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## Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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### April

April 2	4-H Council Meeting
April 3	Spring Heart & Hands Workshop (Hall County)
April 5	Extension Board Meeting
April 10	Ag. Society Meeting
April 16	4-H Enrollment Deadline
April 22	Speech/Performing Arts Contest
April 24	Flower Barrel Workshop
April 27	Arbor Day - Extension Office Closed

### **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – APRIL 16!!!**

The 2012 4-H enrollment is fast approaching. Please fill out your enrollment forms and look for a special project this year to challenge your 4-H career. There are a variety of 4-H projects; therefore, you can make your 4-H experience unique. One way to make projects more fun is to find a friend, even if they are not in 4-H, and get them to sign up and do the same projects together. Remember this information is time sensitive with enrollments due on April 16, 2012 along with new 4-H members signed Code of Conduct. Just a reminder that projects can be added to previously turned in enrollment forms (including Shooting Sports participants) until April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Thank You!**

The UNL Extension Office in Adams County would like to thank all of the Shooting Sports Instructors for their time & knowledge in making the Adams County Shooting Sports Program a success! It is because of you that the youth get to have such a great experience. Shooting Sports parents & youth, thank you for attending the end of the year picnic! We had excellent food and celebration for a great year!

### **Spring Tractor Supply Paper Clover Promotion**

Again this spring, the Tractor Supply Company and the 4-H Program are teaming together to have the Spring TSC Paper Clover Promotion from May 2<sup>nd</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup>. We are asking clubs, families, or different groups to volunteer a day and time for an activity. If your club or family has a day and an activity in mind, please contact Beth at the Adams County Extension Office. Clay, Webster, and Nuckolls Counties are working with Adams to make sure 4-H is present at the Spring TSC Promotion.



Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

## **Leaders & Parents Corner**

### **Junior Leader News**



The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders will meet on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Assembly Room. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Shaw (402-756-6636) or the Adams County Extension Office (402-461-7209).

### **4-H Club of the Month**

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation, along with the Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors, put together a new program for Nebraska 4-H Clubs. Any 4-H club can nominate themselves to be the "Club of the Month" (this must be done by the second Friday of the month). Each month, a winner will be chosen and will receive a \$50 cash card from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and a certificate which can be displayed. Also, the Club of the Month's story will be displayed on the 4-H Foundation's website, Facebook and Twitter and a news release will be sent out to their local newspaper. Nomination forms can be found on the Adams County 4-H page at <http://adams.unl.edu>. Please send the nomination forms to: [ne4hambassadors@unl.edu](mailto:ne4hambassadors@unl.edu)

## **4-H Council Information**

### March 4-H Council Happenings

- Nebraska 4-H Month Wrap-Up
- 4-H Livestock Auction Survey to Chamber Businesses
- Heart & Hands Program Brochure handed out

### April 4-H Council Agenda Items

- Spring TSC Paper Clover Promotion
- 4-H Workshops
- Shooting Sports Wrap-Up

## **Youth Information**

### **Summer Workshops**

It's time to take a peek at the summer workshops being offered through the Adams County Extension Office

- Livestock Clinic (Hall County) – May 22
- Case of the Dark Night – May 23
- Going Digital – May 24
- Tie Dye (Beginning & Advanced) – May 30
- Create for the Home – June 1
- Clover Kids Camp – June 8
- Food Preservation – June 11
- Exploring Child Care – June 12



Be sure to mark your calendar for these fun and educational workshops, more information will follow in the May newsletter!

### **The Experience of a Lifetime - 2013 Citizen Washington Focus**

The countdown begins for an experience of a lifetime! We have T – 15 months till we venture east for those youth who are ages 15 to 19 in 2013. We will travel to the nation's capital to have an interactive classroom with workshops, seminars, and field trips. Traditionally, Adams, Clay, and Webster County 4-H'ers have joined together to take the trip but we will welcome 4-H'ers from other counties. We need more youth to fill our bus. Please talk with friends and relatives about attending the 2013 CWF Trip! We do fundraisers throughout the year to help with costs.

### **Adams County Camp: June 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

Our second annual County Camp at the South Central Camp in Alma will be **June 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012!!** Adams, Clay, Fillmore, & Webster Counties invite any youth ages 8 to 12 to attend a full camping experience plus 4-H activities! The camp will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and end at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the County Camp is \$135 with transportation included or \$120 if ride to camp on your own. This camp is not only for 4-H'ers, so tell all of your friends! Beth hopes to see you there!



### **Youth Camp Scholarship**

The Little Blue Natural Resources District has scholarships available for one or more individuals to be granted \$150.00 to attend a 4-H camp. The application form is one page and simple to complete. **Applications are due to the LBNRD office before May 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Please pick up an application from the Extension office if you are interested in being considered.

### **Camp Counselors needed for County Camp!**

Become a camp counselor! We need boys and girls, 14 and older, to be a counselor at County Camp from June 11<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>. It is recommended that counselors attend the State Camp Counselor Training. Dates and locations for Counselor Training will be coming out soon! By attending the counselor training, you may be a counselor at more than just the County Camp! If interested, please let Beth know!

### **Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute**

Each year NAYI provides Nebraska youth with the opportunity to explore the agricultural industry and the career paths that are available to them in the future. NAYI is a wonderful opportunity for the selected delegates to network with current and future agricultural leaders and to strengthen their appreciation for the agriculture industry. The theme for this year's Institute is: We're Going Places. Leadership development, critical thinking, and decision making skills, along with the opportunity to interact with other youth interested in the future of agriculture, are key elements of NAYI. The institute will take place at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Campus from July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Applications are due April 15, 2012. For applications or more information visit: <http://www.agr.state.ne.us/nayi/index.html>.

### **Big Red Summer Academic Camps**

Online registrations through the UNL Marketplace (<http://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/brc>) are currently being accepted for the 2012 Big Red Summer Academic Camps, to be held **June 10-15, 2012**. These career exploration camps are open to ALL youth entering grades 10-12 in the fall of 2012. New camp offerings for the upcoming summer include Crop Science and Education. Other focus areas include Culinary Arts and Food Science, Entrepreneurship, Environment, Fiber Arts, Filmmaking, Unicameral Youth Legislature, and Veterinary Science. Additional information, along with a printable brochure, can be found online at <http://bigredcamps.unl.edu>.

### **Career Explorer by Nebraska 4-H**

Get started on the right path to making smart life choices with the Career Explore Web Site and Career Explorer iPad App! Career Explorer will help you connect the dots between the choices you make every day and the opportunities you could have in the future. You will begin with a Luck of the Draw card and from there you will be in control, making ongoing decisions about your education and future career opportunities. At each stage of the game, you will be able to enter the workforce, get additional education, or explore training programs. You will have access to more than 450 careers with up-to-date salary information and summaries for each!

## **Rural Youth Loans**

As you begin looking for your project for next year, you may want to consider an opportunity that is available to you. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency makes operating loans of up to \$5,000 to eligible individuals between the ages of 10-20 to finance income producing, agriculture-related projects. The individual must be participating in 4-H, FFA, or a similar organization. The program must be planned and supervised with the assistance of the organization's supervisor and the individual's parent or guardian. This assistance will help the individual to produce a sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills. The loan funds may be used to purchase livestock, feed, seed, equipment, and supplies for the project. They may also be used to buy, rent, or repair needed tools or equipment. Rural Youth Loans have a maximum loan amount of \$5,000 (total principal balance owed at any one time on the loan) and the term can range from one to seven years. After the loan is made the interest rate will not change for the entire term of the loan. A parental signature is required on the application for the loan, but not on the promissory note or the other documents used to secure the loan. You can contact your local County FSA for more information.

## **FCS America Project Loans**

Farm Credit Services of America will help students obtain financing for 4-H & FFA production projects up to \$2500 to be repaid within an annual production cycle, including such things as feeder pigs, feeder calves, and feeder lambs. For those of you interested in starting a breeding herd, individual student breeding livestock loans up to \$10,205 offer future producers first-hand experience in business planning and farm financing. Other types of projects will also be considered. **Scholarships:** They also will be giving scholarships of \$2,000 to qualified college juniors and seniors and will offer \$500 annual scholarships to qualified freshman and sophomore students studying agriculture or ag business at land grant colleges in our area. For more information on this student loan program got to: <http://www.fcsamerica.com/products/youngbeginningprogram.aspx>

## **Scholarships Available**

Seniors and even some juniors in high school should be looking at scholarships to continue their education. There are numerous agricultural companies, organizations and colleges that offer scholarships to students who have long-term career goals in agriculture. There are many local, county, and national scholarships, as well as numerous agriculture scholarships offered at the state level. Now is the time to put together a well written resume – it helps! It also helps to have a good cover letter to include with your application.

- **Scholarships on the Web:**
  - <http://brownfieldagnews.com/site-map/scholarships/>
  - Agricultural Scholarships and can be found at <http://www.agriculturescholarships.us/>
  - Other scholarship opportunities can be found at: <http://www.nextstudent.com/directory-of-scholarships>
- **College Scholarships for Adams County 4-H Members:**
  - **CASNR Scholarship** - Any graduating senior planning to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln CASNR with an ACT of 26 or higher may be eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. Contact Ron or Beth for more details.
  - **Marilyn Spiker Memorial Scholarship** - Any woman who will begin first or second year college studies taking an agricultural course is eligible to apply for a \$500 scholarship offered by WIFE (Women Involved in Farm Economics). Please contact the Extension Office to receive an application form.
  - **Adams County FCE Scholarship** - The Adams County Family and Community Education Clubs have established two \$500.00 scholarships. Applications are available at the Extension Office. Application **deadline is April 4.**
  - **Jarvis Memorial 4-H Scholarship** – Available for female 4-H members to reside at Love Memorial Residence Hall on East Campus at UNL, download scholarship form at [www.lmhaa.org](http://www.lmhaa.org).
  - **Daisy/4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship** – Is offering a \$500 scholarship available to a 3 year participant in the shooting sports program. Applications are available at the Extension Office. Application deadline is May 1.

## 4-H Project Information

### Shooting Sports



#### State 4-H Shoots

The dates of the State shoots are:

- April 1<sup>st</sup> – Air Pistol
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – BB Gun
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – Air Rifle
- April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – Shotgun

For more information check out the website at: <http://liferaydemo.unl.edu/web/4h/shootingevents>

### Communications

#### Photography

The 2012 photography themes are:



- ***UNIT II NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT***: Explore a career as a Nebraska photo journalist. The goal of a photo journalist is to tell a story through their work. Capture a photo of a newsworthy event in your Nebraska community.

- ***UNIT III NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT***: Explore a career as a Nebraska photographer. The goal of an artistic photographer is to portray a unique or interesting image through their work. Capture photos of Nebraska landscapes where creative composition is the goal.

#### Speech, PSA, & Performing Arts Contest

If your love is public speaking or entertaining an audience this contest is for you! Now is the time to start gearing up for this contest. You can register until April 17<sup>th</sup> and the contest is on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. The theme for PSA is “Join the Revolution of Responsibility”. Classes available are:

- Speech for Junior, Intermediate, & Senior
- PSA for Junior, Intermediate, & Senior
- Performing Arts – Drill or Dance Routine (Individual or Group), Song Group, Combo or Band, Individual Vocal, Individual Instrumental, Whole Club Performance, Duet – Vocal, Duet – Instrumental, Other: such as one-act plays, musical performances, pantomimes etc.

### Family and Consumer Science

#### 4-H Quilts of Valor Two-Year Challenge

Nebraska 4-H youth, families, and/or volunteers are being asked to participate in a statewide community service effort by creating and donating quilts to the service men and women who are protecting our country and who are “touched by war.” The quilts will be collected and given through the Quilts of Valor Foundation, who has already donated over 36,000 quilts. 4-H members and volunteers can work alone or in groups to make the quilts (Adams County’s group started March 3<sup>rd</sup>, it’s not too late to join us). For more information contact the Extension Office at 402-461-7209.

#### Fashion Board Meeting

Mark your calendar for **the second meeting** (it’s not too late to join us) **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.** The Fashion Board is open to any 4-H’er, 12 years and older involved in Clothing and Consumer Education. The purpose of this board is to enhance personal development in clothing selection and construction, build leadership skills, and explore career choices in the fashion industry.

## **Food Review Themes for 2012**

- Explode with Flavor
- 4-H Picnic
- Husker Scarlet and Cream
- Foods of the World

**2012 Food Review is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>**

## **FCS Judging Contest**

Are you ready for life? The FCS judging contest will test your skills with a multiple choice quiz in foods & nutrition, clothing & fiber arts, home environment, entrepreneurship, and financial and money management. This contest is held in conjunction with the Food Review on May 31<sup>st</sup>, and open to any 4-H member. Pre-registration is not required.

## **Healthy Lifestyles**



### **Tennis**

Lessons are planned for May 29, May 30, May 31, June 5, June 6 & June 7 at the Hastings College outdoor courts. From 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (the first hour will be for beginners and intermediates and the second hour will be for the advanced.) Parental consent/medical release forms must be signed and returned as well as a \$5.00 fee for lessons only, to the Extension Office by May 11<sup>th</sup> (this is mandatory). The tournament will be held on Thursday, June 21 at 4 p.m. Tennis Tournament - one does not need to take the tennis lessons to compete at the tournament, but you must have enrolled in the Tennis project by April 16<sup>th</sup> and have pre-entered with medical release forms into the Extension Office by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Release forms will be mailed out to 4-H'ers enrolled in the tennis project, late April.

### **Golf**

The 4-H golf program is being planned with practices on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 a.m. at Southern Hills Golf Course. The fee is \$5 for non-members and \$1 for members. The tournament (also at Southern Hills Golf Course) will begin at 8 a.m. on July 12<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate, please remember to sign up for the golf project by April 16<sup>th</sup>. Release forms will be mailed out to 4-H'ers enrolled in the golf project.



### **Bowling**

The bowling tournament is set for Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, with an afternoon and evening session. Just a reminder, you must be enrolled in the bowling project by April 16<sup>th</sup> to participate in the tournament

## **Environmental Ed & Earth Science**

### **Crops Webpage for Youth**

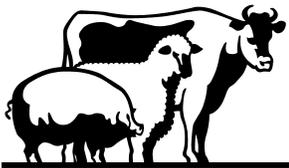
The objective of this webpage is to provide a one spot stop with crop production information, some of it specific for Nebraska and some general crop information that can be used for a variety of locations. The webpage is divided into four main sections: crop and plant science facts, activities for youth, 4-H & FFA projects, and teaching activities & resources. "Crop and plant science facts" provides a short summary of crop statistics and other fun facts. "Activities for youth" has some fun crossword puzzles, word searches and other interactive activities for youth to participate. The 4-H and FFA project page has some of the opportunities available through 4-H and FFA such as Crop Science Investigation workshop series and other events related to crops. Finally, the "Teaching Activities and Resources" page currently has nine lessons available for anyone to download and teach hands-on activities to any age group. Check it out at <http://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth>

### **Special Gardening Project**

4-H members will again have a chance to grow an unusual and fun project in their gardens. This year a special project is focused around the unique Firecracker sunflower. The plant itself is a dwarf plant, only reaching 10-17" in a 4-6" pot or 12-42" in a flower bed, and works well in containers. It also has a branching habit which allows for multiple flowers per stem. The red and gold bicolor flowers are pollenless. It will take on average 55 days from planting to bloom. 4-H'ers that enroll in the Special Garden Project will: Receive seeds for the Firecracker Sunflower (one 'packet' per family) in early April and a newsletter about planting & growing sunflowers, sunflower problems & insects, cutting, using, drying and exhibiting sunflowers, and horticulture careers. 4-H members are able to enter these unique sunflowers in a Special Garden Project Class at County Fair. We have ordered a limited number of seed packets. Final cost of the seeds (approximately \$2.00) will be determined at time of delivery so please contact the Extension Office if you are interested. Please note that in Adams County you will still need to enroll in a regular horticulture/floriculture project to participate in this activity.

### **Flower Barrel Workshop and Pick –up**

Learn the basics of growing eye catching flower barrels at a workshop, **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8 p.m. at the Community Service Building on the Fairgrounds.** The workshop is open to all 4-H'ers interested in planting a barrel for the 2012 County Fair. Flower barrel (container gardening) culture is both fun and rewarding. Learn about soil requirements, design and color, plant selection, fertilization and care of flower barrels. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Master Gardeners will conduct the workshop. The 2012 Theme for the barrels will be "Explode with 4-H". Barrels will be available for pick-up following the workshop. This will be the only time available for pick-up. Please call if you cannot attend so other arrangements may be made. Be sure to sign up to attend this workshop at the UNL Extension Office in Adams County by Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>.



### **Livestock**

#### **Heads Up on Enrollment & ID Deadlines**

As a friendly reminder here are some important deadlines that will be here before we know it! They are:

- April 16<sup>th</sup> – 4-H Enrollment, Market Broilers Order, Swine Bred & Fed, & Bucket Calf Tags Purchased
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Horse ID's, District & State Entries Due to UNL Extension Office in Adams County
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Sheep & Goat Weigh Day – 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adams County Fairgrounds
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – Stocker Feeder & Swine DNA Samples Due
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – Animal ID's & Vaccinations (tags need to be purchased and in the animals ear)
- June 15<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Fair Entry Forms Due

#### **First Year Bucket Calf Reminder**

Just a reminder for those of you ages 8-12 who are thinking of enrolling in the 1<sup>st</sup> year bucket calf project, your calves must be born between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>, owned by you and tagged by April 16<sup>th</sup>. ID sheets are not due until June 1<sup>st</sup>, but this is just a reminder of the required birth, ownership and tagging date of April 16<sup>th</sup>, due to April 15<sup>th</sup> being on Sunday.

## **Second Year Bucket Calf**

**Reminder!** To show at the Adams County Fair you must be enrolled in **2<sup>nd</sup> Year Bucket Calf project**. Remember that 2<sup>nd</sup> year bucket calf must have been shown as a First Year Bucket Calf. This project follows the Identification and Deadlines of regular beef projects.

## **Market Broilers**

Adams County will once again be ordering all of our counties market broilers together. The deadline for ordering Market Broilers is April 16<sup>th</sup> and must be paid for when ordering. The cost is \$9.48 per lot (\$1.58 per cockerel). They must be ordered in lots of 6. The birds should arrive sometime the first full week of June. If you miss this ordering deadline you will not be able to exhibit market broilers at the fair this year.



## **Stocker Feeder & Swine DNA's Due**

The Stocker Feeder & Swine DNA's are due on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in showing Swine at the Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben and Stocker Feeders at Ak-Sar-Ben must contact Beth to find a day and time for her to come out and take DNA samples before May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Swine Bred and Fed**

Registration for Swine Weigh-day and project enrollment is due in the Extension Office on April 16<sup>th</sup>, if you want to participate in the Swine Bred and Fed contest at the county fair. The swine weigh-in has been set for the week of April 9th but we must get at least five entries to conduct the contest.

## **Sheep and Goats Weigh Day**



Weigh-in is scheduled for May 11, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All market lambs and goats must be weighed and ear tagged at this weigh date. Tags are \$1.00 each. If you are planning on showing at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, your animals will need to be DNA identified at this weigh-in. Cost will be \$6.00 per head for DNA identification. Please unload your sheep at the north end of the sheep barn, we will weigh and then reload at the south end.

## **Adams County 4-H Carcass Contest**

The carcass contest is a project where youth may enter a beef, sheep, and/or swine to understand the cycle of livestock production. The contest consists of three parts: the carcass, the interview, and the record book. To successfully participate in the contest, all three segments must be fulfilled. Below are important dates for you to know about if thinking of taking this project.

- **Sheep/Swine**
  - July 9<sup>th</sup> – Drop Off (a.m.)
  - July 10<sup>th</sup> – Viewing (p.m.)
- **Beef**
  - July 10<sup>th</sup> – Drop Off (a.m.)
  - July 12<sup>th</sup> – Viewing (p.m.)
- **ALL SPECIES**
  - July 17<sup>th</sup> – Record books due by 8 p.m.
  - July 21<sup>st</sup> – Interviews (afternoon)

## **Animal Science Series – For any and all interested in Livestock**

Are you interested in learning more about the livestock industry, the science of animals and are 12 or older? Then plan on getting involved with the Animal Science Series. You will get to have hands on experiences with dissections, feed stuffs, meats, and much more. **Those interested in attending Premier Animal Science Events (PASE) on June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln, NE must tell Beth by April 16<sup>th</sup>.** Sessions will be held from now until June. The dates are:

- Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Large Animal Showmanship Clinic in Grand Island, NE
- Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Hope to hear from you!

## **Quality Assurance**

Quality Assurance is required for all youth showing Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Dairy, Rabbits and Poultry. New for 2012 is an on-line module course! Youth are required to complete 3 modules in their appropriate age division by June 15, 2012. Each youth is required to have their **OWN** email address to participate in the on-line module course. For youth ages 8 to 10 who prefer a face to face training, we will hold two trainings. Dates are Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> with both sessions starting at 6:30 p.m. Please pre-register if you plan on attending the face to face trainings. Sessions may be canceled due to low attendance. Please look at the last page of the newsletter for step by step instructions for use of the modules.

## **District & State Horse Show Entry Forms Due**

All youth wanting to participate in District and State Horses must complete, pay, and turn in entry forms by Friday, May 11, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. to the Adams County Extension Office. No late forms will be accepted based on State 4-H Rules.

## **Horse Show Dates**

### **2012 District 4-H Horse Shows**

- June 11 – Buffalo County – Kearney
- June 12 – Box Butte County – Hemmingford
- June 13 – Cherry County – Valentine
- June 14 – Lancaster County – Lincoln
- June 20 – Knox County – Bloomfield
- June 21 – Lincoln County – North Platte

**2012 State 4-H Horse Show – July 15 – 19, 2012 - Grand Island**



## **Other Horse Shows**

- June 30 – Chase County Horse Show - Imperial

## **Thank you**

The Rainbow Riders 4-H Club has disbanded and we would like to thank all of our past members for the privilege of working with the young horseman of Adams County. A fall meeting was held and it was decided to have a late spring over-nite trail ride. The balance of our funds will be donated to Epona, a horse rescue located near Kearney. We would like to thank the Adams County Extension staff for all of their help over the last twenty four years.

Jenny Korth & Lori Wiseman

## Dog

### Dog Obedience Classes

The Dog Program Obedience classes offered by Adams County Extension have begun. These classes are led by Keith Penrose and Jennie Theesen. The cost is \$10.00 to participate in the dog classes. Vaccination record forms for all participating dogs must be completed by a veterinarian or person providing the shots before attending the classes. Requirements for participation are: 1) Enrollment in 4-H and in the dog project, 2) Vaccination form completed and 3) Class fee paid to the Adams County Extension Office before attending any class. The classes are held on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds.



### Clover Kids Dog Class

A Clover Kids Dog Exhibition will again be conducted at the county fair dog show. In order to participate, Clover Kids must sign-up for 4-H, must register for the 4-H dog classes, and participate in at least four sessions. The sessions will start on **Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

### 4-H Dog Agility Practices

Dog agility is a great project for you and your dog to have fun together. Dr. Pam Burr is offering classes to teach your dog to safely run through an agility course. The classes will initially be held at the Penrose Dog Ranch, 3400 South Wabash Ave. starting TBA (May) and run every **Sunday** afternoon at **4:00 p.m.** except on holiday weekends. To participate, you must be signed up for 4-H and the Dog Project, sign a medical release form, and provide to the Extension Office a record that your dog has been vaccinated. You and your dog must have completed at least the beginning novice dog obedience class before you can participate in the dog agility classes and you will need a break away type collar for the dog. The cost is \$10.00 unless you have already paid for this year's 4-H dog obedience class. Parental attendance is required at the classes.

### Paws-On Dog Workshop

If you have an interest in learning about dogs or want to better your show skills, plan on attending this 4-H statewide dog clinic. On Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. This workshop will cover obedience, showmanship, agility, grooming, health care, and much more. Fee is \$15 per person and includes lunch. For more information, call Dr. Lisa Karr-Lilienthal at (402) 472-6458 or email at lkarr-lilienthal2@unl.edu

# Livestock Quality Assurance Moodle Course

The Livestock QA Team is proud to introduce a new online version available to Nebraska 4-Her's to complete their Livestock Quality Assurance Requirement. Livestock Quality Assurance is a self-directed course designed for youth ages 8-18. Participants will learn about good production practices and producing quality food products from taking this course.

The course has been divided into three levels, Junior (4-H Youth Ages 8-10), Intermediate (4-H Youth Ages 11-14), and Senior (4-H Youth Ages 15-18). Each year youth will be required to complete three modules within their age level.

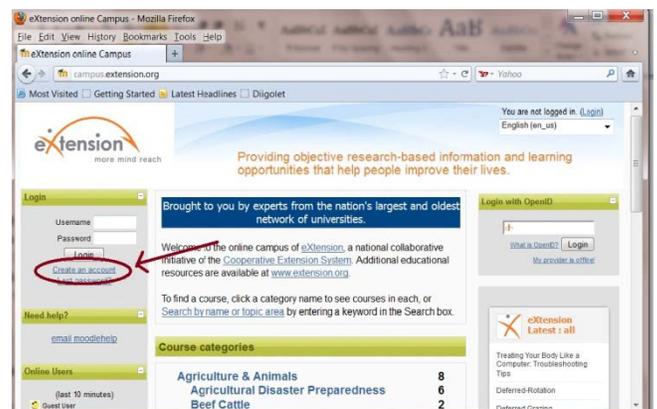
## Requirements:

Internet access

Email address (each 4-Her will need their own unique email address to register)

## How to Register:

1. Login at <http://campus.extension.org>
2. Click "Create an Account" (See picture).
3. Complete the online form and click the "Create My New Account" button at the bottom of the page.
4. Check your email account for a confirmation email from **eXtension Moodle Help Desk**.
5. Open the email and click on the link provided to confirm your account.
6. A web page will open indicating that "Your registration has been confirmed", click the "Courses" button.
7. Scroll down to the bottom of the course page, and enter "Livestock Quality Assurance" in the Search Courses text box.
8. Click the "Livestock Quality Assurance" link in the left hand column to enroll in the course.
9. Click "Yes" to confirm your enrollment.



## I'm Registered, how do I find the Livestock Quality Assurance Course again after today:

1. Go to <http://campus.extension.org>
2. Login in the upper left hand corner with your login and password.
3. The first time you log back into the system, you will need to update your profile.
  - a. Click "Update profile" in the upper left hand corner under your picture (or the smiley face).
  - b. Click "Show Advanced" under the Optional section
  - c. In the ID number put your county code (3-letters) and you exhibitor number found in ACCESS (provided by your local extension office) (i.e. PAW1234567)
  - d. In the Institution/State put "Nebraska"
  - e. In the Department/County put your county name (i.e. Pawnee)
  - f. Under the Demographics section, please complete State and County information.
4. If you are registered for other classes as well, click the "Livestock Quality Assurance" link located under "My Courses" at the bottom of the page.

## FAQ:

### **Q – I don't have an email account.**

A – You may register for a free email account from any of the following providers:

- Gmail <http://mail.google.com>; Hotmail <http://www.hotmail.com>; iCloud <http://www.icloud.com> (Apple/Mac users)

### **Q - Can youth use a parent's email address?**

A – Yes, but each child in the family would need to have an email address unique to them. Also, if parents want to sign in to this course, they will need an email address to use, separate from the one they might use for a youth.

### **Q – Will youth be able to use the same Quality Assurance login and password throughout their 4-H career?**

A – Yes. It is also important for youth to retain this information, as county staff will not be able to retrieve this information for them.

### **Q – What if the youth forget their eXtension password?**

A – The QA team does not have the abilities to reset it, it is important that they change it or save it so they will have access to it at a later date.

### **Q – Who has to take 4-H Quality Assurance?**

A – All youth showing livestock must complete Livestock Quality Assurance (Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit, Poultry, Meat Goat, and Dairy Goat).

### **Q – What is the youth assent form? And do I need to complete it?**

A – It is a way for us to learn more about you, find out what you liked and did not like. This will help us make changes to this program to make it better in future years. We would appreciate it if you would complete this once you have completed at least three modules for the year.

### **Q – How is age in this course figured?**

A – It is based on their 4-H age (age as of January 1 of the current year).

### **Q – Is the online course the only way to complete QA this year?**

A – No, you can either test out (does not apply to Junior age 4-H members) at your local Extension Office or you can visit with your Extension office about alternative QA options.

### **Q – How many modules must be completed this year?**

A – You will need to complete three modules at your age level each year to officially complete your Quality Assurance requirement.

### **Q – Can youth choose which modules to complete each year?**

A – Yes, they can pick and choose as long as they choose three new modules each year.

### **Q – Can the youth complete all of the modules in one year and be done?**

A – Eventually – yes. At this time there are not enough modules completed, but the QA team is working toward making enough so that the youth could work and complete all of them in one year.

### **Q – When the youth finish all of the modules for their age group would they be done until the next age group?**

A – Yes, but this year there are not enough modules. This is something we are working towards.

### **Q – Would the youth complete the same module next year?**

A – No, each year they would complete 3 different modules, never repeating one.

### **Q – Can junior 4-H members complete more than one of the parts of the animal modules?**

A – Yes, they can complete two, and will have to choose one other module in addition to complete the required three modules.

### **Q – How long will it take to complete three modules?**

A – Each module is approximately 5-10 minutes. By the time the content is reviewed, quizzes are taken, and certificates are printed, it should be approximately 1 hour, give or take depending on the youth.

**Q – How are different knowledge retention levels acknowledged?**

A – The knowledge is building on what was learned previously. Similar concepts may be learned across all age groups, but the youth will see new material each year.

**Q – What if I don't have access to a computer with internet?**

A – Contact your local Extension Office, Library, or other location that would let you come and complete the course online. We are looking at several methods of delivering this material to remote locations, but at this time the online format should be used.

**Q – I'm completing the course at a computer that doesn't have a printer, what do I do?**

A – The best option would be to open the Livestock Quality Assurance Moodle course at another computer, print the certificate, and take the certificate to your county extension office. However, if this option is not available to you, your county will receive a spreadsheet of all youth completing the Livestock Quality Assurance modules.

**Q – Are the activities mandatory this year?**

A – No, these will be done at the discretion of the person who teaches QA in your county. Activities would also be a great club activity, contact your local Extension Office to get a list of activities available.

**Q – I went through the materials for one of the modules listed within my age level, now what?**

A – The quiz associated with these materials will be listed directly under the module title. Complete the quiz. Once you pass the quiz with an 80% or better, then go to the certificate associated with that section and either print it off or email it to yourself or your extension office.

**Q – I didn't pass my quiz, now what?**

A – This year you have an unlimited number of attempts to pass each module quiz. However, if you do not pass the quiz after the second attempt we strongly suggest you review the content of the module again before returning to attempt the quizzes.

**Q – What does the passing score need to be?**

A – For the online modules it needs to be 80%; for the test out tests it will remain at 70% at this time.

**Q – How do I receive credit for the modules I have passed?**

A – Once you have passed a module quiz with an 80% or higher, you will be able to open the certificate associated with that module. Please print this certificate and present it to your local county extension office BEFORE June 15<sup>th</sup> of the year you would like to receive credit.

**Q – I'm interested in learning more about my livestock project by taking additional courses.**

A – Click the "All courses" link at the bottom of your "My courses" section, browse under the "Agriculture & Animals" title.

**Q – I'm interested in learning more about my other 4-H project areas by taking additional courses.**

A – Click the "All courses" link at the bottom of your "My courses" section, click the "4-H & Youth" link listed under the "Home & Family" section title.

**Q – I'm a 4-H Livestock Leader; can I register for the course?**

A – Yes!!! We would greatly appreciate our livestock leaders registering for the course. Please review the section on the other side regarding editing your profile and use the word "Leader" in place of the county ID number (IE PAWLeader).

**Q – Do Clover Kids have to take this test?**

A – No, but they are welcome to create a profile and check out the junior section.

**Q – Do the questions change for each attempt?**

A – The questions are pulled from a bank of questions. At each quiz attempt the order of questions changes and the possible answer choices change (unless it says all of the above, and in that case that remains in a specific order).

**Q – Will youth be able to see what questions they have missed?**

A – No not at this time since the number of opportunities to take the quiz are unlimited.

**Q – Will FFA Chapters be able to use this online program?**

A – Yes, they will need to indicate in the exhibitor ID that they are FFA (ie PAWFFA).

**Q – If a club wanted to meet and go through the new QA at one time what are the recommendations?**

A – That would be great. Meet at a location like a library, school, or computer lab. Each youth will need access to a computer. You could have them work individually and be the site monitor to help answer any questions that might arise.

**Q – Will the county receive a certificate for each quiz?**

A – Yes, when the youth complete a quiz they should either print or email a copy of the certificate to their local extension office, so the extension office can keep track of who has completed the training. The extension office should keep all of the certificates on file for the year.

**Q – Why won't my certificate print?**

A – Only quizzes that have been passed with a score of 80% or better will print. If it will not print, make sure you have passed the quiz.

**Q – Will extension office staff be able to log on and check the progress of the youth?**

A – No. The youth will NEED to make sure their local extension office has a copy of their certificates. Each office will receive a monthly report on who has completed the training, but encourage the youth in each county to get the certificates to your office.

**Q- Are the quiz questions appropriate for senior 4-H members that may be first year project members?**

A – Yes, by listening/reading the module content, the youth should be able to pass the quizzes.

**Q – Are the youth required to view the modules before they take the quizzes?**

A – No, but they may have a difficult time passing the quiz without reviewing the module content.

**Q – In this format can an 11 year old can test out as an Intermediate?**

A – Yes, but some of them may not have the knowledge and/or experience to do so. Encourage them to take the online modules until they gain more confidence and knowledge.

**Q – Are test out tests only available pen/paper method?**

A – Yes at this time. The QA team plans to rework these tests and make them available online eventually also.

**Q – What ages can test out?**

A – Intermediate and senior 4-H members

**Q – If a youth had tested out previously, do they have to complete this training?**

A – Not unless they tested out as an intermediate, they would then need to come and test out again as a senior 4-H member, or take the online modules. If they tested out as a senior 4-H member then they are done until the end of their 4-H career.

**Q – How do youth get access to their ID number?**

A – These numbers are generated in ACCESS. Your extension office will need to make these numbers available to the youth. This can be done by distributing them to club leaders, including them in a newsletter or direct mailing, or email listserv.

**Q – What happens if the youth do not enter an exhibitor number or details about their county in the “my profile” section (as described on the front of this handout)?**

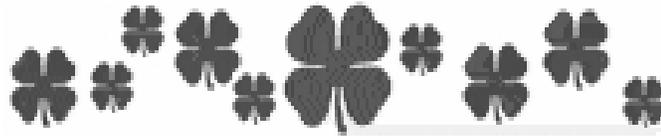
A – This is the only way we can sort the youth by county. If they are only entered by their name the QA team has no way to identify which county they belong to. Each individual county office would then have to sort through these names and find the ones that belong to them, which can be very tedious – so encourage the youth to enter ID number and county.

**Q – I saw a typo or other error in the QA module, who should I contact?**

A – Make a detailed list of any error/typo you may have seen, have your local extension office email it to Lindsay Chichester at [lchichester2@unl.edu](mailto:lchichester2@unl.edu).

**Q – Who can I contact if I have questions about Livestock Quality Assurance?**

A – You may contact Lindsay Chichester at [lchichester2@unl.edu](mailto:lchichester2@unl.edu), Karna Dam at [kdam2@unl.edu](mailto:kdam2@unl.edu), or Deb Weitzenkamp at [dweitzenkamp2@unl.edu](mailto:dweitzenkamp2@unl.edu).



# 4-H Calendar

## **April**

April 2	4-H Council Meeting
April 3	Spring Heart & Hands Workshop (Hall County)
April 5	Extension Board Meeting
April 10	Ag. Society Meeting
April 16	4-H Enrollment Deadline
April 22	Speech/Performing Arts Contest
April 24	Flower Barrel Workshop
April 27	Arbor Day - Extension Office Closed

## **May**

May 3	Extension Board Meeting
May 7	4-H Council Meeting
May 8	Ag. Society Meeting
May 11	Sheep/Goat Weigh Day – Only day DNA is taken for State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN
May 11	Horse ID's & District and State Horse Show forms due
May 22	Livestock Clinic (Hall County)
May 23	Case of the Dark Night Workshop
May 24	Going Digital Workshop
May 30	Tie Dye Workshop
May 30	Stocker Feeder & Swine DNA Samples Due
May 31	Food Review & Family Consumer Science Judging Contest

Please Check the Adams County Web site at <http://www.adams.unl.edu/> for current calendar information.

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