May 4-H Newsletter

Deadline Reminder

Projects/Livestock that are not entered in 4-H Online by May 15th will not be eligible to be exhibited/shown. Discretion may be used for unique circumstances.

May 15th is the final day that 4-H members can make changes to their project enrollment. Make sure you have selected only the projects you intend to show at the county/state fair within 4-H Online.

All applicable livestock species* need to be correctly identified (with the proper forms of ID) in the 4-H Online system by May 15th. A copy of appropriate registrations papers, DNA hair samples, and any County Born & Raised Beef papers need to be turned into the Extension Office by May 15th as well.

*Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine
Poultry information will be entered at a later time in FairEntry.

Animal Tagging Dates

Swine: May 10th & 11th

Poultry/Rabbit: May 11th

Enrollment Numbers

Mini 4-H: 84

4-H Members: 365

Volunteers: 50

IQLC/YQCA

If you did not attend a Decatur County IQLC training, it is expected that you complete the online YQCA training or an IQLC training in another county. Upon completion, a copy of the IQLC/YQCA certificate must be provided to the office. This must be completed and submitted to the office by June 15th.

Shout Out

Parents/Guardians - do you want to get involved in 4-H? We are always looking for more volunteers! Please reach out for more information.

Fair Dates

Thursday, July 11th - Wednesday, July 17th. The Fair Parade will take place on Sunday, July 14th.

Project Guidelines

In an attempt to reduce large quantities of printing we would like to encourage you to utilize the 4-H project guidelines that are available for download on the website (bit.ly/40uW5O3). Upon request, we will print the project guidelines.

4-H Books

With the 4-H Exhibition quickly approaching, we ask that you PLEASE contact the office in advance to prepare your books for pickup. If you are unable to come into the office during office hours, we will place them in a pick-up box on the bench. If you are participating in Arts & Crafts or Mini 4-H, please let us know which project(s) you plan to complete to receive the correct materials.

FairEntry Dates

The registration window for project entry is June 1st - June 15th. All members need to have all their projects selected and entered by June 15th in order to exhibit/show at the fair. It is recommended to note these dates and submit projects before the final deadline.

Grounds Fees & Auction Sign Up

Grounds fees forms have been updated and are available on the website, for pick up at tag day, or for pickup in the office. These forms need to be completed and turned into the office by June 1st. Please visit the following link to sign up for an auction day duty: https://bit.ly/3UjA5o6

Livestock & Judging Schedules

The livestock and project check-in schedules have been finalized and can be found on the website.

Please note that Poultry check-in is Wednesday, July 10th from 12 pm - 4pm. The Poultry show has also been moved to Thursday, July 11th starting at 9 am. The Sheep show has also been moved to a 10 am start time on Sunday, July 14th.

Communication Change

With the 4-H Exhibition quickly approaching, I want to ensure everyone is aware that I will be going on maternity leave starting in June. Please be aware that information will still be communicated with you, but will be coming from someone else in the office (Christopher Fogle, Lana Martin, Bonita Hellmich).

Mini 4-H

As a reminder, youth in grades k-2 may enroll in Mini 4-H. This must be completed through 4-H Online by May 15th. Mini 4-H members may participate in livestock projects and must sign up for the appropriate Mini 4-H class in FairEntry if wanting to show.

General Item Pricing

4-H Enrollment: $20
Mini 4-H Enrollment: $5

*Books:
Green Record Folder: $1
Farm Record Book: $20

*Electric:
Circuit Board: $20
Magnetic Shake Light: $25
Trouble Light: $40
Extension Cord Kit: $30

*Posters & Sleeves:
Standard Sleeve (22x28): $1
Salon Sleeve (16x20): $1
Standard Backing Board (22x28): $4

Livestock Tags (per animal): $3

*Prices are subject to change