



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

March 2017

Regional 4-H Day

Regional 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, March 25th in Clay Center at the high school. The schedule is posted on the Geary County 4-H website at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/>.

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). 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 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!

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.

K-State Open House

K-State Open House will be held April 1st from 9am to 3pm with free entertainment, career exploration activities, and student research exhibits serving as highlights for the day. For more information, including a schedule of events, visit <http://www.k-state.edu/openhouse>.

Building Fundraiser Help Needed

The Building Committee is requesting assistance from 4-H members and families for their fundraiser on April 8th. Setup help is needed at 1:00pm and servers are needed for the evening and will report at 5:45pm. Call the Extension Office at 238-4161 or email gkopfer@ksu.edu if you can help.

4-H Building Fundraiser

It is almost time for the annual 4-H/Senior Citizens Center fundraiser scheduled for April 8th. The Building Committee is counting on your support as 4-H and Extension functions use the building rent free. The dinner will be catered by Snapper's Pub and Grub of Hanover. Doors open at 5pm with the meal served from 6pm to 7pm followed by the live auction. Entertainment will be provided by the Just Us Quartet. Ticket price is \$10 age 12 and under and \$13 age 13 and over. Tickets can be purchased at the door, from the Senior Center, Extension Office, or building committee members. Monetary donations from clubs, members, or families are welcome and appreciated!

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.

Horse Level Testing

Now is a great time to get started on your horse Achievement Level testing if you haven't already done so. All District Horse Show participants will need to have completed the appropriate level testing by June 1st (9-13 year olds Level 1, 14 and up Level 1 and 2). In order to participate in the 4-H horse show at the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must qualify at the District Horse Show scheduled for July 5th in Salina.

KSU Youth Horse Judging Camps

Beginning Section	Advanced Section
June 6 th	June 7 th – 8 th
Weber Hall, KSU	Weber Hall, KSU
\$40 fee due by May 12 th	\$130 fee due by May 12 th

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>.

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.

Upcoming Youth Livestock Events at K-State

The K-State Youth Livestock Program has some exciting events planned for the upcoming months. Mark them on your calendar now and plan to attend!

Junior Meat Goat Producer Day – March 25

Animal Science Leadership Academy – June 14-17 (applications due April 1)

More information on these events can be obtained at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu>. The K-State Youth Livestock Program has also created Twitter and Facebook accounts to keep everyone updated on information and deadlines. Go to the webpage listed above to find links to these accounts.

Kansas State Fair & Kansas Junior Livestock Show Nomination Deadlines & Changes

Market Steers and Market Heifers (no market heifer show at KJLS) – May 1st

Commercial (Crossbred) Heifers – June 15th

Market Lambs – June 15th

Commercial Ewes (Wether Dams) – June 15th

Market Hogs – June 15th

Commercial Breeding Gilts – June 15th

Meat Goats (commercial does at KJLS only) – June 15th

-DNA hair samples are required for each nominated animal for ALL SPECIES

-Nomination fee is \$8 per animal

-There is a one-time per year \$20 fee if a nomination has to be returned to the family for any reason (ex.: incomplete form)

Changes:

-form-fillable PDF declaration and nomination forms are available at www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu, original signatures are still required

-the additional/extra nomination forms that were available for a couple of species if families had a significant number of animals to nominate have been discontinued

-the full scrapie tag number including Flock ID/Premise ID number and individual animal number must be submitted for all sheep and meat goats

-all swine exhibitors must have a Youth PQA Plus certification number by June 15th

-each specie nomination form now has a checklist, these forms are a resource to assist in submitting complete nomination materials and do not need to be submitted

Contact the Extension Office if you have questions about nominating livestock.

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.

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.

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>.

Kansas 4-H Sewing Camp

Registration is now open for the 2017 Kansas 4-H Sewing Camp! Sewing camp will be held May 30 – June 2 at Kansas State University and is for 13 to 18 year old 4-H members with sewing experience. Cost is \$215, 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. Registration is limited to 30 youth and the deadline is April 15th. More information is available at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/specialty-camps/clothing-camp/index.html>.

Opportunity to Help Calves Orphaned by Wildfires

Grass and Grain is coordinating a project to send milk replacer and starter pellets to the 4-H Club in Meade County that is fostering all the calves orphaned from the wildfires. If you or your club would like to partner with other area county 4-H clubs to have an even bigger impact, please let Ginger know. They are wanting to send the supplies next week!

Shooting Sports Instructor Training

The next opportunity to certify Shooting Sports discipline instructors will be April 7-9 at Rock Springs. The training begins Friday morning and will conclude Sunday afternoon. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a shooting sports instructor, contact the Extension Office. Registration deadline for the training is April 1st.

Host a Japanese Youth 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.

IFYE Hosts Needed

Kansas 4-H is searching for hosts for International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) participants this summer. Participants stay up to 3 months in Kansas split between several families with each family hosting for 2 to 3 weeks. Anyone interested in hosting should contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net.

March

- 19 Multi-County Photography Workshop, Auburn
- 25 Regional 4-H Day, Clay Center High School
- 25 Junior Goat Producer Day, Manhattan
- 28 Interstate Exchange Meeting, 6:30pm @ Chapman Storm Shelter

April

- 1 Shooting Sports Instructor Training registration due
- 1 Applications for Animal Science Leadership Academy due
- 1 Kansas State University Open House
- 3 Entomology 4-H Project Meeting Evening, 7pm @ 4-H Building
- 7-9 Shooting Sports Instructor Training @ Rock Springs
- 8 4-H/Senior Citizens Center Building Fundraiser
- 15 Sewing Camp registration due
- 20 Discovery Days online registration closes
- 22 City Clean-up

May

Calendar of Events

- 1 Bucket Calf ID forms & 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
- 1 Market Steers & Market Heifers KSF/KJLS nomination deadline
- 5 Ag Day
- 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 Discovery Days & Sewing Camp begin

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Check out this newsletter for lots of upcoming events and activities in 4-H! Pay special attention to information on 4-H Camp and other summer opportunities. Hope you all enjoy your Spring Break!

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

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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Topic: Entomology

Got Bugs??

Did you know that Kansas has over 15,000 species of insects? Some are bright and showy and easily seen, some are kind of scary and some are simply never seen. Entomology is an amazing 4-H project that allows you to explore the amazing world of Kansas insects. Chuck Otte will discuss how the entomology project works, how, where and when to collect insects, and how to get your entomology exhibit ready to be displayed. Participants will also get to practice the skills they learn by pinning an insect.

Date: 04/03/17

Time: 7:00pm

Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

4-H Project Meeting Evening

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on Thursday, March 30th by calling 785-238-4161 or emailing gkopfer@ksu.edu.

The final 4-H Project Meeting Evening of the year will be held on the first Monday of May and will cover Photography.

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