4-H Calendar of Events

March
6       Elk County 4-H Club Day
8       Registration Due for Kansas Jr Meat Goat Producer Week
15-20   Kansas Jr Meat Goat Producer Week -- Virtual
20      Regional 4-H Day -- Burlington
29      Registration Due for Southeast Virtual Youth Leadership Forum

April
7       4-H Council
11      Southeast Virtual Youth Leadership Forum
23-24   Small Animal Weigh In and Tag Day -- (82 and 81 days)
30      4-H Camp Counselor Application Due

May
3       Project Drop/Add Deadline

June
14      Counselors to 4-H Camp -- Rock Springs
15-18   4-H Camp -- Rock Springs
15-18   K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy

July
14-17   Elk County 4-H Fair -- Howard

4-H Camp

4-H Camp will be June 15 - 18 at Rock Springs. Camp Counselor applications are now available and are due April 30. For campers, registration details and information will be released later this month. 4-H Camp is for 3rd - 7th grade complete.
Elk County 4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day is set for Saturday, March 6 at West Elk High School in Howard. A schedule is posted on the Rolling Prairie website. https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/activities/index.html#ClubDays

Many of the events are set up on a block of time. Please read the first page of general information about how this will work. A couple of members and families are scheduled very tight with their different events. Be flexible, it will all work out. Everyone that is signed up with have the opportunity to perform their event.

Room monitors responsibilities are to introduce the 4-H’er that is to perform, keep the door closed during performances and check off the members as they perform. A schedule or list of members to participate will be posted on the door for the events that you are a room monitor for. Also, when an event is scheduled for a block of time, be sure to complete all of one category before moving onto the next one. Don’t forget to ask the judge if they need anything such as water, restroom break, etc.

A few reminders for some of the events: Music - all entries must bring the original sheet music for the judge and have measures numbered. All vocal numbers must be memorized. Instrumental entries do not have to be memorized. Pre-recorded music accompaniment is allowed. Talent - a script is required for Readings and for Skit/One Act Plays.

For other questions about specific events, call and ask or refer to the Club Day Guidelines that is located on the Rolling Prairie website.

A 4-H Facts and Quiz will be setup in the cafeteria for members to complete.

If you signed up for Junk in a Bucket, buckets will be available at 4-H Club Day or they can be picked up beginning next week at the Extension Office.

K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy

Applications are now available for the 2021 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy, June 15-18. This year’s program will offer a hybrid format of virtual instruction, followed by a closing, one-day, in-person experience on the Kansas State University campus. As we navigate the uncertainty of the Coronavirus Pandemic, we are excited to continue our mission of engaging high school students in animal science learning and leadership development.

Students will participate in tours and workshops virtually beginning on Tuesday, June 15 through Thursday, June 17. Conditions permitting, students will gather on the K-State campus Friday, June 18 to connect with their cohort, faculty and industry leaders.

Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council (LMIC) Inc, the academy’s goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

Participation is limited to 20 students to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors and industry leaders. No housing will be provided in 2021, and transportation to and from the event will be the responsibility of the participant. All other costs have been generously provided by LMIC.

Participant safety is of the utmost importance. Local and university safety protocol will guide our interactions. Additional information regarding COVID-19 related requirements will be provided as we approach the event.

For questions about the academy, please contact Sharon Breiner, Director, at sbreiner@ksu.edu or 785-532-6533.

DOWNLOAD APPLICATION
4-H Record Books

It is not too early to start on your 4-H record book. Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and Non-4-H Experience and are encouraged to summarize their experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition.

Starting in 2021, Elk County is using the state system to make record keeping a more consistent and uniform system between all counties/districts and for recognition at the area and state level. To help you through this process, please refer to the Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition.

We will still have the Excellence in Project Achievement Award for members to try for. Members may choose to complete one or more project record report forms. Excellence awards may be awarded to Juniors (members age 7-9); Intermediates (members age 10-13); and Seniors (members 14 and older). Age is based on January 1 of the current year. County Champions will be selected from Seniors as they may be eligible to compete at the area level judging.

One or two trainings for the new forms will be scheduled for later this year.

All forms are located on the website at: https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/recordbooks/index.html

Spring Shows, Sales, Judging and Other Contests

Many of these events are starting to occur and the Extension Office is receiving information about these. I am including on the Rolling Prairie website a list of these as I receive them. Here is the link to these: http://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/springshows/index.html

These events are listed FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY! No endorsement of any event is intended. For more information about any of these, contact the Extension Office. Some of these have a pre-registration deadline, so do not wait until the last minute to inquire about a contest or event. Check back often as list will be updated when notices are received at the office.

If you are interested in club lamb, hog and/or goat sales, the March 10 issue of Farm Talk will have many sales and breeder information listed in a special edition.

Livestock Weight Charts

Livestock weight charts are posted to the Rolling Prairie website under Elk County 4-H. Take a look at these to help you determine the size of animal to purchase or after spring weigh in how much weight they need to gain to meet the premium sale requirements.

https://www.rollingprairie.k-state.edu/elkcounty4h/livestock/index.html

Bucket Calves

Dairy cattle/goats and bucket calves need to be tagged and recorded with the Extension Office by May 1 of the current year. Tags are available at the Extension Office and cost is $2.00. Pickup a tag at the Extension Office or call to schedule a time for Richard to tag your calf.

YQCA Requirement for 2021 State Shows

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multispecies youth livestock quality assurance program that focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development, through age-appropriate educational curriculum for youth 7-21 years of age. This program is an
annual certification that grows with a young person, so the learning modules are different every year.

The fourth year of curriculum materials was launched in October 2020, and youth are welcome to begin completing the training at any time. ALL exhibitors, including youth who will be showing market animals, commercial breeding females, and/or registered purebred breeding females at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS), will need to be YQCA certified by June 15. Your certification from any previous year does not carry over to this year. A new certification must occur each year.

Youth may obtain their YQCA certification using one of the following methods: Instructor-led Training - $3/child; the Online Course - $12/child; or the Test-Out Option – only 12 & 15 year olds are eligible; online only; cost varies based on age division; Valid Youth PQA+ Number – in lieu of YQCA certification. Youth need to complete their YQCA certification by June 15, 2021.

**FOR ELK COUNTY MEMBERS:** Each 4-H/FFA member that wishes to sell animal(s) in the livestock premium sale at the county fair must complete YQCA certification training before July 1. Members may complete an online course. Once you complete a training, members will receive a certification number. That information will need to be forwarded to Stephanie Bogdahn.

How to get your YQCA Certification online:
- Go to [https://yqca.learngrow.io](https://yqca.learngrow.io)
- Sign in with your 4-HOnline credentials.
- Select your course based on your age.
- Select purchase course and complete the web-based training.
- Once completed, save, and print your certificate and send copy to Stephanie Bogdahn.

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**Drop/Add Project Deadline**

Even though you needed to be enrolled by December 1 to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair, you have until May 3 to make changes in your projects. You can do this through 4HOnline or call the Extension Office and we can do it for you. If you are trying to do this in 4HOnline, after May 3 it will not allow you to make any changes.

Refer to the enclosed handout about how to edit your projects in 4HOnline.

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Join us March 15-20 for a virtual Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Week. This educational event will span a week of sessions during which youth, parents, meat goat project leaders, and adults can increase their knowledge of meat goat production and management practices. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students, and guest speakers. Sessions will be conducted during the week, with the program concluding on Saturday morning. All presentations will be recorded and shared with those who register, so families may participate at their own pace and as their schedule allows. The program is free this year, but all attendees will need to register using the link below.

Register Online by March 8!

Schedule (tentative):

**Tuesday, March 16**
- 6:30 PM Selection
- 7:15 PM Nutrition & Daily Feeding
- 7:45 PM Wrap-up

**Thursday, March 18**
- 6:30 PM Health & Wellness
- 7:00 PM Livestock Guard Dogs
- 7:30 PM Wrap-up

**Saturday, March 20**
- 9:00 AM Equipment & Daily Care
- 9:30 AM Clipping & Show Day Prep
- 10:00 AM Showmanship
- 10:30 AM Overall Q&A, Wrap-up
- 1:00 PM State Livestock Nominations* (*optional for those interested in exhibiting at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS)

Thanks To Our Sponsors!

Essential Show Feeds
Valley Vet Supply
K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry

Door Prizes!
We will be drawing for show equipment and supplies!

Questions? Contact:
Lexie Hayes
adhayes@ksu.edu
785-532-1264

To Register Online: https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek

Although the program is being provided free of charge, thanks to our generous sponsors, we do need ALL participants to register, including youth and adults.

Make sure to use a valid email address that a member of your household checks regularly, as we’ll be relying on email correspondence leading up to the program.

Watch your email the week of March 8 for attendee details and specific links!

K-State, County Extension Councils, Extension Districts, and U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating. All educational programs and materials available without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability.
Family Editing Projects of Approved Enrollments
If your county has opted to allow families to edit projects on Approved enrollments, the following instructions may assist you in this process.

If you are unable to edit, you should contact your local Extension office for assistance. Its possible project edits may only be completed by staff and/or that the project editing deadline has passed.

1. Login to your family’s existing 4-H Online account.
2. Click on the View button next to the member’s name.
3. Click on Projects in the navigation pane.
4. Click [Edit].
5. Click [Select Projects] to add additional projects to the member’s enrollment.
6. If the member has enrolled in more than one club, use the drop-down to select the appropriate club.
7. Click [Select] next to the project desired.
8. If applicable, select the member’s Volunteer Type for the project.
9. Click [Add].
10. The new project will be added to the member’s project list.
11. If you need to delete a project from the member’s enrollment, click the trash can icon next to the project.
12. When you have completed making changes to the project, click [Close].
Find your Treasure at SELF
Sunday, April 11, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP

SELF is a virtual event this year. Youth (ages 12-18) and adults across the Southeast Region come together online to learn more about leadership, 4-H, and practice new skills.

• Workshops, fun and new friends.

• Come join us for a great Sunday afternoon!

• Cost for the Day is $20 per youth, it includes all workshop materials, mailed to you. Adult volunteers and staff are free.

• What will you need to participate? Participation will require an internet connection and a device (computer, tablet or phone). Computer or tablet preferred.

• Registration DEADLINE - By March 29, 2021, register online and take your $20 payment into your local Extension Office. All online registrations are contingent upon your Extension Agent’s approval and your fee being turned in on time. If you cancel on or before March 29, you will be subject to a $20 cancellation fee

ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, contact Beth at (620) 496-8206 by March 22, 2021. Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service
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2021 Southeast Leadership Forum

Schedule for the day - Sunday, April 11, 2021

12:45 p.m.  Zoom Opens
1:00 p.m.  Welcome and Pledges
1:10 p.m.  The Treasure of Fun and Friends
1:30 p.m.  The Treasure of Learning – Workshops
2:15 p.m.  The Treasure of Learning – Workshops
3:00 p.m.  Break
3:15 p.m.  Speaker Skyler Sprecker – Youth Council Alum from Sedgwick Co.
3:45 p.m.  Being Grateful for 4-H and those that make it happen – Thank You Notes
4:00 p.m.  The Treasure of Service and Leadership
          * 48 Hours of 4-H
          * Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council
4:10 p.m.  The Treasure of Community and Brainstorming
4:25 p.m.  Wrap Up!

Workshops to Treasure

The Treasure of Zoom - Instructor: Katrina Turner, KYLC Member
As the world as continued to function in a virtual format, it often feels challenging to be able to connect and stay in engaged with each other over the computer. This workshop will provide you different activities and ideas of how to best use features in Zoom to create an engaging meeting to take back to your 4-H programs.

Ahoy Producers in Agriculture!: Producer to Consumer Outreach in Agriculture - Instructor: Hannah Whetstone, KYLC Member
This workshop will cover everything from learning about the different sectors of agriculture, to social media misconceptions, to navigating respectful conversations. This is a great opportunity to share your own story in agriculture, meet new people, and learn new things!

Aaaarrrrggghhh! Now You’re Speaking like a Pirate: Public Speaking – Instructor: Corey Humble, KYLC Member
Find yourself not knowing exactly what to say or how to say it? Or maybe you find yourself afraid of public speaking. Well fear not. In this workshop we’ll learn the skills you’ll need to have the confidence of a pirate when it comes to public speaking. From motivation to speech writing skills, you’ll learn it all.

Equipping Yourself to Take on the Seven Seas Job Readiness Course - Instructor: Lillie Haller KYLC Member
In this class we will dive deep into exploring your personal skills and interests. We will also discuss resume building, have interview practice, and much more! This class will equip you to be prepared and feel more comfortable to get a job and take on more responsibilities in your life!

Don't Get Lost at Sea with 48 hours of 4-H: 48 hours of 4-H Event Planning - Instructor: Eric Sprecker KYLC Member
48 hours of 4-H is a great opportunity to plan a community service event. but planning one can seem daunting. This workshop will walk you through the steps to plan a 48 hours of 4-H event. We will take ideas from the audience and walk through with those ideas.
Develop an Attitude of Gratitude
Say thank you to everyone you meet for everything they do for you.

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