

RICE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020

Welcome Spring!

Hello Rice County 4-H families,

What a change the world has brought us with the onset of COVID-19! The biggest blessing that we have is family. I love that we can spend time together and not feel rushed and like we are in a time crunch with everything we do. Let's hope that you have all found the good in spending time at home with each other.

I also hope that you find 4-H to be one of the best tools for learning while staying at home that you have. We have so many resources out there. We can still work with you to develop ideas and acquire project information if needed. The state is working on ideas to use for the fair if, by chance, we need to have a virtual fair. It is our hope that we do not have to do this, but we must be prepared.

Stay safe, stay home and WASH YOUR HANDS.

Wendy Hughes

Rice County Extension Director



UPDATES & REMINDERS

Sheep/Goat/Swine members:

We will not have a rate of gain contest this year for the fair. We will, however, still require you to have every animal ear tagged. Please contact Wendy or Katie to let us know how many tags you need for each club or family and we will coordinate so that you can pick those tags up. We will also require you to send a picture of your animal with the ear tag for our records.

We have received approval from the Extension Council board to extend the date by which you need to have your animal and ear tags turned into the office. That deadline is now APRIL 20, 2020.

Add/Drop

The Add/Drop date remains May 1. Please check to make sure that your member is enrolled in all the projects you thought he or she was in and add any one you may want to try out this year.

OzSome Camp & Discovery Days

I see that several members have signed up for OzSome Camp and Discovery Days. We are still planning to hold these events. You will be reimbursed 100% if they are canceled. Let's hope not... I love Rock Springs Ranch!



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Virtual Food Judges Training

Just a reminder about the Virtual Foods Judges Training starting next week. Please pass information along to anyone interested, including foods leaders, 4Hers, seasoned judges, new judges, etc.

Details can be found at:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/other/index.html>

Thanks!

Rice County Fair Theme

The Rice County 4-H Fair theme for 2020 will be “If you give a kid 4-H”. Now is a great time to get to work on a fantastic t-shirt design for the fair!

The deadline for T-shirt design submissions has been extended to April 17th.

Livestock County Fair Management Clinic

We are excited to have everyone join us for the Livestock County Fair Management Clinic this week! The program has been divided across Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, April 7-8, from 7:00-9:00pm.

IMPORTANT SECURITY UPDATE – in an effort to enhance the security of our meeting, we have added a password, which may be found below.

Password – fair2020

Livestock County Fair Management Clinic April 7 and 8

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ksu.zoom.us/j/860389491>

Meeting ID: 860 389 491





Share with us!

Have you been working on a 4-H project? Please share a picture or a video of you on our Facebook /Twitter page. Let's let everyone know we are present and thriving with 4-H!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiceCountyKansas4HFair/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RiceCounty4H>

Stuck at home?

Are you looking for ideas for your 4-H members or youth while they are "stuck" at home? Rutgers University has a program called 4-H From Home and they offer unique, fun, interactive webinars for youth, whether they are in 4-H or not. The following is the link for these webinars. You do have to sign up and enroll to participate.

<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/4h-from-home/>

Check us out on social media!

Our website: <https://www.rice.k-state.edu/>

Rice County 4-H Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RiceCountyKansas4HFair/?ref=bookmarks>

Rice County Extension Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rice-County-Extension-1642325322513205/>

Rice County 4-H Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RiceCounty4H>

Upcoming Events

April

7/8 - Livestock County Fair Management
Clinic (virtual)

15 - Discovery Days registration deadline

19 - National Volunteer Week

May

1 - DEADLINE for enrollment/changes

4 - Wear your 4-H shirts!

15 - Campference registration deadline

27-29 - 4-H Discovery Days

June

4 - Wear your 4-H shirts!

8 - KSU Horse Judging Camp, Beginner session

16-19 - OzSome Camp, Rock Springs

19/20 - Insect Spectacular

22-25—4-H Campference

July

4 - Wear your 4-H shirts!

9-16 - Rice County 4-H Fair

August

4 - Wear your 4-H shirts!

22/23 - 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes, Manhattan

September

11-20—KS State Fair, Hutchinson

