February 2021

2021 4-H Club Day will be a virtual event. The safety and wellbeing of our youth is our top priority and we feel like this is the safest way to accomplish our Club Day this year. Here’s how it will work:

1. Call the Extension Office as soon as possible, but no later than February 19 at 5 p.m. to pre-enter your Club Day entries as you normally would.
2. Once you have pre-entered, you will be sent a link to a Google folder for you to upload your video(s) to. Families will need a Google account in order to upload their own videos. (If you do not have a Google account, we can help you set one up. This Google account can easily be deleted after Club Day if you do not wish to keep it.)
3. All videos will need to be submitted by March 6 at 5 p.m.
4. **EXCEPTION!!!** 4-H’ers entering in the Extemporaneous Speaking category or the Show and Tell category will present these entries live on March 6 via Zoom. They will be given a Zoom link and a scheduled time to present.
5. If your family needs help recording their entries, a work day has been set aside on Saturday, February 27 at the Extension Office. Please call ahead to schedule a time to record so we can practice proper social distancing.
6. Model Meetings will NOT be evaluated at the virtual Club Day event. Please keep in mind to get a Purple Seal your club may have any club meeting evaluated throughout the year by an Extension Agent, a past community leader, or other qualified volunteer.
The Pratt County Extension Council 4-H Program Development Committee is the governing body that sets the policies of our 4-H program in Pratt county. According to the 4-H PDC the 4-H policy is: **The deadline is the deadline.** This means that if you miss the deadline, you will not be allowed to participate. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

**Call the office to sign up**

**Record Book Update** – 4-H Families, after meeting with the 4-H Program Development Committee on January 19, we decided to make the following minor changes to our Pratt County Record Book Requirements:

**Juniors (ages 7 to 13)**
- Complete a Personal Page
- Write a 4-H Story
- Update the Permanent Record
- Complete a KAP-EZ for each project they are enrolled in
- If applying for County Champion, the new age-appropriate Project Report Form must be used. (Keep in mind the Project Report Forms are broken into three age categories and divided into Animal and General Forms.)

**Seniors (ages 14 and older)**
- Complete a Personal Page
- Write a 4-H Story
- Update the Permanent Record
- Complete the new Project Report Form for at least one project
- Complete a KAP-EZ for the other projects they are enrolled in
- If applying for County Champion, the new age-appropriate Project Report Form must be used. (Keep in mind the Project Report Forms are broken into three age categories and divided into Animal and General Forms.)
2021 Discovery Days will be held virtually June 1-4 over ZOOM again this year. More details will come at a later date.

Please Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in being a camp counselor. It would be a great learning experience for both you and the campers!

Applications are due March 15th!

The Heart of Kansas Camp will be held June 21-24. Registration is due to the office by 5pm May 3rd.
Extemporaneous Speech Contest

The Extemporaneous Speech Contest is for all high school students. 4-H`ers will be texted a random topic 10 minutes before their scheduled ZOOM time. They will be given 10 minutes to prepare a three to seven minute speech. Note cards may be used. There will be a timer in the room so that speech length will be known. The 4-Her will be judged on:

- Delivery
- Organization of talk
- Subject matter organization
- Originality
- Appearance

Important Dates for Youth Livestock Program 2021:

- **February 15-20** - Junior Swine Producer Week (Deadline is Feb. 8th)
- **March 15-20** - Junior Meat Goat Producer Week (Deadline is March 8th)
- **April 10** - Beef Weigh-in
- **May 7** - Small Animal Weigh-in
- **May 1** - Market Beef Nominations Due
- **June 15** - Commercial Heifer, Swine, Sheep and Meat Goat Nominations Due
- **August 21-22** - State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes (tentatively)
- **September 10-19** - Kansas State Fair
- **October 1-3** - Kansas Junior Livestock Show
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?
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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!
Please join us February 15-20 for a virtual Kansas Junior Swine Producer Week. This educational event will span a week of sessions during which youth, parents, swine project leaders and adults can increase their knowledge of swine production and management practices. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by K-State faculty members and graduate students, as well as 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 provided below.

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- 7:00 PM  Health Management & Diseases
- 7:30 PM  Wrap-up

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- 1:00 PM  State Livestock Nominations*  
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Thanks To Our Sponsors!
- Kansas Pork Association
- Essential Show Feeds
- Valley Vet Supply
- K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry

Door Prizes!
We will be drawing for show equipment, supplies, & fun pork paraphernalia!

Questions? Contact:
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To Register:  https://bit.ly/KSUJrSwineWeek

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Dear 4-H families:

One of our first county-wide 4-H events is just around the corner, and that's County Club Day. 4-H Club Day is an event which gives participants an opportunity to tell others about their 4-H projects and demonstrate their talents and abilities. Presentations, such as talks, demonstrations, speeches, and music are judged and awarded ribbons.

We encourage you to find some way, no matter how small or large, to take part in County Club Day. Need help finding an idea? Call our office today, and we'll be happy to help you. Speaking of calling the office, 4-H Families will need to call the office by February 26th to sign up for what they would like to do at Club Day. Have a great February and we look forward to seeing all of you at Club Day on March 6th!

Jodi Drake
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4-H & Youth