4-H NEWS

September/October 2020

GOOD LUCK

To all who are participating virtually at the Kansas State Fair! We are proud of you for learning this new format for judging projects!

CALENDER OF EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER
7--Office Closed for Labor Day
19--Doniphan County Tractor Pull
       Concessions, Council fund-raiser
30--Deadline for Record Books to the office AND Achievement Level
       Pin forms

OCTOBER
1--On-line Re-enrollment Open
7--Recordbook judging, 4:00 p.m.
       at the 4-H building
12--Office closed for Columbus Day
19 - 6:00 p.m. - Officers Training
       7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

NOVEMBER
15--Achievement Night, 6:00 pm
21 & 22--Virtual KYLF and Leadership Forum
30--4H Enrollment Completed
       On-line

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum-Virtual for 2020

What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2021 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF.

When: November 21-22, 2020

Where: Your Device (computer, tablet or phone) connected to the internet

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2021

Registration: Open late Summer of 2020

Early Registration Deadline: October 15, 2020

4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT will be Sunday, November 15th, at 6:00 p.m. Council is considering meal options due to Covid19 restrictions. More information will come later.
AWARDS DUE IN THE OFFICE
BY SEPTEMBER 30TH

There are 9 different levels of Achievement Awards that 4-H members can earn. These awards are earned by a 4-Her’s involvement in the program. The beginning pin levels have simple requirements, as you increase in years the requirements become more challenging. (They must be completed in order, one per year). I strongly urge every 4-H member to fill out the application for an Achievement pin, it is your reward for a job well done. :)

New for 2020- 4-H PDC met and discussed pin requirements for this year. We have reduced the number of optional requirements for Pin levels 3-9. (not the top requirements on the form)

Member Achievement Plan 1 - (Membership Pin)
Member Achievement Plan 2 - (Bronze Pin)
Member Achievement Plan 3 - (Clover Pin),
2 Optional Requirements
Member Achievement Plan 4 - (Emerald Pin)
2 Optional Requirements
Member Achievement Plan 5 - (Silver Pin)
4 Optional Requirements
Member Achievement Plan 6 - (Silver Guard Pin)
5 Optional Requirements
Member Achievement Plan 7 - (Leadership Pin)
8 Optional Requirements
Member Achievement Plan 8 - (Gold Pin)
12 Optional Requirements
Member Achievement Plan 9 - (Gold Guard Pin)
12 Optional Requirements

The 4-H Key Award, the highest pin a 4-H member can earn, is also due by SEPTEMBER 30TH. You must be 16 by January 1st of the current year before applying for this award.
These plans can be picked up at the office or downloaded from the 4-H website:


Doniphan County 4-H Club
Officer’s Training
Please mark your calendar for October 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Learn and have tons of fun, so make sure your officers can make it!

4-H Record books will be judged
Wednesday, October 7th, starting at 4:00 p.m. at the 4-H building. All Club leaders are needed to help judge.

TRACTOR PULL FUNDRAISER
The Doniphan Fairboard will be having their 6th annual Tractor Pull on Saturday, September 14th. This will be one of the last 4-H Council fundraisers for the year!
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. —Troy Triangle,
Midway Meadowlarks
7:00 - 9:00 - Wathena Sunflower and Circle B
9:00 - 11:00 —Doniphan Star, Bendena and Highland Cloverpatch

ON-LINE ENROLLMENT BEGINS
OCTOBER 1!!
Kansas State 4-H will be continuing on-line enrollment for the new 2020 - 2021 4-H enrollment year.

What you need to know now:
* You cannot start the 2020 enrollment until October 1st.
* Please re-enroll, on-line by November 30th.
* Each 4-H family will be submitting one enrollment, listing children and their projects

* Kansas Participation forms will be part of the online system.
2020- Kansas 4-H has a $15 enrollment fee for each 4-Her. The fees will be used for program enhancement, project support, and volunteer development. While the funds are collected at the state level, the state office intends to get input from counties across the state to set priorities for the funds, to ensure that everyone benefits.

4-H STIMULUS PACKAGE!!
NEW! 4-H COUNCIL IS PAYING ALL ENROLLMENT FEES FOR THIS YEAR!

Paying for the fee is done during annual re-enrollment on 4-H Online. Towards the end of the enrollment process, you will be asked how you intend to pay. Options list: use a credit or debit card online, mail in a check to the state office, no fee (for Cloverbuds), request a waiver, or that a local sponsor will be paying your fee.

Click on sponsorship!
Our office will send a check in for all enrolled. Both the local and state offices approve enrollment, and enrollment is not complete (you won’t be an “active” member) until payment is received. We will send a sponsorship check to the state on December 5th and again next Spring.

The 4-H Year begins October 1st, 2020.
National 4-H Week is the first week of October. What a wonderful time to ask a friend to join the Doniphan County 4-H

2020 4-H FALL FAIR FESTIVAL has been cancelled this year. However we still encourage clubs or members to Grow Doniphan 4-H by talking to potential new members and families.
Other Ideas to get new members might include:
* Bulletin Boards at our local elementary schools.
* Club membership drives.
* Radio PSA’s - at KAIR or KNZA

To help safeguard the health and safety of our members and volunteers, the following guidelines should be followed for all 4-H meetings.

BEFORE YOUR 4-H MEETING
Can the program be offered using a virtual platform? OR Are there participation options for families interested participating but concerned about the health/safety of their family? If NOT then...
* I know the recommended number of attendees in the space I plan to use.
  Ensure that no more than ___ people are in attendance. This number should follow the guidance of the current local Directive Health Measures.
* The number needs to include everyone (volunteers, parents, members, siblings, guest speakers, etc.)
* I have encouraged participants to stay home if they are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, have had contact with someone with COVID-19 positive test or symptoms or are at risk of exposure, This includes:
  * Considered at high risk themselves or if they live or work with individuals at high risk. (age 65+, are immuno compromised, or have other health factors identified by the CDC that increase risk if being exposed).
  * Exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath
  * Have had known contact with anyone with COVID-19 symptoms in the 14 days prior to the meeting
* I have provided signage to educate those at my meetings
* Create and prepare any signs or documents that will be used at the event communicating procedures like, checking in, information for parents, expected times, reminders to wash hands/sanitize, etc.
* Contact your local extension office for signage

4-H Stands for Health - Take time at your club meeting to make Covid19 signage to use at your meeting space 😊
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Dear Friends,

The beauty of Autumn is just around the corner. We are looking forward to harvest, apple cider, football and all Extension programs! Have a Great Season!

Sincerely,

Kathy Tharman
County Extension Director