MAY – Countdown Time!

- **Shooting Sports – Shotgun**  For those enrolled in 4-H Shotgun, practice will begin on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Beginners will start at 6:30 p.m.; others will start at 6:00 p.m.

- **Shutterbug Events**  4-H photographers here is a few Shutterbug events for you....mark your calendars if you are interested. May 1st – Wichita Botanica Gardens; May 8th – Garden City Zoo; October 9th – Hays Ag Research Station; November 6th – Oskaloosa

- **Edwards County Fair Photography Contests**  We have a new sponsor for the youth contest; thank you to Jody Wetzel of Jody Wetzel Rental Properties! The theme is “Every Day Miracles”. The theme for the Rural Life Photo Contest is “Weather”. Start snapping those photos!

- **Edwards County Fair Special Contests**  This year the Fair Board added a few new contests! The special contests for the Fair this year are: Cinnamon Roll Baking Contests, Jerky Contest, Salsa Contest along the favorites: Lego Building, Quilt Block, and Barn Quilt.

- **Applying for Youth Loans**
  The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is $5,000.

**Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:**
- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA’s general eligibility requirements
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

For help preparing the application forms, contact your Edwards County USDA Service Center at 620-659-3142 or visit fsa.usda.gov.

- **Youth Livestock Educational Resources**  There are several youth livestock project resources available on the KSU Youth Livestock program website, including digital versions of the show guides, videos, and graphics. They may be found under the “Educational Resources” tab on the website. The 2020 junior sheep day videos, as well as the content from the 2021 virtual junior swine and meat goat producer weeks, are available to those who may find them useful. These materials are linked on the website, as well as other educational resources released in previous years; [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/)

- **4-H Council Meeting**, April 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Building. Northern Star 4-H Club is the host. Make sure your club is represented as this will be an important meeting. Also please have a name for your club's Fair Concession Stand day manager/committee member as they will be meeting soon.
Campference 2021 4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2021), and will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better communicate with others. We encourage delegates to register early as the space will fill on a first come basis and Campference was full the last five in person years. Register online by May 5 (or earlier, it will close when it is full).

Discovery Days Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. The event will be held on June 1-4th, 2021. The decision to again use the virtual format was not taken lightly as the preferred format for the event would definitely be in-person.

If you are a new family to 4-H, please go to: https://www.edwards.k-state.edu/4-h/ or feel free to contact your community club leaders or the Extension Office staff.

Remember, we will have a closed Edwards County 4-H page on Facebook for only 4-H members. Families will be invited to join this page. We will post newsletters, and information about upcoming events on this page. If you have not been added, please contact the Extension Office.

As always, if you have questions or need more information, please don’t hesitate to contact the Edwards County Extension Office, 620-659-2149. We are here to help!

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