

## *Special Cherry County Recognition Category* **Niobrara National Scenic River 4-H Connections**

Open to any 4-H member, including Clover Kids. A partnership effort with the National Park Service. Contact (402) 376-1901 or stop at the Visitor Center at 214 W Highway 20, Valentine, NE for additional resources. Website: <https://www.nps.gov/niob/index.htm>.

An application form **MUST** accompany each entry during interview judging at the Cherry County Fair (see below).

### **Prizes:**

- **In addition to a regular 4-H ribbon and premium, all 4-H members and Clover Kids exhibiting in this special category will receive a commemorative Niobrara National Scenic River ribbon.**
- **The top 3 exhibitors ages 8-18 (must receive a purple ribbon) will receive a Niobrara National Scenic River Special Prize.**
- *(Keep in mind that any project without an “L” designation next to the number is eligible for State Fair.)*

Many traditional exhibits can incorporate learning about the Niobrara National Scenic River – use the Outstandingly Remarkable Values (see <https://www.nps.gov/niob/learn/index.htm> or contact NPS at the number above to receive print material) as a guide! “Important Values” such as culture and heritage can also be incorporated into projects. Here is a list of projects that would be easy to align with Niobrara National Scenic River values, but if you have an idea not listed here, please contact the Extension Office at 402-376-1850.

## **Citizenship**

**A120002 - Citizenship Game** (Leave No Trace tips for rivers, trails, etc.)

**A120004 - Public Adventures Scrapbook** (Document a service learning activity related to the river)

**A120005 - Public Adventures Poster** (Document a service learning activity related to the river)

**A120006 - Written or Recorded Stakeholder Interview**

**A120007 - Written Citizenship Essay**

**A120008 - Oral Citizenship Essay**

**A130001 - Cultural Fine Arts** (Culture past or present along Niobrara River)

**A130004 - Family History** (Highlight history unique to the river and settlement)

## **Heritage**

**A1010008/A1020008 - Story or Illustration About a Historical Event**

**A1010009/A1020009 - Book Review About Local, Nebraska, or Regional History**

**A101010/A102010 - Other Historical Exhibits**

**A102011 Exhibit - Depicting the Importance of a Community or Nebraska Historic Landmark**

**A102012 - Community Report Documenting Something of Historical Significance From Past to Present**

## **Photography**

All Classes

## **Child Development**

**C200007 - Activity with a Younger Child** (How can you engage a child ages 0-8 in learning about nature, particularly related to the Niobrara River and its ecosystems?)

**C200009 - Family Involvement Entry**

## **Quilt Quest**

**C229020 - Quilt Design Other Than Fabric**

All Quilted Exhibits

## **Home Environment**

Accessory Classes in Design Decisions

Furniture Classes in Design Decisions

Design My Place Accessory Project

## **Visual Arts**

All Sketchbook Crossroads Classes

All Portfolio Pathways Classes

## **Conservation & Wildlife**

Any project, any class

## **Forestry**

All classes

## **Youth in Motion**

**01L - Youth in Motion Poster, Scrapbook, or Photo Display** (involvement in physical activity on or along the river)

## **Computers**

Most classes, consider how to incorporate both a youth theme and a Niobrara theme – contact the Extension Office for assistance.

## **Woodworking**

All classes

## **Entomology**

All classes

## **Geospatial**

**H88000 - 4-H Favorite Places or Historical Site Poster**

**H880003 - GPS Notebook**

## **Clover Kids**

**61L - Just Outside the Door**

**64L - A Space for Me (Décor with Niobrara theme)**