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Leaders Forum

December 12 at 6pm in the Sedgwick Room we will have a leaders' forum that is open to all club leaders to discuss:

- ✿ Recruitment and retention of Adult Volunteers (so that everyone gets a chance to lead and a chance to recharge their batteries).
- ✿ Recruitment and retention of youth - what works, what doesn't, leader business cards, new member/visitor welcome packets with FAQs, important dates, etc.
- ✿ Club leader structure so that the responsibilities are evenly distributed.
- ✿ Resources you need (Laminated, poster board sized Skill-a-Thon score cards) (laminated, poster board size meeting agenda that you can display at club meeting and not have to make copies) just some suggestions but bring what you have and what would make your life easier!

**LET'S TALK
ABOUT IT**

County 4-H Day

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Derby North Middle School










3100 Rock Road – across from the big water tower

8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Entries due January 20th by 5:00 pm

A schedule will be mailed in late January.

This is your chance to share your talents, knowledge and communication skills in a competitive event. Check the chart in this newsletter for a complete list of all categories including:

-  Piano
-  Instrumental
-  Demonstrations/Illustrated talks – We will provide LCD projector see page 3
-  Project Talks
-  Skits
-  Model Meeting
-  Vocal/Chorus
-  Dance
-  Public Speaking and more.....

We will be using a google doc to register online. **You must make a separate entry for each person doing an individual event.**

The link for individual entries is: <https://tinyurl.com/t35682y>

The link for group entries is: <https://tinyurl.com/vsnxfj2>

The link to volunteer as room monitor is: <https://tinyurl.com/wcacdhm>

You must be at least 11 to volunteer or have an adult with you. Participating and/or volunteering does count on your pin application.

A copy of 4-H Day Guidelines may be found on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/shyncldg> click on 4-H, then News/Events/Activities and the 4-H Day tab.

More 4-H Day information.....

Judging Contests – will be held in conjunction with 4-H Day. Tentative plans are to have the following:

- Family Consumer Science/Life Skills
- Horticulture
- Meats/Livestock Areas
- Photography

The basic process for any contest is asking you to read a sample problem /example then rank the 4 possible answers from best to worst.

The purpose of the contest is to help you analyze what the problem is, then weigh alternatives and choices in order to make the best decision possible. There are state contests available for all of these divisions and the more often you participate, the more likely it is that you will qualify for state competition.

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- Remember this counts on your pin application!

Check Out the You Tube video on our website – News/Events/Activities – 4-H Day – to learn how a judging contest works, how to fill out the form, and what the process is all about. All members should plan to do at least 1 of the contests. There will be at least 2 age divisions for each contest.

Note: These contests will count as one of the options towards selection of state fair teams.

Volunteers are needed to assist in these areas as well. Call the 4-H Department to volunteer.

More Resources for 4-H Day.....

4-H Day How to Videos on our website at: <http://www.sedgwick.k-state.edu/4-h-youth/news-and-activities/fourhday/4-h-day.html>

Publication Helpers

The state has a series of “How To” publications for giving talks and demonstrations. All can be downloaded from the state publication library at: <http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/4H984.pdf>

Tips for 4-H Day

4-H Day is a great opportunity to show off your talents and your projects. Keep in mind these tips to make your presentation a smashing hit!

- ✿ Don't read your talk. Don't memorize, but do practice so you're familiar with it.
- ✿ Look at the audience. This is a must for keeping their attention.
- ✿ Talk loud enough so people on the back row can hear you.
- ✿ Don't talk too fast. Make sure everyone can understand everything you say.
- ✿ Dress appropriately. Be sure you are well groomed and neat. You may want to dress to fit your presentation.
 - Good posture increases self-confidence.
- ✿ Stand on two feet. Try not to rock back and forth.
 - Remember to smile, smile, smile! It takes fewer muscles to smile than to frown.

4-H Day Information Guidelines

- If quality merits, there will be a Champion and Reserve Champion in each age division in each event.
- ***The Extension Office will provide a PC compatible LCD projector (no HDMI cord) for jr., inter., and sr. demonstrations. You must provide lap top. If you are using an Apple product, you must bring the adaptor. All rooms will have a light colored wall that can be used as a screen.***

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- In all areas, members should clear their props, materials, and equipment from the area before visiting with the judge. This will help us keep on schedule and is a courtesy of performing.
- Purple ribbon demonstrations (age 9 and over) are eligible for State Fair.
- *NOTE for ALL MUSICAL PERFORMANCES: Members should be aware of copyright laws. It is illegal to photocopy music. If music is downloaded from the internet (such as sheetmusic.com) you must have the cover sheet that shows proof of purchase. The original of the music is to be given to the judge before the performance. Accompanist does not have to be a 4-H member. Taped/CD accompaniment is allowed, but you must provide your own CD or tape player. Solos do not have to have accompaniment. Memorization is encouraged but not required for solos.
- NOTE ABOUT PIANOS – we will have an electronic Yamaha for piano solos. Instrumental and vocal music will have an electronic keyboard for accompaniment. They will all be set to a basic “piano” sound. You may play a scale or warm up before you perform, to get a feel of the instrument. There are no practice rooms for warm up. You should use the home room or hallways.
- Skits – Groups will perform in the “behind stage” area. The school will put up the stage front moveable wall so you will not be open to the commons area. There is no stage or curtains. Clubs may provide their own, or ask the audience to “imagine” that there are curtains for the side wing area.
- For a complete handbook of 4-H Day, go to our web site at www.sedgwick.ksu.edu or <http://www.sedgwick.ksu.edu/4-h-youth/news-and-activities/fourhday/4-h-day.html>



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Type	Participants	Time (minutes)
Project Talks	Junior 7-9 Intermediate 10-13	0-7 0-7
Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks Each contestant has 3 minutes to set up and 2 minutes to tear down. Please clear your table before talking with the judge.	Junior 7-9 Intermediate 10-13 Senior 14 and older	0-10 0-10 0-15
Public Speaking – Must provide outline for judge	14 and older	0-15
Model Meeting	Any number/age	35
Chorus	Composed of 16 or more from one club or a composite group from 2 or more clubs	2 numbers
Small Vocal Ensemble	Club or composite group from 2 or more clubs, of 2-6 young people.	2 numbers
Large Vocal Ensemble	Club or composite group from 2 or more clubs, of 7-15 young people.	2 numbers
Vocal Solo	Junior 7-9 Intermediate 10-13 Senior 14 and older	1 number 1 number 1 number
Orchestra or Band	Club or composite group from 2 or more clubs, 16 or more young people.	2 numbers
Small Instrumental Ensemble	Club or composite group from 2 or more clubs, of 2-6 young people.	2 numbers
Large Instrumental Ensemble	Club or composite group from 2 or more clubs, of 7-15 young people.	2 number
Instrumental Solo	Junior 7-9 Intermediate 10-13 Senior 14 and older	1 number 1 number 1 number
Piano Solo/Duet	Junior 7-9 Intermediate 10-13 Senior 14 and older	1 number 1 number 1 number
Dance Group Dance: Square, Folk and Other	2 or more	5 minutes
Individual Dance: Tap, Ballet, Interpretive, Break, Other	Junior 7-9 Intermediate 10-13 Senior 14 and older	5 minutes
Talent Drama and Other: One Act Play	Any number of young people	45 minutes

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Talent Drama and Other: Skit, Creative Drama – Groups have 5 minutes to set up and 5 minutes to tear down. Props may be brought into the back of the room prior to your performance.	Any number of young people	10 minutes
Reading May or may not be memorized, costumes and simple props may be used	Junior 7-9 Intermediate 10-13 Senior 14 and older	5 minutes 5 minutes 5 minutes
Other Talent Novelty, stunt, puppets, marionettes, ventriloquist, etc.	No limit	5 minutes

4-H PDC Elections

4-H PDC members include current members Marc Yung, Stephanie Hays, Amanda Smarsh and newly elected members Brandon Dills, Dagny Waldmeier and Luke Nichols. This group helps the agents plan, direct and implement the 4-H program in Sedgwick County.

Countywide Project Meetings

Most meetings are held at the Extension Education Center. Any member, of any club, may attend. These are led by county-wide volunteers. If you enrolled for these project thru 4-H Online, you will get meeting information by email from the project leaders. If you don't receive information, please check with the 4-H Office.

Geology – Meetings are generally held on the second Thursday of the month starting at 7:15 pm. The first meeting of the year is January 9, Meadowlark room.

Entomology – Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month, Meadowlark room, next meeting is December 19th.

Dog Project Meetings – The 3rd Monday of the month starting January 23, 7:00 pm, Bison room. No 4 legged friends at this meeting. All dog project members should plan to attend.

Dog Obedience Training – Generally Thursday evening. First meeting January 30th, 6 pm, 4-H Hall.

Dog Agility will begin February 23rd, 2:00 pm, 4-H Hall.

Rocketry – Members will begin meeting February 2, Bison room.

Hare Raisers – All rabbit project members are encouraged to attend meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Bison room.

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CIA – CITIZENSHIP in ACTION

February 16-17, 2020

Topeka

Cost: \$175.00 (tentatively)

Age: 13-19 years old by January 1 of the current year

Details and registration will be available at: www.kansas4h.org

Deadline TBA.

The Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council is busy planning for Citizenship in Action (CIA). Hotel accommodations will once again be at the Capitol Plaza Hotel next to the Kansas Expo Center. Housing costs are included in the registration fee and rooms will be assigned.

The Sedgwick County 4-H Achievement Foundation will provide four \$50.00 scholarships for this event. Deadline will be the same as registration deadline.

These are on a first come, first serve basis. To qualify, you must write a paragraph about what citizenship means to you and why you want to attend.

Chaperone: Michelle Simmons



4-H Discovery Days

May 28-31, 2019

Kansas State University

Delegates will check in on Tuesday evening and depart before noon on Friday.

Catalog and registration forms will be available in early March at the Extension Office and on-line. Cost will be approximately \$200.00.

Discovery Days are for youth (13 and older by January 1) and adults.

A limited number of \$50.00 scholarships are available from the Sedgwick County 4-H Achievement Foundation. To apply: register online, turn in a completed health/participation form and a paragraph about why you want to attend Discovery Days. Scholarships given on a first come, first served basis.

Male and female chaperones are needed for this event. Contact Michelle Simmons, 4-H Agent, if you are interested. Chaperone registration is at no charge.

4-H Scholarship Deadlines

State 4-H Scholarships are due to Sedgwick County Extension Office by January 27, 2020 so that we can get them to the state by February 1. **Families will be notified when the 2020 form is available.**

March 1 is the deadline for ALL SEDGWICK COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS including:

Teen Council – Two scholarships at \$250

4-H Advisory Council – Six \$500 scholarships

Livestock Sale Committee – Two - Four \$350 scholarships

Applications for all county scholarships are available on our website at: <https://tinyurl.com/scuw2zs>.

Watch for the date notice coming soon!

4-H Advisory Council Annual Meeting Sedgwick County

TBA (Mid-January to Mid-February)

6:00 pm with dinner

Each club needs to send 2 adult representatives to this meeting, as the advisory council works for all the 4-H clubs in Sedgwick County. Additional information and RSVP forms will be sent to the club leaders.

Agenda will include:

- 4-H Highlights from members
- 2020 Budget
- Election of Officers
- Countywide Fundraising Event

Sedgwick County Fair
July 8 - 11, 2020

**Mark your calendars for the
2020 Sedgwick County Fair!**

CAMP DATES

June 16-19, 2020

Rock Springs

Counselors leave for training on June 15

Cost: Regular Camper approx. \$220

Rookie Camper TBA – approx. \$100

Each camper is eligible for a \$30 scholarship by writing a paragraph describing why you want to attend camp. Watch for the online registration after March 1.

SOUTHEAST LEADERSHIP FORUM (SELF)

Saturday, January 18, Lyon County Fairgrounds – Emporia

The Southeast Leadership Forum (SELF) is a one day leadership event for youth 13-18. It's an awesome way to meet teens from your area, learn more about leadership and your community through workshops and group activities.

SELF will be a super fun way to spend your Saturday, so you don't want to miss it!!

Pre-registration is required. Watch for further information.





Teen Council News



Teen Council Christmas Party—Friday, December 13, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

in the Meadowlark Room!! **Bring a wrapped gift to exchange--\$5 limit** and the sillier, the better!! Also **bring a snack to share**. Don't forget to bring your pillows/blankets/bean bag chairs too. We'll be putting together pet toys to donate, watching a festive Christmas movie, munching on goodies and exchanging fun presents!!

Don't miss it!!!!

Start thinking about Teen Council committees you'd like to help with in the Spring. We have 4 committees for the spring: Formal Dinner, Community Service & Fundraising, Fashion Revue, and Summer Event. We'll be working in our committees at the **January Meeting—January 27th**.



Working Together & Building Friendships



2019-2020

New 4-H Year Begins



2019

- December 1 4-H Member re-enrollment **deadline**. If you haven't re-enrolled, you will not be eligible to participate in 4-H events. (including county fair!)
- 5 CWF Interviews - tentative

2020

- January 17 Area KAP screening in Eureka
- 18 SE Youth Leadership Forum in Emporia
- 24-26 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs 4-H Center
- 25 4-H Food Challenge
- 28 Kansas 4-H scholarship **deadline** due to county office
- February 8 4-H Day – talks, demonstrations, model meetings, music, dance, skits, etc.
Derby Middle School
- 16-17 4-H Citizenship in Action (CIA), Topeka
- 22-23 State Ambassador Training, Rock Springs 4-H Center
- March 1 **Deadline** – Last day to add or drop projects for current 4-H members, self-service by logging into your 4-H online account, after this date program will be locked.
(New families should visit clubs in January and February)
- 1 All Sedgwick County 4-H scholarships **deadline** – due to county office
- TBA State Horse Judging Contest
- Early March State 4-H Project (KAP) finalists interviews
- 15 **Deadline** for purchase of purebred breeding beef and market steers for county fair entries
- TBA Market Beef Weigh In
- 28 – April 2 National 4-H Conference, Washington D.C.
- April 15 Discover Days registration **deadline** due to State 4-H Office
- 15 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, application **deadline** to county office
- TBA State 4-H Shooting Sports BB, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol Match
- TBA Camp Counselor interviews and applications **deadline** – due to county office
- May 1 **Deadline** for Horse I.D. papers to county office
- 1 **Deadline** - for DNA and nomination forms for Market Beef (Market Steers/Market Heifers) for State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
- 1 **Deadline** – For purchase of Bucket Calf for county fair entries
- TBA County Camp registration **deadline**, online registration
- TBA **Deadline** – pre-entry for county fair for swine and meat goat entries
- 27-29 Discovery Days, K-State campus **TENTATIVE !**

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	TBA	Deadline – pre-entries for county fair for dairy, dairy goats, beef, sheep, meat goat, swine and poultry
June	TBA	Camp Counselors go to camp
	TBA	County 4-H Camp, Rock Springs 4-H Center
	15	Deadline – for DNA & Nomination forms for commercial heifer, swine, sheep, & meat goat for State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show
	TBA	State Geology Field Trip
	TBA	Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington D.C.
	TBA	4-H Campference, Rock Springs 4-H Center
July	TBA	Style Revue Judging
	TBA	District Horse Show
	TBA	Livestock workday at the fair grounds
	TBA	Fair set-up
	8-11	Sedgwick County Fair, Cheney
August	TBA	State Dairy Show, Salina
	17	State Horticulture Judging Contest (tentative)
	17-18	State Livestock Sweepstakes Contest (tentative)
	31	KAP's and all award forms due to the county office
September	11-20	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson





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