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Virtual 4-H

The past few months have looked very different for all of us. River Valley District 4-H is no exception. The spring months are often full of club meetings, project meetings, and preparing for exciting events like Discovery Days and 4-H Camp. However, our 4-H Clubs have not been able to participate in face-to-face meetings or in-person programming since the middle of March.

Despite not being able to meet in-person, our 4-H clubs and councils have adapted by participating virtually over Zoom or other forms of telecommunication. We want to thank our 4-H youth, families, and volunteers for trying new things during this difficult time.

The River Valley District 4-H Team and other RVED Agents are trying something new as well. We are working on some virtual day-camp experiences for our 4-H youth to participate in at the end of the month and in early June. The first virtual day-camp series is called “Becoming Adult-ish.” These sessions will focus on introducing our older 4-H youth to tasks they may encounter in the next few years, such as creating a casserole, money management, vehicle maintenance, and more.

The second virtual day-camp series will be focused on fair project preparation. RVED Agents, 4-H Staff, and volunteers will present on how to prepare your project for the fair. Some topics include fitting livestock, how-to display vegetables, preparing fiber and visual arts, and more. Again, these camps will take place over Zoom with dates and times announced soon.

We want to thank our 4-H clubs, youth, families, and volunteers for meeting virtually so 4-H business can continue during this time. As a reminder per K-State Research and Extension’s protocol for Covid-19, no programming, meetings, or events can take place in-person until after July 4th, 2020.

To learn more about 4-H in the River Valley District or with questions about 4-H, contact Jordan Schuette at 785-527-5084 or jschuette@ksu.edu.