Livestock Quality Assurance Requirements

Livestock Quality Assurance for 4-H/FFA Livestock/Animal members is mandatory for eligibility to show/sell at the 2017 LVCO Fair. This means ALL members enrolled in Beef (Breeding/Market/ Bucket Calf/Dairy), Swine (Breeding/Market), Sheep (Breeding/Market), Goat (Breeding/Market/Other/Dairy), Poultry, and ALL Rabbit must complete LQA. Three dates were scheduled.

**Last chance to attend.**
* April 26, 2017, Pleasant Ridge Elementary School gym, 6:30 p.m.
If you have questions please contact Brenda or Karol.

Together TSC and Del's raised $871,771 for 4-H in communities across the country during the Fall 2016 event. Kansas raised $8,272. The 2017 Spring 4-H Paper Clover event is scheduled for April 26–May 7 at the Lansing TSC. During the semi-annual event, communities show support of 4-H by donating $1 at checkout in stores. The money donated to our county supports 4-H Programming and youth leadership activities. Thanks to everyone who donated and participated in stores during the event. 4-H Clubs have opportunities to be a part of the event several ways. They might offer to help customers at the store, doing presentations or setting up displays, or helping store with promotions. A flyer from the Lansing store was emailed to each leader and a hard copy was put in the club box. If you would like to be a part of this event please contact Marie Zumalt, Lansing Store Manager at (913) 727-1701 or Brenda in the Extension Office.

NEW!!
**Jr. Campout**
July 6-7, 2017
Camp Mt. Hermon

Jr. Campout at Mt. Hermon is being offered this year thanks to the generous support from the LVCO 4-H Foundation. Age for campers is 7-9 as of the first day of camp. Date is July 6-7, 2017.
See the flyer in our office and on our website.
Cost is $10.00.
Campers check in at 6 p.m. on Thursday. After evening activities they enjoy a 4-H Campfire. Campers are housed in cabins. Friday includes a variety of camp activities, meals and snacks and meeting new friends.

Registration and payment of fees is DUE in Extension Office June 26.
Thank you to all the Leavenworth County 4-H Volunteers!

Statistics from the Corporation for National and Community Service tell us that 31% of Kansas residents volunteer, ranking them 7th among the 50 states and Washington DC. Last year nearly 11,000 volunteers worked with the Kansas 4-H Program.

During National Volunteer Week, April 23-29 I want to honor the contribution that volunteers continue to make to Kansas 4-H. Volunteers in local 4-H programs spend countless hours organizing and conducting educational activities, serve as organizational and project leaders, council and committee members, camp counselors and fair superintendents. They lead community service projects and look for ways to meet the needs of our youth.

“Service Unites” is the theme for this special week organized each year by the Points of Light Foundation. We are thankful that volunteers across Kansas unite to build a better future for young people and their communities through the K-State Research and Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

Volunteers are a great way to extend the budget and expand the learning opportunities for youth in the local 4-H program. The average value across the United States for one hour of a volunteer’s time is $23.56, therefore if a volunteer contributes eight hours of work the local program receives $188.48 worth of donated time.

The Leavenworth County 4-H Program has nine Community Clubs, each with two Community Club leaders and ten Project Clubs, again each having two leaders. Add in all the adult volunteers that serve on committees for the clubs or as project leaders within their club and the total comes to over 100. Next you can count our 30 Leavenworth County Fair 4-H Superintendents and the six 4-H Program Development Committee members who are part of the 24-member Extension Council. Each of these volunteers contributes way over the eight hours mentioned above. When you figure an approximate value to our county it comes to roughly $38,638.40. These volunteers are the reason we can provide a quality 4-H Program in Leavenworth County. A 4-H Agent could not provide all of this alone.

Additional volunteers work in many other areas of K-State Research and Extension through boards, master volunteer service, advisory groups, program development committees, assisting with research and more.

Adapted from articles by Beth Hinshaw and Pam Van Horn, K-State Research and Extension Kansas 4-H Staff and The Points of Light Foundation.

Members please let your volunteer leaders know they are truly appreciated. For suggestions on how to show your appreciation contact Brenda.
Discovery Days registration opened on March 1, 2017. **Registration will close on April 20.** Discovery Days is a mini college experience designed for youth who are 13-18 years of age as of January 1. Youth will have the opportunity to select classes and attend social functions. Cost is $230.00. Some classes may have additional fees which will be added to your registration. Register on CVent and pay through the Extension Office by April 20.

Cancellations on or before April 20, 2017 will be charged a $25 cancellation fee. After April 20 you will be charged the full base registration fee—no refunds.

For detailed information about 2017 Discovery Days, please visit the Discovery Days page on the 4-H website by clicking [here](#).

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4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2017), and will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the ‘camp’ activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others.

**Registration information** is found on [www.Kansas4H.org](http://www.Kansas4H.org) under the events registration button. Online registration is open until May 15 or until spots are filled. Payments are due to your local Extension Office on May 16. There is a cancellation fee of $25, this fee will be applied to anyone who registers and cancels by May 15. Anyone who cancels after May 15 will be assessed the full fee to come to Campference. Space is limited, and has filled in past two years before the deadline, so register early.

**Cost:** $275.00 includes: a conference t-shirt, water bottle, retreat lodging, meals, insurance, and program fees.

*Please Note - Historically, attendees have been responsible for providing their own transportation to and from Campference. Please contact your Local Extension Office to inquire about possible carpool information.*

**For more information, please view the Campference Webpage.**

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Camp Counselors for Oz-some 4-H Camp (county camp at Rock Springs) must complete the Counselor Application and turn it in by April 18. They must schedule an interview for either April 17 or 18 with Brenda. Counselors must have completed the 9th grade and be volunteer screened certified or attain certification before camp. Counselors are required to attend the Counselor training on June 9 (day before camp starts) at Rock Springs. Form is on our website: [www.leavenworth.ksu.edu/4-H Youth Development; Events & Activities; Youth Opportunities](http://www.leavenworth.ksu.edu/4-H Youth Development; Events & Activities; Youth Opportunities)

Camps and Rookie Campers—The fliers are on our website and available in the office. **All registrations including payment of fees are completed online through the following link:** [http://tinyurl.com/ozsome](http://tinyurl.com/ozsome) (Ctrl+click) There is a guide on how to navigate this online system on our website.

Regular campers, (grades 3-7) June 10-13. Cost $222.00.

Rookie Campers, (grades 1-2), select one of the sessions, June 10-11 (ride bus to camp-parent picks up) or June 12-13, (parent takes member to camp and then they ride bus home). Cost $100.00.

**Registration/payment DUE by May 1.**
Growing plants, animals and children at Camp GROW!

Camp GROW! is a summer day camp for children who have completed grades 1-6. Held on the grounds of the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs, KS, the camp uses the 4-H curriculum. Campers can choose from a list of 4-H projects.

The camp is broken into two-week themed sessions—

**Session 1:** Flocks & Herds, June 5-16
**Session 2:** Robots & Rockets, June 19-30
**Session 3:** Sticks & Bugs, July 10-21
**Session 4:** Arts & Explorations, July 24-August 4
(No camp July 3-7)

Camp is packed with fun activities and learning experiences! Campers will learn about chickens with our poultry house and egg incubator, fish in our on-site pond, and experience all kinds of animals and birds first-hand. They’ll explore our nature trail and field to discover different bugs, plants and trees. Learn about pollinators and horticulture in our garden from Master Gardeners. Build Lego and Junk Drawer robots and water rockets, and learn how GPS technology is used in different ways. Plus so much more! And what is summer fun without fishing and swimming! Campers will fish in our on-site pond and go swimming weekly.

**Camp Fee:** $360 per camper per two-week session ($180/week). Some scholarships are available; [contact us](#) for more information about them.

When registering for the camp, select the sessions you would like your child/children to attend. Registration deadline for each session is seven days prior to the first day of that session. Full payment for each session is due at time of registration. No refunds if campers miss any days/weeks for which they are registered.

**Before/After Care:** The camp begins at 9 AM and concludes at 4 PM daily. Campers should arrive between 8-9 AM. Before and after care is available at a cost of $10 per child per day (7:30-8 AM and 4-5:30 PM), and is paid on an as-needed basis and separately from the camp.

Register online [here](#) or download the [registration form](#) (PDF).

As many as ten IFYE’s are expected for summer 2017 in Kansas. Each will have multiple host families, staying with each 2-3 weeks. Families are needed between June 19 and September 8. Countries include Austria, Estonia, Germany, Greece, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Taiwan and Wales.

More information is posted on the Host Family web page: [http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/host-family-information/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/host-family-information/index.html). To apply, go to the bottom of the page under IFYE Hosting and download the IFYE Host Family Application as a fillable pdf, save it to your computer, fill in the form and save it. The completed form should be emailed to Mary Kay Munson at munson@ksbroadband.net. She will work with families on placement of an IFYE.

Horse snaffle bit projects are due into the local Extension Office by May 1. Along with the nomination, the 4-H member must submit the Horse ID (including a color picture of the horse) and a $10 fee. Three-year old snaffle bit projects must have been nominated the previous year but did not have to be shown to be re-nominated. State Fair entries for these projects are due August 1 in the State 4-H Office. For more information concerning the Snaffle bit project check the 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. Also note, that after May 1 the nominated horse can only be shown and ridden by the 4-H member.
2017 Upcoming Dates

April
11 - Photography meeting, Tonganoxie VFW, 6 p.m.
15 - LV CO BIA Beef Show, LVCO Fairgrounds
   - Discovery Day registration closes.
18 - Camp Counselor Applications DUE.
26 - **Last Livestock Quality Assurance Class**, PRES gym, 6:30 p.m.

May
1 - Market Beef Nominations **Due**
   - Horse 2 & 3 year old Snaffle bit project and Nomination Due in Extension Office
   - Horse ID and paperwork Due in Extension Office
4 - Sheep/goat tagging, Fairgrounds, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
6 - Sheep/Goat tagging, Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
9 - Photography meeting, Tonganoxie VFW, 6 p.m.
20 - Spring Show – Swine, Sheep, Goats, LVCO Fairgrounds. See LV website for information.
22—LVCO 4-H Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., Brown Building, Fairgrounds
30 - June 2 Discovery Days, Campus, KSU. Registration open on KS 4-H website
30 - June 2 Sewing Camp, KSU

June
9 - Ozsomne camp counselors must report for training. Rock Springs
10-13 Ozsomne 4-H Camp (County camp), Rock Springs 4-H Center Registration open.
15 - **Nomination Deadline** -Commercial Heifers, Market Lamb, Commercial Ewes, KSF
   Market Hogs/KJLS Barrows, Commercial Breeding Gilts and All Meat Goats
26 - LVCO 4-H Council meeting, 7:00 p.m., Brown Building, Fairgrounds

July
21-23 LVCO pre-fair events, watch for details
24– 30 LVCO Fair

August
19-20 - State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

September
8-17 - Kansas State Fair
29-October 1 - Kansas Junior Livestock Show

Openings for 2017 LVCO Fair 4-H Superintendents
The following 4-H Departments have openings for a Superintendent for the 2017 LVCO Fair. **4-H Fiber Arts, 4-H Geology, 4-H Home Environment, 4-H SpaceTech, 4-H Cats/Pets.** To apply send a letter to Brenda Taxeras indicating your area of interest and qualifications. For a full job description see our website at [http://www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/fair-book/](http://www.leavenworth.k-state.edu/fair-book/) . Select Job Description under Superintendents. Questions-contact the Extension Office.

*** REMINDER***  **Message from the Fair Board!**
The Cowboy Crossroads Church will be renting the entire fairgrounds from July 6 through July 15th for Rodeo Bible Camp. For security reasons, if you need to be on the grounds during this time, you will need to enter through the east gate, sign in with the Camp officials, and then sign out when you leave. Please be respectful of the camp activities and participants while there. If you have any questions regarding this please contact fair board member Mike Kissinger #913-683-4560.  Thank you!
Fair Rule Updates for 2017

Per the KSF the following changes were made:

1. The Horse Department has had several changes – this includes a complete overhaul of the schedule.
2. There is no longer a GPS/GIS Class at the State Fair in SpaceTech – this has been replaced with an Unmanned Aerial Systems class. Please note that the SpaceTech Department has also been completely overhauled and reorganized.
3. FCS Judging – Please note that Intermediate and Senior FCS Judging will both occur at the State Fair in 2017.
4. In photography – due to lack of entries in the past, the video class will no longer be offered. The LVCO 4-H Rules will reflect these changes also. Please check the 2017 Fair Book rules for correct classes. Since our fair entry will once again be online it is the member’s responsibility to use current classes.

Reminder for those members wishing to nominate animals for KS State Fair shows or KJLS—

The due dates for nominations to these shows vary depending on your specie. PLEASE go to Nominated Livestock / Forms and Information (Ctrl+click) to get the information/forms required to complete nominations. Official tags and DNA samples are required of all animals. The official DNA envelopes are available in our office. Forms must have an authorized signature also.

For questions contact Karol Lohman or Brenda Taxeras in the Extension Office.