



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

April 2017

Project Drop/Add Deadline

May 1st 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://ks.4honline.com/>. Contact the Extension Office if you have problems logging into 4-HOnline. The State 4-H Office suggests use of Chrome or Firefox browsers to access 4-HOnline.

Fair Auction Requirement

Don't forget that in order to sell a project item or animal in the fair auction, a 4-H member must attend at least three club meetings during the 4-H year (started in October). The official record of meetings attended will be the club secretary's book, so make sure you get counted for the meetings that you attend.

Fair Books

Fair books should be distributed at April or May 4-H club meetings. If you do not attend your club meeting, please call the Extension Office to make arrangements to pick up your book as soon as possible following your meeting. The book and pre-entry forms are all available on the web located at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>. The forms located on this site are all form fillable for easy completion. Please read over the fair book carefully for complete rules and exhibit options. **Pre-entries are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on June 30th.**

Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in

Weigh-in and tagging for goats, sheep, and swine will be held on May 23rd from 5:30 to 7:00pm and May 25th from 7:00 to 8:30pm 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 26th and tag forms are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on May 26th. Ear tags will cost \$3.00 each.

National Volunteer Week

This special week is scheduled for April 23-29. Take some time to recognize the many 4-H volunteers that have touched your life. Volunteers make the 4-H program possible and deserve many thanks for all of the time and effort that they give to the program.

Judging Contests and Spring Shows

Information about upcoming judging contests and spring shows can be found online at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/shows_judging%20contests.html.

4-H Camp

June 4-7, 2017

Rock Springs 4-H Center

Fee: \$112.50 for Geary County 4-H members, \$225 for non-4-H'ers

Theme: Think Outside

For 4-H members and friends who have completed 2nd through 7th grades by the time of camp. Registration is due May 10th (see the flyer and registration form in the February 4-H Newsletter or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/>). All Geary County 4-H members who 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 pay only \$112.50 for camp in 2017. The Geary County 4-H Foundation is paying the other half of the camp fee.

Camp Counselors Needed

Counselors are needed for 4-H camp again this year. Counselors must be at least 14 years old by the time of camp. Applications are available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/> and are due by May 10th. Counselors are required to attend training on June 3rd starting at 5:00pm and then are expected to be at camp June 4-7. Counselors will not have to pay a fee this year because the 4-H Foundation voted to pay the fee for all Geary County Counselors. This is a great experience for older 4-H members, so please consider applying!

Campference

Campference will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This is an event for 12-14 year old youth as of January 1, 2017. The Kansas 4-H Youth Council combined the best aspects of a camp and a conference into an event for middle school youth who still want the 'fun' of 4-H camp, but who also want to challenge themselves to develop critical skills. The pace of the conference will be upbeat, combining fun-filled games with time to talk, listen, and learn. Registration is due by May 15th unless all the spots fill sooner (Campference has filled fast the last couple of years). Fee is \$275, but Geary County 4-H members who 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. Register online and get more information at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/index.html>.

Discovery Days

Discovery Days will be held May 30 – June 2 at Kansas State University. This event is open to all youth 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2017. The theme this year is "Make A Splash". The Discovery Days fee is \$230 plus class fees, but Geary County 4-H members who 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 such as dances and a talent show. 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 April 20th. Contact the Extension Office with questions.

Thank You Christina & Bailey!

Wednesday, April 26th (office professional's day) is the date designated this year to let Christina and Bailey 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!

City Clean-up

Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering for the annual city clean-up "Operation Clean Sweep" on Saturday, April 22nd from 8:00am to noon. Volunteers should report to Spin City at 915 South Washington. RSVP to JCPD Captain Chuck Leithoff at (785) 762-5912 ext. 3608 or chuck.leithoff@jcks.com.

Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is open to all 4-H members. The contest runs throughout the year and ends September 15, 2017. All participants that enter a certified entry will receive a 4-H Sportfishing cap (one per individual). For a full list of rules, contact the Extension Office.

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 six other Extension Offices on May 26th from 9:00am to 4:00pm and May 30th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at KanEquip in Wamego (18035 East Hwy 24). The cost is \$30 to cover class material and lunch for both days. Register online at www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu by May 22nd.

Kansas State Fair Summer Reading Challenge

The Kansas State Fair is excited to announce their summer reading challenge for 2017! The program starts May 15th and runs to August 15th. The goal is to encourage students to read over the summer and learn more about Kansas Agriculture. Participating students will read 8 qualifying books and then email or mail their completed journal to the State Fair. Those who complete the program will receive a State Fair reading fun pack which includes a special ribbon and fun Kansas agriculture information. For additional information and a reading journal, contact the Extension Office.

County-Wide Sheep & Meat Goat Meeting

There will be a county-wide sheep and meat goat meeting on Sunday, April 30th from 1:30 to 3:00pm at the Geary County fairgrounds in the sheep and swine barn. This will be a showmanship clinic in preparation for the upcoming Spring Shows. Bring your own sheep & goat if you can, if not a couple extra will be available to learn with. At the end of the clinic, help will be available to shear your 4-H market project which you may be showing the following week. Please bring your animal pre-washed if you want to shear it. Don't forget to wear closed toe shoes, bring show chains, folding chairs, and bottled water. This meeting is being coordinated by project leaders David Butler and Jeannette Ascher and they hope to see everyone there!

PQA Certification

All youth who wish to exhibit swine at the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show must be PQA certified. Contact the Extension Office for further details on this process. The process must be completed before the end of May in order for eligibility for these shows.

District Horse Show

The District Horse Show will be held July 5th in Salina. Level 1 testing must be passed by the entry deadline which is June 1st. 4-H members who are 9 years old and over (4-H age) will be eligible to participate in the District Horse Show to qualify for the State Fair. More information and entry forms are available at the Extension Office or you can enter online at <http://tinyurl.com/2017NCDHS>.

KSU Youth Horse Judging Camps

Beginning Section June 6 th Weber Hall, KSU \$40 fee due by May 12 th	Advanced Section June 7 th – 8 th Weber Hall, KSU \$130 fee due by May 12 th
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Contact the Extension Office or James Lattimer at (785) 532-2840 or jlattimer@ksu.edu for more information.

State 4-H Horse Deadline

Please note the following deadline for the State 4-H Horse program. Two year old Snaffle Bit project and three year old Futurity project nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by May 1st. (Only horses that were nominated as a two year old can be nominated as a three year old.)

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. Chris Mullinix, coach of more than 30 national champion teams and KSU Livestock Judging Coach, will conduct the training to be held at Kansas State University. Three sessions are available during June with each session limited to 35 students. Cost for the camp is \$250 and registration is due by May 22nd. More information is available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/judging-camps.html>.

Horse ID and Bucket Calf ID Forms Due

Horse ID and Bucket Calf ID forms are due in the Extension Office by May 1st at 5:00pm. Horse ID’s are required in order to show your horse at the County Fair, District Horse Show, and State Fair. They may also be required for other 4-H horse shows. Bucket Calf ID’s are required in order to show your calf at the County Fair. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Shutterbugs at Botanica

Shutterbugs at Botanica will be held April 29th at Botanica in Wichita and is for 4-H Photography members, leaders, junior leaders, and parents. This event provides an opportunity for youth to participate in hands-on sessions covering a variety of topics. Visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/photography/index.html> for more information.

Host a Japanese Youth or IFYE This Summer

Looking for some fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home July 23 – August 17. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities to 25 families this summer. Host families are needed for a Japanese boy or girl; most are aged 12 and 13, with a couple delegates aged 14 and 15. Host family assignments need to match each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling. Any Kansas family with children age 10-15, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. The focus is everyday family life. Contact Rose Scott at 785-388-2009 or sixtykid2@gmail.com for more information.

April

- 20 Discovery Days online registration closes
- 22 City Clean-up
- 23-29 National Volunteer Week
- 29 Shutterbugs at Botanica in Wichita
- 30 Sheep & Meat Goat Meeting, 1:30 to 3:00pm @ fairgrounds

May

- 1 Bucket Calf ID forms due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 1 Horse ID's due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 1 Project Drop/Add deadline
- 1 Horse snaffle bit and futurity nomination deadline
- 1 Project Meeting Evening – Photography @ 7pm, 4-H Building
- 1 Market Steers & Market Heifers KSF/KJLS nomination deadline
- 5 Ag Day @ Fairgrounds
- 9 Interstate Exchange Meeting, 6:30pm in Chapman
- 10 Camp registration & counselor applications due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 12 Horse Judging Camp registration due
- 15 Campference registration due
- 22 Livestock Judging Camp registration due
- 22 Hazardous Occupation Training registration due
- 23 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm
- 25 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 7-8:30pm
- 26 Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office
- 26 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-4pm @ KanEquip
- 30 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-3pm @ KanEquip
- 30-31 Discovery Days & Sewing Camp @ K-State

June

- 1-2 Discovery Days and Sewing Camp @ K-State
- 1 District Horse Show entries due online
- 3 Camp Counselor Training, Rock Springs
- 4-7 4-H Camp, Rock Springs
- 6 Beginning Horse Judging Camp, K-State
- 7-8 Advanced Horse Judging Camp, K-State
- 13 4-H Council, 4-H Building @ 7pm (note change in date due to Camp)
- 15 Commercial Heifer/Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe/Market Hog/
Commercial Breeding Gilt/Market Goat/Commercial Doe state
nominations due
- 27-30 Campference, Rock Springs
- 30 Fair pre-entries due to Extension Office by 5pm

Calendar of Events

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April 14, 2017

Check out this newsletter for lots of upcoming 4-H events, activities, and deadlines. A full 4-H schedule for the fair is included for your reference.

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

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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Topic:
Photography

Date: 05/01/17

Time: 7:00pm

Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

Participants will learn the Four F's that lead to better photographs and will then go on a photography treasure hunt challenge. Following the challenge, the group will look at and evaluate pictures taken on the challenge. Please bring your digital camera for this project meeting.

**4-H Project
Meeting Evening**

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on Thursday, April 27th by calling 785-238-4161 or emailing gkopfer@ksu.edu.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Deadline Pre-entries in:
 All Projects Due
 Dog & Cat - health papers
 Horse - entry forms
 Poultry - entry forms
 Fashion Revue - entry forms
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

MONDAY, JULY 17

8:00-11:30 a.m. 4-H Clothing Construction Judging
 (Conference Method at Extension Office)
 (Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)

 12:00 noon 4-H Modeling Demonstration for
 Fashion Revue

 1:00 p.m. 4-H Fashion Revue Judging
 (Conference Method at 4-H Building)
 (Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)

THURSDAY, JULY 20

8:30 a.m. 4-H Public Revue Setup

 5:30 p.m. 4-H Public Revue Practice

 7:00 p.m. 4-H Public Revue
 4-H King and Queen Announcement

SATURDAY, JULY 22

2:00 p.m. 4-H Dog Show

SUNDAY, JULY 23

1:00 p.m. Fair Superintendents Meeting

 1:30 p.m. Fair Clean-up
 4-H Barn and Building Set-up

MONDAY, JULY 24

1:00 p.m. 4-H Food & Food Preservation
 Judging
 (Conference Method)
 (Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Entries accepted (do not bring early)

7:00 p.m. All exhibits in place,
 except Floriculture, Horticulture,
 Crops and Livestock
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

 7:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Show

TUESDAY, JULY 25

8:00 - noon 4-H Livestock Weigh-In

 ALL DAY 4-H Food Sale

 8:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Arts & Crafts
 (Conference Method)

 9:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Wildlife (Conference
 Method optional)

 10:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H Club Notebooks, Pets,
 Reading (Conference Method optional),
 Shooting Sports (Conference Method
 optional), SpaceTech (Conference Method)

 10:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Photography
 (Conference Method)

 11:00 a.m. Floriculture, Horticulture, Crops and
 Livestock EXHIBITS IN PLACE

 11:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H Floriculture (Conference
 Method), Miscellaneous Projects
 (Conference Method optional)

 11:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Energy Management
 (Conference Method)

 12:15 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf practice in arena

 12:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Entomology, Geology &
 Lapidary, Crops, Forestry, 4-H Fiber Arts
 (Conference Method)

 1:00 p.m. Judging of 4-H Woodwork (Conference
 Method)

 1:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Home Environment
 (Conference Method), Banners

 2:00 p.m. ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRY CARDS &
 FORMS DUE
 Beef - Sheep - Swine - Dairy - Goat - Poultry
OVERNIGHT PERMISSION FORMS DUE

 2:00 p.m. All exhibits must be marked with exhibit
 cards

 2:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Horticulture

 4:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy and Goat Show

 6:00 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf - Consultation Judging

 7:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Show
 Show order- Bucket Calf, Breeding Beef,
 Showmanship, Market Beef

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

- 8:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry Judging
- 8:30 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Judging
- 10:00 a.m. Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests
4-H members can begin judging any time after the start of the contest, but all forms must be turned in by Noon
- 1:30 p.m. 4-H Cat Show
- 5:00 p.m. **Deadline for registering 4-H project items for Auction**
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED
- 5:30 p.m. Shepherd's Lead
- 6:00 p.m. 4-H Sheep Show
- 7:30 p.m. 4-H Swine Show
- 10:00 p.m. **Deadline for registering 4-H livestock for Auction**
(or ½ hour after end of swine show) NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

THURSDAY, JULY 27

- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Round Robin
(Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine)
- 11:00-11:20 a.m. 4-H Livestock Judging Sign-up (Fair Office)
- 11:30 a.m. 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 3:00 p.m. Livestock Auction Set-Up and Barn Clean-Up
- 4:30-6:30 p.m. 4-H Barbecue and Watermelon Feed
- 7:00 p.m. 4-H Project & Livestock Auction
- 8:00 p.m. RELEASE OF 4-H EXHIBITS
All premiums will be forfeited if 4-H exhibits are removed before 8:00 p.m.
- 8:30 p.m. Clean up of Building
Every 4-H member with exhibits is expected to stay until everything is cleaned, inside and out

FRIDAY, JULY 28

- After-Fair Family Celebration
- 7:15-9:00 p.m. Pool Party with snacks at City Pool