

Vibrant communities with a positive future.



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Regional Workshop Registration



As you know, April will be a time of Community, Education and Sharing. Thank you to the five communities that have volunteered to host our 2018 Regional Workshops:

Haysville – April 18
Iola – April 19
Grainfield - April 19
Rossville – April 24
Kinsley – April 26

Specific address information will be provided in upcoming Community Opportunities, on our website ([CLICK HERE to visit the site](#)).

Meetings are set for 6pm.

The Iola and Rossville sites will request a \$5 donation to go toward the cost of a meal.

What you can expect:

- Host community highlights
- Program Overview and Updates
- How to apply for Kansas PRIDE Grants
- Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Presentation – The Changing Face of Volunteerism

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Thank you for all that you do, and see you there! – **Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmenon@ksu.edu**

Week of PRIDE 2018 The Theme: Community Partners



Week of PRIDE 2018 – our Annual Call to Community Action – has a theme:

Community Partners

And we know you have COUNTLESS community partnerships (okay, you had over 200 last year, so close anyway). The City, Chamber, Civic Organizations, Extension, the list goes on and on...

For the last three years we have cross promoted with Extension 4-H. For those new to Week of PRIDE this means that we promote their event in the fall (October), and they promote our event during this time of year. We not only promote one another; we encourage you to reach out to each other to find opportunities to collaborate.

If you are interested in partnering with your local 4-H club, reach out to your local Extension Office ([CLICK HERE to go to the Extension County/District page to find contact information for a 4-H Club near you](#)) to find ways to collaborate.

If you are interested in partnering with your local Masonic Lodges, contact us at PRIDE@ksu.edu and we will get you contact information.

– **Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmenon@ksu.edu**

Outside Funding Opportunities



Looking for funding? Click on the \$ to view our *Outside Funding and Other Useful Funding Resources Page*.

K-State Research and Extension has Grant Writing Workshops. Contact PRIDE@ksu.edu or your local Extension Office, to find out if one will be provided near you in 2018.

Volunteers Impact PRIDE Community of Excellence Grant Deadline March 15



There has been an extension for:

Volunteers Impact PRIDE Communities of Excellence Grant (for Communities of Excellence only, that are in good standing).

The deadline has been extended to March 15, 2018.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information and VIP Communities of Excellence Grant application.

Thank you for all that you do, and we cannot wait to see your applications! – **Jaime Menon, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension, jmenon@ksu.edu**



Press Releases – Why and When?



One benefit of letting people know what you plan to do, or what you've done, is that it has the potential to get those people involved. If your local PRIDE group is looking for more volunteers, press releases might help.

Before an event or work project, a press release to your local newspaper, television station, or radio station can let people know what to expect, how the community will benefit, and where and when to gather if they would like to volunteer. After the event or project is complete, a summary of what took place, and pictures can be included in another release. Mention how many people helped or attended. Thank any local businesses or organizations that helped with donations or discounts. In each press release, don't forget to mention a little about your PRIDE group in general, contact information, when and where your meetings are held, and that volunteer opportunities exist.

Not all press releases will be published, but some will, and regular releases will keep your group's name and activities fresh in the reporters', and citizens', minds.

– **Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension** jmsteen@ksu.edu

Photo Contest – Only One Month Left to Submit Your Photos!

We know that it is winter, and photos are hard to come by, but do you have any great photos from the sunny fun times, or even yesteryear that you are very proud of? Submit them for a chance to become semi-famous!



The Rules:

1. Photos must be high quality. This means that when you send them you must send them original size, not compressed. *If you send them from your phone at all you should try to get onto a Wi-Fi network to avoid outrageous data charges.*
2. One photo per community please.
3. A sentence or paragraph about your photo is required so that we can highlight your great works!
4. Have fun!

Send your photos to PRIDE@ksu.edu By April 1, and we will post them to Facebook for voting. We are excited to see your photos!

Don't forget to use a photo release form if any people are in your photos. You can find a copy online here: <https://goo.gl/f3umBn> (website address is case sensitive).



Up for a Community Visit?

Would your PRIDE organization like to be brought up to speed on available opportunities? Have you had a leadership change and would like to make sure you're on the right track? Let us know and we'll work on scheduling a time to meet with you. Send us an email at PRIDE@ksu.edu. – *Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension* jmsteen@ksu.edu

Events Calendar

Quarterly Report Dates:

April 15th

July 15th

October 15th

January 15th



Opportunity Dates:

March 15, 2018 – VIP Communities of Excellence Grant Applications Due (Extended deadline)

August 15, 2018 – Award Applications Due

February 15, 2019 – Award Applications Due

Is Your Community StormReady®?

It's almost spring, and that means the potential for severe weather is just around the corner. The National Weather Service has a program to prepare communities for extreme weather and water events. From their website:



Being part of a [Weather-Ready Nation](#) is about preparing for your community's increasing vulnerability to extreme weather and water events.

Americans live in the most severe weather-prone country on Earth. You can make sure your community is StormReady®. Some 98 percent of all Presidentially declared disasters are weather related, leading to around 500 deaths per year and nearly \$15 billion in damage. The StormReady program helps arm America's communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and property--before, during and after the event. StormReady helps community leaders and emergency managers strengthen local safety programs.

StormReady communities, counties, Indian nations, universities and colleges, military bases, government sites, commercial enterprises and other groups are better prepared to save lives from the onslaught of severe weather through advanced planning, education and awareness. No community is storm proof, but StormReady can help communities save lives.

StormReady uses a grassroots approach to help communities develop plans to handle all types of severe weather—from tornadoes to tsunamis. The program encourages communities to take a new, proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations by providing emergency managers with clear-cut guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations. Applying is easy. To be officially StormReady, a community must:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center
- Have more than one way to receive severe weather warnings and forecasts and to alert the public
- Create a system that monitors weather conditions locally
- Promote the importance of public readiness through community seminars
- Develop a formal hazardous weather plan, which includes training severe weather spotters and holding emergency exercises.

To apply, or find out more information about the program, visit the [NWS StormReady®](#) website.