

## Geary County 4-H Day 2025 Entry Materials

Geary County 4-H Day will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to start thinking about which events you would like to participate in at 4-H Day. The following are descriptions of the events and some hints that will help you prepare. Also included is the entry form which is due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on **January 30, 2026**. Entry forms can also be submitted online at <https://tinyurl.com/4HDay2026>. If your entry form is not turned in by this time, you will not be included on the schedule. Remember that juniors are 7 to 12 years old as of January 1, 2026 and seniors are 13 and over as of January 1, 2026.

All activities are judged and placed in a blue, red, or white ribbon category with a purple ribbon awarded to those most deserving at the end of the day in each 4-H Day activity, except Cloverbud 4-H entries and the Show and Tell category. All Cloverbud 4-Hers and those who participate in Show and Tell will receive a participation ribbon for their talks or talent numbers. (Although participation will not be competition judged, judges' comments will be given.)

All presentation types which do not specify otherwise, are designed for a single presenter.

PowerPoint can be used for Project Talks, Public Speaking, and Demonstrations only. An LCD projector (or TV) and HDMI cable will be provided (no computer will be available).

4-H Day is a good time to develop self-confidence and poise. It's an opportunity to perform in front of others and share your 4-H experiences and talents. I hope every one of you will find something that interests you and will get involved in this activity!

### Parliamentary Procedure Contests

Gavel Games - A parliamentary procedure demonstration

- \* Junior and Senior Divisions
- \* 4 members per team plus an at-large member (optional)
- \* 20 minute maximum time limit
- \* Senior team members will draw for the office of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, member (if a 5 person team); Junior team members can pre-assign officer positions
- \* Each team will be required to do a certain number of specific motions
- \* One junior and one senior team may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

Model Meetings - Shows example of a complete business meeting

- ✓ 35 minute maximum time limit (time will not include roll call)
- ✓ An agenda of the model meeting must be presented to the judge before the meeting is called to order. The judge will deduct one ribbon placing if the agenda is not made available.
- ✓ The secretary will be asked to turn in notes after the model meeting. No officer's books are required.
- ✓ Recreation may be at any time during the meeting. (Recreation is not allowed at Regional 4-H Day.)
- ✓ Leaders should participate in the meeting as they normally do. Advice and counsel will be in order and may include announcements and reports.
- ✓ Each club will draw one parliamentary procedure problem to incorporate into their model meeting. The problems you will draw from are:
  - Division of the house
  - Division of the question
  - Lay a motion on the table
  - Take a motion from the table
  - Previous question
- ✓ One entry may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

## Public Speaking

**Project Talk** - A speech telling about a project in which you are currently enrolled. This speech may include your experiences and/or information relating to the project as well as promotion of the project. The purpose is to inform.

- ★ For 4-H members 7 to 12 years old
- ★ Time recommended: 3 to 4 minutes, 7 minutes maximum
- ★ Topics may be on a 4-H project or an aspect of a project a 4-H member is currently enrolled in
- ★ Visuals are encouraged, but are not required
- ★ PowerPoint is allowed in this category. An LCD projector (or TV) and HDMI cable will be provided (no computer will be available). Bring two hard copies of the presentation in case of technical difficulties. No internet access will be provided.
- ★ No questions are asked
- ★ A project talk includes three parts:
  - Introduction* - The opening statement and attention-getter
  - Body* - The main part of the talk. Tell the main idea of your talk, then explain or illustrate important facts in developing the main idea.
  - Conclusion/Summary* - Repeat a few of the major points of your talk.
- ★ Two entries may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

**Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks** - A demonstration is defined as a “show-how” process involving doing or making something while giving an explanation. The demonstrator uses actual items, supplies, equipment, people, or animals while going through a process. There should be a finished product to show. Sometimes a finished product is not possible, but it does enhance a demonstration, is highly suggested, and may influence the ribbon placing. An illustrated talk is defined as a “tell-how” process where the presenter uses visuals such as posters, charts, models, graphs, etc. to aid in emphasizing a point or to add interest while telling how to do something. Visuals **are** required in an illustrated talk.

- Junior Division for 4-H members 7 to 12 years old; Time recommended: 4 to 7 minutes, 10 minutes maximum
- Senior Division for 4-H members 13 years and older; Time recommended 5 to 10 minutes, 15 minutes maximum
- Questions are asked
- A summary that reviews important points is required as part of the speech
- Should begin with a catchy introduction
- Either individual or team presentations
- The topic may be related to a project in which the 4-Her is currently enrolled
- The endorsement of brand names is discouraged
- All necessary equipment is provided by the 4-Her
- PowerPoint is allowed for both age divisions in this category. An LCD projector (or TV) and HDMI cable will be provided (no computer will be available). Bring two hard copies of the presentation in case of technical difficulties. No internet access will be provided.
- Two entries from each age division may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

### ***Some hints for Demonstrations:***

- ❖ Cover the demonstration table with a tablecloth or paper
- ❖ Move ingredients to one side of the table as you demonstrate
- ❖ 4-Her should set up and clean up their own demonstration
- ❖ Show your finished project
- ❖ Clean up your table before you show the finished project

### Public Speaking

- ◆ Junior Division for 4-Hers 11 and 12 years old; Time recommended: 5 to 7 minutes, 10 minutes maximum
- ◆ Senior Division for 4-Hers 13 years and older; Time recommended: 5 to 7 minutes, 15 minutes maximum
- ◆ Topic unlimited
- ◆ Visuals are optional, they should enhance the talk, not distract. PowerPoint is allowed for both age divisions in this category. An LCD projector (or TV) and HDMI cable will be provided (no computer will be available). Bring two hard copies of the presentation in case of technical difficulties. No internet access will be provided.
- ◆ Outline is required for judge (judge will deduct one ribbon placing if outline is not available)
- ◆ If notes are used, note cards are recommended instead of paper
- ◆ Questions may be asked
- ◆ Junior Division not eligible to advance to Regional 4-H Day
- ◆ Two Senior Division entries may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

### Sharing

- ☺ For Cloverbud 4-H members (must be enrolled)
- ☺ Time recommended: 2 to 3 minutes
- ☺ Props or posters optional
- ☺ Topic may be any 4-H related project or item
- ☺ May do this talk alone or with your Cloverbud group
- ☺ Each 4-Her entering will receive a participation ribbon
- ☺ Not eligible to advance to Regional 4-H Day

### Show and Tell

- ⚙ For any first year member who is not giving another talk
- ⚙ Time recommended: 2 to 3 minutes
- ⚙ Props or posters optional
- ⚙ Topic may be any 4-H related project or item
- ⚙ Each 4-Her entering will receive a participation ribbon
- ⚙ Not eligible to advance to Regional 4-H Day

## **Music**

### **General Hints:**

- ✿ If a number is short, play it through twice
- ✿ Write your name on your music so that it can be returned to you
- ✿ Recorded music for accompaniment is allowed in all music divisions, **if** you have original copies of the music on the recording
- ✿ Only one piano will be available in the music room

### Chorus

- ♪ 16 or more members from one or more clubs, or 12 or more members for club chorus if club membership is under 16
- ♪ Two numbers required
- ♪ Original copy of selections with measures numbered will be given to the judge before performing or judge will deduct one ribbon placing
- ♪ May or may not have accompanist
- ♪ Director and accompanist need not be 4-Hers; however these individuals may not sing with the group unless they are a 4-Her
- ♪ Memorization of numbers is not required, but is desirable and may influence the rating given by the judge
- ♪ One entry may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

### Vocal Ensemble

- # Group may be composed of 2 to 15 4-Hers, not including accompanist
- # Two numbers required
- # Original copy of selections with the measures numbered will be given to the judge before performing or judge will deduct one ribbon placing
- # Accompanist need not be a 4-Her
- # Memorization of numbers is not required, but is desirable and may influence the rating given by the judge
- # One entry may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

### Vocal Solo - Junior and Senior

- ❖ Participant will sing one number
- ❖ Original copy of selection with measures numbered will be given to the judge before performing or judge will deduct one ribbon placing
- ❖ Accompanist need not be a 4-Her
- ❖ Selection should be memorized or judge will deduct one ribbon placing
- ❖ One junior entry and one senior entry may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

### Orchestra and Band

- h 16 or more 4-Hers from one or more clubs
- h Members play one number of their own choosing
- h Original copy of conductor's scores with measures numbered is to be given to judge before playing or judge will deduct one ribbon placing
- h Director is not required to be a 4-Her, however this individual may not play with the group unless he or she is a 4-Her
- h Memorization of number is not required
- h One entry may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

### Instrumental Ensemble

- ♪ 2 to 15 4-Hers, not including accompanist, from one or more clubs
- ♪ One number required
- ♪ Original copy of selections with measures numbered will be given to the judge before performing or judge will deduct one ribbon placing.
- ♪ Memorization of number is not required
- ♪ One entry may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

### Instrumental Solo - Junior and Senior

- 🎵 Participant will play one number
- 🎵 Original copy of selection with measures numbered will be given to the judge before performing or judge will deduct one ribbon placing
- 🎵 Memorization of number is NOT required
- 🎵 Accompanist is not required to be a 4-Her
- 🎵 One junior entry and one senior entry may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

## **Dance**

(4-Her must provide own equipment such as CD player)

- Each category has a 5 minute time limit
- One junior entry, one senior entry, and one group entry may be selected for Regional 4-H Day
- Introduction (including name, 4-H club, and description of performance) is important
- Recorded music is encouraged for all categories
- Types of dance: country (swing or line dance), folk (circle dance, polka, schottische, waltz), choreographed (as seen at half-time shows), or other (tap dance, jazz, break/street dance, interpretive, or acrobatic dance)

### Junior Solo Dance

### Senior Solo Dance

### Group Dance – composed of 2 to 15 4-H members

## Drama

### Plays

- ★ Limited strictly to one-act plays with one set. No set changes allowed.
- ★ No number limitations on participants
- ★ 45 minutes maximum time limit; an additional 5 minutes is allowed to set the stage
- ★ Club is responsible for all scenery, property, and props
- ★ If a royalty play is used, the group must be responsible for the royalty. Receipt for the payment must be given to the judge before the play is presented. Failure to comply with this rule will be considered as automatic withdrawal.
- ★ 4-Hers should be in charge of stage arrangements including setting the stage
- ★ Introduction (including names of participants, 4-H club, and description of performance) is important and is not included in time allowed
- ★ should not be a repeat performance of the previous two years
- ★ One entry may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

### Skits

- ✧ No number limitations on participants
- ✧ 15 minute maximum time limit; an additional 5 minutes is allowed to set the stage
- ✧ Introduction is important (including name(s) of participant(s), 4-H club, and description of performance) and is not included in time allowed
- ✧ Each club will be responsible for all scenery, property, and props
- ✧ One entry may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

### Reading - Junior and Senior

- ✧ Poetry interpretation or prose interpretation
- ✧ Dramatic, interpretive, humorous, or other type of reading
- ✧ Individual presentation only
- ✧ 10 minute maximum time limit
- ✧ Have an attention-getting introduction that includes name of participant, 4-H club, title and author, which also sets the scene for your piece
- ✧ No props beyond a folder or book may be used
- ✧ No extra points will be awarded for memorized work
- ✧ One junior and one senior may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

### Solo Acting - Junior and Senior

- ☐ Must be memorized or judge will deduct one ribbon placing
- ☐ The material is generally something that was published as a script, but can be done from a story. The pieces may be single or multiple characters (one person performs all the parts).
- ☐ Individual presentation only
- ☐ 10 minute maximum time limit
- ☐ 4-Her may move around and props may be used
- ☐ Include an attention-getting introduction that includes name of participant, 4-H club, title and author, which also sets the scene for your piece
- ☐ One junior and one senior may be selected for Regional 4-H Day

### Other Talent - Junior and Senior

- ◆ Miscellaneous grouping may include talent such as novelty numbers, stunts, pantomime, puppets, marionettes, ventriloquist acts, baton routines, gymnastics routines, or other types of talent
- ◆ May be an individual or group presentation
- ◆ 10 minute maximum time limit
- ◆ Introduction is important (name, club, description of performance) and is not included in time allowed
- ◆ One junior entry and one senior entry may be selected for Regional 4-H Day