and cleaning up!

NEW ACTIVITIES: The camp has had a complete re-do of all the activities for all campers. For the older campers, you will get to do many new things including 3-D archery, monkey bridges, new horse trail, etc.

NOTE: because of all the new activities, there are more costs to camp. To help off-set this cost, the Kansas 4-H Foundation is giving each camper a **one-time only deal** of \$20 off for camp. Next year, you can expect the fees to be in the \$225 range.



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Rookie 4-H Camp

Due to demand, there will be 2 sessions offered this year. Please invite your friends to come to camp with you, so that we can have enough campers for both sessions. Session 1 is designed so that the campers can come up with others from their club, and then parents will pick them up. Session 2 is designed so that parents will take them up on Monday morning, and then they can be picked up with others from your club. Both sessions will have the same classes and activities.

Campers may attend **only one** session.

For those just completing 1st or 2nd grade this May:

Session 1 (June 4 – 5) - Arrive with the regular campers, leave on Sunday, after supper

Session 2 (June 6-7) – Arrive 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and leave with the other campers on Tuesday
Cost: \$100

Scholarships: All 4-H members can apply for a \$30 scholarship when you register online. You will be asked to submit a paragraph on why you want to go to camp. You will then get a “coupon code” to use at checkout, so you will get \$30 off. Invite a non 4-H friend to camp too.

Rookie Camp is a camp within a camp. There are special activities planned just for this age group, plus they get to do camp activities like swimming, archery, etc. It’s a great way to a taste of camp, and not be gone for 4 days.

Counselors

Applications are due April 15. The form is on our web site

Training will begin on **Friday, June 3 at 5:00p.m. at Rock Springs**



NEW:

*Everyone must interview with Jodi, regardless of your experience. Interview dates are April 12-14, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Extension office. A sign up genius will be used to schedule times

* Everyone must complete the Child Abuse screening form again this year. It is included in your counselor application. Simply return it with your application

* NEW – there will be **2 sessions** of Rookie Camp (see previous info). So we’ll plan on having Rookie Counselors be at camp the whole time (Yea!!). You will have open time for rest between the two camps. So if you like working with the younger age groups, this is for you! If, because of other scheduling, you can only do one session, you can mark that on your application for consideration.

As usual, we will take a chartered bus to and from camp for the counselors. Plans are to leave Wichita about 3:00 pm on Friday, June 3.

As you know Discovery Days and Camp Counselor Training overlap this year.

If you are going to DD, here are your options –

1. Get picked up at DD on Friday morning, grab your camp stuff and be ready to get on the bus at the Extension Office to go to camp, approximately 3:00 p.m.
2. Pack for the 2 events and drive from DD to camp that afternoon. Agents will be at leadership lodge to assist you until the other counselors arrive. This gives you a chance to take a short nap too.
3. An adult from your club (or others) could pick up a group of camp counselors at DD and take them to RSR, and then you can take a nap, while waiting for others to arrive.
4. If you have other creative ideas, let Jodi know.

Jodi will be going directly from DD to camp and her car will be full with camp stuff, so she won't be able to get you to Rock Springs.



Countywide Rocketry Meeting
 Planning, sanding, gluing and figuring altitude too!



Citizenship in Action
 Sedgwick and Cowley County Delegates in the house chamber for the bill debates.

Summer 4-H Camps and Activities

Event	Description	Date	Age (as of Jan 1)	Cost	Registration	Other
Discovery Days	Mini-college at K-State. Classes, speakers, special events.	May 31 – June 3	13-18	\$215	On line in early March at state web site www.kansas4-h.org Deadline April 15.	Limited number of \$50 scholarships are available on first come, first serve basis. Must write a half page on why you want to attend. Full registration scholarship is available on request by submitting 4-H Cares form. www.sedgwick.ksu.edu
4-H Sewing Camp	This will be a “Special Camp” within Discovery Days at K-State. You will live in the dorms but will be in Justin Hall the whole time with your own activities.	May 31 – June 3		\$185	Registration - TBA	
4-H Camp	Join your friends to swim, canoe, horseback ride and more at Rock Springs 4-H Center, south of Junction City.	June 4 – 7	3 rd – 7 th grade	\$198	Due May 1 Online registration only	\$30 scholarships available to all Sedgwick County 4-H members. Must write a paragraph on why you want to attend.
Rookie Camp		June 4-5 or June 6-7	Rookies 1 st & 2 nd Grade	\$100	Due May 1 Limited number of Rookie spots. First come-first served. Online registration only.	Full registration scholarship is available on request by submitting 4-H Cares form at www.sedgwick.ksu.edu
Campference	Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the “camp” activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences.	June 24-27	12-14	\$200 (approx.)	On line in mid March at state web site www.kansas4-h.org Deadline early May	Limited number of \$50 scholarships are available on first come, first serve basis. Must write a half page on why you want to attend.
Geology Field Trip	Explore new areas of Kansas and collect new specimens for your collection	June 10-12		TBA	TBA	

4-H Day Champs

The top two entries in each age division, in each category, were awarded Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons. If the quality did not merit, ribbons were not given.



The 2016 Champions were:

Demos – Junior

Larissa Reilly – Goddard – PURPLE – CHAMPION
Will Perkins – Derby – PURPLE - RESERVE

Demos - Intermediate

Carlie Schill – Country Kids – PURPLE – CHAMPION
Katie Bennett – country Kids – PURPLE - RESERVE

Demos - Senior

Madeline Hoffman – Derby – PURPLE – CHAMPION
Skylar Rothrock – Derby – PURPLE - RESERVE

Project Talk - Junior

McKenzie Snell – Achievers – PURPLE – CHAMPION
Grace Oard – Delano – PURPLE - RESERVE

Project Talk – Intermediate

Evan Snell – Achievers – PURPLE – CHAMPION

Reading - Junior

Landon Schill – Country Kids – PURPLE – CHAMPION
Christopher Mork – PURPLE – RESERVE

Reading - Intermediate

Clement Heck – Derby – PURPLE – CHAMPION
Samantha Holmes – River City Kids – PURPLE – RESERVE

Reading - Senior

Kate Donaghue – Delano – PURPLE – CHAMPION

Instrumental – Junior

Sophia Sauber – River City Kids – PURPLE – CHAMPION
Breanna Wells – Cheney Challengers – PURPLE – RESERVE

Instrumental - Intermediate

Bridget Hermes – River City Kids – PURPLE - CHAMPION
Emily Mork – Achievers – PURPLE – RESERVE

Instrumental - Senior

Kyra Holmes – River City Kids - PURPLE – CHAMPION
Kaitlyn Bauer – Derby – PURPLE - RESERVE

Vocal - Senior

Emily Nelson – Delano – PURPLE - CHAMPION

Piano – Junior

Nate Best – Colwich Clovers – PURPLE – CHAMPION

Piano Duet - Intermediate

Malena Heck – Derby - PURPLE – CHAMPION
Samantha Holmes – River City Kids – PURPLE - CHAMPION

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Delano 4-H Club – PURPLE-CHAMPION
Goddard 4-H Club – PURPLE - RESERVE

Dance – Junior

Anna McCurry – Colwich Clovers – PURPLE - CHAMPION
Breanna Wells – Cheney Challengers – PURPLE - RESERVE

Dance - Intermediate

Chloe Johnson – Derby – PURPLE – CHAMPION
Lauryn Welch – Achievers – PURPLE - RESERVE

Dance - Senior

Valley Victors 4-H Club – PURPLE - CHAMPION

Model Meeting

River City Kids – 4-H Club – PURPLE CHAMPION

Consider inviting these outstanding presentations to your 4-H Club Meeting. It's a great way to learn and to put some pizzazz in your meetings!

P.S. If you have photos from 4-H Day to share email them to Jodi at besthorn@ksu.edu.

Discovery Days May 31 – June 3 K-State Campus



Cost: \$215

Ages: 13-18 (as of Jan 1, 2016)

Register: On line at www.kansas4-h.org

Registration opens March 1. Deadline May 1, 2016.

This is a mini-college experience on the K-State campus. More than 600 youth attend annually. Members select classes to learn more about an area of interest. Special speakers and social activities are included. The sooner you register the more likely you will get your choice of classes. Bring a copy of your registration to the Extension Office to pay your fees as soon as you register. We do not get a copy of your registration.

PLEASE NOTE:

\$25 cancellation fee if you cancel before registration is closed. You will be required to **pay the full fee** if you don't show or cancel after May 1.

Only list ONE roommate. Your roommate must also list you, in order for a match to be made.

Print a copy of your registration, add payment and mail to the office.

You can register more than one person with the same family email.

Transportation –4-H members are responsible for the own transportation to Discovery Days. Since camp is back to back with Discovery Days the county van **will not** be available this year. Carpool with others from your club or at orientation we can help match up those that need a ride with those going. If you are driving yourself, you need to purchase a parking pass when you register.

Scholarships: The Sedgwick County 4-H Advisory Council (aka foundation) provides up to twenty \$50

scholarships, first-come, first served. To qualify you must:

- Register on line
- Bring the printout of your registration form and payment of fees to the Extension Office
- Write a half page essay about why you want to attend and what you hope to learn from your classes.
- You will receive your scholarship after you attend Discovery Days

Full Registration Scholarships: are also available by submitting the 4-H Cares form, located on our web site at www.sedgwick.ksu.edu Applications are due April 1 or before.

Chaperones Needed!!

We must provide 1 adult for every 15 youth that attend. Last year we had more than 35 attend – so we needed 3 chaperones. We anticipate having another large group..

Chaperone fees are covered and you can observe classes. You do have extra duties with dance, loading busses, etc., as well as being responsible for our delegation.

Let Jodi know if you are available.

ATTENTION HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS!

In order to participate in ANY 4-H horse event at the county, district or state level, you MUST complete the appropriate Kansas Horse Skill Level test if you are:

Ages 9 to 13 on January 1 of the current

Year - Level 1

Ages 14 to 18 on January 1 of the current

year—Level 2

There are study guides for both levels available free at the Sedgwick County Extension Office. The tests include both written AND practical skills. To schedule your written test, please call Beth at 660-0112 or drescher@ksu.edu . The Sedgwick County horse project will sponsor a practical test day in May—watch your email and the 4-H calendar for the date and time!

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK MEMBERS!

If you are planning to nominate any livestock for the Kansas State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show, please be aware that Beth MUST personally observe your animal with its Kansas 4-H ear tag in place BEFORE the nomination papers can be signed. Please

contact her well before the deadline at 660-0112 or drescher@ksu.edu to schedule a farm visit OR send two photos of each animal -- one head shot with the ear tag number clearly visible and one full body shot -- with the nomination papers.

All livestock entered in state 4-H contests (such as the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show) will be required to use electronic ear tags. They are available from the Sedgwick County 4-H Department for a cost of \$3.50 each.

If you have questions about either of these policies please don't hesitate to contact Beth at 660-0112 or drescher@ksu.edu.

4-H Livestock Skill-a-Thon

The Livestock Skill-a-Thon will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning of the Sedgwick County Fair (July 9). This is a great opportunity to test your knowledge of livestock, meats and animal care, or to learn something new! The rules and study guide can be found online at: <http://www.sedgwick.k-state.edu/4-h-youth/project-resources/livestock-skill-a-thon.html>. Why not check it out?

Congratulations to last year's winners!

Anna Behrens & Jurney Yung

If you have questions about this event, please contact Chancie Rose at chancie_rose@cargill.com, Vonda Behrens at vonda_behrens@cargill.com or DeAnne McGinley at deannemcginley@hotmail.com .

KSU Youth Horse Judging Camps

The K-State Horse Judging Team will sponsor two Horse Judging Camps for youth this summer. There is a beginners section and an advanced section of Horse Judging Camps that are to be held this June at Kansas State University's Weber Arena in Manhattan, KS.

KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp-Beginning Section: June 7, 2016:

This camp is designed for youth that have had very little experience judging horses and would like to learn more about note-taking and oral reasons. Emphasis will be placed on the placing of classes commonly seen in Kansas judging contests. Classes Covered: Stock-Type Halter, Western Pleasure, and Hunter Under Saddle.

KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp-Advanced Section:

June 8-9, 2016:

This camp is designed for youth that have had some experience judging horses and would like to learn more about note taking and oral reasons. Emphasis will be placed on the placing and reasons of classes commonly seen in Kansas judging contests. Classes Covered: Stock-Type Halter, Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle, Horsemanship/Equitation, and Hunter Hack.

Registration for both sections is due by May 10, 2016 with no late entries accepted. Camps will be limited to the first 30 participants. For more information and registration, please visit the website www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu or <http://www.asi.ksu.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/judging-camps.html>.

For more information or questions, please contact Dr. James Lattimer, (785) 532-2840 or jlattimer@ksu.edu

County Fair Rules for Livestock Members

ALL Sedgwick County 4-H livestock members **must pre-enter** their county fair exhibits by the dates listed below. Pre-entry forms are available in the 4-H office.

Beef- June 1, 2016
Dairy – June 1, 2016
Dairy Goat- June 1, 2016
Meat Goat – May 15, 2016
Poultry- June 1, 2016
Rabbit- July 1, 2016
Sheep – June 1, 2016
Swine- May 15, 2016

Livestock Shows Online!

This is the season for livestock shows, and we have received lots of information about shows around the state. To check out the latest, go to: www.sedgwick.ksu.edu then follow the animal science link on the 4-H Youth Development home page. All the show information we have received is listed there. (Includes: dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, and poultry.)

Campference

June 24 - 27

Cost: Approx. \$200
Ages 12-14 (as of Jan. 1)



Register: on line at www.kansas4h.org beginning early March
Deadline May 1

It's a camp, it's a conference – It's Campference! This is specially designed for those that are too old for camp and not old enough for Discovery Days.

It's a combination of camp activities – horse, canoeing, swimming, etc. a conference where you learn new things, leadership skills and more. This event is planned and facilitated by the Kansas 4-H Youth Council members.

Three \$50 scholarships are available on first come, first serve basis. To qualify you must:

- Register on line
- Bring the printout of your registration form and payment of fees to the Extension Office
- Write a half page on why you want to attend
- You will receive your scholarship after you attend campference.

Members are responsible for their own transportation to and from camp.

Citizenship in Action

Almost 250 4-H Youth from across the state participated in the Citizenship in Action event at the Capitol in Topeka February 14-15. Sedgwick County was represented by Skyler Sprecker, Leah Pilcher, Kate Donaghue, Scott Spexarth, Peter Spexarth, Kaci Foraker, Emma Klausmeyer, and Keaton Donaghue. Included in the event were opportunities for these youth to learn about ways in which young people can engage in governance, learning how to make a difference in decisions of government, and how the governmental process works. This was also a great experience for these young people to develop their leadership and communication skills, as they met and talked with legislators and other public officials. Hats off to the Kansas 4-H Youth Council who provided the leadership in putting this event together.

Camp Dads & Moms Needed!!!

4 Days at Rock Springs!
3 great meals a day!
150 4-H members!



What A Deal for Dads!
(And Moms too)

We really need some male adults to come to camp with us this year. In order to maintain the appropriate male/female ratio of chaperones, we need some help!

What's the job?? Help with a variety of camp activities - from assisting with classes, helping with flag ceremony, or helping in the dining hall. Most importantly, being in the cabin areas to help as needed and step in as needed. There will be an orientation before camp for you. You will go to and leave camp the same time as your kids.

For all adults (moms and dads) attending camp, half of your registration fee will be paid in return for your help during camp. Applications are on our web site at <http://www.sedgwick.k-state.edu/4-h-youth/news-and-activities/county-camp.html>. All adults must be VIP registered.

Shutterbugs in the Garden

Saturday, April 23
9:00 am – 12:30 pm



Cost: admission to Botanica
Adults/Youth 13 and up - \$7
Youth 3-12 - \$5
Youth 2 and under - Free

SPONSORED BY: KANSAS 4-H
PHOTO ACTION TEAM

This event is for 4-H Photography members, leaders, junior leaders and parents. No pre-registration is required. Just show up.

The cost of the event will be your admission price into Botanica. After paying admission, check in at the 4-H table near the admission gate. Orientation will start in the main meeting room at 9:00 AM.

Following the orientation, short learning workshops and photo opportunities will be given in various locations throughout the Gardens and the main meeting room. The presentations will be approximately 15 minutes followed by time for the participants to apply what they have learned to shooting opportunities. Presentations will be repeated at the same locations every 40 minutes till noon. Participants can come and go and shoot all

day till the Gardens close. There may be weddings going on in the Gardens and participants must respect the groups and not intrude into the areas where the weddings are taking place.

PRESENTATIONS MAY INCLUDE:

Lighting	Getting ready for the fair
Camera Questions	Props and Costumes
Frames	Bubbles
Portraits and Posing	

Lawn Mowing Clinic

March 16
9-11:30 am or 1-3:30 pm
Sedgwick County Extension
Building 4-H Hall



This clinic is sponsored annually by the Sedgwick County Master Gardeners. Both the morning and afternoon class will cover the same topics.

It is designed for boys and girls in grades 5 through 9. It will provide the participants with information on lawn grasses and their care, lawn mower safety and maintenance, and ways to start your own business. The cost will be \$10.00 for advance registration and \$15.00 if you register at the door the day of the clinic. To enroll register online at

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ec469yai6950b0f6&llr=srgjb6sab>.



Tractor Safety Training

Tractor Safety class will be held on March 19, 2016 (Saturday) from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. It is designed for teens age 14 and 15, but is open to other interested youth age 13 and older.

Cost for the class is \$30.00, which includes manual, lunch and supplies.

Register on line at:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ec6f0qkj1034cc86&llr=srgjb6sab>.

National 4-H Congress

Atlanta, Georgia
Nov. 25-29, 2016



Age: 16-19 as of Jan 1

Cost: \$1150 (Sedgwick County 4-H Advisory Council will pay \$1000 towards this trip).

Process: Application and Interview

Apply online at: <http://www.sedgwick.k-state.edu/4-youth/news-and-activities/index.html>.

Applications: due April 15

Interviews: late April

This is a once in a lifetime trip. More than 1200 4-H members from all across the U.S. attend.

There are opportunities for learning new skills, hear great motivational speakers, and have an opportunity for service.

If you'd like first-hand information, contact Anna Spexarth, Colwich Clovers.

County Fair Dates

The County 4-H Fair will be held July 6-9, 2016

Sedgwick County Fairgrounds
Cheney, Kansas



Horse Identification Papers and 2 & 3 Year Old Snaffle Bit Nominations

Two year old snaffle bit nominations are due by May 1. Don't forget!

Horse Identification forms are available. The deadline is May 1st. If you need more than one, please call Barb.

If you are using the same horse as last year, Beth can resign last year's papers. Remember, two pictures are required -- side views with the head turned towards the camera. A negative Coggins test is also required by May 1.

If you want to compete at the county fair or District Horse Show, you need to pass the appropriate knowledge and skill level by June 1st.

Fair Clean Up Set Up

Sunday, June 26
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Fairgrounds, Cheney



All members, families and superintendents are encouraged to come help set up tables, displays, fences, gates, pick up trash; clean shelves, barns and more as we get ready for the Sedgwick County Fair.

We need muscles for heavy items, and smaller hands for smaller items.

Pizza and pop will be provided for all workers courtesy of the Sedgwick County 4-H Advisory Council.

Livestock Set Up Day

Saturday, June 18 and if needed

June 25, 8:00 a.m. – noon.

8:00 am - noon



All livestock members, families and superintendents are encouraged to help prepare the barns and arena for the livestock shows.

Fair Take Down and Put Away

Saturday, July 9

Building Area – 8:00-9:00 pm

Livestock Area – after the Sale



Everything that we put up, we also have to take down and store for the coming year. It doesn't take very long if everyone takes an extra 20 minutes and helps put things away. All exhibitors are asked to assist with this process. We appreciate your cooperation and participation in this final step of the fair.



Attention 4-H Beef project Members:

The Sedgwick County beef weigh-in will be held on Saturday March 12 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am at Heartland Veterinary Clinic. The clinic is located at 2800 N. 247th St. W, which is south of Andale, Kansas.

This is not a mandatory weigh-in, but attendance is strongly suggested for market beef animals. Breeding heifers may attend if they choose. Bucket calves SHOULD NOT come to the weigh-in.

Animals do not need to be halter-broken to attend the weigh in since we will use Dr. Himmertzhaim's working chutes. This is a good time to get a state 4-H ear tag and DNA sample if you are planning to exhibit at any state shows this year. All beef exhibits are required to have an ear tag before check-in at the Sedgwick County Fair.

If you have questions about the weigh-in, please contact any of the Sedgwick County Beef superintendents: Joe Simon at 531-8870, Jerry Lampe at 542-3229, Bill Brand at 304-3181 or Jeff Shinkle at 253-4590.

STATE and NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW INFORMATION

If you are thinking about showing market animals at the State Fair or the Kansas Junior Livestock Show here are critical dates to put on the calendar. The nomination forms for market steers need to be complete and into the office by Tuesday, April 15. The pre-nomination form needs to have the steer's DNA, the State 4-H ear tag number and be signed by Beth after she personally observes your steer with ear tag in place. Meat goats, market lambs and market hogs pre-nomination form must be completed and in the office by Monday, June 1. Hogs also need the ear notch and the 4-H ear tag number. For the sheep, DNA and 4-H ear tag number are required. The electronic ear tags are \$3.50 and there will be a nomination fee for each animal. American Royal market steers must submit a DNA validation by May 1, 2016. Market hog, lamb, and goat DNA validation deadline is August 1. Junior heifer deadline is September 10. More information online at: www.americanroyal.com

Can I join 4-H now.....?????

As you know, enrollment for this 4-H year closes as of March 1. This policy was made at the request of club leaders, project leaders and others involved with the program. The 4-H year is half over and many project leaders have held meetings and there have been lots of other club activities so members joining later in the year, miss many of these learning opportunities. So what do you say when someone wants to join your club???

First, thank them for their interest in 4-H and that you will look forward to having them enroll in your club when school starts in August. Let them know that for this year, enrollment has closed. However, don't lose contact with them

Invite them to your club tour, special 4-H meeting, etc. They can't participate in competition, but they can get a feel for what 4-H is like

Remember that non 4-H members can go to camp too (at a slightly higher fee). So invite them to come to camp and get to know other 4-H members.

Take them to the fair when you get your exhibits judged. Then they will experience what that's like – without the pressure of having their items judged.

When your club starts getting ready for the new 4-H year in August or September, call and sign them up for a great 4-H experience!!!



COUNTY WIDE PROJECT MEETINGS

Entomology Project Meeting (3rd Thursday)

The next meeting is March 17, 7:00 p.m., in the Meadowlark Room. Future dates: April 21, May 19.

Geology Project Meeting (2nd Thursday)

The next meeting is March 10, 7:00 p.m., in the Sedgwick Room. Future dates: April – 14, and May 12.

Hare Raisers Rabbit Meeting

The next meeting is March 10, 7:00 p.m., Bison Room. Future dates: April 14, and May 12.

Horse Project Meeting

*All Horse project members meet on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. Future dates: May 3 and June 7.

Horse Project Reminder!

If you want to participate in ANY 4-H Show, you must complete horse level skills test: Ages 9-18 - Level 1 ***Horse ID and Coggins test results due May 1.***

Dog Project

Monthly Dog Project meetings
(3rd Monday of each month 7:00 pm @ Ext. Office-Bison Room-usually NO Dogs) These are educational meetings or activities for 4H members. Next meeting is March 21, 2016. Future dates: April 18, May 16, and June 13.

Dog Practice Training (Obedience, Showmanship, Rally) Monday, February 29, 2016 in 4-H Hall. Future dates: March 7, March 14, March 28.

Dog Agility - dogs must be 12 mo. Or older and have successfully completed an obedience class. Classes are usually held once a month on Sunday, 2 p.m. at the Extension Center. Next meeting date is March 13. Parents need to be present to assist with equipment and training. Future dates: April 10, May 15, May 22.

Warm Up Dog show – April 22-23. For additional information, consult Karen Riedmiller, county coordinator.

Rocketry Project Meetings

Meetings will be held on Saturdays, February 13 thru April 2 from 2:00 – 3:30, in the Bison Room, here at the Extension Education Center.
Email: smklausmeyer@sbcglobal.net, Phone: 316-213-5587 or Joel at joelandtempe@cox.net.

Photography:

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Meadowlark Room, Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, March 19, April 16, and May 21. Meetings are lead by volunteers from the Wichita Camera Club.



Teen Council News

On **March 5**, Teen Council members will be enjoying a delicious meal and learning etiquette rules at the Doubletree by Hilton near the Airport. They will also enjoy spending time chatting and dancing the night away. If you didn't join us this year, we hope you will next year!!

There is a great community service project opportunity on **March 26** at Tanganyika Wildlife Park. They need volunteers to help with their Easter Special Event. The sign up is here: https://www.volunteerkansas.org/opportunities/easter_special_event_volunteer.html

We will be cleaning up Sedgwick County Park on **April 10** from 3-4:30 in the afternoon, weather permitting. More details to come.

On **April 25**, we'll be having our Teen Council meeting at Urban Air, the trampoline park found on west Kellogg. We'll meet there at 6:30, have a quick meeting, and jump around until 8 p.m. TC members will need to bring \$3 to cover their cost.

Finally in **late July**, Teen Council is hoping to have a fun summer event to celebrate the end of the 4H year. We're looking at doing a Lock In at the fairgrounds. Look for more details in the next few months.

Ask to join our FB page—**Sedgwick County 4-H Teen Council**. I share news and photos on this page.



Teen Council January Meeting



Playing an ice breaker before the February meeting started



Teen Council members helped sort toys at His Helping Hand in early December.

Current Calendar of Events

March	1	LAST DAY for new members to join 4-H for 2015-2016 year (Families should visit clubs in January and February)
	1	Last day to drop/add projects for current 4-H members-Self-service by logging into your 4H online account.
	1	All Sedgwick County 4-H Scholarships Due to County Office
	1	Horse Project Meeting – Countywide, Bison
	Early March	State 4-H Project (KAP) Finalists Interviews
	10	Hare Raisers, 7:00 p.m., Bison Room
	12	Beef Weigh-in at Heartland Vet Clinic, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Andale
	15	Deadline for purchase of purebred breeding animals and market steers
	19	Photography countywide project meeting, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Meadowlark Room
April	5	Horse Project Meeting – Countywide, Bison
	11-16	National 4-H Conference (Washington, D.C.)
	12-14	Camp Counselor Interviews, <u>required for all applying</u>
	14	Hare Raisers, 7:00 p.m., Bison Room
	15	National 4-H Congress (Atlanta, GA) applications due to County Office
	16	Photography countywide project meeting, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Meadowlark room
	TBA	State 4-H BB, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol Match
	23	State Photo Event - Botanica
	28	Camp Counselor applications due to office
May	1	Discovery Days Registration due to State Office
	1	County Camp Registration due
	2	Deadline: Horse I.D. papers to Extension Office
	2	Deadline: DNA and nominations forms for market steers for State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
	2	Deadline: All market sheep and swine should be owned by this date
	2	County Fair livestock pre-entry due for all large animals
	3	Horse Project Meeting – Countywide, Bison
	12	Hare Raisers, 7:00 p.m., Bison Room
	15	Deadline: pre-entry for county fair swine and meat goats
	21	Photography countywide project meeting, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Meadowlark room
	31-June 3	Discovery Days at K-state
June	1	Deadline: Pre-entry for county fair for dairy, dairy goat, beef, sheep, poultry
	3	Camp Counselors go to camp
	4-7	County 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch
	9	Hare Raisers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Bison Room
	10-12	State Geology Field Trips
	16-27	Citizenship Washington Focus Trip, Washington DC
	18	Livestock workday at fair grounds, 8:00 a.m. – noon
	24	Deadline: 4-H Horse Show entries for fair due
	24-27	Campference at Rock Springs Ranch
	TBA	State Horse Judging Contest
	25	Livestock workday (only if needed)
	28	Fair Set Up, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
	30	Style Revue Judging and Evening Show

July	1	Deadline: Pre-entry for county fair for rabbits
	1	District Horse Show, State Fair Grounds
	6-9	Sedgwick County Fair, Cheney
August	TBA	State Dairy Show – Salina
	11	Hare Raisers Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
	20-21	State Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan
	31	KAP's and all award forms due to Extension Office
September	9-18	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
	30 – October 2	Kansas Junior Livestock Show, State Fair Grounds



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