



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

October 2018

Officer Training

4-H Officer Training has been scheduled for **Tuesday, October 30th** at 6:30pm at Pottorf Hall on the Riley County Fairgrounds in Manhattan. This will be a multi-county training with Riley and Pottawatomie counties. All club officers should mark this on their calendars and plan to attend. This year, a session for adults will be held at the same time, led by state 4-H volunteer specialist Shane Potter.

4-H Enrollment

Required online enrollment for 4-H members is continuing for the 2018-19 4-H year. The system is open and information on how to re-enroll was included with the September newsletter and is also available online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. Be sure to use Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox as the system is not set up to work with other browsers.

Enrollment Deadline

The Geary County 4-H Foundation has set an enrollment deadline of January 1st in order to receive scholarship funding from the foundation for the current 4-H year. Please make sure 4-H members are enrolled by January 1st in order to receive any event scholarship funds (including 4-H Camp) and/or post-secondary education scholarships made available by the foundation.

Kansas 4-H Program Fee

Just a reminder that Kansas 4-H decided to institute a \$15 fee per 4-H member (not including Cloverbuds) per year beginning last year. Fortunately the Geary County 4-H Foundation Board of Directors has agreed to pay this fee for all Geary County 4-H members at this time. Pay special attention to instructions included with the September newsletter on how to complete the payment portions of enrollment. If you pay the fee by credit card or check, you will not be reimbursed.

Foundation Fundraiser Help

The 4-H Foundation is requesting help from 4-H members to set up for and serve drinks at the Bingo/Soup Supper event planned for November 4th. Set up helpers will need to arrive at the 4-H Building on that day at 4:00pm and servers will need to arrive by 5:15pm. Please consider helping and contact the Extension Office at 238-4161 or email gkopfer@ksu.edu if you will be available. 4-H members who have attended any camps or conferences during the past year have directly benefitted from the foundation paying half of the fee for you to attend. Think about giving back by helping with this event!

Change to Fair Auction Participation Requirements for 2019

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 2019. Official record of meetings attended will be the club secretary's book. This requirement does not limit fair participation, only participation in the auction. The decision to make this change was made by the Fair Board after much discussion and consideration, and on recommendation to make a change from the 4-H Council. Notification was sent out via hard copy mail and email along with being printed in the newsletter so families can plan ahead now to make sure they meet the requirement if youth want to participate in the auction.

4-H Age Requirements

Kansas 4-H policy states that youth must be 7 years old before January 1st of a given year to join 4-H. This means that youth who are 7 years old by January 1, 2019 will be able to join 4-H as full members for the current 4-H year. All youth who turn 7 after January 1 will be able to join as Cloverbud members, but will have to wait until the next year to join 4-H as full members. The age for Cloverbud members is 5 or 6 as of January 1, 2019.

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 as soon as possible. Let's all work together to make finding leaders easier for each club!

4-H Day

4-H Council has chosen Saturday, February 16th for Geary County 4-H Club Day. Please mark this date on your calendars and look for further information and entry materials in the December 4-H Newsletter.

4-H Council Officers

The first 4-H Council meeting of the year was held on October 1st. Congratulations to these 4-H members who were elected as officers:

- President* – Kacey Butler
- Vice President* – Jewels Williams
- Secretary* – Kaitlyn Sohnrey
- Treasurer* – Taylor Gustafson
- Reporter* – Maddy Harold

4-H Council Committees

These are the 4-H Council Committees for 2018-2019. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please call the Extension Office. Any help would be appreciated and could fulfill a requirement on your Achievement Pin Application!

- Fair BBQ
- Fair Board
- Finance
- Achievement Celebration
- Public Revue
- 4-H Day
- National 4-H Week

Fair Premium Checks

Do you have a premium check from the fair that you haven't cashed or deposited? If so, please take care of it as soon as possible. This helps us with bookkeeping and also makes sure the check is still good.

**Record Book Judging
Thanks!**

Brookside

Jeannette Ascher
Jessica Bobbett
Kristie Moon
Jerry Smith

Clarks Creek

Lori Brown
Joanna Erichsen
Luke Erichsen
Shelbi Gustafson
Noelle Olson

Humboldt

Resia Muto
Lisa Nabus
Liz Roeser
Jim Schmidt
Sarah Schmidt
Lynn Sohnrey

Lyon Creek

David Butler
Marjaul Ferris
Stephanie Gfeller
Pamela Miller
Lara Strauss
Marti Williams

**Animals in the
4-H/Senior Citizens
Center**

The 4-H/Senior Citizens Building Committee has made the decision that no animals will be allowed in the kitchen or dining room at the building and animals will be allowed in the rest of the building by permission only. Please contact the Extension Office if you need to get permission for animals to be allowed in the building (permission has already been given for 4-H Dog and Rabbit project meetings). We ask that all 4-H families follow this policy.

**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 1 and December 15, 2018. The contest theme this year is to capture images of home and family. 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 are available at www.happybirthdayks.org.

**Exchange Travel
Opportunities for
4-H'ers in 2019**

4-H members between the ages of 12 and 18 have the possibility of traveling to Costa Rica, Japan, Finland, and South Korea next year. Age requirements differ based on the program. 4-H alumni 19-25 may apply for individualized programs of 3 to 6 months in partner countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Applications are due November 1st to Mary Kay Munson. You can find more information about the available exchange experiences and the application at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html>. Contact Mary Kay Munson at 238-3189 or munson@ksbroadband.net for more information.

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

The Remind program seemed to work well for fair reminders so a Geary County 4-H Remind account has been created. We will discontinue use of the fair account and use the general 4-H account for all 4-H reminders, including fair related information. To sign up go to <https://www.remind.com/join/geco4h>. Even if you signed up for fair reminders, you will need to sign up again in this new account.

Robotics SpaceTech Experience

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Program and the Kansas Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson are teaming up to provide a program that will feature robotics. The experience begins Friday, November 16th at 4pm and will end Saturday, November 17th at 4pm. Cost is \$115 for youth and adult chaperones (designed to be an adult-child experience). Registration includes 3 meals, 2 breaks, and an overnight indoor camping stay. Participants will learn how to program robots and use sensors. There will be a final team robot competition. Other engineering activities include making a catapult and launching pencil erasers, plus much more. There will be a tour of the Cosmosphere, a planetarium show, and a digital dome program. Visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/volunteer-trainings/spacetech/index.html> for more information. Registration is open, is due November 4th, and will be limited to the first 60 who register.

October

- 20-21 Dog Conference @ Rock Springs
- 30 4-H Officer Training @ Pottorf Hall in Manhattan – 6:30pm

November

- 4 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper set-up @ 4-H Building – 4pm
- 4 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper @ 4-H Building – 5:30pm
- 17-18 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum @ Rock Springs
- 27 Interstate Exchange Meeting in Chapman – 6:30pm

December

- 3 4-H Project Meeting Evening @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm

January

- 7 4-H Project Meeting Evening
- 19 Northeast Leadership Event
- 25-27 Horse Panorama
- 28 4-H Scholarship Applications due to Extension Office by 5pm

February

- 4 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
- 16 4-H Day
- 17-18 Citizenship in Action Conference, Topeka
- 22-23 4-H Ambassador Training @ Rock Springs

Important Future Dates

- March 4 4-H Project Meeting Evening
- March 9 Junior Swine Producer Day, K-State
- March 23 Regional 4-H Day, Clay Center
- March 30 4-H/Senior Citizens Center Building Fundraiser
- April 1 4-H Project Meeting Evening
- May 3 Ag Day
- May 6 4-H Project Meeting Evening
- May 28-31 Discovery Days at K-State
- June 3 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- June 7 Camp Counselor Training at Rock Springs
- June 8-11 4-H Camp at Rock Springs
- June 28 Fair pre-entries due
- July 21-25 Geary County Free Fair
- August 5 4-H Project Meeting Evening
- September 6-15 Kansas State Fair
- September 27-29 Kansas Junior Livestock Show

Calendar of Events

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October 16, 2018

Welcome to a new 4-H year! I'm glad that you have chosen to be a part of the 4-H program in Geary County. Now is a great time to make goals for your 4-H projects and your 4-H year in general. Included with this newsletter is a sheet about setting project goals that was recently created for Kansas 4-H and should help you to set some great goals which will help you to achieve what you want. Best wishes as you set your goals for 4-H this year!

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

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

Geary County 4-H Foundation

Bingo/Soup Supper

Join us for an evening of fun & fellowship!

November 4, 2018

5:30pm Supper, 6:15pm Bingo
4-H/Senior Citizens Center
(1025 S. Spring Valley Road)

Meal by Donation

Chili, chicken noodle soup, crackers, carrots, cinnamon rolls

Bingo

\$1 per card

(around 8 games will be played with fun prizes for the winners!)



The Geary County 4-H Foundation is a not for profit organization for the purpose of supporting and promoting the 4-H program in Geary County.



Setting 4-H Project Goals

Name: _____ Club: _____ Year: _____

Now that you have selected your 4-H projects for the year, it is important to plan out what you would like to learn and accomplish. What new skills would you like to gain? Who is going to help you along the way? Setting measurable goals will help guide you through positive 4-H project learning experiences.

WHAT IS A GOAL?

A GOAL is . . . Deciding what you want do and learn in a 4-H project.
A road map. It helps you get where you want to go.

Your goals should have three parts that will allow you to measure and check your progress. The three parts of a good goal, include:

1. **ACTION** — How are you going to do something.
2. **RESULT** — What are you going to do. Be specific!
3. **TIMETABLE** — When are you going to do it.

This worksheet is designed to help you set your 4-H project goals. Below are some examples of well-written goals:

Action	Result	Timetable	Who Will Help Me
I want to learn	about my bucket calf's nutritional needs	before county weigh-in.	Dad
I want to make	three nutritious snacks for the nursing home residents	by our June club meeting.	my project leader
I want to learn	about the aerodynamics of my rocket	before the spring launch.	Mom
I want to lead	a horse project meeting	by February.	my extension agent
I want to keep	accurate records of my photography project experiences and expenses	monthly.	my project leader & parents

CONTROL TEST: Do your goals pass the control test? Do you have control over all parts of what happens? If you can answer "yes," then you are ready to begin record keeping. For example, "I want to win grand champion with my cookies at the county fair," does not pass the control test. A 4-H member doesn't have control over ribbon placing.

Now it is your turn. Practice writing three goals that you would like to accomplish this 4-H year. If you need help, ask an adult to assist.

Action	Result	Timetable	Who Will Help Me
I want to . . .			
I want to . . .			
I want to . . .			

Time to begin. In the spaces provided on the next page, set your goals for each project you are enrolled in this year. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Please keep in mind that younger 4-H members will have fewer, less complex goals than older, more advanced 4-H members. A good rule of thumb is three to five goals per project for ages 7 to 10, four to eight goals per project for ages 11 to 13, and seven to 12 goals per project for ages 14 to 18.

PROJECT: _____ **4-H Member Age:** _____ **Years in Project:** _____

	Action, Timetable, Result	Who Will Help Me
Goal #1		
Goal #2		
Goal #3		
Goal #4		
Goal #5		

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