

Happy Spring 4-H Families:

March Madness is wrapping up, and this has nothing to do with basketball. Lots of 4-H Members took advantage of the great learning opportunities that took place this month. I have enjoyed working with all of you and now it is time to start focusing on summer. We also have been doing After School 4-H in Otis Bison and Ness City, we will soon start the Dighton and Lacrosse Grade School After School programs, hope you will get your kiddos signed up. Please read this email carefully and mark your calendars for the events that are important to you!

Deadlines:

April

- 1 - Emerald Circle Emcee applications to 4-H Foundation**
- 1 - 4-H and Open Horse Judges' Certification registration**

- 8 – 4-H on the 4th drawing**
- 10 – Rabbit and Poultry workshop**
- 12 – Visual Arts workshop**
- 12 – Walnut Creek District Food Fair entry and recipe**
- 15 - Discovery Days registration**
- 15 - SpaceTech training registration**
- 15 - National Hall of Fame entertainment applications**
- 15 – Vanier Family Scholarship**
- 15 – Walnut Creek District Camp Counselor Application**

May

- 1 - Standard of Excellence delegate nominations**
- 1 - 4-H Foster Kid Grant applications**
- 1 – Add Drop of 4-H projects**
- 1 – Horse ID Papers and Market Beef Nominations**
- 1- All Walnut Creek District Camp Registrations**
- 15 - Centennial delegate nominations**
- 15 - Campference registration or until full***
- 15 - 4-H Academy registration or until full***

After School 4-H Program

We are wrapping up the After School Program in Otis Bison and Ness City they each have two sessions left. Then we will start Dighton and Lacrosse. The spring lessons have all been based around Bullying, It's Ok to be Different and Friendship. This has been a great session. The session cost \$12 per student, is open to all youth Kindergarten thru 5th grade. Also, we are always interested in teen helpers, so if you have one day or four to give an hour to us we would greatly appreciate it.

Ness City March 26 and April 2 Otis Bison March 27 and April 3 Dighton April 10, 17, 24 and May
1 Lacrosse April 11, 18, 25, May 2

Upcoming Livestock Dates

With Spring comes selecting your 4-H Livestock. Reminder that all small animals (bucket calves, swine, sheep and goats) must be born after January 1st. This year all 4-H Livestock members will need to attend an one hour YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) class in order to show at the county fair.

YQCA workshops are scheduled for

Ness County – April 9th at 5:30pm,

Rush County – April 11th at 5:30pm,

Lane County – April 17th at 5:30pm

Beef Weigh in:

Ness County -- March 27th at 5:30pm

Rush County --March 31st 4:00pm

Small Animal Weigh In:

Lane County – May 1st at 5:30pm

Rush County -- May 4th at 8:00am

Ness County – May 5th at 3:00pm

Horse ID Papers due – May 1st

Market Beef Nominations due – May 1st

Commercial Heifers, Swine, Sheep, Goat nominations due – June 15th

Camp Information

If you want to serve as a **Camp Counselor this summer your application is due to Robyn by Monday, April 15th**. See the attached application. Heart of Kansas Counselors must be 15 years or older, 4 Clover Camp Counselors must be 14 years or older, Cedar Bluff Overnight counselors must be 13 years or older and Day camp helpers must be 6th grade and older. **All camp registrations are Due May 1st**.

Cedar Bluff Overnight Camp is – June 6-7 for all youth 5-12 years of age. This year the theme is “Little Camp on the Prairie”, Cost is \$25.00

Heart of Kansas is – June 11-14 for all youth 3rd grade – 8th grade. This year the theme is “It’s An Adventure”, Cost is \$195.00

4Clover 4-H Camp is – June 19-21 for 4-H youth 7-10 years of age. This year the theme is “Inspire Kids to Do”, Cost is \$80.00

If you want to participate in cookie dough sales as a camp fundraiser let me know so that we can get the supplies ordered in and get started in EARLY April.

April 4-H on the 4th Challenge

Spring is in the Air and it’s time to amp up our community service, keep working on the HEART “H” of 4-H. April’s challenge is a Family challenge – have your Family work together to complete a Random Act of Kindness for a Neighbor and include the 4-H clover in your act. Send me a photo of your 4-H Kindness and be entered in a drawing for a Family Dairy Queen coupon. **Entries must be received by Monday, April 8th**.

Rabbit and Poultry workshop

There will be a Rabbit and Poultry workshop held on Saturday, April 13th in Ness County at the Fairgrounds. Rabbit Showmanship and Poultry Showmanship will be covered, as well as help in selection as to what bird or rabbit to bring to the county fair. The work shop will be held from 1:00 to 3:30pm. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 10th** to secure workshop attendance. Cost \$3.00 to help with supplies and snack.

Foods and Nutrition Class

There will be a District wide Foods meeting in Ness County on Saturday, April 13th from 9:30 to 11:30am. We are going to make spring time cookies. **Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 10th**. Cost for the class will be \$5.00

Visual Arts Class

There will be a District wide Visual Arts Class in Lane County on Monday, April 15th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm this is a Come and Stay or a Come and Go workshop. I will have 3-4 projects available for the kids to choose from. Haven't finalized this yet so watch for more details closer to date. **RSVP's will be due by Friday, April 12th**.

Food Fair

If you are signed up for the Foods and Nutrition project you should have received an email about the Walnut Creek District 4-H Food Fair that is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th in Rush Center. This is a fun foods contest, that is based on planning a menu, creating a place setting and centerpiece, and preparing a food item that is perishable (something that cannot be entered in the county fair). Each participant will share a 2-3 minute presentation about their entry. If you have any questions contact Denise in the Rush County office. **Pre entries and your recipe are due by Friday, April 12th**.

Junior Leaders All Sport Weekend

The Rush County Junior Leaders have scheduled their Spring Fun Social Trip to All Sport in Wichita for Sunday, April 28th. We will leave Rush County at 8:00am. We will Eat Lunch when we get to Wichita and then spend 2 hours at All Sport. This event is open to any 6th grade through senior aged members. The cost is \$10 for Rush County Members, \$15 for inactive members, Lane and Ness teens and Parents and Leaders is \$20. **Please RSVP by Monday, April 22nd** so that we can have enough vehicles and drivers.

Discovery Days

Come join us Wednesday, May 29 - Friday, May 31 for Discovery Days! Attend classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies or community service, share your talents in the Talent Show, dance, meet new friends and eat Call Hall ice cream! Registration for "Discover Your Spotlight" is open at kansas4-H.org

This is an excellent camp for teenagers 13-18 years old. The base cost is \$195, however there may be some class fees, depending on what you sign up for. **Registrations are due by April 15th**. Register online, but hurry, several classes are already full.

Vanier Family Scholarship

The Vanier Family Scholarship Program was established to enhance the strong leadership skills already exhibited by 4-H members. This program invests in the educational endeavors of young people who have overcome challenges in their lives to pursue their educational goals.

Scholarship recipients will be recognized leaders and role models within their home communities who have balanced “greater than usual” demands and contributed in positive ways as a 4-H member and citizen.

Students will receive scholarships in the amount of \$7,000/year for use at community or technical institutions and \$12,000/year for use at baccalaureate institutions. Recipients will receive half of the scholarship for the fall semester and the remaining half in the spring.

ELIGIBILITY for NEW 2019-20 applicants:

1. Current or former Kansas 4-H member for 3 or more years
2. Entering college for the first time as a full-time undergraduate student for the 2019-20 academic year
3. Plans to enroll full-time in an accredited post-secondary institution for the 2019-20 academic year
4. Extensive 4-H leadership at the local and county levels and/or Key Award winner
5. Demonstrated problem-solving and leadership capabilities

ONLINE APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW PROCESS:

- Applications and references must be received by **Monday, April 15, 2019** Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- Finalists will be notified via email by May 10, 2019 and will participate in virtual interviews.
- Virtual Interviews will be conducted May 13-17, 2019.
- Please do not call the State 4-H Office to confirm receipt of application or references. You will receive a confirmation **page and email** after you have submitted your scholarship, reference information will not be given out, please confirm submission with your references.
- Notification of advancement in selection process requires response within 24 hours or applicant will be removed from consideration.
- Application Link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5ALpchjjFtVW937
- Reference Link: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3Pfm0He3ZYigbnD
- For more information about the application process, contact Sarah Keatley at the Kansas State 4-H Office at (785) 532-5800 or keatley@ksu.edu
- Each applicant will need two references. **Applicants are responsible for getting information to their references.**
- Application links can be found by going to <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/vanier-family-scholarship.html>
With this information just released, we understand that this is a very quick turnaround, your help in educating potential applicants is appreciated.

4-H Academy . . . Explore Your Pathway, June 23-26, Rock Springs 4-H Center

The 4-H Academy is fun, fast-paced and a great way to build strong, fit mental muscles in a subject that interests you. Explore, learn and ask the experts to satisfy your deeply-rooted curiosity to understand more about the topic. The best part is you choose and register for the pathway that will inspire you at 4-H Academy. Each pathway is created to challenge your critical thinking skills and open new approaches for learning. You'll be amazed and enthused to excel!

Nestled in a serene locale, 4-H Academy offers engaging and exciting activities and challenges that will guide you through adventures to the capstone finale where you and your explorer team share exhilarating discoveries.

Register for one of the following pathways:

Horse: Some never outgrow the love of horses; so come spend quality time learning about the beautiful and fascinating animals that tug at your heart and boot straps. Take a trail ride into learning about horse quiz bowl, hippology and judging. Plus, care for a horse by bushing and cleaning hoofs before the actual trail ride. Discover the equine in a new perspective from breeds to nutrition to safety. Test your horse knowledge with others and gain a new and deeper appreciation for your horse affection. This academy camp designed especially for the beginning, novice horse enthusiast that does not have the opportunity to have their own horse. Kansas 4-H Horseless project members welcome.

Photography: Do you have a flair for the creation of new and exciting materials to help people understand your world? Photography can be your outlet. Gain the skills that will take your talent to the next level. Work with industry professionals, educational experts and other passionate photo enthusiasts to truly grow on your path to be a professional photographer.

Leadership: Ever wonder how your unique strengths make it easier for you to navigate high school, college and the world of work? The CliftonStrengths workshop presented by the K-State Strengths Office in partnership with the Department of 4-H Youth Development will help individuals learn more about their top 5 talent themes, how they are turning them into strengths, and discover how their top 5 plays a role on a team. This will be an interactive workshop where participants will need to be ready to talk about themselves, their experiences, and their top 5 strengths. We will also cover the basics of CliftonStrengths. Learning how to identify and communicate your unique strengths while working with others who are different than you is an asset you will bring to any team. Maximize your strength potential by participating in the Leadership Track of 4-H Academy.

STEM: A possible tract is in the works but the plans are not set yet, so please just watch for more information.

Environmental: If you have an interest in ecology, wildlife management, or just being outside and learning about nature, you're at the right place. Join us and learn from professional wildlife biologists, botanists, and ecologists. The Academy Camp is an exciting mix of hands-on activities,

outdoor exploration, and real-life career exploration. Subject matter will include wildlife and plant identification, species diversity, conservation ethics, wildlife tracking, predator-prey dynamics, population management, fishing, shooting sports, and much more.

Registration: For Youth 13 years old and older. **Registration should be open at the end of March and run until May 15th** or sessions are full.

Cost: \$300 (There may be some additional fees dependent on the tract selected.)

Kansas 4-H SpaceTech and KSU Polytechnic Training Details

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Action Team, Kansas 4-H Youth Development and KSU Polytechnic in Salina are co-sponsoring a Kansas 4-H SpaceTech training on Saturday, April 27, at the KSU Polytechnic Campus, College Center Conference Center, 2310 Centennial Road, Salina, KS 67401. Participants will get to attend two in-depth entry level workshops repeated in the afternoon: rocketry and unmanned aerial systems (drones). To register, [click here](#).

4-H members (12-19-years-old), parents, volunteer 4-H leaders, Extension staff, and educators working with youth who are interested in 4-H rocketry and unmanned aerial systems project areas. This training is being held in Salina, but it is open to any Kansas resident on a first-come, first-serve registration basis. Registration is limited to 30 per each session with a minimum of 10 required for each workshop session to be taught. No youths 11 and younger will be accepted to this training. Consider sending a team of youth and adults from your county/district to be trained to take home valuable information. Parents planning on assisting their older children during the training need to register for the training. This training is not designed as a parent-child 4-H project activity, but as a train-the-trainer program.

To find the information on the Kansas 4-H web site, visit: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/spacetech/index.html>. **Registration will be on-line and closes April 15, 2019, 11:59 p.m.** The registration fee of \$25.00 includes lunch, breaks, two workshops, workshop materials and training team costs. Registration fees are non-refundable unless KSRE cancels the workshop due to low numbers. Checks should be made payable to the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Submit check and Kansas 4-H Participation form to: Kansas State 4-H Office, ATTN: Sarah Sullivan, 201 Umberger Hall, 1612 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66506. Telephone: 785-532-5800. For more information contact dwaldren@ksu.edu or call 785-462-6281.

True Leaders in Service and National 4-H Day of Service

National 4-H has announced True Leaders in Service, a month-long community service activation. It officially kick-offs the first day of April, and culminates with the National 4-H Day of Service on the last Saturday of April each year. Thousands of 4-H'ers venture out into their communities throughout the month of April to do what 4-H'ers do best: lead in service to tackle community challenges and help meet the needs of others. The National 4-H Day of Service can take place in every county across the country. 4-H members, adult volunteers and friends help improve their communities by adopting a service project. These projects can be done as individuals, as an entire county or district 4-H program, or anything in between. No matter the project, this is a day that will make a difference! [Click here for toolkit of resources, including a guidebook, logo, social media ideas, volunteer position descriptions, risk management information and more.](#)

The goal of True Leaders in Service is to encourage 4-H members in every county to make a big impact on our country. Each 4-H club or program will choose how best to ignite their spirit of service as they offer help in hundreds of ways across the nation throughout the month of April and/or on the National 4-H Day of Service. If April 27 does not work for a project, any project in April can be a part of this effort.

4-H Campference Registration open in late March

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12- 14 (before January 1, 2019), and will be held June 23-26 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 a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others.

Registration and detailed information will be the State 4-H Website in late March. An email will alert all local offices and age eligible members when registration is open. Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis, and Campference was full the last five years! **Register online by May 15** (or earlier it will close when it is full) and payment must be in the local Extension Offices by May 15.

Insect Spectacular:

Looking for an excellent educational experience for 4-H'ers interested in the entomology project?! **SAVE THE DATE!** June 21 & 22, 2019. The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular is for all youth, beginning through advanced- there will be something for all ages and experience levels. At least one parent must register and attend with child. This year's Insect Spectacular will be hosted at the Kansas Wetlands Education Center northeast of Great Bend. Registration will open in May, stay tuned for more details! Visit the [Entomology event page](#) for more info.

Seeking Science of Agriculture Teams

We are looking for youth in grades 6-12 who want to explore agricultural related topics and share their problem-solving ideas. Youth do not need to be in 4-H already to join this challenge.

What is the Science of Agriculture Challenge?

It is a hands-on learning experience to inspire the next generation of agriculture leaders in Kansas. Teams of 2-5 youth in grades 6-12 work with volunteer coaches and mentors to create projects and build solutions. The team will identify agriculture-related issues in their community, develop solutions and share the projects with the community. Each year, teams present their ideas to a panel of industry expert judges at a state competition. Each member of the top three teams will receive a scholarship ranging to use at the university, college or trade school of their choice.

For more information, contact Anissa Jepsen at ajepsen@ksu.edu or check out our website <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/science-engineering-and-technology/science-of-agriculture/> for important dates or to register a team.