Elk County 4-H News

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4-H Calendar of Events

For the most up to date list of events, go to the Rolling Prairie/Elk County 4-H website.

January
10   Livestock Project Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.
13   Kansas 4-H Day with Wildcat Women’s Basketball
15   Holiday -- Offices Closed
15   Registration Deadline for Citizenship in Action
19   Southeast Area KAP Screening -- Eureka
20   Southeast Area Youth & Volunteer Forum -- Emporia
21   Teen Leaders -- 4:00 p.m.
29   Elk County and Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
29   Tickets sales due for 4-H Council Steak Dinner

February
7    4-H Council -- 6:30 p.m.
10   4-H Council Valentines Steak Dinner -- Moline
18 - 19 Citizenship in Action -- Topeka
18   Market Beef Weigh In -- Longton (150 days)
23   Early Registration Due for Kansas Jr Sheep Producer Day
28   Livestock Project Meeting -- 7:00 p.m.

4-H Scholarship Applications

Applications are now available for the Elk County and Kansas 4-H Scholarships. The same application is used for both scholarships. Applications are due in the Extension Office Monday, January 29. For the applications, two reference letters and transcripts are needed. Members only need to complete the application once and copies will be made for the different groups that need them.

Graduating seniors for more information and/or applications, contact the Extension Office. The Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application is publication number MG-50 (2018).
4-H Enrollment

To be eligible to exhibit at the county fair this year, you need to be enrolled and have your enrollment fee paid by FEBRUARY 1. You will still have until May 1 to drop/add projects if you need to.

Southeast Leadership Forum

January 20th -- 9:15 – 2:45 -- Lyon County Fairgrounds, Emporia

Cost for the day is $20 per person, it includes all workshop materials, snacks, and lunch. For ages 12 - 18. Registration deadline - January 10, 2018. Register online at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html

Citizenship Washington Focus

Registration is now open for the Citizenship Washington Focus Trip. It is scheduled for June 14 - 25, 2018. Youth 15-18 years old by January 1, 2018 are eligible to attend. Cost is $1,850. Registration deadline is January 15. A minimum of 35 people must be registered for the trip to happen. To register go to: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html

Citizenship in Action

February 18 - 19, 2018 at Topeka

Citizenship in Action is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their communities. Delegates will tour the Capitol, get tips on how to meet and talk with their legislators, and discuss how youth can have a greater impact in their communities.

Sunday will feature time at the Capitol, legislative sessions, and a dinner and dance at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. Monday is reserved for delegates to meet with legislators.

Citizenship in Action is for any 4-H member 13 - 18 years old before January 1, 2018. All youth delegates must have a designated, VIP registered, adult chaperone who is at least 21 years of age. Chaperones must be with their delegates at all times.

Cost of the conference is $170 which includes: lodging, a banquet Sunday evening, formal breakfast, snacks and lunch for delegates and legislators on Monday, insurance, and program fees. There will be no refunds if cancelling after January 15. Cancellations before January 15 will result in a $25 cancellation fee.

Youth who wish to have a bed to themselves can make that selection for an additional $35 during registration. If you have a roommate request, both individuals MUST select the single bed option.

Dress for the event will be business attire. Ladies are recommended to wear a business suit with a jacket and a skirt or pants. Skirts must be at least knee length. Low-cut blouses and bare shoulders are not acceptable. Gentlemen should wear a business suit or slacks with a jacket and tie. Jeans are not appropriate at the Capitol or at dinner.

Participants will be walking all day; comfortable shoes are recommended (no tennis shoes!). The dress code is important and will be enforced.

There are several opportunities for delegations to schedule visits with legislators on Monday morning or during lunch (all legislators will receive an invitation for lunch on Monday); or you can set up another time with your legislator. When contacting your legislator make sure you remember: to be polite, be persistent and be concise.

If you are interested in helping judge at the Southeast Area KAP judging on Friday, January 19 at Eureka, let me know by January 10.
KSU Jr Sheep and Beef Producers Day

Jr Sheep Producer Day - Saturday, March 17. Early registration due by February 23.


Participants may register online at: https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND

Flyers for both events were in the December 2017 newsletters. They can also be found at: http://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html

Livestock Project Meetings and Premium Sale Requirements

Two livestock project meetings are scheduled. Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard. Also, Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard.

Livestock educational requirements must be met by July 1 of the current year. There are several events set to take place in the Rolling Prairie District. The ones that Richard oversees, he will take attendance and will know who was there. If you attend something else, it is your responsibility to let Richard know. Also, if you attend a producer educational meeting, the member needs to write a short paragraph or a few sentences telling what you attended and one or two things you learned. Turn this into the Extension Office to receive credit.

Second, members must attend a minimum of 50% of Elk County monthly club meetings from enrollment until the county fair.

Livestock Tagging

If you wish to exhibit an animal of any species at the 2018 Elk County 4-H Fair, it must be tagged and/or ownership verified by registration papers, including dairy and bucket calf. All breeding animals must have ownership as of the date of that species weigh in/tag day. Commercial livestock needs to be tagged with a 4-H tag and registered purebred livestock must have registration papers in the exhibitor’s name or family name. Breeding animals that were tagged in 2017 and are eligible for the 2018 county fair, do not need to be retagged so long as last year’s tag is still in its ear.

Breeding beef heifers must be tagged on February 18 or have registration papers by that date. Breeding meat goats, sheep and swine must be tagged on April 21 or have registration papers by this date.

Dairy cattle/goats and bucket calves need to be tagged and recorded with the Extension Office by May 1 of the current year.

Valentine’s Steak Dinner

Saturday, February 10 -- Moline Hornet’s Nest

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

$20 per person before January 29. $25 at the door.

Tickets available in advance from Elk County 4-H Council members or at the door.

Elk County 4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day is set for Saturday, March 3 at West Elk High School in Howard. Entries are due in the Extension Office Monday, February 19. No late entries will be accepted!

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to have an entry for 4-H Club Day. One of the basic requirements to be eligible for an Excellence in Project Achievement
Award is to give at least two formal talks or demonstrations (unless you are a first-year member and then you must give at least one).

Each family or person is responsible for their own entries. Club presidents should mark whether your club is performing a model meeting. An entry form is in this newsletter and is available on the Rolling Prairie Extension website at http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/activities/index.html#ClubDays

Also on the website, you will find the PowerPoint slides from the Basics of 4-H Club Day presentation that I did several years ago, an entry form, club day guidelines, and a presentation and poster tips document. These are in PDF files that you may view and/or print.

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Questions on 4-H Club Day

Are you unsure of what a project talk, demonstration or illustrated talk is? Or, maybe you have no idea what 4-H Club Day is. Well, to ease your confusion, here is some information about 4-H Club Day.

What is 4-H Club Day? - 4-H Club Day is where 4-H'ers can participate in activities either as a group or an individual. Activities can range from model meetings, demonstrations, project talks, dancing, music, dramatics, etc. It is competitive, with judges giving ratings in top blue, blue, red, and white placings. It is a good time for 4-H'ers to develop self-confidence and poise. It is an opportunity to perform in front of others and share one's 4-H experience.

What is a Project Talk? - Quite simply it is a talk about one of your projects. It can tell about your experiences in the project and/or give information relating to your project. The talk should be over something you are familiar with and be of interest to yourself and others. Questions are not asked at the end of a project talk.

Project Talk
1. Tells about
2. Purpose: To inform
3. Visuals: Charts only

Demonstrations? - A demonstration is simply showing and telling how to do something. It is a teaching method. Most demonstrations incorporate an introduction, a body that is the "Show and Tell" part, and a summary to stress the important parts of your demonstration.

Demonstration
1. Shows how
2. Purpose: To teach
3. Visuals: Charts and aids for making end product.

Illustrated Talk? - An illustrated talk is talking and telling how to do something by using pictures, charts, models, equipment, and other types of visual aids.

Illustrated Talk
1. Tells how
2. Purpose: To teach
3. Visuals: Models, charts

Show N Share Talk? - This is for first year members only! It is an opportunity for them to give a talk or presentation in front of people for the first time. The judge will provide comments to the 4-H’er and they will receive a ribbon. These talks are not eligible for Regional 4-H Club Day.

If you have questions, feel free to ask.

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Gavel Games

Parliamentary procedure is one of the lasting skills identified by former 4-H members that was developed during their 4-H years.

Gavel Games is designed to teach parliamentary procedure in a fun, meaningful way. In a Gavel Games contest, four 4-H’ers make up a team and act as officers for a 4-H business model meeting.
President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are the only officers in this parliamentary exercise.

Each team takes a written test as well. Part of the test is the order of business. Teams receive a score on both the written test and oral presentation. Age divisions are Junior (13 and under) and Senior (14 and older).

If anyone is interested in Gavel Games or would like more information, let me know. I will be glad to help anyone wanting to try this. Clubs and members can do both model meeting and Gavel Games if they want to. Members on a Gavel Games team do not have to be from the same 4-H club.

On our website, under Club Days, is a publication about Gavel Games. This is a document that I developed, and it is being used by all the counties in our Regional 4-H Club Day block.

Model Meetings

Clubs performing a model meeting are required to make at least one motion from the five types of motions. The types of motions are: Main, Subsidiary, Incidental, Privileged, and Unclassified. Motions that fall under these categories/types can be found in A Guide to Parliamentary Practice for your Club on pages 2-3 or in The Meeting Will Come To Order on page 18.

Junk in a Bucket

Junk in a Bucket was a success last year; therefore, we will continue it this year. Each participant will draw for a random numbered bucket on March 3 at 4-H Club Day. You do not have to be present to participate, but you do need to arrange to pick up your bucket at another time.

Ground Rules for Junk in a Bucket:

1. Pre-entry is required and will be due by February 19, 2018 to the Rolling Prairie Extension District - Howard Office.
2. Random drawings for the buckets will be March 3, 2018.
3. Photos of each bucket will be taken. NO extra materials may be used in the creation of the project.
4. Any of the items in the bucket MAY be cut or reconfigured, but NO items may be added.
5. Items in the bucket may be welded. Baling wire may be used to connect items, but may be used ONLY to connect pieces. No extra wire is allowed. Zip Ties may also be used to connect items in the bucket.
6. In creating the project, all items in the bucket DO NOT have to be used.
7. Projects may be painted, but it is not required.
8. ALL buckets and items not used must be returned along with the exhibit to the Elk County Fair in July. All Junk in a Bucket projects will be exhibited in a special class at the fair.
9. Only 4-H’ers enrolled may participate in this project. This is an individual person project; NOT a team or club project.
10. Special prizes will be awarded in the two divisions: Junior and Senior. (Ages same as all Elk County 4-H Fair activities.) Prizes will be based on creativity and originality of the project.

4-H Photo Workshop

Saturday, April 14 -- Auburn, KS

Photo Judging Contest 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Workshops from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Registration due March 1. More information will be in next month’s newsletter or is available at the Extension Office.
Elk County 4-H Club Day Entry Form
Due in the Extension Office -- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018 by 4:30 p.m.
(Age is based on January 1, 2018)

Club _______________________

Model Meeting? _____ Yes  _____ No  (Club President mark)

Gavel Games (Jr -- 13 and Under)

Gavel Games (Sr -- 14 and Older)

MUSIC

Vocal Solos (Will have both Jr and Sr Divisions)

Instrumental Solos (Will have both Jr and Sr Divisions)

Vocal Ensemble (Name all 4-H’ers)

Instrumental Ensemble (Name all 4-H’ers)

Chorus (Name all 4-H’ers)
TALENT

Reading

Skit/One Act Play (Name all 4-H’ers)

Novelty (juggling, pantomime, ventriloquist, magic, puppets, marionettes, gymnastics, etc.)
Give description of what you are doing.

Dance Routines (1 or more 4-H’ers, any age)

TALKS & DEMONSTRATIONS

Show & Share (1st year 4-H’ers only)

Project Talks (13 and Under)

Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks (Will have both Jr and Sr Divisions)

Public Speaking (14 and Older)

Entries may be mailed, emailed, faxed, or called in at:
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