February 19, 2016

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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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 of County 4-H Club Day are as follows:

Model Meeting  Top Blue - Heartland 4-H Club

Project Talks - Junior Division
Top Blue - Channing Dillinger  Top Blue - Kayleigh Flores
Intermediate Division:  Top Blue - Jacob Bell
Top Blue - Catie Gooch  Top Blue - Lakota Persing
Blue - Tala Eckert  Blue - Victoria Bryan
Red - Nicholas Bryan

Project Talks - Intermediate Division:
Top Blue - Jacob Bell

Project Talks - Senior Division:
Top Blue - Lacey Brecheisen  Top Blue - Vallery Persing

Public Speaking - Seniors
Top Blue - Emma McClure  Top Blue - Ady Gooch

Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks –
Junior Division:
Top Blue - Aneta Morris  Top Blue - Stanton Custer
Intermediate Division:
Top Blue - Jacob Bell
Top Blue - Lakota Persing
Senior Division:
Top Blue - Sydney Beesley

Readings - Junior Division:
Top Blue - Madison Kurt  Blue - Farrah Gaskill
Intermediate Division:
Top Blue - Amya Johnson  Blue - Jewels Kraisinger
Blue - Claudia Clark  Blue - Frances Gaskill
Blue - Lakota Persing  Blue - Rylee Fann
Red - Isabella Hall
Senior Division:
Top Blue - Claire Clark  Red - Madison Hall
Blue - Rebecca Johnson

Skit – Inter. Division:  Top Blue - Cloverleaf Cowboys
Senior Division:
Top Blue - Cloverleaf Cowboys  Blue - Wranglers

Vocal Solo – Int. Division:
Top Blue - Catie Gooch  Top Blue - Rebecca Johnson
Senior Division:
Top Blue - Sydney Beesley

Vocal Talent – Jr. Division:
Top Blue - Faith Beesley  Top Blue - Sydney Beesley

Chorus -
Intermediate Division:  Top Blue - Cloverleaf Cowboys

Instrumental Music Solos – Junior Division:
Top Blue - Channing Dillinger  Top Blue - Farrah Gaskill
Blue - Grant Niehues  Blue - Aneta Morris
Intermediate Division:
Top Blue - Jewels Kraisinger
Top Blue - Frances Gaskill  Blue - Catie Gooch
Blue - Jayce Heger  Blue - Heidi Bogan
Blue - Grace Dillinger  Blue - Catie Gooch, tuba
Blue - Claudia Clark, flute  Blue - Lakota Persing
Red - Grace Dillinger, trumpet

Senior Division:
Top Blue - Casle Heger
Top Blue - Ethan Bogan  Blue - Lynnelle Bogan
Blue - Megan Newlon  Blue - Sarah Johnson
Blue - Rebecca Johnson  Red - Audrey Gilmore

Congratulations to everyone for a successful Club Day.

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Regional 4-H Club Day

Regional 4-H Club Day will be Saturday, February 27, 2016 in Liberal. Top Blue winners from County 4-H Club Day are eligible to compete. The Regional Club Day Schedule will be on our County 4-H website at www.stevens.k-state.edu/4-h/ and emailed to participants by February 23rd.

Consumer Sciences and Crops Judging will be set up at Regional Club Day.

We want to wish everyone the best of luck at Regional.

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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:

**Beef**
- Swine, Sheep, Goats, Bucket Calves
  - Sat., March 5, 8:30 am - 12 pm
  - Tues., March 8, 3:30 - 6:30 pm
  - Wed., March 9, 3:30 - 6:30 pm

**Swine, Sheep, Goats, Bucket Calves**
- Sat., April 23, 8:30 am - 12 pm
- Tues., April 26, 4 - 7 pm
- Thurs., April 28, 4 - 7 pm

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Photography Events
There will not be a Photography Adventure Camp in 2016. In lieu of a camp, there will be photography sessions offered during Discovery Days 2016. Photography members are encouraged to make these classes as their Discovery Day selections.

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

•  Shutterbugs at the Garden, Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Botanica in Wichita.
•  Shutterbugs at the Zoo, Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City.

More information about the Shutterbug events will be available on the State 4-H website.

Rabbit Project
The next Rabbit project meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8th at the 4-H Building.

A Rabbit Show and Judging and Breed Identification Contest will be held at Garden City on March 19th.

The Stevens County Rabbit Show will be held on Saturday, April 2nd 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 2 at our Rabbit Show, May 10 at the regular meeting, and one late May date, to be added.

Shooting Sports Project
Air Rifle and BB Gun practices will be from 6-8 pm on Thursday, February 25th, March 31st, and a competition style meeting on April 1st at 6:00 pm. Check out our web page at www.stevens.k-state.edu/4-h for information and future project meeting dates.

Swine Project Meeting
On Saturday, February 27th, Brady Heger will be hosting a Swine project meeting from 6-7pm at the Heger Family Hog Barns at 1234 Road 12, Hugoton. From Flatlanders go ½ mile south on Road 12, the barns are on the east.

Topics to be covered:
•  What to look for when purchasing animals
•  How to raise and care for your swine animal projects
You can contact Brady at 620-541-1200, or email him at brady_heger@yahoo.com.

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.

4-H Council & Junior Leadership Meetings
The next meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 18th at 7:00 and 7:45 p.m. at the Extension Office. Please make sure your club is represented at 4-H Council.

Discovery Days at K-State
"Get a CLUE and Discover YOU" is the theme, the dates are May 31 to June 3, 2016. Registration for Discovery Days will be opening soon! Please be watching your e-mail for the announcement.

2016 4-H Campference
4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 before January 1, 2016, and will be held June 24-27, 2016 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 begin in late March on the www.kansas4-h.org website. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis.

State Geology Field Trip
Saturday and Sunday, June 10-12, will be the State Geology Field Trip. More information on the sites and registration will be available soon.
Gas Capital Livestock Show Committee

Attention, all livestock project members. Do you have trouble finding ways to include leadership and committee work in your record books? We are inviting livestock project members to be a part of this committee. This is your chance.

On Monday, March 7, 2016 we will meet at 8 pm at the 4-H Building to plan this year’s spring show. Parents are encouraged to attend as well, we need adult help. To include this in your record books you need to attend all committee meetings and plan to help the day of the show. Future committee meeting dates will be set at this first meeting. Don’t miss your chance to be a committee member.

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Camping Opportunities for 2016

Stevens County 4-H’ers have two camping opportunities during June this year. Registration deadlines for both are May 2nd. 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 8-11. 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 9-10. 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 in the Extension Office by May 2.

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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 to us.

Camp Counselor applications for both camps are included in this newsletter, and may be submitted to the Extension Office until May 2nd.

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IFYE Exchange Host Families Needed

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, from June through September.

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 website at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=234.

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Businessmen’s Dinner

The 4-H Businessmen’s Dinner is Sunday, April 24th at 12:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall. Following are the duty assignments:

Set Up and Decorations: Heartland
Meat and Potatoes: Buffalo Boosters
Entertainment: Top Blue Ribbon Music and Talent at County Club Day
Mistress of Ceremony: Adyson Gooch, 4-H Council President
Drinks: Wranglers and City Slickers
Clean Up: Cloverleaf Cowboys

Families will each bring a salad/vegetable and dessert.

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Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp
Rock Springs Ranch
For 4-H’ers Who Have Finished 3rd-7th Grade
Wednesday through Saturday, June 8-11, 2016

$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 1st. 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 9-10, 2016

$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 2nd. 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

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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For Your Information

STEVENS COUNTY FAIR

will be July 25 - 30, 2016.
Fair Work Day will be Monday, July 25th

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  Nancy L. Honig
CEA, ANR/4H&Y  CEA, FCS/4H&Y

Stevens County 4-H Council
114 E Fifth Street
Hugoton KS 67951

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4-H News

All educational programs and materials available without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disability.
KANSAS 4-H SPORTFISHING TOURNAMENT
2016

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is open to all 4-H members. The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2016.

One 4-H Angler of the year will be named in each of the species listed below. These are fish commonly found in Kansas waters. Each Angler of the Year will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap and a WalMart gift certificate to hopefully be used for fishing equipment (one per individual). All participants that enter a certified entry will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap.

The following species will make up the contest:

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<td>Other Game Fish (Walleye, Saugeye, White Bass, Wiper, Striper)</td>
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RULES:
1. Must be enrolled in 4-H.

2. Entry must be measured by length, verified by a witness and be accompanied by a photo of the entry. (This is a minimum entry to receive a cap.) Please use the 2016 entry form.

3. To compete for **Angler of the Year Award** the entry must also be weighed and witnessed (digital hand scale is acceptable, no spring scales please.) Only one Angler of the Year award per individual will be awarded. If a participant is selected as first in a class their additional entries will not be considered in subsequent classes. We want to recognize as many participants as possible.

4. Fish can be caught anywhere in the state of Kansas.

5. Fish must be caught by a legal method as outlined in the current Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Fishing Regulations Summary.

6. Entries must be postmarked by September 15th or e-mailed by that date. Winners will be announced around October 1, 2016. Every effort will be made to have the awards available to the counties by their achievement awards program for presentation at the program or sent directly to the winners – please indicate on your entry form which you prefer and the date of your Achievement Banquet if that is your preference.

7. Entries are to be submitted to Tommie Berger 406 S. New York Ave. Sylvan Grove, KS 67481. bergkwf@wtcjweb.com 785-524-6112
4-H Sportfishing Tournament
2016 Entry Form
Tournament ends September 15th

Name__________________________________________

Address________________________________________

County_____________ Leader/Agent_____________________

L/A Address & Phone #_____________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

Specie/Category________________________________________

Weight Digital Scale only_______________________________

Length (mouth closed and tail pinched)_____________________

Location of Catch_______________________________________

Date Caught__________________________________________

Witnessed by__________________________________________

Signature of Angler_____________________________________

Attach picture and send to:

Tommie Berger
406 S. New York Ave.
Sylvan Grove, KS 67481

bergkuf@wtciweb.com
785-524-6112

HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION 2016
Return this application to your local extension office by May 2nd!

Name: ___________________________ 4-H Age: ___________  Years in 4-H: ___________

Mailing Address: __________________________

Email: ___________________________  Cell Phone #: ___________________________

County: ___________________________  Grade just completed: ___________________________

Please answer the following questions completely. If hand written, please write neatly and legibly. If you need additional space, feel free to continue on an additional page.

1. Why do you want to be a 4-H camp counselor?

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2. Why are counselors important to the camping experience?

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3. In your opinion, what is the most important trait of a camp counselor and why?

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4. What non-camp experiences have you had working with children?

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5. Have you served as a camp counselor before?
   Check: _______4-H _______Non4-H  If non 4-H please explain: __________________________

   Year(s): ___________________________

6. Have you attended camps before?
   Check: _______4-H _______Non4-H  If non 4-H please explain: __________________________

   Year(s): ___________________________

7. Heart of Kansas Counselor Experience:
   Check one:  _____ This will be my first year to serve as a counselor at Heart of Kansas
   ______ This is my second year to serve as a counselor at Heart of Kansas
   ______ I have been a counselor at Heart of Kansas more than 2 years

8. Do you prefer to work with?
   ______ Elementary (1-2nd grades) ______ Elementary (3-5th grades) ______ Junior High (6-8th grades) ______ any one of the 3
9. Please mark your t-shirt size:  ____ S  ____ M  ____ L  ____ XL  ____ XXL

10. I would like to serve on the following committee(s): Please rank them 1 through 5, 1 being your favorite.
   ____ Counselor Training Planning Committee
   ____ Talent Show Committee
   ____ Flag Raising/Lowering
   ____ Campfire
   ____ Songs and Energizers

11. Please list two references, not related to you, that can attest to your ability to work with children, follow directions, take initiative, etc.

   Name: __________________________________________  Name: __________________________________________
   Phone: __________________________________________  Phone: __________________________________________
   How do you know this person?
   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

   AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNSELOR AND HEART OF KANSAS CAMP GROUP

This contract contains the responsibilities and duties of the camp counselor while at 4-H camp. By signing the contract, the counselors agree to accept and carry out these responsibilities.

CAMP COUNSELOR GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY
Assume responsibility for a group of campers from several counties for 24 hours a day during camp.

SPECIFIC DUTIES
镳 Counselor Job Description, Code of Conduct, and Counselor training material apply.
ียง Participate in camp counselor training session (June 7th)
ียง Know where your campers are at all times (including free time) and be present at critical times.
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ียง Be aware of health, safety and well-being of your campers. Check for illness or injury.
ียง Report major health problems to camp health professional. Supervise taking medicine when appropriate.
ียง See that you, your living group and fellow counselors know and observe camp rules.
ียง Help your living group follow the daily camp schedule.
ียง Be sensitive to camper’s personalities, differences and needs.
ียง Be aware that your living group will copy your behavior.

In the event of a serious rule infraction, those involved will meet with the Heart of KS camp disciplinary committee.
We agree to accept the above responsibilities and support our peers and agents while at camp.

__________________________________________  __________________________
Counselor’s Signature  Date

__________________________________________  __________________________
Agent’s Signature  Date

Agent’s Notes to Housing Committee:

__________________________________________  __________________________

Agents: Turn this application into Jake Renner, by May 5th for Camp Counselor Training responsibilities.
Lakeside 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION 2016

Return this application to your local extension office by May 2nd!

Name: ____________________________  4-H Age: __________  Years in 4-H: ________

Mailing Address: __________________________

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