



## 4-H SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE CHALLENGE TIMELINE

### DECEMBER

- Online information sessions are available to update staff
- Youth begin to form teams and create relationships with potential 4-H volunteers
- Team registration opens. Coaches are required to register the teams they are working with using the registration link on the Science of Agriculture Challenge website.

### JANUARY-MARCH

- Team registration remains open. Coaches are required to register the teams they are working with using the registration link on the Science of Agriculture Challenge website.
- Youth continue to create teams, explore project topics, develop projects using the Science and Engineering Practices, and connect with potential coaches and mentors.

### APRIL

- **Final Team registration ends April 15<sup>th</sup>.** Coaches are required to register the teams they are working with using the registration link on the Science of Agriculture Challenge website (<http://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/science-engineering-and-technology/SOA.html>) where they identify the following: coach's name, name of each 4-H member and their age, counties represented on the team, the pillar of agricultural literacy that the team's issue will fall within and the team's agricultural issue. Teams will also submit a brief (1-2 paragraphs) description of their issue, the research that was conducted, and the team's recommendations.
- Youth continue to develop projects using the Science and Engineering Practices, meet regularly as a team with their coach(s) and mentor(s).

### JUNE-AUGUST

- Teams can begin competing for the Community Engagement Award. Teams present locally at least two times to prepare for the state event. Locations such as 4-H Council meetings, Extension Council meetings, county commissioners, civic organizations, etc. are recommended.
- Youth continue to develop projects using the Science and Engineering Practices, meet regularly as a team with their coach(s) and mentor(s).

### September

- Youth finish developing their projects using the Science and Engineering Practices.
- Preliminary Event: There will be a **preliminary presentation event held on Sunday, September 16, 2018** during the Kansas State Fair. Teams will be required to participate at this event. The event will serve as an exhibition where teams will give their presentation to a panel of judges and receive feedback that they will use to prepare for the state contest. Teams **must** participate at the preliminary event in order to progress to the state contest.

### NOVEMBER

- **State competition to be held on the campus of Kansas State University, November 2 & 3, 2018.**
- Youth will give their presentation to panels of industry representatives while competing for scholarships. Youth will also attend workplace readiness workshops, go on campus tours, and participate in a College and Career Fair. At the conclusion of the event, there will be an awards luncheon where all youth will be recognized and scholarships will be awarded to the top three teams.

