

4-H CLOVER

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DUNDY | HAYES | HITCHCOCK
SEPTEMBER 2025

(All Times Local)

August

22-Sept. 1 Nebraska State Fair - Grand Island

September

1 Offices Closed for Labor Day

4 State Fair Exhibits available for pick up

15 4-H Achievement Applications (Record Books) DUE

October

5-11 National 4-H Week

12 Hitchcock 4-H Achievement Program

13 Offices Closed for Columbus Day

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December

25 Offices Closed for Holidays (contact local offices for complete holiday closing schedule)



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4-H Achievement Application

Due September 15

The Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application (4-H Record Book) is a standard application form used for the selection of county and state award winners.

For County Awards please see the enclosed instructions for the local county 4-H Achievement Application Process. These are due on **September 15** to your local Extension Office.

If you are 15 or older as of January 1st you may also choose to apply for state awards including scholarships for Nebraska delegates to National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference, as well as Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarship award recipients. Your county application will transition to a state application easily. Instructions for submitting a state achievement application can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>

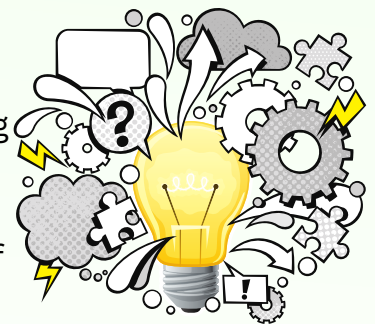
Also Due September 15

- Diamond Clover Award Applications - <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>
- Club of Excellence Applications - <https://4h.unl.edu/clubs-excellence>

Planning for 2026!

While we are closing in on the end of the 2025 4-H year, the 2026 4-H year will soon be upon us! We want to know what you would like to learn. Is there a topic you are really interested in and would like to attend a workshop on? Do you know someone that would be really good at teaching a skill used in a 4-H project?

Kimberly is looking for ideas from 4-H'ers and their families on what kind of 4-H workshops you would like to see in 2026. Please call you local office and let Kimberly know what you want to learn more about in 2026 or email at kcook2@unl.edu.





National 4-H Week is October 5-11, 2025

All across Nebraska young people are making their dreams come true while learning something new in 4-H. During National 4-H Week, October 5-11 we celebrate the dreams of young people!

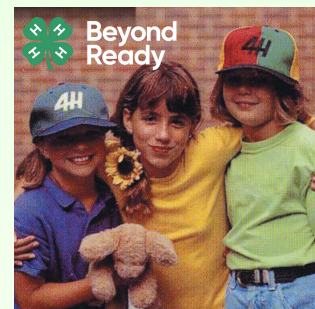
4-H wants to hear what your dreams are! Share your dreams and how 4-H is helping to shape them. Use your favorite social media to share and include #4HWeek to share out how 4-H has helped you reach your dreams.

Other ways to celebrate National 4-H Week are:

- **Wear your favorite 4-H inspired t-shirt on October 6th.**
- Talk to your class about 4-H.
- Paint a business window with a 4-H theme (be sure to ask permission first)
- Thank a 4-H volunteer!
- Invite someone to join 4-H and be a mentor to them.
- Have a 4-H Club recruitment night.

4-H has always been about helping young people become Beyond Ready – for college, career, and life. Share a photo at <https://4-H.org/ShareYourStory> from your early 4-H days alongside a recent one and describe how 4-H made you Beyond Ready for life and career! Not an alum? No problem! Post your 4-H moments on social using #4HBeyondReady and #NE4H.

More details at: <https://4-H.org/ShareYourStory>



INTERESTED IN JUDGING?

Adults interested in judging county and state 4-H projects, including live animal shows, static exhibits, and contests, are invited to complete the Judges Sign Up Form at <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/judges/>. By completing the online process, you agree to be screened according to the 4-H Youth Safety Policy, verify your receipt of the UNL Activity Worker Guidelines, and sign the 4-H Code of Conduct. Once the screening process is complete, your information will be made available to county Extension offices and State Fair 4-H superintendents.

Those interested in hiring you to judge will contact you directly. The 2026 registration is currently open and close on September 30, 2025. Any names submitted after September 30, 2025, will be added to the list of interested individuals for the 2027 hiring.

It's awards and recognition season! In 4-H, we recognize and award individuals and groups for outstanding achievements and contributions to their community, club, and their own personal development. 4-H recognition and awards are available throughout all levels and programs! Explore the statewide opportunities at 4h.unl.edu/awards-recognition.



Youth Shooting Sports Competitions This Fall!

🎯 There are several exciting opportunities for youth to compete in shooting sports competitions across Nebraska this fall. Some of these events even serve as qualifiers for national contests!

🔍 Want to learn more or find an event near you?

👉 Visit: <https://events.unl.edu/NE4H-Shooting-Sports/>

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop is scheduled for early October in Scottsbluff. It will be held October 4-5 at the Panhandle Research & Extension Center. The early bird deadline to register for the Scottsbluff session is September 24th, 4 pm. Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader in the Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, or Archery discipline. There is a minimum number of participants required to offer this workshop. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team.

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/wwLDBcDuT8Ea9AWBA>

Program Details: https://go.unl.edu/scottsbluff_program_details

Cover Letter: https://go.unl.edu/scottsbluff_cover_letter

Online User Guide for Modules: https://go.unl.edu/scottsbluff_online_user_guide

More details and application available online at go.unl.edu/nybls



Questions - contact Alli Raymond at araymond2@unl.edu

Apply Today!



Application deadline: October 1, 2025

Who: 10th, 11th, & 12th graders interested in the beef industry

When: November 21 - 23, 2025

Where: University of Nebraska-Lincoln Animal Science Complex





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4-H CAMPUS VISIT DAY
"POWER OF RED"
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

A half-day college visit experience for 4-H youth and families!
Register at go.unl.edu/casnrvisitday25

Welcome Session & Optional East Campus Tour
Explore Academic Interest Areas
College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources
Complimentary Lunch
Parent Session
Admission Requirements • Financial Aid • Resources for Success

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Dundy Announcements



4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held in September 3 at 6:00 p.m. MT in Benkelman at the Extension Office. Please notify the office if you would like to add an item to the agenda.



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**4-H Achievement Program
November 2, 2025**



You've been invited to join

Dundy County 4-H

Use your **unique access code** below and follow the instructions.

Access Code

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October 19, 2025



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October 12, 2025

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