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4-H News

River Valley District

**November &
December
2020**

District Club Days

At this time, District Club Days will be going virtual for spring 2021. Please mark your calendars for February 6th and February 13th. We are assuming that virtual club days will take longer than previous in person club days, that is why we have marked out two Saturdays. As we continue to plan this event, we ask for your patience, as we will send more information as soon as we have it.

AIR Contest—Application, Interview, & Resume

This year’s Club Day will host the second annual AIR contest for the River Valley District. According to the 4-H Youth Development Study completed at Tufts University, 4-H members are four times more likely to make contributions to their communities.

Whether you want to start a career or further your education after high school graduation, please consider the possibilities to live, work, and play here in the River Valley Extension District. There are many amazing communities in our district and we would love to see our 4-H members become successful, contributing adults right here so our Extension Staff is working together to create this opportunity!

Youth (enrolled in 4-H and 4-H age 16 through 18 as of January 1, 2021) are invited to take part in the AIR Contest – Application, Interview, & Resume Contest. This contest will introduce youth to four companies and potential careers in the River Valley District. Youth will have the opportunity to increase their knowledge and skills while participating in this mock application, interview, and resume contest.

This year, the AIR Contest will showcase four companies in Clay County as District 4-H Club Day was supposed to be held in Clay Center. Applications, cover letters, and resumes will be due with District 4-H Club Day entries on January 4th. The interviews will take place during District 4-H Club Day on Saturday, February 6th via zoom. Interview times will be released with the District 4-H Club Day schedule. More details, including the job descriptions and process, will be available later in November on our website (www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/), in the River Valley Extension District Offices, and mailed to all eligible 4-H members! If you have any questions, please contact your local 4-H Program Manager.

Space Tech—Robotics

Do you love to build, program, create and work on a team? 4-H Robotics may be for you! The River Valley district has a brand new opportunity for their 4-Hers and we cannot wait to get it off the ground. We currently have Dash, Cue, and Ev3 in our district. Our goal is to have a Robotics team in each county that would participate in district wide and regional Robotics challenges. This would give them the opportunity to compete against other 4-Hers in the state.

If you are interested in being a 4-Her or a volunteer in our Robotics program, please fill out this survey. https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1cI6nor5bOIqih

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4-H Volunteers

Beginning in the 2019-2020 4-H program year, the 4-H Volunteer process was modified and streamlined. When you, as an adult 4-H Volunteer, enroll through 4-HOnline, the process will take place of what was prior the paper volunteer application. Once you enter your information in the system this year, you will simply have to reenroll each year (<https://v2.4honline.com>). As you complete your 4-HOnline profile, please remember to complete **ALL** sections, including what project areas you are willing to volunteer with.

If you are a returning 4-H Volunteer and have completed a criminal background check (CBC) within the last 3 years, this may be all you have to do! Your local 4-H Program Manager will contact you if additional information is needed.

If you are a **first year** 4-H Volunteer, your local 4-H Program Manager will be contacting you regarding completing a CBC and additional training that may need to be completed.

Thank you to all of the current River Valley District 4-H Volunteers! The impact a 4-H Volunteer has is truly priceless. While the RVD has been fortunate to have wonderful volunteers, there is a constant need for more adults to lead our 4-H youth!

Take a moment to think about what skills and passions you possess that you could share with 4-H youth. Maybe you have a neighbor, family member, teacher, etc., who would be a great volunteer with 4-H. Help us recruit them to assist with our youth development program! You can share with them the enrollment process or they can contact your local 4-H Program Manager to discuss volunteer options.

State 4-H Scholarships

Each year, Kansas 4-H Foundation and its donors give numerous scholarships to excelling 4-H members. All current 4-H members who are seniors and will be attending college and those past 4-H members who are attending college are encouraged to complete the scholarship application. We are waiting on State 4-H to release the 2021 version of the scholarship. Once it is available, we will post it on our River Valley District 4-H website at www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/scholarship.html or it may be picked up at your local River Valley District Extension Office. In the past, these have been the 8 steps to complete the Kansas 4-H Scholarship application. We do not foresee any changes but will update our eligible members once the applications are released. Please follow the steps carefully and assemble it in the correct order. You will need the following:

1. Completed Kansas 4-H Scholarship application.
2. Transcript.
3. Letter of Recommendation – high school or college personnel.
4. Letter of Recommendation – 4-H leader or Extension staff.
5. One-page list of 4-H leadership, community service, participation, and recognition.
6. One-page essay on how “4-H has impacted me.”
7. One-page list of non-4-H leadership, community service, participation, and recognition in school and community.
8. Short paragraph about educational and long-term career goals.

Don't wait until the last minute. Ask for letters of recommendation as early as possible to be considerate of others and their busy schedules!

A lot of the information will be on your permanent record IF you kept it up to date correctly, including your participation, leadership, citizenship and recognition.

Good luck to all River Valley District 4-H members! Completed applications and all supporting materials are due back to your local River Valley District Extension Office by January 18, 2021 so we are able to deliver scholarship applications to K-State by the deadline.

Officer's Training

This year, we will be holding Officer's Training virtually! We will be sending 4-H Club and Council Officers an email with directions on how to complete this year's Officer Training Scavenger Hunt. This email will include an attachment with questions about how to complete the Scavenger Hunt. The Scavenger Hunt ends November 30 and completed forms must be turned into your local 4-H Program Manager by November 30th to be able to

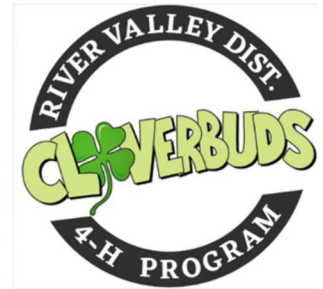
count Officer's Training on pin applications for the 2020-2021 4-H year

Cloverbuds

The future of 4-H just keeps getting brighter! The River Valley district is excited to announce that Cloverbuds is being brought back. Cloverbuds is an educational, youth development opportunity for 5- and 6-year-old children. The program is planned to launch on January 1, 2021

If you are interested in being a volunteer or having your child participate in Cloverbuds, please fill out this quick survey. https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8deUt1EXcfoogq9

Enrollment is NOW open. You may enroll by going to <https://v2.4honline.com>.



Ambassadors

4-H youth from across the district have applied, interviewed and received the opportunity to be a 4-H ambassador! These high school age members will serve their county by promoting 4-H.

The following youth and advisors will be serving as 4-H Ambassadors for the 2020-2021 year!

RVD – Clay County: Haylie Avery, Katie Brady, Kaley Chambers, Reece Geer, Allison James, Ryan McClure. Judy Stitt - Advisor

RVD – Cloud County: Levi Cool, Hana Cool, Bricen Benyshek, Gunner Boden, Cole Stahlman, Gabe Walter. K'Lynn Barr and Angel Hale – Advisors

RVD – Republic County: Blake Aurand, Kaylee Bray, Natalee Bray, Josiah Field, Sherice Frasier, Andrew Hubert, Trey Melton, Kiersten Morgan, Ella Pachta, Zachary Piroutek, Cameron Reynolds, Kendall Reynolds, Terin Rundus. Lauren Field – Advisor

RVD – Washington County: Madison Bruna, Carly Kolle, Carissa Kolle, Reanna Rencin, Cloe Sinn, Aliyah Sinn. Katlin Bruna – Advisor

48 Hours of 4-H Activities

Some of our River Valley 4-Hers gave up part of their weekend on October 10th & 11th to give back to their communities during 48 Hours of 4-H. This happens every year during National 4-H week. Thank you to those clubs who submitted photos and information!

The Linn Livewires 4-H Club met on Sunday, October 11th to participate in 48 Hours of 4-H. They decorated mini pumpkins and made cards for the residents of the Linn Nursing Home. They also helped organize and participate in a parade for the nursing home residents. Twenty-two 4-H members participated in this event.



The Lucky Four 4-H Club went to the Park Villa Nursing Home in Clyde, KS, for their 48 Hours of 4-H. The youth showed off their 4-H projects to the nursing home residents through the windows of the building. They wanted to provide entertainment while also getting to interact with the residents. They also wanted the 4-Hers to understand the importance of making time for the elderly and the impact it makes on both the youth and the residents. The Lucky Four 4-H Club was recognized by the local newspaper during this event. They hope this promotion sheds a light on what their 4-Hers do and will help gain interest in supporting 4-H and new membership. Twenty-two 4-H members, leaders, family, and alumni participated.



The Happy Workers 4-H Club participated in 48 Hours of 4-H at the Trinity Lutheran Church. They updated the Church's picnic tables by replacing boards that needed to be fixed and giving them all a new coat of paint. The kids had a lot of fun giving back to their community and the picnic tables now look nicer for social gatherings held at the church. They finished up the event by serving up some warm apple cider and muffins for an afternoon treat. Twelve 4-H members participated in the service project.



The Discovery 4-H Club spent a beautiful afternoon laughing, talking, and even singing while they painted a section of the fence at the Belleville City Cemetery. 48 Hours of 4-H encourages members to make a difference! This year the Discovery 4-H Club had a great day using the 3rd H in our pledge – “Hands to larger service”. Eight members and ten parents participated in this event.



The Hill and Dale and Clyde Roadrunners 4-H Clubs put on a local food drive for their 48 Hours of 4-H. They gathered approximately 100 pounds of food! During the event they played corn hole and gaga ball. They even had 10 new families come to the event. Hill and Dale 4-H club would love to make this an annual event that grows with each year



The Countryside Crusaders headed to the Clay County fairgrounds on Sunday, October 11th for their 48 Hours of 4-H. The club helped clean up the fairgrounds by removing bushes, trimming trees and trimming over grown branches. They followed up the event by having their monthly meeting and carving pumpkins.



The Lincoln Creek 4-H Club donated to the blessing box for their 48 Hours of 4-H. The blessing box is located at the Clay Center United Methodist Church. There are several blessing boxes located around our district. A blessing box is a cabinet that contains, nonperishable food, toiletries, cleaning supplies and even sometimes school supplies. The idea behind the blessing box is to aid individuals and families in need in our communities.



The Eager Beavers participated in 48 Hours of 4-H on Sunday, October 11th. For their service project, they headed to clean-up the community garden next to the post office in Courtland. They raked and picked up leaves, swept the walkway and much more. Eight 4-H members participated in this event.



Shooting Sports

River Valley District 4-H offers five Shooting Sports disciplines – **BB Gun, Air Rifle, Archery, Small Bore Rifle (22), and Shot Gun**. We host all Shooting Sports Safety Meetings, Practice Shoots, and Fair Shoots at the Cloud County Fairgrounds (East of Concordia – Just south of the intersection of Industrial Road and Kansas Highway 9). This year, all Safety Meetings and Registrations will take place in the Hosie Building.

Eligibility & Requirements

Per National and State 4-H Bylaws, enrolled 4-H members between the 4-H ages of 8 to 18 (before January 1st, 2021) are eligible to participate in Shooting Sports. Kansas 4-H competitive age is 9 (before January 1st, 2021), a state event or state qualifying match. Youth must be enrolled in the project through 4-H Online and attend a safety meeting. Our Shooting Sports instructors may determine if youth are developmentally able to participate in each discipline. A parent/guardian **MUST** accompany youth to each discipline at each shoot.

Safety Meetings

Our coordinator and instructors host two safety meetings each year. All participating 4-H'ers **MUST** attend one of these two safety meeting before they can participate in Shooting Sports. A parent/guardian **MUST** accompany youth to the Safety Meeting. Completing paperwork for Shooting Sports will occur after the safety meeting and all youth may shoot following the completion of their paperwork and payment received.

Sunday, November 1 st , 2020	1:00 p.m. Registration (Practice Shoot followed immediately)
Sunday, January 17 th , 2021	1:00 p.m. Registration (Practice Shoot immediately following)

Registration & Sign-In

Each day Shooting Sports events are held, youth **MUST check-in** with our volunteers at the Hosie Building before going to any discipline. When you check-in, you will receive a name tag. You must have this name tag on before any instructor will allow you to participate. Once you have completed your disciplines for the day, you **MUST** check-out at the Hosie Building. **Failing to check-in and/or -out will result in no credit for that shoot.**

At each discipline, instructors will have a sign-in sheet. After practicing that discipline, instructors will have youth sign-in acknowledging participation. **Failing to sign-in at each discipline will result in no credit for that shoot.**

Practice Shoots:

Sunday, January 17 th , 2021	1:00 p.m. Registration (Practice Shoot following immediately)
Sunday, January 31 st , 2021	1:00 p.m. Registration (Practice Shoot following immediately)
Sunday, February 21 st , 2021	1:00 p.m. Registration (Practice Shoot following immediately)
Sunday, March 21 st , 2021	1:00 p.m. Registration (Practice Shoot following immediately)
Sunday, April 11 th , 2021	1:00 p.m. Registration (Practice Shoot following immediately)
*Sunday, May 2 nd , 2021	1:00 p.m. Registration (Practice Shoot following immediately)

**May 2nd will be a make-up date for any previously cancelled shoots due to weather.*

To help alleviate the waiting times at the disciplines, we have implemented a time schedule. These times are for Practice and Fair Shoot dates only. Safety Meetings will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. with shooting following immediately for all youth. The last time for check-in will be 2:30 p.m. Youth will **NOT** be allowed to participate if they check-in after this time.

**RVD Clay County & RVD Cloud County
RVD Republic County & RVD Washington County**

**1:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.**

Fair Shoot

To participate in the Fair Shoot, each 4-H'er must complete FOUR regular practice shoots in each discipline prior to the Fair Shoot. If this requirement is not met, youth may still participate in the Fair Shoot, but will be dropped one ribbon place per discipline in which the four practice shoot requirement is not met.

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. Youth are NOT able to complete a practice shoot and the Fair Shoot on the same day.

Sunday, May 23rd, 2021 (Fair Shoot #1 OR Practice Shoot)
Sunday, June 13th, 2021 (Fair Shoot #2)

County Champions

Results from the Fair Shoot will be displayed at your local county fair. In order to be eligible to be a county champion, 4-H'ers must participate in the following throughout the year and at the Fair Shoot:

Seniors (14-18 4-H age) must do four out of the five disciplines
Juniors (8-13 4-H age) must do three out of the five disciplines

If a 4-H'er chooses to do all disciplines at the Fair Shoot, only their top scores will be used. The lowest discipline score (s) will be dropped. (*Example: A 10-year-old 4-H'er competes in all five disciplines. She does best at Archery, Shot Gun, and BB Gun. These three scores are used to calculate her overall score. Her two lowest scores are not used to calculate her overall score for County Champion consideration.*)

Fees

Shooting Sports fees help cover the expenses of materials, instructor training, etc. The total cost due per 4-H member will depend on which disciplines the 4-H'er is participating in. If they want to participate in all disciplines, the total cost due is \$25. All fees **MUST** be paid prior to youth participating in their first shoot.

\$5 for combination of Archery, BB, and Air Rifle
\$5 for Small Bore Rifle (22)
\$15 for Shotgun

NOTE: If your 4-H'er was enrolled and paid to participate in Shooting Sports during the 2019-2020 4-H year, this year's fees will be waived due to the many cancellations of COVID-19.

Shooting Sports – Trap Team

In addition to the general 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines, River Valley District 4-H offers a Trap Team. Trap Team shoots 50 clays from 5 trap pads 16 yards behind the thrower. The Trap Team Shoots are held at the Cloud County Fairgrounds (East of Concordia – Just south of the intersection of Industrial Road and Kansas Highway 9).

Eligibility & Requirements

Enrolled 4-H members between the 4-H ages of 8 – 18 (before January 1st, 2021) are eligible to participate in the Trap Team, but must also be enrolled in Shooting Sports – Shot Gun on 4-HOnline and a paid and bona fide member of the Shooting Sports Shot Gun discipline. Our Shooting Sports instructors may determine if youth are developmentally able to participate on the Trap Team.

Shoots

Trap Team Shoots will be held after the completion of the regular Shooting Sports practice and fair shoots. Additional times may be scheduled at different times by the instructors. The State Qualifying Matches will be held over the summer in varying locations, and the River Valley District will host a State Shot Gun Qualifying Shoot on Saturday, August 14th, 2021. The State Trap Shoot being held in October 2021. Youth must be 4-H age 13-18 to participate in the State Trap Shoot competition.

Fees & Equipment

In addition to being a paid member of the Shot Gun discipline, youth must pay \$15 to participate on the Trap Team and must provide their own shells for every shoot.

Weather

If we have to cancel a shoot due to weather, we will put an announcement on area radio stations, send an e-mail to all 4-H families with youth enrolled in Shooting Sports, and post it on the "River Valley 4-H" Facebook page. If you hear of a cancellation, please help us by contacting fellow 4-H members with the news!

Please read all policies and requirements for participation on our website at: https://www.rivervalley.k-state.edu/4-h/project_information.html If you have any questions regarding Shooting Sports or Trap Team, please contact your local 4-H Program Manager.



RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Highlight, circle, underline, etc. the important dates for your family to remember!

Then, use this calendar as a reminder – place it on your fridge, with your calendar, on your bulletin board, etc.!

Date	Time	Event	Location
November			
11/1	1pm	Shooting Sports – Safety Meeting & Shoot	Fairgrounds – Concordia
11/2		4-H Financial Reviews Due	RVD Extension Offices
11/9	7pm	Officer Training Q&A	Zoom
11/10		Registration Due – KYLF	Online
11/11		RVD Offices Closed – Veterans Day	RVD Extension Offices
11/21-11/22		KYLF	Virtual
11/26-11/27		RVD Offices Closed – Thanksgiving	RVD Extension Offices
11/30		4-H Officers Scavenger Hunt forms due	RVD Extension Offices
December			
12/03	6-7 pm	RVD Club Leader Collaboration Meeting	Zoom
12/07	6:30 pm	Clay Co Ambassador Meeting	Zoom
12/07	7:00 pm	Clay Co Junior Leader Meeting	Zoom
12/07	7:45 pm	Clay Co Council Meeting	Zoom
12/13	3:00 pm	Ambassador Training	Zoom
12/14	7:30 pm	Washington Co Council Meeting	Zoom
12/24-12/31		RVD Offices Closed	RVD Extension Offices
January:			
1/01		RVD Offices Closed – New Year Day	RVD Extension Offices
1/04	7:30 pm	Republic Co 4-H Council Meeting	Zoom
1/09		Tentatively RVD Rabbit Show	
1/25	7pm	RVD – Cloud County 4-H Council	Courthouse Meeting Room
1/17	1pm	Shooting Sports Safety Meeting/Practice Shoot	Fairgrounds – Concordia
1/18		Sr KAP due for NE Area Judging	RVD Extension Offices
1/31	1pm	Shooting Sports – Practice Shoot	Fairgrounds – Concordia
February:			
2/01	6:30 pm	Clay Co Ambassador Meeting	Zoom
2/01	7:00 pm	Clay Co Junior Leader Meeting	Zoom
2/01	7:45 pm	Clay Co Council Meeting	Zoom
2/06		Virtual District Club Days	Zoom
2/08	7:30 pm	Washington Co Council Meeting	Zoom
2/13		Virtual District Club Days	Zoom
2/21	1pm	Shooting Sports – Practice Shoot	Fairgrounds – Concordia
March:			
3/01	7:30 pm	Republic Co 4-H Council	
3/ 13	9-11 am	Beef Weigh In/Tagging	Animal Health Center- Washington
3/13	1-2:30 pm	Beef Weigh In/Tagging	Salava Vet Clinic- Clay Center
3/15	5:30 pm	YQCA	Fairgrounds-Concordia
3/21	2-4 pm	Beef Weigh In/Tagging	81 Livestock Sale Barn-Belleville
3/21	5:30-7 pm	Beef Weigh In/Tagging	Cloud County Fairgrounds-Concordia
3/21	1pm	Shooting Sports – Practice Shoot	Fairgrounds – Concordia
3/22	7pm	Cloud Co 4-H Council	Courthouse Meeting Room

Virtual Ambassador Training



SAVE THE DATE

12.
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3:00 pm - 5:00 pm



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Leaders Collaboration Meeting

As the new 4-H year is beginning, so are the terms for many new club leaders across the River Valley District. As the Program Managers reach out to help in ways to keep involved with leaders and volunteers, we want to give the opportunity to meet on a Bi-Monthly basis to allow leaders to get a direct update of all RVD information needed and be able to have time to ask questions, hear what other clubs might do in a situation, etc.

We ask that at least 1 leader attends these meetings! Please work with fellow leaders in your clubs to find a rotation schedule or appoint 1 leader to attend and report back to others. These meetings will begin in December. Please see emails as new information is provided. If you have any questions about this new opportunity, please contact your local 4-H Program Manager.

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