

June 2015

Sedgwick County Fair is July 8-11

Each 4-H family should have received a 4-H Fair Book in the mail. If you did not get one, call our office. Please read it carefully for general rules and the rules in each department. This newsletter contains reminders of some fair events and other upcoming activities.
See you at the Fair!



Check Out Our Web Site

Check out our web site at www.sedgwick.ksu.edu for all the fair information to date, pin applications and other 4-H related forms. Information about summer events and the Fair, will be posted including copies of information letters and pre-registration forms. Check out the entire Sedgwick County Fair Schedule at www.ourcountyfair.com

Fair Set Up & Work Day For 4-H Building

Sunday, June 28
3:30 - 5:00 pm – Followed by Pizza & Pop
Provided by the 4-H Advisory Council
Fairgrounds, Cheney

Livestock Work Days

Saturday, June 27 – 8:00 a.m. - noon
Saturday, July 5, 8:00 a.m. - noon IF NEEDED
Fairgrounds, Cheney

Fair Take Down

Saturday, July 11
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Exhibit Building Area
9:15 - 10:00 p.m. Livestock Exhibit Area



For a successful fair, we need EVERYONE to lend a hand in getting ready for the event and in putting things away after the fair. Members/families are encouraged to sign up to attend these work day opportunities. All are equally important and **ANY ONE** will count on your pin application!!!

There are tasks to be done in the livestock and barn areas (pens, panels, bleachers, etc.) and tasks to do in the exhibit building areas (tables, shelves, photo display, etc.). We will need some “muscle power” and some “person power”. There are jobs of all sizes for everyone!!! We realize this is very close to the County Fair. Due to Fair Board scheduling this was the best option available. We do need your help in this large task.

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Exhibit Judging at County Fair

Each of you 4-H'ers are busy planning and preparing your exhibits for the County Fair. Bringing your exhibits to the fair will mean that you agree to abide by the schedule and the rules. Your product will be judged and you'll receive a ribbon. Please keep the following things in mind as you approach the judging time:

1. By bringing an entry to the County Fair, you are asking for a judge's opinion of your work. Be prepared to ask questions of the judge so you'll fully understand the comments that he or she gives. Although you may not agree with the judge's decision, remember that you asked for an opinion. Rather than giving undue concern to the color of the ribbon, take advantage of the learning opportunities.
2. Parents and project leaders can help a great deal by going through the judging process at home several times before the fair. This may relieve some of the anxieties of fair time. This will make fair time just another opportunity for an opinion.
3. Judging is not a final grade! And it is not a reflection on the 4-H'er. A red ribbon animal or garment does not mean that its exhibitor is a red ribbon person or 4-H'er.

Fair FAQ

Q: I ran out of time and didn't get my project finished. Can I just bring something else in another department instead?

A: No. 4-H is a year round, planned, learning activity. 4-H members enroll in projects, set goals and work towards those accomplishments, including time management. You may only enter exhibits in the project area that you are enrolled in. For example, you cannot exhibit something in the foods division, if you are not enrolled in the foods project.

Remember - you do not have to have a fair exhibit in every project. Many times our best learning experiences are from those things that don't turn out exactly as planned.

Q: Do I have to be at the fair for the consultation judging?

A: No. When consultation judging is used, it's an opportunity for a 4-H member to have a conversation with the judge about their project. If you can't be present, be sure to check your exhibit in by the designated time and let the

superintendent know that you will not be there for the judging. After the judge has judged all the items in that department, they will judge the remaining exhibits that haven't been judged. Ribbons and comments will be given.

Q: Do I have to exhibit something in every project I'm enrolled in?

A: No. Exhibiting at the fair is an option for each project. The only Sedgwick County requirement is that you have **at least one** exhibit at the fair to complete your pin application requirement. This does not mean you have to have one exhibit in every project you are enrolled in.

Q: I can't be there Saturday to get my exhibit. Can't I take it home early?

A: No. If we did that for everyone there wouldn't be anything left to see. Please make arrangements with someone from your club to pick up your items.

From the public's point of view, the objective of a fair is to be able to view, acknowledge, and give credit to the exhibitors for all their hard work. They come to the buildings to see what great work our youth are producing. If Saturday night is the only opportunity for a fair goer to attend and the exhibits have been released, it can be pretty disappointing.

The check-out time is set by the Fair Board. Since we are a part of the total fair, it is important for us to follow the rules and guidelines of the Fair Board.

County Fair Premiums



Premium money for Fair exhibits may be picked up Saturday, July 11, at the Farm Bureau Building (4-H Exhibit Building) between 7:30 and 9:00 p.m.

Those who do not pick up their ribbon premium, or have someone get it for them, may pick it up at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st St. North, Wichita, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday until August 31. Any funds left after that time will be returned to the Premium Account.

NO MONEY will be given out after August 31 and we are not able to mail money.

County Fair Exhibitor Tags

The no-carbon-required tag will be required on all exhibits again this year. Please print firmly

with a pencil or ballpoint pen. Superintendents will use all copies in recording placing. Please leave all copies intact and with exhibit. The following departments will require a second tag (in addition to the no-carbon-required tag): (1) **Rabbits** - stall cards; (2) **Clothing, Knitting, Crochet** – an ID label sewn on the article; (3) **Food Preservation** - the canning label. Food Preparation will not need the oval labels. **Poultry** exhibits have a special exhibit tag. Please pick them up at the office or get them from the poultry superintendent before July 1.

You may pick up tags for your club or family at any time.

- **Arts & Crafts, Clothing, and Fiber Arts** – we can no longer get the cloth labels from National 4-H. Each exhibitor should make their own label using a scrap piece of fabric or non-woven interfacing. Simply cut the fabric to a 2 ½ x 3” rectangle and write your name and club on the fabric with a permanent marker. Then tack or pin the label to your entry. This is just used for ID purposes in case the entry tag separates from the item.

STYLE REVUE JUDGING



All those enrolled in clothing, knitting and crocheting should have received your entry forms for the Style Revue. If you have not, please call us. Deadline for

entries is June 19, 5:00 p.m.

Late entries will be accepted. However, they would not be eligible for champions



Livestock Sale Cookout - July 11, 2015 -- 5:30 p.m.

This event is always a popular one. All 4-H'ers who sell an animal in the auction will receive a free supper. Anyone else may purchase a ticket any time during the fair from the 4-H

Fair Office or at the Livestock Pavilion. Proceeds from this go into the 4-H Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 10 and under.

Home Economics Judging

The last contest of the year will be held July 1, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Extension Education Center, 7001 West 21st St. North, Wichita.

Remember – There will be 2 contests this day. To qualify for the State Fair team, you must attend 2 of the 3 contests and be in the top point finishers.

County Fair Helpers Needed



It takes many volunteers to make the fair run smoothly — from helping to check in exhibits, clerk for a judge, arrange exhibits, and process paperwork. To be a part of the fair team, call the Extension Office to sign up for the time and department you want to help with. We'll have a list for each department with jobs and times. This is a great way to learn more about the judging process and meet other Sedgwick County members in your project area. Adults and youth (age 11 and older) are encouraged to call and sign up today! 660-0100

Take a Little Stress Out of the Fair

The fair can cause lots of stress in households, so how can we lower the stress level of preparing for the fair?



First, **try to put the fair in perspective**. The fair is **only one part** of the total 4-H learning experience. Serving as an officer or on a committee, giving a talk, completing a project, going to camp are only a few of the hundreds of experiences a 4-H'er learns during the year. Yes, the fair is a special part of the 4-H experience, but it is not the only part.

- The development of young people is our first consideration in 4-H.
- We are more concerned about what the 4-H'er learns than with the exhibit.
- Exhibits are a means to an end – not an end in themselves.
- Leaders and parents can help 4-H members set realistic goals for their age and experience.

Second, **start work on your projects early**. Don't stay up all night the day before the fair. You won't be doing your best work and you'll

be grouchy the next day!!! If you have to do late nights, do them now in June and get your sleep in July.

Third, **read the Fair Book**. It has all the rules, regulations, tagging information and deadlines!!! Everything you need to know is in the lime green book!!! If you have questions — ask your 4-H leaders or call the Extension Office.

Fourth, **review the quality standards that judges use** for each project. These score cards are on the 4-H web site under “Fair”.

Lastly, relax and enjoy the time with 4-H friends from across the county. Take time to see what others have done. Listen to what the judges have to say and use that information for your next project. **Ribbons and awards will fade, but the things young people learn last a lifetime.**

(Adapted from original article by the Youth Development Staff at the Quad Cities Extension Center)

Attention Poultry Members

All poultry, except waterfowl, must show proof that they are pullorum typhoid clean at County Fair check in. **No testing will be done at the County Fair!** All poultry that will be entered in the fair **MUST** be tested on Wednesday, June 17, 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Testing is free but you **MUST** register with Beth at drescher@ksu.edu or 660-0112 by 5:00 pm on June 10.



Ten Little “ings” of Leadership

What skills does a leader need? There are many that apply – and some of them end in the letters “ing”. Take a look at the list below. As a 4-H member, how do these apply to you? What’s missing from the list? What would you add?

Thanking people who have helped you with a project, event or activity.

Listening when others are speaking. There is a reason we have 2 ears and only 1 mouth.

Celebrating successes.

Learning from failures. Some of our best learning happens when things don’t go as planned and it makes our next project or activity even better.

Inviting others to participate. Involve members (not just your friends) so they feel like they belong to your club.

Understanding when things don’t always go as they should. Human error happens. Listen and understand what went wrong and help your club prevent it from happening again.

Coaching to bring out the best in people. You’ll help them to release the potential they don’t yet know they have.

Challenging yourself to set goals, develop a plan of action, and a deadline to meet those goals.

Complimenting others on good things they have done.

Laughing helps keep everything in perspective

Notice for Arts & Craft Exhibits

Each year, many pictures are entered without any means of display. As a result, the item is not displayed to its best advantage or the exhibit falls on the floor during the fair and is damaged. Remember that paintings, drawings and other similar type exhibits that do not come with a saw tooth hanger or picture frame wire hanger will be dropped one ribbon placing. Check your Fair Guide, rule #8 for this rule information.

Keep in mind that the fair is hot, humid and windy. Choose a hanger that will work in those conditions.

Fair Resources on Web!

We’ve posted lots of things to our web site for the fair. There are samples of all the score sheets for the departments, hints for exhibits, entry forms, and fair book. www.sedgwick.ksu.edu

Creative Table Setting Contest



**Wednesday, July 1, 2015,
9:00 a.m.
Extension Education Center
7001 W 21st St. North, Wichita**

All Foods Members have received a letter and information in the mail.

This event is for members enrolled in the foods project and an opportunity to use all your skills of menu planning, table setting, and sharing your ideas with others. To make good use of time and space, this event will be held at the same time

as fashion revue judging. The guidelines are found in the Fair Book.

Pre-registration is required by June 19, online at <http://tinyurl.com/2015creativetables>

Blue Ribbon 4-Hers!

In all the craziness, it is easy to forget what the purpose of the fair is, more importantly, the purpose of 4-H. Through their 4-H projects, youth are learning life skills that will be with them throughout their lives.

The emphasis should not be on what ribbons or awards were won, rather it should be on what was learned through their 4-H projects.

Our goal is not blue ribbon exhibits, rather we want blue ribbon 4-Hers. Blue ribbon 4-Hers are those who have learned new skills and gained knowledge in their projects. Blue ribbon 4-Hers are gracious and exhibit good sportsmanship. Blue ribbon 4-Hers take the time to help others and they remember to tell their leaders and parents thank-you.

Remember – You are your own best exhibit!

(Source: Gove County Newsletter)

Geology and Entomology Members

We can no longer get the box labels from National 4-H. The state recommends making your own label on white paper and taping it to the box, or use a peel and stick mailing label. You should have a label on the inside of your box, and one on the lid. This helps insure that the same lid gets back on the right box. The label should include: Name, Address, County, 4-H Age.



Take a Donut & Milk Break!
Thursday, July 9
9:00 am – noon



Farm Bureau Building & Livestock Arena

Sponsored by Sedgwick County Farm Bureau

This is open to ALL 4-H members. So stop by and say Hi to the Farm Bureau staff and board members. Be sure to thank them for providing this

for us and for all they do for the 4-H program. And please remember your manners, 1 donut/milk per person. ☺

Demonstration at County Fair

Check your pin requirements to see if you need this requirement. Purple ribbon winners in this division are also eligible for State Fair.

If you are interested in giving a demonstration at the Sedgwick County Fair, please send your entry into the Extension Office by June 25th.

Please note that the time for this division will be Friday, at 1:00 p.m.



Demonstration Contest

Friday, June 11
Farm Bureau Building

This is just like doing a Demonstration at 4-H Day and it also counts towards your pin! If you need another optional requirement, this is a way to do so. Any Purple awarded Demonstration at County Fair will be eligible for State Fair.

Pre-entry due by June 19

To Pre-enter, please complete the following:

Name _____

Phone _____

Club _____

Age Division: Jr 7-9 _____

Intermediate 10-13 _____

Senior 14 & over _____

Note: If you received a Purple at 4-H Day in the Demonstration Department, and are at least 9 (4-H age) you have already qualified for the State Fair. Please complete the form below for the State Fair if you want to go to state fair (demos only)

_____ Yes, I want to perform my
Demonstration at the
State Fair

Name _____

Phone _____

Club _____

State Fair Procedure

State Fair entries are made during the County Fair. You will not receive a special letter after, so be sure to take care of this before you leave the fair.

In most cases, if you receive a purple ribbon and are at least 9 years old, you are eligible for State Fair. If in doubt, check at the 4-H Office in the Farm Bureau Building.

If you will be on vacation during this time, please call before the fair to make other arrangements.

Procedure:

1. After your exhibit has qualified for the State Fair, come to the office in the 4-H Exhibit Building.
2. Complete the necessary forms.
3. **Those exhibits like livestock, rabbits, etc., that must be nominated or pre-entered at the State 4-H Office early, will then be finalized.**
4. Other exhibitors will be mailed completed entry tags with instructions about attaching the tag to your entry.
5. Order and pay for gate admission tickets when you place your order at the County Fair.

State Fair Volunteers

Over 750 volunteers help each year with the 4-H exhibits at the state fair. These volunteers help to make the fair a good experience for participants and spectators. In order to make the fair run smoothly, 55 committees operate during the fair by helping with:

- ✓ Exhibit Entry Assistant - Assist in accepting entries, checking tags, etc.
- ✓ Clerk - Assist judge, record comments, attach ribbon, mark cards.
- ✓ Display Area - Arrange exhibits in clothing, crocheting, knitting, photography, or arts & crafts.
- ✓ Judging Contest - assist with setting up, distributing materials, scoring, crowd control.
- ✓ Demonstration Assistant - Assist with PA set up during demonstrations.

Most of these volunteer positions are for September 5, 6, 7 and require a 4-6 hour time

commitment. Volunteers who work at least 4 hours will receive a free admission ticket to the fair and a meal ticket. Both adults and teens are welcome. Job descriptions and details of these opportunities are available at the Extension Office.

If you are willing to assist with the State Fair, please register at the 4-H Office at the County Fair.

South Central District Horse Show

The South Central District Horse Show will be held on Tuesday July 7 at the Kingman Fairgrounds in Kingman Kansas.

This year's entries and payment will be accepted online at <http://bit.ly/1JE5czc>. Entry deadline is June 12, 2015.



June 19 — entries due for fashion revue, scripts, window displays, creative table settings, and demonstrations.

Kansas All-Breed Junior Dairy Show

The Kansas All-Breed Junior Dairy Show in Salina will be August 13-15. Show books are being mailed to all currently enrolled dairy families.

Kansas Junior Livestock Show- NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR!!

This annual event is scheduled for October 2-4, 2015 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. Show books will be mailed to last year's exhibitors in July. Additional entry forms are available at the Extension Office after the County Fair.

The entry forms must be filled out and returned to the Extension Office one week before the deadline in the book so they can be checked, signed, and turned into the Kansas Junior Livestock Show on time. Remember the certification paper on use of drugs and their withdrawal must be signed and accompany the entry form.

There are many changes this year. Be sure and read your Kansas Junior Livestock Show Book when you receive it to be aware of all the changes! Be sure and mark the due date on your entry forms. If this will be your first year, extra show books are available in the office or online at: www.kjls.org



Livestock Cleanup Day at the County Fair

June 27, 8:00 a.m. - noon and July 5, 8:00 am – noon (IF NEEDED) are the livestock barn cleanup days at the county fairgrounds. Please wear

work clothes and bring shovels, rakes, clippers, paint brushes and rollers, wheelbarrow and any other tools you need to make the livestock barns SHINE for the fair!

- Plant Science – how to prepare veggies, what to bring, etc.
- Visual Arts – what to do with drawings and paintings, hangars, etc

You can bring your (non – animal) exhibit to this event and we will help you make sure you are ready for the fair. Entry tags and photo mounting boards will be available for purchase at this event. Or you can stop by the office and pick them up at any time.

Sedgwick County Horse Show Entries Are Due by 5:00 pm on Thursday June 25.

Watch your email for entry forms and information!

48 Hours of 4-H



We will be doing 48 Hours of 4-H again this year on October 10-11. All clubs are encouraged to send a representative to a county wide planning meeting on

Wednesday, June 10 at 4:30 pm
Meadowlark Room
Sedgwick County Extension Center.

For All Rookies and first timers

Getting Exhibits Ready for the Fair



**Tuesday, June 9
1:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
4-H Hall B**

You've got the fair book and have read the rules..... now it's time to get your exhibits ready to take to the fair. Come to this "drop in" fair event. Stop by the tables that you have projects for, and learn firsthand the do/don't for your exhibits.

At each station, you can also learn about the types of questions a judge might ask you during the consultation judging. Pick up your exhibit tags too.

You can visit one or all of the tables – it's up to you. The sessions will be repeated at 5:30

Stations will include:

- Foods – how to plate, sizes, etc.
- Photography – how to mount a photo, what to look for in a good photo, etc.
- Modeling – how to walk, what questions the judge might ask, etc.

SAVE THE DATE 4-H Night at the ZOO



July 31 – Aug 1, 2015
6 pm to 8 am
Ages 10-12
Cost: approx. \$25

Enjoy a night a behinds the scenes adventures at the zoo and learn about leadership and opportunities in 4-H. And everyone will sleep with the animals Area! And in the morning we will get to see the animals wake up. A memorable experience! Watch for additional details and registration.

Sponsored by: Sedgwick County 4-H Ambassadors

4-H Billboards at the Fair



Each year we ask clubs to design a 4 x 4' Styrofoam sheet "billboard" to promote 4-H. We provide the Styrofoam, you provide the creativity and the message.

It can be about the fair, your club, 4-H life skills, or anything about 4-H. Be sure to include your club name in it somewhere too. After the fair, you can put it up in your community – as the school, library, or anywhere you want to tell people about 4-H.

These are displayed in the 4-H Farm Bureau Exhibit building, between the entomology cases. Club leaders recently received an email with more information. Let us know by **June 10**, if you want a billboard and we'll have it ready for you to pick up.

National 4-H Congress Delegate

Anna Spexarth, Colwich Clovers, has been selected as the Sedgwick County delegate to the National 4-H Congress, November 2015. Over 1200 4-H members from across the US will be meeting in Atlanta, Georgia for this National Conference which focuses on leadership, citizenship, and life skills. This trip is sponsored by the Sedgwick County 4-H Advisory Council.



4-H Carnival

The 4-H Carnival is coming Sunday, October 11. Mark your calendars.

Campference Delegates

Keaton Donaghue, Catherine Magana, madelin Davis, kayla Moreno, Lauren Taldo, and Cooper Watkins will be representing Sedgwick County at Campference this year. Kaci Foraker will be a Youth Council Counselor.

Photos, Photos, Photos



We need action shots of club happenings from ALL the 4-H Clubs. We want to use those in the newsletter to share with EVERYONE all the cool things that you are doing at project meetings, community service, club meetings, etc. They can be of anything.

It doesn't have to be the whole club (just make sure it shows more than 1 person or 1 family). It can be funny or serious. Include a short description of what the activity is so we can put an appropriate caption with it.

Email them to Jodi at besthorn@ksu.edu

4-H You Tube.....

Check out the short "how to" videos" on the 4-H web site. One is about entry tags, another on preparing foods for exhibit and one is coming on how to prepare arts & crafts. They are just the basics and cover many of the questions that we get regarding the fair.

Check the web site after June 1 to see more videos.

PHOTO CAMP CAMPERS!

Skyler Sprecker, Keatyn Bull and Camden Bull attended the state wide photography camp for teens. They learned how to get the most from their cameras and tried new techniques too.

Record Books and Kansas 4-H Award Applications



The last step of the 4-H year is summarizing your accomplishments. Here's the process:

1. End of 4-H year (date to be determined by your Community Leader and Record and Awards Trainer) - 4-H'ers turn in record books and KAP's to leaders.
2. For those interested in applying for awards: You will complete the Kansas 4-H Awards Portfolio (KAP) form for each project which you have decided to apply for an award. Younger members should consider completion of the KAP on a very basic level; i.e., one or two goals for a project, etc.

3. There will be 3 levels of awards this year: Junior (Age 7-9) Intermediate (Age 10-13) and Senior (14 and older).

4. Reminder – You can use a word processor. However, you don't get "extra credit" for using the computer.

Neat, hand written, KAP's are fine for junior and intermediate divisions.



ATTENTION COMMUNITY LEADERS, RECORD AND AWARD TRAINERS AND PROJECT LEADERS

Encourage 4-H'ers to fill out the KAP. Otherwise they may be missed in the award selection but have done a lot in a project. Project leaders can help their young people set goals. They don't have to be written in a fancy style or form; just have the 4-H'ers answer the question, "What did I want to learn when I started this project?"

The following items are due in the County Office by 5:00 p.m., August 31. (if this date falls on a weekend, we will accept on Monday)

- **Kansas Award Portfolios**
- **Kansas Key Award Applications**
- **Achievement Pin Applications** (emerald, silver, guard for silver, junior leader, gold, guard for gold)
- **Club Awards Notebook** (if your club has been working on a project, you may still submit a notebook for recognition at the county level.)
- **Reporter's Notebook**
- **10 Year Pins**
- **Teen Teacher Applications**
- **Helping Hand Nominations**
- **Any other special award forms**

All these form are on the web at
www.sedgwick.ksu.edu

KAP and Record Help

Call today to schedule a group "Post Fair Paper Work Party" with Jodi Besthorn, 4-H Agent. We can work on Record Sheets, Permanent Records, or KAP's. Avoid the last minute rush and get some help at the same time!

Your party can be at the office, at your meeting space or in someone's home. 4-12 People is ideal.

Larger groups will work too, but we will need parent helpers. Call today to get your preferred time!

Project Record Form

We use a "generic" 4-H record form that can be used for any 4-H project. This form was given to all members last fall.

It is available in a pdf or Word - form fillable version on our web site www.sedgwick.ksu.edu under the forms button.

Members can download the file, save it to your computer, and then type in the information from your keyboard. Save the file, and then print it out for your 4-H record book. The sections are expandable so you can put as much or as little information on the record as you wish. The record also is compatible with the KAP form. So if you are filling out a KAP, you can "cut and paste" the information.

If you have questions about the form (or suggestions/feedback) please contact Jodi Besthorn.

FAIR HELP NEEDED

Rocketry Department: 2-3 people to work with the judge on Thursday morning.

Arts & Crafts Department: 4-6 people to help display projects Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

Photography Department: help setting up, taking down and helpers during judging.

Educational Displays: check in exhibits on Thursday Morning or clerk for the judge Thursday afternoon.

Foods Department: 6-8 people, Wednesday evening and Thursday morning to help judges.

Tour Guides: 10-15 people, Thursday morning 9:30a.m.-noon to guide military 4-H members around the fair and eat pizza lunch with them.





What to Expect from the Judge

One of the purposes of the fair, is to show others our mastery of project skills and to learn how to improve these skills for the future. This is often accomplished thru the judging process. Judges are people who are knowledgeable about a particular project area. Their job is to help you look at your project with a new viewpoint, give you meaningful feedback on your strengths, and suggest other alternatives for solving problems or improving skills. This often takes place during a short conversation between the judge and the 4-H member. This is often called 'conference judging'.

The judge uses this time to learn about the goals of the project, skills learned, challenges encountered, and processes used. They usually do this by asking a series of questions. These questions are not meant to "test you" or "trip you up" but a way of exploring your exhibit. Here are some examples of the types of questions that may occur, and why they might be asked.

"What" questions most often lead to facts.

What are some of the foods you eat that provide vitamin C?

What type of equipment did you use to construct your birdhouse?

"Where" questions most often lead to location of source of information.

Where do you think you could find a list of foods high in vitamin C?

Where do you plan to hang your birdhouse?

"Why" questions often lead to a discussion of reasons.

Why do you need vitamin C?

Why did you select this finish?

"How" questions lead to a discussion about processes or sequences or to feelings?

How did you do that?

How do you feel about what you did?

"Could" questions explore other possibilities.

Could you tell me what you plan to do differently next time?

Could you show me an example of where you countersunk your nails?

"What" and "where" questions help younger members express what they have learned and the sources of their learning. As youth mature, "how" and "why" questions become more important in helping them think about more abstract concepts and/or the application of concepts.

Practice talking with someone about your project — **BEFORE** — the fair. Former project leaders, older 4-H members, and teachers are great resources. The more you practice talking about your project and what you learned, the easier it will be with the judge. As a 4-H member remember that – **YOU are also a judge**. YOU know best what you have accomplished, the effort you put into the project, what was easy, the successes and the challenges. Remember, that when you exhibit at the fair, you are asking FOR ANOTHER PERSON'S OPINION. Use this as a time to learn and grow. You do not have to agree with the judge, but they are hired to give their opinion. All 4-Hers are expected to show good sportsmanship to others including judges, superintendents and others.

Relax and enjoy the fair!! Celebrate your achievements!!!

Adapted from University of Nebraska, 2002 4-H judges training

Calendar of Events



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| June | 1 | Deadline Pre-entry for county fair for – dairy, dairy goat, beef, sheep, poultry |
| | 2 | Camp Counselors go to camp |
| | 3-6 | County 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch |
| | 9 | Getting Exhibit Ready for Fair – 1:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. 4-H Hall |
| | 10 | 48 Hours of 4-H meeting, 4:30 – Meadowlark Room |
| | TBA | State Horse Judging Contest |
| | 11 | Hare Raisers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Bison Room, Extension Center |
| | 11-22 | Citizenship Washington Focus Trip, Washington DC |
| | 12 | Deadline South Central District Horse Show registration |
| | 13-14 | State Geology Field Trips |
| | 19 | Deadline Pre-entry for Style Revue, Clothing, Window Displays, Creative Tables, Demonstrations, Pets, Banners |
| | 25 | Deadline County Fair 4-H Horse Show entries |
| | 27 | Livestock Workday at fair grounds, 8:00 a.m. - noon |
| | 28 | Fair Clean Up – Set up, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. |
| July | 1 | Style Revue Judging and Evening Show, Pet Show, Creative Tables Contest |
| | 1 | Deadline Pre-entry for county fair for rabbits |
| | 6 | IF NEEDED - Livestock Work Day, 8:00 a.m. – noon |
| | 7 | District Horse Show |
| | 8-11 | Sedgwick County Fair, Cheney |
| | 31 – Aug 1 | – Night at the Zoo sponsored by the Ambassadors. |
| August | 13-15 | State Dairy Show – Salina |
| | 13 | Hare Raisers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Bison Room, Extension Center |
| | 22-23 | State Livestock Judging Contest (Tentative) |
| | 22 | State Horticulture Judging Contest |
| | 31 | KAP's, Pin applications and Key Awards forms due to Extension Office |
| September | 10 | Hare Raisers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Bison Room, Extension Center |
| | 11-20 | Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson |
| October | 2-4 | Kansas Junior Livestock Show, State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson |
| | 6 | Kansas Out-of-School Conference, Extension Center |
| | 8 | Hare Raisers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Bison Room, Extension Center |



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