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Monthly newsletter of the Wyandotte County 4-H Youth Development Program



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July is here and so is summer showcase! I am excited to be able to not only see all of the incredible projects you all will enter, but also have the chance to meet more 4-H'ers and families in person! This will be my first "big" in-person event since I've been your 4-H agent AND our first big in-person event for WyCo 4-H in over a year. It's going to be great!

Please continue to watch your emails and social media as we continue to make summer showcase announcements. Please let 4-H staff know if you have any questions!

Jessie

Important

DATES & DEADLINES



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IMPORTANT DATES

- **July 5** - KSRE offices closed in honor of Independence Day
- **July 10** - Setting up of 4-H Exhibit Hall (Red Barn) at WyCo Fairgrounds
- **July 30** - deadline for KSF entry info to be submitted to WyCo 4-H staff from WyCo members who qualify to exhibit at KSF
- **Aug 19** - 4-H Council meetings, 7PM
- **Oct 21** - 4-H Council meeting, 7PM, officer elections

WYANDOTTE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

- Minutes of the June 17 council meeting are published on our [website](#).

WYCO 4-H SUMMER SHOWCASE/FAIR, JULY 13-17

- [2021 4-H Exhibitor Handbook](#)
- **July 10** - 4-H Entries begin - See the schedule in the exhibitor handbook for dates and times to take your 4-H entries to the fair grounds for judging.
- **July 13** - Fair opens to public
- [Full 4-H Schedule of Events](#)



KANSAS 4-H

KANSAS STATE FAIR (KSF)

- [KSF Exhibitor handbook](#)

WYCO 4-H ENTRY FOR KSF

- Deadline is July 30 at 4:30 p.m.
- Contact 4-H staff for the form you must complete to enter a non-livestock exhibit at KSF.
- Minimum age to exhibit at KSF, 4-H Division, is 9 on January 1st of the current year.
- Except where otherwise noted, a non-livestock 4-H exhibit receiving a purple ribbon at county fair is eligible to be entered at KSF. Non-Livestock exhibits will be taken to and picked up from the state fair by Extension Office staff.

NEWS FROM KSU ANIMAL SCIENCES

GRAND DRIVE INFORMATION

Information also available online [here](#).

July 15 -Deadline for Entries for KSF Grand Drive (4-H youth livestock show) - a complete nomination does NOT constitute entry; it is only the first step in animals being eligible for the state fair and KJLS. Youth who only nominate, but do not officially enter the show in which they would like to participate, will not be permitted to show. Entries are being accepted now through their website. All animals must be entered directly through the state fair using the online system — ShoWorks. Only online entries will be accepted. Families who state nominated livestock (market animals or commercial females) this year should have their KSU Nomination # ready when they begin the entry process. All exhibitors will also need to be prepared to submit their YQCA number. Late entry forms will be accepted until July 25, with a late fee. No entries will be accepted after July 25. For more information, visit this [site](#). Continuing this year, county agents and ag teachers will receive instructions from the state fair regarding how to log in to the ShoWorks system and approve the entries for exhibitors from their county/school. Entries for KJLS will be due by August 15, also using ShoWorks. However, they are separate shows, so families will need to create a new account when entering KJLS. All exhibitors must register online, using the link found on the [KJLS website](#). Families who state nominated livestock this year will need their KSU Nomination #. All youth need to be prepared to submit their YQCA number as well. Late entries will be accepted until August 25 but will cost double the listed original entry fee. Families are encouraged to enter early to avoid missing the deadline and experiencing technical difficulties. Exhibitors also need to read the rules for each show before submitting their entries. Questions regarding entries need to be directed to each show, as they manage their own entry processes. Grand Drive – 620-669-3623; KJLS – 316-706-9750.

DEADLINE TO ENTER LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

August 1 - Deadline to Enter Livestock Sweepstakes - The 2021 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is scheduled for August 21-22 on the K- State campus in Manhattan, KS. The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. We have been approved to host the event in-person, on campus! Rules and information will be released later this month. All entries must be made by your local Extension Unit using Cvent. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS REQUIREMENT

All exhibitors are required to have quality assurance certification for the 2021 state shows. This includes 7-year-old exhibitors showing at KJLS. Youth who state nominate livestock projects **MUST** have a current and valid Youth PQA+ certification number or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) number at the time of nomination. A copy of each child's YQCA certificate or Youth PQA+ card must be attached to the Declaration Form. Certification(s) must be valid through October 3, 2021, to be accepted. YQCA is an annual certification program. Any nominations received without the appropriate YQCA or Youth PQA+ number will be considered incomplete. The Youth PQA+ program was discontinued on May 31, 2018. Youth who need quality assurance certification will need to complete YQCA training. Exhibitors only showing purebred, registered females will submit their certification information at the time of entry. Youth may complete the training through an in-person instructor led class, web-based course, or testing out. The test-out option is only available to 12-year-olds and 15-year-olds, but if they pass the test, their certification will be valid until they advance to the next age division (3 or 4 years, depending on their age). All participants must sign up through the YQCA website prior to training to receive their certificate and official number. Visit [YQCA](#) to sign up or contact your local extension office for information. After completing the training, families will need to sign in to their YQCA user account, using the same method they did to register for a class, to view and print their YQCA certificate. While families will use their 4HOnline credentials to sign in and create an account, they must go through the YQCA website to successfully complete the certification process. There are resources on the program, signing up and printing certificates on the Quality Assurance tab of the KSU Youth Livestock Program [website](#). For more information, contact your local extension office or Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.

FOR FULL LISTING OF KS 4-H CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/index.html>

NATIONAL 4-H

48 HOURS OF 4-H

Save the date now for 48 Hours of 4-H! The weekend after National 4-H Week, is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project and join the 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge, October 9-10, 2021. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, and 4-H Alums too! By starting to discuss and plan now, you can find the perfect project for your group and engage important partners and it might just be the perfect way to start the New 4-H Year! For more information, contact your 4-H Council and 4-H staff at the KSRE WyCo Extension office (913) 299-9300 or email dsweeten@ksu.edu



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