

Edwards County 4-H Clips

April, 2020

April Showers....and changes in our lifestyles.....

- ✿ My how our lives have changed.....please know we hope all our 4-H families are well and starting to adjust to our new normal for the time being. Please wash your hands and stay home.
The State 4-H Office has sent out this notice:
UPDATED 3/16 - Recommendations for 4-H Clubs and Local 4-H Activities and COVID
As of 3/16/2020, Kansas State University leadership extended the timeline for our COVID-19 response protocols to eight weeks. They are even cancelling the face-to-face commencement ceremonies.
Concerning Extension-sponsored (which includes all 4-H programming by employees and volunteers) face-to-face workshops, shows, activities, and events that are targeted to the people we serve, such face-to-face events should be cancelled, postponed, or converted to such distance technologies as Zoom is extended through May 16.
- ✿ We have a closed **Edwards County 4-H page on Facebook** for only 4-H members. Families have been invited to join this page. Trisha & Jean have added families; if we missed someone, please let us know. We will post newsletters, and information about upcoming events on this page. If you have not been added, please contact the Extension Office.
- ✿ **Livestock Weigh-In Dates** For the time being, we still plan to have the weigh-in for Bucket Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep & Swine will be Wednesday, April 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the Fair Grounds. If you plan to show livestock at the Edwards County Fair, you must get your animals weighed and tagged at this time. If this changes, we will notify your family.
- ✿ **4-H Discovery Days** - Discovery Days registration is open! Please encourage all youth between the ages of 13-18 (as of Jan. 1) to visit Kansas State University and learn about "2020 A Vision for the Future." This 3 day, 2 night event is sure to have something for everyone. To register, visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html> . Registration opens March 16 and closes April 15. We'll continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and make adjustments as needed. If you have questions, please contact us.
- ✿ **NEW THIS YEAR** - - 4-H Record Books online. Edwards County is piloting a new recordkeeping program. The records are ones that you are familiar with, they are just online. Directions are:
To get your families started, direct parents to:
 1. Visit <https://4h.zsuite.org/>
 2. Click on "Sign Up"
 3. Complete the prompts to register new household
 4. Once the household is established, then have them add each 4-H member profilePlease also remember that if a member or family has poor internet access, they may choose to complete the pdf report forms located here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/record-keeping/pilot.html>
- ✿ **Art Kits** Jennifer Gleason, Good Company, has put together art kits for kids. If you would like one to help with your Visual Arts 4-H project, please contact Jennifer, 620-659-2222 or see her Facebook page.
- ✿ **Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp** Attached to this newsletter is the registration form for Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp. Camp dates are June 13-16, 2020 at Rock Springs. Registration is due May 1st. The fee for camp is \$160 per 4-H'er (4-H Council gives a \$25 scholarship to each 4-H'er)
- ✿ **Camp Counselors Needed** Attached to this newsletter is the Camp Counselor application. 4-H Council will pay counselor's fees. This application is due May 1st. Counselors must be at least a freshman in high school.
- ✿ **First Annual Western Kansas 4-H & FFA Youth Showmanship Exhibition** This exhibition is scheduled for May 31-31, 2020 in Dodge City. For more information, see the attached flyer.
- ✿ **FSA Youth Loans** The Farm Service Agency makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide

the youth with practical business and educational experience. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

The maximum loan amount is \$5,000 and may be used to finance many kinds of income-producing agricultural projects, such as:

- Buy livestock, seed, equipment and supplies,
- Buy, rent or repair needed tools and equipment,
- Pay operating expenses for the project.

Some loan eligibility requirements are:

Be a citizen of the United States, or a legal resident alien

- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources

Call the FSA county office in Kinsley for additional information: 620-659-3142.

✿ **Online Fair Food Judge Training**

Thursday, April 16th – Intro to 4-H Judging

Being a 4-H Foods Judge is a fun and rewarding experience, and it's a perfect opportunity for anyone that has a passion for food and a desire to foster this passion in others, especially youth. This introductory session will cover how the 4-H Fair system works, what to expect as a judge, review suggested tools for successful judging, and how to award ribbons.

Thursday, April 23rd – How to Judge Food: The Basics

As a foods judge, it's important to know basic food science principles, nutrition knowledge, sensory qualities of optimum baking, and which factors achieve success and failure in cooking. This session will review these topics and demonstrate strategies for effective conferencing with youth.

Thursday, April 30th – How to Judge Food: Food Preservation

Food preservation is all about food science and food safety, and judging this event is often an opportunity to teach about safe food preservation methods. This session will review and explain the science behind those methods, show what is expected of food preservation entries, and offer best practices on how to judge this category.

Register on or before Monday, April 13; for more information, <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/other/index.html>

✿ **4-H Shooting Sports** Mary Strong submitted this news for the BB & Air Rifle Shoots:

Gray County: Taylor Arensman, 6th place; Abby Zabel, 11th place & qualified for State.

Haskell County: Joshua Stuckey, 4th place

Ellis County: Joshua Stuckey, 5th place

Matthew Werth, AR & BB Gun instructor, attended all the shoots along with the 4-H'ers parents, grandparents, and siblings.

As always, if you have questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to contact the Edwards County Extension Office, 620-659-2149. We are here to help!

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HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP

Camper Name:

Please note any special dietary needs here:

Friends I would like to camp with: (include name, grade, and county.)

1.

2.

NOTE: Please ask your friends to list you on their registration. Scheduling does not always permit "groups" or friends of different ages or counties to stay together. No more than two youth per county will be housed together, except under special circumstances. The housing committee will make all reasonable efforts to house you with at least one of your choices.

RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN

MAY 1, 2020

TO STAFFORD EXTENSION OFFICE AT:



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Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp

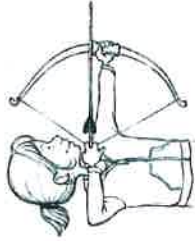


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June 13-16, 2020
Rock Springs Ranch

Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp

County 4-H Camp is a four day, fun-filled, learning experience for children who have completed 2nd through 8th grade, and counselors 15 years of age and older.



★ Activities include

canoeing, horses, air rifle, swimming, archery, climbing wall, nature centers, crafts, and more!



★ Workshops include

fishing, catapults, robotics, rocketry, compass course, animals/creatures, & more!

★ Highlights include

camp fire, night swim, talent show, night hikes, a dance and more!



Kansas Youth from Barber, Barton, Edwards, Ellis, Finney, Ford, Gray, Haskell, Kingman, Kiowa, Meade, Midway District, Pawnee, Pratt, Seward, Stafford, Stevens, and Walnut Creek District will camp together at Rock Springs.

After registration & payment, you will receive the "Heart of Kansas Camp Guide". It will explain what to pack, travel arrangements to and from camp, prescription medication instructions and many other details pertaining to 4-H Camp.



Rock Springs Ranch

is owned & operated by the Kansas 4-H Foundation.

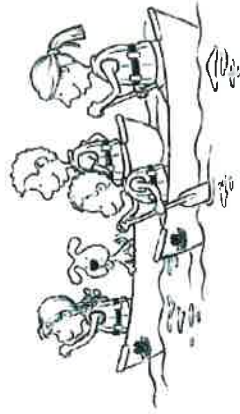
★ **Located** in the heart of the Kansas Flint Hills off interstate I-70, 13 miles south of Junction City.

★ **735 Acres** of tall grass prairie on rolling hills, nestled in a valley surrounded by creeks and woodlands.

★ **Cooks** provide hearty home-cooked meals. From chicken fingers to pulled pork, not to mention their famous dinner rolls, you won't go hungry!

★ **Cabins** provide bunk beds, bathroom facilities, and common living area for campers. Groups of 8-10 campers live and learn together, under the supervision of two trained counselors.

★ **Registered Nurses** are on staff to distribute any medications, as well as handle any illness or accidents.



HEART OF KANSAS 4-H CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Camper Name: _____

Check one: ☐ Boy or ☐ Girl

Birthdate: ____/____/____ Age: ____

Grade Completed: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: YOUTH SIZE S M L XL

or ADULT SIZE S M L XL

160, 000

Camper Fees: ~~\$185.00~~ per 4-H member

\$205.00 per non 4-H'ers

Camp fees include travel to and from camp, lodging, meals, nurse, adult supervision, special programs, camp t-shirt and the use of the Rock Springs facilities for 4 days and 3 nights.

Please make checks payable to:

REGISTRATION IS DUE NO LATER THAN

MAY 1, 2020



4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION 2020



Return this application to your local extension no later than May 1st!

Name: _____ 4-H Age: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

County: _____ Grade _____ just completed: _____

Please answer the following questions completely. If handwritten, please write neatly and legibly. If you need additional space, feel free to continue on an additional page.

1. Why do you want to be a 4-H camp counselor?

2. Why are counselors important to the camping experience?

3. In your opinion, what is the most important trait of a camp counselor and why?

4. What non-camp experiences have you had working with children?

5. Have you served as a camp counselor before?

Check: _____ 4-H _____ Non4-H If non 4-H please explain: _____

Year(s): _____

6. Have you attended camps before?

Check: _____ 4-H _____ Non4-H If non 4-H please explain: _____

Year(s): _____

7. Heart of Kansas Counselor Experience:

Check one: _____ This will be my first year to serve as a counselor at Heart of Kansas

_____ This is my second year to serve as a counselor at Heart of Kansas

_____ I have been a counselor at Heart of Kansas more than 2 years

8. Do you prefer to work with?

___ Elementary (1st- 2nd grades) ___ Elementary (3rd-5th grades) ___ Junior High (6th-8th grades) or ___ Either

9. Please mark your t-shirt size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL

10. I would like to serve on the following committee(s): Please rank them 1 through 5, 1 being your favorite.

___ Counselor Training Planning Committee

___ Talent Show Committee

___ Flag Raising/Lowering

___ Campfire

___ Songs and Energizers

11. Please list two references, not related to you, that can attest to your ability to work with children, follow directions, take initiative, etc.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

How do you know this person?

How do you know this person?

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNSELOR AND HEART OF KANSAS CAMP GROUP

This contract contains the responsibilities and duties of the camp counselor while at 4-H camp. By signing the contract, the counselors agree to accept and carry out these responsibilities.

CAMP COUNSELOR GENERAL RESPONSIBILITY

Assume responsibility for a group of campers from several counties for 24 hours a day during camp.

SPECIFIC DUTIES

- ✿ Counselor Job Description, Code of Conduct, and Counselor training material apply.
- ✿ Participate in camp counselor training session (June 12th)
- ✿ Know where your campers are at all times (including free time) and be present at critical times.
- ✿ Promote a helping relationship by interacting with your living group at all times during camp.
- ✿ Be aware of health, safety and well-being of your campers. Check for illness or injury.
- ✿ Report major health problems to camp health professional. Supervise taking medicine when appropriate.
- ✿ See that you, your living group and fellow counselors know and observe camp rules.
- ✿ Help your living group follow the daily camp schedule.
- ✿ Be sensitive to camper's personalities, differences and needs.
- ✿ Be aware that your living group will copy your behavior.

In the event of a serious rule infraction, those involved will meet with the Heart of KS camp disciplinary committee.

We have read the Code of Conduct and we agree to accept the above responsibilities and support our peers and agents while at camp.

Counselor's Signature:

Date:

Parent/guardian's Signature:

Date:

Agent's Signature:

Date:

Agent's Notes to Housing Committee:

Agents: Turn this application into Robyn Deines by May 7th for Camp Counselor Training responsibilities.



First Annual Western Kansas FFA & 4-H Youth Showmanship Exhibition

We would like to welcome you to attend the First Annual Western Kansas FFA & 4-H Youth Showmanship Exhibition! Speakers will present a wide array of information including animal nutrition and husbandry, animal fitting, and showmanship. You will also be able to practice these new skills in the arena with your animal.

Please contact Trojan Specialty Products for registration information by phone, e-mail, or find us on Facebook!

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When:

Saturday, May 30, 2020

Check-in 9:00 - 9:45

Morning Session: Animal Husbandry
Education

Lunch: Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Afternoon Session: Showmansip and
Fitting Clinic

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Cowboy Church 9:00-9:30 with John

Starnes

Check-in: 9:45 a.m.

Show-prep and Showmanship Exhibition
Hands-on practice in the arena with
your animal and expert support

Where:

Western State Bank Expo Center
11333 Highway 283, Dodge City, KS
67801



Dr. Clay Elliot

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