Meade County 4-H Connections
October 2019

Meade County 48 HOURS OF 4-H EVENT

Meade County 4-Hers will once again be hosting a COUNTY WIDE PACKING PARTY for Operation Christmas Child as a 48 Hours of 4-H service project. This is a great opportunity for the whole county to get involved with as it also helps with Auction Eligibility Requirements! The Packing Party will be Sunday, October 13th beginning at 2 pm! 48 Hours of 4-H Workday will be in the B Building at The Fairgrounds. See Flyer!

Contests & Shows

Dog Conference-ROCKSTAR 4-H DOGS!

October 19-20, 2019 4-H members 7-18 years of age. Only one dog is allowed per youth participant that must be noted on the registration form. Dogs are optional and may be included in the conference to aid in their socialization skills. However, youth do not have to bring a dog to participate. Parents, volunteer leaders and KSRE staff are also invited. If you are interested in attending Dog Conference, sign up onlinehttps://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html or call the Extension Office at 620-873-8790.

Achievement Banquet

The annual Meade County 4-H Achievement Night will take place on November 17th, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the Community Building in Plains, KS. The evening is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate accomplishments from 2019 for youth and adult volunteers. Any 4-Her or their family are welcome to attend the evening, even if you are not receiving an award. This night is recognized as one of the additional events for selling an item at the fair. Light refreshments will be served! Due to the afternoon time of Achievement Banquet the Record Book Party will follow!
RECORD BOOK PARTY

There will be a Record Book Party following the Achievement Banquet celebrating our members that turned in a non-competitive Record Book. The party will be held at the Bowling Alley in Sublette, Kansas, November 17th. See you at Thunder Strikes Bowling Lanes located at 1103 LaLande Ave West Highway 56 Sublette, Kansas 67877

Local Project Meetings & Events

Horsin Around
Horse Project Meetings for this month are:
Unmounted: October 14th 6:30 pm at the Extension Office in the Conference Room. Mounted: October 27th at 4:00 pm at the Arena @ The Fairgrounds! If you have any questions about the Horse Project, you may reach out to Karrie Miller, Horse Project Leader at kSucowgirl07@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Horse Shows
Buckle Bonanza #1-October 19th Garden City, KS
Buckle Bonanza #2- November 9th Sublette, KS
Buckle Bonanza #3- December 14th Meade, KS
Here is the link for additional information: https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/documents/2019%20Show.pdf

4-H Equine Extravaganza - November 9
Come to Rock Springs 4-H Center for Equine Extravaganza which is an educational event for those interested in learning more about the Horse Project. There will be sessions for youth and adults. Youth will learn about the competitive events held at Horse Panorama, horse health and care, and basics in showing. Youth will also have a session on Achievement Level I, with the option to take the written and riding tests at the end of the day. Adults will have sessions on improving project meetings, becoming contest coaches, and level evaluating.
Registration Deadline: October 15, 2019 https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html

KYL F and KVF Early Bird Registration Deadline
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYL F) and the Kansas Volunteer Forum (KVF) is held November 23-24, 2019 at Rock Springs. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2020 and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. The Kansas 4-H Volunteer forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective. The registration deadline is October 15 for both events at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate. https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/index.html
It's a Packing Party &
You are invited!

When: Sunday, October 13th, 2019 2:00pm

Where: Meade County Fairgrounds, Building “B”

Who: Families, individuals, churches, and organizations. Everyone is invited!

Why: Community Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child charity

Hosted by Meade County 4-Hers as a “48 Hours of 4-H Service Project”

If you can join us to pack boxes on Sunday, October 13th, we are requiring that you bring a note (may be photocopied) to put in each of the boxes that you pack telling the child any encouraging words you would like to share. You may put your picture on the note if you want. If you include your email address and/or your mailing address, you might hear back from the child or the minister/missionary in charge of the distribution.

We would greatly appreciate any monetary contribution your family, church, or group would like to make to cover the $9 per box shipping fee to get the box in the child’s hands. You may make checks payable to Operation Christmas Child and bring it to the packing party.

For more information, contact Tamra Clawson, Area Coordinator for Operation Christmas Child and Meade 4-H Leader, at 620-482-3305 or tamra@clawsonranch.com
Johnny McAtee and cousin Jarrett stayed busy working at the "Commodity Carnival" at The Kansas State Fair 2019. We are told this booth was never quiet and that is evident by this line! Thank you Johnny and Jarrett for giving of your time!
SAVE THE DATES for 2020 Weigh-In and Camps!

If you carry an academic calendar, mark these dates! If you don’t, be sure to put a sticky note with these dates down in December so you can transfer them over to your 2020 calendars! Please remember BOTH weigh-ins are mandatory and counselors leave a day early for counselor training at any 4-H Camp!

- Beef Weigh In: March 27th from 6-7 PM
- Small Animal Weigh In: May 4 - 5-6:30 PM
- Wild Horse 4-H Camp: TBA
- Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp: TBA

4-H Trip Discounts

Many of you already know, by turning in a record book and ONE Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP), you can receive $25 off any 4-H camp or leadership opportunity. If you complete a SECOND KAP, you get an additional $25 off - that’s $50! Please take the time to consider this! The money is use it or lose it for the next 4-H year (2019-2020).

Also, with the generous MKC donation received at the fair, those funds will also be used to further reduce the cost of the Citizenship Washington Focus Trip (-$500), Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (-$100), Citizenship in Action (-$100), Ambassador Training (-$100), Discovery Days (-$100) and the Southwest Youth Leadership Forum (-$25). MKC requested their donation be used to help 4-H to grow tomorrow’s leaders.
We appreciate 4-H Councils input on how these funds would be used.

Interested in using these funds?
KAP money ($25 or $50) is taken off your registration fee initially. Please let us know when you come into pay if you plan to take advantage of this.
MKC donations - Families will be required to pay the full amount. After the 4-H member has attend the event and wrote a thank you, the money will be refunded to you.
If you have further questions, please Christine or Elly at the office.
*If you need financial assistance to cover the initial MKC portion of your trip, a donor has been set. Please contact Elly directly at 620-873-8790.
4-H ENROLLMENT FOR 2019-2020

4-H empowers young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us. We are America’s largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people across the U.S. and over 74,000 youth in Kansas with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

It’s a research-based experience that includes a mentor, a hands-on project, and a meaningful leadership opportunity. Based on their interests and guided by adult volunteers, youth develop their own pathway in 4-H. They select from a broad menu of local 4-H programs and projects. There are hands-on, learn by doing, opportunities for everyone.

Kansas 4-H is a vibrant youth development program for K-State Research and Extension. In 4-H, we are committed to providing positive dynamic learning experiences for as many young people as possible.

Ready to get started? Find a 4-H Club near you by calling The Meade Extension Office at 620-873-8790 or Contact Kansas 4-H for more information.

Enrollment begins October 1, 2019

Welcome to the 2019-2020 4-H Year!

We hope you are ready for another exciting year in 4-H. Please remember that all youth members and volunteers are required to enroll, or re-enroll for the new 4-H year at 4HOnline, the online enrollment system of Kansas 4-H. Adults and Clover-buds are not charged the $15.00 program fee. CLOVERBUDS MUST STILL BE ENROLLED ONLINE! https://ks.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D4065476E555144A414B68513D

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ENROLL ON OCTOBER 1ST. Due to the way the system is set up at the State level, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENROLL EARLIER THAN OCTOBER 1ST. However, timely enrollment is essential as it is one of the Auction Eligibility Requirements and it helps us be able to keep everyone better informed. If you are not active in the system by December 1st you will cease to receive newsletters and emails.

As we move into programming year 2020, We are looking forward to greater program developments in Project supports and enhancements, Volunteer Development, and Community Club supports around program essentials. Specifically, look forward to the system-wide discussion about the latest in Thriving Youth Development research with Dr. Mary Arnold during 4-H Program Rally in Wichita at the end of January 2020. This research is impacting discussions around the country about how to evaluate 4-H practice, shape future training and resource development for professionals and volunteers. This research will provide even greater insight into attitudes and actions necessary to grow true leaders through Kansas 4-H. This next year, expect to see an emphasis upon positive youth development essentials, communications skill development, community club tools, and additional resources for Cloverbud program development! EXCITING THINGS AHEAD!
I am a 4-H TRUE LEADER

K-State Research and Extension
4-H Youth Development

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