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4-H Day Schedule

The 2018 schedule is not in this newsletter and is being sent as a separate attachment. We have tried to accommodate scheduling requests but it was not always possible. You may have to make some decisions about how you will be able to participate.

You may choose to call someone and see if you can switch times with them. If you do, please call the office so that we can make the correction on the schedule. Do not plan just to show up at the time you want to perform and expect that the schedule will be adjusted. Judges and room monitors do their best to follow the schedule and keep on time, so please do not complicate the situation with special requests.

If you find you must cancel an entry, please notify the Extension Office as soon as possible.

If you have never participated in 4-H Days, this would be a good opportunity for you to go, listen, and observe other 4-H member's presentations. We need audience members!!!

In case of bad weather, a decision will be made by 6:00 am on the day of the event. Cancellation notice will be given to all 3 Wichita TV stations – KWCH, KAKE, KSN and KFDI. If cancelled, this event will not be re-scheduled. If we cancel those signed up to participate can go ahead and get "credit" on their pin app for 4-H Day.

For the day of the event, cell phone: Jodi 316-295-7710

There will not be a concession stand this year. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks. All food should remain in the Commons Area.

Room Monitor Responsibilities

In order for 4-H Day to run smoothly, we need room monitors for each room. Open times are on the enclosed schedule. Your responsibilities are:

- check contestants in
- announce the participant
- keep the door closed during performances
- check participant names off the schedule on the door so that everyone knows who has performed and who is waiting to perform
- assist participants as needed
- work with the superintendents to staff the room at all times

Time slots are 1 hour per person. Remember that this counts towards one of the requirements on your pin application.



The following scholarship applications are due to the Extension Office by March 1

- * Teen Council
- * Livestock Sale Committee
- * Sedgwick County 4-H Advisory Council (aka Foundation)

All applications are available at the Extension Office or on our website.

Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association will offer six scholarships for high school seniors entering college in the fall of 2018. Four of these scholarships will be for a four-year college and two will be for a two-year college or vocational school.

Completed applications must be received by March 1, 2018.

To get an application, please stop by the 4-H office or contact: Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association Scholarship Committee, 889 N Maize Rd, Ste. 100, Wichita, KS 67212, Phone: 316-773-9851.



Tractor Safety Training

Tractor Safety class will be held on March 17, 2018 (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. Certification will not be issued until age 14 and driving hours complete.

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

Register by Friday, March 12 at: <https://tinyurl.com/2018tractorsafety>

Class is limited to 25.

Discovery Days 2018

May 21 – June 1

K-State, Manhattan, Kansas

Must be age 13-18 as of January 1.

Join 600 other 4-H members from across the state for this great conference! Attend classes, use the labs, hands on learning, and more. Cost is approximately \$200. Online registration will open about March 1. Keep checking the state web site at www.kansas4-h.org Look under the What's Hot column or the Events tab for a link. The sooner you register, the better your chance of getting the classes.

Scholarships: The Sedgwick County 4-H Foundation is offering twelve, \$50 scholarships to the event. It will be on a **first-come, first-serve basis**.

To qualify, you must submit to our office:

- ✓ proof of registration
- ✓ payment of your fees
- ✓ write a paragraph about why you want to attend.

The scholarships will be reimbursed to you after the event. You must arrange your own transportation. We will assist with carpooling contact information.

Limited space is also available for transportation in the county van. This too is on a first-come, first serve basis. Sign-up will begin March 1 at the 4-H Department.

Chaperones: We also need 2 moms and 2 dads to be chaperones. We must have this ratio for the size of our delegation. If we don't have chaperones, we won't be able to send all the kids that want to go.

To apply, please contact Jodi. Reminder - all chaperones must have completed the VIP process. Chaperone registration fees will be paid for you.

TIPS FOR PRESENTATIONS



1. Dress appropriately for the occasion so you feel at ease.
2. Stand erect – on both feet. Good posture will help convince your audience that you mean business.
3. Outline your talk, do not write it out word-for-word. Use your outline as you give your talk, if you need it – but never read your talk! There isn't anything wrong with using notes to help remind you, but use them sparingly.
4. Practice, Practice, Practice giving your talk. Give it to yourself alone at first in front of a mirror. Later, have someone listen to you who will offer suggestions for improving it. Give your talk so much that it becomes easy for you because you are familiar with it. Ask your family or neighbors to be your audience.
5. Speak so people can hear and understand you easily. This will come with confidence and practice.
6. Speak slowly; talk at a natural speed but change occasionally for emphasis and better attention.
7. Watch pronunciation of words. Don't use words you can't pronounce or understand. The words used should fit you and be said in the way you would say it.
8. Use charts or visuals if they help you present the topic and add to your talk. There is written material available at the Extension Office to help you prepare your posters.
9. Be pleasant. A smile on your face will put a smile in your voice!
10. Be at ease. Be yourself. Be enthusiastic.
11. Have fun sharing the information with your audience! They want to hear what you have to say and are on your side and want to be supportive of your presentation!



What Does a Ribbon Mean????

In 4-H, we use the "Danish" system for ribbon placing. This means that exhibits are not judged "against" each other but rather they are evaluated according to a standard. In this system, judging begins at the red ribbon level.

- ✿ A red ribbon means..... Average. It meets the minimum standards. It shows honest effort has been made. There is room for improvement.
- ✿ A blue ribbon means.... Above average. It has exceeded minimum standards.
- ✿ A purple ribbon means... Superior. It is outstanding on all standards.
- ✿ A white ribbon means... That for one reason or another, it did not meet the minimum standards. Remember that competition is a learning experience and a way to get another person's opinion.

DVD Resources

These titles have recently been added to our collection. Anyone may check these out for a project meeting or for individual study. We ask that you keep them for no longer than a week so that everyone may use them.

- How to Give a Demonstration
- Tips and Tricks for Public Presentations
- Public Presentations Can Be Fun
- Poster Party
- Public Presentations - A Growing Experience

Judging Contest Opportunities 4-H Day - February 10

During 4-H Day all 4-H members will have the opportunity to practice their decision making skills. There will be 4 “Come and Go” judging opportunities.

There will be helpers at each of the contest areas to help you thru the process. You don’t have to be enrolled in the project to participate. This counts towards your pin application.

All events will run from 9 a.m. to noon and will be in the Commons Area.



Photography

See if you have what it takes to identify a good photograph. Classes may include: photo composition, using digital cameras or photo software programs.



Life Skills

(Family Consumer Sciences)

Sharpen your decision making skills while you figure out solutions to everyday problems like food safety, how to measure, counting change, making a motion and more.



Livestock Skill-a-Thon

Discover the best cuts of meats for grilling or how to save money with a less expensive cut of meat. Whether you raise livestock, like to cook, or just want to learn something new... this is for you!!



Horticulture

Try your Knowledge of plants, trees and seeds!

4-H Day You Tube Videos

Check out the videos posted under the Events/4-H Day section of the web site. These are quick how-to videos that can help you with your 4-H Day presentations. These include:

- * Tips on Readings by Elaine Gruenbacher Klincek, 4-H alumni, 4-H Day judge and North High English instructor. PBJ the Easy Way – shows you step by step how to develop an actual demonstration.
- * Demonstration? Illustrated Talk? Project Talk?? What’s the Difference??? - outlines the basic difference between these communication methods.
- * Performance Pointers for Musicians - make sure you are ready by reviewing this quick list of do’s and don’t’s.
- * “Judging Contests 101” explains the decision making process of doing contest judging, where you place items in a ranked order.

Ideas for Success

When doing any kind of public presentation, remember these key points:

Be neat!

Consider using trays to organize your props or items needed for each step. Clean up the mess as you go! Use good posture and stand squarely on two feet. Don't forget chewing gum or twirling hair or rocking from side to side is not allowed!

Give a mirror presentation.

Practice your presentation in front of a mirror! This will give you a good idea of how you look to your audience.

Using a "presentation voice."

It usually works best if you speak a little more slowly and louder than you would in normal conversations. This will help your audience hear and understand you better.

Look at your audience.

This may be difficult at first! But, good eye contact helps get your message across. Some of the "experts" say they look at different people during their presentation, some pick out a friend or friendly face to smile at, and others look just over the top of the heads of their audience.

Just Do It!

So now you've picked your topic, organized it, and even practiced! Now, it's your turn! If you are nervous, that's normal and natural! Remember, you have something to share with the group, and many of them also have been in your shoes – giving a presentation!



County Wide Project Meeting Dates to Remember:

Any 4-H member, from any 4-H Club, can participate in the county wide project group meetings. All meetings are at the Sedgwick County Extension Center, 21st & Ridge, Wichita, unless otherwise noted.

Entomology Project Meeting (3rd Thursday)

The next meeting is February 15, 7:00 p.m., in the Sedgwick Room. Future dates – March 15 and April 19.

Geology Project Meeting (2nd Thursday)

The next meeting is February 8, 7:00 p.m., in the Sedgwick Room. Future dates – March 8 and April 12.

Hare Raisers Rabbit Meeting

The next meeting is February 8, 7:00 p.m., Bison Room. Future dates – March 8 and April 12.

Horse Project Meeting

*All Horse project members meet on March 6, 2018.

Horse Project Reminder!

If you want to participate in ANY 4-H Show, you must complete horse level skills test: Ages 9-13 - Level 1
Age 14+ - Level 2

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 February 19.

Dog Practice Training (Obedience, Showmanship, Rally) Thursday, February 1, in 4-H Hall. Future dates: February 8, February 15, February 22.

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 starting March 11. thru September. Parents need to be present to assist with equipment and training.

Future dates: April 15 and May 6.

Warm Up Dog show – April 21. For additional information, consult Karen Riedmiller, county coordinator.

Rocketry Project Meetings

Any member from any club, is welcome to attend the county wide rocketry project meetings. They will be held on Sunday afternoons, from 2:00 – 3:30, in the Bison Room, here at the Extension Education Center. February 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 11.

Our instructors will be Steve Klausmeyer, Achievers 4-H club and Joel Heck, Derby 4-H club. If this is your first year in the project, don't buy anything until after the first meeting. If you already have a rocket or other equipment, do bring it along. Question? Contact Steve at:

Email: smklausmeyer@sbcglobal.net, Phone: 316-213-5587 or Joel at joelandtempe@cox.net.

Shooting Sports – follow the schedule from coaches.

Last Chance....!!!!

March 1 is the last day for you to drop/add 4-H projects for this year. You are responsible for changing your own projects online at:

www.4-Honline.com

[Log in with your family account information and you can add/drop projects yourself.](#)

Remember that you cannot exhibit at the Fair, if you aren't signed up for that project. IT IS THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK THIS OUT!!!

New Member Deadline

March 1 is also the LAST DAY FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN 4-H THIS YEAR!!! The year is officially half over and many project leaders have already held meetings. So if you know of someone who is thinking about joining, please let them know that they must join now — or must wait until school starts in the fall. New members should visit the January and February meeting before joining.

You can always encourage prospective new members to come visit your club between now and next fall, and then they will be ready to join when the new 4-H year begins.

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.

Level 1 – ages 9 to 13 on January 1 of the current year.

Level 2 -- ages 14 to 18 on January 1 of the current year

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 Shannon at 660-0112 or luckiksu@ksu.edu.

Note to All 4-H Groups Meeting at the Extension Office

As the new year is starting, it is a good time to remind everyone that it is the 4-H group's responsibility to put up and take down their tables and chairs. They are responsible for vacuuming the carpets or sweeping the floors when they are done. Also, remember that the only two rooms where refreshments may be served are 4-H Hall and Bison. Please help us keep our meeting rooms clean for all who use them.



State KAP Nominees

Seven 4-H'ers submitted KSP's to the area contest in January. The top winners, selected to go on to state were:

Camden Bull – SpaceTech

Anne Knoblauch – Entomology

Katie Bennett – Wood Science

Camp Counselors 2018



Now is the time to start planning to attend 4-H camp as a camp counselor.

It's a 24/7 job for 4 days and while it's a full time job there are lots of rewards of helping 9 other 4-H members enjoy meeting new friends, learning and trying new activities.

Minimum age is teens who will be 14 by June 1. Counselor fee is \$50.00. Camp applications are available at the office and on our web site. They are due **April 28**. All counselors must go to RSR a day early to attend training on June 12. The campers arrive on June 13 and everybody comes home on June 16.

There will be 2 rookie sessions of camp. So if you are a rookie counselor you will be at camp the whole time and do both sessions. You will have one night off, after the first group leaves and before the next group arrives.

Contact Jodi if you have questions about being a camp counselor.

Applications are on www.sedgwick.ksu.edu under 4-H/Events/Camp.

Lawn Mowing Clinic March 21, 2018

More information check our website at:
www.sedgwick.ksu.edu





Teen Council News

Teen Council's Formal Dinner & Dance will be taking place on **February 24**. Teen Council members will be enjoying a delicious meal and learning etiquette rules at the Doubletree by Hilton near the Airport. **RSVPS are due by February 17**. You may mail or drop them off at the office. If you have lost your RSVP, you may email jdonaghue@ksu.edu to let me know.

Our next Teen Council meeting will be February 26 at 7:00 p.m. We'll be sharing information about 4-H Congress in Atlanta in November. We'll also talk about other upcoming events. Hope you'll be able to join us in the Sunflower Room!

WE HAVE 2 TOURS LINED UP FOR MARCH.

On Saturday, **March 10th**, we'll be touring Century Mfg. in Bel Aire from 10-11 a.m. They create awards for events all across the country. The sign up for that tour is here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0948A9A82CA0FB6-tour1>

On Saturday, **March 31st**, we'll be touring Pro Kansas Recycling Center from 10-Noon. We'll get to see how they sort and compress the items they recycle. We'll also get a chance to help them so wear clothes that can get dirty. The sign up for that tour is here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0948A9A82CA0FB6-tour2>

Upcoming events include: tours, maybe Urban Air, a summer event and more. We have a lot of fun outings planned and we'd love for you to join us!



Playing a Name Tag Ice breaker.



Formal Dinner committee cutting out menus

4-H Calendar

2018		
February	10	4-H Day -Talks, Demonstrations, Model Meetings, Music, Dance, Skits, etc.– Derby Middle School
	18-19	4-H CIA Citizenship in Action - Topeka
	23-24	State Ambassador Training – RSR
	24	Sedgwick County 4-H Shooting Sports Match, 4-H Hall
March	1	LAST DAY for new members to join 4-H for 2017-2018 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
	Early March	State 4-H Project (KAP) Finalists Interviews
	15	Deadline for purchase of purebred breeding animals and market steers
April	7-12	National 4-H Conference (Washington, D.C.)
	15	Discovery Days Registration due to State Office
	15	National 4-H Congress (Atlanta, GA) applications due to County Office
	TBA	State 4-H BB, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol Match
	23-24	Camp Counselor Interviews & Applications Due
May	1	County Camp Registration due
	1	Deadline for Horse I.D. papers to Extension Office
	1	Deadline for DNA and nomination forms for market steers for State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
	1	All market sheep and swine should be owned by this date.
	15	Deadline for pre-entry for county fair swine and meat goats
	29 – June 1	Discovery Days at K-State
June	TBA	Deadline for pre-entry county fair horse
	1	Deadline for pre-entry for county fair for – dairy, dairy goat, beef, sheep, and poultry
	12	Camp Counselors go to camp
	13-16	County 4-H Camp at Rock Springs
	TBA	State Geology Field Trips
	TBA	State Horse Judging Contest
	14-25	Citizenship Washington Focus Trip, Washington DC
	26-29	Campference, RSR
July	TBA	Sedgwick County Horse Show
	TBA	Deadline for pre-entry for county fair for rabbits
	10	District Horse Show
	11	Style Revue Judging
	14	4-H Fair Dog Show
	TBA	Livestock workday at fair grounds
	TBA	Fair Set Up
18-21	Sedgwick County Fair, Cheney	

August	TBA 24-25 25 31	State Dairy Show - Salina State Livestock Judging Contest State Horticulture Judging Contest KAP's and all award forms due to Extension Office
September	7-16	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson



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