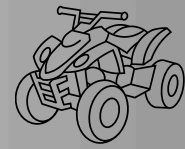


4-H ATV DRIVING CONTEST

Superintendent: Eric Stehlik

Date: July 12, 2026 @ 3 P.M.



Participants are encouraged to be enrolled in the ATV 4-H Project, but not required.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED: Registration deadline is 11:59 pm on June 15. Registration is made in the official fair entry website.

LATE REGISTRATION TIME

Late registration will be on-site at the contest.

LOCATION

The ATV Driving Contest will be near the rodeo arena.

PROPER ATTIRE AND SAFETY

Participants are asked to bring a safety helmet.

Helmets will be provided if you do not have one. Participants are to wear proper riding attire (i.e. long pants, long-sleeved shirt, goggles, gloves, and boots). Improper attire will affect your score.

AGE DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

1. **Senior** - (ages 12 to 18) as of Jan. 1 of the current year.
2. **Junior** - (ages ten to eleven) as of Jan. 1 of the current year.

COMPETITION RULES

The competition will consist of:

- 1) a written safety test
- 2) a driving course test. Scores will be totaled together to determine the winners. Tie Breaker is the highest Riding score.

AWARDS AVAILABLE:

Champion Senior ATV Driver
Champion Junior ATV Driver

PREMIUM CODE 13



4-H BB GUN SHOOTING CONTEST

Superintendent: Joshua Sladky

Date: July 14, 2026 2 9:30 A.M.



PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED:

Registration deadline is 11:59 pm on June 15. Registration is made in the official fair entry website.

LATE REGISTRATION TIME

Late registration will be on-site at the contest.

LOCATION

The BB Gun Shooting Contest will be held on. at the Izaak Walton Cabin.

PARTICIPATION RELEASE A release form must be signed by a parent (or custodial guardian) and submitted at the time of registration. No parental signature, no participation.

- 1) a safety meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. followed by a safety test.
- 2) all contestants must attend the safety meeting to participate in the contest.
- 3) one sitting target: 5 shots; one standing target: 5 shots.

AGE DIVISIONS AND CLASSES: Age is as of Jan. 1 of the current year.

1. 8 year olds
2. 9 year olds
3. 10 year olds
4. 11 year olds
5. **Open Youth** (8 to 11 not enrolled in 4-H)

Teams

Will consist of 3-4 members any age (8 to 11). Non 4-H member will make the team ineligible for trophies).

NON-4-H MEMBER PARTICIPATION Non-4-Hers and out-of-county 4-Hers (ages 8 to 11) may participate but are not eligible for trophies or premiums, ribbons only will be awarded.

AWARDS AVAILABLE:

Champion 8 Year Old
Champion 9 Year Old
Champion 10 Year Old
Champion 11 Year Old
Champion BB Gun Team
PREMIUM CODE 14



4-H COMMUNICATION CONTEST

Contest is held pre-fair



The 4-H Public Speaking Contest is held in the March- April time frame, but because it is a 4-H contest, premiums will be provided for participants with their County Fair premiums.

DATE AND TIME

The date and time to be announced in the 4-H newsletter.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

4-H members must pre-register. Registration details will be in the 4-H newsletter.

AGE DIVISIONS

Clover Kids - ages 5 to 7 as of Jan. 1 of the current year.

Novice - any youth ages five to ten as of Jan. 1 of the current year who has not participated in this contest before.

Junior - ages 8 to 10 as of Jan. 1 of the current year

Intermediate - ages 11 to 13 as of Jan. 1 of the current year

Senior - ages 14 to 18 as of Jan. 1 of the current year

CONTEST DIVISIONS

Clover Kids & Novice - Recite a poem, short story or prepared speech

Prepared Speech

Public Service Announcement (PSA)

Illustrated Presentation

Impromptu Speech

Video Communication

CONTEST GUIDELINES AND RULES

<https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event-contests>

AWARDS AVAILABLE:

Champion and Reserve 4-H Communications Contest Entry

PREMIUM CODE 7



4-H CLUB EXHIBIT CONTEST



GENERAL INFORMATION

This is an exhibit of original design to share the fair theme, promote 4-H or the diversity of your club projects, or other appropriate design.

Clubs will provide all materials, and the exhibit should be able to withstand normal summer elements should it need to be displayed outdoors.

Set-up is the responsibility of the club and should be set-up by 4 pm on Sunday, July 13. Clean-up and removal is also the responsibility of the club on before 4 p.m. on Sunday at the conclusion of the fair.

PRE-ENTRY IS REQUIRED

The 4-H Club Leader should pre-register the exhibit online in the fair entry site as a club exhibit so a location can be assigned for your display.

CLASSES

1. +Flower Box/Planter - add some color to the fairgrounds with a larger size flower box/planter (3'x3'x3'), complete with a colorful and creative mix of annual plants. A forklift can be available to unload and place the flower box. Using a pallet for the base of the flower box will assist movement.

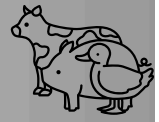
2. +Club Display - create your own club exhibit

3. +Fair Theme Club Exhibit - exhibit must depict the current year's fair theme PREMIUM CODE 19



LIFESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Superintendents: Emilye Yowell & Cara Holtorf
Date: July 16th 2026 @ 2 P.M.



LOCATION: Show Arena

PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED: Registration deadline is 11:59 pm on June 15. Registration is made in the official fair entry website.

LATE REGISTRATION TIME

Late registration will be on-site at the contest.

REGISTRATION

4-H members and FFA members will register at the contest. Registration will begin at 1:30 pm.

ELIGIBILITY

Participants do not need to be enrolled in a livestock project to participate. 4-H members and FFA members who meet the FFA age eligibility requirements and are listed as an FFA member on your FFA Chapters roster.

Non 4-H'ers or out of or out of county 4-H'ers may participate but are not eligible to awards or premiums.

AGE DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

- 1. Junior** - ages 8 to 13 years as of Jan. 1, 2026
- 2. Senior** - ages 14-18 years as of Jan. 1, 2026

Adult Individual (no ribbons or awards given)

TEAMS - team will consist of 3 or 4 judges; the top three scores will be used. Juniors may compete on a Senior team but not vice versa.

Teams will be formed on-site before the contest begins. Team members must all be present at one time during registration to form a team

TEAMS

Junior Team and Senior Team

Premiums will be awarded to all Junior and Senior youth in Saline County 4-H and FFA programs.

AWARDS AVAILABLE:

Top Junior Division Individual
Top Senior Individual
Top Junior and Senior Teams

PREMIUM CODE 14



4-H TABLE FOR TWO- RECIPE REVIEW CONTEST

Date: July 13th, 2026 @ 3 P.M.

LOCATION

4-H Exhibit Building.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

4-H members must pre-register. Registration details will be in the 4-H newsletter.

AGE DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

1. +Senior (ages 14 to 18 as of Jan. 1)
2. +Junior (ages 14 to 18 as of Jan. 1)
3. + Clover Kids (ages 5 to 7 as of Jan. 1)

GENERAL INFORMATION

See Table for Two-Recipe Review Contest Guidelines at: <https://go.unl.edu/recipe-review-table-for-2-contest>

Rules: The 4-H member picks the occasion/theme for their table setting (picnic, formal dinner birthday, holiday party, etc.) and plans the entire menu.

They prepare ONE of the menu foods. You must bring the recipe for your featured food. Recipe can be printed or typed on a recipe card appropriate for the length of the recipe. Your entry must also include the entire menu for the occasion.

A table centerpiece is encouraged but not required. A table is set for one with plates, dishes, glasses, eating food, and menu included at the setting.

All edible items must be home-made specifically for this exhibit. Food items may not come from another food exhibit already entered at the fair and cannot premade/purchased. (Example: Decorated cookies cannot come from any Decorated Foods entry or cookies purchased from the store.) Exhibits will be judged on three parts: the food prepared, the table setting, and the menu selected. Crystal, china, and silver may be removed following ribbon placing.

4-H'er provides their own sturdy standard-size square card table, dishes, silverware, and table linens for one person, plus a centerpiece.

IMPORTANT: For hot or cold foods, the contestant is RESPONSIBLE for keeping the foods at the appropriate serving temperature. If needed, food can be kept warm or cold in the exhibit building kitchen for a brief time before the contest begins.

Judges will select ONE winner from the county contest.

Clover Kids will receive a participation ribbon only. The same rules will for the Clover Kid division with the exception, that they must choose ONE food for the occasion and menu from the following list which are self-stable foods: cookie, muffin, bars, brownies, chex or trail mix, cupcake or other baked or decorated item.

One overall winner from Junior and Senior divisions will be selected. The top 3 entries will be asked to keep their display set up for the public until the release time for all exhibits. No food items will be displayed on the top 3 tables. All other contestants will be asked to take their tables, etc. home after the contest. If space allows, we will ask all contestants to display their table setting for the entire fair.

AWARD AVAILABLE:

Champion 4-H Table for Two - Recipe Review Contest Entry

PREMIUM CODE 7



TRACTOR OPERATIONS DRIVING CONTEST

Superintendent: Darren Meinke

Date: July 12, 2026 @ 2 P.M.



PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED:

Registration deadline is 11:59 pm on June 15.

Registration is made in the official fair entry website.

LATE REGISTRATION TIME

Late registration will be on-site at the contest.

LOCATION: Near the Rodeo Arena

PROPER ATTIRE

We urge contestants to dress conservatively (no halter or spaghetti strap tops). No clogs/flip flops or open-toed shoes allowed.

QUESTIONS:

Inquiries may be made to the Extension Office.

COMPETITION RULES

The competition will consist of:

- 1) a written safety test
- 2) driving course safety test

CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY

Open to 4-H'ers and FFA members as they meet the following age requirements. FFA members must meet FFA age eligibility requirements and be listed as a member on your FFA Chapters roster.

CLASSES

Senior - ages 14 & older as of Jan. 1, 2025

Junior - ages 10-13 as of Jan. 1, 2025

RULES

This contest will be conducted by the rules set forth in the Nebraska 4-H Tractor Operators Contest Circular, EC-7-5 to 77.

AWARDS AVAILABLE:

Champion Senior Tractor Driving

Champion Junior Tractor Driving

PREMIUM CODE 1



4-H TRAPSHOOTING CONTEST

Superintendents: Todd Hoyer & Guy Svec
Date: July 14, 2026 @ 5:30 P.M.



LOCATION

Crete Izaak Walton Cabin/Range at Tuxedo Park

REGISTRATION

Registrations will begin at 5:00 pm

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Shooters must have completed a Hunter Safety Course before they are eligible and be enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun project in Saline County.

Those not enrolled in the 4-H project will be allowed to compete in the Open Class division.

PROPER ATTIRE

We urge contestants to dress conservatively (no halter or spaghetti strap tops). No clogs/flip flops or open toed shoes allowed in the youth shoot.

Approved eye and ear protection are required to be worn by all shooters while shooting at Saline County 4-H and Open Class Trapshoots. Any shooter observed not wearing eye and/or ear protection will be informed to get eye and/or ear protection or be removed from competition until eye and/or ear protection is secured.

ENTRY FEE:

Blue rock fees will be collected and subject to the Izaak Walton Club policy.

QUESTIONS:

Inquires should be made to Guy Svec at 402-821-8087.

AGE DIVISIONS

Senior - ages 17 and up as of Jan. 1 of the current year

Junior - ages 15-16 as of the Jan. 1 of the current year

Sub Junior - ages 12-14 years as of the Jan. 1 of the current year

Trophies will be awarded to the winner of each division. Medals will be awarded to 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place in each division.

Awards are presented shortly after the contest is completed, must be present to receive awards.

AWARDS AVAILABLE:

- Champion Senior Trapshoot
- Champion Junior Trapshoot
- Champion Sub Junior Trapshoot
- 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places receive Medals
- Overall Top Female Shooter
- Overall Top Male Shooter



ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Date: July 18th 2026

Following Beef Show



Round Robin contest is a FUN competition between the top showmen from certain species to see who can show all of the species correctly. This contest will focus on the large animal species. Large Animal includes Beef, Sheep, Goat, and Swine. The purpose of the round robin competition is to promote an understanding and recognition of these different species divisions as well as to encourage interaction and friendly competition among our animal showmen.

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Contestants will compete by Overall Species Showmanship Champion. The contestants will rotate through each "species station" and demonstrate their knowledge and showmanship skills to the judge. Each contestant will bring their own animal that was shown in the showmanship class which they received a Showmanship award with.

Each animal must be haltered, except swine, and equipped with appropriate tools; for sheep, contestants may choose to remove the halter when time begins but must replace when time is finished. Contestants will be asked to find their own animal for each species by receiving permission from another 4-H /FFA member for the time of the contest.

Each rotation will be made up of 5-10 minutes of judging and 1-3 minutes to rotate to the next specie. Specie order will be from largest to smallest (beef, sheep, goat, swine).

Who is eligible?

The Overall Champion Showman of Beef, Sheep, Goat, and Swine in regular showmanship will be eligible for the Round Robin contest. In the case that a showman is awarded Overall Champion in multiple species, they are allowed to choose which species they will represent, and the species not chosen will move down to the Reserve Overall Champion Showman, and so forth.

If either decline to enter, then a substitution will be made according to Showmanship placing in the species division. *If the contest continues each year, the contestant awarded Round Robin Champion may not compete again. *

What do contestants wear?

Contestants are required to wear the Saline County Fair shirt with blue or black jeans and closed-toes shoes. Everything should be clean and nice, No holes, tears, or stains. No hats may be worn during the contest. Attire should follow the dress code for regular show requirements.

NO PREMIUMS PAID

How will the Round Robin contest be judged and scored?

The judge will have **5-10 minutes** to run the class and determine a score for each contestant from 1 to 5. 5 being the highest score, and 1 being the lowest score the contestant may receive. The judge will mark a score card for each contestant by circling the number for the score that contestant receives. There is a small spot for comments and contestants may review their scores after the awards are given out.

Scores are broken into two categories: questions and showmanship. Showmanship will account for 3 points of the total score (handling of the animal, setting/position of legs, and changing positions). Questions will test the contestants' knowledge of each species. There will be two questions asked at each station, each question accounting for 1 point of the total score.

The scores for each species will be totaled for each contestant, a total of 20 points (5 from each species), and an overall champion will be designated. Ties will be broken by dropping the score of the species they entered in. The next highest score will be dropped until the tie is broken.

Awards will be given immediately after the completion of the competition.

Can I watch the Round Robin contest? Absolutely!

Everyone is invited to come see some of our great showmen compete for the title of Overall Grand Champion of Saline County. Please keep in mind that **NO COACHING** in any manner is allowed at any time during the contest. Any contestant being coached will receive a score of zero for the species being shown at the time of the incident. Out of the best interest of the contestants and judges, please keep all comments to yourself until after the contest has been completed and awards are given out.

As this if a fun and friendly competition, it is encouraged that contestants work with other 4-H and FFA members from other species prior to the start of the contest.

After the contest, what are my responsibilities?

- Collect your animal, return to pen/stall, and attend the awards recognition.
- Each contestant will be able to view the scores and score cards after the award recognition immediately following the contest.
- Don't forget to thank those who helped organize this event!

