



March 10, 2017

Dear 4-H Families:

Here is some information on activities, events and other items that we hope you are interested in.

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4-H Scholarships Available for Seniors

The Stevens County 4-H Council awards 4-H Scholarships for graduating seniors. **Applications are due by April 1st.** Application forms are available at the Extension Office or on our Extension website, www.stevens.k-state.edu.

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Discovery Days at K-State

"Make a Splash" is the theme, the dates are May 30 to June 2, 2017.

Registration for Discovery Days is open online until April 30, sooner is better! 4-H Council will pay half of the \$230 fee; you will need to pay any additional class fees; payment is due by 5:00 pm on April 17th.



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Camp Counselors

Attention 4-H members ages 14 and older: Are you interested in being a counselor at Rock Springs or Camp Lakeside? If so, you need to complete a couple steps.

1. Complete a Kansas 4-H Volunteer Service Application, which can be found at www.kansas4-h.org/resources/volunteers/volunteer-screening-resources and return it by April 1st.
2. Complete a Camp Counselor Application for the respective camp. This year, due to the camp dates, you have to pick one. You will be unable to do both camps. Don't delay; the screening process takes some time to complete after it is turned in.

Camp Counselor applications for both camps will be available on our website soon, and may be submitted to the Extension Office until May 4th.

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Businessmen's Dinner

The 4-H Businessmen's Dinner is Sunday, April 9th at 12:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Following are the duty assignments:

Set Up and Decorations:	Buffalo Boosters
Meat and Potatoes:	Cloverleaf Cowboys
Entertainment:	Top Blue Ribbons at Club Day
Master of Ceremony:	Jacob Bell, Council President
Drinks:	Heartland and City Slickers
Clean Up:	Wranglers

The 4-H Council will continue to mail invitations to businesses and 4-H supporters, inviting them to attend.

Please note the following:

1. The meat will be catered this year, the rest will be potluck. 4-H Families are asked to bring a salad or vegetable dish, and dessert, enough to feed themselves and a guest family.
2. The dinner will begin at 12:30 p.m. and will be held at Memorial Hall. We must have an accurate head count for the chair rental, so **everyone** must reserve tickets for the dinner.
Reservations must be made by March 31st.
3. Everyone who received a Top Blue at County Club Day for a reading, music or novelty, please plan to repeat your presentation for entertainment. This has become a great showcase for our talented kids.
4. We need your help to make this a success. This is an appreciation dinner to thank businesses and individuals for their support to our 4-H programs.
5. **Mark April 9th on your calendar and plan to attend. Be sure to make your reservations by March 31st.**

If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Attention: Junior Leaders

Following the Businessmen's Dinner we will be helping the Lions Club members stuff Easter Eggs in Memorial Hall for their yearly Easter Egg Hunt event.

If we have plenty of help it should take about an hour.

4-H Council & Junior Leadership Meetings

The next meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 17th at 7:00 and 7:45 p.m. at the Extension Office. Please make sure your club is represented at 4-H Council.

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Livestock Projects Weigh-in and ID Dates

All animals, including breeding projects, must be tagged and recorded in our office with a 4-H livestock tag in order to show at the Stevens County Fair. All of the weigh-ins will be at the Stevens County Fairgrounds. If you would like to help with weigh-in please call or stop in to sign up for a time. These dates have been set to weigh and tag 4-H livestock:

Swine, Sheep, Goats, Bucket Calves

- Sat., April 22, 8:30 am - 12 pm
- Tues., April 25, 4 - 7 pm
- Thurs., April 27, 4 - 7 pm

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Money Available for 4-H Events!

This is a reminder that the Stevens County 4-H Council provides half of the registration fee to one event per 4-H'er per 4-H year. This includes Horse Panorama; 4-H Camps; Clothing Camp; Discovery Days; Livestock Camp; Geology Field Trip; Kansas Youth Leadership Forum; Campference; 4-H Ventures; Citizenship Washington Focus; etc.

Record Book vouchers may also be used toward remaining fees. Contact the office for more information.



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Thank You, Volunteers

Thanks to the following **volunteers** for sponsoring the Junior Achievement Trip: Lalane McClure and April Persing;

and these **Project Leaders** for sharing their expertise:

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| Sydney Beesley | Jacob Bell | William and Amy Bryan |
| Brady Heger | Chris Hinds | Rebecca Johnson |
| Nancy Johnson | Erica Kolb | Erin Kraisinger |
| Megan Newlon | Judy Parsons | April Persing |

Thank You!

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Foods and Nutrition Project

Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Age 7-8 March 27, April 10
RSVP to Nancy Johnson at 544-4068 by Monday before each meeting
- Age 9-11 April 1, plus one date to be determined
RSVP to April Persing at 453-2201

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Horse Project

Level Testing – Anyone interested in showing at the District 4-H Horse Show, which is the State Fair Qualifying Show, will need to have their level testing done before **June 1st** (written and skills). If you are interested or need to do your testing, please contact Judy Parsons at 620-453-1034 as soon as possible.

If you plan to show at any 4-H shows including the Stevens County Fair, you must have a new or updated Horse ID paper on file at the Extension Office for each horse by **Monday, May 1st**. You can get these forms online or at the Extension Office. Horses that have past ID papers need to have the papers brought to the office for an agent signature. If you have questions, contact Judy Parsons at 620-453-1034.

We will be having work nights this summer on Wednesdays starting May 31st until the fair. We will practice events that you will be competing in at the fair and other shows. Practices will start at 6 pm at the fairgrounds. **Horseless Horse** project members are encouraged to attend these practices also. Please call before you haul if the weather is bad. For more information, contact Judy Parsons at 620-453-1034.

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Photography Events

The State Photo Action Team will host these Shutterbug events this spring. A variety of workshops will be offered at both events.

- Shutterbugs at the Garden, Saturday, April 29, at Botanica in Wichita.
- Shutterbugs at the Zoo, Saturday, May 6, at the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City. Call Patsy Fryman to retister, 272-3012.

More information about Shutterbug events is available on the State 4-H website: www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/photography/index.html

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Rabbit Project

The next Rabbit project meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14th at the 4-H Building.

A Rabbit Show and Judging and Breed Identification Contest will be held at Garden City on March 18th.

The **Stevens County Rabbit Show** will be held on Saturday, April 1st at the Kinser Memorial Arena on the fairgrounds. Call William or Amy Bryan if you have any questions, at 428-6656.

Rabbit project animal registration dates for the Stevens County Fair will be April 1st at our Rabbit Show, May 9th at the regular meeting, and one late May date, to be added.

4-H Campference



4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 before January 1, 2017, and will be held June 27-30, 2017 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer.

This is a great transitional opportunity, as 'tweens' go from being campers to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

Registration will be from late March until May 15, or until filled, on the www.kansas4-h.org website. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis.

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Camping Opportunities for 2017

Stevens County 4-H'ers have two camping opportunities during June this year. Registration deadlines for both are **May 4th**. Check out our website for applications and registrations, and more information. Here are some details:

Rock Springs Ranch – This year we will camp at Rock Springs Ranch with the Heart of Kansas Camping Group, from June 7-10. The camp is open to 4-H'ers who have completed third grade through the completion of seventh grade. The activities at camp will include: archery, riflery, horseback riding, crafts, nature hikes, canoeing, fishing, and many other activities. Cost of this year's camp is \$175.00; half of the fee is paid by the 4-H Council for one event per 4-H'er per year.



Camp Lakeside –

This is an alternate camping opportunity for our younger 4-H members aged 7 to 10. We will travel to Scott City to Camp Lakeside June 8-9. Activities include crafts, swimming, canoeing, archery, nature hikes and more. The closer location, smaller group and one-night stay make this camp a good experience for younger campers. We are planning lots of great activities and hope you will attend. The cost is \$80.00; half is paid by the 4-H Council for one event per 4-H'er per year.

Make your plans soon. The flyer is attached, and sign up is due, with fees, in the Extension Office by May 4.

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Expand Your Family's Horizons by Hosting a Japanese Youth This Summer

Looking for some new fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, July 23 – August 17. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities to 25 families this summer. We need host families who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl; most are aged 12 and 13, with a couple delegates aged 14 and 15.

We need to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.



A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money, but families are responsible for costs incurred as hosts. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps. The focus is on experiencing everyday family life.

If you have further questions, please call Rose Scott, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, 785-388-2009 or 785-565-3197, or e-mail sixtykid2@gmail.com.

Families may now apply on-line by visiting: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>. There is a required application with references. In addition, there will be an in-home interview conducted, as well as background checks conducted for all adults living in the household. Kansas is a prime destination again this year for 4-H international exchange students seeking experiences with 4-H, and on farms. As of now, families are needed to host IFYE's for two to three weeks at a time.

These exchangees are part of the IFYE Representative Program and are between ages 9 and 25. Families can obtain applications at the State 4-H web site at: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=234>.

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STEVENS COUNTY FAIR
is July 22 - 29, 2017

Fair Work Day is Monday, July 24

Congratulations and Thank You!

We would like to congratulate everyone on their fine work at 4-H Club Day. We are really proud of all of you and appreciate all your help and cooperation. The results are as follows:

Model Meeting –

Top Blue - Cloverleaf Cowboys Blue - Heartland

Project Talks - Junior Division

Top Blue - Madison Kurts Top Blue - Cameron Persing
Top Blue - Aneta Morris Red - Olivia Salmans

Intermediate Division:

Top Blue - Molly McClure Top Blue - Lainey Cox
Top Blue - Lakota Persing Blue - Grace Dillinger
Red - Kynna Crawford Red - Catie Gooch

Public Speaking - Seniors

Top Blue - Sydney Beesley Top Blue - Megan Newlon
Top Blue - Emma McClure Blue - Jacob Bell
Red - Rebecca Johnson Red - Casle Heger

Demonstrations – Junior Division:

Top Blue - Kynli Crawford Top Blue - Katelynn Willis
Blue - Channing Dillinger Red - Cameron Persing

Intermediate Division:

Top Blue - Zachary Willis Top Blue - Kynna Crawford
Blue - Lakota Persing Red - Stanton Custer
Red - Thomas Willis

Senior Division:

Top Blue - Victoria Bryan
Red - Nicholas Bryan

Illustrated Talks – Intermediate Division:

Top Blue - Faith Beesley Top Blue - Lakota Persing

Senior Division:

Top Blue - Emma McClure Top Blue - Jacob Bell
Top Blue - Clayton Grubbs

Readings - Junior Division:

Top Blue - Lindy McClure Top Blue - Alaina Gold
Blue - Olivia Salmans Blue - Kynli Crawford

Blue - Henco Gerber

Blue - Madison Kurts

Red - Aneta Morris

Intermediate Division:

Top Blue - Tobias Grubbs
Top Blue - Jayden Burrows

Senior Division:

Top Blue - Rebecca Johnson Top Blue - Maggie White
Blue - Madison Hall Blue - Isabella Hall

Skit – Senior Division:

Top Blue - Cloverleaf Cowboys

Dance – Senior Division:

Top Blue - Audrey Gilmore

Novelty – Int. Division:

Top Blue - Swimming Group

Senior Division:

Top Blue - Maggie White

Vocal Solo – Int. Division:

Top Blue - Catie Gooch

Senior Division:

Top Blue - Claire Clark

Vocal Duet – Jr. Division:

Top Blue - Grant/Samantha Goode

Vocal Talent – Jr. Division:

Top Blue - Morgan Niehues

Intermediate Division:

Top Blue - Lelanie Gerber Red - Allison Goode
Top Blue - Sydney Beesley

Senior Division:

Vocal Talent Duet – Intermediate Division:

Top Blue - Faith Beesley and Tobias Grubbs

Instrumental Music Solos – Junior Division:

Top Blue - Morgan Niehues Top Blue - Alaina Gold

Blue - Channing Dillinger

Blue - Farrah Gaskill

Blue - Clayton Grubbs

Blue - Aneta Morris

Intermediate Division:

Top Blue - Jayce Heger

Top Blue - Claudia Clark

Blue - Grant Niehues

Blue - Tobias Grubbs

Blue - Angelina Hignett

Blue - Carson Gilmore

Blue - Catie Gooch

Blue - Emmett Gaskill

Red - Lakota Persing

Senior Division:

Top Blue - Rebecca Johnson Top Blue - Casle Heger

Blue - Rolanda Gerber

Red - Megan Newlon

Congratulations to everyone for a successful Club Day.

Regional 4-H Club Day

Regional 4-H Club Day was Saturday, February 25, 2017 in Johnson. Top Blue winners from County 4-H Club Day participated as follows:

Model Meeting –

Top Blue - Cloverleaf Cowboys

Project Talks - Junior Division

Blue - Madison Kurts Blue - Aneta Morris

Blue - Cameron Persing

Blue - Molly McClure

Intermediate Division:

Blue - Lainey Cox

Blue - Lakota Persing

Public Speaking - Seniors

Blue - Megan Newlon

Blue - Emma McClure

Demonstrations – Intermediate Division:

Blue - Stanton Custer

Senior Division:

Blue - Victoria Bryan

Red - Vallery Persing

Illustrated Talks – Int. Division:

Senior Division:

Top Blue - Jacob Bell

Blue - Emma McClure

Readings - Junior Division:

Top Blue - Alaina Gold

Top Blue - Clayton Grubbs

Intermediate Division:

Top Blue - Jayden Burrows

Blue - Tobias Grubbs

Senior Division:

Skit – Senior Division:

Novelty Talent – Int. Division:

Vocal Solo – Int. Division:

Senior Division:

Vocal Talent – Jr. Division:

Intermediate Division:

Junior Duet:

Instrumental Music Solos – Junior Division:

Blue - Alaina Gold

Blue - Morgan Niehues

Intermediate Division:

Blue - Claudia Clark

Blue - Jayce Heger

Senior Division:

Blue - Casle Heger

Blue - Rebecca Johnson

Congratulations on your Regional results.

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County Club Day FCS Judging

FACS Judging - Beginner:

1st tie - Hannah Cox, Samantha Goode and Lindy McClure

2nd - Cameron Persing 3rd - Grant Goode

Other participants: Joshua Burrows, Aiden Conner, Kynli Crawford, Channing Dillinger, Clayton Grubbs, Madison Kurts, Max McClure, Aneta Morris, Olivia Salmans.

FACS Judging - Intermediate:

1st - Ella Beesley

2nd - Lainey Cox 3rd - Lakota Persing

Other participants: Jayden Burrows, Claudia Clark, Kynna Crawford, Stanton Custer, Grace Dillinger, Tala Eckert, Rylee Fann, Catie Gooch, Tobias Grubbs, Jayce Heger, Carter McClure, Molly McClure, Jamyn Wolters, Katya Wolters.

FACS Judging - Senior:

1st - Rebecca Johnson

2nd - Claire Clark 3rd - Megan Newlon

Other participants: Sydney Beesley, Laramie Brecheisen, Victoria Bryan, Isabell Hall, Madison Hall, Casle Heger, Emma McClure, Toby McClure, Vallery Persing.

Regional Club Day FCS Judging

Congratulations to FCS Judges on February 28th:

Megan Newlon - First; Rebecca Johnson - Fourth;

Claire Clark - Fifth; Adyson Gooch - Seventh.

Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp Rock Springs Ranch

For 4-H'ers Who Have Finished 3rd-7th Grade
Wednesday through Saturday, June 7-10, 2017

\$175 total fee, or \$87.50 if 4-H pays half, or \$77.50 including \$10 records voucher, per camper, and this registration form are due May 4th. Make check payable to Stevens County 4-H Council.

Name _____ Age _____ Grade Next Year _____

Free T-Shirt Size Y or A _____ Same Grade Friend to cabin with _____

Name _____ Age _____ Grade Next Year _____

Free T-Shirt Size Y or A _____ Same Grade Friend to cabin with _____

Family Address _____ Email: _____

Parent Signature _____ Phone _____

Would you be willing to transport kids to or from camp Y or N : how many can your vehicle carry, including driver? _____

4-H Camp Lakeside Scott City

For 4-H'ers age 7 to 10
Thursday and Friday, June 8-9, 2017

\$80.00 or \$40.00 if 4-H pays half, or \$30.00 including \$10 records voucher, per camper, and this registration form, are due by May 4th. Make check payable to Stevens County 4-H Council.

Name _____ Age _____ Grade Next Year _____

Free T-Shirt Size Y or A _____ Friend to cabin with _____

Name _____ Age _____ Grade Next Year _____

Free T-Shirt Size Y or A _____ Friend to cabin with _____

Family Address _____ Email: _____

Parent Signature _____ Phone _____

Would you be willing to transport kids to or from camp Y or N : how many can your vehicle carry, including driver? _____

A Parent's 4-H Pledge

We hope that everything is going well for you. If you should have any questions or if we can be of any help, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Joshua C. Morris
CEA, ANR/4-H

Nancy L. Honig
CEA, FCS/4-H

I pledge my **HEAD** to give my child the information I can, to help him see things clearly, and to make wise decisions.

I pledge my **HEART** to encourage and support my child no matter whether he has successes or disappointments.

I pledge my **HANDS** to help my child's club; if I cannot be a leader, I can help in many equally important ways.

I pledge my **HEALTH** to keep my child strong and well for a better life through 4-H, for my child's club, our community, our country, and our world.

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