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- Tow chain or rope
- Jumper cables
- Flares and/or a brightly colored flag

For additional items and more tips, you can read the full article here: <http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/news/stories/2017/11/winter-driving-knapp.html>

Adapted from "Plan ahead to stay safe during winter weather" by Pat Melgares, melgares@ksu.edu

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Winter Weather Safety



Though it has been warm in recent weeks, winter storms are not unheard of this time of year. It is always a good idea to prepare by storing a winter weather kit in your vehicle.

Kansas State University climatologist Mary Knapp recommends that to stay safe during unpredictable weather and driving conditions, a simple weather preparedness kit stored in the trunk of your car is important.

Common kit items include:

- Shovel
- Windshield scraper
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries
- Water and snack food
- Warm clothing such as mittens and hats
- Road salt or sand

Board Leadership Series



K-State Research and Extension will be offering the Board Leadership Series in February 2018 at several host sites around the state. These interactive sessions are great educational opportunities for your PRIDE leadership, and any partner organization board members.

Participants will learn about holding effective meetings, a board member's role and responsibilities, fiscal responsibilities and

fundraising, ethical and legal issues, conflict resolution, understanding fellow board members, and strategic planning.

Sessions will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Tuesdays in February (6, 13, 20, and 27). For more information about locations, content, and how to register, you can view the flier in PDF format here: <https://goo.gl/SU9aZK> (website address is case sensitive).

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On Your Radar: Webinar



We will be presenting a Zoom conference call/webinar to highlight current Kansas PRIDE Program awards and related updates. We would like to know from you what dates and times work best for your schedule. Please take a few seconds to fill out this Doodle poll so we can set the schedule:

<https://doodle.com/poll/dkeazskbnwd238yu>



Photo Contest

Every year we highlight your work in the Kansas PRIDE Annual Review. One of the hardest tasks associated is choosing a cover photo.



Inspired by the League of Kansas Municipalities Kansas Government Journal photo contest of yesteryear, Jan and I decided it would be a great way to promote your communities on our Facebook page, and allowing you all to vote for your favorites! The winner will be the photo with most likes. Don't resist the chance to be 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).

Funding Opportunities



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

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

Deadline – February 15, 2018

[CLICK HERE](#) for information and application.

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

Website Updates

At first glance the Kansas PRIDE Program website might not appear to have changed much, but we've made some additions, as well as moved a few things, to make accessing the information a little easier. Program Participation has been changed to Enrollment and Reporting, and by clicking on that page, you can easily choose to enroll or report using the corresponding buttons on the right side of the page. We've also made the Education page part of the main menu, and we'll be posting how-to videos there in the future. Take a look around:



<http://kansasprideprogram.k-state.edu>

Should you have any questions, or have difficulty finding information, let us know by e-mailing PRIDE@ksu.edu. – *Jan Steen, Kansas PRIDE Co-Coordinator, K-State Research and Extension*
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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 15



Opportunity Dates:

February 15, 2018 – Award Applications Due

August 15, 2018 – Award Applications Due



We send out *Community Opportunities* emails between newsletters. These emails highlight educational and funding opportunities, as well as events from around the state. Don't miss out – read all about it!