**COUNTY EVENTS**

**2015 COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION**

The 2015 Sanpete County Fair will be held August 22nd-29th. All 4-H county fair exhibits will be entered using the County Fair program that has been used in the past. If you are planning to enter exhibits into the county fair, you need to be registered in the 4-H Online system by Saturday, July 18th. Instructions for registering in the online system can be found at [http://extension.usu.edu/sanpete/htm/4-h](http://extension.usu.edu/sanpete/htm/4-h).

We will not be mailing out the fair book this year, but all county fair information, including the 2015 Fair Book, can be found at [http://extension.usu.edu/sanpete/htm/4-h](http://extension.usu.edu/sanpete/htm/4-h). If you have any questions about county fair registration, please call the Extension office at 283-3472.

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**IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES**

**JULY 18, 2015**

All 4-H members and leaders must be registered in the 4-H Online enrollment system in order to enter exhibits in the county fair. For more information about registering for 4-H, go to [http://utah4h.org/htm/staff-resources/4-h-online-support](http://utah4h.org/htm/staff-resources/4-h-online-support).

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**AUGUST 8, 2015 (11:59 p.m.)**

All 4-H fair exhibit entries must be entered online at [https://utah4hreg.usu.edu/cf/](https://utah4hreg.usu.edu/cf/). Online registration must be completed by 4-H Club Leaders and requires an active email account. Assistance in completing online entries is available by calling the Extension Office at 283-3472.

*4-H Afterschool members need to contact Cheryl Bartholomew at cheryl.bartholomew@usu.edu by Sunday, August 8th to enter fair exhibits.*

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**AUGUST 22, 2015 (1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.)**

4-H entries will be accepted at the Exhibit Building. (Exceptions include Fresh Produce and Baked Goods)

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**AUGUST 25, 2015 (8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.)**

Fresh Produce and Baked Goods will be accepted at the Exhibit Building. (Building will be closed for judging at 9:00 a.m.)

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**AUGUST 26, 2015 (2:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.)**

4-H Exhibit Building open to public.

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**AUGUST 27-29, 2015 (11:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.)**

4-H Exhibit Building open to public.

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**AUGUST 31, 2015 (3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.)**

4-H members are responsible for picking up fair entries and premium money.
2015 State Contests Information

2015 State Contests will be held July 13th-July 15th at the USU campus in Logan, UT. State Contests are a great way for youth in grades 9-12 to showcase their talents by competing with other youth throughout the state. State Contests also provide opportunities to make new friends through State sponsored activities held over the three day event. For more information about 4-H State Contests, go to http://utah4h.org/htm/events-registration/state-contests/. 4-H leaders and/or parents are responsible for transportation of youth participants to and from USU.

Registration for 2015 State Contests ends on July 1st. If you would like to participate in 4-H State Contests, please fill out the State Contest Registration form and return it to the Extension office or email it to Shannon Cromwell at shannon.cromwell@usu.edu by Tuesday, June 30th at 4:00 p.m.

State Contest Registration Form: http://utah4h.org/files/uploads/EventsAndRegistration/StateContests/2014/IndividualRegistrationForm.pdf

4-H Horse Information

The 2015 4-H Horse shows will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 28th
- Tuesday, August 11th
- Thursday, August 20th

All shows will be held at the Manti arena with registration beginning at 4:00 and tests beginning at 4:30. Showmanship will follow at 5:00. In addition, a Western 4-H Open Horse Show will be held at the Manti Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 18th at 8:00 a.m. The cost for participation will be $20.00. To pre-register or for more information, please contact Laura Lister at lpwright85@hotmail.com.

4-H Exhibit Guidelines

1. Enrolled 4-H members have the opportunity to showcase their blue-ribbon quality projects created after the 2014 fair.
2. All entries must be registered online at https://utah4hreg.usu.edu/cf/ no later than 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, August 8th. Entry tags need to be printed off and attached to each item before check-in. Only online entries will be accepted and no entries will be accepted after 11:59 p.m. on August 8th.
3. All entries must be stable enough to be handled and moved.
4. Food entries must not need refrigeration and will not be returned.
5. 4-H members must provide hangers for clothing entries.
6. Entries are limited to 1 item per lot within a class. (Exceptions include Food Preservation: 3 items of different fruits and 3 items of different vegetables and Gardening: unlimited items in each lot).
7. The Utah State 4-H Fair Book serves as a guide for classes and lots of all entries.

http://utah4h.org/htm/events-registration/utah-state-fair.

With the 2015 County Fair rapidly approaching, we would like to remind all 4-H livestock leaders and members of some important dates:

- Barn Set-Up & Test August 24th at 5:00 PM
- Final Weigh-in August 26th from 5:00-8:00 PM
- Exhibitor Meeting August 26th at 7:00 PM
- Livestock Judging Contest August 26th at 7:30 PM
- Junior Livestock Show
  - Swine: August 27th at 9:00 AM
  - Lambs: August 27th at 1:00 PM
  - Beef: August 28th at 1:00 PM
- Junior Livestock Sale August 29th
  - Buyers’ Breakfast: 9:00 AM
  - Auction: 10:00 AM

The 2015 Junior Livestock Rulebook and Livestock Study Guides can be found on the Sanpete County Extension website at: https://extension.usu.edu/sanpete/htm/4-h/livestock.
2014-2015 4-H Afterschool Outcomes & Impacts

• Approximately 160 youth in 7 elementary schools participated in positive youth development activities each week.

• Over 1,000 individuals participated in 4-H Family Fun Night activities during the 2014-2015 school year.

• The community service learning aspect of the 4-H After-school Avenues program will be presented at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents conference this fall in Portland, Oregon. The conference brings 4-H Agents from across the country together, and will be a great opportunity to share Sanpete County’s 4-H Afterschool program.

• The Family Fun Night Survey that was distributed to all parents with 4-H Afterschool youth indicated that:
  • 81% of respondents strongly agreed that 4-H Family Fun Nights provided positive structured activities for their family.
  • 69% of respondents strongly agreed that 4-H Family Fun Nights provided opportunities to communicate with their child(ren) through hands-on activities.
  • 76% of respondents strongly agreed that 4-H Family Fun Nights provided inexpensive opportunities to strengthen family relationships and build family bonds.
  • 52% of respondents strongly agreed that 4-H Family Fun Nights provided a connection to their child(ren)’s school.

Additionally, two open-ended questions provided qualitative data from parents that aimed to determine the reasons for family participation in the events, and to determine if any positive changes had occurred within their families due to participation. Reasons for participation resulted in a reoccurring theme that focused around family togetherness and bonding. Parent responses included:
  • “We enjoy the time together. It gives us some where positive to go.”
  • “My children love it and it’s a safe place for them to feel independent.”
  • “To spend some fun and quality time with my child while participating in wholesome (non-electronic) activities.”

Parents also shared many positive changes that had occurred within their family due to participation in 4-H Family Fun Night events. Responses included:
  • “Our kids have developed friendships and have expanded their talents.”
  • “I have gained more patience with my children and let them have more hands on with other activities and they take turns more, and get along better.”
  • “As a family, we have learned some new things, strengthened our ties to each other and to other families in the community.”

Just a reminder, you must allow at least two weeks for your 4-H registration to process in the online system. Please do not wait until the last minute to register for 4-H.
Dear 4-H Families,

The culmination of another 4-H year is upon us, and we are looking forward to a great 2015 County Fair to celebrate the hard work and dedication of all of our 4-H members. We encourage you to pay close attention to the important fair dates and deadlines listed throughout the newsletter. In order to have a successful county fair, we would like to remind all 4-H leaders and members that:

- The 4-H member is more important than the project or ribbon.
- No 4-H award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a 4-H member or leader.
- A 4-H’er will gain valuable life skills by having a blue ribbon attitude no matter what color of ribbon they earn.
- Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to achieve some degree of success, and to be praised.
- Our job is to teach 4-H members how to think, not what to think.

Please help us to make this year’s county fair a fun, safe environment for all of our 4-H members and leaders. We look forward to seeing everyone at the county fair.

Matt Palmer & Shannon Cromwell

Do you have fun pictures of your 4-H Activities?

Send them to kaden.hanks@usu.edu and your pictures could be featured on the Sanpete County 4-H Facebook page!