



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

April 2019

Project Drop/Add Deadline

May 1st will be the last day you can drop or add projects for county fair. This means that if you do not add the project by that date, you will not be eligible to exhibit in that area at the fair. Sign in to your 4-HOnline account to see what projects you are enrolled in and to drop or add projects. As a reminder, the 4-HOnline website address is <https://ks.4honline.com/>. Contact the Extension Office if you have problems logging into 4-HOnline. The State 4-H Office suggests use of Chrome or Firefox browsers to access 4-HOnline.

Change to Fair Auction Participation Requirements for 2019

4-H members will be required to attend 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 2019. Official record of meetings attended will be the club secretary's book. This requirement does not limit fair participation, only participation in the auction. The decision to make this change was made by the Fair Board after much discussion and consideration, and on recommendation to make a change from the 4-H Council. Notification was sent out via hard copy mail and email along with being printed in the newsletter so families can plan ahead now to make sure they meet the requirement if youth want to participate in the auction.

Fair Books

Fair books should be distributed at 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 28th.**

Sign Up to Receive 4-H Reminders

The Extension Office is using the Remind program to send 4-H-related reminders (including fair items) to 4-H families. To sign up to receive reminders, go to <https://www.remind.com/join/geco4h>.

National Volunteer Week

This special week was held April 7-13 this year, but it's not too late to take some time to recognize the many 4-H volunteers that have touched your life. Volunteers make the 4-H program possible and deserve many thanks for all of the time and effort that they give to the program.

June 8-11, 2019 @ Rock Springs 4-H Center

4-H Camp

Fee: \$125 for Geary County 4-H members, \$250 for non-4-H'ers
For 4-H members and friends who have completed 2nd through 7th grades by the time of camp. Registration is due May 7th (see the flyer and registration form in the March 4-H Newsletter or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/>). All Geary County 4-H members who were enrolled by January 1 and complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> will pay only \$125 for camp in 2019. The Geary County 4-H Foundation is paying the other half of the camp fee.

Camp Counselors Needed

Counselors are needed for 4-H camp again this year. Counselors must be at least 14 years old by the time of camp. Applications are available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> and are due by May 7th. Counselors are required to attend training on June 7th starting at 5:00pm and then are expected to be at camp June 8-11. The fee for all Geary County counselors will be paid by the Geary County 4-H Foundation. This is a great experience for older 4-H members, so please consider applying!

Campference

Campference will be held June 23-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This is an event for 12-14 year old youth as of January 1, 2019. The Kansas 4-H Youth Council combined the best aspects of a camp and a conference into an event for middle school youth who still want the 'fun' of 4-H camp, but who also want to challenge themselves to develop critical skills. The pace of the conference will be upbeat, combining fun-filled games with time to talk, listen, and learn. Registration is due by May 15th unless all the spots fill sooner (Campference has filled fast the last couple of years). Fee is \$280, but Geary County 4-H members who were enrolled by January 1 and complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> will only pay half of the fee. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay the other half. Register online and get more information at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/index.html>.

Panel Painting Party

A panel painting party will be held at the fairgrounds on May 23rd. The party will start with pizza provided by the Geary County 4-H Foundation at 5:30pm. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on May 21st so we will be able to buy adequate pizza and painting supplies. Plan to wear your painting clothes and join us for some work and fun!

City Clean-up

Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering for the annual city clean-up "Operation Clean Sweep" on Saturday, April 27th from 8:00am to noon. Volunteers should report to Spin City at 915 South Washington. RSVP to JCPD Lieutenant Scott Popovich at (785) 762-5912 ext. 3635 or scott.popovich@jcks.com.

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.

Thank You Christina & Traci!

Wednesday, April 24th (office professional's day) is the date designated this year to let Christina and Traci know how much we appreciate the work they do in the Extension Office. They work hard to keep the Geary County 4-H programming running smoothly and we are very appreciative!

Horticulture Judging Practice

Former 4-H mom Connie Poland has volunteered to help Geary County 4-H members with horticulture judging. The next session will be held on Thursday, May 2nd from 6:00-7:15pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center and will help 4-H members gear up for county and state competitions. The practices are open to all interested in horticulture and are designed for all to learn together through some exciting events. Parents are welcome to join youth as well. Put this date on your calendar and plan to attend!

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 28th from 9:00am to 4:00pm and May 29th 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.

Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in

Weigh-in and tagging for goats, sheep, and swine will be held on May 21st from 5:30 to 7:00pm and May 22nd from 6:30 to 8:00pm 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 24th and tag forms are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on May 24th. Ear tags will cost \$3.00 each.

District Horse Show

The District Horse Show will be held July 1st 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. Enter online at <https://tinyurl.com/NCDHS-2019>.

KSU Youth Horse Judging Camps

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| Beginning Section June 10 th Weber Hall, KSU \$40 fee due by May 10 th | Advanced Section June 11 th – 12 th Weber Hall, KSU \$130 fee due by May 10 th |
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Contact the Extension Office or James Lattimer at (785) 532-2840 or jlattimer@ksu.edu for more information.

State 4-H Horse Deadline

Please note the following deadline for the State 4-H Horse program. Two year old Snaffle Bit project and three year old Futurity project nominations are due to the State 4-H Office by May 1st. (Only horses that were nominated as a two year old can be nominated as a three year old.)

**Kansas State Fair &
Kansas Junior
Livestock Show
Nomination Deadlines
& Changes**

Market Steers and Market Heifers (no market heifer show at KJLS) – May 1st
Commercial (Crossbred) Heifers – June 15th
Market Lambs – June 15th
Commercial Ewes (Wether Dams) – June 15th
Market Hogs – June 15th
Commercial Breeding Gilts – June 15th
Meat Goats – June 15th

- DNA hair samples are required for each nominated animal for ALL SPECIES
- Nomination fee is \$8 per animal
- There is a one-time per year \$20 fee if a nomination has to be returned to the family for any reason (ex.: incomplete form)
- Ear notches continue to be required for swine
- Full Scrapie tag information continues to be required for sheep and meat goats

Changes:

- YQCA training must be completed for all exhibitors 8 years and older
- Breeding doe show added to Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
- Families are encouraged to include breed and secondary form of ID in lower right hand corner of the front of DNA envelopes

Contact the Extension Office if you have questions about nominating livestock.

**Youth for the Quality
Care of Animals
(YQCA)**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new, national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that covers food safety, animal well-being, and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum. Any youth 8 years of age and older who will be exhibiting a market or breeding animal at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show is required to obtain certification. Exhibitors who will be participating as a 7-year-old will be exempt for this year. YQCA certification numbers will be submitted through the nomination process for market animals, and at the time of entry for exhibitors who only have registered purebred breeding animals. All youth should complete the training by June 15, 2019. Contact the Extension Office for instructions on how to complete the online training.

**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, 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 in number of participants. Cost for the camp is \$300 and registration is due by May 20th. 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>.

**Horse ID and Bucket
Calf ID Forms Due**

Horse ID forms are due May 1st by 5:00pm and Bucket Calf ID forms are due May 20th by 5:00pm in the Extension Office. Horse ID's are required in order to show your horse at the County Fair, District Horse Show, and State Fair. They may also be required for other 4-H horse shows. Bucket Calf ID's are required in order to show your calf at the County Fair. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

**4-H/Senior Citizens
Center Building
Fundraiser Thank You**

The 4-H/Senior Citizens Center Building Committee would like to thank the following for helping to make their annual fundraiser a great success.

Families who helped with setup the afternoon of the event

4-H members who baked pies for the auction

4-H clubs for donating baskets for the auction

4-H members who helped during the meal by carrying plates, etc.

Families who helped with cleanup following the event

Great job to you all for representing 4-H so well!

Food Judges Training

Do you have interest in and experience with baking? Are you interested in helping educate 4-H youth through judging foods and/or food preservation?

This training is for you! Whether you are new or a returning judge, come learn about judging a variety of foods entered by talented 4-H members.

When: May 31, 2019 1:00pm-5:00pm

Where: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

Cost: \$3.00 (includes resource materials and snacks)

Contact: Deb Andres, Geary County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

Registration: Deadline is 5:00pm on Friday, May 24th. Call the Extension Office at 238-4161 to register. A minimum of 10 registrations must be received by the deadline in order for the class to be held.

**4-H Academy...Explore
Your Pathway**

The 4-H Academy will be held June 23-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The academy is designed to help youth 13 and older to explore, learn and ask the experts to satisfy their deeply-rooted curiosity to understand more about the topic they choose. Cost is \$300 (some pathways may have additional fees), but Geary County 4-H members who were enrolled by January 1 and complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> will only pay half of the fee. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay the other half. Registration should be open soon with a deadline of May 15th. Contact the Extension Office for more information. Available pathways are:

Horse: Some never outgrow the love of horses; so come spend quality time learning about these beautiful and fascinating animals. This pathway is designed especially for the beginning, novice horse enthusiast that does not have the opportunity to have their own horse.

Photography: Gain the skills that will take your photography talent to the next level. Work with industry professionals, educational experts and other passionate photo enthusiasts to truly grow on your path to be a professional photographer.

Leadership: Ever wonder how your unique strengths make it easier for you to navigate high school, college and the world of work? The CliftonStrengths pathway presented by the K-State Strengths Office in partnership with the Department of 4-H Youth Development will help individuals learn more about their top 5 talent themes, how they are turning them into strengths, and discover how their top 5 plays a role on a team.

STEM: A possible pathway is in the works but the plans are not set yet.

Environmental: Join us and learn from professional wildlife biologists, botanists, and ecologists. Subject matter will include wildlife and plant identification, species diversity, conservation ethics, wildlife tracking, predator-prey dynamics, population management, fishing, shooting sports, and much more.

Support 4-H Families Affected by Nebraska Flooding

Are you looking for ways to support 4-H families affected by the flooding in Nebraska? Here are two opportunities that we have been made aware of:
-Donate to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation (funds are being made available to any Nebraska 4-H family who has been impacted by a disaster and has been recommended for support, visit <http://ne4hfoundation.org/2019/03/4-hers-helping-4-hers-2/> for more information)
-Find a “Sister Club” to connect with throughout the year (The Knox County Extension Office has agreed to help connect 4-H clubs affected by the flood to “Sister Clubs” where they could do acts of kindness for each other and support each other through the year, contact the Extension Office for more information about this opportunity)

Free Vegetable & Flower Seeds Available

The Extension Office has some heirloom seed varieties of vegetables and flowers available free to 4-H members. They are from 2018 and may have some reduced germination. The seeds were donated by Blueville Nursery. Stop by the Extension Office and pick some out today!

Calendar of Events

April

- 15 Discovery Days online registration closes
- 27 Shutterbugs in the Garden @ Botanica in Wichita
- 27 Junction City Clean-up

May

- 1 Horse ID's due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 1 Project Drop/Add deadline
- 1 Market Steers & Market Heifers KSF/KJLS nomination deadline
- 2 Horticulture Judging Practice, 6pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 3 Ag Day
- 6 Fair King & Queen Applications due to Extension Office by Noon
- 6 Project Meeting Evening
- 7 Camp registration & Counselor Applications due to Ext. Office by 5pm
- 10 KSU Horse Judging Camp registration due
- 15 Campference registration due
- 15 4-H Academy registration due
- 20 Bucket Calf ID forms due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 20 KSU Livestock Judging Camp registration due
- 21 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm
- 22 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 6:30-8pm
- 22 Hazardous Occupation Training registration due
- 23 Pizza & Panel Painting Party @ Fairgrounds, 5:30pm
- 24 Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office
- 24 Food Judges Training registration due
- 28 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-4pm @ KanEquip
- 29 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-3pm @ KanEquip
- 29-31 Discovery Days @ K-State
- 31 Food Judges Training, 1-5pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

June

- 1 District Horse Show entry due online
- 3 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 7 Camp Counselor Training begins 5pm @ Rock Springs
- 8-11 4-H Camp @ Rock Springs

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April 15, 2019

Check out this newsletter for lots of upcoming 4-H events, activities, and deadlines. A full 4-H schedule for the fair is included for your reference.

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

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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Topic: STEM/ Energy Management

Date: 05/06/19

Time: 7:00pm

Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

In this hands-on session, participants will learn about circuits and will make a simple paper circuit as well as a fun project to take home!

NOTE: Younger 4-H members will need an adult to accompany them and help with these activities.

4-H Project Meeting Evening



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Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on Wednesday, May 1 by calling 785-238-4161 or emailing gkopfer@ksu.edu. No late registrations will be taken.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Deadline Pre-entries in:
 All Projects Due
 Dog & Cat - health papers
 Horse - entry forms
 Poultry - entry forms
 Fashion Revue - entry forms
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

MONDAY, JULY 15

8:00- 4-H Clothing Construction Judging
 11:30 a.m. (Conference Method at Extension Office)
 (Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)
 Noon 4-H Modeling Demonstration for
 Fashion Revue
 1:00 p.m. 4-H Fashion Revue Judging
 (Conference Method at 4-H Building)
 (Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)

THURSDAY, JULY 18

8:30 a.m. 4-H Public Revue Setup
 5:30 p.m. 4-H Public Revue Practice
 7:00 p.m. 4-H Public Revue
 4-H King and Queen Announcement

SATURDAY, JULY 20

2:00 p.m. 4-H Dog Show

SUNDAY, JULY 21

1:00 p.m. Fair Superintendents Meeting
 1:30 p.m. Fair Clean-up
 4-H Barn and Building Set-up

MONDAY, JULY 22

1:00 p.m. 4-H Food & Food Preservation
 Judging
 (Conference Method)
 (Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)
4:00 - Entries accepted (do not bring early)
7:00 p.m. Livestock can be brought in at this time
 (this is optional)
7:00 p.m. All exhibits in place,
 except Floriculture, Horticulture,
 Crops and Livestock
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED
 7:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Show

TUESDAY, JULY 23

7:30-11:30 a.m. 4-H Livestock Weigh-In
 ALL DAY 4-H Food Sale
 8:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Arts & Crafts
 (Conference Method)
 9:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Wildlife (Conference
 Method optional)
 10:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H Club Notebooks, Pets,
 Reading (Conference Method optional),
 Shooting Sports (Conference Method
 optional), SpaceTech (Conference Method)
 10:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Photography
 (Conference Method)
 11:00 a.m. Floriculture, Horticulture, Crops and
 Livestock EXHIBITS IN PLACE
 11:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H Floriculture (Conference
 Method), Miscellaneous Projects
 (Conference Method optional)
 11:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Energy Management
 (Conference Method)
 12:15 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf practice in arena
 12:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Entomology, Geology &
 Lapidary, Crops, Forestry, 4-H Fiber Arts
 (Conference Method)
 1:00 p.m. Judging of 4-H Woodwork (Conference
 Method)
 1:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Home Environment
 (Conference Method), Banners
 2:00 p.m. ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRY CARDS &
 FORMS DUE
 Beef - Sheep - Swine - Dairy - Goat - Poultry
OVERNIGHT PERMISSION FORMS DUE
 2:00 p.m. All exhibits must be marked with exhibit
 cards
 2:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Horticulture
 4:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy and Goat Show
 5:00 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf - Consultation Judging
 7:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Show
 Show order- Bucket Calf, Breeding Beef,
 Showmanship, Market Beef

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

- 8:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry Judging
- 8:30 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Judging
- 10:00 a.m. Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests
4-H members can begin judging any time after the start of the contest, but all forms must be turned in by Noon
- 1:30 p.m. 4-H Cat Show
- 4:30 p.m. Shepherd's Lead
- 5:00 p.m. **Deadline for registering 4-H project items for Auction**
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED
- 5:00 p.m. 4-H Sheep Show
- 7:00 p.m. 4-H Swine Show
- 10:00 p.m. **Deadline for registering 4-H livestock for Auction**
(or ½ hour after end of swine show) NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

THURSDAY, JULY 25

- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Round Robin
(Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine)
- 11:00-11:20 a.m. 4-H Livestock Judging Sign-up (Fair Office)
- 11:30 a.m. 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 3:00 p.m. Livestock Auction Set-Up and Barn Clean-Up
- 4:30-6:30 p.m. 4-H Barbecue and Watermelon Feed
- 6:30 p.m. 4-H Project & Livestock Auction
- 8:00 p.m. RELEASE OF 4-H EXHIBITS
All premiums will be forfeited if 4-H exhibits are removed before 8:00 p.m.
- 8:30 p.m. Clean up of Building
Every 4-H member with exhibits is expected to stay until everything is cleaned, inside and out