

STEM Robotics

This category involves the many different aspects of Robotics. Participants will learn more about how robots are designed and developed as well as the mechanical and electronic elements of robots. Involvements in STEM Robotics give participants a first-hand experience in modern technology. For more resources and materials in this category refer to the resource section at the bottom of the page. Cherry County has a First Lego League Robotics Program with team competitions as well as non-competitive options. This program is held in the fall and winter for ages 9 to grade 8. There is also a Junior First Lego Program for ages 5-7. Meeting times vary. Learning experiences from these programs can be developed into Fair Exhibits or youth can take the Robotics project independently.

Rules

1. The name and county of each exhibitor should appear separately on the back of each board, poster, or article and on the front cover of the notebooks so the owner of the exhibit may be identified if the entry tag is separated from the exhibit.
2. Reports should be written using the scientific method whenever possible (Background, the Question or hypothesis, what you plan to do and what you did, Method used and observations, Results: what you learned. All reports should be computer generated and enclosed in a clear plastic cover. The reports should be attached securely to the display.
3. Posters can be any size up to 28 inches by 22 inches when ready for display. For example, tri-fold poster boards are not 28 inches by 22 inches when fully open for display.

Scoresheets, Forms, and Contest Study Materials

Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials, and additional resources can be found at <http://go.unl.edu/ne4hrobotics>.

Divisions

Robotics

Class

H861001 - Robotics Poster - (SF236) - Create a poster (28 inches X 22 inches) communicating a robotics theme such as “Robot or Not”, “Pseudocode”, “Real World Robots”, “Careers in Robots”, “Autonomous Robotics”, “Precision Agriculture” or a robotic topic of interest to the 4-H’er.

H861002 - Robotics Notebook - (SF237) – Explore a robotics topic in-depth and present your findings in a notebook. Documentation should include any designs, research, notes, pseudocode, data tables, or other evidence of the 4-H’ers learning experience. The notebook should contain at least three pages. Topics could include a programming challenge, programming skill, calibration, sensor exploration, or any of the topics suggested in Class 1.

H861004 - Robotics /Careers Interview - (SF239) – Interview someone who is working in the field of robotics and researching a career in robotics. Interviews can either be written or in a multimedia format such as a short

video uploaded to a cloud sharing service. Include a QR code with your project to allow for judging access. State Fair qualified videos should be submitted to <https://go.unl.edu/2024nesfset> by August 10th, 2024 or videos can be uploaded to a video streaming application and exhibitors MUST provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. Exhibitors are encouraged to test their codes or links on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing. Written interviews should be in a notebook. Written reports should be 3 to 5 pages, double spaced, 12-point font, and 1-inch margins. Multimedia reports should be between 3 to 5 minutes in length.

H861005 - Robotics Sensor Notebook - (SF241) – Write pseudo-code which includes at least three sensor activities. Include the code written and explain the code function. Codes can be submitted as a multimedia format uploaded to a cloud sharing service. Include a QR code with your project to allow judging access. Multimedia presentations should be 3 to 5 minutes in length. State Fair qualified videos should be submitted to <https://go.unl.edu/2024nesfset> by August 10th, 2024. Videos can also be uploaded to a video streaming application and exhibitors MUST provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. Exhibitors are encouraged to test their codes or links on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.

H861007 - Kit Labeled Robot (cannot be programmed) and Notebook - (SF243) – This class is intended for explorations of robotic components such as arms or vehicles OR educational kits marketed as robots that do not have the ability to be programmed to “sense, plan and act.” The exhibit should include a notebook with the robot the youth has constructed. Included in the notebook should be (1) a description of what the robot does, (2) pictures of programs the robot can perform, (3) why they chose to build this particular form, and (4) how they problem-solved any issues they might have had during building and programming. A picture story of assembly is recommended. If robot is more than 15 inches wide and 20 inches tall they may not be displayed in locked cases.

H861008 - 3D Printed Robotics Parts - (SF244) - This class is intended for youth to create parts through 3D printing, which help create their robot or aid the robot in completing a coded function. Project should include notebook describing the process used to create the project, describe the success of your designed piece (did it work), intended use of the product and the modifications made to the item.

Rules

1. Team Entries: To qualify for entry at the Nebraska State Fair team materials entered in robotics classes that are clearly the work of a team instead of an individual must have at least 50% of all team members enrolled in 4-H. Additionally, all enrolled 4-H members on the team should complete and attach an entry tag to the materials. A supplemental page documenting the individual contributions to the project should be included. The entry will be judged as a team, with all team members receiving the same ribbon placing.

1. Creating a video for your robot in action would be helpful for the judges but is not mandatory. Videos should be uploaded to a video streaming application and exhibitors should provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. State Fair qualified videos should be submitted to <https://go.unl.edu/2024nesfset> by August 10th, 2024. Videos can also be uploaded to a video streaming application and exhibitors MUST provide a hard copy QR code for viewing. Exhibitors are encouraged to test their codes or links on several devices to check for appropriate permissions for public viewing.

Robotics Showcase

Contest Website: [Nebraska 4-H: 2024 Fairbook \(unl.edu\)](https://www.nebraska4-h.org/2024-fairbook)

Resources

STEM: Robotics

Discover the design and functions of robotic arms; Build a robotic arm that moves; Explore robot movement, power transfer, and locomotion; Design and build machines that roll, slide, draw or move underwater; Make the connection between the mechanical and electronic elements of robots; Explore sensors, write programs, build circuits and design your own robot; Use commercial robotics kits to explore the world of robotics; Learn to program your robot using sensors, loops and conditional statements

URL: https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/program_project/136