



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

October 2021

4-H Enrollment



Required online enrollment continues for the 2021-22 4-H year. The system is open at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Step-by-step enrollment instructions were sent via email on October 1st and are available at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay the \$15 enrollment fee for all Geary County 4-H members (there is no fee for Cloverbuds). You will need to input the coupon code FTVIPT. If you pay the fee by credit card or check, you will not be reimbursed. Adult volunteers are encouraged to enroll now as well. Step-by-step instructions are available at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

Enrollment Deadline for Foundation Scholarship Support

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.

Shooting Sports Shotgun Informational Meeting

An informational meeting for Shooting Sports Shotgun will be held Monday, October 25th at 6:00pm at Sportsman's Acres (3922 K-244 Spur, Junction City). Pizza and drinks will be provided. 4-H members and families will have the opportunity to learn more about the program and ask questions. Please RSVP to Lara Strauss at laragstrauss@gmail.com or 785-210-6288 so that enough food and drinks can be purchased. As a reminder, to participate in shooting sports this year, youth must be at least 8 years old by January 1, 2022.

Officer Training

4-H Officer Training has been scheduled for **Monday, November 29th** at 6:30pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. All club officers should mark this on their calendars and plan to attend.

Achievement Celebration

Don't forget that the Geary County 4-H Achievement Celebration will be held Sunday, November 7th at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. It will begin at 5:30pm with a potluck supper. Each family is asked to bring a main dish AND side dish or dessert. Table service and drinks will be provided. In order to limit the potential spread of COVID-19 and other viruses, all attendees will be asked to wear a mask while getting food and to use hand sanitizer before touching any serving utensils. Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided. All serving utensils brought from home will be cleaned before being used that evening. If you don't feel comfortable following these guidelines, please plan to join us for the program starting at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there to celebrate the end of another great 4-H year!

Achievement Celebration Set-up

Set-up for Achievement Celebration will be held on November 7th at 1:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. All help is greatly appreciated!

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, 2022 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, 2022.

4-H Day

4-H Council has chosen Saturday, February 19th 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.

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.

Animals in the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

Just a reminder that 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 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 is available at <https://www.kshs.org/p/happy-birthday-kansas-contest/18622>.

4-H Camp

You should have received in the mail communication from Rock Springs and the Kansas 4-H Foundation about changes coming to 4-H Camp for 2022. The Geary County 4-H Foundation board met recently and voted to give support to Geary County 4-H members in the amount of \$225 for camp experiences at Rock Springs (this replaces the half scholarships given for camp in the past since there are now multiple options and prices for camp). At this time, the plan is to directly apply that payment to each campers account through Rock Springs. Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp group has chosen Session 2 (June 12-15) as our preferred camp date choice. During this time, you can expect some agents and more youth from Dickinson, Geary, Pottawatomie, Riley, and Wabaunsee counties to be at Rock Springs. Your family can decide whether you would like to have your campers attend at this time or you are welcome to choose any of the other sessions. If you have questions about Geary County’s involvement in camp, please feel free to contact the Extension Office. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>. Priority camp registration with a 10% discount for 4-H members is open until October 31st.

4-H Council Officers

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

- President* – Kacey Butler
- Vice President* – Hanna Miller
- Secretary* – Elaina Schmidt
- Treasurer* – Kourtney Dibben
- Reporter* – Tava Gustafson

4-H Council Committees

These are the 4-H Council Committees for 2021-2022. 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

**Record Book Judging
Thanks!**

Thanks to all of the adults who participated in record book judging. Your help is greatly appreciated! The volunteers who helped to judge were:

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|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Blue Line</u> | <u>Brookside</u> | <u>Lyon Creek</u> |
| Bill Mooney | Jessica Bobbett | Marjaul Ferris |
| Diane Mooney | Kasey Donoho | Stephanie Gfeller |
| Jim Schmidt | Ramon Donoho | Pamela Miller |
| Sarah Schmidt | Mike Taylor | Lara Strauss |
| Lindsey Snider | | Lori Strauss |
| | | Marti Williams |
| | | Kristina Zlotow |
| <u>Humboldt</u> | <u>Clarks Creek</u> | |
| Dianna Dibben | Amy Blockcolsky | |
| Resia Muto | Shelbi Gustafson | |
| Lisa Nabus | | |
| Marcie Proietti | | |
| Regan Schultz | | |
| Kevin Shane | | |

**Foundation Fundraiser
Help Needed**

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 14th. 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!

**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 is now open and classes will fill up, so don't delay. The registration deadline is November 4th.

**Exchange Travel
Opportunities for
4-H'ers in 2022**

4-H members between the ages of 12 and 18 have the possibility of traveling to Argentina, Costa Rica, Japan, Norway, Romania, South Korea, and Taiwan next year. Age requirements differ based on the program. 4-H alumni 19-25 may apply for individualized programs of 2, 3 or 6 months in partner countries. 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 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu for more information.

**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>.

**4-H Interstate
Exchange**

A new year has started for the Dickinson/Geary County 4-H Interstate Exchange group. In order to find an exchange partner, we need to know how many youth we have participating. To gather this information, a form is available at the Extension Office or online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> and due to the Extension Office by November 15th in order for youth to participate in the 2022-2023 exchange program. Youth 13 years and older (as of January 1, 2022) are invited to participate in interstate exchange. Additional information about exchange and requirements is included at the above website. Once we know who is participating we will send a doodle poll to find a meeting date that works for most to get together and begin planning.

**Opportunity for New
Sheep Project
Members**

Noticing declining enrollment in the sheep project, a local sheep breeder has reached out to offer to donate a lamb to a limited number of new sheep project members. Those selected for this (first-come, first-serve) will be required to buy a 2nd lamb at a discount and will need to provide their own location for housing the lambs, feed, etc. Contact the Extension Office by December 1st if you are interested.

**Submit Fair Foods
Recipes to Kansas
Wheat Commission**

The Kansas Wheat Commission Test Kitchen invites youth to share recipes from fair foods exhibits that received purple and champion ribbons. A limited number of recipes will be selected and tested for publication. Recipes will be used in a variety of ways such as social media, recipe booklets, and the web. Recipes may be for cakes, pies, cookies, quick breads, or yeast breads. Submit the complete recipe and photo of the product by December 15th to Cindy Falk at cfalk@kswheat.com. Please include recipe source in the submission.

October

- 16 Northeast Leadership Event @ Rock Springs
- 23-24 Dog Conference @ Rock Springs
- 25 Shooting Sports Shotgun Information Meeting, Sportsman's Acres, 6pm
- 31 4-H Camp priority/discount deadline for 4-H members

November

- 1 Applications due for International 4-H opportunities
- 4 KYLF Registration due
- 7 Achievement Celebration Set-up @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 1pm
- 7 Achievement Celebration @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 5:30pm
- 9 Multi-County Leader Training @ Pottorf Hall, Manhattan – 6:30pm
- 14 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper set-up @ 4-H Building – 4pm
- 14 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper @ 4-H Building – 5:30pm
- 15 Interstate Exchange Forms due to Extension Office
- 20-21 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum @ Rock Springs
- 29 4-H Officer Training @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 6:30pm

December

- 6 4-H Project Meeting Evening @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 6:30pm
- 15 Recipe submissions due to Kansas Wheat Commission

January

- 1 Enrollment deadline to receive support from the 4-H Foundation
- 3 4-H Project Meeting Evening
- 24 4-H Scholarship Applications due to Extension Office by 5pm

February

- 7 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
- 19 4-H Day
- 20-21 Citizenship in Action Conference, Topeka (tentative)

Important Future Dates

- March 7 4-H Project Meeting Evening
- March 25-27 Shooting Sports Instructor Training @ Rock Springs
- March 26 Regional 4-H Day, Clay Center
- April 4 4-H Project Meeting Evening
- May 2 Horse ID's Due to Extension Office by 5pm
- May 2 Project Drop/Add Deadline
- May 2 4-H Project Meeting Evening
- May 6 Ag Day
- May 20 Bucket Calf ID's Due to Extension Office by 5pm
- May 31-June 2 Discovery Days at K-State (tentative)
- June 6 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- June 27 Fair pre-entries due
- July 17-21 Geary County Free Fair
- September 9-18 Kansas State Fair

Calendar of Events

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October 15, 2021

Welcome to a new 4-H year! I'm so 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



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**NOV
14**

**5:30pm Supper
6:15pm Bingo**

GEARY COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

BINGO/ SOUP SUPPER

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.



MEAL BY DONATION

- **Chili**
- **Chicken noodle soup**
- **Crackers**
- **Carrots**
- **Cinnamon rolls**

4-H/SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

1025 S. Spring Valley Road
Junction City

BINGO

\$1 per card

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

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP!



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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