



# Antelope County 4-H Newsletter

## MARCH 2022



Dear 4-H Families,

Have you enrolled or re-enrolled yet, in 4-H for the county fair. If not, you have just 4 weeks left the deadline for new and returning members is April 1st. This includes 4-H leaders and Volunteers as well. If you need some help in enrolling there are step-by-step instructions that can be found on our website at [antelope.unl.edu](http://antelope.unl.edu). You can also come to the help night on March 16th and we can get you enrolled then.

Do you know of someone that isn't involved in 4-H and you think they would benefit and enjoy the experience? If so, then we would love for you to reach out and recruit them to join 4-H this year.

Don't forget the county website has a lot of information and resources that you will need later on. Check it out now so you know how to find the information for later. The newsletter is always posted there, plus State Fairbook, Camp info, Project resources, and animal IDs. The website has so many things, so go and check it out.

I have been working on the fairbook, lots of changes from the State Fair. We will have new classes, projects and some projects that are no longer offered. We will have more info to come, but you will definitely need to make sure you read the fairbook this year.

### Important Reminder

#### Market Beef Weigh In

Saturday, March 5th 10 am to 11:30 am

New updated 4-H enrollment site

<https://v2.4honline.com>

### Enrollment Help Night

Remember the help night for 4-H enrollment  
will be March 16th @ 5pm to 6:30pm

**I AM  
4-H  
PROUD**



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## Market Beef Weigh-In/Tagging

Market Beef weigh-in and tagging is scheduled for the following day:

Saturday, March 05, 2022

10:00 am to 11:30 am

Elgin Livestock Market, Elgin

You are **required** to attend the Market Beef Weigh In, **ONLY IF** you are planning on competing in either the Rate of Gain contest at the 2022 Antelope County Fair, State Fair or AKSARBEN.

If you cannot attend please contact Tessa.

## Enrollment Help Night

Wednesday March 16th @ 5:00pm to 6:30 pm

Location: courthouse basement meeting room

We are having a help night to get families enrolled in 4-H. The months are flying by so get enrolled right away don't wait till the last minute. 4-H online has been revised so it might take you a little longer to enroll, so enroll today. When you come the 16th use the front South door and the basement steps are right there. Hope to see you then. If you can't make it that night and would like some help, give us a call and we will set up a time for you to come to the office.

### Rabbit & Poultry Exhibitors

Put this on your calendar. Great workshop and close by.

## Rabbits and Poultry Workshop



Come learn about Rabbits and Poultry from Jan White

April 23rd, 2022

8:30am-10:30am

Pierce County Fairground in the 4-H Building

Call 402-329-4821 to sign up!

The workshop will include:

- Feed Nutritionists
- Showmanship Demonstration
- Proper care and Handling
- Breed Awareness
- On Hands Experts in each species



2022 UNL Chick Days:  
March 26, 2022 10am -2pm

University of Nebraska–Lincoln's Chick Days for small and back-yard poultry producers and youth will be held on Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Animal Science Complex on UNL East Campus. Topics will include backyard flock health, inspection regulations for small flock egg and meat producers, planning ahead for your 4-H poultry projects and more! Symposium talks will be free. Lunch is \$10 for youth and \$15 for adults. The Judging Clinic is \$15. RSVP by March 20 by emailing [spurdum2@unl.edu](mailto:spurdum2@unl.edu) and include your interests, number of attendees and lunch order in your email.

Photography and Egg Art contests with youth and adult divisions. Cash prizes for the top placings!

Information and Registration

<https://animalscience.unl.edu/poultry>

Deadline: March 20th



# 4-H Open Enrollment

**2022 Antelope County Enrollment is now open!**

**[v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com) - this is a new website**

It is now time to start enrolling in 4-H for another great year!! We hope all of you are as excited as we are in the office. 4-H is open to all youth ages 5 to 18. The enrollment process is online and needs to be done every year for both, Youth and Volunteers. Visit website: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll> scroll down and choose which enrollment instructions you need. Please get enrolled by April 1st and make sure to add all of your projects, you will be taking to the fair. Adding projects are very important this is how we contact you on certain projects. like: Shooting sports, Horse, Speech contest, Photography, Cake decorating, etc.. Example: If you do not sign up saying you are taking shooting sports or cake decorating you will not receive a letter or email that has important information about the project or deadlines. Clover Kids: will only choose Clover Kids: Animal Science-Animal Caretaker if they are taking an animal to fair and Clover Kids: General Clover Kids Program if taking Static (baking, art projects etc). They will later on put down exactly what they will be taking to fair.

We will be having an Enrollment Help Night on **Wednesday March 16th** from **5:00pm to 6:30pm**. Can't make it, no problem give us a call and set up a time to come into the office to get enrolled.



## 4-H Special Gardening Project - Rubenza Cosmos

The flowers of the Rubenza are unique, the petals change color as they age. Pollinators and beneficial insects are attracted to the blooms all summer long. These cosmos make great cut flowers. Be sure to enjoy a bouquet of Rubenza indoors.

The special gardening project offers 4-H members an opportunity to grow fun and unusual projects in their gardens. Each year, a new plant is selected as the focus for all members enrolled in the project. Youth receive seeds that they plant and cultivate using project resources provided throughout the experience. 4-H'ers then have the opportunity to exhibit harvested vegetables or cut flowers or present their experience through a poster or report. Youth must enroll in the special gardening project through 4-H Online. Coming Newsletters will have when the seeds will be available. Learn more at [4h.unl.edu/special-gardening-project](https://4h.unl.edu/special-gardening-project).

## 2022 Special Agronomy Project is the Broomcorn Sorghum



The Nebraska Extension Special Agronomy Project gives 4-H members an opportunity to experience a crop that is grown, was grown or has the potential to be grown in Nebraska. Youth participate by receiving seed and resources to grow the crop, research traits of the crop and determine the viability of that crop in the part of the state they live. The project allows 4-H members interested in agronomy to grow something fun, new, and different.

The focus of the 2022 Special Agronomy Project is Broomcorn Sorghum. Broomcorn can be used for ornamental uses in floral arrangements or harvested for broom-use prior to seed maturity. To participate in the Special Agronomy Project, enroll in the project through 4-H Online or call your local extension office to reserve seed.

**If you would like to enroll in this Special Agronomy Project enroll in 4-H Online, once enrolled please call the Extension Office 402-887-5414 by March 1st** and let us know. We will need to order the seeds. There is no fee for this project. For more information - <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/special-agronomy-project>

# Antelope



## B.B. Gun

Facebook page is: "Antelope County Shooting Sports" For more information contact the Leaders: Shannon Schumacher 402-750-9012 or Tom Dittrich 402-992-8096



## Archery

Would you like to join the Archery Club. Their facebook page is, "Antelope Archery 4H Shooting Sports Club". For more information contact the Leaders: Lisa & Rod Christiansen 402-887-7773 or Mark Eggers 402-750-0005

## SAVE THE DATE: July 24, 2022 Antelope County 4-H Shoot (All Disciplines)

Youth in order to participate in the shooting sports shoot at the Antelope County Fair you must be enrolled in the respective shooting sports project. To enroll in the shooting sports, go to [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). **Make sure you enroll in that project or you will not receive information on the county shooting sports shoot, this is how we know who signed up.** Trap and .22 Rifle must have completed a Hunter Education Class. Also to be eligible to shoot Air Rifle you must have completed one year of BB gun. **Do not forget** you have to select each discipline you want to participate in on 4honline. If you have never participated in a 4-H shoot at Antelope Co Fair, **you will need to go to at least one practice and get safety certified.** (see shooting facebook pages for practice information)

## 2022 Antelope County Fair

August 2<sup>nd</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup>

July 29th - photography & clothing entry

July 24th - 4-H shooting sports

## Flagpole Memorial Bricks

Do you have someone that was involved in 4-H, Extension or the Fair? You can buy a Memorial Brick that will have their name on it and will be placed at the fairgrounds to honor them. For more information contact the Wortman's LeRoy 402-929-3207 - Gail 402-929-0342.

## Lisa's Question & Answers



What does Levels and Units mean and also why is there sometimes numbers behind them?

Let's take a look at a couple on examples: Woodworking

This Projects has Unit 1, Unit 2, Unit 3 and Unit 4 which is a step by step process you are to take while in this project.

Unit 1 is the first year you take in woodworking, in this unit you begin to learn safety & the different types of tools, learn how to measure, use a hammer, etc..

When you are comfortable with Unit 1 you move on to Unit 2. Here you will try some different tools like using a jig saw, how to select wood for different projects. Unit 3 is the next step, here you try a few more power tools, learn about wood stains, hinges & flush plates. The last step is Unit 4 here you a doing more detailed projects, fine tuning your skills you have learned along the way. Since this is a step by step process you never go from Unit 3 & 4 back down to Unit 1 & 2. You are always progressing up after you have mastered each unit.

Photography Levels are also like this you are always moving up; you are striving for that end result which is Level 3. You begin with Level 1 learning the basics, you move on to Level 2 after you start receiving purple ribbons. At Level 2 you are tweaking your skills, receiving purples, have positive comments from the judge and maybe even have made it to State Fair. You are ready for the last Level 3.

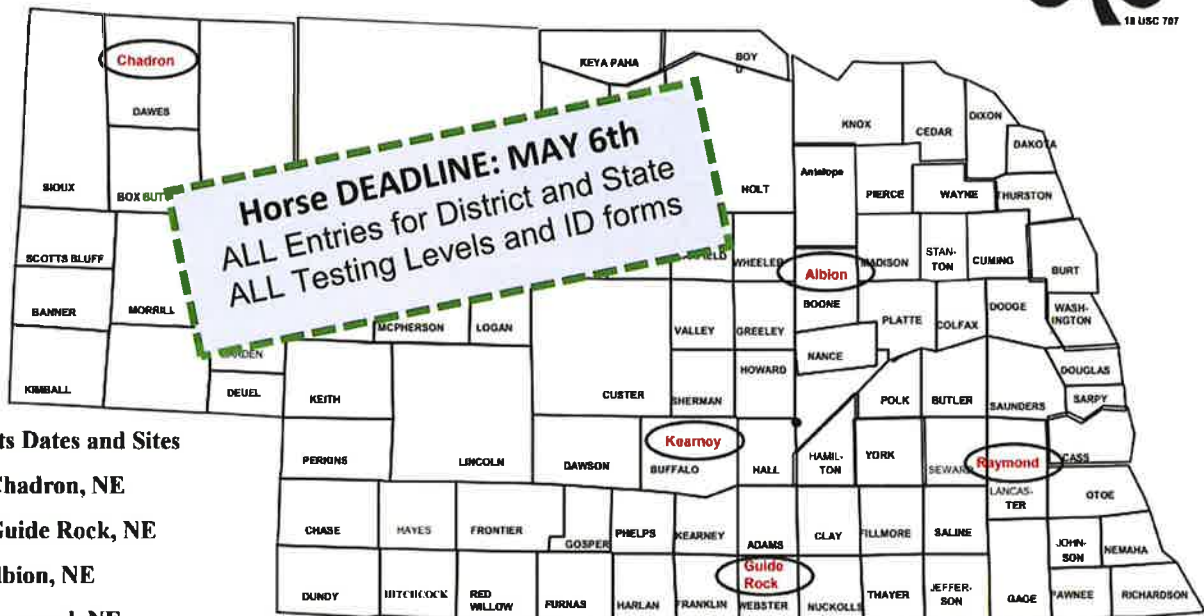
As you can see Levels and Units are the same just worded different. Your goal is to move forward, learning as you go. You can only be in one level or unit at a time and can only take classes in one unit or level. You don't want to go from a level 3 to a level 2 or say a level 4 to a 3. You want to always proceed upward toward the next level or unit.

# 2022 NEBRASKA DISTRICT 4-H HORSE SHOWS

## all entries due by **May 6<sup>th</sup>**, 2022



Note: **ALL** Level testing required for participation in the 2022 District 4-H Horse Shows **MUST** be completed by **MAY 6<sup>th</sup>**, 2022



### 2022 Districts Dates and Sites

- June 6<sup>th</sup> – Chadron, NE
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – Guide Rock, NE
- June 8<sup>th</sup> – Albion, NE
- June 9<sup>th</sup> – Raymond, NE
- June 10<sup>th</sup> – Kearney, NE

**Reminder: All Entries for the State Horse Show must be completed by May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

2022 Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Show July 9-13

- Another livestock show will be occurring during the same dates as the 2022 Fonner Park
- State 4-H Horse Expo, 4-H families are highly encouraged to book hotel rooms and reserve camper/RV hookups as early as possible. Camper/RV hookups will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis, and reservations can be made by contacting Kathy at 308-382-4515.

Event Name	Date	Location	Deadline	Link
Equine Webinar Series	webinar 2nd monday of each month	topics on equine	none	<a href="https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series">https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series</a>
Horsemanship Study	webinar study	courses on horses	none	<a href="https://4h.unl.edu/horse-study-courses">https://4h.unl.edu/horse-study-courses</a>
Horse Stampede Contest	March 26th	Animal Science UNL	March 4th	<a href="https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede">https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede</a>
Basic Horse knowledge	March 7,14,21,28	Virtual Class	March 7th	Register at: <a href="https://cvent.me/yGwxAl">https://cvent.me/yGwxAl</a>
Horse Judging Contest	May 1st	Animal Science UNL		more information to come
<b>District &amp; State Online Entry</b>	<b>May 6th</b>	<b>site not open yet</b>	<b>May 6th</b>	<a href="https://nhorse.fairwire.com/">https://nhorse.fairwire.com/</a>
<b>All Level Testing and Horse Id</b>	<b>May 6th</b>		<b>May 6th</b>	<a href="https://4h.unl.edu/horse/district-shows">https://4h.unl.edu/horse/district-shows</a>
4-H District Show	June 6-10th	See map above	<b>May 6th</b>	<a href="https://4h.unl.edu/horse-district-shows">https://4h.unl.edu/horse-district-shows</a>
State 4-H Show	July 9-13th	Grand Island	May 6th	<a href="https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo">https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo</a>
Antelope County Fair	August 2-7	Neligh		



# 4-H Enrollment & Re-enrollment Tips

4-H Online has a new site so it will look different



4-H enrollment is completed on 4H Online at this site <https://v2.4honline.com>

Us only Chrome or Fire Fox to enroll. Do not use your Phone or Explorer.

Our Antelope County webpage ([antelope.unl.edu](http://antelope.unl.edu)) is a great reference for enrolling in 4-H, important dates, fair book, Id forms, data tags, newsletter, etc.... check it out.

Youth and Clover Kids in Antelope County who would like to participate in 4-H must enroll every year.

4-H members enroll online at [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)

Parents Only sign yourself up in 4honline if you are a Club, Superintendent or Project Leader in Antelope County.

**Volunteers:** Adult Volunteers if you are re-enrolling you will notice your date of birth is wrong. Date of birth was not a required field for the old program but it is for the 2.0 4honline. The State 4-H just made everyone the same age and the program does not allow you to change it. We do not need an accurate date of birth for our adult volunteers.

**Passwords:** If you have forgotten your password, use the "Reset Password" option. **DO NOT** set up a new profile. Passwords are the same each year, so write it down.

**Update Info:** Youth that were previously enrolled will need to update the information on their profile - phone numbers, addresses, any information that has changed. It is very important to keep this information up to date.

**Parent/Guardian 1:** Is the parent that is enrolling the 4-H member.

**Parent/Guardian 2:** If a second household would like to receive correspondence(newsletters, email, fair letters, etc....) that have a different address for this particular youth.

**Clubs and Projects** will need to be added back into profiles as they were cleared at the state level.

Check carefully to make sure you entered all your projects. Please put down all projects you are considering for the county fair, this is how we contact you on certain projects. Example: Shooting sports, Cake Decorating, Horse, Speech contest, etc.. If you do not sign up for the projects you will not receive letters or emails with important information about them. UNL also uses this for our county accountability numbers. For help selecting 4-H projects visit "Pick Your Project" at <http://4hcurriculum.unl.edu> .

**Emergency Contact** - please list someone other than a parent, since you already filled in that section. Because if a situation arises, we would like to have someone to contact if a parent/guardian cannot be reached. Example: Aunt, grandparent, etc...

**4-H Code of Conduct, Permission and Health Forms** are all online. There will be no paper forms to submit for enrollment. Everyone has to answer about allergies on the health form and sign off on the consent forms.

**Once the submitted** enrollment has been reviewed by our office, it will be accepted (assuming no changes need to be made). You will be able to log-in anytime to check what projects you are enrolled in and to update any information.

**A couple of notes:**

**Clover Kids:** Will only choose at this time Clover Kids: Animal Science-Animal Caretaker if they are taking an animal to fair and Clover Kids: General Clover Kids Program if taking Static (baking, vegetables, art project, etc..) When it gets closer to fair we will have you put down all their projects (max 10) that they are bringing.

**Photos:** If you want your child's picture on our website, newsletter, video or facebook page, you must check 'Yes' on the Photo Release. Otherwise, your child will not be included in photos. We do not give your child's picture to the newspaper.

**Types of Volunteers:** Organizational Leader, Project Leader, and Youth Volunteer.

- **Organizational Leaders:** these will be the club leaders. If they are actively participating as the club leader, they should select this option. They will then be able to select the club that they are affiliated with. If only this option is selected, they will not be able to choose specific projects.

- **Project Leaders:** project leaders will be directed to select a project area that they are responsible for, but may not need to select a specific club.

- **Youth Volunteer:** These are youth participants who may be involved in a teaching role, 4-H Council, or other Direct Volunteer role. If selected, they will need to complete the DHHS background check which will include filling out a notarized ID form since they are under 19.





# Regional Junior 4-H Camp

Whispering Cedars Camp, Genoa NE  
Make checks payable to: Antelope Co. 4-H Council



## June 1-3, 2022

Registration Deadline—May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

Camp Begins at 1 p.m. on the 1st and ends at 11:30 a.m. on the 3rd

Some of the fun activities at this camp include a zip line, a repelling wall, swimming, singing, campfires and MORE!

### 2022 Fee Schedule

Now until May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm— Early Bird \$100  
May 7-12<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm - \$125  
On May 13<sup>th</sup> – Camp Registration Closed

### 2022 Refund Schedule

Now until May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm -100%  
May 7-12<sup>th</sup> – 50%  
On May 13<sup>th</sup> – No refunds

Regional Junior 4-H Camp counties Involved are: Polk, York, Platte, Merrick, Hamilton, Antelope, Boone and Nance. This "Junior" Camp is open to ALL youth, 4-H ages 8-11. 12-year-old campers will be placed on a waiting list if registered and paid, then if space allows after the registration deadline, they will be notified if they can attend. Final instructions will be sent after all registrations are collected.

Complete the on-line form using the link below and turn in the \$100 fee as soon as possible! If fee(s) are not received by fee schedule deadline, camper(s) registration will be canceled.

All participants must complete the 4-H Participant Permission and Health Form in their 4hOnline enrollment.

Complete Online Form and below and Return PAYMENT to: Antelope County Extension, 501 Main Street, Stu B9 Neligh, NE 68756

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

<https://go.unl.edu/2022jrcamp> - Have you completed Google Form  YES  NO



Completed 4-H Participant Permission and Health Form  YES  NO

\$100 Fee/\$125 Fee  Cash  Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Antelope Co. 4-H Council**

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.



### Looking for Camp Counselors for the

Regional Jr. 4-H Camp at Whispering Cedars Camp, Genoa - June 1-3, 2022

Do you love working with youth? Do you love to camp? Are you between the ages of 16-18? Can you commit to 3 days in June? Then you need to apply to be a camp counselor. Apply today to be a Junior 4-H Camp Counselor. If you have any questions give Tessa a call or go to link and sign up. <https://forms.gle/zBxHLA6yoEgLHZfW9>

4-H youth can apply for a county scholarship for the Genoa Camp go to our website: [antelope.unl.edu](http://antelope.unl.edu) under 4-H Member Resources "summer camps"



For more information on more summer camps

Nebraska 4-H Camp Programs  
<https://4h.unl.edu/camps>

Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to attend 4-H camp.



# VIRTUAL COMPANION ANIMAL CHALLENGE

Entries Due: 5:00 p.m., April 1, 2022



The Virtual Companion Animal Challenge offers a variety of 4-H companion animal contests that don't require live animals, including demonstration, essay, art, photography, cat trivia and dog trivia. Youth have the opportunity to display their companion animal knowledge through these contests both as individuals and as part of a team. More information and online entry forms are at

<https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal-challenge>



Nebraska 4-H is now accepting nominations for a new awards program to recognize the outstanding contributions of 4-H volunteers across the state.

The nomination period runs through March 15. Nominations can be submitted by any 4-H member, family, supporter, or Extension staff member. Nominees must fit the award categories and can be a volunteer for any Nebraska 4-H experience. Some examples may include 4-H club leader, project leader, junior leader, county or State Fair volunteer, special interest volunteer, such as robotics or shooting sports, afterschool club volunteer or 4-H camp volunteer. More information, along with the nomination form, is available online at:

<https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-recognition>.

**DEADLINE: March 15th**

## 2022 NATIONAL 4-H ANNUAL INDEX STUDY

If you were enrolled in 4-H in 2021 and age 13-18yrs read below

Nebraska 4-H is participating in the National 4-H Annual Index, a national 4-H study designed to help us evaluate the positive youth development experience and 4-H program impacts experienced by youth across the country. If your youth are in the target age range (13-18 years old) and were enrolled in 4-H in 2021, you will receive an e-mail invitation from Nebraska 4-H at the email address provided in your enrollment profile.

We encourage your participation in telling the 4-H story! Please reach out if you have any questions!