

May 22, 2023

***Read letter very carefully***

Dear 4-H Family:

Summer is upon us and the Riley County Fair will be here before you know it. For Riley County Fair 2023 there are some changes that we enacted in 2022 that we need you to be aware of. First and foremost, we will once again be using the Fair Entry online program for pre-entering **all 4-H exhibits**. This includes every project coming to the Riley County Fair; indoor static exhibits, all livestock exhibits, showmanship, as well as Cloverbud projects. Each separate project must have a pre-entry (i.e. 3 foods items, 3 separate pre-entries)

To access the Fair Entry program, all 4-H families will use their 4-H Online login. If you did not enroll in a particular project as of May 1, 2023, the program will not allow you to pre-enter or exhibit in that project area at the 2023 fair. You will follow the steps on the program for your entries. **The Fair Entry program will open for dog entries on May 22 and will close on May 31. All other exhibits, pre-entries open on June 6 and will close on July 1.**

To assist you in using the Fair Entry program, we will be posting a guide and video in the coming weeks. These tools will be housed in the 'Hot Topics' portion of our Riley County Extension landing page at [www.riley.ksu.edu](http://www.riley.ksu.edu). We highly suggest using a computer or tablet. Entering information in the Fair Entry program can be difficult on a cell phone.

The final part of the fair preparation process will be selecting an interview judging time-slot, as we have done in the past, for all indoor static exhibits. **All indoor exhibits must be interview judged.** These links will be sent out on July 3 and will remain open until midnight on July 10.

As part of this new program, all entry cards will be printed in-house from the project information provided during the pre-entry process. **Therefore, you will not need to fill out entry cards prior to coming to the fair.**

Exhibits in the Miscellaneous "Other" section that will require a display area larger than 2' x 3' (refer to page 73 of the fair book) must reserve space by July 1, by calling 785-537-6350. Home Environment exhibitors that need floor space for an exhibit (see page 42 of the fair book) must also call the office by July 1.

**\*FIBER ARTS, CLOTHING AND FASHION REVUE \***

Clothing, knitting or crocheting project members are eligible to participate in the Fashion Revue on **Thursday, July 20** at the Manhattan Catholic School Junior High (306 S. Juliette). **Use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by July 1** and your script(s) for the evening revue will be **DUE July 7**. The script(s) is the responsibility of the 4-H'er and will be submitted via a Google form that will come out via email from Brandy in early July. The description should be 4 to 5 sentences; longer descriptions will be edited. If you have questions about writing a description, please contact the office, 785-537-6350. Judging forms and a schedule will be mailed to all fashion revue participants. These judging forms will need to be filled out and brought with you to fashion revue judging on **July 20**. The public evening revue will also be held at the Manhattan Catholic School Junior High (306 S. Juliette). \*Cloverbuds will **use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by July 1** for fashion revue and clothing construction.

**\*CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION\***

All clothing construction will be judged on **Thursday, July 20** in conjunction with the fashion revue. This includes all classes listed in the Clothing and Textiles department (constructed article, garment or outfit, recycled clothing item, educational exhibit and the new class "A Case for the Cause"). For information on the new class, refer to the Fair book. Clothing construction members and Cloverbuds **use the Fair Entry program to pre-enter by July 1**.

Finally, each Cloverbud and 4-H member will find enclosed a Pop Stand Coupon. It is good for \$2 off your order at the 4-H Pop Stand, located next to Hurlburt Arena. Please use your coupon at the fair July 27-31. Unable to attend, feel free to give it to a 4-H friend. No change is given. Coupons are donated by Riley County Farm Bureau.

Watch your emails for more project-specific information in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call 785-537-6350.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Pop Stand Coupon