



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

August 2023

Fair Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the 2023 Geary County Free Fair. The fair would not be possible without 4-Hers, parents, and volunteers to help out. Extra thanks to all of the hard-working superintendents and assistants!

If you are sending exhibits to state fair, you need to have the exhibit to the Extension Office by **Wednesday, September 6th at 5:00pm**. If it is a food or produce item, you can deliver it from 7:00am to 7:30am on Thursday, September 7th. The entry cards will be in the office and already filled out for you. The following projects have special requirements or forms that the 4-H member will need to fill out and/or sign at the Extension Office.

Clothing: Clothing label on each item; Can include an index card or photo, no larger than 4" x 6" to give the judge any information which the exhibitor thinks would be helpful (recycled clothing entries must have a card describing the recycled materials and how they were used in the item); To be considered for the wool award, attach a statement saying the material is 60% wool and to be considered for the wool award

Dog: 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record must be completed and presented to veterinarian at health check on the day of show

Entomology: Photo release form

Fiber Arts: Clothing label on each item; Should include an index card no larger than 4" x 6" to give the judge any information on what parts of the exhibit they made, processes used, fiber content, and whether it is from a kit or original design; For quilted items, indicate who did the quilting and binding

Foods/Food Preservation: Recipe (preservation recipes must include exhibitor name, recipe source, date of publication and altitude where processed, if using Mrs. Wage's or Ball mixes indicate the date the mix was purchased); Food or Food Preservation Label; Can include a 3" x 5" index card to give the judge any information which the exhibitor thinks would be helpful; Gift Baskets – answer these questions on a piece of paper: What is the intended use?, What food safety precautions were taken during and after preparation?

Geology: Photo release form

Photography: Exhibit form; On the back of the mount write exhibitor's name, photo class, and county

Shooting Sports: Name, county, age and year in project should be on the front of the exhibit

Visual Arts: Exhibit Release Form

Wildlife: Name, county, age and year in project should be in a prominent location on the exhibit

Woodworking: Plans

Exhibits can be picked up at the Extension Office any time after 8:00am on Tuesday, September 19th. We appreciate having exhibits picked up soon after the end of the fair.

State Fair Exhibits

Kansas State Fair Information

Visit the Kansas State Fair website at <http://www.kansasstatefair.com> to check out the schedule of events, get maps, and see 4-H livestock results. You can find the fair book and link for non-livestock results at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>. You are responsible for knowing the rules and requirements for your exhibit area which can be found in the fair book on the Kansas 4-H website. You can also get pages of the book at the Extension Office.

Yard Signs for National 4-H Week

Yard signs for National 4-H Week will be made available at September 4-H Club meetings. Signs will also be available to be picked up at the Extension Office. Size of signs is 24 inches by 18 inches and they will come with a metal holder to stake the sign into the ground. Plan to get one at your club meeting or the Extension Office and promote 4-H during this special week! We ask that signs are returned to October club meetings or to the Extension Office so we can use them in future years.

4-H Council

Each club needs to select 2 youth and 2 adults as 4-H Council Representatives. The youth and adults that you select will be able to help make decisions about the county 4-H program. The next council meeting will be October 2nd at 7:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. We will be reviewing the fair, electing officers, and assigning committees for the coming year. The other meetings for the 2023-2024 year are scheduled for February 5th and June 3rd.

National 4-H Week

Don't forget National 4-H Week, October 1st through 7th. Now is the time to start thinking about how you and your club would like to celebrate.

Achievement Celebration

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Saturday, October 28th. Please put this date on your calendar and look for further details in upcoming newsletters.

Club Summary Due Date

Club summaries are due by 5:00pm on October 2nd to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted.

Record Books & Award Applications due

Record Books, Key Award Applications, I Dare You Award Applications, and Achievement Pin Applications are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on September 22nd. No late items will be accepted. These items will be due to club leaders before this date, check with your leader(s) to find out when.

Record Book Incentive

Four \$25 gift cards sponsored by the Geary County 4-H Foundation will be drawn at 4-H Achievement Celebration on October 28th from all youth who turn in a completed record book (personal page, permanent record, and Project Report Forms for all projects). You must be present at Achievement Celebration to win.

Don't forget that we are using 4-H Project Report Forms again this year. Age divisions for these records are 7 to 9, 10 to 13, and 14 and older. There is a different Project Report Form for each age division for animal projects and for general (non-animal) projects. For the Dog project and the Pet project (including Cat), use the general project report form. For all other animal projects, use the animal report form.

Options for completing your record book:

1 - Form-fillable versions are available on the Kansas 4-H website at

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html>.

2 - Online ZBooks software

The Permanent Record is included in ZBooks. If you choose to keep records with ZBooks for the first time this year, you will start the permanent record with the current year and simply attach it to your previous document after printing. Visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html> for access to ZBooks and helpful tutorials. This software works on all platforms. In ZBooks, pictures can be entered in landscape or portrait format. At the end of the year, you will print your Project Report Forms and Permanent Record and submit them just like you would in previous years. If you want to try ZBooks, click on the link above and create a family account and then profiles for each of your 4-H members. If you have questions or problems while using the program, they have a wonderful live chat feature that you can use.

3 - Hard copies of record forms and award applications are available at the Extension Office. Award forms can also be found online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

Record Book Forms

4-H Pictures Needed

Pictures are needed for a slide show showcasing the 4-H year at the Achievement Celebration. Pictures can be sent to, or dropped off at, the Extension Office or sent via email to gkopfer@ksu.edu before October 2nd. We would like all 4-H clubs to be represented in the pictures. So, look through your 4-H photos and pick some out right away!

County-wide Project Leaders Needed

Do you have an interest or talent that you would like to share with 4-H members across the county during the next 4-H year? If so, please volunteer your time as a county-wide project leader by calling the Extension Office on or before October 2nd. Let's all work together to make finding leaders easier for each club!

Fair Judging Contest Results

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Horticulture, Livestock, and Photography Judging Contests at the fair. Contest results can be found online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>.

Congratulations to State Horticulture Judging Teams

The Kansas 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest was held August 12th in Manhattan. Congratulations to the participants! Extra congratulations to Jacob Roeser who placed 3rd overall in the Intermediate Division and to the 3rd place Senior team of Kourtney Dibben, Blake Proietti, Paige Roeser, and Josie Strauss!

**4-H Ambassadors
Wanted**

Ambassador applications are available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> and are due by 5:00pm on September 22nd. Interviews will be held the evening of October 3rd. This is a wonderful opportunity for older 4-H members to take a great leadership role.

Duties include:

- Promote the Geary County 4-H program
- Organize and facilitate promotional events
- Plan and sponsor events and activities

Requirements:

- 12-13 years old by January 1, 2024 for Junior Ambassadors
- 14 years old or older by January 1, 2024 for Senior Ambassadors
- 4-H member for at least 2 years
- Complete an application and interview process
- Letter of recommendation from a 4-H Club Leader
- Commit to at least a two-year term
- Completed Record Book
- Enrolled in Leadership Project
- Willingness to meet new people and promote new ideas
- Good human relation and communication skills
- Enthusiasm for 4-H!

**Kansas Youth
Leadership Forum**

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2024. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 18-19. Highlights of the forum will be inspirational speakers, workshops, and meeting new people. Contact the Extension Office or visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html> for more information and to register online. Registration will be open in August and is due October 16th.

**Kansas 4-H Youth
Leadership Council**

Applications are available for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and are due October 2nd. Council members plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, and other events along with other duties. 4-H members 14 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2024 are eligible to apply. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

**National 4-H
Conference**

Applications are available for the 2024 National 4-H Conference to be held in the spring. Delegates must be 15 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2024. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Up to six Kansas youth may be selected as delegates via an application and interview. Applications are due online by October 2nd. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

**Photography
Submission
Opportunity**

The Geary County Extension Office is looking for images to use on notecards that will be printed and given to Extension Council members and others. The theme for images this year is Geary County Landscapes. Geary County 4-H members enrolled in the photography project are eligible to submit up to 5 photos each. Photos are due online at <https://tinyurl.com/GeCoPhoto23> by September 1.

Photography Contest Opportunity

Kansas 4-H and Kansas Farm Bureau have teamed up for a photography contest. 4-H members who enter have a chance to win up to \$50 and be featured in Kansas Living Magazine. For full details and entry form, visit www.kfb.org/4hphoto. The deadline for entries is October 1st.

August

19 Livestock Sweepstakes Contest, Manhattan

September

6 State Fair exhibits due to Extension Office by 5pm

7 State Fair food and produce exhibits may be brought to Extension Office from 7-7:30am

7-8 Judging of 4-H State Fair Indoor Exhibits

8-17 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson

10 State 4-H Photography Judging Contest at State Fair

19 State Fair Exhibits can be picked up at Extension Office after 8am

22 Record Books & Award Applications due by 5pm

22 Ambassador Applications due by 5pm

29-30 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson

October

1 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson

1-7 National 4-H Week

2 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm

2 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due

2 National 4-H Conference Applications due

2 Club Summaries due by 5pm

3 Ambassador Interviews, evening

7-8 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend

16 KYLF Registration deadline

28 Achievement Celebration

November

5 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper

6 Ambassador Meeting, 6:30pm at 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

18-19 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs

Calendar of Events



Fair Lost & Found

The following items were found at the fair or the after-fair pool party and are available to be claimed at the Extension Office until the end of September when they will be disposed of:

Purple & green sunglasses

Black shorts – size XS

Black shorts – size Medium

Gray Blue Jay sweatshirt – size Medium

Gray Cloud Thunderbirds t-shirt – size Medium

**Achievement
Celebration Special
Awards**

Following is some information related to 4-H awards that are given at Achievement Celebration. Hopefully this will answer some questions and encourage 4-H members to apply or nominate someone for these awards.

Outstanding Record Book Awards – Awards are given for the top two record books in each age category (7 to 9, 10 to 13, 14 and older). Record books are nominated by club leaders and are judged by volunteers.

Rob Smith Citizenship Award – This award was created in honor of Geary County 4-H member Rob Smith. Anyone 12 and under can apply by marking the box on your award summary form and turning in all of your 4-H records from the current year and past years. The record books are judged by chosen representatives of Jerry & Marlene Smith.

Outstanding Boy & Girl – Club leaders can nominate 4-H members who are 14 and older for this recognition. Record books from these members are judged by volunteers and 4-H club leaders are also given the chance to rank the candidates.

Outstanding 4-H Project Leader – 4-H Council votes on a 4-H project leader to win this award each year. If you have someone you would like to see recognized, tell your 4-H Council representatives.

4-H Family of the Year – 4-H Council votes on a 4-H family to win this award each year. If you have someone you would like to see recognized, tell your 4-H Council representatives.

4-H Appreciation Award – 4-H Council votes on an individual, couple, or business to win this award each year. If you have someone you would like to see recognized, tell your 4-H Council representatives.

I Dare You Award – The award is sponsored by the American Youth Foundation and can be given to two 4-H members each year. Applicants must have completed their sophomore year of high school. To apply, fill out the application and mark the appropriate box on your award summary form. Applications are available on the Geary County 4-H website and at the Extension Office.

Apply Today!



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Congratulations to everyone on all of your accomplishments at the 2023 Geary County Free Fair! Plan to finish the year off right by completing and submitting your record book and award applications to your club leader(s) in a timely manner.

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