



ADAMS COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Issue 11-24

In this Issue

- Note from the Extension Office
- Leaders & Parents Corner
- 4-H Council
- Youth Information
- Project Information
- 4-H Calendar



A Note from the Extension Office

Premium Checks for 4-H members exhibiting at the Adams County Fair or participated in a county event were mailed out on September 16th and need to be cashed by 12/15/24. If you were expecting one and did not receive it, please contact the Extension Office.

4-H Online is open! Youth can start enrolling NOW!



ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION!

Please join us on Sunday, November 17th at the Adams County Fairgrounds Activities building.

The Achievement Celebration beginning at 5:30 p.m. with a potluck supper. Leaders and Volunteers will be recognized followed by the 4-H Youth Recognition.

Plan on joining us for this special event!



Families last name beginning with

A- H Bring a Salad

I - S bring a hot dish

T-Z Bring a Dessert

Let's Join 4-H

ADAMS COUNTY 4-H KICK-OFF



The Adams County 4-H Council & Extension Office invite all 4-H'ers and anyone interested in 4-H to attend the Adams County 4-H Kick-Off on Sunday, November 17th, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. The purpose is for interested, new or current, 4-H members & families to learn about 4-H and the opportunities. Once again, we are seeking volunteers to assist in putting on this GREAT event!! Ways to serve as a volunteer are

- 1) donating your time to visiting with current or potential 4-H'ers,
- 2) lead a set station highlighting a 4-H Project Area, or
- 3) organize and man a Club or Special Group Booth. Reserve your volunteer role by contacting the Extension Office at 402-461-7209.



LEADERS & PARENTS

WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH US!



Follow our 4-H Facebook Page that allows us to focus on the 4-H content for our 4-H families. You may review it at <https://facebook.com/AdamsCo4H>.

Keep current with statewide opportunities posted on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/Nebraska4H>



Adams County 4-H would like to improve our communication and outreach with our 4-H families, volunteers, and partners. Therefore we invite you to join Adams County 4-H in the [Remind App](https://www.remind.com/join/adamsco4h).

<https://www.remind.com/join/adamsco4h>

Already have the Remind App? Look up for the Class Code: @adamsco4h



Call the Extension office staff

402-461-7209

The Adams County Extension office is open

Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm.

or

Email us at adams-county@unl.edu



Always looking for Volunteers and Instructors!

Adams County Shooting Sports Program is in need of Instructors for next year! If you are interested please contact Julie at the Adams County Extension Office.

Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports

Leader Certification Workshops & Update Sessions

In order to run a club, county, or multi-county 4-H shootings sports program, leaders and instructors must be certified by Nebraska 4-H. Volunteers must attend a Leader Certification Workshop designed to cover the needed knowledge and guidelines to become a Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Leader/Instructor.

Go to 4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor for information regarding upcoming leader certification workshops & updates. If you are interested in becoming a certified shooting sports instructor for Adams County 4-H, please contact Julie Ochsner.

Coming
to
Hastings



Beyond
Ready

N | 
2024
VOLUNTEER



Road Show!

Join one of the unique volunteer training events to discover new opportunities for your members, network with others volunteers, and build your skills working with youth.

A \$15 registration fee covers a meal and all supplies.

Learn more and register at
[GO.UNL.EDU/4HVRS](https://go.unl.edu/4hvrs)



Copyright © 2022 The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based upon any protected status. Please see go.unl.edu/nondiscrimination.

- **HASTINGS - NOV. 12**
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **SCOTTSBLUFF - NOV. 14**
5:30 - 8:00 p.m. MDT
- **VIRTUAL - NOV. 17**
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- **LINCOLN - NOV. 18**
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **NORFOLK - NOV. 19**
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

SESSION TOPICS

The **North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Impact Study 2.0**, a 12-state study of 4-H volunteers, was conducted in January 2024. Discover the impacts of volunteering for 4-H youth development and how you have made a difference by sharing your sparks.

County Fair Superintendent Training - County fair superintendents have a very important role in the 4-H experience for youth and families. Learn how to excel in this role and ensure a great experience for all!

Take your **club service activities** to the next level by creating a county fair exhibit out of the experience.

Calling **animal and livestock** volunteer euthenists! Take a deeper look into opportunities for youth who have found their spark through animal and livestock projects!

Discover how volunteers can ensure youth are **beyond ready** for their future!

The Volunteer Road Show is coming to Hastings on Tuesday, Nov. 12th at the Adams County Extension Office. This is a great opportunity to experience project training and new ideas to bring back to your 4-H club and family. All 4-H volunteers, fair superintendents, parents/caregivers and any adult wanting to find THEIR spark while volunteering with 4-H is welcome! Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-road-show> for more specific information and registration link. Registration closes one week prior to each Road Show session. Registration is \$15 per person and includes a meal and all supplies for in-person attendees. Virtual attendees will receive a packet of supplies to use during the program. Join us!



4-H COUNCIL

Consider a volunteer role on 4-H Council

The Adams County 4-H Council is an essential group of adults and youth volunteers who meet, on the first Monday of most months in the evening, to evaluate and plan 4-H programs, events and fundraisers, set policies, and decide upon other 4-H management issues. We will be looking for new members to fulfill positions on council if you are interested, please let Beth, Julie or Michele know.



*Mark
your
Calendar*



Fundraiser Event
4-H Soup Supper

January

2025						
1	2	3	4			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



November Meeting Happenings

- Livestock Committee Recommendations
- Static Committee Recommendations
- Council Nominations & Election of Officers
- 4-H DIY Party Workshop report
- 4-H Kick-Off
- 4-H Celebration
- Shooting Sports



Youth Information

ADAMS/WEBSTER CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS TRIP

It is time to fill our plane for the 2025 CWF Experience! We are currently accepting individuals that have an interest in the June 2025 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Experience. We will travel by plane to fly into NYC, experience Gettysburg, Philadelphia, and a week in Washington DC.

Projected travel dates for 2025 will be June 3rd - 13th.

A final 'Commitment MOU' CWF Form will be due for those traveling in 2025.

Start the conversation now with your family to attend as a 14 - 18 year old in

June 2025: CWF 2025 = Current Age is 13 to 17 CWF 2028 = Current Age is 11 to

14 . Contact Twila for the 'CWF Participant Form' to show your intent today!

Contact Beth or Twila for questions or learning more about the experience.



CWF Fundraiser - Happening Now!

**Minntex Fruit, Meat, & Cheese will be sold
Oct 22nd - Nov 12th with a delivery in mid
December.**



Explore the "Power of Red" at the 4-H Campus Visit Day! Join us on Saturday, November 9th, for a half-day college visit experience at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. Dive into academic interest, enjoy a campus tour, and get all your questions answered about admissions, financial aid, and more. Complimentary lunch included!



N
UNIVERSITY of NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

4-H CAMPUS VISIT DAY "POWER OF RED" SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

A half-day college visit experience for 4-H youth and families!
Register at go.unl.edu/casnrvisitday24

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

We're Here to Help!
Clare Hornung
Recruitment Specialist
chornung2@unl.edu
402-472-7928

N
EXTENSION

Register now at go.unl.edu/casnrvisitday24

N
UNIVERSITY of NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

High School Juniors & Seniors Interested in Nebraska!

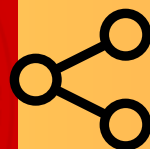
RED LETTER DAYS

A full-day campus visit experience!
(Select Mondays & Fridays)
Register at go.unl.edu/visit

Welcome Session & Campus Tour
Academic Appointments
Lunch in Dining Center
Student & Parent Engagement Sessions
Activity & Program Fair

We're Here to Help!
admissions.unl.edu
admissions@unl.edu
402-472-2023

N
EXTENSION



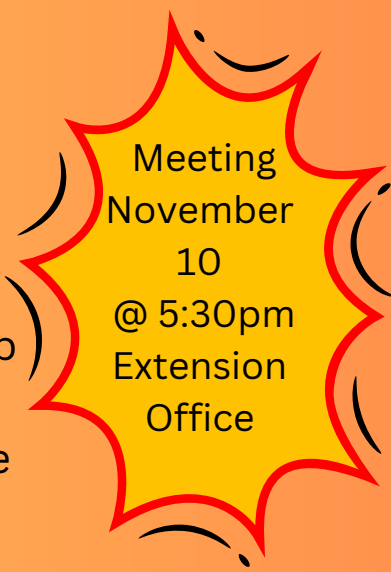
Discover Nebraska during Red Letter Days! High school juniors and seniors, join us for a full-day campus visit experience at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Explore academic opportunities, engage in student and parent sessions, and enjoy a campus tour. Available on select Mondays and Fridays. Register now at go.unl.edu/visit.



Reach High! Join Adams County Jr Leaders Club

Why Should I Join?
So Many Reasons!

- Leadership Experience & Training
- Citizenship & Service Opportunities
- College Scholarships based on years in club and participation
- Provides a great addition to resumes
- Youth are called upon for Superintendent roles at fair and to help with county workshops
- Fundraising Opportunities - work at the Jr Leaders food stand during the fair
- Build long-lasting friendships
- And much more!



Meeting
November
10
@ 5:30pm
Extension
Office

This is a great opportunity to build your leadership, citizenship & life skills through 4-H.

Adams County 4-H members must be 12 years of age by Jan 1st of the current year.

For more information contact: Julie Ochsner at the Adams County Extension Office 402-461-7209 or julie.ochsner@unl.edu

FOUR LEAF 4-H CLUB

Organizational meeting
- Nov 10 @ 4:00pm -
Extension office

Grow as you
Belong



Project Information

Questions about Projects?

There are project manuals available for almost every 4-H project. These written manuals provide hands on lessons & ideas to help youth acquire new skills and knowledge. The manuals are not required but can be very helpful. Manuals may be purchased at the Extension office or directly through UNL Marketplace or National Shop 4-H.

marketplace.unl.edu



www.shop4-h.org

Shooting Sports

4-H Shooting Sports Information, Statewide Competitions

Go to 4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports for more information about the Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports program & to view the calendar of upcoming statewide shooting sports competitions!

Floriculture/Horticulture & Plant Science

Agronomy Projects

As crop harvest winds down, you still have time to consider creating an agronomy exhibit that you may show at next year's fair. These projects provide an excellent opportunity to learn the requirements in producing a crop. If you or someone in your family raised a field crop this year, simply sit down and create a two-page report about the procedures required to grow the crop. Then fill a gallon container of the grain or select ten grain ears, (corn or milo), for display and you are done. Stop by or call the Adams County Extension Office if you would like more information on these projects.

Largest Ear of Corn Contest

We plan to continue this contest, with sponsorship of a cash prize to the winners. Now is the time to be working on next year's project. If a 4-H'er grew a corn crop or helped a member of their immediate family grow a corn crop this year, then you can exhibit a collection of ten corn ears at the 2025 Adams County Fair. The contest will have two classes, one for yellow corn and one for white corn. Call the Extension Office if you would like more information about this contest and project.





4-H CALENDAR

November

- Nov 1 DIY Party, Extension Office @ 5:30 PM
- Nov 4 4-H Council, Extension Office @ 7:00 PM
- Nov 7 Extension Board meeting @ 7:00pm
- Nov 10 Four Leaf 4-H Club meeting @ 4:00pm
- Nov 10 Jr Leaders Meeting, Extension Office @ 5:30 PM
- Nov 11 Extension Office Closed – Veteran’s Day observed
- Nov 12 Volunteer Road Show in Hastings
- Nov 12 Ag Society, Election
- Nov 17 4-H Kick- Off, Extension Office @ 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
- Nov 17 4-H Awards Celebration (Potluck), Fairgrounds @ 5:30 PM
- Nov 28&29 Extension Office Closed – Thanksgiving observed

December

- Dec 2 4-H Council, Extension office @ 7:00pm
- Dec 10 Ag Society, meeting
- Dec 21 First day of Winter
- Dec 25 Christmas Day - Extension office Closed



EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSURE

NOVEMBER 11TH - VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH THANKSGIVING

DECEMBER 25TH - CHRISTMAS

2024 ADAMS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Michele Burnham - Pres.

Dan Klammer - V.Pres.

Jamee Bockerman - Sec.

Kiley McCoy - Tres.

Paul Bankson

Tamara Cecnle

John Copple

Terry DeVries

Matt Hurt

Thomas Johnson

Jodi Kauffman

Andrea Marker

Shelbie McDonald

John Scheideler

Jr. Leader Rep - Taidyn Johnson

Youth Reps - Emily Barfknecht & Brodyn Bockerman

Ag Society Rep - Jenny Hartman & Will Rathje

ADAMS COUNTY EXTENSION STAFF

Ron Seymour, Ph.D. - ron.seymour@unl.edu

Lynn DeVries - lynn.devries@unl.edu

Beth Janning - elizabeth.janning@unl.edu

Julie Ochsner - julie.ochsner@unl.edu

Gwen Rodocker - gwen.rodocker@unl.edu

Twila Bankson - twila.bankson@unl.edu

Rita Brhel - rbrhel3@unl.edu

Alise Verhage - alise.verhage@unl.edu

Carla Byrnes - cbyrnes2@unl.edu

