

# 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.

## NEW FOR 2024!

The age of eligibility in 2024 to be 8 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows, contests) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, PASE, communications contest).

Note: there will be some events that will maintain their ages due to specific program rules (shooting sports, FIRST LEGO League Challenge robotics). Please check information on each specific event as it becomes available.

## BIG 3:

### ANIMAL SCIENCE DAY

**When:** March 24th, 1:00-4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Fillmore County Fairgrounds

**What:** Livestock Judging Contest and Youth Quality Care of Animals certification

**Who:** All 4-H Age members or FFA members



### BABYSITTING CLINIC

**When:** April 1, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Extension Office

**What:** Babysitting training for youth wanting to become a babysitter.

**Who:** 4-H youth who are age appropriate to babysit on their own

**Registration:**



### 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**

<http://extensions.unl.edu/statewide/fillmore/contests/>

**Register by April 19th**



## 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 March:

-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 previous year's fairbook to get an idea of the projects available.

-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.

### 4-H 101 (Orientation)

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.



## 4-H After School

### Shickley:

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

K-2: March 15, April 12

3-6: March 22, April 26

### Exeter:

2:00-3:00, Commons Area

March 8, April 19

### Geneva:

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

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

K-2: March 27, April 24

3-6: March 13, April 3

### Themes:



March- Plant Science/Gardening

April- The Power of Water



### Library Dates:

Shickley: March 20, April 17

Exeter: March 28, April 25

## Volunteer Information

4-H Enrollment is open for volunteers. Go to [4honline.com](http://4honline.com) to enroll. **NEW THIS YEAR!** Volunteers must complete a volunteer orientation

### Volunteer Training Opportunity!

When: March 17, 2024- 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Where: Clay County Fairgrounds

Why: All volunteers are encouraged to learn more about their role through training to best serve the 4-H youth. You will learn about best practices, 4-H operations, risk management, and support for you. Register by March 8th by calling the office or scanning the QR code.



## 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 March 13, 3:00-3:45

**Where:** Extension Office

## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. This training is required for all food producing animal or livestock project members. Food producing and livestock projects include beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry and rabbit. Members will go to [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org) and log in using their 4HOnline login. Members must have an Active status with 4HOnline to be able to log in and complete the courses.

Face to face training that are available:

Animal Science Day March 24th @3:00 -Fillmore County Fairgrounds

YQCA Training April 1st @ 10:30-Clay County Fairgrounds

Last F2F YQCA June 7th @ 10:30-Fillmore County

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.

## Pen to Plate



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!

When: April 14th- 3:00-6:15 p.m.- meal provided

Where: Fillmore County Fairgrounds

Register by April 10th



## Livestock Judging Club

The next Livestock Judging Club meeting will be March 4th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and March 18th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Youth will also participate in the Animal Science Day Livestock Judging Contest on March 24th.

## 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

-Butler, Colfax, & Platte County- May 25, Leigh NE, sbell8@unl.edu

-South Central- May 30, Bladen NE, elizabeth.janning@unl.edu

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

## Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

Exciting news! 🎉 We're thrilled to announce open registration for the Corn Challenge – a premier contest inviting participation from 4-H members (aged 8 and older as of January 1st) and FFA members (in-school members). 🌽📊

### Key Features:

👥 Team Participation: Form teams with two or more youth participants

🌱 Innovative Practices: Youth will take on the challenge of implementing unique production practices to assess their impact on increasing corn yield.

📊 Data Collection: The Corn Yield Challenge management summary will systematically gather crucial information, including yields, cropping history, and production details.

Recognition and Rewards: Outstanding achievements deserve recognition! 🏆 Cash prizes and plaques await the top three teams.

Special Awards: Going the extra mile deserves applause! ⭐ "Extra Mile" and "Ag Literacy" Awards will be presented, each carrying a value of \$200.

For detailed guidelines and participation information, please visit [Corn Challenge Webpage](#) or contact Brandy VanDeWalle at [brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu](mailto:brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu).

## Summer Camps!

**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. Stay tuned for more information and registration!!

### State Summer Camps

Looking for a way to fit a break into your summer? At 4-H Summer Camps, youth disconnect from technology, develop social skills and friendships, learn new things, get active, and create lifelong memories in safe, structured, and supervised environments. Sessions are filling up! Register now at [4h.unl.edu/camps-summer](http://4h.unl.edu/camps-summer).

## Communications Event Information

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

By April 19th: Youth must be enrolled in 4HOnline and registration must be completed.

Register at: <https://forms.office.com/r/b9BQfqX3Wj>

### GENERAL COUNTY RULES:

1. Youth must be currently enrolled in 4-H to participate in the Communication Event.

2 **All PSA, Presentations using a Media presentation on the provided computer, and Video Communications must be sent to alexis.schmidt@unl.edu by April 26th at 5:00 p.m.. Failure to do this will result in dropping one ribbon place.**

**The 2024 theme for PSA and Video Communication- 4-H is a Feeling**

Visit

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/fillmore/communications-event-information/> for more information regarding Fair Book rules and class descriptions

Register by April 12th



## Horse Stampede

The Nebraska 4-H Horse Stampede offers a variety of 4-H horse contests that do not require live animals, including public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, art, and photography contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their equine knowledge through these contests both as an individual and as part of a team. The 4-H Horse Stampede is held annually at the UNL Animal Science Complex in Lincoln, Nebraska. This year's event will be held Saturday, March 23, 2024.

**REGISTER BY MARCH 4, 2024.**

More information at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-stampede>

## Chick Days

Chick Days is an annual educational event for small and back-yard poultry producers and youth to learn more about the poultry industry. The event is open to both youth (Ages 7-18) and adults (ages 19 and up).

Competitions include Poultry Quiz Bowl, Egg Art, and Poultry Photography.

This year's event will be held from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., on March 16, 2024 at the Department of Animal Science, 3940 Fair St., Lincoln, NE. Register by March 11th. More information at <https://animalscience.unl.edu/chick-days>

## University of Nebraska-Lincoln Information



Jumpstart your journey to success at UNL's Junior Jumpstart event! High school juniors, get ready for an action-packed half-day campus visit experience this April. From welcome sessions to campus tours, academic appointments, and a preparing for your senior year session, we've got you covered. Don't miss out on this opportunity to kickstart your future. Sign up now!

### Junior Jumpstart Visit Days

Monday, April 8

Monday, April 22

Monday, April 29

Register at [go.unl.edu/visit](http://go.unl.edu/visit)



Discover your future at UNL's Red Letter Days! Join us for an immersive campus experience filled with campus tours, academic appointments, engaging sessions and more! Reserve your spot today!

### Red Letter Days

Monday, March 4

Friday, March 8

Friday, March 29

Friday, April 12

Friday, April 26

Register at [go.unl.edu/visit](http://go.unl.edu/visit)



*March*

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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3	Robotics Club Meeting 4:30-7:30 Livestock Judging Meeting 6:30-7:30	4	5	6	7	8 EM All After School 2:00-3:00	9
10	Robotics Club Meeting 4:30-7:30	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	Volunteer Training Clay County Fairgrounds 2:30-3:30	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	Animal Science Day 1:00-4:30 Livestock Judging Contest -VQCA Training	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Babysitting Clinic 9:00-3:00 Extension Office	1					

**TO FIND MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTER VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT  
FILLMORE.UWL.EDU OR CALL THE OFFICE AT 702-759-5912**



**February  
Programming  
Recap:**



**Rocket Launch**



**4-ff After School**



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**Livestock  
Judging Club**



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