



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

July 2023

Fair Dates to Remember

Monday, July 17

Morning
Afternoon

Clothing Construction Judging – Extension Office
Fashion Revue Judging – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center

Thursday, July 20

8:30am
5:30pm
7:00pm

Public Revue Set-up – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center
Public Revue Practice – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center
Public Revue – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center

Friday, July 21

6:30pm

Dog Show – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center

Saturday, July 22

9:00am

Fair Clean-up/Barn and Building Set-up (bring rakes, shovels, old rags, buckets, etc. plus your own water bottle)
Help the Ambassadors pack blessing bags for people in the community in need and then enjoy an ice cream treat

following
clean-up

Sunday, July 23

6:00pm

Horse Show

Monday, July 24

1:00pm
4:00-6:00pm
4:00-7:00pm

Foods Judging & Photography Judging
Market Beef/Goat/Sheep Weigh-In
Indoor entries accepted

Tuesday, July 25

7:30-9:30am

Swine Weigh-In

Wednesday, July 26

1:00pm

Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests

Thursday, July 27

Noon
8:00pm
8:30pm

Livestock Judging Contest
Exhibit Release
Fair Clean-up

Fair Auction Requirement

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 2023. Official record of meetings attended will be the club secretary's book. This rule will be enforced at the 2023 fair.

Auction Reminder

Just a reminder that 4-H members who sell an item in the project auction or an animal in the livestock auction need to personally thank the buyer. The Extension Office will notify you when the buyer ribbons and certificates are ready that you will take to the buyer. The 4-Her needs to speak to the buyer, this is not a task for parents. In 2023, buyers will again be asked to sign-off that the youth have visited them before any money will be released.

4-H BBQ

Help is needed to set-up for, serve, and clean-up after the 4-H BBQ on Thursday at the County Fair. Each club will need to have at least 2 adults and 2 4-H members working for the entire time of 4:00 to 7:00pm. Extra help will be requested earlier that day for preparation of the meal. Each club is asked to submit their list of workers to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on July 17.

Food Stand Details

Smokin' Wille's BBQ will be managing and providing workers for the concession stand this year. Charge cards will still be available for 4-H families.

Fair Exhibitor Numbers

Don't forget to put your exhibitor number on all entry cards for Fair. These numbers were included in the June 4-H Newsletter.

Public Revue Talent

Any 4-H member may participate in the Public Revue by presenting a talent number. If you are interested, you can either contact the Extension Office by noon on July 17 or sign up at Fashion Revue Judging.

Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests

The 4-H Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests will be held on Wednesday, July 26 at the Fair. The contests begin at 1:00pm. 4-Hers can begin judging any time after the start of the contest, but all forms must be turned in by 3:00pm. You do not have to be enrolled in any specific projects to participate. Please plan to judge!

4-H Judging Contest Guide

A guide to 4-H judging contests can be found online at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/judging_contest_guide.html. The guide includes information about what to expect during judging contests. The guide and the website include links to resources to help 4-H members prepare for the contests. Now would be a great time to check out this website.

After-Fair Family Celebration

4-H Council has decided to have an After-Fair Family Celebration again this year. This event will be held on Friday, July 28 at the city pool from 7:15 to 9:00pm and will include swimming and snacks. Please plan to attend and celebrate the end of fair!

Fair Theme

The 4-H Ambassadors and fair board have agreed on the theme "Out of this World" for the 2023 Geary County Free Fair. You will see this theme at Public Revue and throughout the fair. Clubs are encouraged to include the theme in food table displays and herdsman decorations if they so choose.

Sign Up to Receive 4-H Reminders

The Extension Office is using the Remind program to send 4-H-related reminders (including fair items) to 4-H families. To sign up to receive reminders, go to <https://www.remind.com/join/geco4h>.

Dogs on Fairgrounds

Fair Board has ruled that no dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds during the Geary County Free Fair, July 23-27. Thanks for abiding by this rule!

Conference Judging

Parents and leaders who wish to observe conference judging should check with the Superintendent of the division to see if that is acceptable with the judge. If so, they can watch and listen to the judging, but should not enter into the conference between the 4-Her and the judge in any way. More information about preparing youth and parents for conference judging can be found at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>.

Valuables at Fair

Just a reminder that electronics, valuables, and other items should not be left lying around during the fair. The 4-H/Senior Citizens Center is a public building and should be treated as such, including the restrooms.

Foods Exhibit Tables

Foods exhibits will be displayed on club tables again this year. 4-H Council passed a motion to leave decorations up to the clubs with the decorations limited to tiers and a tablecloth in order to save space for exhibits. The fair has a theme of "Out of this World" for 2023. Clubs can choose to use this or a different theme for decorations. Some clubs with few exhibits may have to share a table with another club.

Fair Score Sheets

Score sheets that will be used for judging of fair exhibits are posted online so you can check them out prior to judging. They are located at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/county_fair/exhibit_resources.html.

2023 Herdsman Trophy

The Herdsman Trophy will be presented to the club who keeps their areas in the livestock barn the cleanest and neatest. In addition, part of the award will be based on each club's percentage of participation in pre-fair clean-up/set-up. Don't forget to sign in if you help with this so that you can get credit. See the fair book for more information.

Loading-Out Fair Livestock

The load-out process for livestock on Thursday evening of the fair will be done in the following order: 1) locker plants; 2) individual animals returning home. You are allowed to load tack out ahead of the 8:00pm release time, but not animals or you will forfeit all premiums. Your cooperation in this load-out process is greatly appreciated.

Staying Overnight at the County Fair

4-H members who plan to stay overnight at the fair to care for livestock are responsible for having the form turned in at the 4-H Fair Office by 5:00pm on Monday, July 24. All 4-Hers must have a 4-H parent stay with them that will be responsible for their safety and behavior. One parent will be responsible for NO more than six 4-Hers. A sibling over 18 may sign to stay only with his/her siblings. At 11:00pm all 4-Hers and youth that do not have permission to stay must leave the fairgrounds.

Horse ID Papers/Breed Registration Papers

Don't forget to bring your horse ID papers or breed registration papers (whichever you used to identify your horse for 4-H this year) with you to the 4-H Horse Show. You are required to have these papers in order to participate.

Swine Show

Exhibitors, spectators, and volunteers are all encouraged to wear a Hawaiian shirt for the swine show on Wednesday evening of fair in memory of Grady Erichsen.

Poultry Testing for Fair

Fair Poultry testing for Pullorum-Typhoid is now being done on a rotational basis with each county being required to test every 3 years. 2023 is not a designated testing year for Geary County.

Decorated Squash Contest @ Fair

Decorate any kind of squash for the Special Decorated Squash Contest for the Open Class Fair. Be creative!! Home grown or purchased squash decorated with natural or artificial items can be entered Monday July 24 3-7pm or Tuesday July 25 8:30-11am. Entries will be judged on Wednesday at 4:30pm with prizes awarded in Youth (4-10) (11-15) and Adult (16 and over) Divisions. You do not have to be enrolled in 4-H in the horticulture project to enter. Complete contest information is available on the Geary County Fair web page. 4-H'ers may enter the Open Class Youth Horticulture, Floriculture and Agriculture classes if they are not entering the equivalent 4-H classes.

Tips for Fair Foods Exhibits

A document including tips for foods exhibits at the county fair is now online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>. This document includes tips for freezing and baking along with a recipe for frosting that works well for fair exhibits.

Fair Social Media

Please like and share posts from the Geary County Free Fair Facebook page to help us get the word out about fair events and activities. The Ambassadors will be posting to the Geary County 4-H Instagram during fair, check it out if you have Instagram. As you post 4-H pictures and information on your own social media, please use the hashtags #geco4H, #KS4H, and #4HGrowsHere. By doing this, you can help Geary County and Kansas 4-H create a stronger and more consistent brand.

Pre-entry of State Fair Exhibits

Any 4-H member who wants to enter an exhibit at the State Fair must pre-enter with the Extension Office by August 1. Look to the fair book to see which classes are eligible for State Fair entry. For most divisions, a 4-H member must receive a purple ribbon in one of these classes and be 9-18 years old as of January 1, 2023 to exhibit at state fair. The exception to the August 1 pre-entry deadline is for livestock. Livestock must be pre-entered by July 15.

Kansas State Fair Exhibitor Handbook

The 2023 Exhibitor Handbook for the Kansas State Fair is now available for download on the Kansas 4-H website at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>. You can also get copies of sections of the book at the Extension Office.

Assistance for Kansas State Fair

Volunteers are being sought to help with the 4-H portion of the Kansas State Fair which will be held September 8 through 17 with some 4-H exhibit judging occurring September 7. If you are willing to assist, please let the Extension Office know by August 1.

Achievement Celebration

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

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 22. No late items will be accepted. These items will be due to club leaders before this date, check with your leader 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 28 from all youth who turn in a completed record book (personal page, permanent record, and KAP's for all projects). You must be present at Achievement Celebration to win.

Club Summary Due Date

Club summaries will be due by 5:00pm on October 2 to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted. Updated 2023 applications were distributed via club boxes and are available online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

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.

Extension Office P.O. Box

The Extension Office has dropped use of a post office box. The mailing address for the office will now be the street address (119 E. 9th Street, Junction City).

Calendar of Events

July

- 10 Clothing Construction & Buymanship Project Meeting @ 4-H Bldg, 5pm
- 12 Online Fair Conference Judging Sign-up deadline, 11:59pm
- 12 Livestock Judging Camp Session 2 @ 4-H Building, 5pm
- 13 Fair Royalty Interviews, evening
- 15 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive livestock entries due
- 17 Clothing/Fashion Revue Judging
- 17 Photography Project Meeting @ 4-H Building, 5pm
- 19 Livestock Judging Camp Session 3 @ 4-H Building, 5pm
- 20 Public Revue
- 21 4-H Dog Show, 6:30pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 22 Fair Clean-up at 9:00am, Fairgrounds
- 23-27 Geary County Free Fair
- 25 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo registration due
- 28 After Fair Family Celebration @ City Pool, 7:15-9pm

August

- 1 State Fair pre-entries & volunteers due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 8 Kansas State Wheat Expo, Pratt
- 12 State 4-H Horticulture Judging, Manhattan
- 19 Livestock Sweepstakes Contest, Manhattan



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County Fair time is almost here. Make sure to read this newsletter thoroughly for important fair information. Best of luck with fair preparations!

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County Extension Agent

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Required Livestock Exhibitor Meetings

For the 2023 Fair, we will be holding short exhibitor meetings in the arena prior to each livestock show. Exhibitors are required to attend with at least one parent/guardian. We will cover show procedures and expectations and answer questions.

The exhibitor meeting schedule is as follows:

Goat & Sheep - Monday, July 24 @ 6:00pm

Beef - Tuesday, July 25 @ 5:00pm

Swine - Wednesday, July 26 @ 5:30pm

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the 4-H Ambassadors

Old Timers Showmanship

- Tuesday evening after beef show
- Participants will show pigs
- Nominations taken during beef show at Ambassador table
- \$5 minimum to nominate, matching funds to decline participation
- Winner will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card
- Money raised will be donated to the Grady Erichsen Memorial and the Ronnie Thomas Memorial



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4-H FAIR ACTIVITIES

Service Project

- Saturday, July 22
- following Fair Set-up
- help the Ambassadors pack blessing bags for local youth and adults in need
- participants will get an ice cream treat following packacking

Shaving Cream Whiffle Ball

- Wednesday of Fair
- 3:00pm

Water Balloon Games

- Wednesday of Fair
- following whiffle ball

Barnyard Olympics

- Wednesday evening after swine show
- Teams of 5
- Get a sign-up sheet at the fair office
- Sign-up due Wednesday, 6:30pm
- First place team members will receive prizes

Questions? Ask one of the 4-H Ambassadors

Kacey Butler
Brittney Dibben
Kourtney Dibben
Mikayla Dibben
Clara Gfeller

Addison Gibson
Karley Kramer
Hanna Miller
Macie Muto
Logan Nabus

Morgan Nabus
Ava Oentrich
Blake Proietti
Tyler Proietti
Elaina Schmidt

2023 GEARY COUNTY FREE FAIR 4-H RESPONSIBILITIES

This is the list of responsibilities for the 2023 Fair. Please take this list seriously and show up to help where you are listed. Contact the superintendent for the area you will be working in to see when and where they need help and how that fits into your schedule. If you are unable to help, please find a replacement and contact the superintendent to notify them.

Superintendents: It is suggested that you contact your helpers ahead of fair and let them know when you need help and to check their schedules. Remember you will want plenty of help on set-up day to get your area arranged as you wish to have it. Please feel free to recruit additional help if needed.

BANNERS, CLOVERBUDS, CLUB NOTEBOOKS, HOME ENVIRONMENT, MISCELLANEOUS, PETS, READING, SHOOTING SPORTS & WILDLIFE

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Amy Blockcolsky

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Braden Blockcolsky, Colden Blockcolsky, Kason Britt, Cori Leasure, Travis Leasure, April Strauss, William Strauss

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jessica Bobbett, Courtney Boehm, Jessica Britt, Lori Strauss, Jill Sump

BEEF & BUCKET CALF

ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Jim & Sarah Schmidt

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Brandon Dibben, Lacey Fielder, Heath Gfeller, Phillip Goodyear, Lindsey Snider

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

CAT

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Stephanie Gfeller

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENT: Clara Gfeller

CLOTHING & FASHION REVUE

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Liz Roeser

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Kacey Butler, Gracie Erichsen, Karley Kramer, Reece Langvardt, Macie Muto, Paige Roeser, Eloise Ryan

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Abby Anderes, Joanna Erichsen, Kelly Kramer, Heather Ryan

CROPS, FLORICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Marcie Proietti

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Brock Nabus, Logan Nabus, Blake Proietti, Tyler Proietti, Grant Roeser, Jacob Roeser

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Lisa Nabus

DOG

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Jacque Shane

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

ENERGY MANAGEMENT, ENTOMOLOGY, FIBER ARTS, GEOLOGY/LAPIDARY & STEM

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Erin Bradley

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Layla Bradley, Lillyana Bradley, Kasen Krinhop, Kara McDonald, Elisabeth Smith

ADULT ASSISTANT: Mindy Krinhop, Rebekah McDonald, Carey Smith

FOODS & NUTRITION, PRESERVATION

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Lara Strauss

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Emmy Gfeller, Caden Goodyear, Ethan Goodyear, Loagan Holm, Lorelei Olson, Shevy Olson, Ava Schmidt, Elaina Schmidt, Cade Snider, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Amelia Strauss, Charles Strauss, Josie Strauss, Adrian Williams

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Meggan Holm, Ashley King, Haley Kramer, Mary Muckey, Patti Noriega, Noelle Olson, Cecilia Weigel, Marti Williams

GOATS & SHEEP

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: David Butler

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Rod Gfeller, Christal Hall, Todd Kline, Lynn Langvardt, Caleb Strauss, Rebekah Thomas

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

HORSE

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Sterling Buist

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Cody Brown, Kaycee Brown, Nora Kvacik, Grant Slough, Lane Svoboda

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jason Brown, Lori Brown, Jamie Dickson, Teresa Douthit, Shelbi Gustafson, Joseph Kvacik, Tom Svoboda

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

PHOTOGRAPHY

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Jodi Zima

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Chelsey Armbruster, Addison Gibson, Tava Gustafson, Reagan Kehoe, Olivia Kline, Kennedy Moreland, Donnigan Mueller, Sean Mueller, Morgan Nabus, Creytin Sanner

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Marjaul Ferris, Jennifer Gibson, Lacey Kehoe, Vickie Kline, Kera Moreland, Robert Mueller, Judy Sanner, Michelle Zajac

POULTRY

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Resia Muto

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Ray Boller Jr., Deyton Dibben, Lucas Laudick

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Ray Boller, Nathen Kozlowski

SWINE

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Rebekah Thomas

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Daniel Anderes, Luke Erichsen, Heath Gfeller, Mark Miller, Randy Nabus, Justin Roeser, Jim Schmidt

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

VISUAL ARTS

ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Kristina Zlotow

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Brittney Dibben, Kourtney Dibben, Mikayla Dibben, Alana Donoho, Alyce Donoho, Sammie Hall, Weston Langvardt, David McIlwain, Hanna Miller, Newt Miller, Matt Zlotow

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Abby Allen, Dianna Dibben, Kasey Donoho, Pam Miller, Kevin Shane

WOODWORK

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Garry Berges

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Cade McCallum, Ava Oentrich, Eliot Oentrich, Grady Oentrich

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Travis Berges, Kelli McCallum, Heather Oentrich

ROUND ROBIN

ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Beef, Goats & Sheep, Horse, and Swine Superintendents

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty