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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

10 State Fair Contest/Livestock entry
deadline closes at 8:00 p.m.

21-22 Static Exhibits Due at Ext. Office by 5
p.m.

Aug 25- Sep 4 Nebraska State Fair - Grand
Island

SEPTEMBER

4 Labor Day Office Closed

5 Pick Up State Fair Static Exhibits, Ext.
Office.

11 AgVenture Day, 4th graders - FC
Fairgrounds

Sep. 21-24 Aksarben 4-H Stock Show - Grand
Island

**Livestock & all In-Person contests must be
entered by August 10th
More Info Inside!**

HERDSMANSHIP

The Overall Herdsmanship Award, sponsored by the
Fillmore Co. 4-H Council was presented to the
Strang-4-Bar-H Club. They will have their name
engraved on the Herdsmanship Plaque.

**Important State Fair
Information inside**

Thank You!

A BIG THANK YOU!

The Fillmore County Fair was a week full
of events! It takes many devoted and
hardworking people for the fair to run
smoothly. We'd like to thank the Fillmore
County Ag Society, 4-H Council,
superintendents, volunteers, leaders,
parents, 4-H & FFA members, and FFA
advisors for all of their hard work and
dedication. We'd also like to thank all of
the businesses and organizations for
supporting 4-H and FFA youth.

THANK YOU NOTES

It is VERY important that 4-H'ers remember to thank donors for awards and premium money. They appreciate and look forward to your thank you notes each year. Please take the time to write a thank you to our generous 4-H supporters. If you have any questions about who sponsored an award please contact the Extension Office.

Those you might not think about for writing thank you notes include: Ag Society members, Cake Auction buyer, Livestock Auction Buyer, CWF youth: Farm Credit Services & Geneva Tire for pancake breakfast sponsorship. If you received a water bottle, that is courtesy of NE Nitrogen. T-shirts and the picnic was sponsored by POET out of Fairmont.



DIAMOND CLOVER AWARD

Now is the perfect time to begin working on your Diamond Clover Applications. Complete your 4-H Diamond Clover application! This non-competitive program recognizes the accomplishments of 4-H members. It consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report age-appropriate accomplishments. The 4-H member, parent, and 4-H leader sign off on their accomplishments and return the report to the Extension Office. The 4-H'er will then be awarded a Diamond Clover pin and certificate of completion for that level. More information may be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>. Youth interested in participating in this program should stop by the Extension Office to pick up an application or download it from the above site.

CLUBS OF EXCELLENCE

Due September 15th

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. More information: <https://4h.unl.edu/clubs-excellence> 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 4-H 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. For more information go to: <http://4h.unl.edu/clubs/recognition> Applications will be sent to each club leader. They are due to the Extension Office by September 15th.

ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATION

It's time to begin thinking about Achievement Applications formally known as Career Portfolios. Awards can be won at the local level for juniors and state and local level for Seniors by completing your Achievement Applications! Also for Seniors this a chance to apply for Nebraska State 4-H Scholarships! The Achievement Applications is a record of your 4-H career. It includes a story of your personal growth and leadership experiences related to the knowledge learned, skills gained and community service/volunteer activities experienced through 4-H. Each Fillmore County 4-H member may apply for up to 2 county award areas based on learning in specific areas. See the attached application form to review the possible award areas. Download your Achievement Application at: <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>.

STATE FAIR INFO

4h.unl.edu/state-fair



The **2023 Nebraska State Fair** entry site is open and accepting entries! Entry closes on Thursday, August 10, at 8:00 p.m. CST. All 4-H members participating in a 4-H contest or exhibiting 4-H livestock or dogs must complete the entry process. Please thoroughly review all eligibility, entry limits, and instructions available for livestock exhibitors, dog exhibitors, and contest participants at 4h.unl.edu/state-fair before entering.

STATE FAIR CONTESTS

Check out the many contests 4-Hers can participate in at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair-contest-participant>. Contest registrations must be completed in ShoWorks by August 10th. Contact the office if you have any questions.



The 4-H Project Showcase is an opportunity for youth to receive statewide recognition for their favorite project or maybe a project that didn't go as planned. All projects are eligible regardless of the awards received through judging or even the ability to have it judged at the county level. Projects submitted by August 10 will be featured at the Nebraska State Fair. Learn more at 4h.unl.edu/project-showcase.

Video Companion Animal Showmanship entries are due Monday, August 14, at 5:00 p.m. CT. This contest allows youth ages 10-18 to showcase the knowledge and skills they have developed in their 4-H companion animal projects. Participants record a 3-5-minute live animal presentation and answer 3 post-presentation questions. The contest is open to youth presenting a cat, ferret, guinea pig, pet rabbit, rodent, bird, reptile, or amphibian. Learn more at 4h.unl.edu/vcasc.



We are excited to offer two new 4-H contests at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair! The **4-H Beef Fitting and 4-H Goat Fitting Contests** will be held on Saturday, August 26, at 7:00 pm. CST. The contests are open to 4-H exhibitors with eligible 4-H livestock entries at the 2023 Nebraska State Fair. Rules and regulations are available at 4h.unl.edu/sf-fitting. Let us know if you're interested in registering a team! Teams must be registered by Thursday, August 10 at 8:00 p.m. CST.

STATE FAIR CULINARY CHALLENGE

The contest will take place on Sunday, August 27th in the Raising Nebraska Building. 4-H'ers can register in ShoWorks (<https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/contestparticipant>) – no additional forms are needed. The Culinary Challenge is located under the “4-H Personal Development and Leadership” department in ShoWorks. The 4-H Culinary Challenge Contest will require youth to demonstrate healthy decision-making through nutrition, food preparation, menu planning, and food safety. A team will consist of two members to be eligible to compete. 4-H members need to be at least 10 years of age by January 1st. A challenge ingredient is selected each year highlighting a Nebraska commodity food product. **The 2023 challenge ingredient is Sunflower!**

4H/FFA Livestock Exhibitor Info



4H/FFA LIVESTOCK ENTRY

FFA and 4-H are sharing an online entry system and are allowing exhibitors/parents to make the entries this year. You can find a link called 4-H and FFA Online Entries here: <https://statefair.org/competitions-andparticipate/competitions/4-h-ffa-exhibitors>.

Families will find a link to the State Fair Livestock entry website, a PDF with entry instructions. 4-H and FFA exhibitors and their families are responsible for submitting all livestock entries online this year. This includes:

- 4-H and FFA Livestock entries
- 4-H Companion Animal entries
- 4-H Dog entries
- 4-H Dog Skillathon entries
- 4-H and FFA Premier Exhibitor entries

All livestock entries must be submitted no later than 8:00 p.m. Central Time on August 10, 2023. A credit or debit card is required to submit entries. 4-H static entries are entered by the local Extension Office staff.

Contest Entries: Families are required to enter all in-person, non-livestock entries online by 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10. **This includes fashion show, culinary challenge, presentation contest, and other non-livestock, in-person events.**

Livestock Entries: Families are required to enter all livestock entries online at <https://statefair.org/competitions-participate/competitions/4-h-ffa-exhibitors> by 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 10.

Registration Papers: You must bring an ORIGINAL copy of the registration papers if your animal is to be shown in that class in the exhibitor or immediate member of the exhibitor's family.

Showmanship: Everyone will be entered into showmanship. You may scratch at check-in if you choose not to participate. Age divisions are 9-13 for Intermediate and 14-18 for Senior Divisions.

Health Certificates: These are required on all animals entering the fairgrounds and will be checked by a veterinarian at the Livestock Check-In Trailer prior to entering the grounds. [Health Requirements.](#)

Fans and Beef Blocking Chutes: 4-H/FFA blocking chutes and trimming stands are required to have a permit. Permits should be purchased at the time or pre-entry but may also be purchased at the Livestock Check-In Trailer. Because of the existing fans in the building, there may not be the need for as many fans as in the past. No free-standing fans are allowed in any of the barns. Evaporative coolers **will not** be allowed at the State Fair. **Chutes may only be set up in the designated areas of the barn and must have a chute tag in clear view.**

Drug Withdrawal Affidavits: Please remember to bring your drug withdrawal affidavits with you for check-in. These forms may be found on line at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/live-animal-exhibitor>. The form is the same for both FFA and 4-H. These are required and will be collected on all species when you check in your animals. Put different species on different sheets. Ear tag numbers must be accurately completed.

Fungus: All sheep will be checked for fungus at check-in. Any animals with fungus will not be allowed to participate.



Swine Exhibitors: Market swine may be signed up to be shipped IF A BUYER is available. All swine exhibitors will be still required to complete a 4-H ethic affidavit at check-in. All normal market rules regarding animal quality and drug residues will be enforced. The release of animals will be designated by the Nebraska State Fair and listed in the schedule.



2023 Nebraska State Fair



Thursday, August 10		
Time	Activity	Location
8:00 p.m.	All 4-H livestock and in-person contest entries due in ShoWorks. Families enter livestock, including beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, poultry, fashion show, and contests. The ShoWorks site closes at 8:00 PM CT. No late entries are accepted.	ShoWorks
Thursday, August 24		
Time	Activity	Location
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	4-H beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbits and poultry begin arrival	
Friday, August 25		
Time	Activity	Location
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	4-H static exhibit hall opens	4-H/FFA Building
Noon - 8:00 p.m.	4-H beef, sheep, swine, goat, rabbit and poultry arrival	
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Poultry check-in	Sheep Barn
4:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Beef check-in	Five Points Bank Arena-Outside
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Sheep check-in	Sheep Barn
8:00 p.m.	Beef, Sheep, and Poultry in place	
Saturday, August 26		
Time	Activity	Location
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Swine check-in	Aurora Cooperative Pavilion
8:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Rabbit check-in	Sheep Barn
8:00 a.m.	Beef Showmanship	Five Points Bank Arena
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Fashion Show #1 check-in	Raising Nebraska
8:30 a.m.	Sheep Showmanship, followed by Breeding Sheep Show	Five Points Bank Arena
9:00 a.m.	Poultry Showmanship	Sheep Barn
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Fashion Show #1	Raising Nebraska
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Meat goat check-in	Sheep Barn
10:00 a.m.	Poultry Show	Sheep Barn
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	4-H static exhibit hall open	4-H/FFA Building
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Fashion Show #2 check-in	Raising Nebraska
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	Quilts of Valor presentation ceremony	Raising Nebraska
11:00 a.m. - Noon	Fashion Show #2	Raising Nebraska
10:00 a.m.	Swine in place	Aurora Cooperative Pavilion
10:30 a.m.	Rabbits in place	Sheep Barn
11:00 a.m.	Goats in place	Sheep Barn
Noon - 12:30 p.m.	Fashion Show #3 check-in	Raising Nebraska
12:30 p.m.	Breeding Beef Show	Five Points Bank Arena
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Fashion Show #3	Raising Nebraska
2:00 p.m.	Swine Showmanship	Aurora Cooperative Pavilion
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Tech Changemakers	Raising Nebraska
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Weed & Grass Identification Contest	Raising Nebraska
4:00 p.m.	Goat Showmanship	Five Points Bank Arena
4:00 p.m.	Breeding Gilt Show	Aurora Cooperative Pavilion
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Horticulture Identification Contest	Raising Nebraska
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Breeding Beef, Poultry and Breeding Swine begin release	
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Tree Identification Contest	Raising Nebraska
7:00 p.m.	4-H Fitting Challenge (Goat followed by Beef)	Five Points Bank Arena
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.	Insect Identification Contest	Raising Nebraska
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Identification & Judging Contest Awards Ceremony	Raising Nebraska

Sunday, August 27		
Time	Activity	Location
7:00 a.m.	Dog check-in	Heartland Event Center
8:00 a.m.	Fed Steer Challenge, followed by Feeder Calf & Market Beef Show	Fives Points Bank Arena
8:00 a.m.	Market Swine Show	Aurora Cooperative Pavilion
8:00 a.m.	Rabbit Showmanship	Sheep Barn
8:00 a.m.	Dog Show - Agility	East of Big Red Barn
8:00 a.m.	Dog Show - Rally, followed by Obedience and Showmanship	Heartland Event Center
8:00 a.m.	Dog Skillathon	Heartland Event Center
8:30 a.m.	Market Lamb Show	Five Points Bank Arena
8:30 a.m.	Breeding Goat Show, followed by Market Goat Show	Five Points Bank Arena
10:00 a.m.	Rabbit Show	Sheep Barn
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	4-H static exhibit hall open	4-H/FFA Building
10:00 a.m. - Noon	Chicken BBQ preparation	Raising Nebraska
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Culinary Challenge Group A check-in	Raising Nebraska
10:30 a.m. - Noon	Culinary Challenge Group A	Raising Nebraska
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Robotics Showcase check-in	Raising Nebraska
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Robotics Showcase	Raising Nebraska
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Chicken BBQ presentations	Raising Nebraska
1:00 p.m.	Beef, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits, and poultry begin release	
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Culinary Challenge Group B check-in	Raising Nebraska
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Culinary Challenge Group B	Raising Nebraska
mid-afternoon	Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Awards presentation	Five Points Bank Arena
4:00 p.m.	4-H Final Drive	Five Points Bank Arena

STATE FAIR BOOK ONLINE

Find information for the 2023 fair book, State Fair schedule, State Fair score sheets and additional 4-H State Fair information visit

<https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/rules>

4-H DAY AT STATE FAIR

The Nebraska State Fair is thrilled to host the 1st annual 4-H Day at the Nebraska State Fair. 4-H Day will be Sunday, August 27th. To celebrate our 4-H members statewide we are offering a discounted admission that day that is only for bonafide 4-H members. They will be able to enter the Fair for \$5. The link is

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/7980811/4h-day-at-nebraska-state-fair-good-on-aug-27-only-lincoln-nebraska-state-fairlivestock>. This is only intended for 4-H members, family members including parents will need to purchase regular admission tickets. This is not just for exhibitors, but for any 4-H member.

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Summer Workshop Recap



June 1: Entrepreneurship

Participants completed the entrepreneurship challenge by learning what entrepreneurship is. This challenge consisted of 5 different activities, one being interviews with local business leaders.



June 15: Woodworking

Thanks to local carpenters, participants were able to learn more about woodworking by making their own flower boxes.



June 29: Outdoor Adventures

Participants put their geographical skills to test in a GPS scavenger hunt. They ended the day by making their own geocache to hide for others to find.



June 6: Clover Kid Plant Science

Participants learned what it takes to take care of succulents. They started by painting pots to create a home, mixed soil, then chose the perfect plants for their pots.



June 20: Clover Kid Tie Dye

Clover Kids decorated their duds by tie dyeing 2 bags and 1 t-shirt. They tested their listening skills to learn how to create spirals and hearts.



June 8: Agronomy

Drones and agriculture technology were the focus of this workshop. Participants learned how a drone works and were able to see pictures and videos from the drone.



June 22: Visual Arts

This FUN project was titled Hot Mess Canvas. The name was designed to encompass the uniqueness (and sometimes messiness) we bring with us each day. Participants channeled their thoughts and ideas into a pattern which was shown through a letter of their choice.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Fillmore County Foundation and Farmers Cooperative who provided funding for these workshops to be FREE to all this summer!!

Have an idea for a fall, winter, spring, or summer workshop? Let us know! We would love to hear your ideas!