Perkins-Chase Extension 4-H Newsletter

Calendar

Aug. 10	"In Person" State Fair Entries Due via ShoWorks
Aug. 17	Intent to Enter State Fair-Due NOON to Extension
Aug. 22	**State Fair Exhibits in Office-Due 11 AM**
Aug. 25-Sept. 4	NEBRASKA STATE FAIR
Sept. 4	Labor Day Holiday-*Extension Offices Closed*
Sept. 7	State Fair Exhibits-Pick up from Extension Office
Sept. 22	4-H Career Portfolios Due-Extension Office
Sept. 22	Diamond Clover Applications Due-Extension Office
Sept. 22	Club of Excellence Applications Due-Extension Office

August 2017

For the most current 4-H information, check out your county 4-H Facebook page! New information posted weekly! Important deadlines, reminders and events will also be posted on Facebook.

Like us today!!!

2017 Nebraska State Fair August 25-September 4

The 2017 State Fair 4-H schedule is now posted: http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefairschedule

Perkins County Fair Static Exhibitors:

Are you missing something? Several static exhibits and some ribbons were left behind in the exhibit hall. If you think you left something behind, these items are now in the Extension Office. Stop by and claim your items today!

ALL STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK AND IN PERSON ENTRIES DUE AUGUST 10! 4-H FAMILIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ENTRIES.

All livestock and in person entries due via ShoWorks. Families enter livestock, including beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, poultry, dog, dairy, fashion shows, presentations and contests. The ShoWorks site closes at 4 PM Mountain time (5 PM Central). **NO LATE ENTRIES ARE ALLOWED.**

Thank you to all 4-Hers, parents, Extension staff, 4-H Council members, Fair Board members and volunteers for making the 2017 county fair a success!

Perkins County 4-H Fair Exhibitors will be notified when premium checks, livestock checks, livestock buyer photos and Grand/Reserve Champion awards are in the office.

Remember, you must turn in your thank you notes to the Extension Office before any of these premiums will be released to you.

ALL STATE FAIR "IN PERSON" ENTRIES WILL BE MADE BY THE EXHIBITOR AND THEIR FAMILIES

All State Fair Livestock Entries:

- ⇒ Beef
- ⇒ Sheep
- ⇒ Swine
- ⇒ Goats
- ⇒ Rabbits
- ⇒ Dog
- ⇒ Dairy
- ⇒ Premier Exhibitor
- ⇒ Dog Skillathon Contests

And All Non-Livestock Contest Entries:

- ⇒ Fashion Shows
- ⇒ Contests
- ⇒ Presentations

Will be made by the exhibitors and their families via the 4H and FFA Online Livestock Entry link found at this web site: http://nebr.fairwire.com by 5:00 p.m. *central time* August 10, 2017 (sooner than this if possible). The ShoWorks program will shut down at 5:00 p.m. *central time* August 10 so NO late entries will be accepted.

ALL STATE FAIR "STATIC" ENTRIES WILL BE MADE BY THE EXTENSION OFFICE. YOU MUST CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE NO LATER THAN NOON, AUGUST 17 TO INFORM US OF YOUR INTENT TO EXHIBITSO WE CAN ENTER YOUR ITEM(S) THAT WERE SELECTED AT THE COUNTY FAIR TO PARTICIPATE AT STATE.

FLORICULTURE/HORTICULTURE EXHIBITORS MUST INFORM THE EXTENSION OFFICE OF WHICH CLASS THEY PLAN TO EXHIBIT IN AND THE CULTIVAR NAME MUST BE PROVIDED SO WE CAN ENTER YOUR ITEM(S).

Static exhibits MUST be in the Extension Office by 11 AM, August 22 so Extension staff can transport your items to State Fair.

AUGUST
4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS
Perkins—August 28; 7 PM
Chase—No August Meeting

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Premier 4-H Science Award

Science is a process of discovering the world around you through experiments and observations. By definition this makes even you a scientist. In fact you probably use the scientific method while creating your fair exhibit without even knowing it!

observation | research | hypothesis | experiment | conclusion

How to apply for the Premier 4-H Science Award:

1. Identify ONE county fair project which was selected for state fair.
2. Complete the Premier 4-H Science Award Application (along with a photograph of the exhibit) to the County Extension Office by your county's entry deadline.
3. County staff will tag your application and they will drop off into the SET area during static check-in for judging.

Application can be found at http://go.unl.edu/premierscience

The top 3 applications will receive a $100 cash award sponsored by the Nebraska 4-H Foundation in addition to certification attached to their project at the state fair.

All youth who apply will receive a certification following state fair.

Contact the Local Extension Office to participate in this opportunity!

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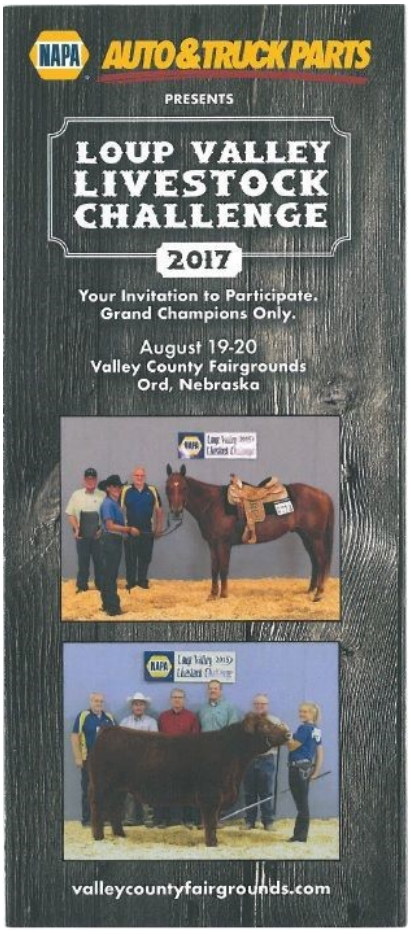

Deadline to enter the Loup Valley Livestock Challenge is August 18.

Informational flyers available from the Extension Office upon request.

Nebraska Elite Showman Competition

12TH ANNUAL NEBRASKA ELITE SHOWMAN COMPETITION

Entry Deadline for Elite Showmanship: August 18
For more information regarding this State Fair competition, contact the Extension Office.

CULINARY CHALLENGE

4-H Culinary Challenge Contest—Nebraska State Fair

The purpose of the 4-H Culinary Challenge is to:

- Demonstrate Healthy Decision Making - Through Nutrition, Menu Planning, Food Prep, And Food Safety
- Apply Healthy Living Knowledge And Skills
- Showcase Skills
- Highlight Knowledge By Utilizing Technology

Youth ages 10 - 18 are eligible to participate. The 4-H'er must be enrolled in a Foods and Nutrition project and compete in teams of two. 4-H'ers are challenged on the theme, table setting, menu, use of the 2017 Challenge Ingredient of DRIED BEANS and LEGUMES, the interview with the judge, and use of technology during the tableside presentation. The team will prepare one food item off the menu to present to the judge.

Contact your local Extension Office for more information or go to: http://food.unl.edu/food-projects

Deadline to enter is August 10.

Congratulations to all 4-H'ers that had exhibits selected for the 2017 Nebraska State Fair!

150 CELEBRATE The STATE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

All exhibits will be returned to the Extension Office for pick up by Thursday, September 7.

It is 4-H Record Book Time Again!

The 4-H Career Portfolio is an excellent way to document your goals, list outcomes, and finalize your 4-H year. It also makes you eligible for other 4-H honors and recognition. The Career Portfolio is not mandatory, but it is strongly encouraged for every 4-H member to complete one.

Career Portfolios are available at your Extension Office, or check out the Career Portfolio on the Web at http://4h.unl.edu/careerportfolio.

Green folders for your portfolio are available at your Extension Office for $3 each. Finish your 4-H year in style, complete a Career Portfolio!

All Career Portfolios will be due Friday, September 22, 2017. Please return to your portfolio to your local Extension Office.

Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program is designed to encourage 4-H youth to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable members to acquire the life skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring and contributing citizens. The program's overall goal is to provide 4-H members a rich and diverse learning experience.

The program consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report a broad range of age appropriate accomplishments. The program is designed to enable every 4-H member willing to exert the effort an opportunity to be recognized, regardless of how they are involved in 4-H.

Benefits of the Diamond Clover Program:

For Youth

- ◊ Recognition improves self esteem of youth
- ◊ Enhance the progress toward self-set goals
- ◊ Develops life skills
- ◊ Encourages and supports lifelong learning
- ◊ Provides opportunities for youth/adult partnerships
- ◊ Resume Building

For Volunteers/Adults:

- ◊ Provide achievement opportunities to 4-H members
- ◊ Encourages positive and progressive leadership in youth
- ◊ Promotes retention and recruitment for 4-H membership
- ◊ Engages 4-H members in a variety of educational projects and activities
- ◊ For all members

For Communities

- ◊ 4-H develops competent, caring and contributing citizens
- ◊ Prepares youth and adult leadership in the community
- ◊ Provides source of community pride

Diamond Clover Applications Due September 22 to your Extension Office

Application forms available at http://4h.unl.edu/diamondclover Or from your local Extension Office

Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence

The overall goal of 4-H clubs is to develop enthusiastic young people who boldly take action to demonstrate life skills as capable, caring, confident, competent kids of character thus contributing to the improvement of themselves, their family, their club, their community, and their world. One way clubs might choose to measure their success in meeting that goal is their ability to gain status as a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence. To receive the designation as a Nebraska Club of Excellence, clubs must meet a certain set of criteria and document how this criteria was met. Clubs meeting the requirements will initially receive a certificate. In subsequent years clubs successfully meeting the requirements will receive a special insignia to place on their certificate. Clubs must apply annually to receive this designation.

Application forms available from:
The Extension Office or http://4h.unl.edu/clubresources

Applications are due September 22

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