



Attention all 4-Hers who are enrolled in a Livestock Project



All 4-H youth, ages 7 to 18 who are enrolled in swine, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, all goats, rabbits, and poultry are required to take YQCA training each year. You will not be able to show at our Leavenworth County Fair or any state events without this annual certification

What is YQCA you ask? Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a multi-species livestock quality assurance program for youth ages 8-18. LVCO 7 year old 4-H members must attend a class with a parent.

There are two option to take the course:

Option A: Taking the course through one of our two face to face sessions. The course takes approximately one hour and will cost \$3 for each youth participant. Please note that this is the only option for 4-hers who are 7 years of age.

Option B: Taking the course online through YQCA. This option is \$12 per youth participant and is only open to those 4-hers who are 8 - 18 years of age.

Important: All 4-Hers must be an active member of 4-H in order to take the face-to-face classes and receive credit. If you are not an enrolled and active 4-her by the time of the below courses, you will not receive credit under Leavenworth County 4-H for taking the course. Please contact our office if you have questions about this requirement.

All 4-H youth, ages 7-18, will need to register online through YQCA.org before taking the class. **All 7 year olds will register online this year, this is a change from pervious years.** When you register, please click the 4honline box and register with your 4honline username and password.

Face-to-face trainings for 2020 (Sign-in starts at 5:30pm, Training starts at 6pm)

February 6, 2020 @ Leavenworth County Fairgrounds Administration Building

March 3, 2020 @ Pleasant Ridge Elementary School

County 4-H Club Days

Date: February 8, 2020

Time: 8am—1pm

Location: Church of the Open Door



County Club Days is an opportunity for youth to show off their talent and get a little feedback from a judge in the process. If you like to sing, dance, play an instrument, demonstrate or talk about a favorite item or subject, county club days is the perfect place to do just that!! To register, please fill out the online registration form by January 24th. A link to the registration form was emailed to each family. You can also access the registration from on our website. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office - 913-364-5700.

2019-2020 4-H Enrollment

Thank you to those 4-H families who have already enrolled for the 2019-2020 4-H year. If you have not yet enrolled, please do so as soon as possible. 4-Hers should not be participating in 4-H events without being enrolled. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call at the office. We are here to help!!

Ks.4honline.com



Record Book Corner



Why do a Record Book?

- They document the knowledge and skills that have been learned; they also record your experiences in leadership, citizenship and community service. Even though they may seem like a waste of time now, record keeping will become important when you become an adult as records are essential for any adult to be successful. Also, as you become older it is nice to look at what you have accomplished and how you grew to be a proficient citizen.

Start early. Write goals at the beginning of the year not the end. Keep a separate notebook or a calendar to note your progress or do some journaling. Keep records on what you do and learn as you work on your project(s), list sources, ideas, materials, costs and take pictures. Include what worked well, what did not and what you enjoyed the most.

Check out the Record Book Corner in each monthly newsletter for record book tips and tricks!

Club Meetings & Project Meetings

As we start 2020, project meetings will be starting soon. Remember that 4-H is more than the fair. It is learning new skills, developing leadership and giving back to our community. This is accomplished through club involvement and project learning. Please take time to attend your monthly club meetings and participate in project meetings when they are available. Please look for upcoming meetings and project opportunities. As always, call the Extension Office if you have questions.

Upcoming Livestock Shows

The Leavenworth County Livestock Community will be hosting two different livestock shows this spring at our Leavenworth County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars.

Leavenworth Co Livestock Committee Spring Beef Show: March 29, 2020

Leavenworth Co Livestock Committee Spring Small Animal Livestock Show: May 16, 2020

Registration information will be coming soon.

PROJECT NEWS

Attention Cloverbuds:

You are invited to participate in our second countywide Cloverbud project meeting.

Date: January 16, 2020

Time: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Location: Leavenworth Co Fairgrounds - 4-H Building

Come enjoy fellowship with other Leavenworth Co Cloverbuds, learn a little more about 4-H and work on a fun craft that you could take to fair.

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by January 14, 2020



2020 Critical Dates

January

- 10 Senior Level County Project Winner KAP's Due to the Extension Office
- 15 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications Due to Extension Office
- 15 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Registration Deadline
- 15 Horse Panorama Registration Deadline
- 15 Citizenship in Action Registration Deadline
- 16 Leavenworth County Cloverbud Meeting, 6:30pm @ Fairgrounds
- 18 Northeast Leadership Event (NELE) @ Rock Springs
- 24 Club Day Registration Deadline
- 24-26 Horse Panorama
- 27 Leavenworth County 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds

February

- 6 YQCA Face to Face training @ 5:30pm - LVCO Fairgrounds Admin Building
- 7 Ambassador Training Registration Deadline
- 8 Club Day @ Church of the Open Door
- 16 4-H Citizenship in Action @ Kansas State Capital
- 20 Leavenworth County Youth Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm @ Fairgrounds
- 21-23 Ambassador Training @ Rock Springs

March

- 1 David D. Klamm Memorial Scholarship Application Due
- 3 YQCA Face to Face training @ 5:30pm - Pleasant Ridge Elementary School
- 7 Beef Weigh-in @ Fairgrounds
- 23 Leavenworth County 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm @ Fairgrounds
- 29 Leavenworth County Livestock Committee Spring Beef Show @ Fairgrounds

April

- 16 Youth Leaders Meeting @ 6:30pm - Leavenworth County Fairgrounds
- 30 Goat weigh-in @ Fairgrounds

UPCOMING EVENTS / OPPORTUNITIES

Horse Panorama

Dates: January 24 - 26, 2020

Registration Deadline: January 15, 2020

4-H Members ages 7-18 and adult volunteers. Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contests related to the Horse Project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography and educational posters. There will also be educational activities for 4-Hers of all ages.



2020 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training

Dates: February 21-23, 2020

Registration Deadline: February 7, 2020

Ambassador Training is a three day event held at Rock Springs Ranch. There will be six exciting workshops and a keynote speaker. We'll have three new workshops for all county/district advisors and Extension staff. The theme is "4-H Ambassadors- Under Construction." All county/district 4-H Ambassadors, Ambassador Advisors, Chaperones and KSRE Staff can register. Youth must be in the 8th - 12th grades to attend.



4-H Scholarships

Local: The David D. Klamm Memorial Scholarship is a \$500 scholarship available to 4-Hers who have been a Leavenworth County 4-Her for the past 5 years or more, have completed one year of post-secondary education, enrolled in 2 or 4 year college at 12 or more semester hours OR enrolled full-time in a technical institution. Scholarship applications can be found on our website under 4-H Youth Development/Awards and Scholarships. Application is due to the Extension Office by March 1st.

State: Kansas 4-H Scholarships are available to current and past 4-hers who are seeking to further their education after high school. General criteria included high school academic standing and 4-H achievement and leadership. Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by January 15, 2020.

Please check our website for additional information and scholarships.

I hope everyone's new year is starting off well. I am excited for the next year and the next decade in Leavenworth County 4-H! I think our program is headed in the right direction and can't wait to see what the future holds for us. As we begin this new year, I want to make a few 4-H New Year Resolutions.

- 1** To continue to grow our Leavenworth County 4-H program. To offer more opportunities for project learning and leadership growth and to support all the wonderful volunteers that help this program be successful.
- 2** To be consistent. This is with rules, deadlines and communications. For me, that starts with this newsletter. My resolution for 2020 is to get this newsletter out to you no later than the 10th of each month so please continue to look for it.

Thank you for making 2019 a great year in Leavenworth County 4-H and here is to a great 2020!!

