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# 4-H News

## River Valley District

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### **4-H Camp**

Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp registration is now open! Youth from the River Valley District will be attending camp from Wednesday, June 21st through Saturday, June 24th. 4-H Camp is a fun and educational opportunity for youth while they meet new friends and develop important life skills!

To be able to attend camp, Youth must be age 7 as of January 1st, 2017 through those that will finish 7th grade this spring. ALL youth are welcome to attend so we encourage our 4-H members to invite a friend or two!

Camp will be \$200 to attend. An additional fee may be charged if transportation is provided. Again this year, the only money youth will need at camp will be for snacks and souvenirs! Looking to save some money? Pack snacks with your campers! Scholarships may be available for enrolled 4-H members! Contact your 4-H Program Manager!

Registration forms are available at your local River Valley Extension District office or online at [www.rivervalley.ksu.edu](http://www.rivervalley.ksu.edu) under 4-H Youth Development, Forms & Resources, 4-H Camp! Registration is due by Friday, May 19th. Late registrations will not be accepted.

### **4-H Camp Counselors Needed**

Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp would not be possible without the assistance of our wonderful camp counselors! If you will be 16 years of age as of June 21st, like working with youth, and are willing to volunteer your time and talent, we are looking for you to be a camp counselor!

4-H'ers will create memories that will last a lifetime at Pioneer Trails 4-H Camp! The success of a youth's camping experience really depends on the enthusiasm, responsibility, and excitement of their camp counselor!

Counselor Training will take place on Tuesday, June 20th and Wednesday, June 21st at Rock Springs! Counselor responsibilities are "24/7" during the time of camp, June 21st through 24th!

Camp counselors report that this experience is exhausting, yet extremely rewarding! Want to be a part of this great experience? Applications are available at your local River Valley Extension District office or online at [www.rivervalley.ksu.edu](http://www.rivervalley.ksu.edu) under 4-H Youth Development, Forms & Resources, 4-H Camp! Application are due by Friday, May 19th!

### **Spring Break Fun—Project Workshop Day!**

Join us on Wednesday, March 22nd, at the 4-H Building in Belleville for a day of project workshops! This is an opportunity to learn more about the different projects offered through 4-H and how to get started with them! All are welcome so invite all of your friends! 4-H Enrollment is not required! More details to follow!

### **Project Entry Deadline**

**Monday, May 1st** is quickly approaching, which is the project entry deadline! Don't forget to check out your 4-H Profile to ensure that your 4-H'ers are enrolled in the projects that they wish to participate in this year! Head over to <http://ks.4Honline.com> today! If you need assistance with your account, please contact your local 4-H Program Manager!



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## ***Club Day Results***

Thank you and congratulations to all of our 4-H members that participated and volunteered at District 4-H Club Day on February 4th in Clay Center!

Event and Contest results can be found on the River Valley District webpage under 4-H Youth Development, Forms & Resources, and Club Day page!  
[www.rivervalley.ksu.edu](http://www.rivervalley.ksu.edu)

## ***4-H Regional Club Day***

Regional 4-H Club Day will be held on Saturday, March 25th, 2017 at the Clay Center Community High School.

If you received a Top Purple at District 4-H Club Day in a qualifying event, you were invited to participate at Regional Club Day! Entries were due to your local River Valley District office by the end of February. If you haven't contacted your local 4-H Program Manager, please do so immediately because if you cannot attend, the alternate Top Purple winners will be given the opportunity to compete. Our goal is to have great representation from the River Valley District in all divisions!

The River Valley District will be responsible for room monitors at the Junior and Senior Demonstrations/Illustrated Talk doors. If you are willing to be a room monitor, please contact your local 4-H Program Manager!

## ***Livestock Volunteers Needed***

Spring has sprung, which means that new opportunities are knocking on our door! The River Valley District is seeking out adult volunteers who are interested in coaching the livestock judging team and the meats judging team. We want to provide the best opportunities for our 4-H'ers. We have a lot of talented people in the district and would love for you to share your expertise.

If you would be interested in helping prepare our teams for Livestock Sweepstakes, please contact Katelyn Brockus, 785-325-2121 or [kbrockus@ksu.edu](mailto:kbrockus@ksu.edu).

Also, if you are a 4-H'er that is interested in being a part of the Livestock Sweepstakes Teams, contact Katelyn.

## ***Livestock Quality Assurance—LQA***

Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) is required to show livestock at the county fairs in the RVED.

All beef, swine, sheep, and goat exhibitors are required to attend at least one class. Bucket calf, horse, and dairy exhibitors are strongly encouraged to attend but not required.

You may attend the training of your choice even if it is not the location of your home county. Parents are encouraged to join us as well.

Please RSVP to Katelyn Brockus 785-325-2121 AT LEAST one day prior to the training.

<u>Tuesday, March 21:</u>	Clay Center	4-H Conference Center	2:00pm-3:00pm
<u>Thursday, March 23:</u>	Washington	First National Bank	2:00pm-3:00pm
<u>Monday, April 24:</u>	Concordia	Fairgrounds	7:00pm-8:00pm
<u>Saturday, May 6:</u>	Belleville	4-H Building	11:30am-12:30pm

## ***Favorite Food Show***

The River Valley District will be hosting one Favorite Food Show for all 4-H'ers enrolled in the Foods and Nutrition project on Saturday, June 10th at The Branch in Clyde! This is a fair entry and does require display at the local county fair.

More information, will follow to those youth enrolled in the Foods and Nutrition project! The rulebook may be found online at [www.rivervalley.ksu.edu](http://www.rivervalley.ksu.edu) under 4-H Youth Development, Forms & Resources, Fair.

## ***Fair Books***

It is hard to believe that our county fairs will be here before we know it!

Just a reminder to READ your county fair book to ensure that you understand all the rules for each division and class! Changes will be made to align to Kansas State Fair and to improve the experience for 4-H'ers! County Fair Books will be available on our website mid-April.

## Shooting Sports

The Shooting Sports schedule for the remaining 4-H year:

Sunday, March 12—Practice Shoot

Sunday, April 2—Practice Shoot

Sunday, April 30—Practice Shoot

### Fair Shoot

To participate in the Fair Shoot, each 4-H'er must complete four regular practice shoots prior to the Fair Shoot. Once they have completed their requirements, youth may designate either of the following two dates as their Fair Shoot. However, once youth have designated a Fair Shoot day, they will not be able to change that date.

Sunday, April 30— Fair Shoot

Sunday, June 4— Fair Shoot

In case of inclement weather, sometimes we may have to cancel a practice shoot. Watch for an email or text if you are setup through 4-H Online, check out the River Valley District Facebook page or listen to your local radio station.

## Citizenship In Action—CIA

River Valley District was well represented at Citizenship In Action by 21 4-H'ers and four chaperones. CIA was held in Topeka on February 19th and 20th.

The 4-H'ers were able to tour the Capitol, write mock bills, participate in mock legislative sessions by debating the different mock bills on the House of Representatives and Senate floor, and met with their legislators.

This was a great opportunity to discuss our involvement with 4-H and learn our legislators' roles with the state government. A highlight of Sunday evening was a banquet with legislators as our guests.

The chaperones were Gina Aurand, District FCS Agent, Denise Swenson and Jessica Clark, 4-H Program Managers, and Richard Schintler, Adult Volunteer.

## Junior Leader Trip Planned for Albuquerque

The River Valley District 4-H staff with input from the Trip Planning Committee have worked to plan an exciting and educational Junior Leader Trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico from Monday, August 7th through Thursday, August 10th!

Highlights include the Dodge City Boot Hill Museum, Old Town exploration, hot air balloon museum, learning about the culture through food and the Indian Pueblo Cultural Museum, and more!

The last night of the trip is sure to be exciting with a Sunset Dinner Float down the Rio Grande River!

4-H'ers that will complete the 8th grade this spring to 4-H age 18 are eligible to attend this trip!

More details, including price and registration form, will be mailed early March to all 4-H'ers that are eligible to attend!

Want to help cover the cost of the trip? Fundraising opportunities will be available! The amount you raise is yours! No sharing of funds!

Registration will occur Monday, April 3rd through Friday, April 7th at your local River Valley District office and will be first come, first served!

4-H'ers attending from the River Valley District were:

**RVD—Belleville:** Blake Aurand, Josiah Field, Ben Jensen, Jessica Jensen, Hayley Piroutek, Faith Schintler

**RVD—Clay Center:** Mattie Blackburn, Reagan G e e r , JaelAnn Hoover, Keath Meyer, Katie Sleichter, Zach Stitt

**RVD—Concordia:** MacKenzie Bartlett, Hana Cool, Joe Cool, Jessica Dethloff, Angel Hale, Lane Martin

**RVD—Washington:** Makinna Bentz, Carly Kollé, Shailyn Zenger.

This was a wonderful learning experience and we hope you will join us next year!





## **River Valley District 4-H Ambassadors**

Twenty-five 4-H Ambassadors and their Advisors from the River Valley District attended the State 4-H Ambassador Training, named “Ambassadors—Growing 4-H”, on Friday, February 24th and Saturday, February 25th at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Ambassadors developed and strengthened their communication and leadership skills through workshops and activities.

Congratulations goes out to the following 4-H’ers who are serving as a 4-H Ambassador for the 2017 year:

**RVD—Belleville:** Alexis Hansen, Jessica Jensen, Emma Morris, Haley Piroutek, Faith Schintler, Lasandra Aurand, Jaycee Blazek, Ben Jensen, Peyton Reynolds

**RVD—Clay Center:** Katie Brady, Sabrina Johnson, Courtney Sherbert, JaelAnn Hoover, Keath Meyer, Michaela Musselman, Martay VanWey, Regan Wichman

**RVD—Concordia:** Rachelle Anderson, MacKenzie Bartlett, Janessa Ade, Jessica Dethloff, Angel Hale, Taryn Mosher

**RVD—Washington:** Wyatt Bentz, Sean Bruna, Taylor Bruna, Carly Crome, Luke Gauby, Lauren Simmons, Tyler Simmons, Makinna Bentz, Riley Moore

Thank you to these 4-H’ers for their hard work in promoting and growing the River Valley District 4-H Program!

A huge thank you goes out to our wonderful Ambassador Advisors: Judy Stitt, Ronda Wilson, Kaylee Mosher, Janice Dethloff, Stacia Piroutek, and Deb Lange for their time and effort to our Ambassador Program! Our River Valley District 4-H Program is very appreciative of all that you do in promoting 4-H and assisting our Ambassadors!



## **Dog Project Meetings**

Join Danny McReynolds and Megan Murdock, dog project leaders, to learn more about the Dog Project, including Obedience, Showmanship, and Rally, and to practice what you’ve learned with your dogs.

All Dog Project classes will be held in the Commercial Building at the Cloud County Fairgrounds beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the following Sundays:

Obedience and Rally class dates:

March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

April 2nd, 9th

Showmanship Training class dates:

April 16th, 23rd, 30th

Practice dates:

June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

July 9th

No project meetings will be held in May. The fair show is tentatively set for July 15, 2017 in Washington County.

Contact Danny McReynolds at 785-243-1156 or Megan Murdock at 785-275-1028 with any questions you may have regarding the Dog Project.

## **Horticulture Judging Practice**

Kelsey Hatesohl, RVD Horticulture Extension Agent, will be hosting practices for Horticulture Judging for those eligible to judge at State Contest and all youth interested in learning more about Horticulture Judging!

Saturday, April 22nd

Saturday, May 20th

Monday, June 26th

Thursday, August 17th

More information to follow with locations and times!

## **Spring Rabbit Clinic**

The River Valley Rabbit Club would like to invite **anyone** that is interested in the rabbit project to attend their Spring Rabbit Show and Clinic on Saturday, April 29th at the 4-H Building in Belleville.

Show your rabbit, learn how to judge a rabbit, and work on showmanship for the county fair!

More information will be shared at a later date!

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Steven Wright at [stevenwjedi@gmail.com](mailto:stevenwjedi@gmail.com) or 785-265-3019! We hope to see you there!

## ***Sale/Project Auction Requirements***

4-H and FFA members in the River Valley District must meet certain requirements to be eligible to participate in the county fair Livestock Premium Sale or Project Auction.

These requirements must be met during the current 4-H year (October 1, 2016—June 30, 2017). The form is available in your local RVD office or online at [www.rivervalley.ksu.edu](http://www.rivervalley.ksu.edu) under 4-H Youth Development, Forms & Resources, Fair.

4-H'ers must:

- Attend a minimum of 3 Club Meetings (not including project meetings, 4-H Council meetings, Jr. Leader, Ambassador, etc.)
- Attend Livestock Quality Assurance (see page 2)
- Participate in 3 approved activities (options listed on the form)

Each 4-H member is responsible to return their completed form to their Club Leader by July 1st.

## ***Northeast 4-H Leadership Event—NELE***

River Valley District had 18 4-H members and 5 adult volunteers/staff members attend NELE this January! Northeast 4-H Leadership Event was held on Saturday, January 21st at Riley County High School.

This state event was organized and ran by the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council. NELE is a daylong event, which includes leadership experiences while meeting new friends, strengthening and developing leadership skills, and finding great ideas to take back to their clubs.

There were 14 different workshops for participants to choose to attend during the 3 different sessions throughout the day. The classes ranged from “So you are a Livestock Junior Project Leader-Now What?” to “Campfire songs, Skits and S’mores”, to learning what it takes to make a great first impression in any interview at the “Professional at First Sight” class. Some of the afternoon sessions consisted of

## ***Discovery Days***

Discovery Days is a State 4-H event for all youth, 4-H age 13-18, that is held on Tuesday, May 30th through Friday, June 2nd on campus at K-State in Manhattan.

This “mini-college” experience includes workshops and sessions for youth to explore 4-H projects and potential careers!

Registration will open Wednesday, March 1st at [www.kansas4-H.org](http://www.kansas4-H.org). Don't delay on registering as classes fill up quick!

Transportation is provided by the River Valley District and scholarships may be available for 4-H members! Contact your local 4-H Program Manager for scholarship information!

## ***Bucket Calves***

Bucket calves must be born between January 1—April 30, 2017. Exhibitor must own and be in possession of their bucket calf by May 1st.

Bucket calves DO NOT need to come to beef weigh-in but must have a 4-H Bucket Calf tag, which is available at your local River Valley District office for \$2.50.

LQA is not required, but youth are encouraged to attend. Tagging forms are due with fair pre-entries.

Crop and Weed Identification, learning dance moves in “Getting your 4-H Groove On”, to learning how to plan and run a day camp, or learning more about traveling with 4-H through the IFYE Exchange in Finland.

So if you are looking for a low cost state event to attend next year, consider attending NELE. This is a great opportunity for learning, fun, and developing important skills to be tomorrow's leaders!



Attendees included: Front Row (Left to Right) JaelAnn Hoover, Cajsa Carlgren, Josiah Field, Janessa Ade, Coy Stamm, Colby Sherbert, Jack Gilliam, Dylan McCartney, and Levi Musselman.

Back Row (Left to Right) Rachelle Anderson, Jessica Jensen, Logan Fickes, Lane Musselman, Keath Meyer, Nathaniel Tice, Zachary Stitt, Katie Brady, and Haylie Avery.

## ***Horse Project Information***

Horse Project Members must complete a Horse Identification Certificate for all horses that may be exhibited during their local county fair or the North Central Kansas District Horse Show by **Monday, May 1st!** Forms are available in your local RVD office and online at [www.rivervalley.ksu.edu](http://www.rivervalley.ksu.edu) under 4-H Youth Development, Forms & Resources, Fair.

Horse Level Testing—Level I must be passed to participate at the District Horse Show or State Fair. Contact your local 4-H Program Manager to get started on this process.

North Central Kansas District Horse Show, qualifying event for State Fair, will be held on Wednesday, July 5th at the Saline County Expo Center in Salina. Entries are due June 1st. More information will be shared with youth enrolled in the Horse Project.

## ***Livestock Home Tagging Not Allowed***

There will be no home tagging allowed this year. Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goat, and Commercial Breeding animal tagging dates have been set and can be found below.

Please remember that exhibitors are able to weigh-in/tag in any of the four counties within the River Valley District.

Swine will not be weighed in this year. However, swine will need to be brought to weigh in for tagging purposes.

Please bring Commercial Breeding animals to weigh in if you are planning on attend-

ing a state show, i.e. Kansas Junior Livestock Show or Kansas State Fair. If you are NOT planning on taking your breeding stock on to a state show, then an EID tag is NOT required.

Again, there will be no home tagging, even if only attending a state nominated livestock show. A district extension agent must be present at the time of tagging. If you have ownership in your state nominated animals by weigh in time, then please bring those to weigh in. If not, a later time must be set up so the agent can tag the animal.

## ***Beef Weigh-Ins***

Below are the only weigh-in times for market beef and state nominated commercial breeding beef. If they are NOT tagged at one of these times, they will NOT BE ELIGIBLE to show at the County Fair.

Please remember that Commercial Breeding Heifers need an EID tag for state livestock show nominations! Please bring those heifers to market weigh in, so we can tag them at this time. If you are NOT planning on taking your breeding stock on to a state show, then an EID tag is NOT required and you do not have to bring them to weigh-in.

Reminder that there will be no home tagging, even if only attending a state nominated livestock show. A district extension agent must be present at the time of tagging.

\$4 per EID Beef tag. Please bring small bills or a check payable to River Valley Extension District.

### **March 5**

2-4 p.m.—81 Livestock—Belleville

5:30-6 p.m.—Fairgrounds—Concordia

### **March 11**

9-10:30 a.m.—Animal Health Center—Washington

9-10 a.m.—Salava Vet Clinic—Clay Center

## ***Sheep/Goat Weigh-Ins & Swine Tagging***

Below are the only tagging times for market sheep, goat, and swine and state nominated commercial breeding sheep, goat, and swine. If animals are NOT tagged at one of these times, they will NOT BE ELIGIBLE to show at the County Fair.

Please remember that Commercial Breeding Ewes, Gilts, and Does need an EID tag for state livestock show nomination! Please bring those breeding animals to market weigh in, so we can tag them at this time. If you are NOT planning on taking your breeding stock on to a state show, then an EID tag is NOT required and you do not have to bring them to weigh-in.

Reminder that there will be no home tagging, even if only attending a state nominated livestock show. A district extension agent must be present at the time of tagging.

\$3 per EID Sheep, Goat, and Swine tag. Please bring small bills or a check payable to River Valley Extension District.

**April 24**—Concordia, Fairgrounds, 4-6pm

**April 26**—Washington, Fairgrounds, 4-6pm

**May 3**—Clay Center, Fairgrounds, 4-6pm

**May 6**—Belleville, Fairgrounds, 9-10:30am



## Area Kansas Award Portfolio Winners

Northeast Area KAP Judging was held on January 12th in Manhattan. The River Valley District would like to congratulate all of the youth that advanced from the District level to Area! It is a great accomplishment to have made it that far! The River Valley District had four KAPs selected to advance to state judging, which will take place this March! Congratulations and good luck at the State Level!

**Brandon Shrader** — Health & Wellness

Pathfinders 4-H Club—RVD-Belleville

**Faith Schintler** — Entomology

Discovery 4-H Club—RVD-Belleville

**JaelAnn Hoover** — Communications and Leadership

Countryside Crusaders 4-H Club—RVD-Clay Center

## 2017 Animal Science Leadership Academy

Youth interested in the livestock industry and related careers can apply now for the Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy. The academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in ninth through 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council, the academy's goal is to develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in the field.

This year's program will take place June 14-17 in Manhattan. Applications are due April 1, 2017, and can be found at [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu).

The program's itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours and faculty mentor time with animal science professors. Industry leaders will also join the par-

ticipants frequently to share their knowledge and expertise. Throughout the week, participants will work in teams to evaluate current events within the animal science industry and educate others. This experience will culminate with team presentations and a closing reception on Saturday morning.

Only 20 students will be accepted to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors, and industry leaders. Participants will stay on campus in university housing with program staff for the duration of the event. Transportation to and from the event is the responsibility of the participant, along with a \$50 deposit to reserve his or her space. The Livestock and Meat Industry Council provides all other sponsorships.

Contact Sharon Breiner, academy director at [sbreiner@ksu.edu](mailto:sbreiner@ksu.edu) or 785-532-6533 with any questions.

## Tractor and Machinery Safety Training Offered

Federal Law requires youth ages 14 and 15 to participate in a Hazardous Occupations Training and become certified in order to work for hire for anyone other than their parents. Youth must pass a safe tractor and machinery operation program to be certified.

To meet this requirement, the RVED will conduct a district-wide Hazardous Occupations Training/tractor and machinery safety training in May. The training provides trainees with knowledge of tractor, machinery, and other farm hazards to reduce the farm

accident rate. It also provides sufficient information to pass a written examination and an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to pass a safe tractor driving examination.

**The training will be: Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at CTI in Concordia.**

Youth must pre-register by contacting any RVED office by Monday, May 1st. Cost of the course is \$20 and includes materials and refreshments. You must provide, name, address, date of birth, and contact infor-

## Rocket Fin Alignment Guide

Aligning the fins for your rocket can be tedious and tough! Each 4-H Council in the River Valley District has purchased a Rocket Fin Alignment Guide available to check-out to assist with this process!

Contact your local 4-H Program Manager to take advantage of this instrument!



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## **RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT HIRING CROP PRODUCTION DISTRICT EXTENSION AGENT**

The River Valley District needs your help!

We ask our 4-H families to share the following information with anyone you know that might be qualified and interested in joining our great Extension Education team here in the River Valley District as our District Extension Agent-Crop Production. A degree in agronomy or related ag field, such as Agriculture Education, Agricultural Economics, etc., is required. Contact John Forshee, District Director, for additional information or with any questions at 785-632-5335.

K-State Research and Extension – River Valley District, with offices in Washington, Clay Center, Concordia, and Belleville, is seeking an Extension Agent, Crop Production to be located in the Concordia Office. See: [www.ksre.ksu.edu/jobs](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/jobs) for responsibilities, qualifications, and application procedure. Application Deadline: 3/24/2017.

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