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# **Greetings 4-H Families!**

The county fair is just around the corner. The county fair provides several learning and character building opportunities. As you go through the fair it's important that we all keep in mind the following sportsmanship tidbits.

Conduct: Demonstrate high standards of personal behavior. Be an appropriate representation of your family, club and community. Fairness: Learn and follow the rules. Honesty: Be truthful. Show integrity. Competition: Accept that competition involves rivalry to earn rewards. Courtesy: Be respectful, thoughtful, considerate, cooperative, friendly and cheerful in your attitude and behavior. Result Acceptance: Accept judges' suggestions and results with a positive attitude. If you receive a lower placing than you expect, do not complain or make excuses. Learn from your mistakes. Graciously thank people who congratulate you. (Source: Ohio Cooperative Extension Service)

# **Johnson County Fair Entries**

The online fair entry system is now available at <a href="http://www.jocokansasfair.com/OnlineEntries.html">http://www.jocokansasfair.com/OnlineEntries.html</a> The Johnson County Fair Board has requested all online 4-H entries for exhibits judged at the fair be completed by midnight July 28. All paper entries are due by July 15. All entries for home environment, fiber arts and clothing construction are also due by July 15. Note in 2010: late entries will not be accepted. If a 4-Her does not meet the July 28 deadline for online entries he/she will not be allowed to have their item judged in the 4-H division. The only exceptions must be made in writing to the fair board.

# **FACS Judging Contest**

A FACS Judging Contest will be held Saturday, July 24, from 10 a.m - 2 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 151<sup>st</sup> and Blackbob, in Olathe. The July 24 contest will occur at the same time and place as the Clothing Construction, Fashion Review and Fiber Arts Judging before the Johnson County Fair. This will provide participants an additional learning opportunity while they wait for their turn in consultation judging.

We anticipate selecting a FACS Judging Team to represent Johnson County at the Kansas State Fair in September. Strong consideration will be given to 4-Hers who participate in both the June 10 FACS Judging Contest, as well as the July 24 FACS Judging Contest. Please RSVP to Pat Geier by July 17 if you plan to participate in the July 24 FACS Judging Contest.

## **State Horticulture Judging Contest**

Hey plant science project members, it is time to start forming our team for the State Horticulture Judging Contest on August 21 on the K-State campus. To take part you will need to let Pat Geier know you are interested. We will meet to help prepare for the contest. The contest consists of three parts: plant identification, judging and a subject matter test. Don't worry if you are new as the practice sessions will help prepare you for a fun day.

# Johnson County Fair Livestock & Project 4-H Auction, August 7 Update

Update: For 2010, we will be giving out luncheon tickets and bidder numbers only **at the registration table the day of the auction**. Previous buyers will be on a list and quickly given their number. All 4-H sellers of the auction will be asked to assist with the auction in some manner (set-up, serving, clean-up, tear down, etc.).

There will be a pre-auction meeting on **Wednesday**, **August 4 at 3 p.m. or immediately after the goat show**. Important information regarding the auction will be discussed at this time. Please plan to have at least one member of your family there if you are planning to have an animal or project in the sale on Saturday.

Please remember all livestock and project auction participants need to encourage **their own buyers to attend the auction**. Please plan on inviting at least 2-3 new buyers for our auction. Invite them to support not only your project, but to support 4-H overall for our county. It is a great opportunity for buyers to come and see 4-H in action. Please encourage everyone to do this now as we are just a little over five weeks until sale time.

Water: We would like help from <u>each family</u> participating in the auction. Please plan on donating **one** case of bottled water that will be used during the Buyers Appreciation Lunch and also at the Auction to hand out to our buyers to keep them cool. Please bring water to drop off in the Livestock barn by Friday. We will be icing down water on Friday evening. PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON YOUR CASE OF WATER SO WE CAN KEEP TRACK OF DONATIONS. Thank you.

**Watermelon:** We are planning on providing watermelon at the lunch and/or end of the auction for our buyers and families. We are asking that each club and project group donate at least **two watermelons**. Watermelons will be iced down early Saturday morning in the livestock barn. Please bring your donated watermelons "decorated" (sharpies work great!) Friday morning for your club to display in the barn. Also, to help make sure we have enough, please email Melinda Dennis (MDennis35@aol.com) with your club/group name and how many watermelons your group is donating.

Feel free to contact me at any time with questions. Thanks for your help in communicating this important information.

Mark Seeley, Johnson County 4-H Youth Development (<u>mark.seeley@jocogov.org</u>).

# 2010 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes Weekend – August 21-22 in Manhattan, KS.

All 4-Hers are invited to participate in a fun and challenging livestock learning and competition experience! This event will challenge your skills in **Livestock Judging**, **Meats Judging**, **Livestock Skillathon and Livestock Quiz Bowl**. Belt buckles are on the line for the team and individual that comes out on top! Check out the "sweepstakes competition" rules (<a href="http://www.asi.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=1144">http://www.asi.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=1144</a>) and learn how you and your team can earn sweepstakes points just for participating. There are resource lists available on the mentioned website for those wanting to study up. On Saturday there will be an ice cream social following the Livestock Judging. Animal Science workshops and tours are offered for those who might decide to sit out for a contest (sign up at registration). Don't worry, having fun while learning is the most important part, and it won't be all work!

**To Register:** See complete rules at <a href="www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu">www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu</a>. Contact Mark Seeley, 4-H Youth Development Agent at the Extension office to join a team and then complete the online registration. While registering you can sign up for workshops and order a 2010 Livestock Sweepstakes t-Shirt (\$10)! Transportation and lodging is not included and should be arranged individually.

Registrations and T-shirt orders are due in the Johnson County Extension office by July 30!

- Mark Seeley (mark.seeley@jocogov.org

### **Contact Potential Buyers**

With the fair around the corner, I'm sure everyone is busy getting ready! As part of the fair, the Animal and Project Auction is a culmination of this year's hard work. Should you decide to take part in the auction, each 4-H member is encouraged to contact potential buyers for the auction. It helps to show them pictures of your project and describe what you've learned, while inviting them to attend the auction on Saturday, August 7 at 1 p.m. Typically, the more buyers at the auction, results in higher premium money paid for animals or projects!"

# Attention: 4-H Goat Show Classes

At the Johnson County Fair this year we will be having class 4209 for pygmy goats. This will be a showmanship class open to all ages of goats and showman. Normal 4-H rules will apply. Have fun at the fair!

# State Award and Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Lauren Gregory who was recognized as a State Award Winner in Communications at the Emerald Circle Banquet in Manhattan on June 3. Claire Carlson and Jake New were also recognized as State 4-H Scholarship Recipients at the banquet. Great job, Claire, Jake and Lauren!

# Preparing Your Narrative for Fashion Review

4-H members participating in the Johnson County Fashion Review judging on July 24 need to write a script for Public Fashion Review. The exhibitor's name, age, and level need to be included in the script, as well as a narrative about their project and why the 4-Her chose his or her outfit. The script should be typed, double-spaced, using 14 point font. It should be between 75 to 100 words. Please email the script to vale-ria.edwards@jocogov.org by Thursday, July 23. You may also bring a printed copy of the narrative to the Fashion Review judging on July 24. The fee to participate in the public review is \$3 per person.

# Stall Requests and Online Entries for Livestock Exhibitors

All livestock exhibitors are required to submit their stall requests by July 15. Stall requests can be made at <a href="http://johnsn.fairmanager.com/fees.aspx">http://johnsn.fairmanager.com/fees.aspx</a> In the box on the right hand side, please put the number of animals you are bringing next to the corresponding species. Example: If you are bringing hogs, you will put the number 2 in the box.

All sheep, swine, beef and goat exhibitors will be required to submit tag numbers by the July 28 entry deadline. If your family has weighed and tagged their animals under a family nomination, you will be required to enter the tag number(s) with the 4-Hers name who is exhibiting the animal by July 28.

# 2010 NORTHEAST 4-H LEADERSHIP FORUM

The Northeast Area members of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Forum are proud to present the Second Annual Northeast Leadership Forum "NELF: The Sequel." The forum is a one-day event for 4-Hers ages 12-18. It will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2010, in Pottorf Hall on the Riley County Fairgrounds in Manhattan and will include a 4-H Chef Program, various leadership activities and classes and much more. Registration is available on <a href="https://www.kansas4h.org">www.kansas4h.org</a> Cost to attend is \$20. The deadline for registration is August 2, 2010.

# American Royal Youth Livestock Show

All market animals including steers, lambs, hogs and goats must be owned and have DNA submitted by August 1 in order to be eligible to show at the American Royal. Please note: DNA submission does not constitute an entry. All animals need to be entered on an official 2010 American Royal entry form by September 10, 2010. There is no limit on the number of DNA samples that an exhibitor may submit however, each exhibitor may only enter two steers, four hogs, two lambs and/or two goats. For more information visit <a href="https://www.americanroyal.com">www.americanroyal.com</a>

### **Mindstorm**

The Mindstorm course will be available on the website the week of July 15. Please check your email for the link and requirements for this project. Questions - contact Ben Powell at <a href="mailto:bpowell@bdyinc.com">bpowell@bdyinc.com</a> or (913) 302-3504.

# **Horse Educational Poster Contest:**

We (the Horse Club) are sponsoring a poster contest in the horse barn this year. We would like all horse project members to make a poster. We have a judge and prizes will be CARNIVAL RIDE TICKETS!!!! We will give a first, second and third place. Remember that your audience will be the general public fairgoers that probably do not know much about horses. The posters must be on a single sheet of plain poster board. Put your name, age and phone number on the BACK of the poster. The posters need to be turned in on Sunday, August 1, during stall decorating at 1 p.m.

### **Hoof Trimming, July 24**

In addition to helping with fair cleanup on Saturday, July 24, you'll have an opportunity to have cattle hoofs trimmed starting at 8 a.m. A hoof trimmer will be on the fairgrounds to trim hoofs for \$25 a head. To schedule an appointment, contact Jessica Brunker at 238-7601 or jessica.brunker@gmail.com. A limited number of appointments are available so please call early.



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## **State Fair Entry**

All 4-H exhibits that receive purple ribbons are eligible to enter their exhibits at the Kansas State Fair. 4-Hers who qualify to exhibit at the state fair may sign up in the fair office from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 3 through Saturday, August 7. 4-H members must be nine as of January 1, 2010 to enter. All entries for the Kansas State fair must be made by 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 10.

### State Fair Horse Show Entries

The East Central District Horse Show was held on July 6 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Johnson County exhibitors had an outstanding day. The following 4-Hers qualified for the State Fair Horse Show: Brynn and Natalie McCracken, Tate Drees, Alison and Janette Shelton, Kristin Wingate, Grace Freeman, Heidi Katt, Mikaela Rief and Matti Diener. All entries for the State Fair Horse Show must be submitted to the Johnson County Extension office by July 28. The stall reservation form and horse show entry form can be found at <a href="http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=43">http://www.kansas4-h.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=43</a>

#### **State Fair Livestock Entries**

The entry deadline for State Fair 4-H/FFA youth livestock shows is due July 15. Late entry forms will be accepted until July 25 with a \$10 late fee per head. After July 25, the late fee is \$25 per head. All market animals must have their nose prints approved prior to July 15 to enter market animals at the State Fair. Please note: Completing the livestock nomination process does not constitute entry to the State Fair or KJLS.

Entry for the Kansas State Fair livestock shows is available at <a href="http://www.kansasstatefair.com/pagedescription.php?id=628&pages=sf">http://www.kansasstatefair.com/pagedescription.php?id=628&pages=sf</a>

#### State Fair Gate Tickets

Gate admission tickets are required for each person entering the fairgrounds. Advance gate ticket prices are as follows: adults \$5, children (6-12) \$2, seniors (60 and over) \$4 and children 5 and under-no fee. All gate admission tickets along with the admission fee(s) are due to Pat Geier at the Extension office by August 10. Please note, we will not be ordering extra tickets. If you plan to pre order tickets, you will need to do so before August 10.

# **Changes for Photography Classes at Fair**

Anyone exhibiting photographs at the county fair, it is time to look at the Fair book now. <a href="http://www.jocokansasfair.com/2010%20Book%204-H.pdf">http://www.jocokansasfair.com/2010%20Book%204-H.pdf</a> There have been many changes to classes. While not listed in the fair book, each class in class numbers 3300 to 3318 has 2 subcategories: A. 35 mm B. digital. For class numbers 3315 to 3318 (>8 years experience), 4-Hers may enter 2 photographs per subcategory. All other classes are still one photograph per subcategory.

# \*\*\*Remember Sewers, Fiber Arts and Fashion Revue 4-Hers

All pre-registration for these classes is due by July 15. Judging for these classes is on July 24 at 8:30 a.m. for Construction and Fiber Arts, 1 p.m. for Construction Fashion Revue and 3 p.m. for Buymanship and 4 p.m. for Everything Under \$15. Please be there ready and dressed by the assigned time in the afternoon and don't forget your script (email to Karen), your picture and judging sheet. Judging is held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 151st and Blackbob. Public Style revue is July 29 at Wheat-ridge Middle School in Gardner at 7 p.m. All items judged on July 24 are required to be displayed at the fair so be sure and bring them to the fair on August 2 or 3. If you are doing the Everything under \$15 Challenge remember to pre-register with Val Edwards or Martha Powell. This class is not yet in the fair book. It is exhibition only. They do not have class numbers for it this year and will not know what you are talking about. You must register that class by July 15 with Val or Martha. Modeling practice and information about what is required with your sewing exhibits will be on July 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Anyone in sewing or buymanship is welcome to attend this class. If you have any questions please contact Martha Powell at (913)-302-5812 or mmp4powell@yahoo.com