**Goal:** To create a more purposeful experience for young people in 4-H animal projects that focuses on agriculture by experiencing new activities and growing through project work together. 4-Hers may participate in a range of any animal projects during the Team 4-H season with the goal of having 4-H records up to date by July 15.

**Teams consist of two (2) 4-Hers who must include a special non-4-H member guest at each activity**
- New for 2021, teams will consist of only 2 Lyon County 4-H members. **Teams will earn points when they have a third young person involved** who is an invited guest not related to the members at team activities and not currently involved in a Lyon County 4-H club (but should still be 4-H age 7 to 18). The “guest member” does not need to remain the same person throughout the season. In fact, a guest member can only participate in 6 activities before they are no longer eligible to help the team earn points. The goal is to get new youth and families involved in Lyon County 4-H by making them a part of the team at planned events.
- Only the 2 official 4-H team members will be eligible for the end of the season awards.
- Members may be of any 4-H age (in fact, older 4-Hers are encouraged to partner with younger members for mentoring)
- Members may be from any club in Lyon County
- Members cannot be in the same household
- Members do not have to be enrolled in any specific animal project area, but the focus of the educational opportunity needs to be animal project-related
- No 4-Her may be on more than one Team 4-H area for 2021

**How it works**
- Teams will post activities to a **private Flipgrid group** where all participants in Team 4-H are part of the group/can see the posts.
- Activities are captured with both of the team members and the guest member in the picture. **A caption detailing the goal of the activity and a report including where and what was learned must accompany the picture to count. This is basically a record book entry for a specific project so be sure it’s clear.**
- Activity must be posted as a complete learning experience and should be posted in a timely manner (within 48 hours of completed experience). The third non-4-H member doesn’t have to be at each and every activity of an experience, but must share in documented participation.
- Each activity with properly documented picture and narrative will count for points.
- If the top teams are close in points, there will be an interview process to determine final placings.
- This is a 4-H project-based learning opportunity not specifically tied to a single project area, but includes focusing on the science involved in all areas of life directly related to raising animals.

**Timeline**
Purposeful and meaningful team participation in 4-H project-based learning February 20-July 15, 2021.
Point System
(Remember, points are only earned when both teammates participate in the activity together with a non-4-H guest and it’s properly documented in the private Flipgrid group)

New this year, teams will not get multiple points for posting several steps on completing one project experience. Points are based on meaningful participation and a well-thought-out plan. Think about your project reporting pages (record book) and how you set a goal and report out the achievements.

Kansas 4-H Animal Project Report........................................... 3 pts
Records must be up-to-date and turned into the Extension Office by July 15 (no more than 9 pts total will be awarded to a team)
Southeast Area animal judging contest ......................... 3 pts
Community service project (not each step of project, but the entire process designed and execute)
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County-wide Project meeting attendance ..................... 2 pts
In-depth tour of a facility or business ............................. 2 pts
Story/picture about team’s work in local paper ............. 2 pts
Presentation to a local group about 4-H project work .... 2 pts
Club project meeting.................................................. 1 pt
Club meeting attendance ......................................... 1 pt
   (if not in same club, take picture with leader at each monthly meeting and post on the same post)
Miscellaneous (if applicable to goal) .............................. 1 pt

- Teams will not get multiple points for the same project. If the same project requires multiple steps or days to complete, just keep track of those experiences and post one complete team report.
- The Flipgrid post must include as much detail as possible. Extra points may be awarded when the depth of experience is rich and the 4-Hers and non-4-H member show the experience was meaningful.
- Bonus points given to teams with age diversity (senior 4-Hers mentoring junior/intermediate 4-Hers and non-4-Her team participants)

Points are awarded and tabulated by the Extension Office with the best judgement of the guidelines published. If rules must be adapted, participants will be notified via the Flipgrid group and/or email.

Recognition
1st place team – $250 for each of the two team members
2nd place team – $200 for each of the two team members
3rd place team – $150 for each of the two team members
4th place team – $100 for each of the two team members

Cash awards sponsored by the Emporia Lions Club Cleve Cook Fund.

Teams must earn a minimum of 20 points to be considered for cash awards.

How to Sign your team up
Enroll team via Google Form at: https://tinyurl.com/fd47c0w1
Flipgrid “user names” will be created for each 4-Her and parents/caring adults. Posts can be pictures and narratives, or even videos sharing about the experience.
Contest begins February 20, but team sign-up won’t end until March 15 (However, no back-dating posts.)