

# FILLMORE COUNTY 4-H



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Class: Fillmore County 4-H



## ENROLL IN 4-H TODAY!

4-H members and volunteers must enroll in 4HOnline for the 2024 programming year. It is strongly encouraged for members to be enrolled before participating in club activities to ensure coverage is available if an accident occurs.

**4-H enrollment is due June 15th, 2024.**

### To Enroll:

- Log in to 4HOnline with your username and password. If you do not have this, create a new profile.
- Enroll in the 2024 4-H year
- Update youth personal information and complete authorization page.
- For help visit [fillmore.unl.edu](http://fillmore.unl.edu). Under the Fillmore County 4-H drop down menu click on 4-H Enrollment.



## FAIR DATES 2024

### JULY 5-8TH



## CHECK OUT THE 4-H SCHEDULE ON THE WEBSITE!

[HTTPS://EXTENSION.UNL.EDU/STATEWIDE/FILLMORE/2024-4-H-FAIR-SCHEDULE/](https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/fillmore/2024-4-H-fair-schedule/)

## Animal Science Day:

Rescheduled to April 7th, 1pm,  
Fillmore County Fairgrounds

## BIG 3:

### PEN TO PLATE

When: April 14th, 3:00-6:15

Where: Fillmore County Fairgrounds

What: An intergenerational hands-on learning experience for all to learn more about the livestock industry from pen to plate. Participants will rotate through sessions on meats, livestock management, animal science careers, and livestock judging. Youth and adults are welcome to attend and participate!



### 4-H 101

When: April 16th, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Extension Office

What: Learn how to navigate today's 4-H program

Are you new to Fillmore County 4-H or just looking to better understand the 4-H program and all it entails? If so, plan to come to a brief overview that will offer tips and tricks for navigating 4-H lingo and help your child thrive in the 4-H program and its many opportunities. This is intended for parents or guardians of 4-H youth. Please register by April 10th at

<https://forms.office.com/r/Pd75tcxQMw>. or QR code.



### COMMUNICATIONS EVENT

When: April 28th, 4:30 p.m.

Where: Extension Office

What: Public Speaking, Presentations, Public Service Announcement, Impromptu and Video Communication Contests for 4-H age and Clover Kids

Find more information at

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/fillmore/contests/>

Register by April 19th



# 4-H Updates



## Trap Team

The trap team has been busy practicing and preparing for upcoming competitions! Throughout the next couple of months they will be busy competing in league and state competitions.



## STEAM P.U.N.K.S

The STEAM P.U.N.K.S team has been busy with state competitions, touring facilities, launching rockets, and preparing a community service project. Interested in Rocketry? There is a meeting on April 15th at 4:30 with a parents meeting at 6:00.



## 4-H After School Programming

The 4-H After School program continues to meet monthly to explore different opportunities within 4-H. Participants enjoy a hands-on learning activities, snack, and being with their friends.



## Strang 4-Bar-H

The Strang 4 Bar H club met during March to participate in a hands-on activity and volunteered at the movie theater! For more information about the club contact Brandy VanDeWalle.



## Green Team

The Green Team is actively learning about 4-H Contests by brainstorming ideas for presentations, watching how to show a cat, and practicing how to set up a table for the Culinary Challenge. Their next meeting is April 14th, contact the Extension Office for more information.

## Wild Mustangs (Horse Club)

Practices will start May 20th and every Monday following at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of Memorial Day week; which will be on May 29th at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds.

## FAIR BOOK 2024

The fair book for 2024 is currently available on the website. Check out the new 4-H Classes offered, new 4-H rules, and new opportunities to get involved! We will have hardcopies available soon. Stay tuned for when they are delivered.

## Summer Camp Opportunities

**Camp Renegade** is a NEW opportunity this summer. Camp Renegade is held in Jefferson County and will be a 4-H Camp opportunity on June 11-12. This is a camp for youth aged 8-12 years old. 4-H memberships are not required to attend. Register by scanning the QR code or calling the Extension Office. Registration closes May 21st. Cost: \$70- scholarships available. Please contact the office to discuss options. Checks will be made to the Jefferson County 4-H Council and mailed to Jefferson County Extension at 517 F Street, Fairbury, NE 68352. Registration is not confirmed until payment is received.



## New Member Information

We are here to help and one way we want to do that is to provide a section for new members to think about throughout the current month.

### For April:

-Make sure you are enrolled in 4HOnline. This ensures you are receiving communications and are covered if an accident were to happen at a 4H event. This must be done by June 15.

-Think about projects or exhibits your 4-Her is going to want to do. Look at the fair book to start getting exhibit ideas. It is available online at [fillmore.unl.edu](http://fillmore.unl.edu) and printed copies will be available soon!

-Livestock Exhibitors: Check the Youth Quality Care of Animals information. This program must be complete and certificate must be turned in by June 15th to be eligible to show. Learn more about this at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca>

-Communications event- All 4-Hers (including Clover Kids) can participate in the communications event. Youth are encouraged to create a speech, presentation, announcement, or video and share their talents with us on April 28. This will be a judged contest and the top 4-H age participants will move on to the state level in June. For more information visit [fillmore.unl.edu](http://fillmore.unl.edu), under Fillmore County Fair, under contests to find more guidelines.

-Stop by the Extension Office and ask about our curriculum available to you at no cost! This is a great way to get started on learning experiences that based on a specific interest.



## Youth Leadership Program

Have an interest in voicing your opinion on what workshops should be offered? Do you want to learn more about leadership and leadership within 4-H? Would you like the opportunity to lead workshops? Work alongside Extension staff to grow in your leadership skills and help pave the way for the 4-H program.

**Who:** Youth 6th grade and older

**When:** Wednesday April 3, 3:00-3:45

**Where:** Extension Office



## Livestock Achievement Program

Through the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement program, youth can receive recognition as Members of Excellence for engaging in various project-related activities. NEW in 2024: Members as young as eight will be able to participate. Applications are due June 15, but why wait? Visit [4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement](http://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement) to get started.



## Sheep Weigh-In

**When:** May 21st, 4:30-6:00

**Where:** Fillmore County Fairgrounds

**Who:** All Market Sheep participants

**What:** Weigh-in all market sheep animals



## Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit 2024 Schedule

Open to all 4-H and FFA members ages 10-18.

-Thayer/Nuckolls County- May 24- Nelson NE, [amy.brockman@unl.edu](mailto:amy.brockman@unl.edu)

-Butler, Colfax, & Platte County- May 25, Leigh NE, [sbell8@unl.edu](mailto:sbell8@unl.edu)

-South Central- May 30, Bladen NE, [elizabeth.janning@unl.edu](mailto:elizabeth.janning@unl.edu)

-Premier Animal Science Event (PASE)- June 22, Lincoln, [bfrench6@unl.edu](mailto:bfrench6@unl.edu)



## Blueprint 4 Summer

Extension Staff will be at the Geneva Library on April 25th from 5:30-7:00 promoting summer programming and answer any questions you may have for the upcoming summer!



## 4-H After School

### Shickley:

2:30-3:30, Mrs. Schultz's classroom

K-2: April 12

3-6: April 26

### Exeter:

2:00-3:00, Commons Area

April 19

### Geneva:

K-2: 4:00-5:00, Extension Office

3-6: 1:30-3:00, Extension Office

K-2: April 24

3-6: April 3

Themes:

April- The Power of Water

### Library Dates:

Shickley: April 17

Exeter: April 25





# Communications Event Information

4-H members ages 8-18 as of Jan. 1, 2024 and FFA exhibitors who exhibit beef, goats, sheep, swine, rabbits, and poultry MUST complete YQCA training each year to exhibit at the county fair and state fair. FFA members ages 19-21 can only complete YQCA certification using the web-based training and cannot become certified at an instructor-led training.

## Face to face training that are available:

**April 1st @ 10:30-Clay County Fairgrounds**

**April 1st @ 1:00- Saline County Extension Office**

**April 7th @ 3:00 - Fillmore Co. Fairgrounds**

**May 23rd @ 9:30- Saline County Extension Office**

**June 7th @ 10:30-Fillmore County Extension Office**

## How to Register for face to face trainings:

1. 4-H members need to be enrolled in 4-H for 2024 before you can register for YQCA: <https://v2.4honline.com/>
2. Register AND pay online at: <https://yqcaprogram.org>
3. Registration instructions are found at: <https://go.unl.edu/yqcainstructorledinstructions>
4. New 4-H & FFA members will need to create an account with username/email and password. Users who have an account will login with your credentials. We do not have access to your username or passwords.
5. You will first choose your age group (your age as of Jan, 1, 2024) and the instructor led training you plan to attend. You will find a list of trainings once inside the registration site.
6. Cost is \$3 - paid online.

## Steps to complete your web-based training registration:

1. Register AND pay online at: <https://yqcaprogram.org>
2. Registration instructions are found at: <https://go.unl.edu/yqcawebbasedinstructions>
3. New 4-H and FFA members will need to create an account with username/email and password. Users who have an account will just login with your credentials. We do not have access to your username or password.
4. You will first choose your age group (your age as of Jan, 1, 2024) for a web-based training, pay, and complete the course online.

**YQCA COMPLETION DEADLINE IS JUNE 15; HOWEVER, EARLIER COMPLETIONS IS RECOMMENDED.**

**Completion certificates must be printed and brought, mailed or emailed to the Extension Office. No phone screenshots please.**

The 2024 Fillmore County Communications Event will be held **Sunday, April 28th starting at 4:30 p.m.**

## Before the contest:

- Enroll in 4-H Online
- Register for the contest at <https://forms.office.com/r/b9BQfqX3Wj> by April 19th.
- Multimedia presentations must be sent to Alexis at [alexis.schmidt@unl.edu](mailto:alexis.schmidt@unl.edu) by Friday April 26th. This includes: PSA, Presentation (potentially), and Video Communication
- Develop your speech, presentation, video, or public service announcement
  - PSA and Video Communication must be based on the theme **4-H is a Feeling**
- Practice your contest
- Be sure to check out the fair book rules for extra guidelines and requirements of each contest: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/fillmore/communications-event-information/>

## Need some ideas to start?

- Speech Resources: <https://4h.unl.edu/documents/guidetomakinggreatspeeches.pdf>
- PSA Resources: <https://4h.unl.edu/documents/PSA.pdf>
- Presentation Resources: <https://go.unl.edu/i52p>
- Impromptu Resources: <https://go.unl.edu/ijxt>
- Video Communications: <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event-contests#video>

## During the contest:

- Bring all supplies you need for your contest. Example props for presentation.
- Staff will have an order of competing ready for you and will have your multimedia presentation ready to go.
- Staff will provide a clicker and a screen to present the multimedia presentation.
- Dress in relation to your presentation or in nice clothes.
- Bring your support team along with you to cheer you on!

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# SAFETY DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

8:30-1:30 P.M.

FILLMORE CO. FAIRGROUNDS  
GENEVA, NE

## IN MY SAFETY ERA



Fun-filled day for children currently in 1st-6th grades

Learning demonstrations and activities include topics such as:



Seatbelt Safety with the Roll-Over trailer

Electrical Safety

Animal Safety

Food Safety

Hearing Safety

Healthy Lifestyles

ATV Safety

Underground Utilities

Railroad Safety (Operation Lifesaver)



Registration fee of \$5.00 due April 23, includes lunch, snacks, T-shirt & take-home bag (\$10 after April 24th but can't guarantee a t-shirt)

\*Discounted scholarship registrations available upon request

Checks payable to UNL, Fillmore Co. Extension 1340 G St., Geneva, NE 68361



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**A Registration Form MUST be completed for youth to attend!**  
Available at Fillmore Co. Extension Office or [fillmore.unl.edu](http://fillmore.unl.edu)

Conducted by: Nebraska Extension, Fillmore Central, EMF & Shickley FFA, Fillmore Co. Women Involved in Farm Economics, Fortify Group & Fillmore County Emergency Management

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# PEN TO PLATE

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## EVENT DETAILS:

- Sunday, April 14th
- 3:00-6:15 p.m.
- Meal Provided\*
- Fillmore County Fairgrounds:
  - 641 N 5th St, Geneva, NE 68361
- Suggested age: 8 years+  
(adults welcome)



## PRESENTERS:



Bo Garcia- Youth Meats  
Extension Assistant  
Professor



Dr. Becky Funk- Animal  
Health Teaching and  
Extension Specialist

Nebraska  
Cattlemen  
&  
Nebraska  
Beef Council

## REGISTRATION:

\*Please register by April 10

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OR

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Members from the University  
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