



The Sandhills Leadership program through UNL Extension has spanned over three decades and has united and inspired high school-aged youth across Blaine, Thomas, Hooker, Grant, and Cherry Counties. Youth not only cultivate a leadership philosophy and hone key skills, they also have the opportunity to apply their learning in “real time” to current community issues. One student said that Sandhills Leadership “made a positive impact on the way I look at things and I have started to view issues from different perspectives while focusing more on my community.”

Programs At-A-Glance

- Approximately 1,500 acres were treated for Eastern Red Cedar utilizing prescribed fire with help from Cherry County Extension with several producers burning for the first time.
- The Nebraska Range Camp was attended by 45 students who learned about plant ID, rotational grazing, prescribed fire, ecological sites and other rangeland topics via hands-on experiences.

170

youth in grades K-8 received training in coding and robotics

STRENGTHEN NEBRASKA AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS

79%

of eligible youth were reached through Cherry County 4-H programming

INSPIRE NEBRASKANS & THEIR COMMUNITIES

150

elementary youth were trained in basic disaster preparedness

ENHANCE THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF ALL NEBRASKANS

