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April 2021

# Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

It was great seeing many of you at 4-H Club Day last month. Congratulations to all the 4-H'ers who put together presentations for the event. You are **ALL** winners! You built your presentation and communication skills and those are skills you'll use for the rest of your lives. Good luck to all who are participating in the virtual Regional 4-H Day event.

We are working on getting back to more face-to-face opportunities. Read on to learn about several of those upcoming opportunities.

And as always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call!

Yours in 4-H,

**Susan Schlichting**

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County Extension Agent – 4-H Youth Development



## Meetings Coming Your Way

**4-H Council** – April 6, 6:00 p.m.



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## Ways to Contact Us

- We make a drop box available in the front of the Extension Office for your convenience.
- You can reach the 4-H Office Voice Mail at (785) 628-9430 ext. 14
- Extension Office fax # is (785) 621-2002
- [sschlich@ksu.edu](mailto:sschlich@ksu.edu)

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- April 1** – Heart of KS 4-H Camp Counselor Aps Due
- April 15** – 4-H Camp Scholarship Aps Due
- April 15** – Kansas Animal Science Leadership Academy Aps Due
- April 28** – Livestock tags purchased and animals tagged before weigh-in
- April 28** – Bucket Calf, Feeder Calf & Commercial Breeding Heifer forms due in Ext. Office
- April 30** – Heart of KS 4-H Camp Registrations Due
- May 1** – Last Day to Make Changes to Your 4-H Enrollment for 2021
- May 1** – 4-H Horse ID Papers Due in Ext. Office
- May 1** – Registered Breeding Livestock in name of 4-H'er
- May 5** – Enroll in 3-2-1 Blast Off Classes through the local REC
- May 15** – Campference Registrations Due

## Covid 19 & 4-H ACTIVITIES

At this time all face-to-face events have to be applied for and approved by the Director of Extension through August 1. If your club plans to do a face-to-face activity, please plan ahead and submit the Covid protocol meeting request form with plenty of time to prepare for your event.

## 4-H Enrollments

**The last chance to make changes in your project enrollments for 2021 is coming up May 1.** Be sure to check in on your 4-H Online account and make sure you are enrolled in the projects that you are planning to work in. **Remember that you must be enrolled in a project in order to exhibit in that project area in the 4-H division of the County Fair.** If you've found a new area you'd like to explore, be sure to get your enrollment updated in 4-H Online before May 1.

**Congrats to those winning Top Blues at 4-H Day.** [Check out the results on our website.](#)

### 4-H KAP Pilot Continues

This year the new on-line 4-H record keeping system is for all ages of 4-H'ers. Have you gotten started?? This system is meant for you to keep track and add photos and information as you participate in activities throughout the year. Don't wait until August to record your goals and track your activities!! If you do, you will most likely leave out important information AND have an increased stress level in the house as you hurry to finish these up! Avoid all of that and do a little at a time. We still have the z-suite tutorial webinar up on the 4-H front page for you to review if you need a refresher. And as always, you are welcome to give a call if you need assistance.



### National Volunteer Week is APRIL 18 – 24

Have you said thank you to your 4-H Leader lately?? If not, take time this month to let them know how much you appreciate them! We have great volunteers in Ellis County! Thanks to each of you who steps forward to give your time and talents to 4-H members! THANK YOU!

### Small Livestock Weigh-in Date Set for April 28, 6 – 8 p.m.

If you're planning to show Feeder Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep or Swine at this year's Ellis County Fair, make plans now to **get your official 4-H tags and tag your project animals before the weigh-in** at the Fairgrounds.

Swine will continue to have to option to weigh or have their tags visually inspected. The Ellis Co. Spring Livestock Show has been set as an alternate weigh-in date on Sunday, May 2, 7 –9 a.m. **Please call our office to let us know if you plan to use the alternate date. Remember, you need to be enrolled in the Market livestock project by Wednesday, April 28.** (Check your on-line enrollments)

Remember, [Commercial Heifers](#) and [Bucket Calves](#) need to be tagged and a photo submitted to the Extension Office by **5 p.m. the day of the Spring Weigh-in, April 28.**

### Livestock Deadlines for Kansas State Fair and Kansas Jr. Livestock Show Participation

**May 1**—All Market Steer/Heifer nominations for the KSF and KJLS are due in Manhattan.

**June 15** – All Commercial Heifer, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goat nominations for KSF and KJLS are due in Manhattan.

**For State Shows, you will need to make an appointment with Stacy or Susan to come and visually check the tags in the animal's ear prior to nomination. Please plan ahead!**

### [K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy](#)

The ninth annual K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy will be held in June 15 – 18, 2021 virtually and on Kansas State University's campus. This four-day event focuses on increasing knowledge of Kansas's diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant's leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement. The event is sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council. Visit [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu) to learn more. **Aps due April 15, 2021.**

### Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

This training is required if you are planning to take part in a state livestock show. Deadline to complete is June 1. You can go to their website to take the training.

ELLIS CO. FAIRGROUNDS

## 4-H Showmanship Clinic

Online Registration due-April 2  
<https://tinyurl.com/4HLivestockClinic>  
Send in \$5 fee to Ellis Co. 4-H

APRIL 10, 2021  
1-4 P.M.

Many breeds such as beef, sheep, goats, pigs, dogs, cats, chickens, horse, and rabbits.

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**State 4-H Horse Panorama** will be virtual in 2021. The current schedule is as follows with specific times released along with additional registration details: Digital Uploads (Photography, Logo, Poster, Power Point, Ad Layout, Exhibition Model Horse Show) - **Uploads will open March 26 and close April 7**. Judging will begin after April 7. Hippology-April 10 Quiz Bowl Preliminaries via Qualtrics-April 10 Quiz Bowl Finals via Zoom-April 11 Public Speaking, Demonstration, & Project Talks-Zoom with judges by scheduled date/time, April 10-14. Sign-ups will be available.

It will be the participant's responsibility to make sure they have access to reliable internet to fully participate in each contest. With the online format, we want to remind participants that an important aspect of youth development is practicing integrity and character development. While we have included securities for each event, youth need to practice the fairness pillar and adhere to the honor system.

### **4-H HORSE ID PAPERS DUE MAY 1**

Horse ID papers are available on line at [kansas4-h.org](http://kansas4-h.org). You have to have these papers completed and on **file with our office by May 1** in order to show at 4-H sanctioned horse shows. Now's the time to get the photos taken and the forms filed with the Extension Office.

### **4-H Horse Level Testing**

The Level 1 Achievement test is required for all youth to participate in District and State Horse Shows. Online/video levels testing will be accepted again this year. Learn more and prepare for the Level 1 tests, visit the 4-H Horse Project page.

### **Swine Across Kansas Series – “Feeding & Showmanship”**

Here's a new series for those of you wanting to learn more about raising pigs. The first in the series is coming up Sunday April 11! Learn what you should feed your show pig. Meet with swine experts and show pig alums about insider tips on what showmanship judges look for. This session is FREE and open to ANYONE! Register by Thursday, April 8.

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9tUgrcWtkQMnlie](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tUgrcWtkQMnlie)

**SWINE ACROSS KANSAS SERIES**  
*'Feeding & Showmanship'*  
Session Agenda

<i>Introduction to Swine Nutrition</i> Join us as a reputable swine nutritionist shares the 'ins-and-outs' of show pig nutrition!	<b>2:00 PM</b>
<i>Judge's Point of View</i> Hear from a swine showmanship judge on exactly what they look for on show day!	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<i>Tips from Alumni</i> Interact with notable Kansas Swine Exhibiting Alumni as they share their tips for success at home and in the ring!	<b>3:30 PM</b>

+ Ask questions of the experts!

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## **ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2021 is set for July 10 - 17, 2021** **The Theme is “Ellis County Fair Safari – It’s a Jungle Out There”**

The Ellis Co. Fairbook, 4-H Division, is posted on-line at [www.cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://www.cottonwood.ksu.edu). Check it out! You will also receive a hard copy soon.

Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed Fill out the on-line Volunteer form to let us know how you'd like to help. Older 4-H'ers and interested adults are encouraged to join our "team" in getting things ready for this year's Fair. Once again, all clubs will be asked to recruit volunteers to help with a variety of jobs at the Fair, as well. Watch for that listing coming your way soon.

### **Fair Pride Projects**

What can your club do to help make our Fairgrounds a place to be proud of?? If you have an idea let us know and we'll share it with the fairboard. Every club will be asked to do some kind of project during 2021. With all of the construction projects from the storm damage last fall, there may be some specific needs that the Fairboard will have as they begin the rebuilding process. Watch facebook and our website for details as they develop.



### **4-H Camp Here WE Come!**

4-H Camp will be held June 21-24 at Rock Springs 4-H Center! We will know by mid-March if camp will not be held. Get ready to have fun exploring streams, riding horses, canoeing, swimming, and much more! Start asking your clubs now for financial support to attend. **Registrations will be due April 30.**



**Camp Scholarship Aps for 4-H Camp and other trips are due April 15.** The application is posted on the [4-H Forms Page](#) of the Ellis Co. 4-H website.

We are also looking for enthusiastic teens 15 & older to serve as counselors. Applications are posted on the Ellis Co. website on the [Camp Central](#) page. They are **due in the Ellis Co. Extension Office April 1**. Consider this awesome leadership opportunity.

## Campference

Too old to go to 4-H Camp, but you love camp? **Campference is for YOU!** It's held at Rock Springs, June 27 – 30. Campference is a cross between Camp and a Leadership Conference for 12 – 14 year old 4-H members. Registration are open now on the [State 4-H](#) website and **close May 15**. Register quickly, as spaces fill quickly. There's been a long waiting list the last 3 years! Don't miss out!

**Discovery Days** at KSU June 1 – 4, 2021 virtually – [register on Kansas 4-h.org](#) now until **May 15**.



## 4-H International Programs

At this time, 4-H international programs are waiting to see how things play out with the pandemic. There are still some plans to move forward with hosting. We will keep you up to date as things develop.

## Summer Intern Opportunities

If you have completed 4 semesters of college and would like to experience what life is like in an Extension Office during the summer, we have several opportunities for you to apply for. Cottonwood Extension District is looking for two energetic students to intern in our Hays and Great Bend offices this summer. The complete position description will be posted front and center on the [www.Cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://www.Cottonwood.ksu.edu) front page soon. Help us spread the word to find great candidates for these two opportunities! **Applications close Friday, April 9.**

**INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Cottonwood Extension District is seeking two self-motivated individuals interested in learning more about Extension!

**Application Deadline: April 9th, 2021**

**Hays Position**  
Cottonwood Extension Office - Hays  
421 Main St.  
Hays, KS 67601  
(785) 628-9430

For more details on the Application go to:  
[www.cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://www.cottonwood.ksu.edu)

**Great Bend Position**  
Cottonwood Extension Office - Great Bend  
820 22nd St.  
Great Bend, KS 67530  
(820) 753-7910

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## Rock Springs Ranch Summer Leadership Program

Do you know of someone who thrives in working with youth? Likes being outdoors? Enjoys a team environment? Loves 4-H? If so, look no further than the Rock Springs Ranch Summer Leadership Program!

We are seeking applicants who are:

- 18 years or older
- Positive Role Models
- Passionate
- Team Players
- Go-Getters!

Rock Springs Ranch is hiring specialists in: Leadership/Challenge, Conservation, Shooting Sports, Aquatics, Equine and Crafts/Retail!

If you know of someone that would enjoy this opportunity please refer them

to <https://rocksprings.net/employment/seasonal/> for more information and to apply!



Remember, **DEADLINES are DEADLINES** in **Ellis Co. 4-H**. Please pay attention to and respect those deadlines so that your child doesn't miss out on an opportunity!



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