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DECEMBER 2014

Dates to Watch

Deadlines
Dec 1—Outstanding Club Applications Due

Contests & Events
Jan 2 —Winter Workshop
Jan 4—4-H Achievement Day
Feb 7—4-H/FFA Market Beef Weigh-In

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, my Health to better living.
For my Club, my community, my country, and my world.

We want to wish all of our 4-H Families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY - JANUARY 4, 2015
4-H Council will be sponsoring the 4-H Achievement Day Awards Program on **Sunday, January 4th, 2015** beginning at 5 pm. We will award 4-H members with their various honors earned this year and will also be having a meal for all those that attend. Due to the need for a meal count, we will need families to RSVP ahead of time to make sure we have enough food for everyone. Deadline to RSVP will be *Monday, December 29th, 2014*.

MARKET BEEF WEIGH DAY
4-H & FFA Market Beef Weigh In Day will be Saturday, February 7 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Fairbury Sale Barn. All market steers and market heifers need to be brought in to be eartagged, noseprinted, and ID'ed on the official 4-H or FFA ID sheets to compete at County Fair. 4-H animals need to be DNA'ed for State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben (bring your cash - each DNA is $6.00). FFA animals still need to be noseprinted for State Fair. There will be no cost for 4-H or FFA eartags again this year, compliments of the Jefferson County Fair Board.

LOOKING FOR NEW 4-H COUNCIL CANDIDATES!
During 4-H Achievement day on January 4th, we will be electing new members to the 4-H Council and are looking for interested adults and youth. The council is composed of 6 adults and 6 youth members. Adult members serve a 3-year term, while youth members serve a 1-year term and can serve 3 terms. We would like to invite anyone who's interested in serving on 4-H Council to contact the office and we will put your name on the ballot. Youth members need to be at least 13 years old by January 1, 2014. Adult candidates are needed from Commissioner Districts 1 & 2. Please visit our webpage at http://jefferson.unl.edu/web/jefferson/4-Hforms to see a map of the districts. Please contact us by Monday, **December 29th at 5 pm** to be included on the ballot.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS TO BE PICKED UP:
The following 4-H'ers have exhibits or ribbons that need to be picked up at the Extension Office:

* Marah & Claire Shumard

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

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

WINTER WORKSHOP

Come join the Extension staff for a fun filled winter workshop. Put your artistic abilities to work and make a recycled plastic bag wreath, a lego flashlight and a toy top . Workshop will be held Friday, **January 2nd** from 1:30 –4:00 pm. Cost of the workshop will be $15. Don't miss the fun, please call the extension office by December 26th to register.

2015 HORSIN' AROUND

2015 Horsin Around will be February 28 – March 1, 2015, in the RB Warren Arena of the UNL Animal Science Complex on East Campus. Featured trainer will be Jeff Mellott of Andover, KS. Look for more information coming soon!

STEAM CLOTHING: BEYOND THE NEEDLE

(4H2250 & 4H2250D)—Covers techniques used in the Decorate Your Duds project - Age Range: 8-19 years old. In Beyond the Needle, youth will learn all about the 'A' in STEAM Clothing -- the Art! This youth manual includes activities for three skill levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Youth will learn the design basics and create a portfolio to exhibit the samples they made to practice specific techniques. Then, youth will be able to create their own fabulous embellishments and treatments on garments. If you love art, then this STEAM Clothing manual is for you! This curriculum is available as a printed version and digital version. Check out the webpage at: http://4h.unl.edu/beyond-the-needle.

NEW BEEF RESOURCE HANDBOOK

New from Nebraska 4-H is the Beef Resource Handbook, a comprehensive guide designed for youth participating in a variety of beef projects. Content has been arranged to cover important areas of interest related to both the animal and its production. Spanning 13 chapters, this handbook serves a resource to review and enlighten the reader with the principles and facts related to their beef project. You can buy one chapter based on your interest, or buy the whole manual and receive 25% off.
http://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/curriculum/animalscience/4h4200.html

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**. Photos may be used to promote the UNL Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

YOUTH IN ACTION AWARDS OVERVIEW

The Youth in Action award recognizes an outstanding 4-H'er who epitomizes 4-H youth empowerment. We are looking to acknowledge and honor a confident, accomplished 4-H'er who has gained critical life skills through their 4-H program and has utilized those skills to overcome a challenge, or challenges, they have faced. The award winner will also demonstrate how they positively impact the community through their 4-H experience.

The winner of the Youth in Action Award will receive a $10,000 scholarship for higher education and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC to receive their award. The Youth in Action award is given at National 4-H Council's annual Legacy Awards on Thursday, April 23, 2015, a special evening of celebration that honors the accomplishments of both 4-H youth and the adults who make life-changing experiences possible for millions of 4-H young people.

Applicants should be a 4-H member or recent alumni, ages 16-21, that represent the diversity and passions of 4-H youth nationwide, demonstrate outstanding leadership, showcase the essence of 4-H positivity and possess a proven ability to engage others. For more information, guidelines, and the application, please visit the following link: http://www.4-h.org/get-involved/sponsor/4-h-legacy-awards-gala/youth-in-action/?utm_campaign=EMAIL&utm_source=PRO&utm_medium=112514&utm_term=YIAAWARDS

PASE/LIFE CHALLENGE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

The PASE/Life Challenge Youth Advisory Board is an event board whose members are selected by the PASE/Life Challenge Event Coordinators. The board advises the coordinators on youth issues and serves as a means for youth involved in PASE and Life Challenge to become active members in the events and to have an official voice in shaping the experience. Each board member serves a one-year term with the option to reapply each year.

Who is eligible to serve on the YAB? Any current Nebraska 4-H youth who has attended PASE or Life Challenge within the previous two years (must be between 14-19 years old & a current Nebraska 4-H member).

Applications can be turned into:

Kate Pittack
114 Ag Hall
PO Box 830700
Lincoln, NE 68583-0700
kpittack2@unl.edu

Application can be found at: http://4h.unl.edu/pase_life (under "Navigation" heading). **Must be post marked or emailed by December 31, 2014; 11:59 pm CST.**

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Address Service Requested

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2014—2015 4-H Calendar of Events

December

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January

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February

7—4-H/FFA Market Beef Weigh Day, Fairbury Salebarn

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UNL Extension Educator

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