



# Geary County

## 4-H NEWS



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*February 2021*

### **4-H Model Meeting & Video Presentation Reminders**

Model Meetings for 4-H Day will be held virtually on the morning of February 20<sup>th</sup>. Leaders from participating clubs should have received a schedule and additional information via email. All other presentations will be recorded and submitted by noon on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Those who pre-entered should have received an email on January 26<sup>th</sup> with video upload instructions and further information. If you have any questions or are having difficulties with uploading your video, please contact the Extension Office. Video presentations will be judged the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup> and results will be posted to the Geary County Extension Facebook page and to the Geary County 4-H website by March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ribbons and scoresheets will be mailed to participants.

### **Regional 4-H Day**

Regional 4-H Day will be similar to Geary County 4-H Day in 2021. Live virtual Model Meetings and Gavel Games will be held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. All other presentations will be submitted via video by the deadline of midnight on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Those eligible to compete will need to let the Extension Office know by Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> if you plan to do so. This will allow us to turn in your name to be included on participant lists and score sheets.

### **Winter Virtual Judging Contests**

Virtual Photography and Family and Consumer Science (FCS) Judging Contests will open on February 14<sup>th</sup> and will close at midnight on February 28<sup>th</sup>. All 4-H members are invited to participate using the links included below.

Photography (all ages): [www.tinyurl.com/GeCoWinterPhotoJudging](http://www.tinyurl.com/GeCoWinterPhotoJudging)

FCS Junior (ages 7-9): [www.tinyurl.com/GeCoJrFCS](http://www.tinyurl.com/GeCoJrFCS)

FCS Intermediate (ages 10-13): [www.tinyurl.com/GeCoIntFCS](http://www.tinyurl.com/GeCoIntFCS)

FCS Senior (ages 14-18): [www.tinyurl.com/GeCoSrFCS](http://www.tinyurl.com/GeCoSrFCS)

### **Post-Secondary Education Scholarships**

The Kansas 4-H program is changing the way 4-H scholarship applications are submitted for 2021. The application for state scholarships will be submitted online by March 1<sup>st</sup> and is available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>. The Geary County scholarship application will also be submitted online with a deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm. More information was sent to high school seniors via email. Anyone else who would like to receive this information should contact the Extension Office.

## **In-Person 4-H Meetings & Events**

K-State Research & Extension and Kansas 4-H have decided that the preferred method for all extension and 4-H meetings and events is by virtual means until we are no longer facing the COVID-19 challenge. If you would like to hold any in-person 4-H meeting or event, you will need to work with Ginger to complete a Face to Face Meeting necessity form at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting or event. This form will ask for a brief description of the proposed meeting or event, including educational objectives; justification of why the meeting or event needs to be held in person; and a detailed plan for COVID-19 mitigation during the meeting or event. K-State Research & Extension administration will review the forms and provide feedback. If you have questions about this or would like to complete a Face to Face Meeting necessity form, please contact the Extension Office. This process will be reviewed and potentially changed at the end of March.

## **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>.

## **Upcoming Youth Livestock Events at K-State**

The K-State Youth Livestock Program has another exciting virtual event planned in the upcoming month. Mark it on your calendar now and plan to attend!

Junior Meat Goat Producer Week – March 15-20 (registration due March 8)  
More information on this and other events can be obtained at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu>. The K-State Youth Livestock Program has Twitter and Facebook accounts to keep everyone updated on information and deadlines. Go to the webpage listed above to find links to these accounts.

## **Horse Level Testing**

Now is a great time to get started on your horse Achievement Level testing if you haven't already done so. All District Horse Show participants will need to have completed Level 1 testing by June 1<sup>st</sup>. In order to participate in the 4-H horse show at the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must qualify at the District Horse Show scheduled for July 1<sup>st</sup> in Salina.

## **Virtual Horse Panorama**

State 4-H Horse Panorama will be virtual in 2021. The current schedule is as follows. Specific times will be released along with additional registration details.

- Digital Uploads (Photography, Logo, Poster, PowerPoint, Ad Layout, Exhibition Model Horse Show) – Uploads will open March 26 and close April 7. Judging will begin after April 7 with feedback given to youth.
- Hippology – April 10
- Quiz Bowl Preliminaries via Qualtrics – April 10
- Quiz Bowl Finals via Zoom – April 11
- Public Speaking, Demonstrations, & Project Talks – Zoom with judges by scheduled date/time, April 10-14 (sign-ups will be available)

## **Beef Weigh-in**

Weigh-in is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00pm. We will be weighing and tagging beef cattle. More information will be shared with project members as the date gets closer.

## **Sign Up to Receive 4-H Reminders**

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

## **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.

## **Apply Now for Academic Year and Summer Inbound Exchanges**

Applications from teens for 2021-2022 Academic Year Exchanges with Japan, South Korea, FLEX (Europe and Asia) and YES (Southern Europe, Asia and Africa) programs should be arriving this month. Kansas families who would like to host should contact Mary Kay Munson at [mkm2@ksu.edu](mailto:mkm2@ksu.edu) or 785-375-3189 for an application and information about the programs. Contact Mary Kay for information on Inbound States' 4-H one-month exchanges with countries other than Japan. Applications are due March 1.

## **Kansas Range Youth Camp**

This camp will be held June 15-18 and is for youth going into their sophomore, junior, or senior year in high school in the fall of 2021. It is for youth who are interested in plants, livestock, or wildlife and will be held at Camp Mennoscah in Kingman County. Participants will learn about range plant identification, plant growth, stocking rate determinations, livestock nutrition, rangeland wildlife management, and much more. Cost is \$250 per participant and registration is due by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Garan Belt at [garan.belt@usda.gov](mailto:garan.belt@usda.gov) or 620-583-5544 with questions.

## **USDA APHIS Summer AgDiscovery Program**

Youth in grades 7 to 11 are invited to apply for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) summer outreach program. There are 21 universities that work with USDA to offer middle and high school students a unique summer experience. Participants spend 2 to 4 weeks at a university exploring the field of agriculture. The only cost to participants is travel to and from the university campus. Each university offers different opportunities and activities that correlate to agriculture in that region of the United States. Deadline for application is March 25<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found online at [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery/ct\\_agdiscovery\\_program](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery/ct_agdiscovery_program).

# BINGO

## 4-H Family BINGO

Instead of holding a virtual Project Meeting Evening on March 1<sup>st</sup>, we are encouraging 4-H families to participate in 4-H Bingo. The bingo “card” is included with this newsletter. Families are encouraged to complete a line (can be diagonal, vertical, or horizontal) to earn a BINGO and submit pictures of your family engaging in the activities. All those who complete a BINGO and submit photos will receive a 4-H surprise! Photos can be uploaded via Qualtrics at <https://tinyurl.com/GeCo4HBingo>. Deadline for completion of BINGO and submission of photos is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### February

- 14-15 Citizenship in Action Virtual Conference
- 15-20 Junior Swine Producer Week
  - 20 4-H Day live virtual Model Meetings
  - 20 4-H Day electronic presentation submissions due by noon

### March

- ~~1 Project Meeting Evening (cancelled)~~
- 1 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application deadline
- 1 Geary County 4-H Scholarship Application deadline
- 8 Junior Meat Goat Producer Week registration deadline
- 8 Regional 4-H Day entries due to Extension Office
- 15-20 Junior Meat Goat Producer Week
- 27 Regional 4-H Day live virtual Model Meetings & Gavel Games
- 27 Regional 4-H Day electronic presentation submissions due by midnight
- 28 Beef Weigh-in, 2 to 3pm (tentative)

### April

- 1 4-H Family BINGO photo submission deadline
- 5 Project Meeting Evening

### Important Future Dates

- May 1 Project Drop/Add and Horse ID deadlines
- May 5 Camp Registration & Counselor Applications due
- May 20 Bucket Calf ID deadline
- June 1-4 Virtual 4-H Discovery Days
- June 10 Evening Panel Painting @ Fairgrounds
- June 17 4-H Camp Counselor Training
- June 18-21 4-H Camp
- June 30 Fair Pre-entry deadline
- July 18-22 Geary County Free Fair (4-H schedule included with this newsletter)

## Calendar of Events



# 4-H GROWS HERE

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As the 4-H Day submission deadline approaches, best of luck to everyone in all of your presentations. Make sure to plan some time to participate in the virtual judging contests. No matter what you are participating in, don't forget to have fun! 😊

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

Ginger D. Kopfer  
County Extension Agent

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact (Ginger Kopfer) two weeks prior to the start of the event at [gkopfer@ksu.edu](mailto:gkopfer@ksu.edu) or 785-238-4161. Requests received less than two weeks before the event will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

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# B I N G O

Take a walk as a family	Write a note to someone and mail it	Make an all natural bird feeder and hang outside	Put a puzzle together	Visit <a href="https://kansas4-h.org">kansas4-h.org</a> and research a 4-H project you are enrolled in
Tell a friend about 4-H & invite them to visit a future meeting	Discuss and plan what a family garden might look like	Read a story by flashlight	Make a baked good to thank someone for their help	Make a friendship rock/painted rock & place it in a local park
Make a hand puppet	Pick a nice day & have an outside picnic		Play a board game or card game as a family	Take a virtual field trip to a museum or historical site
Make a craft for a local nursing home or elderly neighbor	Write down 1 SMART goal for a 4-H project this year	Exercise Time – Do yoga, stretching, workout video, etc.	Make a marshmallow & toothpick tower	Try a new healthy recipe
Help a family member with a chore	Make & have a paper airplane contest Who has the best design? Whose flew the best?	Call a loved one & interview them about their childhood	Play outside for 30 minutes	Build an indoor fort (with parent permission!)

Adapted from Butler County Extension

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

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 12

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)  
 5:00 p.m. *Breeding Livestock and Dairy Cattle/Goat  
 Entry Forms Due*

THURSDAY, JULY 15

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 17

8:00 a.m. *4-H Dog Show*  
 10:30 a.m. *Fair Clean-up  
 4-H Barn and Building Set-up*

SUNDAY, JULY 18

6:00 p.m. *4-H Horse Show*

MONDAY, JULY 19

8:00 a.m. - *4-H Livestock can be brought in*  
 5:30 p.m. *(swine can be brought Monday or Tuesday)*  
 1:00 p.m. 4-H Food & Food Preservation  
 Judging  
 (Conference Method)  
*(Sign up for judging times online)*  
 1:00 p.m. *Judging of 4-H Photography*  
 (Conference Method)  
*(Sign up for judging times online)*  
 4:00 – *4-H Market Beef, Goats, and Sheep*  
 6:00 p.m. *Weigh-in*

4:00 -  
 7:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.  
 6:45 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m.

**4-H entries accepted**  
 (do not bring early)  
*ALL cattle/goats/sheep must be in place*  
*4-H Shepherd's Lead*  
*4-H Dairy, Goat, and Sheep Show*  
**All indoor 4-H exhibits in place**  
 except Floriculture/Horticulture/Crops  
**NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED**

TUESDAY, JULY 20

ALL DAY 4-H Food Sale  
 7:30-9:30 a.m. 4-H Swine Weigh-in  
 9:30 a.m. *All swine must be in place*  
 8:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Visual Arts  
 (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)  
 11:00 a.m. 4-H Floriculture, Horticulture, Crops,  
 Poultry, and Rabbit 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)  
*Noon Judging of 4-H Horticulture*  
 12:15 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf practice in arena  
 12:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Entomology, Geology &  
 Lapidary, Crops, Forestry, 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. *Poultry Entry Cards Due*  
 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 21

- 8:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry Judging
- 8:30 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Judging
- 9:30 a.m. 4-H Cat Show
- 1:00 p.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 3:00 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. **Deadline for registering 4-H project items for Auction**  
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED
- 6:30 p.m. 4-H Swine Show
- 9:30 p.m. **Deadline for registering 4-H livestock for Auction**  
(or ½ hour after end of swine show) NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

THURSDAY, JULY 22

- 10:00 a.m. 4-H Round Robin  
(Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine)
- 11:30-11:50 a.m. 4-H Livestock Judging Sign-up (Fair Office)
- Noon 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