



# ADAMS COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Issue 10-24

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## A Note from the Extension Office

Fall is in the air, with football games, harvest starting and leaves turning. We hope you will enjoy the season ahead and take time to reflect on 4-H during National 4-H Week.



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 corrections need to be made please let us know by Nov 1st. If you were expecting one and did not receive it, please contact the Extension Office.

4-H Online is being updated and changing its format so it is not available at this time. We will let you know when 4-H enrollment is open for the upcoming year.

## 4-H AWARDS AVAILABLE

### ADAMS COUNTY AWARDS

- STATIC/PROJECT AREAS
- LIVE ANIMAL EVENT AREAS

### SPECIAL COUNTY AWARDS

- GOLDEN CLOVER
- 4-H EVENT SCHOLARSHIP
- OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP
- ADAMS COUNTY TRIBLAND CANDIDATES

### SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**OCTOBER 7, 2024 @ 5:00PM**



[HTTPS://EXTENSION.UNL.EDU/STATEWIDE/ADAMS/4-H-AWARDS-AVAILABLE/](https://extension.unl.edu/statelwide/adams/4-h-awards-available/)

SAVE THE DATE



Details on Nov 17th in the 4-H Council section

# 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/oin/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.unl.edu](mailto:adams.unl.edu)

## National 4-H Week | October 7th -12th

National 4-H Week is right around the corner! This year's theme is 'Beyond Ready.' Building a ready generation in a world of change, 4-H equips youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today. Start planning your celebration now!

Join us in celebrating by:

- Wearing Your 4-H Shirt on Wednesday, October 9th. Take a picture and post it to Facebook. Be sure to tag our Adams County 4-H Program, Nebraska – Facebook Page!
- Set out the 'I Belong' 4-H Sign. Stop at the Extension Office if you need one for your yard!

Other ideas:

- Plan a community service project
- Write Thank You cards to 4-H staff and volunteers



## Coming to Hastings November 12



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)



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● **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 eunestists! 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!

## THE STAFF AT THE ADAMS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE WANT TO THANK THE:

- Youth for participating and making the 4-H program and fair worthwhile.
- Superintendents and assistants for all their hard work and time.
- Leaders, parents, and grandparents for assisting our youth to get them ready for fair.
- Volunteers for their time and belief in the program.
- Judges for their constructive criticism to help our youth learn & improve for next year.
- 4-H Foundation for organizing and supporting the Livestock Auction.
- All businesses that contributed to the Livestock Auction.
- Community for giving donations and supporting the program.
- 4-H Council for their guidance throughout the year.
- Ag. Society for working with us and supporting the 4-H program.
- Summer Intern at the Extension Office: "Thanks for all your help and assistance, Sam Dierks".



# 4-H COUNCIL



## Agenda & Happenings

October meeting will focus on committee meetings.  
November meeting will focus on the committee recommendations.

## 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.

## ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION!



Be sure to mark your calendar for 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!

## ADAMS COUNTY

## 4-H KICK-OFF

Let's Join 4-H



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.



# 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. Exact days are yet to be announced (waiting on National 4-H to announce their segment). I would encourage you to save the middle of June for the 10 to 11 day experience. A final 'Commitment MOU' CWF Form will be due once dates are announced.

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!

Support our local 4-H'ers earning their way to attend CWF by checking out the fundraisers. Two fundraisers are happening now til October 8th. Interested in supporting a specific youth – let us connect you!

Rada Cutlery: Support a specific 4-H'er earning their way or connect through the Adams and Webster 4H CWF - <https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=7422483.fcf3962>

Blooming Socks: Here is our group's page. -

<https://www.bloomforgoodonlinestore.com/campaign/?campaignid=7876>

Upon checking out, the individual can list the 4-H member's name for who is to get the credit.

Fruit, Meat, & Cheese will be sold from Oct 22nd – Nov 12th with a delivery in mid December. Watch for upcoming information!



## JUNIOR LEADER NEWS

The Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders re-organizational meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on October 6, 2024. The meeting will be held at the Adams County Extension Office. Anyone is welcome to join the Junior Leader's Club that is 12 by December 31, 2024, or older. You must be an active member of the Adams County 4-H program by being a member of an organized 4-H club or an independent member. Junior Leaders do a lot of fun, learning and leadership activities, this year the focus will be on the "new" pilot program for Wish of a Lifetime partnering with elderly adults. Some of the Jr. Leader activities are: pancake feed and food booth at the county fair, along with helping members and younger 4-H'ers with 4-H projects and being positive role model for younger 4-H'ers. Bring a friend and make new friends. Also, you are eligible to earn a scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact Julie at the Adams County Extension Office (402-461-7209).



**Congratulations to all that participated in the Adams County Fair & State Fair! You all did an amazing job!**





## It's a Party.

and you're Invited to it

What kind of Party you ask.....It's a 4-H DIY Party.

Youth will explore & create Pinterest crafting/cooking projects that can be exhibited at the fair. It will be a

**BLAST, bring your friends**

(they do not have to be in 4-H).

**Register early, as it will be limited to the first 20 youth.**

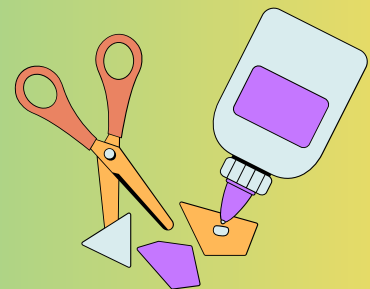
**When: November 1st from 5:30 p.m. till 9:00 p.m**

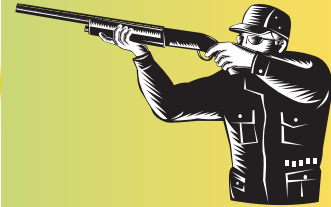
**Where: Extension Office**

**Wear old clothes or bring a paint shirt**

**Cost is \$12.00 to cover the cost of your supplies, and bring a sack lunch and drink.**

**If you have any questions, please give Julie a call. RSVP by Friday, October 25th at 402-461-7209**





**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.**

**There will be an Instructor Certification Workshop & Instructor Update Session in Ashland. Go to [4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports/instructor](http://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 at the Adams County Extension Office.**

**Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting Scheduled**

**When: Oct 27th @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Where: Adams County Extension Office**

**Why: To plan the 2025 Shooting Sports season**





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High School Seniors Interested in Nebraska!

**APPLY FOR FREE TO NEBRASKA!**

Apply for free to Nebraska now through November 1!

go.unl.edu/apply  
Code: HUSKER

Apply by November 1 to be notified of scholarships on February 12.

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



High School Seniors, Your Future Starts Here! Apply for FREE to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln by November 1st using code HUSKER. Don't miss out on scholarship notifications!

Experience the Power of Red Meet faculty, staff, and current students to learn about life at Nebraska. This engaging and educational event allows students to experience campus firsthand and get a true sense of how the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources will help you develop into a professional prepared to make a difference in the world.




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](http://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  
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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](http://go.unl.edu/visit)

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

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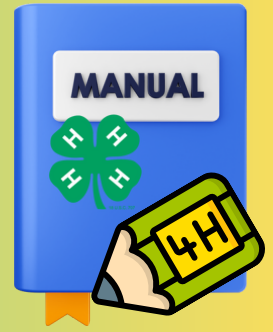
Discover Nebraska during Red Letter Days! High school juniors and seniors, join us for a full-day campus visit experience at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Explore academic opportunities, engage in student and parent sessions, and enjoy a campus tour. Available on select Mondays and Fridays. Register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



# ***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](http://marketplace.unl.edu)

[www.shop4-h.org](http://www.shop4-h.org)

## **Floriculture/Horticulture & Plant Science**

### **Agronomy Projects**

As crop harvest approaches, it is a good 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 a good time to start to think about 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

## October

- Oct 6 Jr. Leader Meeting, Extension Office @ 5:00 PM
- Oct 7 Record Books/Award Application etc. Due, Ext.Office by 5:00PM
- Oct 7 4-H Council Committee Meetings, Extension Office
- Oct 7-12 National 4-H Week
- Oct 8 Ag Society, Fairgrounds @ 7:30 PM
- Oct 9 Wear you 4-H Shirt Day
- Oct 14 Extension Office Closed – Columbus Day observed
- Oct 21 BRAG Day
- Oct 25 Registration deadline for DIY 4-H workshop
- Oct 29 BInterested (FCE) (Adults), Extension Office @ 7:00 PM  
Program – “Products from the Hive”

## November

- Nov 1 DIY Party, Extension Office @ 5:30 PM
- Nov 4 4-H Council, Extension Office @ 7:00 PM
- Nov 10 Jr Leaders Meeting, Extension Office @ 5:00 PM
- Nov 11 Extension Office Closed – Veteran’s Day observed
- Nov 12 Volunteer Road Show in Hastings
- Nov 12 Ag Society, Fairgrounds @ 7:30 PM
- 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



## EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSURE

**OCTOBER 14TH - COLUMBUS DAY**  
**NOVEMBER 11TH - VETERANS DAY**  
**NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH THANKSGIVING**

# **2024 ADAMS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

Michele Burnham - Pres.

Dan Klammer - V.Pres.

Jamee Bockerman - Sec.

Kiley McCoy - Tres.

Paul Bankson

Tamara Cecrle

John Copple

Terry DeVries

Matt Hurt

Thomas Johnson

Jodi Kauffman

Andrea Marker

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John Scheideler

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Ag Society Rep - Jenny Hartman & Will Rathje

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