



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

April 2024

Project Drop/Add Deadline

May 1 will be the last day you can drop or add projects for county fair. This means that if you do not add the project by that date, you will not be eligible to exhibit in that area at the fair. Sign in to your 4-HOnline account to see what projects you are enrolled in and to drop or add projects. As a reminder, the 4-HOnline website address is <https://v2.4honline.com>. A step-by-step guide to editing projects in 4HOnline is available at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/index.html>. Contact the Extension Office if you have problems logging in or editing projects.

Fair Books

Fair books should be distributed at May 4-H club meetings. If you do not attend your club meeting, please call the Extension Office to arrange to pick up your book as soon as possible following your meeting. The book is also available on the web located at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>. Pre-entries will be filled out through FairEntry this year. This is an online fair management program that we will be using. Instructions on submitting pre-entries will be provided after May 1. Please read over the fair book carefully for complete rules and exhibit options. **Fair pre-entries are due through FairEntry by 11:59pm on June 28th.**

Fair Auction Changes for Livestock

Due to changes in Kansas 4-H policy, Fair Board has decided to make the livestock portion of the fair auction premium only. Livestock ownership will not be transferred to the buyer. 4-H members are responsible for disposition of all market animals. Kansas 4-H policy now allows 4-H members selling livestock through a premium only auction to maintain ownership and show those animals at future livestock shows. Non-livestock projects sold will continue to change ownership to the buyer. Those projects eligible for state fair may be reproduced for exhibit at the state fair.

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is April 21-27, 2024. The purpose of this week is to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers on all levels. Thank you to the many volunteers who make 4-H “work” for Geary County by sharing their time, effort, expertise, and more. Every 4-H member is challenged to call and/or write a volunteer and thank them for all they do for the 4-H program.

Youth Activity Day

See the flyer included in the March newsletter for Youth Activity Day being sponsored by the 4-H Ambassadors on Sunday, April 21 from 2:00-3:30pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. The event will include rotations with fun, hands-on 4-H project activities.

4-H Overnight Camp Deadline for Financial Support

The deadline to sign up for 4-H camp at Rock Springs and receive financial support in the amount of \$225 from the Geary County 4-H Foundation is May 1. Use the discount code GECOCAMP24 when you register to have these funds applied to your account. The code will need to be added for each camper's registration. In order to be eligible for this financial support, 4-H members must have been enrolled in 4HOnline by January 1, 2024. For more information about camp and to register, visit <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>.

4-H Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be held June 5-7 at Kansas State University. This event is open to all youth 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2024. The Discovery Days fee is \$225 plus class fees, but Geary County 4-H members who were enrolled by January 1 and complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> will only pay half of the fee. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay the other half. Delegates will have the opportunity to attend classes of their choosing and will participate in evening activities. Register online and get more information at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html> before the classes that you want to take fill up! Registration deadline is May 5.

Regional 4-H Club Day Results

Congratulations to the Geary County 4-H members who participated in Regional Club Day this year! Results can be found online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/index.html>.

Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in

Weigh-in and tagging for goats, sheep, and swine will be held on May 21 from 5:30 to 7:00pm and May 23 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Fairgrounds. If you do not plan to attend weigh-in, ear tags can be picked up at the Extension Office. Goats, sheep, and swine must be tagged by May 24 and tag forms are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on May 24. Ear tags will cost \$3.00 each. If you plan to nominate livestock for state shows, you must attend weigh-in or make alternate arrangements for an extension agent to see the tag in the animal's ear in-person to meet state nomination requirements.

Bucket Calf ID Forms Due

Bucket Calf ID forms are due May 20 by 5:00pm in the Extension Office. Bucket Calf ID's are required in order to show your calf at the County Fair. Forms can be found online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. Forms are also available at the Extension Office and can be mailed on request. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Judging Contests and Spring Shows

Information about upcoming judging contests and spring shows can be found online at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/spring-shows/springshows.html>.

Identification of Horses for 4-H Shows

Kansas 4-H Horse ID papers or breed association registration papers are due June 3 by 5:00pm in the Extension Office. This is required in order to show your horse at the County Fair and State Fair. They may also be required for other 4-H horse shows. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Qualifying for the State Fair 4-H Horse Show

The procedure to qualify to participate in the State Fair 4-H Horse Show will continue for 2024. If you are interested in participating, please visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/HorseChangesPublic9.8.pdf> to read all of the details. Check this out now so you can start planning how you will qualify for the show in September.

Horse Judging Camp

Calling all Youth Horse Judges! Do you want to enhance your evaluation and oral reasons skills? Then make sure to attend the KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp where you will work one-on-one with coaches and members of the KSU Intercollegiate Horse Judging Team. Practice to Purple! A one-day advanced camp will be held June 13 at Kansas State University. Find more information soon at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/judging-camps.html>.

Kansas State Fair & Kansas Junior Livestock Show Nomination Deadlines

The state livestock nomination season is an online process. It is going to be **IMPERATIVE** for you to plan ahead this year. You will not be able to wait until the last minute and successfully complete the process. Market Beef nominations will be due on May 1. All other species, which includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, will be due June 15. You will need to order nomination DNA envelopes at least 10 days ahead of these deadlines. You can find full details for the nomination process at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>. Details on YQCA requirements are included on this site as well.

Livestock Judging Camp

“Champions” Livestock Judging Camp is an intense camp designed for 4-H and FFA members (ages 14-18) who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Payton Dahmer, KSU Livestock Judging Coach, will conduct the training to be held at Kansas State University. Two sessions are available during June with each session limited in number of participants. More information is available at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/judging-camps.html>.

Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture

Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture is required by law for those 14 and 15 years of age to complete prior to working on a farm operated by anyone other than their parent or legal guardian. Older youth are also welcome to participate in a training hosted by Geary and five other Extension Offices in mid-June. Registration information and additional details will be available soon.

4-H Photography Project Opportunities

Find more information about Minnesota’s “Hit Me with Your Best Shot” Photo Contest at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fsveoytCWyIZzbOOu1zvfuvXJWGqyjfmTxCiIhxjI1o/edit#heading=h.pjwjtgpwib>. Submissions are due by May 1. Find more information about Shutterbugs at the Botanica Gardens in Wichita at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/photography/index.html>. This event will be held April 27th.

Thank You Christina & Traci!

Fair Auction Participation Requirement for 2024

Fair Horticulture Division Prize

Community Health Needs Assessment

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, April 24 (office professional's day) is the date designated this year to let Christina and Traci know how much we appreciate the work they do in the Extension Office. They work hard to keep the Geary County 4-H programming running smoothly and we are very appreciative!

4-H members will be required to attend in-person at least 4 regular monthly meetings of the 4-H club in which they are enrolled between October 1 and June 30 to participate in the project/livestock auction held at the end of the fair in 2024. Official record of meetings attended will be the club secretary's book. This requirement does not limit fair participation, only participation in the auction. Plan ahead now to make sure youth meet the requirement if they want to participate in the auction

We are excited to announce a \$50 monetary prize for the grand and reserve champion winners in the 4-H horticulture division at the 2024 Geary County Free Fair. Start growing some amazing horticulture items now!

Make your voice heard through the 2024 Geary County Community Health Needs Assessment Survey to help improve health and happiness for you, your family, friends, and the rest of Geary County. Survey will close April 30th. For the English version visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GearyCHNA> and for the Spanish version visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GearyCHNAespanol>.

April

- 20 "Spring Into Volunteering" @ K-State Salina, 9am-3pm
- 21 Youth Activity Day @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 2:00-3:30pm
- 21 Rock Springs Ranch Open House, 1-4pm
- 21-27 National Volunteer Week (thank a 4-H volunteer!)
- 27 Junction City Clean-up
- 27 Shutterbugs at Botanica in Wichita
- 30 RSVP for May Project Meeting Evening due by 5pm

May

- 1 Project Drop/Add deadline
- 1 Fair Royalty applications due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 1 Deadline to register for overnight camp at Rock Springs to receive financial support from Geary County 4-H Foundation
- 1 Market Steers & Market Heifers KSF/KJLS nomination deadline
- 1 "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" Photography Contest entries due
- 3-5 Shooting Sports Full & Update Instructor Training @ Rock Springs
- 5 Discovery Days registration due
- 6 Project Meeting Evening
- 10 Ag Day
- 20 Bucket Calf ID forms due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 21 Market Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm
- 23 Market Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 6:30-8pm
- 24 Market Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office

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Check out this newsletter for lots of upcoming 4-H events, activities, and deadlines. Happy Spring!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ginger D. Kopfer".

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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Topic: Photography

Hands-on photography project activities will include:

- A Picture is Worth 1,000 Words (practice taking pictures to illustrate one specific idea)
- You Be the Judge (practice judging photos that others have taken)
- Photo Mounting (get tips and practice mounting photos for the fair)

Date: 05/06/2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

4-H Project Meeting Evening

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on Tuesday, April 30th by calling 785-238-4161 or emailing gkopfer@ksu.edu. No late registrations will be taken since we will need to buy supplies.



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