



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

May 2017

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to these 4-H members in the graduating class of 2017: **Mariana Garcia** (Blue Line), **Cadin Sanner** (Blue Line), **Lydia Sohnrey** (Humboldt), **Rebekah Thomas** (Lyon Creek), and **Jaydon Zima** (Brookside). Thanks for all of your contributions to the Geary County 4-H program and best wishes in all your future plans!

Great Community Service Opportunity for Geary County 4-H Members

Join Geary County 4-H in a community service project to pack meals for Geary County kids who are food insecure over the summer. Meals will be packed on Sunday, June 11th from 1:00 to 5:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. This is a great opportunity to volunteer to help out fellow youth in our community and LOTS of help is needed that day. We will be packing around 1,300 meals in conjunction with Geary County Farm Bureau members in an assembly line type process. Please consider joining us in this worthy project!

Kansas 4-H Program Fee

You should have received an email earlier in May letting you know that Kansas 4-H has decided to institute a \$15 fee per 4-H member (not including Cloverbuds) per year beginning with the 2017-18 4-H year. Fortunately the Geary County 4-H Foundation Board of Directors has agreed to pay this fee for all Geary County 4-H members at this time.

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.**

Fair Livestock Insurance

A fee of \$5 per head for steers, market lambs, market hogs, and market goats will be required at the time of fair pre-entry to purchase livestock insurance. This insurance will cover livestock from the time you leave home for the fair until you return home or the livestock changes ownership. The insurance is optional for breeding beef and breeding sheep. Please plan to pay this fee when you turn in your pre-entry forms.

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.

Geary County Shooting Sports Adding Small Bore Rifle Discipline

Geary County 4-H Shooting Sports now has an instructor trained in small bore rifle (new 4-H volunteer Kyle Lewis) and would like to get the project discipline up and running. If a 4-H member from your family (8 years or older) is interested in participating in this project discipline please let us know by calling 785-238-4161 or emailing gkopfer@ksu.edu. Once we figure out who is interested, we will get everyone enrolled, set up a meeting, and get started.

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.

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.

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. Please plan to enter online at <http://tinyurl.com/2017NCDHS>.

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.

Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip

The Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip will be headquartered out of Tecumseh this year and will be held June 9th through 11th. Registration is due by May 21st. Find out more information and register at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/geology-field-trip/index.html>.

Insect Spectacular

Beetles, bugs, dragonflies and more! It's time to get registered for the 2017 Insect Spectacular scheduled for June 23rd and 24th. Headquarters for the event will be the Sternberg Museum in Hays. The workshop is open to anyone interested in insects. Registration deadline is May 30th. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Kansas 4-H Dog Conference Logo Design Contest

The Kansas 4-H Dog Conference logo design contest is open to all dog project members. Designs are needed for the 2017 theme "Dogs R Game". Designs must reflect this game theme and be submitted electronically in a JPG format. The winning logo design, with professional modifications, will be used for promotional efforts including t-shirts. The winning entry will receive a complimentary registration for the 2017 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference, October 21-22, 2017. Entries are due August 1. Questions should be directed to Deryl Waldren at dwaldren@ksu.edu or 785-462-6281.

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>.

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.

Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo in Dodge City

Check out the annual Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Wednesday, August 3rd at the Ford County Fair Building in Dodge City. The wheat expo is open to all 4-H family members and 4-H leaders. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. There is a \$6 per person registration cost. Pre-registration will be required by July 24th. For more information about the wheat expo, visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html>. For additional questions contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or dwaldren@ksu.edu.

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.

Kansas 4-H Social Media Hashtags

As you post 4-H pictures and information on social media, please use the hashtags #KS4H and #4HGrowsHere. By doing this, you can help Kansas 4-H create a stronger and more consistent brand.

**Home Environment vs.
Woodworking vs.
Crafts**

Home Environment includes refinished wood projects (ex. – fixing an old wooden chair by making it more sturdy, sanding, and refinishing it). Woodworking is heavily judged on construction and finish. These projects should be something that is made from a plan. They are made of wood and normally have to be assembled, sanded, and have some type of finish applied (ex. – stain). Crafts projects can be made of wood, but do not usually require woodworking tools to make (ex. – anything made from a pre-cut kit, a picture frame made of popsicle sticks).

**Leadership Unlocked
Camp**

This 2½ day camp is open to ALL high school sophomores and juniors and will be held at Rock Springs July 16-18. Camp staff will help participants unlock their leadership potential as they learn awesome leadership skills and techniques. Participants will leave with the keys that reveal anyone can lead, anytime, anywhere. There are only 200 spots available and the registration deadline is June 1. Visit <https://kansas4hfoundation.org/leadership-unlocked> for details.

May

- 21 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip 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 Insect Spectacular registration due
- 30-31 Discovery Days @ K-State

June

- 1-2 Discovery Days @ 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
- 9-11 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip, Tecumseh
- 11 Community Service Project Packing Meals, 1-5pm @ 4-H Building
- 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 must be postmarked
- 22 Interstate Exchange Group Meeting @ 6:30pm in Chapman
- 23-24 Insect Spectacular, Hays
- 27-30 Campference, Rock Springs
- 30 Fair pre-entries due to Extension Office by 5pm

July

- 5 District Horse Show, Salina
- 9-13 Interstate Exchange to Oregon
- 17-22 Pre-fair events
- 23-27 Geary County Free Fair
- 28 After Fair Family Celebration

Calendar of Events

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Summer is fast approaching – now is the time to begin working on those 4-H projects you haven't started yet. Don't put them off any longer! Also, don't forget to work on your record book and get it updated. Doing these things now will save time and stress when deadlines approach!

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

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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Thank You Note 101

- ⇒ **Write and send your note as promptly as possible.**
- ⇒ **Make your comments personal...and be sincere!**
- ⇒ **Check spelling, punctuation, and grammar...remember, you want to make a good impression.**
- ⇒ **Here are some good words for “Thank You Notes”:**

Appreciated	Gratitude	Sincerely
Support	Gratefully	Happily
Helpful	Generous	Kindness
- ⇒ **Remember to talk about:**
 - The reason for the thank you gesture
 - What was received from the person/organization
 - What happened as a result of the person’s/organization’s actions
 - Points that warrant appreciation
- ⇒ **Thank you notes for 4-H Foundation Event Scholarships can be sent to:**

Geary County 4-H Foundation Board
c/o Geary County Extension Office
PO Box 28
Junction City, KS 66441

Dear 4-H Foundation Board,

(Introduction - make sure you’re addressing the right person/organization and are personal enough!)

My name is Carrie Clover and I am a member of the Crazy Clover 4-H Club. Thank you for the scholarship I was given to attend 4-H Camp. Without the 4-H Foundation paying half of my fee, I would not have been able to go. My favorite part of camp was canoeing and going down the slide in the awesome swimming pool! Thanks again for the scholarship. I hope I will be able to go to camp again next year!

(Content of note - be genuine and make sure you’re specifically thanking them for the actions of the person/organization!)

Sincerely,

(Closing - make it personal and appropriate.)

Carrie Clover

(Signature)