



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

April 2023

Project Drop/Add Deadline

May 1 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 is also available on the web located at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>. Pre-entry forms will be located at this site by the end of next week and will be form-fillable for easy completion. Pre-entries can also be completed online at <https://tinyurl.com/gecofaireentry23>. Please read over the fair book carefully for complete rules and exhibit options. **Fair pre-entries are due online or to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on June 30th.**

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is April 16-22, 2023. 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.

Leadership Clinic Opportunity

See the flyer included in this newsletter for the Leadership Clinic being sponsored by the 4-H Ambassadors on May 9 at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. This clinic is for current 2nd through 5th graders. RSVP by May 2.

4-H Overnight Camp Deadline for Financial Support

The deadline to sign up for overnight 4-H camp and receive financial support from the Geary County 4-H Foundation is May 1. Those 4-H members who meet this deadline will have the \$225 scholarship applied directly to their Rock Springs account as long as they were enrolled in 4HOnline by January 1, 2023. If you selected to pay monthly via credit card, we will be sending you a check from the 4-H Foundation after May 1 to reimburse the \$225 scholarship. For more information about camp and to register, visit <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>.

4-H Discovery Days	<p>The 100th Anniversary of Kansas 4-H Discovery Days (formerly known as Round Up) will be held June 7-9 at Kansas State University. This event is open to all youth 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2023. The Discovery Days fee is \$210 plus class 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. Delegates will have the opportunity to attend classes of their choosing and will participate in evening activities. Register online and get more information at http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html before the classes that you want to take fill up! Registration deadline is May 15.</p>
Regional 4-H Club Day Results	<p>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.</p>
Panel Painting Party	<p>A panel painting party will be held at the fairgrounds on June 8. 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 5 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!</p>
Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in	<p>Weigh-in and tagging for goats, sheep, and swine will be held on May 16 from 5:30 to 7:00pm and May 18 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 starting April 20. Goats, sheep, and swine must be tagged by May 19 and tag forms are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on May 19. Ear tags will cost \$3.00 each.</p>
Bucket Calf ID Forms Due	<p>Bucket Calf ID forms are due May 22 by 5:00pm in the Extension Office. Bucket Calf ID's are required in order to show your calf at the County Fair. Forms can be found online at https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html. Forms are also available at the Extension Office and can be mailed on request. Contact the Extension Office for more information.</p>
Judging Contests and Spring Shows	<p>Information about upcoming judging contests and spring shows can be found online at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/spring-shows/springshows.html.</p>
Identification of Horses for 4-H Shows	<p>Detailed information about identification of horses for 4-H shows was mailed to horse project members. If you did not receive this information, please contact the Extension Office. Kansas 4-H Horse ID papers or breed association registration papers are due June 1 by 5:00pm in the Extension Office. This is 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. Contact the Extension Office for more information.</p>

Qualifying for the State Fair 4-H Horse Show

The procedure to qualify to participate in the State Fair 4-H Horse Show will be different for 2023. If you are interested in participating, please visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/HorseChangesPublic9.8.22.pdf> to read all of the details. The county fair 4-H Horse Show will meet this requirement. You can find other 4-H show opportunities online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/districthorseshow.html>. Check this out now so you can start planning how you will qualify for the show in September.

North Central District Horse Show

The North Central District 4-H Horse Show will be held Wednesday, June 28 in Salina with a registration deadline of June 1. Registration information can be found online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/districthorseshow.html>. The show is open to all 4-H Horse project members regardless of age.

Horse Judging Camp/Contest

Do you want to enhance your evaluation and oral reasons skills? Then make sure to attend the KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp where you will work one-on-one with coaches and members of the KSU Intercollegiate Horse Judging Team. Beginning Section will be held June 14 and Advanced Section will be held June 13-14. Both will be held at Kansas State University. Look for more information soon at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/judging-camps.html>. Following the camps, the State 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held on June 15 in Salina. Registration for the contest is due by May 15. Find more information at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html>.

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

Visit <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/> for complete information on livestock nominations. Nomination deadlines are included below but you will need to order DNA envelopes at least 10 days ahead of these deadlines.

Market Steers and Market Heifers (no market heifer show at KJLS) – May 1

Commercial (Crossbred) Heifers – June 15

Market Lambs – June 15

Commercial Ewes (Wether Dams) – June 15

Market Hogs – June 15

Commercial Breeding Gilts – June 15

Meat Goats – June 15

Changes:

- Updated declaration form

- Dual nomination for market and commercial breeding available for gilts, ewes, and does (enter under the market division to select this option)

- KSF Grand Drive transitioning to a fit show for market animal and breeding divisions, showmanship will remain a “no fit, blow and go” show

- Poland China and Spot divisions added to swine for KJLS

- Market hog weight limit for KJLS increased to 305 pounds

- Breeding does at KJLS no longer need to be slick shorn

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

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 YQCA 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. Visit <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2023%20YQCA%20Requirement%20Flyer.pdf> to register and complete 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. More information is available at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/judging-camps.html>.

**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 6 from 9:00am to 4:00pm and June 7 from 9:00am to 2:30pm 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 27.

**Photography
Submission
Opportunity**

The Geary County Extension Office is looking for images to use on notecards that will be printed and given to Extension Council members and others. The theme for images this year is Geary County Landscapes. Geary County 4-H members enrolled in the photography project are eligible to submit up to 5 photos each. Photos are due online at <https://tinyurl.com/GeCoPhoto23> by September 1.

City Clean-up

Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering for the annual city clean-up “Operation Clean Sweep” on Saturday, April 22 from 8:00am to noon. Volunteers should report to Spin City at 915 South Washington. RSVP to Cindy Sinklier at JCPD (785) 762-5912 ext. 3603 or cindy.sinklier@jcks.com.

**Rock Springs Ranch
Open House**

Rock Springs Ranch will host an open house on April 23 from 1:00-4:00pm. Families can visit Rock Springs to meet staff, tour camp, and get answers to questions. Tours will include the dining hall, cabins, activity center, pool, ropes course, horse barn, and more. Check out Rock Springs website (<https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/upcoming-events/>) or Facebook page for more information.

Thank You Christina & Traci!

**Fair Auction
Participation
Requirement for 2023**

**Fair Horticulture
Division Prize**

**Thank You from the 4-H
/Senior Citizens
Building Committee**

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, April 26 (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!

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 2023. 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.

We are excited to announce a \$50 monetary prize for the grand and reserve champion winners in the 4-H horticulture division at the 2023 Geary County Free Fair. Start growing some amazing horticulture items now!

The 4-H/Senior Citizens Building Committee wants to thank all of the 4-H members who helped with their annual fundraiser this year, including those who helped to set up for the event, those who served drinks and carried plates, those who baked pies, the clubs who donated baskets for the auction, and those who helped clean up after the event. All of the support received will enable the committee to do the necessary upkeep and upgrades needed for the building. Thanks for all your help!

April

- 15 Applications for Animal Science Leadership Academy due
- 16 Multi-County Photo Workshop, Rock Springs
- 16-22 National Volunteer Week (thank a 4-H volunteer!)
- 22 Junction City Clean-up
- 22 "Spring Into Volunteering" @ K-State Salina, 9am-3pm
- 23 Rock Springs Ranch Open House, 1-4pm
- 26 RSVP for May Project Meeting Evening due by 5pm

May

- 1 Project Drop/Add deadline
- 1 Fair King & Queen applications due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 1 Deadline to register for overnight camp at Rock Springs to receive financial support from Geary County 4-H Foundation
- 1 Market Steers & Market Heifers KSF/KJLS nomination deadline
- 1 Project Meeting Evening, Foods
- 2 RSVP due for Leadership Clinic
- 5 Ag Day
- 9 Leadership Clinic @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 6:30-8:00pm
- 15 Discovery Day registration due
- 15 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest registration due
- 16 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm
- 18 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 6:30-8pm
- 19 Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office
- 22 Bucket Calf ID forms due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 27 Hazardous Occupation Training registration due



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April 14, 2023

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

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County Extension Agent

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Topic: Foods

STOP, DROP, & ROLL
TYPES OF COOKIES

Join Geary County
FCS Agent, Deb Andres, to
learn about different types of
cookies. Participants will
take a tour of different
cookies shapes and forms,
then make and bake to
practice these skills.

Contact the Extension
Office if you have food
allergies.

Date: 05/01/2023

Time: 6:30pm

Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

4-H Project Meeting Evening

Please RSVP to the Extension Office
by 5:00pm on Wednesday, April 26 by
calling 785-238-4161 or
emailing gkopfer@ksu.edu. No late
registrations will be taken since we
will need to buy supplies.



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FOR CURRENT 2ND - 5TH GRADERS

SPONSORED BY THE GEARY COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADORS

Meet other youth and participate in fun, hands-on activities to develop leadership skills.

May
9TH

6:30-8:00pm
4-H/Senior Citizens
Center

RSVP by May 2nd to gkopfer@ksu.edu or 785-238-4161

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