



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

August 2021

State Fair Exhibits

If you are sending exhibits to state fair, you need to have the exhibit to the Extension Office by **Tuesday, September 7th at 5:00pm**. If it is a food or produce item, you can deliver it from 7:00am to 7:30am on Wednesday, September 8th. The entry cards will be in the office and already filled out for you. The following projects have special requirements or forms that the 4-H member will need to fill out and/or sign at the Extension Office.

Clothing: Clothing label on each item; Can include an index card or photo, no larger than 4" x 6" to give the judge any information which the exhibitor thinks would be helpful; To be considered for the wool award, attach a statement saying the material is 60% wool and to be considered for the wool award

Dog: 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record must be completed and presented to veterinarian at health check on the day of show

Fiber Arts: Clothing label on each item; Should include an index card no larger than 3" x 5" to give the judge any information on what parts of the exhibit they made, processes used, fiber content, and whether it is from a kit or original design; For quilted items, indicate who did the quilting and binding

Foods/Food Preservation: Recipe (preservation recipes must include exhibitor name, recipe source, date of publication and altitude where processed, if using Mrs. Wage's or Ball mixes indicate the date the mix was purchased); Can include a 3" x 5" index card to give the judge any information which the exhibitor thinks would be helpful; Food or Food Preservation Label

Photography: Exhibit form; On the back of the mount write exhibitor's name, photo class, and county

STEM Robotics: Exhibit Information Form; Written instructions for operation; Construction plans; 1 to 3 pages of photos; Up to 8-minute video showing exhibitor following instructions for operation; State Fair video release form; Robot programming information; Exhibitor's name and county must be tagged or labeled in a prominent location

Visual Arts: Exhibit Release Form

Wildlife: Name, county, age and year in project should be in a prominent location on the exhibit

Woodworking: Plans

Exhibits can be picked up at the Extension Office any time after 8:00am on Tuesday, September 21st. We appreciate having exhibits picked up soon after the end of the fair.

Kansas State Fair Information

Visit the Kansas State Fair website at <http://www.kansasstatefair.com> to check out the schedule of events, get maps, and see 4-H livestock results. You can find the fair book and link for non-livestock results at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>. You are responsible for knowing the rules and requirements for your exhibit area which can be found in the fair book on the Kansas 4-H website. You can also get pages of the book at the Extension Office.

Order a Yard Sign for National 4-H Week

Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/geco4hYardSign> to request a 4-H sign to be placed in your yard for National 4-H Week. Signs will be placed in your yard October 1st and will be picked up October 15th. Size of signs will be around 24 inches by 18 inches and they will be staked into the ground with a metal holder. Deadline to order signs is September 1st.

Fair Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the 2021 Geary County Free Fair. The fair would not be possible without 4-Hers, parents, and volunteers to help out. Extra thanks to all of the hard-working superintendents and assistants!

4-H Council

Each club needs to select 2 youth and 2 adults as 4-H Council Representatives. The youth and adults that you select will be able to help make decisions about the county 4-H program. The next council meeting will be October 4th at 7:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. We will be reviewing the fair, electing officers, and assigning committees for the coming year. The other meetings for the 2021-2022 year are scheduled for February 7th and June 6th.

Achievement Celebration

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Sunday, November 7th at 5:30pm. Please put this date and time on your calendar and look for further details in upcoming newsletters.

Club Summary Due Date

Club summaries are due by 5:00pm on October 1st to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted.

Record Books & Award Applications due

Record Books, Key Award Applications, I Dare You Award Applications, and Achievement Pin Applications are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on September 17th. No late items will be accepted. These items will be due to club leaders before this date, check with your leader(s) to find out when.

Record Book Forms

Don't forget that we are using new record forms this year. Age divisions for these new records are 7 to 9, 10 to 13, and 14 and older. There is a different Project Report Form for each age division for animal projects and for general (non-animal) projects. You are encouraged to use the form-fillable versions that are available on the Kansas 4-H website at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html>. If you need hard copies of record forms or award applications, you can get them at the Extension Office. Award forms can also be found online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

Updated Achievement Pin Applications

Some of the Achievement Pin applications have been updated to take into account the change in opportunities due to COVID-19. Those forms are available online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> and can also be picked up at the Extension Office. You can use the original form that you received at the beginning of the year or the updated form, either will be accepted. If you have questions about which pin application you should be completing, please contact the Extension Office. As you fill out applications, keep in mind the virtual 4-H opportunities you have participated in as you can absolutely count those toward the pin requirements.

4-H Pictures Needed

Pictures are needed for a slide show showcasing the 4-H year at the Achievement Celebration. Pictures can be sent to, or dropped off at, the Extension Office or sent via email to gkopfer@ksu.edu before October 1st. We would like all 4-H clubs to be represented in the pictures. So, look through your stash of 4-H photos and pick some out right away!

County-wide Project Leaders Needed

Do you have an interest or talent that you would like to share with 4-H members across the county during the next 4-H year? If so, please volunteer your time as a county-wide project leader by calling the Extension Office on or before October 1st. Let's all work together to make finding leaders easier for each club!

National 4-H Week

Don't forget National 4-H Week, October 3rd through 9th. Now is the time to start thinking about how you and your club would like to celebrate.

Fair Lost & Found

The following items were found at the fair and are available to be claimed at the Extension Office until the end of September when they will be disposed of:

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| sea turtle towel | magnetic stars game |
| JC Athletic Boosters hat | ladies blue v-neck tee (size S) |
| light blue tee (size L) | purple shorts (size M) |
| black & white shorts (size S) | black leather belt |

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2022. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 20th – 21st. Highlights of the forum will be inspirational speakers, workshops, and meeting new people. Contact the Extension Office or visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html> for more information and to register online. Registration will be open soon and classes will fill up, so don't delay. The registration deadline is October 15th.

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Applications will soon be available for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and are due October 1st. Council members plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference, and other events along with other duties. 4-H members 14 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2022 are eligible to apply. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

**4-H Ambassadors
Wanted**

Ambassador applications are available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> and are due by 5:00pm on September 17th. Interviews will be held the evening of October 6th. This is a wonderful opportunity for older 4-H members to take a great leadership role. Duties include:

- Promote the Geary County 4-H program
- Organize and facilitate promotional events
- Plan and sponsor events and activities

Requirements:

- 12-13 years old by January 1, 2022 for Junior Ambassadors
- 14 years old or older by January 1, 2022 for Senior Ambassadors
- 4-H member for at least 2 years
- Complete an application and interview process
- Letter of recommendation from a 4-H Club Leader
- Commit to at least a two-year term
- Completed Record Book
- Enrolled in Leadership Project
- Willingness to meet new people and promote new ideas
- Good human relation and communication skills
- Enthusiasm for 4-H!

**National 4-H
Conference**

Applications will soon be available for the 2022 National 4-H Conference to be held in the spring. Delegates must be 15 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2022. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Up to six Kansas youth may be selected as delegates via an application and interview. Applications are due online by October 1st. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

**Happy Birthday
Kansas! Photo Contest**

Young people across Kansas from 1st through 12th grade are invited to enter the Happy Birthday Kansas! Photo Contest between August 15 and December 15, 2021. The contest theme this year is your favorite place in Kansas. Winners will be announced as part of the state's Kansas Day celebration in January at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. Contest rules and information for submitting photographs will be available at <https://www.kshs.org/p/happy-birthday-kansas-contest/18622>.

**Request for Pies from
Historical Society**

The Geary County Historical Society is requesting homemade pies for their annual ice cream social fundraiser on September 19th. Pies can be dropped off at the Historical Society Museum (530 N. Adams St, Junction City) on Friday, September 17th from 9:00am to 4:00pm, Saturday, September 18th from 1:00 to 4:00pm, or Sunday, September 19th before 1:00pm. Due to lack of space, they prefer pies that don't need to be refrigerated. If you have questions, contact the Historical Society at (785) 238-1666.

Dog Conference

State 4-H Dog Conference will be held October 23rd – 24th. Registration and more details should soon be available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/dog-conference/index.html>. Conference events include educational sessions, quiz bowl, skillathon, and many others.

Calendar of Events

August

- 20 Deadline to register for Re-Connect with Youth Volunteer Training
- 21 Livestock Sweepstakes Contest, Manhattan
- 24 Re-Connect with Youth Volunteer Zoom Training, 7pm

September

- 1 Deadline to order yard signs for National 4-H Week
- 7 State Fair exhibits due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 8 State Fair food and produce exhibits may be brought to Extension Office from 7-7:30am
- 8-9 Judging of 4-H State Fair Indoor Exhibits
- 10-19 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- 12 State 4-H Photography Judging at State Fair
- 16 Deadline to register for Re-Ignite Your Spark Volunteer Training
- 17 Record Books & Award Applications due by 5pm
- 17 Ambassador Applications due by 5pm
- 21 State Fair Exhibits can be picked up at Extension Office after 8am
- 23 Re-Ignite Your Spark Volunteer Training, 7pm @ 4-H Building

October

- 1 Club Summaries due by 5pm
- 1 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
- 1 National 4-H Conference Applications due
- 1 National 4-H Week yard signs will be delivered
- 1-3 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
- 3-9 National 4-H Week
- 4 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
- 6 Ambassador Interviews, evening
- 9-10 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend
- 15 KYLF Registration due
- 15 National 4-H Week yard signs will be picked up
- 23-24 Dog Conference @ Rock Springs

November

- 7 Achievement Celebration, 5:30pm
- 14 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper
- 20-21 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs

Re-Connect with Youth: An Introduction to Developmental Relationships by the Search Institute

August 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

Dr. James Conway, a motivational speaker from the Search Institute, will share on the importance of youth and adult relationships. Participants will learn the fundamentals of Developmental Relationships, develop a shared language, and identify key actions to nurture relationships with young people. Register before August 20th at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_57sIFQ4fkOz0edU.

Re-Ignite Your Spark in Kansas 4-H: A Kansas 4-H Volunteer Training

September 23, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

Join us for an evening to re-ignite your spark in Kansas 4-H as we hear from current volunteers and passionate 4-H alums. Participants will explore how to find their spark, engage families, and realize the impact they have on youth. This will be a hybrid session with virtual presentations and in-person discussions. Register online at

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5M3ojfVIE410BE by September 16th.

Opportunities for 4-H Volunteers

4-H Volunteer Project Leader Training Series

Sessions are designed to provide 4-H volunteer project leaders with tangible ideas and resources they can use to engage 4-H Youth. All sessions will be conducted via Zoom, are free, and will be recorded. Each session is scheduled to start at 6:30pm. The general outline for sessions is as follows:

Sept. 21 – Public Speaking	Sept. 23 – STEM – Rocketry
Sept. 28 – Textile Science	Sept. 30 – Livestock
Oct. 5 – Service Learning	Oct. 7 – Visual Arts – Barn Quilts
Oct. 12 – Financial Literacy	Oct. 14 – Wildlife

Registration is available at

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b2h9P3ROvNs8jI2.

Following is some information related to 4-H awards that are given at Achievement Celebration. Hopefully this will answer some questions and encourage 4-H members to apply or nominate someone for these awards.

Outstanding Record Book Awards – Awards are given for the top two record books in each age category (7 to 9, 10 to 13, 14 and older). Record books are nominated by club leaders and are judged by volunteers from another county.

Rob Smith Citizenship Award – This award was created in honor of Geary County 4-H member Rob Smith. Anyone 12 and under can apply by marking the box on your award summary form and turning in all of your 4-H records from the current year and past years. The record books are judged by Jerry and Marlene Smith or their chosen representatives.

Outstanding Boy & Girl – Club leaders can nominate 4-H members who are 14 and older for this recognition. Record books from these members are judged by volunteers from another county and 4-H club leaders are also given the chance to rank the candidates.

Outstanding 4-H Project Leader – 4-H Council votes on a 4-H project leader to win this award each year. If you have someone you would like to see recognized, tell your 4-H Council representatives.

4-H Family of the Year – 4-H Council votes on a 4-H family to win this award each year. If you have someone you would like to see recognized, tell your 4-H Council representatives.

4-H Appreciation Award – 4-H Council votes on an individual, couple, or business to win this award each year. If you have someone you would like to see recognized, tell your 4-H Council representatives.

I Dare You Award – The award is sponsored by the American Youth Foundation and can be given to two 4-H members each year. Applicants must have completed their sophomore year of high school. To apply, fill out the application and mark the appropriate box on your award summary form. Applications are available on the Geary County 4-H website and at the Extension Office.

Achievement Celebration Special Awards

Apply Today!

Fair Judging Contest Results

Thanks to everyone who participated in the judging contests this year. Hope you had fun and learned something too!

Horticulture Judging

Junior Division

Purple – Austin Sohnrey, Jared Kline,
Case Proietti

Blue – Gracen Gfeller, April Strauss,
Addy Snider

Red – Sammie Hall, Ray Boller Jr

Intermediate Division

Purple – Gracie Erichsen, Kourtney Dibben,
Colden Blockcolsky, Tava Gustafson

Blue – Blake Proietti, Kaitlyn Sohnrey,
Hanna Miller, Elisabeth Smith,
Maddi Sederlin, Clara Gfeller,
Morgan Nabus, Braden Blockcolsky,
Brittney Dibben, William Strauss,
Tyler Proietti, Grant Roeser,
Kaci Heller, Grady Oentrich,
Addi Sederlin

Red – Adrian Williams, Eliot Oentrich,
Brock Nabus, Charlie Strauss,
Deyton Dibben, Kennedy Moreland,
Olivia Kline, Amelia Strauss,
Lorelei Olson

White – Newt Miller

Senior Division

Purple – Travis Leasure, Shevy Olson,
Elaina Schmidt

Blue – Mikayla Dibben, Jada Nabus,
Ava Oentrich, Macie Muto,
Logan Nabus, Emmy Gfeller

Red – Paige Roeser, Cori Leasure,
Jewels Williams, Hannah Leasure,
Josie Strauss, Karley Kramer

White – Chelsey Armbruster

Photography Judging

Junior Division

Purple – Austin Sohnrey, Jared Kline

Blue – Gracen Gfeller, Grant Slough,
Ray Boller Jr, April Strauss,
Sammie Hall

Red – Natalie Hall, Addy Snider

Intermediate Division

Purple – Morgan Nabus, Colden Blockcolsky

Blue – Charlie Strauss, Braden Blockcolsky,
Clara Gfeller, Amelia Strauss,
Brittney Dibben, Kaci Heller,
Kourtney Dibben, Tava Gustafson,
Gracie Erichsen, Cori Leasure,
Lorelei Olson, Brock Nabus,
Adrian Williams, Jacob Roeser

Photography Judging, cont.

Intermediate Division

Red – Hanna Miller, Kaycee Brown,
Olivia Kline, Deyton Dibben,
William Strauss, Newt Miller,
Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Addi Sederlin,
Natalie Nutter, Grady Oentrich,
Eliot Oentrich, Maddi Sederlin

White – Ivy Beck

Senior Division

Purple – Chelsey Armbruster, Ava Oentrich,
Karley Kramer, Macie Muto

Blue – Travis Leasure, Shevy Olson,
Elaina Schmidt, Jada Nabus,
Paige Roeser, Hannah Leasure,
Emmy Gfeller, Aleeya Williams

Red – Mikayla Dibben, Jewels Williams,
Logan Nabus, Rylie Ellis

White – Josie Strauss

Livestock Judging

Junior Division

Purple – Grant Slough

Blue – Ava Schmidt

Red – Nolan Langvardt, Austin Sohnrey,
Sammie Hall, Addy Snider,
Jared Kline, Gracen Gfeller

Intermediate Division

Purple – Tava Gustafson, Kaycee Brown,
Olivia Harold, Charlie Strauss,
Kaci Heller

Blue – Ethan Goodyear, Grady Oentrich,
Morgan Nabus, Colden Blockcolsky,
Clara Gfeller, Braden Blockcolsky

Red – Amelia Strauss, Eliot Oentrich,
Caden Goodyear, Kaitlyn Sohnrey,
Olivia Kline, Brittney Dibben,
Deyton Dibben, Newt Miller,
Gracie Erichsen, Adrian Williams

White – Kourtney Dibben, Lorelei Olson,
Hanna Miller

Senior Division

Purple – Kaitlyn Butler, Kacey Butler,
Weston Langvardt, Cody Brown

Blue – Cassidy Miller, Josie Strauss,
Ava Oentrich, Emmy Gfeller,
Taylor Gustafson, Macie Muto,
CJ Holm, Karley Kramer

Red – Rylie Ellis, Jewels Williams,
Hannah Leasure

White – Mikayla Dibben, Shevy Olson

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Congratulations to everyone on all of your accomplishments at the 2021 Geary County Free Fair! Plan to finish the year off right by completing and submitting your record book and award applications to your club leader(s) in a timely manner.

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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