



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

December 2025

Geary County 4-H Club Day

4-H Club Day will be held **February 14, 2026** at the First Presbyterian Church in Junction City. Note this change in date from the date that was originally published. Further details and pre-entry information will be included in the January 4-H Newsletter. As you begin planning for participation in 4-H Day, Kansas 4-H Communication Fact Sheets and event score sheets are available at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html>.

Geary County Post- Secondary Education Scholarships

Applications for county 4-H scholarships are due by January 5th and will be submitted online. The link for the county scholarship application and information can be found online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. The list of county scholarships that are available this year will be the Paul and Clara Gwin Scholarship, the Ralph Dietrich Scholarship, two Ray and Nellie Smith 4-H Scholarships, the Flint Hills Preservation Coalition Scholarship, and three Geary County 4-H Foundation Scholarships.

Kansas 4-H Post- Secondary Education Scholarships

Applications for state 4-H scholarships are due by January 5th and will be submitted online. The state 4-H website (<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>) has a link to the online application and more information.

4-H Enrollment

Online 4-H enrollment for the 2025-26 year should have been completed by now. If you have not taken care of this, please do so as soon as possible. This will ensure that you continue to receive newsletters and project information. Find more information about enrolling online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. Don't forget to use the code QYDTAO for payment.

Enrollment Deadline

The Geary County 4-H Foundation has set an enrollment deadline of January 1st in order to receive scholarship 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.

Extension Office Holiday Hours

The Extension Office will be closed for the holidays December 25th through January 1st. We will reopen for business on January 2nd at 8:00am. Please plan accordingly as staff will not be working during this time.

Officer Training Make-Up

We will continue the procedure used in the past for those unable to attend officer training that was held November 9th. To make up that training, and have it count for your club, first call or stop by the Extension Office and let us know what office you hold and get your training materials. The training materials will include a worksheet that you will need to fill out. Once this is completed, you can contact the Extension Office at 785-238-4161 or email Ginger at gkopfer@ksu.edu to schedule an appointment to go over the information and ask questions. These appointments can be in-person or via Zoom and should take approximately 10 minutes. You will then be counted as having completed officer training for this year. Meetings must be completed by December 23rd at the latest.

Fair Auction Participation Requirement for 2026

4-H members will be required to attend in-person at least 4 regular monthly meetings of the 4-H club in which they are enrolled between October 1 and June 30 to participate in the project/livestock auction held at the end of the fair in 2026. Official record of meetings attended will be the club secretary's book. This requirement does not limit fair participation, only participation in the auction. Plan ahead now to make sure youth meet the requirement if they want to participate in the auction.

2026 Fair Theme

The fair theme for 2026 will be a birthday theme in celebration of the 100th Geary County Fair and 100 years of Extension in Geary County. The theme will be titled "Centennial Celebration".

4-H Camp Registration Open

Registration for 4-H Camp is now open. Details are included below.

- The Geary County 4-H Foundation will give support to Geary County 4-H members in the amount of \$225 for camp experiences at Rock Springs (this replaces the half scholarships given for camp in the past since there are now multiple options and prices for camp). Use the discount code GECOCAMP26 when you register to have these funds applied to your account. The code will need to be added for each camper's registration and is only valid through May 1st.
- We are not selecting a preferred camp session this year. Your family can choose whatever session works best for you.
- There are camp options for youth currently in 1st grade and older, including teens. Teen programs are Leader in Training and Counselor in Training.
- There are 3 tiers of pricing available. Choose the one that works for your family.

If you have questions about Geary County's involvement in camp, please feel free to contact the Extension Office. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>.

4-H Project Afternoon

Put the afternoon of January 11th on your calendar and look for more details coming soon via email for a 4-H Project Afternoon centered around hands-on learning related to multiple 4-H projects.

Horse Panorama

This event is designed for youth as a compilation of various contests related to the horse project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography, educational posters, and more. The event will be held February 21-22 at Rock Springs. Further details on the Panorama and registration link will be available soon at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>.

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 Beef Producer Day – March 7 (register by February 13)

Junior Sheep Producer Day – April 11 (register by March 20)

More information on these events is available online at <https://www.ksu.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html> or at the Extension Office.

December

25-31 Extension Office closed for holidays

January

1 Extension Office closed for holiday

1 Enrollment deadline to receive support from the 4-H Foundation

5 County and State Scholarship deadline

11 4-H Project Afternoon

30 4-H Day entries due to Extension Office or online by 5pm

February

2 4-H Council Meeting at 7:00pm – 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

13 Junior Beef Producer Day registration deadline

14 4-H Day @ JC 1st Presbyterian Church

15-16 Citizenship in Action Conference, Topeka

21-22 Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama

March

1 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball at K-State

7 Junior Beef Producer Day @ K-State

20 Junior Sheep Producer Day registration deadline

28 Regional 4-H Day

April

11 Junior Sheep Producer Day @ K-State

19 4-H Project Afternoon

May

1 Project Drop/Add Deadline

1 Ag Day

20 Bucket Calf ID's Due to Extension Office by 5pm

June

1 Horse ID's due to Extension Office by 5pm

1 4-H Council Meeting at 7:00pm – 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

3-5 Discovery Days at K-State

14 4-H Project Afternoon

26 Fair Pre-entries due

July

19-23 Geary County Free Fair (full schedule of 4-H events will be available after February 4-H Council meeting)

Calendar of Events



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Check out this newsletter for important information on upcoming 4-H opportunities.

As we close out 2025, all the staff at the Extension Office want to wish you safe and happy holidays!

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