Kansas State Fair Update – April 16th

The following are changes for Kansas State Fair Static and Small Animal Exhibitors. They are still working on a schedule for the Kansas State Fair and clarifying exhibits, so more changes could be coming. You can find the entire Kansas State Fair book at: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html

Kansas 4-H members must be age 9 before January 1, 2021 to exhibit at the 2021 Kansas State Fair.

- No fair premiums this year, except for possibly sponsored livestock shows.

- The Kansas State Fair Dog Show will follow the rules as listed in the published Kansas 4-H Dog Show Rule Book 4H1120, updated January 2021.

- **Food Preservation:** Untested recipes will be disqualified for food safety reasons. Tested recipe resources include: K-State Research & Extension Food Preservation Publications, Other University Extension Food Preservation Publications, USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, So Easy to Preserve 6th Edition from The University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service, Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving, Ball Complete Book Of Home Preserving, Canning Mixes (i.e. Mrs Wage’s, Ball), Pectin Manufacturers (i.e. SureJell, Ball), and www.rrc.k-state.edu/preservation/recipes.html. The *All New Ball Book of Canning and Preserving* is no longer an accepted tested recipe source.

- **SpaceTech** changed to STEM and added Categories 4-H STEM AG Mechanics (Welding) and 4-H STEM Architectural Block Construction (building blocks). See State Fair Book for all the rules and information on these classes. For 2021, 4-H members do not have to be enrolled in the STEM Ag Mechanics or STEM Architectural Block Construction to participate in these events.

- **Visual Arts:** Kansas State Fair Visual Arts is now a competitive department instead of a showcase like previous years.
  - Each County is limited to 1 entry from each of the five categories
    - **Fine Arts** (oil, chalk, charcoal, dyes, pastels, ink, acrylic, or water color on canvas, canvas board, paper, wood, metal or textiles, framed as a picture and prepared for hanging. Stretched canvas art on a wood frame is considered prepared for hanging if frame has a hanger.)
    - **Clay and Ceramics** (Any original item made of clay may be fired or unfired, hand formed or thrown on a wheel. Self-hardening, fire/oven-cured, and/or cornstarch clays are acceptable. Items can include, but are not limited to, clay statues, bowls, etc.
    - **Leather and Jewelry** (Any leather stamping, carving, tooling, lacing, or stitching piece or any jewelry piece made from any medium are acceptable.)
- **Three-Dimensional** (Exhibits must be observable on at least three sides and should be either free-standing or prepared to be hung. Craft and pre-formed or assembled projects are not acceptable.)

- **General Crafts** (This category incorporates miscellaneous pieces that do not correspond to the four, above-mentioned categories.)
  - A member may only display one visual arts item.
  - Exhibits must be of a manageable size for one person to easily transport and display.
  - Exhibits must be an original design created by the exhibitor. Kits and preformed molds are not considered original and are not acceptable in any State Fair Visual Arts Class. Combining parts of different patterns (pictures, photographs, images from the internet or a magazine) with the member’s own ideas can result in an original design, but simply changing the color, pattern, and/or size of a pattern does not make the design original. If you create a replica of what you see somewhere else (i.e. Pinterest), it is not your original design. If a photo, sketch, or other idea source was used, submit it with your entry, firmly attached to your exhibit.

- **4-H/FFA Dairy Goats**: Added Classes for the Oberhasli Breed.