4-H Feedback Survey

4-H members, families, club leaders, and project leaders are welcome to complete the 4-H Feedback Survey available at: bit.ly/PRD4-HFeedback. Feedback provided by April 8 will be shared with the Post Rock District Board as they review the District’s Covid-19 Continuity of Operations Plan at each monthly meeting. The feedback will also assist staff with 4-H youth development programming and management.

COVID Programming Update

Club and project leaders are working with 4-H Program Coordinators and Nora Rhoades, District Director and Youth Development Agent, to complete the risk management planning steps in order to implement a 4-H related meeting, program, event, or activity that includes an in-person component. If you have questions, contact your 4-H Program Coordinator or Nora.

4-H Enrollment and Project Drop/Add Deadline is May 1

By May 1, youth need to be properly enrolled in 4-H Online (including payment) to be eligible to participate in the 4-H contests, events and activities aligned with the county fairs in the Post Rock District. Youth are only eligible to compete with projects they are enrolled in by May 1. Contact your local office to review your projects and make additions/corrections before the deadline.

Spring Clean Challenge – Community Service Funding Available!

The Post Rock District’s Community Action Team encourages all clubs to get involved in a service project this spring! Have an idea, but need some funding to get you started? Contact Nora to attend a Community Action Team meeting. A youth 4-H member should prepare to present the club’s project and funding request. Refer to the information posted at the Post Rock District’s website > 4-H Youth Experience > Events & Activities.

Join the PRD Insider Experience group on Facebook for more 4-H updates!
Rock Springs 4-H Camp
The Great Northwest 4-H Camp at Rock Springs will be June 9-12, 2021. All enrolled 4-H members ages 7-12 are able to attend. You can find your county’s camp brochure at the Post Rock District’s website > 4-H Youth Experience > Rock Springs 4-H Camp. A paper form needs to be completed, signed and submitted with your payment to your local office by the end of the business day on April 9, 2021.

Camp Counselor Applications
Youth ages 14-18 are able to experience camp through the exciting role of being a counselor. 4-H membership is not required to serve as a counselor, so please spread the word about this great leadership and service opportunity! Counselors must be available to serve at Rock Springs June 8-June 12, 2021. If you or someone you know would like to be considered for a counselor position, you will need to apply. Applications can be accessed at Post Rock District’s website > 4-H Youth Experience > Rock Springs 4-H Camp and are due to your local office by the end of the business day on April 9, 2021.

Elderly Outreach Project Update
The 4-H Community Action Team has provided each club in the District with $180 for the elderly outreach project. The team has extended the project deadline to September 30, the end of the current 4-H year. They have also expanded how the funds might be used by a club to provide elder outreach. Find details at the Post Rock District website > 4-H Youth Experience > Events & Activities.

Insect Art Contest
The K-State Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Her’s and art students across the state. The artwork created by Kansas youth will be used to promote pollinator week (June 21-27, 2021). The program encourages youth to get creative and create an entry before the April 16, 2021 deadline. Visit the Pesticide IMP website for contest rules and entry forms.
Campference Registration Opens Soon

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before Jan 1 of current year), and will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the ‘camp’ activities Rock Springs has to offer. Registration will open in April and it is important to register early as space is limited based on a first-come-first-serve basis (and it was full the last 5 in-person years). If you want to attend, let your local office know so we can make sure you don’t miss the registration opening!

Horse ID Papers Due May 1

By May 1 at the end of the business day, all horses that you may show in 4-H at the county, district or state level must be properly identified. New horses must have an ID form completed, and horses used in the past require their ID sheets to be updated with current information and signatures. 4-H members typically have the original documents, so look them over and schedule a time to visit your local office to complete the necessary paperwork. The Kansas 4-H Horse Project webpage has helpful information. Call in advance to make sure extension staff needing to sign (Agents and 4-H Program Coordinators) are available!

District Horse Show Participation Changes

4-H members may participate in their county/district designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing. But before entering the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must indicate through which District Horse Show. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used. This rule change was approved and began implementation in December 2019. However, due to the cancellation of District Horse Shows in 2020, it was never practiced. The Kansas 4-H Horse Project webpage has helpful information about level testing and district shows.

Rock Springs Ranch Summer Leadership Program

Do you know of someone who thrives in working with youth? Likes being outdoors? Enjoys a team environment? Loves 4-H? If so, look no further than the Rock Springs Ranch Summer Leadership Program! Refer to https://rocksprings.net/employment/seasonal/ for more information and to apply.
Animal Ownership Verification and Tagging Due May 1

In order to exhibit at your local county fair in the 4-H division, your animals (all species) must be properly owned and identified by May 1 of the current year. It is recommended to have your animal verified at the respective county’s official ownership verification, tagging and weigh-in event. Some animals require paperwork submitted to the office. Your county’s section of the 4-H newsletter will share specific event information once it is available. If you are not able to attend the event, you must contact your 4-H Program Coordinator and schedule a time to pick up a tag at your local office. You must submit a picture of the tagged animal within 7 days of tag pick up, no later than May 1. The picture must include a visual of the entire animal so it can be clearly identified, with the tag in the animal’s ear able to be easily read in the photo. All animals that do not meet the May 1 deadline will not be allowed to exhibit in the 4-H division of your respective county’s fair. Any livestock not weighed-in at the designated event are not eligible for the county’s 4-H rate-of-gain contest.

2021 State Livestock Nomination Information

If you plan to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show, please pay close attention to the deadlines and processes for state livestock nominations. The K-State Youth Livestock Program has information posted at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/. They also have a Facebook page with regular reminders. It is important to note that forms have been updated for 2021, and no previous versions will be accepted. Call ahead before bringing paperwork by an extension office for signatures. We will not sign incomplete paperwork and the paperwork should be ready to seal and send after we sign. If you are new to this level of exhibition, reach out to your local extension office and we can help you through the process.

Spring Livestock Shows

There are many spring shows available for livestock project participants. While the Post Rock District does not plan or coordinate these events, we can refer interested 4-H and FFA members to the appropriate contacts. The "North Central Kansas Livestock Circuit" has a Facebook group with helpful information and show dates.
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Trainings
Risa Overmiller, 4-H Program Coordinator, is willing to provide in-person trainings if your club or a group of members in your county are interested. Contact her at overmiller@ksu.edu to schedule! YQCA is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program. It is an annual training open to youth and focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and life skill development. A YQCA certification is valid for one year, so youth need to re-certify annually. YQCA is required to participate in the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. YQCA can be completed online or in-person. Learn more at the K-State Youth Livestock webpage.

Youth Livestock Educational Resources
There are several youth livestock project resources available on the KSU Youth Livestock Program website, including digital versions of the show guides, videos, and graphics. They may be found under the “Educational Materials” tab on the website. The 2020 junior sheep day videos, as well as the content from the 2021 virtual junior swine and meat goat producer weeks, are available to those who may find them useful.

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. Participation is limited to 20 students to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors, and industry leaders. For questions about the academy, visit www.asi.ksu.edu/KASLA.

4-H Day Results and Communications Resources
Congratulations to all 4-H Day participants! Results are posted at the Post Rock District website > 4-H Youth Experience > Communications Resources. As you continue to develop your communications skillset, checkout the many resources on this webpage.
Kansas 4-H Project Resources

Visit your project’s website at Kansas 4-H to connect to a wide variety of resources such as curriculum, exhibiting expectations, leader resources, and more. If you are looking for guidance or new ideas in a project area, reach out to your local office and we’ll help direct you to resources that will assist with finding your spark!

Foods Project Resource — Frostings and Fillings

K-State Research and Extension has a resource available to assist you with selecting appropriate frostings and fillings for your food projects. Food safety is always important to consider when planning a recipe, cooking and serving. It is a fair requirement to exhibit entries that meet food safety expectations. Check out the resource, Food Safety of Frostings and Fillings. Contact our offices if you have questions or need assistance finding reliable sources for recipes!

New Projects!

Kansas 4-H has announced some new project areas for the State Fair, and we’ll be working to incorporate the options at the county level! Please contact your local office to add these projects before May 1.

- **Ag Mechanics**: The project is starting with an emphasis on welding and smithing. This project allows youth to explore areas of ag mechanics and metallurgy from repairing or repurposing items to the fabrication of new items.
- **Architectural Block Construction**: The project is starting with an emphasis on using architectural blocks (“Legos”) to construct dioramas. This project allows youth to explore architectural design in a three dimensional space.

4-H Branding on Clothing and Awards

The use of the K-State Research and Extension/Kansas 4-H co-wordmark is required on ALL 4-H print, digital, apparel and merchandise. This requirement applies to all designs created at the local, county, district, area, and state levels. Communicate with your 4-H Program Coordinator to ensure your club, council, fair board, etc. are using licensed vendors and that all designs include the required co-wordmark.
Leadership Adventure Course at Rock Springs Ranch

More than 75 years ago, in 1945, the land that is now part of Rock Springs Ranch was purchased to become the new home for Kansas 4-H camp, all because of 4-H youth. Youth raised the funds to pay off the mortgage before the first camping season even began! Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council was inspired by what these members did and have an idea for making sure camp is extra special for the next 75 years. With their leadership, Rock Springs is introducing a new Leadership Adventure Course! This is a team obstacle course with high ropes, low elements and a dueling zip line that serve as leadership development tools.

All Kansas 4-H clubs are challenged to Endorse the Course by making a gift today! Gifts made between now and May 1 will ensure the Leadership Adventure Course is complete for campers this summer and for the next 75 years! Kansas 4-H clubs have a goal to raise $25,000. For every $5,000 they raise, generous donors who believe in them will match every gift dollar for dollar, up to $25,000! That means their total would double and become $50,000! To learn more or to make a gift in support of a 4-H club, visit: kansas4hfoundation.org/ETC.

Tractor Safety Training

The Post Rock Extension District along with collaboration of other Extension Districts will be hosting a “virtual” along with two in-person tractor safety classes scheduled for Saturdays, April 10 (virtual), May 8 (Smith Center) and May 22 (Minneapolis). This course will meet the requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Hazardous Occupations Order for Agriculture (HOOA). The HOOA regulations state that youth 14 and 15 years of age, who wish to work as a hired employee for someone other than a parent or legal guardian and operate a farm tractor that is 20 HP or greater, must successfully pass a tractor safety training program. The cost of the program is $20 to cover the cost of materials for the course. Those wanting to enroll simply go online at www.postrock.ksu.edu and complete the registration. The book for the course is available at your local Extension office and will need to be purchased prior to the first class as participants are encouraged to go through the “safety activity sheets” at the end of each chapter prior to Saturday’s session. The “virtual” class participants have the option of purchasing the book for $20 or downloading it FREE from district websites for the course. Prospective students can check availability and ask questions prior to registering by calling or emailing Sandra Wick at swick@ksu.edu.
We are continuing to take applications for a full-time 4-H Program Coordinator to be located in the Beloit and Lincoln, KS Offices. The motivated professional is responsible for coordinating and managing the comprehensive 4-H Youth Development program in the Post Rock District, with a focus on Mitchell County and Lincoln County. Position description and application procedure is available at www.postrock.ksu.edu.

4-H Program Assistants — Summer 2021 Full-Time

We are taking applications for 4-H Program Assistants for the summer of 2021. One assistant will be hired for Mitchell County and one for Lincoln County. The professional is responsible for assisting with the planning and implementation of the local 4-H Youth Development program. Preferred candidate is an adult with relevant education/experience or a post-secondary student studying in related field. Position description and application procedure is available at www.postrock.ksu.edu.

4-H Program Coordinator — Mitchell/Lincoln Full-Time

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Post Rock District
YQCA In person Trainings

YQCA
YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

Please contact your local office if you would like Risa to come to your county to do a training. Be sure to give them some available dates.

Cost:
• $3 per child via YQCA website

Rsvp by signing up at:
Please register at www.yqca.learngrow.in

Instructor:
• Risa Diermiller Smith County 4-H Coordinator 785-282-8111 cell 785-282-6820 office

Tuesday, April 6th
3:45-4:45 pm
Smith County Courthouse

Thursday, April 22, 2021
4:30-5:30
Beloit, Kansas

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Animal Weigh-in/Tagging Day
The small animal (bucket calves, goats, sheep & swine) weigh-in and tagging will be Sunday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m. Swine will not be weighed in this year. We plan to have swine weigh-in next year. Breeding beef can be tagged on this date also. Please let the extension office know if you cannot make it on this date.

Jewell County 4-H Council
Jewell County 4-H Council next meeting will be Monday, May 24 at 7:00 pm.

Great Northwest 4-H Camp
The Great Northwest 4-H Camp at Rock Springs will be June 9-12. Applications are due to the extension office by the end of the day on April 9th.

Camp Counselor
Youth ages 14-18 are able to experience camp through the exciting role of being a camp counselor. Applications are due to the extension office by the end of the day on April 9th.

Discovery Days – Virtual Experience 2021: will be delivered June 1-4.

After School Matters
Engage. Enrich. Empower
After School Matters is for youth in grades 6-8. The dates for the program are April 9 and 16.

Local 4-H Scholarships
The deadline for all local scholarships is April 15. This includes the Jewell County Alumni, Deanna Sweat, and FCE scholarships. Contact your local Extension Office for further information.

May 1st Dates
May 1st: Add/drop date for all enrollment projects.
Horse ID papers are due.
Rabbit ID papers are due.
In order to exhibit at your local county fair in the 4-H division, your animals (all species) must be properly owned, tagged and identified by May 1st of the current year.
Local 4-H Scholarships
The deadline for all local scholarships is May 1st. In Lincoln County, this includes the Booster, Walker and Cattlemen’s scholarships. Contact your local Extension Office for further information.

Small Animal Weigh-in
Small animal weigh-in will be April 25th at the Sylvan Grove Fairgrounds. Swine will also be weighed in on this date.

Livestock Ownership And Tagging
Any animals that don’t get tagged and verification of ownership by May 1 cannot exhibit in the 4-H division of the fair. Tags are available at the Lincoln Extension Office.

Lincoln County Fair
The Lincoln County Fair will be held July 14th through July 17th.

Lincoln County Dates
April 19: 4-H Council meets at the Lincoln County Senior Center.
Meeting begins at 6:30 pm
April 25: Small Animal Weigh-in 4:30 – 6:30 pm
July 14-17: Lincoln County Fair

We're Here to Help!
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We're hiring a 4-H Program Coordinator.
K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer. A criminal background check is required.
Local 4-H Scholarships
The deadline for all local scholarships to be submitted to the Extension Office is May 1st. If you need more information or application forms, contact your local office. In Mitchell County this would include the Cordel, Houghton, Walker and Theron Wilson Scholarships.

Small Animal Weigh-in
Wednesday, April 21 5-6 pm at the fairgrounds. We will weigh in swine this year!

2021 Fair Theme!
We need your help coming up with a theme for fair. Each club can submit two themes to Cassie (choman@ksu.edu) by the end of April. We will compile the themes and allow everyone to vote on the winning theme! Talk to your club leader for details.

Mitchell County YQCA
We will be hosting a YQCA Training on April 22 at 4:30-5:30 at the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds. Any 4-H member interested is welcome. If you plan to show animals at the State Fair please plan to attend. Sign up at yqca.org. The cost is $3.00

Summer Opportunity

Thanks to all who came to Beef Weigh-in!
Make sure to have your animals tagged and verified with the Extension Office by May 1.

We're Here to Help!
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Cassie Homan
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Review Your Project Enrollment In 4-H Online
The last day to Add Projects through 4-H Online is May 1. You must be enrolled in a project in 4-H Online to be eligible to exhibit a project in the 4-H project division at the Osborne County Fair. Here is the 4-H Online link: https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in

Check Out These Two New 4-H Projects Youth Can Explore
Two new projects are now available: STEM, Ag Mechanics and STEM, Architectural Block Collaboration. There is more information on page 6 or check with Kim to learn more.

2021 Osborne County 4-H Small Animal Verification, Weigh-in And Tagging
Osborne County 4-H Council voted to hold 2021 Small Animal Verification on MONDAY, APRIL 19, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Osborne County Fairgrounds. Market sheep, goats and swine that want to be included in Rate of Gain contest must weigh-in on April 19 to be eligible. We will also be tagging breeding sheep, goats, swine, bucket calves and tattooing rabbits.

2021 Animal Verification And Tagging Reminders
All animals for 4-H projects including Market and Breeding Beef, Bucket Calves, Market and Breeding Sheep, Goats and Swine, Dogs, Cats, Horses, Rabbits, Poultry and Hand Pets must be owned and properly verified by May 1 to show in the 4-H project division at the 2021 Osborne County Fair. This means tags must be purchased by April 21.

Save These Dates
April 26, 2021 | 4-H Council meeting | 7:30 pm, Osborne Christian Church Fellowship Hall
July 28 - 31, 2021 | Osborne County Fair

2021 Horse ID Papers Due In Osborne Extension Office By May 1st
Horse ID papers are due in the Osborne Extension Office by May 1. Horse project members must identify horses on Horse ID Paper that they plan to show in the 4-H Division at Osborne County Fair, District Horse Show and Kansas State Fair 4-H Horse Show.
4-H Camp Registration

4-H Camp Registration will be on a 1st come 1st serve basis. So let us know early so we can get you on the list to go.

- Camp Dates: June 9-12, 2021
- Registration due: April 9, 2021
- Cost: $240.00

YQCA

YQCA Dates: April 6th – Smith Center 3:45-4:45 pm
April 22nd – Beloit 4:30-5:30 pm

Dates

April 25th – Small animal tagging and weigh-in
Goat  Sheep  Swine

May 1st – Add/Drop date for fair projects
UPCOMING EVENTS

March 26-April 7: Horse Panorama uploads
April 6: YQCA training, Smith Center
April 10: Horse Panorama: Hippology
Horse Panorama: Quiz Bowl Preliminaries
April 11: Horse Panorama: Quiz Bowl Finals
April 16: Insect Art Contest due
April 22: YQCA training, Beloit
April 23: Kansas 4-H Horse Judging Contest, Hutchinson
May 1: Animal Ownership Verification deadline
Add/Drop Projects deadline
June 1-4: Discovery Days
June 9-12: Great Northwest 4-H Camp, Rock Springs
June 15-18: KSU Animal Science Leadership Academy
June 27-30: Campference

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