



# Geary County

## 4-H NEWS



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*April 2021*

### **Project Drop/Add Deadline**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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://v2.4honline.com>. A step-by-step guide to editing projects in 4HOnline is available at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/index.html>. Contact the Extension Office if you have problems logging in or editing projects.

### **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 arrange to pick up your book as soon as possible following your meeting. The book and pre-entry forms will all be available soon on the web located at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>. The forms located on this site will be form-fillable for easy completion. Please read over the fair book carefully for complete rules and exhibit options. **Fair pre-entries are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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**

National Volunteer Week is April 18-24, 2021. The purpose of this week is to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers on all levels. Thank you to the many volunteers who make 4-H “work” for Geary County by sharing their time, effort, expertise, and more. Every 4-H member is challenged to call and/or write a volunteer and thank them for all they do for the 4-H program.

### **Cloverbud Activity**

Are you a Cloverbud 4-H member? Plan to join the 4-H Ambassadors for a fun gathering on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-6:45pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. Participants will meet other Cloverbuds, play fun minute-to-win-it games, and make ice cream in a bag. RSVP is due to the Extension Office by emailing [gkopfer@ksu.edu](mailto:gkopfer@ksu.edu) or calling 785-238-4161 by 5pm on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Regional 4-H Club Day Results**

Congratulations to the Geary County 4-H members who participated in Regional Club Day this year! Results can be found online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/index.html>.

## **Campference**

Campference will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This is an event for 12 to 14-year-old youth as of January 1, 2021. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better communicate with others. Detailed information will be available online at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/index.html> this month.

## **Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in**

Weigh-in and tagging for goats, sheep, and swine will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00pm and May 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> and tag forms are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Ear tags will cost \$3.00 each.

## **District Horse Show**

In order to participate in the 4-H horse show at the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must qualify at a District Horse Show. Geary County's district show (North Central) is scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> in Salina with a registration deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup>. 4-H members who are 9 years old and over (4-H age) will be eligible to participate. Enter online at <https://tinyurl.com/NCDHS-2021>. Information for additional District Horse Shows should be available online soon at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html>. 4-H members may participate in their county designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing. Before entering the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must indicate through which District Horse Show. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used. Time is running out to complete horse Achievement Level testing. All District Horse Show participants will need to have completed Level 1 testing by the district show deadline. Contact the Extension Office to get started.

## **Livestock Events and Spring Shows**

Information about upcoming camps, clinics, and local livestock events being held across Kansas can be found online at [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/camps\\_clinics\\_localevents/index.html](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/camps_clinics_localevents/index.html). Information about spring shows can be found online at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html>.

## **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 \$350 and registration is due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. More information is available at the Extension Office or online at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/judging-camps.html>.

## Youth Livestock Educational Resources Available

There are several livestock project resources available on the KSU Youth Livestock program website ([www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu)), including digital versions of the show guides, videos, and graphics. They may be found under the “Educational Resources” tab. The 2020 junior sheep day videos, as well as the content from the 2021 junior swine and meat goat producer weeks, are available to those who may find them useful.

## Horse ID and Bucket Calf ID Forms Due

Horse ID forms are due May 3<sup>rd</sup> by 5:00pm and Bucket Calf ID forms are due May 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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

-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)

### Changes:

-YQCA training must be completed for all exhibitors 7 years and older  
-Gender required for nominated sheep and meat goats  
-Berkshire division added to KJLS swine show

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

What is it?

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that covers food safety, animal well-being, and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum.

Who needs to get certified?

Any youth 7 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. Members who are 7 years old may only attend an instructor-led course and have a parent/guardian attend with them, if this applies to you please contact the Extension Office. 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, 2021. Certification can be done online at <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>. Kansas 4-H members may use their family 4HOnline credentials to log in and register for the appropriate training. Cost is \$12 per participant. You can find web-based certification instructions at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html>.

**Thank You Christina & Traci!**

Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> (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!

**Panel Painting Party**

A panel painting party will be held at the fairgrounds on June 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**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 five other Extension Offices on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 4:00pm and June 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu) by May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Shutterbugs at Botanica**

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Action Team. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. Examples of sessions include: Portfolio, I have a camera-now what?, Panning, Close-ups, Aperture Settings, and Kaleidoscopes/Reflections. Shutterbugs at Botanica will be held at the Botanica Gardens in Wichita on May 1, starting at 9:15am. Fee will be the Botanica entry fee of \$9 per person. No pre-registration is required.

**Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp**

4-H youth ages 13-18 are invited to the Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp June 28-30 at the Kansas State University Sheep and Goat Facility in Manhattan. Participants will get the chance to: shear a sheep, grade wool, card and comb wool fiber, spin and dye wool yarn, weave a small project from wool, and visit a working sheep farm! Participation is free. Register online at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HWTs11guh-MzyecAFEEmpXRSMBRikKMnR3qxYAJVCtI/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HWTs11guh-MzyecAFEEmpXRSMBRikKMnR3qxYAJVCtI/viewform?edit_requested=true). Email [kyhc@ksu.edu](mailto:kyhc@ksu.edu) for more information.

**Interior Design & Fashion Studies (IDFS) Symposium**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas State University IDFS Student Symposium will be held via Zoom. This is an opportunity for prospective and current students to network and connect with alumni and professionals working in the fashion industry and interior design profession. Registration is free and participants can register for one or more events they are interested in. Event options include showcase of excellence, professional panels, alumni panel, master classes, and a prospective student informational session. Visit <https://www.hhs.k-state.edu/idfs/events/symposium/index.html> for more information.

**Fair Auction  
Participation  
Requirement for 2021**

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 2021. 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.

**Virtual 4-H Discovery  
Days**

Details about virtual 4-H Discovery Days will be available soon at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>. The virtual event will be held June 1-4 and is open to youth 13 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2021.

**April**

- 18-24 National Volunteer Week (thank a 4-H volunteer!)
- 30 Project Meeting Evening RSVP due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 30 Camp payment due to Extension Office by 5pm

**May**

- 1 Market Steers & Market Heifers KSF/KJLS nomination deadline
- 1 Shutterbugs at Botanica
- 3 Horse ID's due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 3 Project Drop/Add deadline
- 3 Project Meeting Evening – Foods & Nutrition
- 4 RSVP due for Cloverbud Activity to Extension Office by 5pm
- 5 Campference registration deadline
- 6 Fair King & Queen Applications due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 11 4-H Cloverbud Activity @ 4-H Building – 6-6:45pm
- 15 Champions Livestock Judging Camp registration due
- 18 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm
- 20 Bucket Calf ID's due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 20 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 6:30-8pm
- 21 Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office
- 28 Hazardous Occupations Training registration deadline

**Calendar of Events**

**June**

- 1 North Central District Horse Show entry deadline
- 1-4 Virtual 4-H Discovery Days
- 3 Panel Painting Party RSVP due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 7 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H Building – 7pm
- 8 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-4pm @ KanEquip
- 9 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-3pm @ KanEquip
- 10 Panel Painting Party @ Fairgrounds – 5:30pm
- 15 Commercial Heifer/Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe/Market Hog/  
Commercial Breeding Gilt/All Meat Goat state nominations must  
be postmarked
- 17 Camp Counselor Training @ Rock Springs
- 18-21 4-H Camp @ Rock Springs
- 27-30 4-H Campference @ Rock Springs
- 28-30 Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp @ KSU
- 30 Fair Pre-entries due to Extension Office by 5pm

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Check out this newsletter for lots of upcoming 4-H events, activities, and deadlines. Happy Spring!

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

Ginger D. Kopfer  
County Extension Agent

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## Topic: Foods & Nutrition

Mind your P's and Q's. Program participants will learn the importance of **P**reparing your work space, using appropriate **P**ans as well as ingredient **Q**uantities and **Q**uality when preparing baked goods. Bring a set of measuring cups and a set of measuring spoons. All other supplies will be provided.

Date: 05/03/2021

Time: 6:30pm

Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

Plan to wear a face mask covering your nose and mouth. If this doesn't work for you, contact Ginger for other participation options.

# 4-H Project Meeting Evening

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on Friday, April 30th by calling 785-238-4161 or emailing [gkopfer@ksu.edu](mailto:gkopfer@ksu.edu). No late registrations will be taken since we will need to purchase adequate supplies.



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