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## Adams County 4-H Newsletter

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### **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – APRIL 15!!!**

The 2015 4-H enrollment is fast approaching. Please enroll using the 4-H Online program following the instructions received your information packets – mailed out mid February. 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 15, 2015. Just a reminder that projects can be added to previously filled out enrollment forms (including Shooting Sports participants) until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please, do not wait until the last day as we anticipate being extremely busy helping with enrollments on April 15<sup>th</sup>. We want to make sure we give everyone out personalized service that is needed and waiting might not allow us to give you that.

### **Enrollment Event**

This is a special time set up for 4-H families that need a little extra help with the new 4-H Online Enrollment. The Enrollment Event will be held on **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** at the Adams County Extension Office. Please bring your project list.

### **Office Closed**

The Adams County Office will be Closed on April 24<sup>th</sup> for Arbor Day. Please plan accordingly.



# Congratulations

## Speech & Performing Arts Contest

- Speech
  - Jr. Division – William Barfknecht; Medalist, Purple & Regional Speech Representative, Evan Frink; Blue, Noah Pagel; Blue
  - Int. Division – Blake Frink; Medalist, Purple & Regional Speech Representative, Kieren Feeney; Purple & Regional Speech Representative
- PSA
  - Jr. Division – Kassie Kimle; Blue
  - Sr. Division – Sarah Barfknecht; Medalist, Purple & Regional Speech Representative
- Performing Arts
  - Jr. Division – Noah Pagel; Medalist & Purple, William Barfknecht; Purple, Kassie Kimle; Blue
  - Int. Division – Linnea Howie; Medalist & Purple, Michaela Novak; Purple
  - Sen. Division – Miranda Niemeyer; Medalist & Purple x 2, Sara Barfknecht; Purple

## Career Portfolio

- State Level – Sarah Barfknecht – 1<sup>st</sup> runner up in Communications & Expressive Arts

## 4-H Companion Animal Challenge Results

- Art Division
  - Gracie Swayze – Purple Ribbon & Reserve Champion

## Leaders & Parents Corner



### Junior Leader News

The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders next meeting is in the planning stages. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Shaw (402-756-6636) or the Adams County Extension Office (402-461-7209).

## SAVE THE DATES!

Pre-Fair Entry Forms – Deadline is Monday, June 15

### 2015 Adams County Fairfest Dates

Its official! The 2015 Adams County Fair is **July 15 to July 20**. Static Exhibits will be entered Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and Livestock check-in the evening of Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Livestock Auction will be Monday, July 20<sup>nd</sup>. Livestock show schedule will be the same as last year.

## 4-H Council Information

### *March 4-H Council Happenings:*

- Ag Society Foundation Challenge
- County Camp
- Council Representation at upcoming event

### *April 4-H Council Agenda Items:*

- 4-H T-Shirt Design
- Speech/PSA/Performing Arts Review
- Workshops
- Shooting Sports Review

### **4-H 101 - Orientation**

Is this your first year in 4-H or have you been involved in the program for many years and want to learn more? Then get a head start on making 2015 a successful year by attending the **4-H Orientation on Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Assembly Room of the Adams County Office Building** (located at 300 N. St. Joseph, Hastings, NE). This is for parents, guardians, or volunteers who want to be in the 4-H loop and gain tips and ideas for having an outstanding year. You will walk away knowing dates and deadlines ensuring you to be prepared and excited for 4-H! **Please register** by contacting the Adams County Extension Office at (402) 461-7209 by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Giving Your Best On-line Program (Keeping Youth Safe)**

Keeping kids safe in a fast paced society has its own set of challenges. Participates in these eye-opening webinars will learn strategies for keeping youth safe while using cell phones, tablets, computers and engaging with their peers. We will explore the most popular digital and social media sites for youth, as well as cyber bullying and sexting and their legal consequences. Learn through scenarios and court cases that illustrate the importance of parents and caregivers understanding their children's online world.

Develop an awareness about "new" drugs that are impacting our kids today. Understand your responsibility as a resident of Nebraska in reporting abuse. Discover the impact 4-H has on kids around the world!

Make plans to join a FREE, live web-based program designed for 4-H volunteers, leaders, parents and youth development professionals. Four separate web-based programs are being offered to benefit parents, volunteers and youth development professionals as they interact with youth in 4-H and throughout their communities.

Register online at: <http://4h.unl.edu/givingyourbestwebseminars>. Once you are registered you will receive an email with the webinar link and additional information related to each program. Participate from your home or anywhere you have access to the internet. Each program will meet on-line for one hour to help connect parents and volunteers to pertinent youth development knowledge.

Choose to participate in one or all of 4-different web-based programs on the following dates from Noon to 1:00 p.m. CST.

April 7	Drugs of Today
April 14	Parenting in a Digital World
April 21	Youth and Abuse
April 28	4-H Around the World

### **Youth Information**

#### **Adams County 4-H T-Shirt**

It is time again to start thinking about Adams County 4-H T-shirts! The 4-H council would like to have input from our 4-Hers regarding a new design. These designs may be original or copy-right free designs, limited to two color designs. Please submit designs to the Adams County Extension Office by April 15<sup>th</sup> (deadline extended).

#### **Recruiting youth for 2016 & 2019 CWF Conferences**

*Please take note we have changed the years we are going!*

Youth who are 15 to 18 years old in the years of 2016 & 2019 are invited and welcomed to sign up for a trip of a lifetime! Youth will experience the cities of Chicago, New York City, Washington D.C. and more. We will stay at the 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland for a week of the Citizen Washington Focus Conference. If you are interested in attending any future conferences, please contact NE Extension in Adams County at (402)461-7209. It is never too early to sign up.

### **Adams County Day Camp: June 17<sup>th</sup>**

Attention youth ages 8 to 12 years old from Adams & Clay Counties to attend our **County Day Camp** at Crystal Lake by Ayr, Nebraska on **June 17, 2015!** This year we are going to spend one full day camping! Participants are to be at Crystal Lake at 9:00 a.m. Later in the evening campers families may join in a pot luck dinner at 7:00 p.m. Cost will be \$10.00 per youth. Registration is due by June 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be one JAMMED packed day of camping fun! This camp is not only for 4-H'ers, so tell all of your friends! Please register by contacting NE Extension in Adams County at (402)461-7209.



### **Big Red Camp**

The 2015 Big Red Summer Academic Camps, to be held **June 7-12, 2015**, are only three months away! New camps for 2015 include Digital Arts, and Weather and Climate Science. Also offered are the focus areas of Crop Science, Culinary Arts and Food Science, Education, Engineering, Filmmaking, Outdoor Nebraska, Unicameral Youth Legislature, and Veterinary Science. More information regarding Big Red Camps is also available online at <http://bigredcamps.unl.edu>

### **Summer Workshops**

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

- April 11, May 9 – Quilts of Valor Workshops
- April 21 – Flower Barrel
- May 16, May 23 & May 30 – Sew Fun Saturdays
- May 27 - Beyond PB & J (Advanced Foods)
- June 4 – Sew Savvy (Beginning Sewing)
- June 9 – Kitchen Lingo (Beginning Foods)
- June 10 - Create for the Home Day
- June 11 – Log Cabin Table Runner
- June 12 – Clover Kids Day Camp (ages 5-7)
- June 17 – Explore Nature 4-H Day Camp (ages 8-12)
- June 22 – Buttons, Beads & Bobbles
- June 23 – Tie Dye 101(Basic)
- June 23 – Mystery of Dying (Advanced)
- June 24 – The Big Idea!
- June 25 – Jelly Roll Fun (Sewing)

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

Pending workshops:

- Picture Perfect
- Let's Decorate a Cake
- Step by Step Woodworking

### **Exhibiting Your School Projects at Fair**

Several projects 4-H members are completing at school can also be exhibited at the fair. Examples of these are family heritage books, bug collections, art projects and shop projects. Visit with the Extension Office Staff to make sure you are enrolled in the appropriate 4-H project and make sure you are following the 2015 Adams County Fairbook for your class entries.

## **Tractor Safety Training**

All youth aged 14 & 15 and working on a farm or ranch other than their own must be certified through a Hazardous Occupations Course. Successful completion of the course will allow trained youth to operate a tractor 20 PTO horsepower, or connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from a tractor.

Training Dates & Locations:

- May 27 – 28: Fairgrounds, Kearney
- June 1 – 2: Fairgrounds, Valentine
- June 4 – 5: Event Center, Lincoln
- June 8 – 9: Farm/Ranch Museum, Gering
- June 11 – 12: Fairgrounds, Wayne
- June 17 – 18: College Park, Grand Island

Stop by the Extension Office to pick up the registration form and more details.

## **Project Information**



### **Shooting Sports**

#### **Calendar for Adams County Shooting Sports Activities:**

- Shooting Sports Picnic – April 12<sup>th</sup>

## **Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop Offered in Ainsworth**

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop is for April 11-12 at Ainsworth. The registration deadline for the Ainsworth session is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Four project areas will be available at Ainsworth - hunting skills, shotgun, rifle and archery. There is a minimum number of participants needed to offer these disciplines at the workshop. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team. The registration fee is \$100.00 per person for initial certification and \$90.00 per person that are adding an additional discipline. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. For more information and registration materials see the 4-H Shooting Sports web page at <http://4h.unl.edu/shootingsportseventcalendar>, or contact your local Nebraska Extension Office or Steve Pritchard at (402)395-2158 or (308-536-2691)

## **State 4-H Clay Target Championships Coming to Grand Island in April**

Youth from across the state will have the opportunity to compete in the State 4-H Clay Target Championships on April 25-26 at the Heartland Public Shooting Park near Grand Island. Competitors registered as a Junior and Senior Tier I, shoot 50 trap, 50 sporting clays, and 50 skeet targets. Senior Tier II competitors will field 50 trap, 75 sporting clays and 75 skeet targets. The top four eligible Senior Tier II shooters are expected to represent Nebraska at this year's 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships also held at the Heartland Shooting Sports Park in late June. Early Bird registration is due by April 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Tom Person at (402) 450-8239 or go to <http://4h.unl.edu/shootingsportseventcalendar> for contest registration, match information and updates.



## Clover Kids

### What is Clover Kids?

Clover Kids is a 4-H program for children ages 5-to 7- years old as of January 1 of current year. Children participate in hand-on activities designed to build lots of different life skills! New this year Clover Kids may sign up for four Clover Kid projects.

### New for Clover Kids

The Adams County 4-H Council has voted to add two new Projects to your 2015 Project selection they are:

- Clover Kids Bucket Calf
- Halter Lamb/Halter Goat

Please enroll in the appropriate project. These animals will be shown in special classes at the fair.

A list of guidelines will be available at the Adams County Extension Office. Please feel free to talk to Julie regarding these new exhibits.

## Communications

### Photography Themes for 2015



- **UNIT II: NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT:**

Explore a career as an editorial photographer. Editorial photographers take pictures that highlight the topics being written about in books, magazines, and newspapers. Editorial photos should be creative, powerful images that tell an intriguing story. Let's tell a story about why we love our Nebraska communities. Capture editorial **photos that tell a story about your Nebraska Community.**

- **UNIT III: NEBRASKA PHOTOGRAPHY CAREER EXHIBIT PRINT:** Explore a career as a commercial photographer. Commercial photographers take pictures that are used for promotional purposes. Commercial photographs are often used in print and online communication materials (advertisements, brochures, flyers, web sites, social media banners, direct email messages, etc.). Capture commercial photos that **tell the story of 4-H in your Nebraska community; photos should show the Nebraska 4-H Program in action.**

## Family and Consumer Science

### Life Challenge

There is still time to join us! We are looking for interested 4-Hers, 12-years of age or older, to represent Adams County on the different family and consumer science teams. The upcoming meeting dates are: April 7<sup>th</sup>, and April 21<sup>st</sup> in the meeting room from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Please call (402) 461-7209, if you are willing to make a time commitment to the Adams County Challenge team. The Life Challenge Contest dates are official, June 29 & 30 at UNL, East Campus. You will have a good time while you learn. If you need more details, contact Julie at the Adams County Extension Office.

### **The STEAM Clothing Series**

This new series of curricula looks at clothing in a whole new way - from the points of view of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. Youth will experience the cyclical processes of science, engineering, and design. They will also be introduced to the technology available in sewing and how math fits into clothing construction.

**These new projects will take the place of current Sewing For Fun, Clothing 1 & 2, Decorate Your Duds, Sewing for You and Tailoring. You will be able to take the Beyond the Needle project and only 1 Clothing level project, do not try and sign up for Beyond the Needle, Clothing 1 and Clothing 3 this will not be allowed.** If you need help determining what clothing project to take PLEASE visit with Julie at the Extension Office.

### **Quilts of Valor 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. Adams County 4-Hers along with Hastings Quilt Guild will be holding **special quilting events** to promote **Quilts of Valor**. Mark your calendar for April 11<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> at Julies Xpressions (743 West 2<sup>nd</sup>) from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **SET**

#### **4-H Geocaching started during Nebraska 4-H Month**

It's a challenge, It's a game, It's all about Fun! It is part of a world wide game dedicated to GPS (Global Positioning System) users, called Geocaching. The game basically involves a GPS user hiding “treasure” (a container and its contents), and publishing the exact coordinates so other GPS users can come on a “treasure hunt” to find it. The only rules are: if you take something from the cache, you must leave something for the cache, and you must write about your visit in the logbook. We have hidden 20 caches in Adams County for you to find. Our game has started and continue until fair time, we hope that 4-H families will participate in our Geocaching Event, it is a great way to spend some family time. During the Adams County Fair we will reveal the logs with a winner or winners announced from finding all 20 caches. The coordinates will be listed on geocaching.com for people using the app, they will also be listed on the Adams County Extension web site and Adams County Extension Facebook Page, or you can simply pick up a list at the Extension Office. GPS devices are available for 4-H members to check out for a week at a time with a \$10.00 deposit. Good Luck and have Fun Geocaching!

### **Environmental Ed & Earth Science**

#### **Nebraska Youth Range Camp info**

The 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Nebraska Youth Range Camp will be held June 8 – 12, 2015 at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey. Eligible students need to be between the ages of 14 – 18 that are interested in learning more about natural resource management.

You can find the informational brochure here: <http://www.nesrm.org/2015RangeCampBrochure.pdf>.

The application can be found here: <http://www.nesrm.org/2015RangeCampApplication.pdf>.

Interested individuals can find more information by visiting the Nebraska Society for Range Management website at [www.nesrm.org](http://www.nesrm.org)

### **Special Gardening Project – Reserve Your Seeds**

The Special Garden Project is a way to offer 4-H members the chance to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. This year it is focused on the crisp, White Satin Carrot. White Satin Carrots is a uniquely white carrot that has many uses. The pure white roots hide underground beneath tall green tops. It will take on average 68 days from planting to harvest. This crop allows you to have two harvests in one year! The seeds can be directly planted outside early spring, April-May. A fall crop can be planted in June-August for a later harvest.

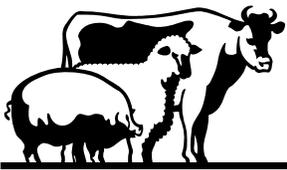
4-H'ers enrolled in the Special Garden Project will:

- Receive seeds for the White Satin Carrot (one 'packet' per youth) in mid April.
- a newsletter about: planting & growing carrots, carrot problems & insects, exhibiting carrots, recipes, and careers
- 4-H members are able to enter the roots in the horticulture class and other projects in the Special Garden Project Class at County Fair and State Fair.

We have **ordered a limited number** of seed packets. Each 'packet' will have enough seeds for the youth to plant a 6' row. The **cost is \$1.00 per family packet**. If interested in the project, please contact the Adams County Extension Office at (402) 461-7209. **Please note:** that in Adams County you will still need to enroll in one of the regular horticulture projects and the Special Gardening 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 21<sup>st</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 2015 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. 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 NE Extension Office in Adams County by Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>.



### **Livestock**

#### **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 15<sup>th</sup>. ID sheets are not due until June 2nd, but this is just a reminder of the required birth, ownership and tagging date of April 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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 county's market broilers together. The deadline for ordering Market Broilers is April 15<sup>th</sup> and must be paid for when ordering. They must be **ordered in lots of 6 and cost \$1.90 per chick**. 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.



### 2015 Sheep & Goat Weigh Day

Sheep & Goat Tag and Weigh-in will be on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Youth who may possibly show at the 2015 Nebraska State Fair or Ak-sar-Ben, must have DNA pulled at time of weigh-in. Families may tag and weigh-in at another county with the understanding they will not participate in the County Rate of Gain Contest.

### Stocker Feeder & Swine ID's Due

The Stocker Feeder & Swine ID's are due on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone interested in showing Swine at the Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben and Stocker Feeders at Ak-Sar-Ben must contact Steve to find a day and time for him to come out and take DNA samples before May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Animal Science Series

The Animal Science Education Series (PASE Contests) will be meeting at the Extension Office on Sunday, April 19, at 2:00 p.m. This educational series will expand youth's knowledge about livestock and poultry. Any youth ages 10 years and up interested in learning more about livestock and/or poultry are invited to attend. Anyone interested are strongly encourage to contact Steve Landon at [steve.landon@unl.edu](mailto:steve.landon@unl.edu) or 402-461-7209. The capstone event is the State PASE contest held on June 29-30 in Lincoln, NE. Additional Dates: April 26, May 6, May 13, May 20 and May 27.

### Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance is required for all youth showing Beef, Goats, Dairy (Cattle/Goats), Hogs, Rabbit, Poultry and Sheep. If you have been involved with the livestock program in Adams County you understand and have been through the online modules through [campusextension.org](http://campusextension.org).

- **First option:** New this year is a **\$5 fee** for every youth to pay upfront before entering the area to complete the modules. Each year youth must complete the minimum of three modules. Great News! Youth are strongly encourage to complete as many modules as you can. (For example: Stu Landon is eight years old, pays \$5 in 2015, and completes nine modules. Stu has completed his junior level of Quality Assurance until he's 11 years old and moves up to the intermediate division) Adams County Extension Office has step by step instructions available if you're new to the livestock program and need to get registered. 4-Hers must bring or email their completion certificate to the Extension Office.
- **Second option** for youth involved in livestock is to attend a face to face training we are holding this year in Adams County on **Wednesday, May 13 starting at 7:00 p.m.** Please pre-register at the Adams County Extension Office by May 11<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending the face to face training.
- **Third option** is only for intermediate and senior youth. You have the option in coming into the Extension Office and take a test. If a youth receives a 70% or higher within their age group, the youth member is completed until they're eligible for an upper age group. Seniors who pass the test will be completed with the Livestock Quality Assurance program.

### Age Breakdowns

Junior 8-10 years old

Intermediate: 11-14 years old

Senior: 15-18 years old

### Mark your Calendar for Adams County Livestock Clinics

- May 30 – Beef Showmanship Clinic
- June 3 – Webster County Livestock Judging Clinic
- June 10 – Poultry/ Rabbit/Small Animal Showmanship Clinic
- June 13 – Sheep Showmanship & Fitting Clinic
- June 14 – Goat Showmanship & Fitting Clinic
- June 27 – Hog Showmanship Clinic

More information will be in the May Newsletter

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> – Drop Off (a.m.) July 7<sup>th</sup> – Viewing (p.m.)
- Beef: July 7<sup>th</sup> – Drop Off (a.m.) July 9<sup>th</sup> – Viewing (p.m.)
- ALL SPECIES: July 14<sup>th</sup> – Record books due by 8 p.m. July 18<sup>th</sup> – Interviews (afternoon)



### Horse Show Dates

**2015 District Horse Show Dates & Locations** – all level testing required for participation in district horse show plus Horse ID sheets must be completed by May 8.

June 1 – Bridgeport	June 16 – Ord
June 11 – Valentine	June 17 – Wayne
June 15 – McCook	June 18 – Seward

2015 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show July 13-16, 2015

### 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 8, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.** to the Adams County Extension Office. Horse Levels must be completed also. No late forms will be accepted based on State 4-H Rules.

**County & State Horse ID DEADLINE – May 8<sup>th</sup>**

### Dog Obedience Classes

Dog Program Obedience classes, offered by Adams County Extension, continue to be held each Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Adams County Fairgrounds in the west end of the Activities building. 4-Hers can still participate as long as they have 1) Enrolled in 4-H and in the dog project, 2)

Vaccination record form completed and turned into the Extension Office and 3) \$10.00 class fee paid to the Extension Office before attending any class.

### 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 have signed-up for 4-H and enrolled in the Clover Kid Dog project, must have registered for the 4-H dog classes, and participate in at least four sessions. The sessions will start on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.



### **Canine Companions For Life 4-H Dog Expo**

Canine Companions for Life 4-H Dog Expo is set for May 1 & 2 held at the Adams County Fairgrounds. This event will instruct youth through educational seminars, practice competing in obedience, showmanship, agility and rally obedience classes. The deadline to sign up for the 4-H Dog Expo is April 15. For more information please go to the following web link:

<http://animalscience.unl.edu/ANSCExtensionCompAnimalsDogCanineCompanionsExpo>

### **UNL Red Letter Days**

Excited to make your college decision? Red Letter Days are an opportunity for you to explore college life at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln during your senior or junior year of high school.

While you are there, you'll get to:

- Explore campus with a current UNL student as your guide
- Check out your academic interest area's facilities
- See what it's like to live in a residence hall
- Learn how to get involved on campus
- Find out important admissions, scholarship and financial aid information

Red Letter Days have been scheduled for:

- April 13, 2015 - All Majors
- April 17, 2015 - All Majors

The cost is \$10 per person. For more information visit <http://admissions.unl.edu/visit/on-campus/red-letterdays.asp>

# 4-H Calendar

## **APRIL**

- April 6 4-H Enrollment Event – 5:00PM – 7:00PM @ Extension Office
- April 6 4-H Council Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
- April 11 Quilts of Valor Work Session – 1:00PM @ Julies Xpressions
- April 12 Shooting Sports Picnic – 5:00PM @ Fairgrounds
- April 14 Ag Society Meeting – 7:30PM @ Fairgrounds
- April 15 4-H Enrollment Deadline Day by 5:00PM @ Extension Office or Online by 11:59PM
- April 15 Bucket Calf Tags & Market Broilers Orders due by 5:00PM @ Extension Office
- April 21 Flower Barrel Workshop – 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds
- April 24 Extension Office Closed
- April 25 West Central Regional Speech Contest

## **MAY**

- May 1 & 2 Dog Expo @ Fairgrounds
- May 1 Late Enrollment Deadline
- May 4 4-H Council Meeting – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
- May 7 Extension Board – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
- May 8 Horse ID's, District & State Entries Due by 5:00PM @ Extension Office
- May 8 Sheep & Goat Weigh Day – 5:30PM to 7:00PM @ Fairgrounds
- May 9 Quilts of Valor Work Session – 1:00PM @ Julies Xpressions
- May 13 Quality Assurance Training – 7:00PM @ Assembly Room
- May 14 Ag Society Meeting – 7:30PM @ Fairgrounds
- May 16 Sew Fun Saturdays Workshop
- May 23 Sew Fun Saturdays Workshop
- May 27 Beyond PB & J Workshop
- May 29 Stocker Feeder & Swine deadline for DNA samples to be taken
- May 30 Sew Fun Saturdays Workshop
- May 30 Beef Showmanship Clinic

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

### **2015 4-H Council**

Scott Hinrichs – Pres.	Bryce Katzberg – V.Pres.	Shannon Frink – Sec.	Wryan Wright – Tres.
Lynn DeVries	Brett Mohling	JR LEADER REPS:	Doug Nienhueser – Chamber
Mike Eckhardt	Ange Shipman	Chase DeVries	of Commerce Rep
Bryan Everhart	Kathleen Stromer	Morgan Stromer	Twila Bankson – Ag Society
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Lori Vorderstrasse	Amy Wilson		

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## 2015 Adams County Animal Identification Guidelines

Project Area	Method of Identification			ID #	4-H/FFA ID Form	ID Due to County	Entry	
	County Fair	State Fair	Ak-Sar-Ben				Adams County Fair	Entry
Market Beef	4-H Tag	4-H Ear tag & DNA	4-H Ear tag & DNA	10	Revised 1/14	April 15	<b>June 15</b>	E A
Breeding Beef	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	N/A	Revised 1/14	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	E A
Feeder Calves	4-H Tag	No Class	4-H Tag & DNA	20	Revised 1/13	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	N
Bucket Calf	4-H Tag	No Class	No Class	N/A	Revised 1/13	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	N
Meat Goat	4-H Tag	4-H Tag & DNA	4-H Tag & DNA	20	Revised 1/14	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	E A
Breeding Meat Goat	4-H Commercial tag – Pink, reg. tag or tattoo	4-H Commercial tag – Pink, reg. tag or tattoo	No Class	N/A	Revised 1/14	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	E A
Dairy Goats	Drawing or photo	No Class	No Class	N/A	4HF109	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	N
Dairy Cattle	Drawing or photo	Drawing or photo	Drawing or photo	N/A	Revised 1/13	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	E A
Horse	Drawing or photo	Drawing or photo	Drawing or photo	N/A	F2-97-77	May 8	<b>June 15</b>	M E
Broiler Contest	Order by April 15	No Class	Order by July 1	N/A	None	N/A	<b>June 15</b>	N
Poultry Breeding & Production	N/A	N/A	No Class	N/A	None	N/A	<b>June 15</b>	E A
Rabbit	N/A	Tattoo & ID Sheet	Tattoo & ID Sheet	N/A	Rev. 11/12	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	E A
Breeding Sheep	4-H Commercial tag - Pink, reg. tag OR tattoo	4-H Commercial tag - Pink, reg. tag OR tattoo	No Class	N/A	Revised 1/14	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	E A
Market Lambs	4-H Tag	4-H Tag & DNA	4-H Tag & DNA	20	Revised 1/14	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	E A
Market Hogs	4-H Ear tag or Ear Notches	Ear Notches & DNA	Ear Notches & DNA	40	Revised 1/13	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	E A
Dogs	Vaccination Form	Vaccination Form	No Class	N/A	SF263	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	E A
Cats & Ferrets	Vaccination Form	Vaccination Form	No Class	N/A	SF262	June 1	<b>June 15</b>	E A

**State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben exhibitor (s) are required to go to [livestockaffidavit.unl.edu](http://livestockaffidavit.unl.edu) to enter your animals so that they are eligible to compete at the State Fair. More information regarding State 4-H Livestock deadlines are on the following page.**

## **On-line Affidavits Deadlines (State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben Particip**

(All entries must be entered by midnight on or before the date provided)

- Market Beef - April 15
- Market Lamb - June 15
- Market Goat - June 15
- Market Hog - June 15
- Breeding Heifer - June 15
- Breeding Ewe - June 15
- Breeding Doe - June 15
- Stocker Feeder - June 15
- Rabbit - June 15