Model Meetings for 4-H Day will be held virtually on the morning of February 20th. 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 20th. Those who pre-entered should have received an email on January 26th 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 22nd and results will be posted to the Geary County Extension Facebook page and to the Geary County 4-H website by March 3rd. Ribbons and scoresheets will be mailed to participants.

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 27th. All other presentations will be submitted via video by the deadline of midnight on March 27th. Those eligible to compete will need to let the Extension Office know by Monday, March 8th if you plan to do so. This will allow us to turn in your name to be included on participant lists and score sheets.

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

- Photography (all ages): www.tinyurl.com/GeCoWinterPhotoJudging
- FCS Junior (ages 7-9): www.tinyurl.com/GeCoJrFCS
- FCS Intermediate (ages 10-13): www.tinyurl.com/GeCoIntFCS
- FCS Senior (ages 14-18): www.tinyurl.com/GeCoSrFCS

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 1st 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 1st 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.
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.

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. Information about spring shows can be found online at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html.

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.

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 1st. 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 1st in Salina.

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)

In-Person 4-H Meetings & Events

Livestock Events and Spring Shows

Upcoming Youth Livestock Events at K-State

Horse Level Testing

Virtual Horse Panorama
Beef Weigh-in

Weigh-in is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 28th 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 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 15th. Contact Garan Belt at 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 25th. More information can be found online at https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery/ct_agdiscovery/program.
Instead of holding a virtual Project Meeting Evening on March 1st, 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 1st.

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)
February 12, 2021

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! 😊

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 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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Geary County 4-H Family BINGO

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 1st.

**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 kansas4-h.org 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
- 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 a.m. 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
           (swine can be brought Monday or Tuesday)
5:30 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)
1:00 p.m.
4:00 - 4-H Market Beef, Goats, and Sheep
6:00 p.m. Weigh-in

**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
(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