



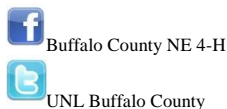
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Calendar of Events

March

- 01 Buffalo County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 03 Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due
- 03 Nebraska 4-H Governor’s Agricultural Excellence Awards (NIFA) Application Due
- 04 Shooting Sports Pancake Feed
- 6-7 Winter Shooting Sports Fun Shoot
- 11 Beginners Quilting Class
- 13 Shooting Sports Potluck Awards Banquet
- 15 Archery/Shotgun Organizational Meeting
- 15 Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Entry Deadline
- 15 NACEB Scholarship Application Due
- 15 4-H Camp Counselor Application Due
- 24 Turkey/Broiler Orders Due
- 25 Beginners Quilting Class
- 28 4-H Council Meeting

April

- 01 4-H Horse Stampede, Lincoln
- 01 4-H Companion Animal Challenge, Lincoln
- 01 Nebraska Youth Pork Conference Applications Due
- 03 Lottery Pig and Goat Applications Due
- 11 Registrations Due for County Speech and PSA Contest
- 11 8th Grade Next Chapter at Nebraska
- 15 Nebraska Agriculture Youth Institute Applications Due
- 15 Early Bird Registration Due For 4-H Summer Camps
- 15 Early Bird Registration Due For Big Red Summer Academic Camp
- 18 County Speech and PSA Contest
- 22 4-H Pizza Crust Workshop
- 22 Beginners Quilting Class
- 25 4-H Council Meeting
- 28 Buffalo County Extension Office Closed, Arbor Day
- 29 West Central Regional Speech and PSA Contests, North Platte

May

- 01 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- 05 Registration deadline for 4-H Performing Arts Contest
- 12 District/State Horse Show Entries Due
- 15 4-H Performing Arts Contest
- 18 Lamb and Goat Tagging
- 23 4-H Council Meeting
- 25 Interview Contest, Norfolk
- 29 Extension Office Closed/Memorial Day
- 30-31 Tractor Safety Training

-Event details listed in newsletter-

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4-H Enrollment

Enrollment Deadline: May 1

To enroll in 4-H, youth and volunteers need to go online to ne.4honline.com. For step-by-step instructions on how to do the online enrollment process, go to buffalo.unl.edu.

Enrollment is a two-step process for the youth. In order for 4-H enrollment to be processed, enrollment needs to be completed online and the enrollment fee needs to be paid.

The annual enrollment fee for Clover Kids is \$5. Clover Kids are youth ages five to seven, as of January 1, 2017. The annual enrollment fee for traditional 4-H members is \$10. Traditional 4-H members are youth ages eight to eighteen, as of January 1, 2017. There is a family enrollment fee maximum of \$30. Payments in the form of cash or check can be dropped off or mailed to the Extension Office. Payments made online are done through this website: squareup.com/market/buffalo-county-4-h-council.

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Annual Pancake Feed Saturday, March 4th, 7:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The 4-H Shooting Sports annual pancake feed will be held on Saturday, March 4, at the Buffalo County Extension Building. Come enjoy pancakes and sausage. There will be a freewill donation to support the Buffalo County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

Winter Shooting Sports Fun Shoot Monday & Tuesday, March 6th & 7th, 6:30 p.m.

There will be a fun shoot for current winter shooting sports shooters on Monday and Tuesday, March 6th and 7th at 6:30 each night, at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds.

Shooting Sports Potluck Awards Banquet Monday, March 13th, 6 p.m.

Buffalo County Extension Building

The banquet will recognize shooters who worked hard all winter to do their best in BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol.

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification April 1-2, Albion

Registration deadline is March 22nd

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 offered at the Albion Workshop - rifle, hunting skills, shotgun, and archery. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team.

The registration fee is \$110.00 per person for initial certification and \$100 those individuals adding an additional discipline. This fee will be reimbursed by the Buffalo County 4-H Council. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Lodging expenses will not be reimbursed by the Council. Registration is available only online at goo.gl/SUFKEM.

Buffalo County 4-H Shooting Sports Archery and Shotgun Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Buffalo County Extension Building

Anyone interested in Archery and/or Shotgun should attend the organizational meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 p.m. Youth must be enrolled in 4-H to participate in the Shooting Sports Programs. More information about each of these programs and a full schedule will be supplied at the organizational meeting.

Archery will meet at the Fort Kearny Shooting Association (FKSA) Ranges on Sunday afternoons starting April 2nd and will continue for a couple of months. Bows, arrows and targets are supplied. Youth may use your own bow but it must be inspected for safety and approved for use by the instructors. They will not meet on KCHS Graduation, Mother's Day, KPS Graduation, Memorial Day, and Father's Day. Contact Bryan Royle (308-240-1404) with questions.

Shotgun will meet Tuesday or Thursday evenings starting in April and will continue for a couple of months at the FKSA trap range. Participants will supply their shotgun, shells, eye and hearing protection, and a shell bag or vest. We have some shotguns for youth to use but it is limited. There is a charge of 15 cents a rock. Over 8 weeks, 2 rounds a night, this comes to about \$60.00 +. They will not meet on KCHS Graduation, Mother's Day, KPS Graduation, Memorial Day, and Father's Day. Contact Kevin Taylor (308-627-7686) with questions.

Speech & PSA Contest

Buffalo County Speech and PSA Contest Tuesday, April 18th, 7:00 p.m.

Buffalo County Extension Office Register by Tuesday, April 11th

Through the 4-H Public Speaking Contest, youth have an opportunity to write a speech or a public service announcement (PSA) that incorporates the topic of 4-H and deliver it to an audience. The 4-H Public Speaking Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to real audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence. Registration forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or found online: buffalo.unl.edu.

Scholarships

Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards Scholarship

Online Applications Due Friday, March 17th

The NACEB will offer the following scholarships for the 2017- 2018 academic:

- One \$1,000 scholarship at UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) or in the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) for an incoming student (freshman or transfer student).
- One \$1,000 scholarship for a current student (sophomore or higher) enrolled in CASNR or CEHS.

Questions? Call 402-472-2201

Application and Details: tinyurl.com/NACEBScholarship

Husker Harvest Days Scholarship

Applications Postmarked by Friday, March 24th

Nine scholarships valued at \$1,200 each for students pursuing post-secondary education in a field of agriculture will be awarded to high school graduation seniors.

Application: buffalo.unl.edu

4-H Workshop

4-H Fun Ways with Pizza Crust Workshop

Saturday, April 22, 9 am to 1:30 pm

Cost: \$15

4-H youth ages 10-18 have the opportunity to learn how to use pizza crust in a variety of ways. The registration deadline is Tuesday, April 18 with a limited class size so register early. The registration form be found at buffalo.unl.edu.

8th Grade Next Chapter

8th Grade Next Chapter at Nebraska

Tuesday, April 11 from 7-8 p.m.

Buffalo County Extension Office

The Next Chapter club gets a jump start on preparing 8th graders for college. Next Chapter scholars will engage in events, activities and curriculum where they will participate in career exploration, develop research skills, and experience a variety of learning methods that will help them transition to and succeed in college. The 8th Grade Next Chapter will meet on Tuesday, April 11 from 7-8 p.m. at the Extension Office. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Bosshamer, brian.bosshamer@unl.edu or 308-236-1235.

NAYI

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Applications due April 15

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a five-day conference for high school juniors and seniors to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. This includes engaging speakers, workshops, professional development, and leadership experience. NAYI is held in Lincoln from July 10-14. The application must be postmarked by April 15, 2017. Applications are available online at <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/nayi.html>.

2017 Photography Theme

The 2017 Nebraska 4-H Photography Theme is "Reflect Your Definition of Rural Nebraska". Capture rural living in your Nebraska County through your camera lens! Use your photo to express what rural means to you, why you value rural life, or how rural life is changing. This is your

story to tell! This theme is available to both unit II and unit III photography.

4-H Summer Camps & Trips

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Nebraska 4-H offers a wide variety of camps across the state throughout the summer. Register for camp before April 15th and receive a 10% discount! Each Buffalo County 4-H member that attends an overnight Nebraska 4-H Camp will receive a \$100 scholarship and those attending a weeklong day camp will receive a \$35 scholarship from the Buffalo County 4-H Council. Registration and descriptions of all camps available: 4h.unl.edu/camp-centers

Buffalo County 4-H Camp Scholarship Available

Buffalo County 4-H'ers are eligible to apply for the Esther Wingert 4-H Camp Memorial Scholarship. This is a \$200 4-H camp scholarship that is offered to one Buffalo County 4-H'er each year and who is in need of funds to go to one of the following three Nebraska State 4-H Camps at Halsey:

- Discovery – River Adventures
- Discovery – Outback Halsey – Survivor
- Discovery – Sandhillz Sampler

The application process for this camp scholarship is simple. Submit your request to the Buffalo County Extension Office via email or by mail with the following information by the deadline date of **April 4th**:

1. A request for camp support. Please be sure to include the age and gender for the camper and which specific camp session that the camper would like to attend (Specifically which camp listed from above).
2. A brief statement from the parent of the camper expressing why they would like to have their child attend this camp this summer.

Send requests to:

Buffalo County Extension
1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847
Amber.gapp@unl.edu

The Buffalo County 4-H Council provides a \$100 camp scholarship to each Buffalo County 4-H'er that attends an overnight 4-H camp each year. You are still eligible for this scholarship in addition to the Wingert scholarship.

Campership from Nebraska 4-H Foundation

To apply for a campership, please submit the following information to Lindsay Shearer by email or mail. Allow 7-10 business days for response to campership request. Please note that single day camp sessions are not eligible for Camperships. **Campership requests must be received and approved prior to registration for a camp session.*

1. A request for campership support from the parent/guardian. Please be sure to include the name, age, and gender for each camper and the session each camper would like to attend.
2. A brief statement from the parent or from the camper expressing why they would like to attend camp this summer.

Once a request for a campership has been approved you will receive notification from Lindsay and receive an authorization code for registration that can be entered online or documented on a mail-in registration form. Following any campership support, we do ask that the camper send a thank-you note to donors sharing a highlight from their summer camp experience. Thank you notes can also be sent to Lindsay Shearer either by mail or email.

Request can be sent to:

Lindsay Shearer
State 4-H Office
114 Agricultural Hall
Lincoln, NE 68583

Or via email to:

lshearer2@unl.edu

4-H Camp Counselors

Applications Due Wednesday, March 15th

Each year, Nebraska 4-H Camps and Centers hire counselors to be part of a team of young adults who will be dedicated to campers through the summer. Summer camp employees are trained to help provide active, hands-on, fun, and cooperative outdoor programming designed to develop respect for self, others, and the environment. Most importantly, summer camp employees have the opportunity to impact children's lives in many experiential, outdoor settings. Applications can be found online: 4h.unl.edu/summer-camp/employment

Big Red Summer Academic Camp

June 5th – 10th

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Early Bird Registration (discount): Sat., April 15th

Final Registration Deadline: Monday, May 1st

Big Red Summer Academic Camps are residential, career exploration camps held on the UNL campus, for high school youth in grades 10th – 12th, including recent graduates. Topics include computer science and engineering, weather and climate science, veterinary science, filmmaking, engineering, culinary arts and food science, outdoor Nebraska, and unicameral youth legislature. After spending several fun-filled days on campus, participants' families are invited to attend a special capstone event where youth showcase their achievements.

Go online for a complete description of specific camps offered, rates, scholarships available, and registration:

4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps.

2017 Interview Contest

The Interview Judging Contest will be held on May 25 in Norfolk. 4-H members needs to be 10 years old and older to participate. Each youth will submit 3 typewritten cover letters and 3 typewritten job resumes to the Norfolk District Office by **May 10**. Cover letters and job resumes should not exceed one page each. More information about this contest can be found at buffalo.unl.edu.

Tractor Safety Training

**Tractor Safety Training
May 30-31**

Buffalo County Extension Building

Any 14- or 15-year-old children who work on a farm or ranch owned by someone other than their parents or guardians are required to have certification through a class such as this. A flyer with more information can be found at the Extension Office or on our website, buffalo.unl.edu.

Animals

**Lottery Goat Project
Deadline April 3**

This is an opportunity for youth who have an interest in a Market Goat Project. Participants will participate in three educational seminars to further their knowledge about their project. Topics will include: selection traits, nutrition and proper handling as well as showmanship skills. This project is intended to help exhibitors find quality goats for fair at a reasonable price. A goat will cost a total of \$100, \$50 due with the application (due by April 3) and the remaining \$50 when they pick up their goat. A minimum of 10 4-H'ers will need to participate. Goats will be picked up during tagging day in May.

**Lottery Pig Project
Deadline April 3**

The Lottery Pig project is an educational and competitive program. This project will help exhibitors find a quality pig at a reasonable price. Youth who participate will learn production traits, feeding and nutrition information, showmanship techniques, the swine industry in Nebraska and potential careers.

There will be 30 pigs available this year to purchase. To participate, the Lottery Pig Agreement and the \$55 down payment towards the purchase price must be completed by April 3, or as soon as possible.

The remaining price of \$55 will be due at the first meeting. Participants will receive more information on specific topics and meeting dates after the deposit has been made.

Order Production Turkeys and Broilers **Deadline: Friday, March 24**

A production pen consists of one female turkey. Production turkeys must be purchased through the Extension office, in order to be fair eligible. Turkeys will be judged on meat production qualities only. (It is recommended that you purchase 6-8 turkeys to be sure you have enough for 2 pens to be exhibited at fair.)

A pen of broilers shall consist of three male or three female birds 6 to 8 weeks of age. Broilers must be purchased through the Extension office, in order to be fair eligible. Broiler pens will be judged on meat production qualities only. (It is recommended that you purchase 12 broilers to be sure you have enough for 2 pens to be exhibited at fair.)

Please contact Amber in the Extension Office at (308) 236-1235 to place your order by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 24. We are expecting turkeys to arrive around April 1st and will cost approximately \$1.50 each and broilers around June 1st with a approximate cost of \$1.25 each. We will be in contact with you as soon as they arrive!

District Horse Show Dates

The 2017 Nebraska District 4-H Horse Show dates and sites are June 12 – Lexington; June 13 – Taylor; June 14 – Wayne; June 19 – Hemingford; June 20 – Lincoln. The State Horse Show is held at Fonner Park, July 16-20, 2017.

All level testing required for participating in the 2017 District Horse Shows must be completed by May 12, when entries are due to the Extension Office.

Annual 4-H Horse Stampede/Animal Challenge **Saturday, April 1st, 7:30 a.m.**

UNL East Campus, Animal Science Building **Entries Due To County Extension by Friday, March 10th**

The event offers a variety of contests that do not require live animals. The contests include public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, art, and photography. Youth have the opportunity to display their animal knowledge through these contests both as an individual and as part of a team. The contests are open to youth age 10-18.

The entry fee is \$10 per contest, with a team maximum of \$40. Entries are due by Friday, March 10th, to the Buffalo County Extension Office. Horse Stampede registration is at 7:30 a.m. and the contests began at 8:00 a.m. Companion Animal Challenge registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the contest begins at 9:00 a.m.

Contest Details: 4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede

Contest Details: 4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/challenge

2017 Horse Judging School

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., April 22, 2017

UNL Animal Science Complex, on East Campus

This horse show judges school is a must for current judges, aspiring judges, judging team coaches, and youth. UNL Extension Equine Specialist Kathy Anderson said the judges school is also perfect for exhibitors because it is the

best way to learn how one is being judged, so exhibitors can do a better job when in the arena.

The Nebraska 4-H Horse Show Judging Certification test will be offered at no additional cost for those needing to be re-certified, or desiring to become new 4-H Horse judges.

The cost per person is \$30 for youth, ages 10 -18 years old, and \$40 for adults, ages 19 years and older. Please register at <http://go.unl.edu/hyjc> to reserve your spot.

New FDA Regulation

On January 1, 2017, a new Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulation for the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) went into effect. This regulation affects all food-producing animals, no matter how large or small the operation, including livestock used in youth livestock shows. With the new regulation, youth must work with their veterinarian to obtain a signed VFD order before purchasing and feeding livestock with feeds containing feed grade antibiotics. Youth producers should examine the feed labels of products they intend to feed to their livestock to determine if a VFD will be required to purchase their feed. If a feed is medicated with an antibiotic, producers need to establish a Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship with a veterinarian, licensed in Nebraska, who will work with them and their VFD requirements.

More information and resources:

bqa.unl.edu/veterinary-feed-directive

Premise ID Needed

Everyone showing a Market animal will need to have a premise ID. To obtain one, please call 402-471-2351 and you will be asked the address where the livestock are being housed. Please call 308-236-1235 or email amber.gapp@unl.edu and give us your premise ID number.

Quality Assurance Training

The Nebraska online Livestock Quality Assurance is in the process of changing over to a national online program. We were told that the system would switch over the 1st of March. If you still want to do your Quality Assurance online and pay \$5, there is still time. Now they are looking at switching over the middle of March and then the fee will increase to \$12. Please make sure to pass 3 modules different from the previous years. Once you have completed them, you can email or hand them in to Amber. Other options are to attend a Face-to-Face training this summer or test out. For more information on Livestock Quality Assurance and to login please go to: <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/quality-assurance-0/>.

Upcoming Shows & Clinics

- **“Come Ride With Me” Horse Clinic**
Saturday, March 4th
Lincoln
- **Stierwalt Cattle Fitting Clinic**
Friday – Sunday, March 17-19, 2017
Broken Bow
- **Paws-On Dog Workshop**
Saturday, March 18th, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Lincoln
- **Mid-Nebraska Spring Beef Show**
Saturday, March 18th
Kearney
- **Lancaster County Spring Rabbit Show**
Saturday, March 25th
Lincoln
- **Burt County Beef Preview**
Saturday, April 1st
Oakland
- **4-H Roping Clinic**
April 1-2
Grand Island

- **Dr. Mike’s Horsemanship/Hastings Youth Clinic**
Saturday – Sunday, April 8th – 9th
Hastings
- **Horse Judging School**
Saturday, April 22nd
Lincoln
- **4-H Poultry Judging Clinic**
Saturday, April 22nd
Lincoln
- **Horsemanship Clinic**
April 29-30
Columbus
- **Northeast Nebraska 4-H Horse Show**
Thursday, June 1
Homer

All upcoming shows and clinic information, including registration, are listed on our website: buffalo.unl.edu. Flyers are also available in the Extension Office.

Sincerely,

Brian Bosshamer, Extension Educator
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Kerry Elsen, Extension Assistant