



November 24

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Hamilton County 4-H Website: <https://hamilton.unl.edu> Nebraska 4-H Website: <https://4h.unl.edu>

Important Dates

- November 21 - Ag Society
- November 24 - Jr. Leaders Friendsgiving
- November 28 & 29--Office Closed- Thanksgiving
- December 25 - Office Closed - Christmas
- January 1 - Office Closed - New Years
- January 6 - YQCA

Happy Birthday



2025 YQCA Certification

Mark your calendars for one of the **two** YQCA opportunities that will be offered in Hamilton County in 2025. The first training will be held on January 6th, 2025 from 1p.m. - 2p.m. The second training will be held on June 9th, 2025 from 6p.m. - 7p.m.

To register, scan the QR code or visit

<https://go.unl.edu/yqca>



Hamilton County YQCA will be due by June 15th, 2025!

2025 4-H Enrollment

4-H members must re-enroll annually to maintain their membership. Returning families/members should not create a new family profile, but instead, log into their existing profile, update contact info and projects, and sign permissions.

To enroll, visit 4honline.com or scan the QR code.



MERRICK/HAMILTON JR. LEADERS FRIENDSGIVING

Sunday, November 24th 5-6:30 pm
Hamilton County 4-H Building

Must pre-register for the meal by November 21st, 2024!

Scan the QR code or visit <https://go.unl.edu/jrleadersfriendsgiving>




Meal, team building activities & gift exchange.
**\$10.00 maximum for gift exchange
If you need assistance purchasing a gift, please contact Emily at es012@unl.edu

*Open to all age eligible youth enrolled in 4-H



JUNIOR LEADERS

Junior Leaders is for youth enrolled in 4-H that is 4-H age 13-18. Junior Leaders allows youth to gain leadership opportunities while serving in their communities and acting as mentors and role models to other members.

4-H Fed Steer Challenge

The Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge is an opportunity for youth interested in learning more about the cattle industry and is designed to cultivate the next generation of leaders in the Nebraska cattle industry. The goal of the Fed Steer Challenge is to enhance educational value of the traditional 4-H beef projects by providing an affordable option that rewards production merit and carcass value of the market animal, along with accurate and complete record-keeping, industry knowledge, and producer engagement by the 4-H member. Applications are due Dec. 1st. 4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge

4-H Council members announced

The Hamilton County 4-H Council will have a few new faces alongside many returning members to make up the 2024-25 4-H year.

Adult members include: Kelsey Bergen, Taylor Comer Regina Farris, Sara May, Greg Myers and Carissa Phillips

Youth members include: Braxtyn May, Chase McKay, Macy Miller, Boaz Ochsner, Gideon Ochsner and Ayden Scherff



FED STEER CHALLENGE

Through the 4-H Fed Steer Challenge, youth gain real-world experience evaluating, raising, and selling a market steer. Participants learn about production merit and carcass value, management best practices, and the workings of the cattle industry directly from industry experts. Throughout the experience, youth practice life skills like record-keeping, critical thinking, and communication.

4-H members:

- Select and raise a commercial steer to a finished market weight
- Utilize commercial feedlot management and nutritional protocols
- Maintain detailed management and feeding records
- Participate in monthly educational events
- Exhibit steer in the 4-H Fed Steer Challenge class at the Nebraska State Fair
- Sell steer on a Quality and Yield Based Carcass Grid
- Engage with cattle industry representatives and Nebraska faculty

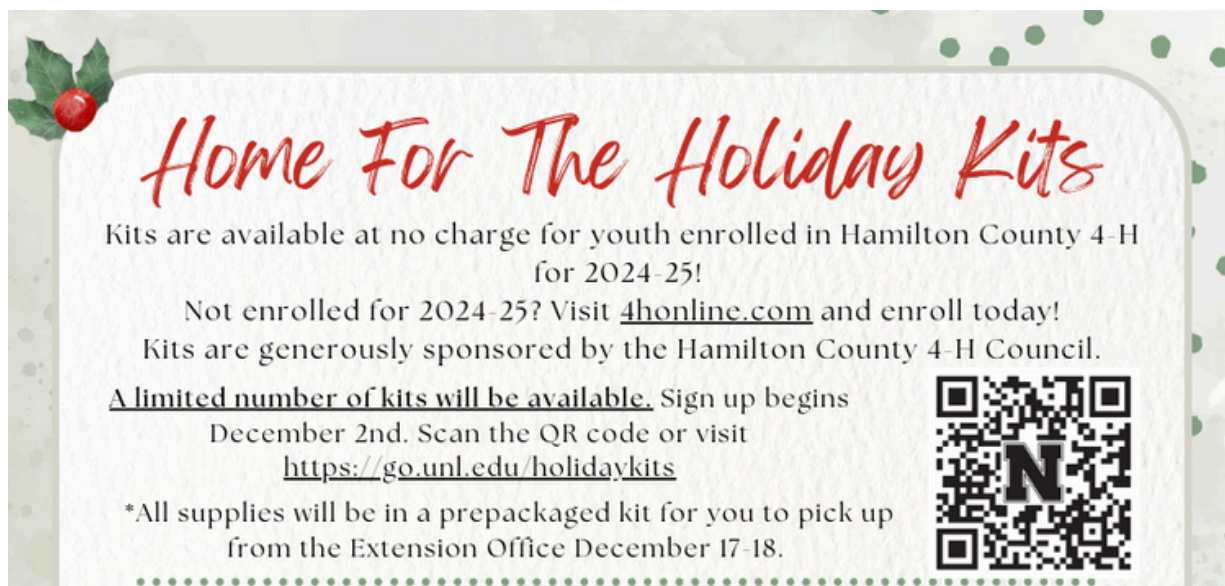
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Home For The Holiday Kits

Home For The Holiday Kit offerings will be revealed via email this week! Keep an eye out!



Home For The Holiday Kits


Kits are available at no charge for youth enrolled in Hamilton County 4-H for 2024-25!

Not enrolled for 2024-25? Visit 4honline.com and enroll today!

Kits are generously sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Council.

A limited number of kits will be available. Sign up begins December 2nd. Scan the QR code or visit <https://go.unl.edu/holidaykits>

*All supplies will be in a prepackaged kit for you to pick up from the Extension Office December 17-18.



Hands-on STEM at Home For Your Family

Our backpacks feature STEM* activities for youth and their families to do together.

Everything Included

Books and materials for one youth to complete the activities are in the backpack. Supplies for additional youth can be provided.

12 Ways to STEM

1. The Science of Engineering
2. Bugs
3. Botany
4. DNA
5. Food for Animals

It's Free!

Keep the backpack for up to two weeks and then return it.

* Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

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visiting
go.unl.edu/stembackpacks



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