



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

September 2023

Officer Training

4-H Officer Training has been scheduled for **Tuesday, November 14** at 6:30pm at Pottorf Hall on the Riley County Fairgrounds in Manhattan. This will be a multi-county training with Riley County. All club officers should mark this on their calendars and plan to attend.

Record Book Screening

Geary County will be in charge of screening our own records this year. Screening will be held **October 5 from 8:30am to 7:00pm** at the Extension Office. Each club is responsible for providing at least 4 adults to screen records. Older 4-H members are also welcome to judge. No parent will be allowed to screen records for their own child. Please think about participating in this great learning experience that will help you to gain new ideas. You don't have to be a record book "expert" to participate.

4-H Enrollment

Required online enrollment for 4-H members is continuing for the 2023-24 4-H year. The system is currently shut down to prepare for enrollment but is expected to reopen at 8:00am on October 1. More information on how to re-enroll online will be sent out via email on October 2.

Kansas 4-H Program Fee

Just a reminder that Kansas 4-H will continue to charge a \$15 fee per 4-H member (not including Cloverbuds) per 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. Pay special attention to instructions that will be sent out with enrollment information on how to complete the payment portions of enrollment. If you pay the fee by credit card or check, you will not be reimbursed.

Achievement Celebration

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Saturday, October 28 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 28 at 1:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. All help is greatly appreciated!

**National 4-H Week/48
Hours of 4-H**

Don't forget National 4-H Week, October 1 through 7. Plan to participate in Geary County's National 4-H Week opportunities and 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend. Flyers with all of the details are included with this newsletter.

**Club Summary
Deadline**

Club summaries are due by 5:00pm on October 2 to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted.

**County-wide Project
Leaders Needed**

Do you have an interest or talent that you would like to share with 4-H members across the county during the next 4-H year? If so, please volunteer your time as a county-wide project leader by calling the Extension Office on or before October 2. Let's all work together to make finding leaders easier for each club!

4-H Pictures Needed

Pictures are needed for a slide show showcasing the 4-H year at the Achievement Celebration. Pictures can be sent to, or dropped off at, the Extension Office or sent via email to gkopfer@ksu.edu before October 2. We would like all 4-H clubs to be represented in the pictures. So, look through your 4-H photos and pick some out right away!

**Kansas Youth
Leadership Forum**

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2024. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 18-19. Highlights of the forum will be inspirational speakers, workshops, and meeting new people. Contact the Extension Office or visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html> for more information and to register online. Registration is open and is due October 16 with a cost of \$200. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay half of the fee for Geary County 4-H members who complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

**Kansas 4-H Youth
Leadership Council**

Applications are available for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and are due October 2. Council members plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, and other events along with other duties. 4-H members 14 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2024 are eligible to apply. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

**National 4-H
Conference**

Applications are available for the 2024 National 4-H Conference to be held April 19-24, 2024. Delegates must be 15 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2024. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Up to six Kansas youth may be selected as delegates via an application and interview. Applications are due online by October 2nd. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

State 4-H Dog Conference

State 4-H Dog Conference will be held October 21-22 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Registration is due by October 1. Conference events include educational sessions, quiz bowl, skillathon, and many others. More information and link for online registration can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/dog-conference/index.html>. Cost is \$155 for full-time participants and \$80 for Sunday only. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay half of the fee for Geary County 4-H members who complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

Yard Signs for National 4-H Week

Yard signs for National 4-H Week are available at September 4-H Club meetings and at the Extension Office. If you pick up a yard sign, don't forget to return it to your October club meeting or to the Extension Office so we can use them in future years.

4-H Council

Each club needs to select 2 youth and 2 adults as 4-H Council Representatives. The youth and adults that you select will be able to help make decisions about the county 4-H program. The next council meeting will be October 2 at 7:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. We will be reviewing the fair, electing officers, and assigning committees for the coming year. The tentative meeting agenda can be found online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html>. The other meetings for the 2023-2024 year are scheduled for February 5 and June 3.

State Fair Exhibits

If you sent exhibits to the State Fair, please plan to pick them up at the Extension Office any time after 8:00am on Tuesday, September 19. We appreciate having exhibits picked up soon after the end of the fair. You can find non-livestock 4-H results at <https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/19045> and 4-H livestock results will hopefully be available soon on the Kansas State Fair website at <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/>. Congratulations to all participants, it is an honor just to be able to enter exhibits, participate in judging contests, and show animals at the state fair!

Judging Team Participants

Congratulations to the following Geary County 4-H members who participated in the Livestock Judging Contest at K-State in August and at the State Fair. Livestock Judging: Kourtney Dibben, Grady Oentrich, and Grant Roeser Photography Judging: Brittney Dibben, Deyton Dibben, Kourtney Dibben, Mikayla Dibben, Addison Gibson, Olivia Kline, Hanna Miller and Adrian Williams
Extra congratulations to Brittney Dibben who placed 5th in the Senior Photography Judging Contest out of 73 participants and the Senior Team of Brittney Dibben, Kourtney Dibben, Mikayla Dibben, and Hanna Miller who placed 6th out of 16 teams.

**Standards for
Participation in Kansas
FFA and 4-H Youth
Development
Educational
Opportunities**

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.

2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.

3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.

4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.

5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.

6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

**Animals in the
4-H/Senior Citizens
Center**

Just a reminder that the 4-H/Senior Citizens Building Committee has made the decision that no animals will be allowed in the kitchen or dining room at the building and animals will be allowed in the rest of the building by permission only. Please contact the Extension Office if you need to get permission for animals to be allowed in the building (permission has already been given for 4-H Dog project meetings). We ask that all 4-H families follow this policy.

**Photography Contest
Opportunity**

Kansas 4-H and Kansas Farm Bureau have teamed up for a photography contest. 4-H members who enter have a chance to win up to \$50 and be featured in Kansas Living Magazine. For full details and entry form, visit www.kfb.org/4hphoto. The deadline for entries is October 1st.

Fair Lost & Found

The following items were found at the fair or the after-fair pool party and are available to be claimed at the Extension Office until the end of September when they will be disposed of:

Purple & green sunglasses

Black shorts – size XS

Black shorts – size Medium

Gray Blue Jay sweatshirt – size Medium

Gray Cloud Thunderbirds t-shirt – size Medium

Outbound International Exchange Opportunities

Information has not yet been released, but it is anticipated that opportunities for youth to travel on outbound international exchange trips will be offered again for 2024 through States' 4-H and IFYE. Last year, there were opportunities for 12 to 18-year-old members for shorter experiences, and 2 to 6-month experiences for those ages 18 to 25. Check out <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html> for updated information this fall. Applications are usually due November 1.

Fair Dates for 2024

Fair Board has chosen the dates of July 21-25, 2024 for the Geary County Free Fair. Mark this on your calendars now! A full schedule of 4-H events and judging will be available after the February 5th 4-H Council meeting.



September

- 8-17 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- 15 Kansas Junior Livestock Show entry deadline
- 19 State Fair Exhibits can be picked up at Extension Office after 8am
- 22 Record Books & Award Applications due by 5pm
- 22 Ambassador Applications due by 5pm
- 29-30 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson

October

- 1 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
- 1 4HOnline Enrollment system open
- 1 4-H Dog Conference registration deadline
- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 2 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
- 2 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
- 2 National 4-H Conference Applications due
- 2 Club Summaries due by 5pm
- 3 Ambassador Interviews, evening
- 5 Record Book Screening, 8:30am-7pm @ Extension Office
- 7-8 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend
- 16 KYLF Registration deadline
- 21-22 4-H Dog Conference @ Rock Springs
- 28 Achievement Celebration setup, 1pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 28 Achievement Celebration, 6pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

November

- 5 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper
- 6 Ambassador Meeting, 6:30pm at 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 14 4-H Officer Training, 6:30pm @ Pottorf Hall in Manhattan
- 18-19 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs

Calendar of Events



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September 15, 2023

As the 2022-23 4-H year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered throughout the year. Without volunteers, 4-H would not be possible. We are very fortunate in Geary County to have so many people who care about 4-H and 4-H members!

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

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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How can you participate in National 4-H Week?

- Proudly wear a 4-H shirt
- Get a yard sign at your September 4-H Club meeting or the Extension Office and proudly display it in your yard
- Hand out bookmarks and tell people about 4-H
 - Bookmarks will be available at September 4-H Club meetings and at the Extension Office (if you are picking up bookmarks from the Extension Office, please call 785-238-4161 and let us know how many you need so we can have them ready for you)
- Perform a random act of kindness and post to social media (use #geco4h)
- Create a poster to hang at school or a local business
 - tell about what you can do through 4-H
 - tell about a spark you have found through 4-H
(A spark is a passion for an interest or skill that lights a fire in a young person's life, providing energy, joy, purpose, and direction)
- Think of your own way to help others learn about 4-H





What is 48 Hours of 4-H?

48 Hours of 4-H is a Kansas 4-H service challenge that was created as a way to challenge 4-H members to explore their service capabilities – “To Make the Best Better” in their communities, counties, and across the state.

When will it be held?

48 Hours of 4-H will be October 7-8, 2023

How can I participate?

In Geary County, we are holding a sock and underwear drive to benefit those in our community in need. Bring new socks and underwear (including sports bras) to your September 4-H Club meeting. Items can also be dropped off at the Extension Office.

How do I sign up?

No sign up needed.

What if I can't participate in this option?

Projects can also be done as individuals, so choose a project on your own and complete it October 7 or 8. Make sure to register your project at www.Kansas4-H.org/484H. A list of ideas of things to do can also be found on this website in the 484H Guide.

Let's work together to make a difference in our community!

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**Wild About FCS!
Friday, October 6th
8:00AM - 2:45PM**

Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) Youth Leadership Experience

- Are you a Senior Level 4-Her in Geary County?
- Are you interested in Textiles, Fashion, or Design?
- Is your Favorite 4-H project Foods & Nutrition?
- Have you thought about being an Athletic Trainer or a field in Medicine?
- Do you love working with kids?
- Have you ever considered teaching or working in youth development?
- Do you enjoy event planning?

If you said **YES** to any of these questions, then a Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) degree might be for you! Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay for half of the \$10 youth registration fee. Transportation will be provided by Geary County Extension.

KSU College of Health & Human Sciences

- Meet other youth from across KS
- Learn more about career and scholarship options
- Meet Willie the Wildcat

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To register, contact: Deb Andres
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