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Carnival Time – October 11

Join in the fun with our county wide 4-H carnival. This is a family fun event for all. Proceeds will be split 50/50 between the clubs and the 4-H Advisory Council (aka foundation). There are lots of activities going on that night. Check out all the options below:

When: Sunday, October 11 4:30 – 6:30 pm 4-H Hall
(Set up: 3:00-4:30 pm)
Free Admission Booth Tickets: 25 cents each, at the door



Chris and Crystal Clover Candidates

In addition to the club game booths, clubs can name a Chris and Crystal candidate for their club. These candidates solicit donations to 4-H before the carnival and at the carnival. At a penny a vote, the candidates with the most votes wins. All candidates will receive a special gift bag for their participation. Please turn your candidates' names and booth reservations into the office by October 1.



Concession Stand

The Teen Council will have a concession stand at the carnival too. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, nachos and more..... Let us cook for you tonight!



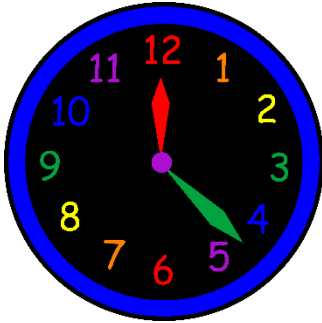
Money Counters

We need some volunteer helpers to count Chris and Crystal funds. There are 2 shifts: 4:30 and 5:00. It's not difficult, we just need some extra hands and about 25 minutes of your time. Call the 4-H department to sign up to help at (316) 660-0115.



Teen Council members – sign up for concession stand donations and to volunteer to help at:
<http://tinyurl.com/teencouncilconcessions>.

We still need some pop and help to set up the nachos, arrange cookies, etc. And, we need some help to put the stuff away at the end.



It's Almost Time!!

4-H Enrollment Begins October 1.

This year we will be going paperless for enrollment!! Including the health/participation form!

Re-enrollment process: *This is not available until after October 1.*

- Log into your account at www.4-honline.com
- Look at all your contact information to make sure it is correct.
- The system will automatically add one year to your 4-H age and add one year to your projects, so you don't need to change those.
- You can edit your projects by adding or deleting.
- There are several sections to the health/participation form and your typed name will serve as your permission signature.
- Parents – if you are serving a volunteer role such as coach or project leader or club leader, please include your information in your family account. We're making a big push this year to get adult volunteers into the online system as well so that we can count you in our statistics.
- Once you hit submit, it will go to Barb, here in our office. Once she has reviewed that everything is completed, you will get a confirmation email.
- Everyone should try to complete this process by **November 1.**
- **If you don't have access to a computer, you are welcome to come to the office and use one here.**

New member enrollment process –

1. Create a family account with your password. All youth and adults will use the same account.
2. Know the name of the club you are joining. You will be asked to select from a list of Sedgwick County 4-H clubs.
3. Follow the prompts to add a member, and add the projects. This must be done one at a time. Use the project selection guide, located on our web site, to see the many options 4-H offers. First year members should only select one or two projects.
4. A how to video and additional instructions are found at www.sedgwick.ksu.edu, then click on 4-H.
5. Once you hit submit, it will go to Barb, here in our office. Once she has reviewed that everything is completed, you will get a confirmation email.
6. New members should enroll as soon as possible as well. The deadline for new members is still March 1. (Note: new members should visit a club before signing up online.)

Kansas 4-H Week – October 4 - 11

Invite a Friend to join you
at your club meeting.
Post 4-H photos on your
Facebook Page.
Here are some ideas to
get you started!

National 4-H Week Photo Challenge

October 4, 2015

4-H Selfie Sunday

October 5, 2015

Mentor Monday

October 6, 2015

Transformation Tuesday

October 7, 2015

Project Pride

October 8, 2015

Thankful Thursday

October 9, 2015

4-H Friday

October 10, 2015

Service Saturday

Show your 4-H Pride
& post your photos
#4Hgrowshere



October 10-11 is a statewide 4-H campaign to have every member in the state participate in some kind of service activity! What a great challenge! And what a great way to show what 4-H members can do when they all work together to make a difference in their communities.

Each club is encouraged to plan something locally that benefits your community. Your club leader has information on how to register your project so that the state can track your activity.

In addition, you can help with 2 other county wide activities

1. Clean up at Great Plains Nature Center, Wichita. Saturday October 10, 9- noon, rain or shine. We will be working outside cleaning the grounds so dress appropriately with closed toe shoes, jacket, gloves, etc. If you have rakes, pruners, shovels, etc. bring those along too. Water and snacks will be provided. To sign up, click on this link to sign up genius. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4dabad22a46-48hours> You can work as many shifts as you like. Families are welcome. Younger members should have an adult accompany them.
2. Fleece Blankets – each club is asked to make at least 1 fleece tie blanket to give to a children's charity. Please bring it to the carnival on October 11. In addition, the teen council will have some blankets pre-cut so that anyone can stop by and help tie a blanket at the carnival. Look for that activity on the stage in 4-H Hall.

We look forward to seeing what we can do by working together to lend a helping hand to others during this 48 Hours of 4-H

COME JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND IMPROVE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Teen Council is a countywide group for 4-H members age 13 years and older. The Council's purpose is to provide leadership and direction during county wide events such as the Annual Banquet, 4-H Day, Style Revue and so on.

Last chance to sign-up is October 1.

Members also plan and participate in educational/social events; the Formal Dinner is a big hit each year where members and their friends can learn about formal dining etiquette in a relaxed environment. Some past activities include All Star Sports Outing, Corn Maize Adventures and a Christmas Party!

Teen Council is a GREAT place to meet new people and get involved! We realize that with busy schedules you probably cannot make every meeting, but we welcome you to participate when you can!

Next meeting will be September 29, 7:00 p.m., Sunflower Room.

October 24 is S'more Night – meeting place to be announced.

"DARE to DISCOVER 4-H"

Annual Recognition Banquet

Sunday, November 8

5:30 p.m. Dinner; 6:45 p.m. Awards

The Teen Council is planning our county wide banquet. Your invitation is in this newsletter. Be sure to RSVP with this form for your Banquet tickets. **ALL** 4-H members and their families are invited. Join in the fun and celebrate! **This is a dress-up event!**

Photos for Banquet



Once again we will be doing a PowerPoint type presentation at the banquet. We'd like to include highlights from your club. Please provide us with 10-12 photos of your club in action. It could include community service, project meetings, club meetings or whatever you want.

Electronic photos may be sent to: drescher@ksu.edu. We will be scanning the photos, so you could even use some of the photos from your historian's scrap book. We can also scan a page from your Historian Book and use it in the show.

Please be sure to put a sticky note on the photos to identify what the activity is, and please put all your photos in a labeled envelope. Individuals are welcome to submit photos.

We also would appreciate photos from county wide events that you might have – club day, work day, shows, etc. **Deadline is October 16, 2015.** Photos will be returned to your club box after Banquet.



4-H Officers Training

Tuesday, October 13, 7:00 pm

4-H Hall

Sedgwick County Extension Center

Come learn ways to make your 4-H club even better.

There will be a main session, followed by breakout sessions for the following offices (if your office is not listed below, you can attend any session you would like).

*President/VP

*Secretary

* Treasurer

* Song and Recreation Leaders

* Parliamentarian

* Historian

Please **RSVP a total number** attending for your club to Barb (bwingfie@ksu.edu) by October 7. If there are not at least 25 pre-registered, it will be canceled.

(Note: clubs may also do their own officers training. We will put together officer packets for all clubs and hand them out at the training. If a club is not at the training, we will put it in your club box)

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!!!

What: 2015 Sedgwick County Extension Council Election

When: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, October 28th – 30th.
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Extension Education Center,
7001 W 21st St. North
Wichita, KS. 67205



Plan to come and cast your vote for the 2015 Extension Council representatives. More details will be mailed separately later.

Any Sedgwick County resident, who is at least 18 or older and lives in Sedgwick County, can vote. We need all 4-H parents to please come and cast their vote. The county commissioners have challenged us to increase our participation. So please help us show that people do care about Extension programs. Tell your friends and neighbors too.

4-H KYLF



2015 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

When: November 20-22, 2015

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Teens 14-18 Years old by Jan 1, 2015

Cost: \$200.00, includes meals, lodging, materials, & conference T-shirt. Payment is due to our office **ASAP**. Make checks payable to Extension Education Foundation.

Transportation: Will be provided for up to 10 people. Additional car pools will be made as needed. Sign up at 4-H Office, first come-first served.

Payment Due: To *Extension Office* by October 15. *Online registration* closes October 15. *Late registrations* will not be accepted.

Registration is non-refundable after October 20. If you register you are required to pay the fee unless you cancel by this date.

Register online at: www.kansas4-H.org

The conference will feature 18 different workshops to choose from. You will have an opportunity to network to share ideas, programs and experiences with your peers from across the state.

In addition, you can apply to become an officer for the state youth council. Details on the nomination process and the application form can be accessed at: www.kansas4-H.org.

Each county will have 2 voting delegates for the election. The Sedgwick County Voting delegates will be chosen among those attending conference from our county.

Sedgwick County 4-H Achievement Foundation will offer scholarships of \$50.00 each to the first 12 applicants who turn their completed application, fees, and Kansas Participation Form into the office, first come, first served. To be eligible you must also attach a half page report about why you want to attend and how you will use what you learn.

National 4-H Conference

April 9 – 14, 2016

Washington, D.C.

Ages 15-18 as of Jan. 1, 2016

Cost: \$925 (of which the 4-H Advisory Council will pay \$900)

Applications due to state by October 1 and are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/oe22alw>

After screening by state committee, interviews will be offered to qualified candidates. Interview will be held on Saturday afternoon during KYLF.

Responsibilities will include: 2 year commitment to Kansas Youth Council, assistance at state and area 4-H events, and participation in the National 4-H Conference.

Information at: <http://www.kansas4h.org>

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

When: June 16 – 22, 2016

Where: Washington D.C.

Who: Youth 15-18 as of Jan. 1, 2016

Cost: Approx. \$1575, plus personal expenses.



The Sedgwick County 4-H Advisory Council (Foundation) will pay up to \$1000 each for 2 people to attend. The balance is the delegate's responsibility.

What: A citizenship road trip with forty other Kansas teens.

Travel: Motor coach

How: Applications are due to the Sedgwick County Extension Office by 5:00 pm on November 14. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for December 4. Applications are available from the Extension Office or online at:

www.sedgwick.ksu.edu. Click on 4-H, events.

Highlights:

- Road trip across the USA stopping to see the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Gettysburg Battlefield, Independence Hall and Liberty Bell in Philadelphia and other amazing sites along the way!
- Meet, learn, share and tour with youth from other states.
- Walk among places that have made history and places that are making news today.
- Visit Capitol Hill, government departments, historic sites and memorials.
- Get a close-up view of political process through visit to Capitol Hill.

Optional: Anyone who meets the qualifications can go by paying their own way. Spaces filled on a first come, first served basis. RVSP to the State 4-H Office by December 1, 2015.

State 4-H Dog Conference

October 17 – 18, 2015

Rock Springs 4-H Center

Saturday 9:00 am - Sunday 11 am

Cost \$85/person

One Day registrations available

Due: October 1

Spend a fun-filled fall weekend at Rock Springs 4-H Center with your dog (optional) and dog project members from across the state. Learn dog training, grooming and health tips; share dog photos, play games at the carnival and participate in the costume contest. Test your general dog knowledge by participating in the quiz bowl or do a dog presentation. Register on line at: www.kansas4-h.org.



Questions and Answers about 4-H

Q. I wasn't in 4-H as a child.

A. That's OK. Many of our 4-H parents are experiencing 4-H for the first time with their children. Parents in your club will be glad to answer questions you may have. You have your 4-H club team to help.

Q. We have too many activities/things going on already.

A. 4-H can work with other activities. You can choose what you want to do. 4-H is a one place for both boys and girls – you can all go together as a family. Instead of being pulled in many directions, your family can spend time together in 4-H.

Q. I don't know anybody who is in 4-H.

A. Clubs are usually small enough to help your family get to know people quickly. It won't take long and you will meet lots of people.

Q. I don't live on a farm

A. A majority of our members live in the suburbs and small communities. 4-H knows no boundaries. We offer more than 30 projects to choose from including foods, photography, bugs, plants, rocketry and more. And you can choose animals too.

Top 10 Reasons for Joining a 4-H Club

- 4-H clubs is an organized group of boys, girls, and caring adults.
- Members elect their own club officers.
- 4-H clubs hold monthly business meetings and/or activities.
- Decisions are made by the group regarding activities, community service efforts, project opportunities and other group interests.
- Through 4-H clubs, boys and girls have fun together, do service projects for their community and participate in many 4-H events and activities.
- 4-H clubs are a place to build lifelong relationships.
- 4-H clubs help youth learn life skills to become capable, caring, competent citizens in our communities.
- 4-H clubs help you learn new information.
- 4-H clubs give youth the opportunity to learn and practice group decision making skills.
- 4-H is FUN!

GO NUTS FOR 4-H!!

What: Purchase #1 of nut

When: Now until October 9

Delivery will be before Thanksgiving

Who: From any 4-H member or at your club meeting. Anyone can sell nuts for this project

Why: To raise funds for camp, scholarships and 4-H activities

Proceeds will be split between the Teen Council and 4-H Advisory Council

How: Contact your friends, neighbors, and businesses to collect the preorders.

Sedgwick County 4-H is selling fresh, high quality, 2015 harvested nuts in #1 packages. We offer:

Sliced almonds – great for casseroles, baking, salads and more

Smoked Almonds – excellent snack and perfect paring with party mixes

Walnut Halves – perfect for fudge, salads, and other toppings

Pecan Halves – Jr. mammoth size halves

Pistachios – roasted in the shell, great for snacking

Mixed Nuts (No peanuts) – wonderful for gift giving

Cashew halves – roasted and salted

Extra copies of the order form are available at the Extension office.



4-H Ambassador Applications Now Available

Do you want to bring your 4-H involvement to a new level? Do you like working with groups? Do you like to organize events/activities? Are you comfortable speaking? If so, then consider applying to be a Sedgwick County 4-H Ambassador. Must be in high school and be willing to serve for 2 years.

As a spokesperson for 4-H, some of plans for this year include: doing a class at Discovery Days, planning a lock in type event for 10-12 year olds, etc.

Applications are available on our web site at www.sedgwick.ksu.edu, then under 4-H, Forms. Deadline for applications is October 1, with interviews at a later date.

40,000 Cookies in One Hour!

That's what Sedgwick County 4-H members accomplished at the first ever Cooking Bagging day at the Lords Diner. We worked together to repackage Girl Scout cookies into individual serving sizes for dessert for the diner. Those 40,000 cookies will be enough for 10 days! Thanks to all that helped!!



2015-2016 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

These dates are listed for your information to assist you in planning the 4-H year. County fair **will probably** be the same time frame as this year, but it has not been confirmed with the fair board at this time. Dates are subject to change. Most of these will require pre-registration prior to the event. Watch the community leader letter and the newsletter for updates and details. Feel free to call if you have any questions about any of the events listed here.

2015

September	1---Oct. 9	GO NUTS for 4-H!! County wide fundraising project!
	15	Deadline for 4-H Carnival Booth registration
	11-20	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
	23	County KAP Judging 1:30 & 5:30, your choice
	25	National 4-H Conference (Washington, D.C.) applications due to county extension office
	19-22	Kansas Jr. Livestock Show
	26	State 4-H Shot Gun and Hunting Skills Match – hosted by Sedgwick County 4-H
October	1	Online Enrollment opens for returning members and new members
	1	Ambassador Applications Due
	1	State Youth Council applications due to state office
	1	National 4-H Conference applications due to state office.
	5-10	Kansas 4-H Week – and 4-H club window displays throughout the county
	7	National 4-H Science Day
	6	Kansas Out of School Conference
	9	Go NUTS for 4-H – Orders due to Extension Office
	10-11	48 Hours of 4H
	11	4-H Carnival
	13	4H Club Officer's Training-your choice- County Wide option or done at club level
	15	KYLF registration due online
	TBA	Ambassador Interviews
	17-18	State 4-H Dog Conference
	29	Extension Council Elections (including 4-H PDC) 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
	31	Last day to buy Banquet tickets in person at the 4-H Office
November	1	NEW-Online Enrollment should be completed for returning members
	7	Sack Nut Sales and decorate for the banquet (tentative)
	8	4-H Recognition Banquet (Sunday, 5:30 dinner, 6:15 program)
	15	Citizenship Washington Focus applications due
	20-22	KYLF, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs 4-H Center
	21-23	State Adult Leadership Forum, Rock Springs 4-H Center
	27- Dec 1	National 4-H Congress, Atlanta - 2015 Delegate: Anna Spexarth
December	1	LAST CHANCE TO RE-ENROLL ONLINE. If you haven't re-enrolled, you will be dropped from the membership list and will not be eligible to participate in 4-H events (including the county fair!) For 2016-17, the deadline will be November 1.
	3	CWF Interviews (Tentative)

2016

January	8	Area KAP Screening (tentative)
	22-24	Horse Panorama - Rock Springs 4-H Center (tentative)
	29	Kansas 4-H Scholarships due to county office
February	6	4-H Day -Talks, Demonstrations, Model Meetings, Music, Dance, Skits, etc.– Central Community Church, 6100 W. Maple
	14-15	4-H CIA Citizenship in Action - Topeka
	19-20	State Ambassador Training – RSR



DARE to DISCOVER 4-H



**All 4-H Members and Families
Are Cordially Invited to the**

Sedgwick County 4-H Recognition Banquet

Sunday, November 8

4-H Hall

Sedgwick County Extension Education Center

7001 W. 21st St N

Wichita, KS 67205

What's it
all about?

Who did
what?

Buffet Meal Begins at 5:30 p.m. (NOTE NEW STARTING TIME!)

Mail Order Tickets must be purchased by October 15, 2015.

**The last day to buy and pick up the tickets in person
at the Extension Office is Friday, October 30, 2015.**



The Banquet will be a "Dress Up" Event.

2015 4-H RECOGNITION BANQUET TICKET ORDER FORM

Name _____ Club _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Make checks payable to: **SEGWICK COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION.**

Please make the following reservations:

Type of Ticket	# of Tickets	Price	Total	For Office Use Only
4-H'ers (11 and older) & Leaders		\$4.00		
4-H'ers 10 & under		\$4.00		
Family Members/Friends		\$6.00		
Children (ages 10 & under) Non 4-H Members		\$3.50		
Total Enclosed (maximum \$25.00 per family)				

Ticket orders received by October 15 will be mailed out to you. Ticket orders received after deadline must be picked up at the office. Absolute last day to pick up meal tickets is Friday, October 31.



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