



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

September 2024

Record Book Screening

Geary County will be in charge of screening our own records this year. Screening will be held **October 1 from 8:30am to 7:00pm** at the Extension Office. Each club is responsible for providing at least 4 adults to screen records. Older 4-H members are also welcome to judge. No parent will be allowed to screen records for their own child. Please think about participating in this great learning experience that will help you to gain new ideas. You don't have to be a record book "expert" to participate.

4-H Enrollment

Required online enrollment for 4-H members is continuing for the 2024-25 4-H year. The system is currently shut down to prepare for enrollment but is expected to reopen at 8:00am on October 1. More information on how to re-enroll online will be sent out via email at the beginning of October.

Kansas 4-H Program Fee

Just a reminder that Kansas 4-H will continue to charge a \$15 fee per 4-H member (not including Cloverbuds) per 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 that will be sent out with enrollment information on how to complete the payment portions of enrollment. If you pay the fee by credit card or check, you will not be reimbursed.

Achievement Celebration

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Saturday, November 2 at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. It will begin at 6:00pm 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. 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 2 at 1:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. All help is greatly appreciated!

National 4-H Week/48 Hours of 4-H

Don't forget National 4-H Week, October 6 through 12. Plan to participate in Geary County's National 4-H Week opportunities and 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend. Flyers with all of the details are included with this newsletter.

Yard Signs for National 4-H Week

Yard signs for National 4-H Week are available at most September 4-H Club meetings and at the Extension Office. Signs took longer to arrive than anticipated, so were not yet available for the Clarks Creek meeting. Any Clarks Creek members who would like to display a sign should contact the Extension Office to arrange for delivery if needed. If you pick up a yard sign, don't forget to return it to your October club meeting or to the Extension Office so we can use them in future years.

Club Summary Deadline

Club summaries are due by 5:00pm on October 1 to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted.

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 on or before October 1. Let's all work together to make finding leaders easier for each club!

4-H Pictures Needed

Pictures are needed for a slide show showcasing the 4-H year at the Achievement Celebration. Pictures can be sent to, or dropped off at, the Extension Office or sent via email to gkopfer@ksu.edu before October 1. We would like all 4-H clubs to be represented in the pictures. So, look through your 4-H photos and pick some out right away!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2025. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 23-24. 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 will be open soon and is due October 15 with a cost of \$215. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay half of the fee for Geary County 4-H members who complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Applications are available for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and are due October 1st. Council members plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, and other events along with other duties. 4-H members 14 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2025 are eligible to apply. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

National 4-H Conference

Applications are available for the 2025 National 4-H Conference to be held in the spring. Delegates must be 15 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2025. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Up to six Kansas youth may be selected as delegates via an application and interview. Applications are due online by October 1st. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

State 4-H Dog Conference

State 4-H Dog Conference will be held October 19-20 at Rock Springs. Registration is due by September 30. Conference events include educational sessions, quiz bowl, public speaking, and many others. More information and link for online registration can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/dog-conference/index.html>. Cost is \$165 for full-time participants and \$100 for Sunday only. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay half of the fee for Geary County 4-H members who complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

4-H Council

Each club needs to select 2 youth and 2 adults as 4-H Council Representatives. The youth and adults that you select will be able to help make decisions about the county 4-H program. The next council meeting will be October 7 at 7:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. We will be reviewing the fair, electing officers, and assigning committees for the coming year. The tentative meeting agenda can be found online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html>. The other meetings for the 2024-2025 year are scheduled for February 3 and June 2.

State Fair Exhibits

If you sent exhibits to the State Fair, please plan to pick them up at the Extension Office any time after 8:00am on Tuesday, September 17. We appreciate having exhibits picked up soon after the end of the fair. You can find non-livestock 4-H results at <https://www.fairentry.com/Fair/Results/20307> and 4-H livestock results will hopefully be available soon on the Kansas State Fair website at <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/>. Congratulations to all participants, it is an honor just to be able to enter exhibits, participate in judging contests, and show animals at the state fair!

Judging Team Participants

Congratulations to the following Geary County 4-H members who participated in the Livestock Judging Contest at K-State in August and in the Photography Judging Contest at the State Fair.

Livestock Judging: Kourtney Dibben, Tava Gustafson, Blake Proietti, and Josie Strauss

Photography Judging: Colden Blockcolsky, Brittney Dibben, Deyton Dibben, Kourtney Dibben, Sean Mueller, Lorelei Olson, Shevy Olson, and Adrian Williams

Extra congratulations to Kourtney Dibben who placed 9th in the Senior Photography Judging Contest out of 73 participants and the Senior Team of Brittney Dibben, Kourtney Dibben, Sean Mueller, and Shevy Olson who placed 9th out of 24 teams.

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 project meetings). We ask that all 4-H families follow this policy.

**Standards for
Participation in Kansas
FFA and 4-H Youth
Development
Educational
Opportunities**

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.

2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.

3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.

4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.

5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.

6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.



The following items were found at the fair or the after-fair pool party and are available to be claimed at the Extension Office until the end of September when they will be disposed of:

Pink water bottle holder

Kenra volume spray

Silver Cavender's belt buckle

String of red Christmas lights

Black and brown work gloves

Package of Pampers baby wipes

Small composition notebook with green pen

Green Member's Mark polo – size Small

Black Kansas Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers t-shirt – no size

Fair t-shirt – size Youth Large

Peach cami – size Small

Green Hawaiian shirt – size Medium

Fair Lost & Found

Fair Dates for 2025

Fair Board has chosen the dates of July 20-24, 2025 for the Geary County Free Fair. Mark this on your calendars now! A full schedule of 4-H events and judging will be available after the February 3rd 4-H Council meeting.



September

- 6-15 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- 17 State Fair Exhibits can be picked up at Extension Office after 8am
- 20 Record Books & Award Applications due by 5pm
- 20 Ambassador Applications due by 5pm
- 27-29 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
- 30 4-H Dog Conference registration deadline

October

- 1 4HOnline Enrollment system open
- 1 Record Book Screening, 8:30am-7pm @ Extension Office
- 1 Club Summaries due by 5pm
- 1 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
- 1 National 4-H Conference Applications due
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
- 7 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
- 8 Ambassador Interviews, evening
- 12-13 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend
- 15 KYLF Registration deadline
- 15 Geary Community Foundation Match Day (support the Geary County 4-H Foundation <https://www.gearymatchday.com/>)
- 19-20 4-H Dog Conference @ Rock Springs
- 27 Extension Office will be closed Noon to 5pm for staff retreat

November

- 2 Achievement Celebration setup, 1pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 2 Achievement Celebration, 6pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 10 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper
- 23-24 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs
- 26 Ambassador Meeting, 6:30pm at 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

December

- 2 4-H Project Meeting Evening, 6:30pm

Calendar of Events



4-H GROWS HERE

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As the 2023-24 4-H year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered throughout the year. Without volunteers, 4-H would not be possible. We are very fortunate in Geary County to have so many people who care about 4-H and 4-H members!



Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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How can you participate in National 4-H Week?

- Get a yard sign at your September 4-H Club meeting or the Extension Office and proudly display it in your yard
- Tuesday - Look for 4-H trivia on Instagram (geco4h) and Facebook (Geary County K-State Research and Extension)
- Wednesday - Proudly wear a 4-H shirt for 4-H Spirit Day
- Thursday - Post a “Throwback Thursday” picture of past 4-H memories on social media, make sure to tag gec04h
- Send a thank you note to a 4-H volunteer or someone else who has inspired you in 4-H
- Think of your own way to help others learn about 4-H



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48 Hours of 4-H

A weekend of service. A lifetime of impact.

What is 48 Hours of 4-H?

48 Hours of 4-H is a Kansas 4-H service challenge that was created as a way to challenge 4-H members to explore their service capabilities – “To Make the Best Better” in their communities, counties, and across the state.

When will it be held?

48 Hours of 4-H will be October 12-13, 2024

How can I participate?

In Geary County, we are giving you two options for participation.

- 1) Design or color a fall door hanger for Brookdale Senior Living residents. Door hanger templates will be mailed to you and you are asked to return them to the Extension Office by October 15.
- 2) Volunteer at Milford State Park to help with the Monster Myths program by serving as a trail guide on Saturday, October 12 from 4:00 to 9:00pm.

How do I sign up?

To volunteer, contact the Extension Office at 785-238-4161 or email Ginger at gkopfer@ksu.edu by Thursday, September 26 at 5:00pm.

What if I can't participate in any of these options?

Projects can also be done as individuals, so choose a project on your own and complete it October 12 or 13. Make sure to register your project at www.Kansas4-H.org/484H. A list of ideas of things to do can also be found on this website in the 484H Guide.

Let's work together to make a difference in our community!

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