

Hamilton County 4-H **October 24**

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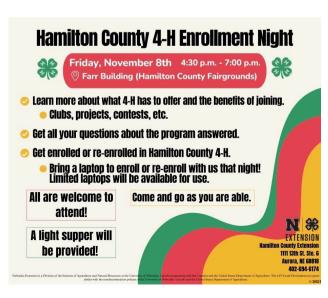
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Important Dates

October 30th -Marquette Trunk or Treat October 31st -Aurora Scare the Square/Hampton Trunk or Treat November 8 -Enrollment Night November 11- Office Closed-Veterans Day

November 24 - Jr. Leaders Friendsgiving





Enrollment for 4-H Online for the 2025 program year is now open.

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 <u>4honline.com</u> or scan the QR

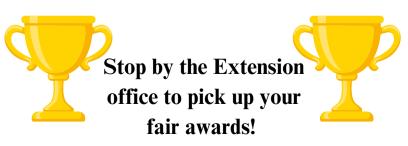
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Holiday at Home Kits



Holiday at Home Kits will be available again this year! Kits are available for youth enrolled in Hamilton County 4-H for 2024-25 at no charge. A limited number of kits will be packaged and ready to pick up prior to the Holiday Break. Be on the lookout for more information about the kits!



Nebraska Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture. The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.



The Hamilton County Shooting Sports 4-H Club is gearing up for another exciting year! It begins this year with a letter to parents and youth explaining the program in more detail. A copy of this letter can be found by visiting our website.

Joining the Hamilton County 4-H Shooting Sports Club is not required to participate, but is highly encouraged to help youth get the most out of their involvement in the activity.

For more information, contact Christi Aycock at caa8085@gmail.com



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.

Junior Leader Friendsgiving

Friendsgiving will take place on Sunday, November 24th, 2024 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the 4-H Building at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. Tentative agenda - supper, mapping out the year, team building activities, and gift exchange. <u>*Must pre-</u> register for the meal by November 21st, 2024!



Thriving in 4-H - Helping Youth Explore their Sparks

In 4-H, you may hear us talk about providing a place where youth can explore their spark. What is a "spark"? Youth sparks are a key element to thriving. A spark is an interest, but it's more than that. A spark leads to actions that can benefit a young person. Sparks provide energy, joy, purpose, and direction in one's life. A spark can help a young person connect with others with similar interests. Sparks can also help prevent young people from trouble because they provide something positive to focus on and can provide motivation to succeed. In 4-H, there are numerous possibilities for youth to explore whether it's projects, sparks, their leadership, service, or a cause. How can you help youth identify their spark?

- Watch for the moments when you see the light bulb go off. Discuss these with youth.
- Ask questions, listen, and provide encouragement.
- Model your own sparks so youth can see your passion and excitement.
- Identify opportunities for youth to express their sparks. Help them find ways to explore their interests even further.

Volunteers, caring adults or teens, parents and family members can all become Spark Champions by supporting youth as they focus on something that brings them joy and provides motivation to grow and learn.

Congratulations 2024 Achievement Day Award Recipients







Clover Kid Level: Quinley Scott, Creighton Mickey, Priscilla Winters, Oliver Winters



Diamond Clover Level 2--Brylee Mickey, Paisley Winters, Not Pictured-Kyler Comer, Emerson Myers



Diamond Cover Level 6 Morgan Bonifas, Ava Myers



2024-25 Ambassadors: Braxtyn May, Giddion Oschner, Boaz Oschner, Aidin Scherff



Diamond Clover Level 3--Charlie Winters





Diamond CloverLevel 1--Emery Scott, not pictured- Kaden Comer



Diamon Clover Level 4--Brennyn Mickey, Not Pictured--Cason Myers

2024 Scholarship Winners

College Scholarships: Bryndal Moody, Macy Miller Participation Scholarships: Alex Glass, Evan Glass, Emerson Myers, Cason Myers, Ava Myers, Brennyn Mickey, Brylee Mickey, Jessica Schliechardt