



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

November 2023

Enroll in 4-H
<https://v2.4honline.com>
Use the code GSQILC for payment

4-H Enrollment

Online enrollment continues for the 2023-24 4-H year. The system is open at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Step-by-step enrollment instructions and a list of projects were sent via email on October 1 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 GSQILC. 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

The Geary County 4-H Foundation has set an enrollment deadline of January 1 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 1 in order to receive any event scholarship funds (including 4-H Camp) and/or post-secondary education scholarships made available by the foundation.

4-H Day

4-H Council has chosen Saturday, February 17 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 Auction Participation Requirement for 2024

4-H members will be required to attend in-person 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 2024. 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.

Outstanding Record Book Score Sheet

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the Outstanding Record Book Score Sheet. This document should help you prepare your record book to meet the guidelines set up by 4-H Council. Don't forget to get started on those record books now and keep up with them throughout the year!

Record Book Online Option

An online record book option is available for use by Kansas 4-H members. Youth may choose to use the online ZBooks software or the fillable PDF Project Report Forms. The Permanent Record is included in ZBooks. If you choose to keep records with ZBooks for the first time this year, you will start the permanent record with the current year and simply attach it to your previous document after printing. Visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html> for access to ZBooks and helpful tutorials. This software works on all platforms and should make keeping up with record books throughout the year a lot easier. In ZBooks, pictures can be entered in landscape or portrait format. At the end of the year, you will print your Project Report Forms and Permanent Record and submit them just like you would in previous years. If you want to try ZBooks, click on the link above and create a family account and then profiles for each of your 4-H members. If you have questions or problems while using the program, they have a wonderful live chat feature that you can use.

4-H Camp Priority Registration Deadline

Early-bird registration for 4-H members to attend 4-H Camp at a 10% discount this summer is available November 15 through December 31. Some details are included below.

- The Geary County 4-H Foundation will 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). Use the discount code GECOCAMP24 when you register to have these funds applied to your account. The code will need to be added for each camper's registration.
- We are not selecting a preferred camp session this year. Your family can choose whatever session works best for you.
- There are camp options for youth currently in 1st grade and older, including teens. Teen programs are Leader in Training and Counselor in Training. Full scholarships for both teen programs are available.
- Camp prices remain the same as they were in 2023 with 3 tiers of pricing available. Choose the one that works for your family.

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/>.

Officer Training Make-Up

We will continue the procedure used in the past for those unable to attend officer training that was held November 14th. To make up that training, and have it count for your club, first call or stop by the Extension Office and let us know what office you hold and get your training materials. The training materials will include a worksheet that you will need to fill out. Once this is completed, you can contact the Extension Office at 785-238-4161 or email Ginger at gkopfer@ksu.edu to schedule an appointment to go over the information and ask questions. These appointments can be in-person or via Zoom and should take approximately 10 minutes. You will then be counted as having completed officer training for this year.

Shooting Sports Informational Meeting

An informational meeting for the Geary County 4-H Shooting Sports program will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6:30pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizen's Center. Pizza and drinks will be provided. During this meeting, 4-H members and their families will have the opportunity to learn about the Shooting Sports project and the available disciplines in our county. Please RSVP to Lara Strauss at laragstrauss@gmail.com or 785-210-6288 by November 28th so that we can ensure we have enough food and beverages. Please note that in order to participate in the Shooting Sports project, members must be at least 8 years old by January 1, 2024.

Horse Panorama

This event is designed for youth as a compilation of various contests related to the horse project. Contests include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography, logo, educational posters, and more. Some contests will be held at K-State Salina Campus on January 27th and some will be conducted virtually. Further details on the Panorama and registration link are available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/horse-panorama.html>. Registration will open November 28th. Deadline to register is January 2nd.

Project Resist Opportunity

Are you interested in joining the youth movement against tobacco use? Project Resist chapters are locally established youth tobacco coalitions that work on peer-to-peer education, awareness, and policies that prevent tobacco use. Live Well Geary County has asked Geary County 4-H to get involved in this movement. Contact the Extension Office at 785-238-4161 or email Ginger at gkopfer@ksu.edu if you are interested!

November

18-19 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs

28 4-H Project Meeting RSVP due by 5pm to Extension Office

December

4 4-H Project Meeting Evening @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 6:30pm

January

1 Enrollment deadline to receive support from the 4-H Foundation

2 Horse Panorama registration deadline

27 Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama

Important Future Dates

February 5 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H Building – 7pm

February 17 4-H Day

February 18-19 Citizenship in Action Conference, Topeka

March 1 Geary County and Kansas 4-H Scholarship deadline

March 23 Regional 4-H Day

May 1 Project Drop/Add Deadline

May 10 Ag Day

May 20 Bucket Calf ID's Due to Extension Office by 5pm

June 3 Horse ID's Due to Extension Office by 5pm

June 3 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H Building – 7pm

June 5-7 Discovery Days @ K-State

June 28 Fair pre-entries due

July 21-25 Geary County Free Fair

September 6-15 Kansas State Fair

Calendar of Events

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Geary County

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November 15, 2023

During this time of year when we focus on being thankful, I wanted to share a few things that I am thankful for:

- 4-H members with a positive attitude for learning and having fun
- Parents who support 4-H members in that learning and having fun, without doing the work for them
- 4-H volunteers who give their time and talents to the program
- our 4-H Ambassadors who continue to amaze me with their energy, creativity, and hard work
- Extension Office colleagues who care about and contribute much to the 4-H program

Best wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you also have much to be thankful for!



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County Extension Agent



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Topic: Visual Arts

Join us to paint and decorate a small wooden Christmas tree and holiday sleigh.



Date: 12/04/2023

Time: 6:30pm

Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

4-H Project Meeting Evening



Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on Tuesday, November 28th by calling 785-238-4161 or emailing gkopfer@ksu.edu. No late registrations will be taken since we will need to buy supplies.

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Geary County 4-H Outstanding Record Book Score Sheet

4-H Member's Name _____ Age _____

Personal Information Page _____ / 10 points

- completed
- projects listed in alphabetical order

Generic Pictures _____ / 10 points

- up to three pages of general pictures follow the Personal Information Page
- pictures are on one side of the paper only
- pictures can be printed directly onto paper or attached to paper
- if attached to paper, it is strongly recommended that rubber cement, spray adhesive, or double stick tape is used to attach pictures to the paper and that paper is substantial enough to support the pictures, but flexible enough for the pages to turn easily
- photos are not in plastic sleeves
- pictures have captions
- pictures show action

Permanent Record _____ / 25 points

- completed
- attended club and project meetings
- exhibited at the county fair
- attended club and county events
- gave at least one presentation
- leadership and service given to 4-H

Project Report Forms _____ / 45 points

- completed
- no pages of information added
- project reflection is an overview of the entire 4-H year
- pictures should be included and meet the guidelines for generic pictures above

Organization / Neatness _____ / 10 points

- book is neat and easy to read
- sections are identified with tabs
- project pages are in same order as listed on Personal Information Page

Total _____ / 100 points