



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

October 2016

Achievement Celebration

Don't forget that the Geary County 4-H Achievement Celebration will be held Sunday, October 30th at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. It will begin at 6:00pm with a potluck supper. Each family is asked to bring a main dish AND side dish or dessert. Table service and drinks will be provided. Hope to see you there to celebrate the end of another great 4-H year!

Achievement Celebration Set-up

Set-up for Achievement Celebration will be held on October 30th at 1:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. All help is greatly appreciated!

4-H Enrollment

Required online enrollment for 4-H members is continuing for the 2017 4-H year. The system is open and information on how to re-enroll is included with this newsletter. Be sure to use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox as the system is not set up to work with other browsers.

Enrollment Deadline

The Geary County 4-H Foundation has set an enrollment deadline of January 1st in order to receive any funding from the foundation for the current 4-H year. Please make sure 4-H members are enrolled by January 1st in order to receive any event scholarship funds (including 4-H Camp) and/or post-secondary education scholarships made available by the foundation.

Foundation Fundraiser Help

The 4-H Foundation is requesting help from 4-H members to set up for and serve drinks at the Bingo/Soup Supper event planned for November 6th. Set up helpers will need to arrive at the 4-H Building on that day at 4:00pm and servers will need to arrive by 5:15pm. Please consider helping and contact the Extension Office at 238-4161 or email gkopfer@ksu.edu if you will be available. 4-H members who have attended any camps or conferences during the past year have directly benefitted from the foundation paying half of the fee for you to attend. Think about giving back by helping with this event!

4-H Age Requirements

Kansas 4-H policy states that youth must be 7 years old before January 1st of a given year to join 4-H. This means that youth who are 7 years old by January 1, 2017 will be able to join 4-H as full members for the current 4-H year. All youth who turn 7 after January 1 will be able to join as Cloverbud members, but will have to wait until the next year to join 4-H as full members. The age for Cloverbud members is 5 or 6 as of January 1, 2017.

**Interstate Exchange
Group Meeting**

Any 4-H members age 13 and older who are interested in participating in a 4-H Interstate Exchange are invited to a meeting (with dessert served) on November 1st at 7:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. We will be discussing program requirements, exchange location options, and fundraising. Parents are encouraged to attend with 4-H members. If you are interested in participating, but can't attend the meeting, please contact Ginger at gkopfer@ksu.edu or 238-4161.

Officer Training

4-H Officer Training has been scheduled for **Tuesday, November 29th** at 7:00pm at Pottorf Hall on the Riley County Fairgrounds in Manhattan. This will be a multi-county training with Riley and Pottawatomie counties. All club officers should mark this on their calendars and plan to attend.

4-H Day

4-H Council has chosen Saturday, February 4th for Geary County 4-H Club Day. Please mark this date on your calendars and look for further information and entry materials in the December 4-H Newsletter.

4-H Council Officers

The first 4-H Council meeting of the year was held on October 3rd. Congratulations to these 4-H members who were elected as officers:

President – Samantha Shefelton
Vice President – Rylie Ellis
Secretary – Lauren Moon
Treasurer – Mason Muto
Reporter – Lindsey Ascher

**4-H Council
Committees**

These are the 4-H Council Committees for 2016-2017. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please call the Extension Office. Any help would be appreciated!

-Fair BBQ -Public Revue
-Fair Board -4-H Day
-Finance -National 4-H Week
-Achievement Celebration

**Citizenship
Washington Focus**

Citizenship Washington Focus is a unique opportunity to visit our nation's capital with other 4-H members from across Kansas. The trip is for youth 15-18 years old as of January 1, 2017. The dates are June 15th – 26th with a fee of \$1,850. The Geary County 4-H Foundation and 4-H Council are offering a scholarship for 85% of this fee for up to two Geary County 4-H members! Applications for this scholarship are available at the Extension Office or at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> and are due by November 1st. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mid-November. Applications for the CWF program will be accepted online until January 1st. Visit www.Kansas4-H.org or contact the Extension Office for further information.

**Record Book Judging
Thanks!**

Thanks to all of the adults who participated in record book judging. The volunteers who helped to judge were:

<u>Brookside</u>	<u>Humboldt</u>	<u>Lyon Creek</u>
Jeannette Ascher	Brittney Hinds	Stephanie Gfeller
Kelly Frazier	Resia Muto	Pam Miller
Aiden Hinkley	Lisa Nabus	Lara Strauss
	Jim Schmidt	Marti Williams
<u>Clarks Creek</u>	Sarah Schmidt	
Shelbi Gustafson	Lynn Sohnrey	
Kristel Jahnke		

Fair Premium Checks

Do you have a premium check from the fair that you haven't cashed or deposited? If so, please take care of it as soon as possible. This helps us with bookkeeping and also makes sure the check is still good.

**Congratulations to
State 4-H Archery
Competitors**

Congratulations to Grace Anderson, Miguel Rocha, and Chalee Williamson who participated in the State 4-H Archery Competition in September. Miguel participated in Junior Barebow, Grace was in the Junior Bow Hunter division, and Chalee participated in the Senior Bow Hunter category. Way to go!

**Happy Birthday
Kansas! Photo Contest**

Young people across Kansas from 1st through 12th grade are invited to enter the Happy Birthday Kansas! Photo Contest between August 1 and November 1, 2016. The contest theme this year is "Making a Difference in Your Kansas Community". Winners will be announced as part of the state's Kansas Day celebration on January 27, 2017 at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. Contest rules and information for submitting photographs are available at www.happybirthdayks.org.

**Exchange Travel
Opportunities for
4-H'ers in 2017**

4-H members between the ages of 12 and 18 have the possibility of traveling to Costa Rica, Finland, Japan and South Korea next year. Age requirements differ based on the program. 4-H alumni over 19 may apply for individualized programs of 2 to 6 months in partner countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Applications are due November 1st to the State 4-H Office and interviews and orientation are scheduled to take place on December 2nd – 3rd in Manhattan. You can find more information about the available exchange experiences and the application at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html>. Contact Mary Kay Munson at 238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net for more information.

**Saddle Club
Afterschool Program at
Rock Springs**

Join Rock Springs Equine Director, Beth Retzlaff, for a four-week session afterschool program. These sessions will teach youth basic horsemanship skills, western riding and groundwork, along with equine health and overall knowledge. Ages 8-14 are invited to join. The session begins November 8 and runs on Tuesdays through November 29. Class will be from 4:00 to 6:00pm and cost is \$175. To register, visit <https://app.campdoc.com/register/rocksprings>.

4-H STEM Meeting

The next 4-H STEM meeting will be held on Sunday, November 6th from 1:00 to 4:00pm (just prior to 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper setup) at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. Grant funds were used to purchase some robotics kits and a quad copter (drone) and participants will get to see what they can do. Time will also be set aside to learn about and observe dry ice and/or liquid nitrogen. Thanks to Jim and Sarah Schmidt for continuing to provide these STEM related opportunities!



Calendar of Events

October

- 22-23 Dog Conference @ Rock Springs
- 30 Achievement Celebration Set-up @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 1pm
- 30 Achievement Celebration @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 6pm

November

- 1 Citizenship Washington Focus scholarship applications due by 5pm
- 1 Interstate Exchange Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
- 6 4-H STEM Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 1-4pm
- 6 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper set-up @ 4-H Building – 4pm
- 6 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper @ 4-H Building – 5:30pm
- 18-20 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum @ Rock Springs
- 29 4-H Officer Training @ Pottorf Hall in Manhattan – 7pm

December

- 5 4-H Project Meeting Evening @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm

January

- 3 4-H Project Meeting Evening (note change from normal date due to the New Year's Day holiday on January 2)
- 21 Northeast Leadership Event
- 23 4-H Scholarship Applications due to Extension Office by 5pm

February

- 4 4-H Day
- 6 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
- 19-20 Citizenship in Action Conference, Topeka
- 25 4-H Ambassador Training @ Rock Springs

Important Future Dates

- March 25 Regional 4-H Day, Clay Center High School
- May 5 Ag Day
- May 30 – June 2 Discovery Days at K-State
- June 3 Camp Counselor Training at Rock Springs
- June 4-7 4-H Camp at Rock Springs
- June 13 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
(note change from normal date due to 4-H Camp)
- June 30 Fair pre-entries due
- July 23-27 Geary County Free Fair



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Welcome to a new 4-H year! I'm glad that you have chosen to be a part of the 4-H program in Geary County. Now is a great time to make goals for your 4-H projects and your 4-H year in general. Some basic steps for goal setting are:

Step 1: Decide what you want to achieve.

Step 2: Set a deadline.

Step 3: How will you know if you have achieved your goal? What will be different?

Step 4: What are the things you need to do to achieve your goal?

Setting goals will help you to achieve what you want. Best wishes in setting some great 4-H goals!

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