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4-H In Action

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.



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Stafford County 4-H:

- Cloverleaf 4-H Club
- Jolly Workers 4-H Club
- Corn Valley 4-H Club
- Stafford Co. Dog Club
- Stafford Co. Shooting Sports Club

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STAFFORD COUNTY FAIR JULY 14TH-18TH

There are several changes to this year's fair, the biggest change is that the fair will be 4-H Only; no open class entries this year. We also added Tuesday, July 14 for static judging, so we will have two days to get through the consultation judging. All static judging will take place at the Stafford Recreation Annex building this year. We hope this will allow for proper handwashing, social distancing and also slow things down so everyone can get through judging without feeling rushed/panicked or like they need to be in two places at once.





Fair Book is Online

The 2020 Stafford County Fair book is available online! Visit <http://www.stafford.k-state.edu/county-fair/fairbook.html> to access the electronic copy of this year's Fair book.

STAFFORD COUNTY FAIR BOOK AND T-SHIRTS

Stafford County Fair Books are ready to be picked up from your 4-H leaders. Due to limited copies printed this year, check out the electronic copy online at the web address listed above.

Parents: This is where you will find all classes and class numbers needed to pre-enter your 4-H member. **County Fair Pre-Entries are DUE to the Extension Office by June 19th.**

Please remember on the Pre-entry form, in the top right corner, there is a place to mark t-shirt sizes. 4-H members are **required** to wear their t-shirt during consultation judging & livestock judging at the county fair. 4-H members & community leaders will receive one t-shirt at no charge. If a family would like to order extra t-shirts for younger family members etc., they are \$10.00 each. Please place your order for extra t-shirts on the Pre-entry form.

We are asking all 4-H families to pre-enter online at: <http://4Hstaffordcountyfair.fairentry.com>. The regular pre-entry page is in the fair book, but use it to pencil out all fair entries, and then enter online. **Pre-Entries are DUE by June 19th.**

FOOD SAFETY TRAINING DATES



- The required food safety trainings for 4-H Members in the Food & Nutrition Project will be held on **Tuesday, July 7 at 10am** or **Wednesday, July 8 at 7pm** at the Extension Office in St. John. Meetings will last approximately 45 minutes.
- Members will need to sign up for only one date.
- Please call the Extension office or email acollins@ksu.edu to register.

⇒ **Tuesday, July 7 at 10am OR**
⇒ **Wednesday, July 8 at 7pm**

PRE-ENTRIES DUE JUNE 19TH

Pre-entries are DUE to the Extension Office, **Friday, June 19th**. We are asking all 4-H families to pre-enter online at: <http://4Hstaffordcountyfair.fairentry.com>. The regular Pre-entry page is attached or you can find it in the Fair book; use it to pencil out all fair entries and then enter online.

Stafford County Fair

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2020

Thursday, July 9

6:00 pm Fair Ground Clean Up
**Fair Board & 4-H parents only, no 4-H members this year.*

4-H Families: All static/consultation judging will take place at the Stafford Recreation Annex Building by appointment. Extension Office will send a sign up sheet once we have pre-entries.

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 am Arts-n-Crafts Judging
Photography Judging

2:00 pm Clothing & Textiles Judging
Buymanship Judging
Fiber Arts Judging

****Once judging is complete, 4-H families will take exhibits to the 4-H building for display.***

6:30-7:00 pm Check in for BAKEFEST
7:00 pm BAKEFEST—Stafford Rec. Annex

Wednesday, July 15

8 am - 10 am Wheat Show Check In

9:00 am Foods & Nutrition Judging
Plant Science Judging

1:00 pm Spacetech Judging
Geology & Entomology Judging
Electricity Judging
Woodworking Judging

****Once static judging is complete, 4-H families will take exhibits to the 4-H building for display.***

10 am - noon Rabbit & Poultry Check In

5:00 pm Rabbit & Poultry Judging

6:00 pm Livestock Weigh-In for animals being housed at the fair grounds***

7:00 pm Pedal Pull (Open to public)

****The 4-H Premium Auction will be online this year. We will be taking a picture of all 4-H members with their animal before each show to use for the online auction.***

Thursday, July 16

8:00 am Weigh-In any swine that arrive before the show

9:00 am Swine Show

6:00 pm Weigh-In any sheep/goats that arrive before the show

7:00 pm Sheep and Goat Show

Friday, July 17

8:00 am Weigh-in Beef that arrive before the show
9:00 am Bucket Calf Show
Beef Show

2:00 pm Check out all exhibits & clean up

Saturday, July 18

8:30 pm Concert

Friday, July 24

6:30 pm Swine Carcass Judging

Sunday, July 26

5:00 pm Beef Carcass Judging

***Livestock exhibitors have the option of housing their animals at the fair grounds or bringing them in before each show begins. Please be on the fair grounds with livestock at least an hour before each show to weigh in. All families with livestock have the option of taking animals home after the show or housing at fair grounds.

***All judging times and livestock shows are subject to change due to COVID-19 protocols. All reasonable efforts will be made to contact 4-H families if and when changes are made.

The Excitement of Fair, With a Few Changes!

While it's not the fair we've known in the past—we're still having a fair! At least it will allow all 4-H members to present and/or show their 4-H projects for the 2019-20 year. With safety as our first priority, there were some hard decisions that had to be made. Please keep in mind, those decisions are only for this year. As we "*Focus on the Future*" we hope our fair can evolve and adjust from what we once knew, to a new and improved county showcase in the coming years.

As you know, these are unprecedented times and our summer event schedule is very fluid. All judging times and live-stock shows are subject to change due to COVID-19 protocols. All reasonable efforts will be made to contact 4-H families, if and when, changes are made.

- We want to emphasize during all judging events, livestock shows and in the barns, 6' social distancing is encouraged, masks should be worn if preferred or if social distancing is hard to maintain. Remember: "*My mask protects you, your mask protects me.*" Wearing a mask when around others is a courtesy, not a political statement. Please think of those 65 and older or those with autoimmune deficiencies. We will have some masks available for use, especially when consultation judging takes place.
- Please wash your hands and/or use sanitizer especially after being in a public place, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing, before eating or drinking and after using the restroom, handling animals or changing diapers. Handwashing sinks are available in the 4-H Building restroom and the restroom by the ball diamond. On a normal day during the pandemic, it's recommended to wash our hands once an hour, please try to continue doing this while you are at the fair.
- Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the fairgrounds, please use as often as possible to prevent the spread of all germs. When applying hand sanitizer, cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- By keeping these things in mind we are able to take personal responsibility for our own safety and that of others.

Here are the changes that have been made for the 2020 Stafford County Fair:

- 4-H only fair; no open class entries
- No fair grounds clean-up for 4-H members; adults only (parents are asked to help if they feel comfortable doing so) this will take place **Thursday, July 9th at 6:00 pm.**
- No concession stand this year; make sure you have bottled water on hand for your family.
- Pre-entries are DUE to the Extension Office, **Friday, June 19th.** We are asking all 4-H families to pre-enter online at: <http://4Hstaffordcountyfair.fairentry.com>.

All static exhibits will be judged at the Stafford County Rec Annex building this year.

- We have extended static judging days to **Tuesday, July 14th** and **Wednesday, July 15th.** Please see the attached schedule.
- Families will sign up for a judging time so only one or two families are in the annex at a time. The Extension Office will send out a sign-up sheet after we have pre-entries.
- Consultation judging will take place; masks may need to be worn.
- This will include clothing and textiles (construction & buymanship); judging will take place **Tuesday, July 14th**, but no public style review will be held this year.
- Families will use hand sanitizer before entering the annex and will remain 6' away from judge.
- All projects will remain in the Stafford Rec annex until all awards have been placed.
- Projects will still be displayed at the 4-H Building on the fair grounds. We will let you know further details on getting projects to the fair grounds.
- For the duration of the County Fair, the Extension Office will set up in the concession stand, not the 4-H Building. 4-H Families are asked to use the walk up order windows to talk with Extension Staff.
- 4-H Livestock Shows will take place at the fairgrounds. Livestock are not required to stay on the fair grounds for the duration of the fair. 4-H Families can show out of their trailers or can use the barn facilities if they so choose, but social distancing of animals & families will be required. Only immediate family is preferred in the barns at any time.
- All livestock have the option of being released directly following each species show or you can house them in the barns.
- If you take livestock home after the show, please make sure your family cleans up pens (if used), tack, feed and other items before leaving the fair grounds.
- Rabbits/Poultry will be judged the evening of Wednesday, **July 15th.** Swine, Thursday morning, **July 16th;** Sheep/Goats, Thursday evening, **July 16th;** Beef, Friday morning, **July 17th.**
- Weigh in for each species can take place the evening before the show or one hour before the show, depending on when you choose to bring in your livestock. If you will be weighing in/checking in an animal before the show, make sure to allow at least an hour for this.
- The premium auction will be an online auction this year. Pictures of each 4-H member and their animal will be taken before each show to use in the online auction, instructions will be given at the fair.
- Check out of all exhibits will be **2:00 pm on Friday, July 17th.**
- Our goal is to allow time for all 4-H judging in a manner that is safe and comfortable for all.

If a 4-H member or family feels uncomfortable about having projects judged, an alternative will be available. Please give the Extension Office a call and we will work through it. FLEXIBILITY is key when situations are so different this year. Please know we are doing our best to accommodate all 4-H members and their families.

Finally, we ask everyone to be kind to one another, have grace and know we're all experiencing different levels of emotions while trying to remain safe. "*Focus on the Future*" and we will make this fair one of the most memorable fairs yet!

4-H & COUNTY FAIR OBJECTIVES

Participation in county fairs is an opportunity and privilege for 4-H members. If they choose to participate, they are in effect asking for an adult to give his or her opinion regarding the quality of their exhibit or participation. Having asked for this opinion, they should accept it gracefully and learn from it.

County Fair Objectives

County fairs provide opportunities for 4-Hers to:

- Show what they've learned and accomplished in 4-H to the public.
- Develop project skills.
- Develop responsibility and self confidence.
- Gain knowledge, counsel, and encouragement from judges and others.
- Learn new and better methods.
- Compare their work with a "standard"
- Receive recognition and learn the importance of being both a good winner and a good loser.
- Share ideas and make friends with other 4-H members from across the county.

Objectives of the 4-H Youth Program

- To help youth develop knowledge and practical skills in science and technology.
- To stimulate the personal growth and physical, mental, and behavioral development of youth.
- To help youth become responsible citizens.
- To develop effective adult and youth leadership.

4-H Member Objectives

- Provide opportunities for self growth
- Develop interpersonal communication and co-operation skills
- Encourage creativity
- Develop reasoning skills
- Become sensitive to one's environment
- Participation in community service activities
- Make learning fun!



FAIR GROUND CLEAN UP DAY

This year's Fair looks different from previous years and clean up will be different too. ONLY The Fair Board and 4-H parents will clean up—no 4-H members this year! Clean up will take place on **Thursday, July 9th at 6pm.**

PREMIUM AUCTION REQUIREMENTS ARE DUE

The required items are as follows:

- Stafford County 4-H members are required to attend at least three (3) regular 4-H Club meetings between August and July of current 4-H year.
- Livestock members are required to attend a **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** meeting each year of eligibility. YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8-21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. Species include pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits and poultry.
- Foods and Nutrition project members will be required to attend a Food Safety Training (FST), similar to ServSafe, to ensure proper preparation of food products being sold to the public.

It is the 4-H member's responsibility to attend the meetings and trainings. Once the requirements have been met, submit the attached form with the dates of meetings you've attended, along with the required signatures to the Extension Office by **June 19, 2020.**



NO POULTRY TESTING REQUIRED IN 2020

The Division of Animal Health at the Kansas Department of Agriculture has announced a time-limited waiver for the pullorum-typhoid testing requirements for poultry in Kansas.

Kansas 4-H & FFA Wheat Variety Plot Program

Interested in trying a new project? Try the 2021 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program! All Kansas youth who are age 9 to 18 before January 1 are eligible to participate. Participants are not required to be enrolled in the 4-H Plant Science project, however, the wheat variety plot activity does strengthen your Plant Science project—especially if you are working on a Plant Science KAP. Keep in mind that participants DO NOT have to live on a farm. Participants living in town can work with a local farmer to learn how to plant and care for their wheat plot. Most farmers are happy to help a 4-H member wanting to learn about agriculture practices!

The 2021 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program begins fall of 2020 and goes through September 2021. Those interested should contact their local Extension Office by July 10 for information. Enrollments are DUE to the Northwest Area Extension Office by July 24, 2020. This will allow time to order seed and metal signs that can be picked up by your Extension Agent at the Kansas State Fair.



2020 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo August 6th | 9 am - 3 pm Sedgwick County Extension Education Center

Kansas is famous for its golden wheat fields all across Kansas. Families have been participating with the Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo for 60+ years. The Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event on Thursday, August 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at

the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center, 7001 W. 21st St., North Wichita, KS 67205. It is open to all 4-H family members, 4-H leaders and Extension staff.

Pre-registration is required by Monday, July 27th to ensure an accurate meal count and tour divisions. Registration opens on June 15th. For more information please visit: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html>.

Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes August 22-23

The 2020 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be held August 22-23 at Weber Arena in Manhattan. This event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon and livestock quiz bowl. Entries are due August 1st.

Animals at State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show

If you plan to show your market animals at the State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show, these animals must be tagged and on file with the State 4-H office by **June 15** (strict deadline). **This is a different tag & form than what was used for the county fair.**

ALL exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified in order to participate in the 2020 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS).

Please Note: Livestock does NOT have to show at the County Fair to go to the State Fair!!

State Fair Livestock entries are DUE July 15 to the State Fair Office. KJLS entries are DUE August 15th. Please call Amanda if you plan to enter your livestock!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT JUDGING

WHAT TO REMEMBER:

- Wear your county fair t-shirt during judging of ALL events!
- We will let you know if t-shirts arrive before the fair starts, otherwise they will be available at the office in the 4-H Building.

ALL STATIC CONSULTATION JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE STAFFORD RECREATION ANNEX BUILDING

Parents: Please remember that only one parent / grandparent / adult can sit with the 4-H member during consultation judging. Consultation judging is between the 4-H member and the judge, it is an important part of project completion for the 4-H member to explain to the judge what he/she has learned through the project. Adults sitting with the 4-H member are there for support, but should allow the 4-H member to do the talking. **In 2020, there will be masks available for those participating in consultation judging.**

CALLING ALL FARMERS:

BECOME WILLIE'S FARM FAMILY ...at the first ever Ag Day with K-State Football!



One winning family from Stafford County will receive 2 tickets to the November 7th, KSU vs. Texas A&M game and be recognized with other Farm Families from around the state. Enter at the link below. Drawing will be held Friday, June 26th.

Enter at <https://broth.wufoo.com/forms/z5tx4v81hr8wpr/>.

ONLINE PREMIUM AUCTION

The 2020 Stafford County Fair Premium Auction will take place online this year. We will be hosting the auction through our FairEntry system, the software we use for all things fair.

Photographs: The online auction will contain a photo of the 4-H member with their livestock. These photos will be taken BEFORE the show begins as 4-H members enter the show ring. We will upload these to the FairEntry system as we go along through each livestock show. We ask that parents wait to take other pictures after each show.

Intent to Sell Forms: It will be extra important to hand in your "Intent to Sell Forms" directly following each livestock show. We will be entering information for the auction as we work our way through each show, so please get those to the Extension Office as soon as possible.

Auction: Bidding is scheduled to begin on **Saturday July 18th at 8:00AM**. The auction will remain open until **5:00 PM on Friday July 24th**.

Bidders: If you have family members or know of businesses that would like to bid, please let them know that they need to pre-register for the auction. For the protection of our youth's information, we need to know the bidder's name, address and email. This will help us stay safe online and watch for those who are not pre-registered.

How to pre-register: To pre-register, please email sfcounty-fair@gmail.com. After we have received your email address, we will set you up with an online account. Once bidding opens we will send a few email reminders that the auction is taking place. At the end of the auction, we will invoice you for your purchases.

Payment: Invoices will be emailed out to buyers. Please make payment by August 1, 2020.



BUYMANSHIP AND CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION

Judging for both buymanship and clothing construction will begin at 2pm on Tuesday, July 14th at the Stafford Rec Annex building. **We are asking to keep buymanship entries to three (3) outfits.** There is no limit on clothing construction outfits. Once we have the pre-entries in, we will send out a sign up sheet so each family will sign up for a judging time. We will not be having a public style review this year.

Once judging is complete, 4-H members will take their outfits to the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds and they will remain on display until check out time at 2pm on Friday, July 17th. Each member will receive an award packet with judges comments and ribbons.

UPCOMING DATES

**June 7 & 8:
FOOD SAFETY**

See page 2 for times and how to register

**June 15:
STATE LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS DUE**

**June 19:
COUNTY FAIR PRE-ENTRIES DUE**
Due online at <http://4Hstaffordcountyfair.fairentry.com>

**June 23-24:
4-H CAMPFERENCE (Virtual)**
Registration closes 6/12; requires a computer,
tablet or phone

**July 9, 6pm:
FAIR GROUND CLEAN UP**
Fair Board members and 4-H parents only,
NO 4-H members this year

**July 14-18:
STAFFORD COUNTY FAIR**
Schedule of events on page 3

**August 6:
4-H WHEAT EXPO (Wichita)**
Register now through 7/27

**September 9-11:
KANSAS STATE FAIR**

**Fall 2020:
KANSAS 4-H/FFA WHEAT VARIETY PLOT**
Enroll by 7/24

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- ⇒ **Please Review the Fair Book** - Read over the general rules & regulations and the rules specific to your child's projects. Subtle changes are made each year to coincide with State Fair rules. It is your responsibility to know the rules before you make your pre-entries and/or fair projects!
- ⇒ **Pick up Labels** - For each static project entered in the fair, you will **need** to apply a label for identification purposes. These are **required** and can be picked up at the Extension Office.
- ⇒ **Photography Matte Board, I.D. Tags and Plastic bags** can all be purchased (at cost) from the Extension office. Photos are required to be properly mounted. Amy will be happy to help you do this, please do not hesitate to call to set up an appointment. Matte Board is \$1.75 each, plastic bags are \$0.10 per bag.
- ⇒ **Please call us at the Extension Office with ANY questions you might have!** The fair is a fun, sometimes confusing, always exhausting & hot WONDERFUL time of the 4-H year. We want you to be apart of it. DO NOT be afraid to ask questions - we all have to learn sometime!
- ⇒ **4-H JR. Superintendents:** If you were contacted to be a Jr. Superintendent, please make sure you show up to help the Adult Superintendents during judging time! They are counting on your help. If, for some reason, it will not work for you to fulfill your Jr. Superintendent job - let Amy or Amanda know because a replacement will need to be found. Thank you!

Group Photo:

The group photo after the fair is always a hit—we would like to do it again this year! **We will try to get a group picture of as many 4-H members as we can wearing their County Fair T-shirts immediately following the fair.** Please meet back at the fair grounds for the group photo. The past few years, we have used this group photo and made thank you cards for donors and fair supporters. We've had a lot of positive feedback!

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