



# Dawes County 4-H Newsletter

March 2024



## 4-H Calendar



### Calendar of Events:



**March 11:** 4-H Council Meeting, 6 pm

**March 17:** Happy Hustler's Club Meeting, 2pm @ Dawes Co. Extension Office

**March 22:** Clover Kid- Interactive Insect Workshop, 2-3:30pm @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

**March 27:** Chadron 5th Grade STEM Day

**March 28:** Chadron 7th Grade Leadership Skills

**March 29:** Office Closed

**April 6-7:** Panhandle Best Shooting Competition, Chadron  
**April 12:** YQCA @ Dawes Co. Extension Office, 2-4 pm  
**April 14:** Public Speaking Contest, 1 pm @ Performing Arts Center, Alliance  
**April 26:** Office Closed  
**April 26:** Service Project Workshop, 2-4 pm @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds  
**May 17:** YQCA @ Dawes Co. Extension Office 1-3 pm  
**May 20:** Babysitting Workshop, 8:30-4 pm @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds  
**May 23-24:** Wilderness Wonders  
**May 27:** Office Closed  
**May 30:** (Tentative) Sheep & Goat Weigh-Ins @ Dawes Co. Fairgrounds

***Deadline Dates:***

**March 15:** Clover Kid- Interactive Insect Workshop Registration  
**April 5:** Speech Contest Registration Form  
**April 22:** Service Project RSVP  
**May 3:** Wilderness Wonders Registrations  
**May 13:** Babysitting Workshop Registrations



## 2024 DEADLINES

### JUNE 15TH

- 4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT & \$3 FEE
- ANIMAL AFFIDAVITS
- YQCA CERTIFICATION

### JULY 1ST

- STATIC ENTRY FORM
- LIVESTOCK ENTRY FORM
- CLOVER KID ENTRY FORM
- DOG VACCINATION FORM
- CAT VACCINATION FORM
- PEN/TIE/TACK FORM
- CARCASS CONTEST FORM

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**CLOVER KIDS- Come Make an Interactive Insect With Us!**

DAWES COUNTY 4-H WORKSHOP



# CLOVER KIDS INTERACTIVE INSECT WORKSHOP



Ages 5-7  
Cost: \$5  
March 22nd  
2-3:30 pm



Dawes County Fairgrounds

Register By: March 15th  
Call: (308)432-3373



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## 4-H Speech & Presentations Contest

# North Panhandle 4-H Public Speaking Contest

Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 1pm  
Performing Arts Center,  
Alliance, NE



- Presentations
- PSA
- Informative Speech

#### Speech:

- Length of Speeches:  
Clover Kid- Under 2 min.  
(Options include: A Poem, Story, or Something Original)
- Junior- 1 to 3 min.
- Intermediate- 3 to 5 min.
- Senior- 5 to 8 min.
- Speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component.  
(EXCEPTION: Clover Kids)
- Use of visual aids and props are **not** allowed

#### Illustrated Presentation:

- Length of speeches:  
Clover Kid- Under 2 min.
- Individual- 6 to 8 min.
- Team- 8 to 10 min.
- All presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences
- An illustrated presentation may be given by one individual or a team of two individuals. If team members are not in the same age division, they must compete in the age division of the oldest team member.
- Use of visual aids and props are allowed

**\*\*Youth must be currently enrolled in 4-H to participate in the North Panhandle Public Speaking Contest\*\***

#### Public Service Announcements:

- Length of PSA's: 60 Seconds
- PSA's must be original and follow the theme. For 2024, the theme is "4-H is a Feeling".
- All PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year
- All PSA's must include the following tag line within the last 10 seconds: "Learn more about Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development at 4h.unl.edu"
- Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used.
- Recordings are due by April 8, 2024 as they are pre-judged!

PSA's may be recorded on your home computer or by making arrangements with KCSR (308)432-2972



**Registrations are due by April 5, 2024**

**For more information:  
<https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event>**

Dawes County 4-H will be participating in the Speech & Presentations Contest on Sunday, April 14, 2024 at 1 pm. This year it will be held in Box Butte County at the Performing Arts Center in Alliance, NE.

This year's theme for the Public Service Announcement is "4-H is a Feeling".

In 2022, Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan & Sioux counties combined contest to benefit the youth. We will be combined again this year as well. We will be having separate awards.

Registration forms are due to the Dawes County Extension Office by **April 5, 2024**.

The **Premier Communication Event** and will be a two-day event held on the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln East Campus** on **Monday, June 17th & Tuesday, June 18th**. *For more information visit:* <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event>

## Public-Speaking-Registration-2024.pdf

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## April- Community Service Project

An important activity for 4-H members is taking part in community service projects. These projects give youth valuable opportunities to develop positive relationships in their community as well as enhance personal growth and satisfaction.

In Dawes County, we will be having a Service Project Workshop on April 26th from 2-4 pm. Please save the date in your calendars! All ages are invited to attend. We will be making seed packets for our local teachers!



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# Service Project

*Come create seed packets to gift to our local teachers!*

**April 26, 2024**  
**2-4 pm**  
**Dawes County Fairgrounds**  
**Ages 5-18 Welcome!**

**Please RSVP to (308)432-3373**  
**by April 22, 2024**  
**so we know how many will be attending**



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## YQCA- Due By June 15!

### IN-PERSON TRAINING:

*Kylin & Melissa are certified to teach face-to-face YQCA training.*

*The training will include hands on activities.*

*Dates face-to-face training will be offered:*

- **April 12- 2:00- 3:00 pm, Chadron Extension Office**
- **May 17 - 1:00-3:00 pm, Chadron Extension Office**

*Stay tuned to our Facebook page and Remind messages to see what other trainings we will have scheduled*





*These are not listed on the registration link yet but should be soon. We will send a Remind message when they have been posted!*

To register, click the link below and log in with your 4honline info and register for the instructor-led courses in Dawes County under the date you prefer.

<https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through [Youth for the Quality Care of Animals \(YQCA\)](#).

Youth enrolled in any of following projects or project areas will need to complete YQCA training;

- **Beef** (bucket calf, feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef)
- **Dairy Cattle**
- **Goat** (breeding meat goat, dairy goat, meat goat)
- **Poultry**
- **Rabbit**
- **Sheep** (breeding sheep, market sheep)
- **Swine** (breeding swine, market swine)

There are 3 options to complete the YQCA requirements;

- Web-Based Training (costs \$12 per individual regardless of age)
- Face-to-Face Training (costs \$3 per individual regardless of age)
- Testing Out (Intermediate -\$36, Seniors-\$48, not an option for juniors)

Test-out options are only available to youth in the first year of Intermediate (age 12) and Senior (age 15) age levels.

In Dawes County, ALL youth wanting to show livestock at the county fair must complete YQCA by June 15

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## Have you completed your 4-H Online Enrollment??

4-H Online Enrollment & your \$3 dues (paid to the office) are due June 15th!

### Project Enrollment

*Starting in the 2023-2024 program year, project selection is now optional. By successfully completing the 4-H member enrollment by the June 15th deadline, youth will be eligible to participate and exhibit in any project area, contest, county and state fairs. While project selection is optional, it is encouraged for youth to select projects they are interested in exploring.*

*Please note:*

- o Youth are only eligible to exhibit in a project area or contest in a single county.
- o **Horse and shooting sports projects** will continue to require project enrollment due to the parental consent required to participate in these projects.

### Jarvis Memorial Scholarship Opportunity!

The intent of the scholarship is to assist women who live 3 or more hours drive from Lincoln but wish to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Applicant must reside in Love Memorial Cooperative Residence Hall on East Campus.

If you have questions email Gloria Turnbull at [gloria.turnbull@windstream.net](mailto:gloria.turnbull@windstream.net).

Application deadline: postmarked or email a PDF file no later than **March 15, 2024**.

#### Jarvis Application - 2024.pdf

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### PREEC Scholarship

The University of Nebraska – Lincoln Panhandle Research, Extension and Education Center will again offer the “Panhandle Research, Extension and Education Center Student Scholarship.” Two scholarships of \$1000 each will be awarded. The application period will be open from March 1 to April 15, 2024.

To apply for the scholarship visit [https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5C05tjKSe78aTUq](https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5C05tjKSe78aTUq). Along with filling out the online form a letter of recommendation must also be submitted and emailed to [dmccarthy2@unl.edu](mailto:dmccarthy2@unl.edu). The email subject line should be “2024 Scholarship Recommendation Letter (Insert Name of Student).” The application will be considered incomplete without the letter.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have attended high school in the Panhandle of Nebraska in one of the following counties:
  - Banner, Blaine, Box Butte, Cherry, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Hooker, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux, and Thomas
- Be attending any of the Nebraska University Campuses, including Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture.
- Majoring in Agronomy, Ag Economics, Animal Science, Vet Science, Agriculture Technology, or a related degree emphasizing agriculture.
- Be a graduating high school senior or in the first or second year of study.

Awards will be chosen by May 1, and applicants will be notified via email if selected.

For more information or questions, contact Deidra McCarthy at [dmccarthy2@unl.edu](mailto:dmccarthy2@unl.edu) or 308-632-1230.

# Summer 2024 Workshops

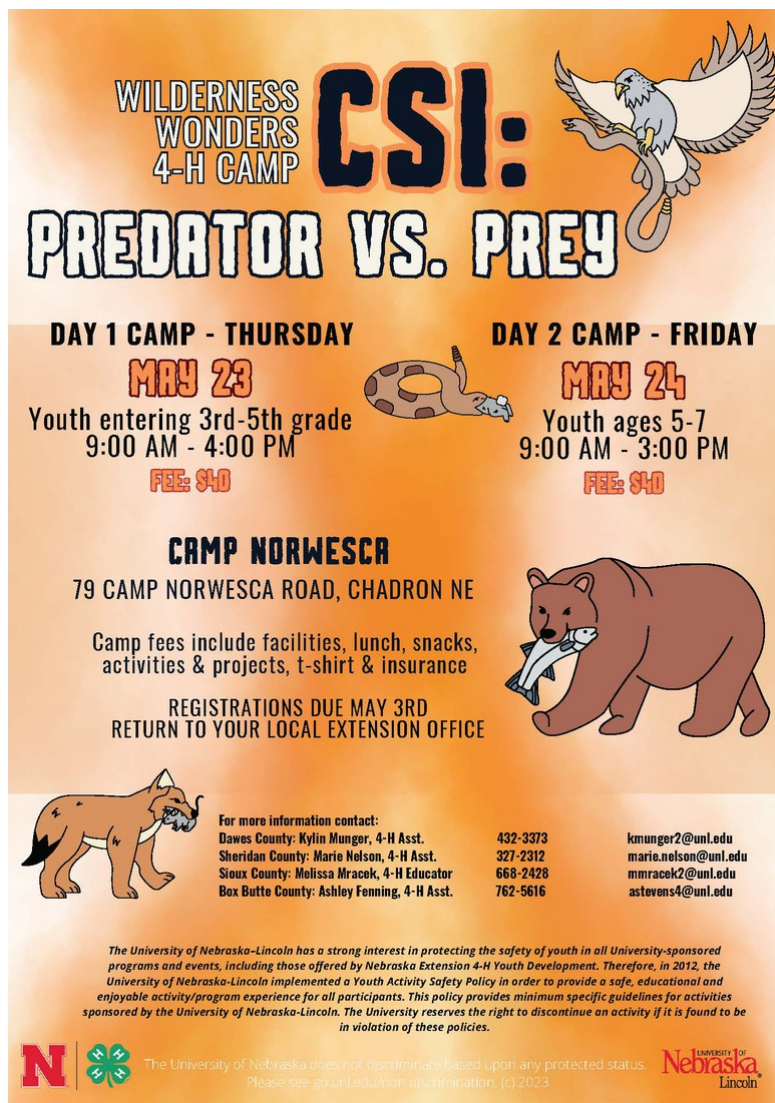
We are working on finalizing summer events for 2024! Be on the lookout in April for a finalized brochure!

Below are a couple save the date flyers for summer events. Remember, some of our Dawes County 4-H Workshops do have registration limits. Please register ASAP if your child is wanting to attend. Also, please let us know ASAP if your child is registered and CANNOT attend so we can have another child take his/her place.

## Wilderness Wonders 2024


Enter CSI: Predator vs. Prey... On May 23rd, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm camp will be offered for youth going into 3rd-5th grade. On May 24th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm it will be offered for 5-7 year olds. Both camps are \$40 each.

Registrations are due **May 3rd to the Dawes County Extension Office!** We must have the form and payment for registration.




**WILDERNESS WONDERS 4-H CAMP**

# CSI: PREDATOR VS. PREY



**DAY 1 CAMP - THURSDAY**  
**MAY 23**  
Youth entering 3rd-5th grade  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
**FEE: \$40**





**DAY 2 CAMP - FRIDAY**  
**MAY 24**  
Youth ages 5-7  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
**FEE: \$40**

**CAMP NORWESCA**  
79 CAMP NORWESCA ROAD, CHADRON NE

Camp fees include facilities, lunch, snacks, activities & projects, t-shirt & insurance


REGISTRATIONS DUE MAY 3RD  
RETURN TO YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE



For more information contact:

Dawes County: Kylin Munger, 4-H Asst.	432-3373	kmunger2@unl.edu
Sheridan County: Marie Nelson, 4-H Asst.	327-2312	marie.nelson@unl.edu
Sioux County: Melissa Mracek, 4-H Educator	668-2428	mrmracek2@unl.edu
Box Butte County: Ashley Fenning, 4-H Asst.	762-5616	astevens4@unl.edu

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DAWES COUNTY 4-H  
SUMMER WORKSHOP

## Build a Better Babysitter

Learn the basics of Child  
Development, Nutrition,  
Safety, CPR, and More!!

MAY 20, 2024  
8:30 AM- 4 PM  
DAWES COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS

Ages 10+  
\$30  
Lunch will be provided

Register By: May 13  
Call: (308)432-3373

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## Leadership Opportunities for Growth in Nebraska 4-H LOG N Camp

Increase your leadership skills by attending this two day camp at Cedar Point near Ogallala, Nebraska. Youth from all over the Panhandle will come together to gain new leadership skills. The fee for the camp is \$80. Please reach out to Melissa Mracek at [mmracek2@unl.edu](mailto:mmracek2@unl.edu) if you have any questions.



# LOG N

**Leadership Opportunities for Growth in Nebraska 4-H**

**Location: Cedar Point Biological Station  
170 Cedar Pt Dr., Ogallala, NE 69153**

**Date: July 1st-2nd**

**Registration Deadline is June 1st**

**Cost: \$80**

**(Scholarship maybe available, contact your local 4-H Council)**

**Grades: 5th-7th grade in 2023-2024**

**Activities include: Team Games, Canoeing, Hiking, Service Learning Project, Leadership Skills, Creating Memories! And More!**

**Registration Form: <https://go.unl.edu/logn2024>**

**For Questions Contact:**

**Garden County Extension Office - Sarah - 308-772-3311**

**Box Butte County Extension Office - Melissa - 308-762-5616**

**Cherry County Extension Office-Michelle - 402-376-1850**

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## Next Level LOG N Camp

A high school member looking to increase your leadership skills even more? Join us for Next Level LOG N Camp. Youth in grades 8-9 grade will have the opportunity to travel to Lincoln (transportation provided) for an ultimate leadership experience. This three day camp will only cost \$75! Youth will also get to see campus besides learning about different ways they can impact their community and participating in a very cool Challenge Course. Contact Melissa Mracek at [mmracek2@unl.edu](mailto:mmracek2@unl.edu) for more details.



**May 29-31**  
**Lincoln, NE**  
**\$75 Deposit**  
**8th & 9th Grade Youth**  
*(2023-2024 school year)*

Experience this Next Level LOGN trip and learn how to become a better leader and plan for your future. You will get the opportunity to tour the UNL Campus, learn how to be a better Self-Leader and enjoy a challenge course at on this fun 3-day adventure.

Register at: [go.unl.edu/nextlevel24](https://go.unl.edu/nextlevel24)  
**Deadline to Register is May 1**

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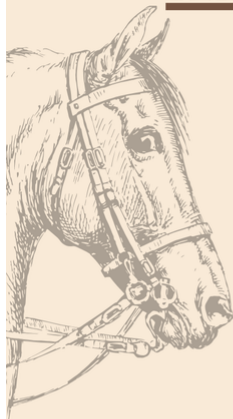
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# SAVE THE DATE

## 4-H HORSE CAMP



Brochure &  
Registration  
Forms  
Available  
March 22!

*"Through These Doors Have Walked  
Some of the World's Finest Horsemen"*

### June 6-8, 2024

Ft. Robinson  
State Park  
Crawford, NE



For More Information:  
Melissa Mracek  
mmracek2@unl.edu  
(308)432-3373



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# GREAT PLAINS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CIRCUIT

## 2024 SCHEDULE

**NEBRASKA CATTLEMEN'S CLASSIC**  
February 17 | Kearney, NE | [theclassicn@gmail.com](mailto:theclassicn@gmail.com)

**NE STATE FFA**  
April 5 | Lincoln, NE | [bfrench6@unl.edu](mailto:bfrench6@unl.edu)

**WELD COUNTY (CO)**  
April 13 | Greeley, CO | [lhookerco.weld.co.us](mailto:lhookerco.weld.co.us)

**LOGAN COUNTY (CO)**  
April 20 | Sterling, CO | [jd.sexton@colostate.edu](mailto:jd.sexton@colostate.edu)

**BUTLER, COLFAX, & PLATTE COUNTY**  
May 23 | Leigh, NE | [sbell8@unl.edu](mailto:sbell8@unl.edu)  
or [bdoleza12@unl.edu](mailto:bdoleza12@unl.edu)

**THAYER/NUCKOLLS COUNTY**  
May 24 | Nelson, NE | [amy.brockmans@unl.edu](mailto:amy.brockmans@unl.edu)

**NORTHERN PANHANDLE JUDGING CONTEST**  
May 28 | Hemingford, NE | [astevens4@unl.edu](mailto:astevens4@unl.edu)  
or [mmracek2@unl.edu](mailto:mmracek2@unl.edu)

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**  
May 30 | Bladen, NE | [elizabeth.janning@unl.edu](mailto:elizabeth.janning@unl.edu)

**PREMIER ANIMAL SCIENCE EVENT (PASE)**  
June 21 | Lincoln, NE | [bfrench6@unl.edu](mailto:bfrench6@unl.edu)

Open to Nebraska 4-H and FFA members  
ages 10-18. For more information, visit  
[4h.unl.edu/livestock-judging-circuit](http://4h.unl.edu/livestock-judging-circuit).



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# TACK SWAP

New & Used Tack, Saddles, Boots  
Western Wear, Hats, Western Décor & More!

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**  
**9 AM – 4 PM**

MERRICK COUNTY YOUTH & AGRICULTURAL CENTER  
Merrick County Fairgrounds, 1784 Fairgrounds Road, Central City, NE 68826



**VENDORS RESERVE YOUR  
BOOTH SPACE by March 20th!**

\*10' x 10' Booth \$35 ~ \*10' x 20' Booth \$55

- Reserve your space by March 20<sup>th</sup>. First come first serve. Space is limited!
- Vendors must sign a contract and pay a booth fee to reserve space
- No commissions on vendor sales
- Set up times available: Friday, April 12th, 6 – 9 PM, Saturday, 7 – 9 AM
- Doors OPEN to the public at 9 AM!
- Concessions on grounds
- **Nebraska Jr. Highschool Rodeo this weekend!**

Call Susan @ 308-946-3633 to reserve your booth!

Fundraiser for the Platte River Riders 4-H Horse Club

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



## 4-H Happenings:



### First Baby of February

Jr. Leaders along with our new 4-H Assistant, Kylin, delivered the donations to the First Baby of February. Thanks to all who donated!



On Friday, February 9th, a few of our 4-H kids delivered thank you gifts to our local fair sponsors and handed out our



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new Special Edition  
newspapers!

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### First Baby of February

Baby Theo was the First Baby  
Born in February for 4-H Month!  
He was welcomed with a gift  
basket



### Morgan Schommer Attended Omaha Fashion Week

32 youth were selected to  
participate in the 4-H  
collection of Omaha Fashion  
Week and Dawes County's  
Morgan Schommer was  
included! Congratulations  
Morgan!



### Morgan Schommer at Omaha Fashion Week



### Happy Hustlers- February Meeting

Levi Penaluna demonstrated  
how to dehydrate apples and  
Cody Penaluna demonstrated  
how to make roses with  
leather

Have you joined our Remind class? Click the following  
button to join:





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**Chelsey Scherbarth, Office Manager**  
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**Ashley Ahrens, Food, Nutrition & Health Educator, Dawes County Lead Educator**  
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