



## 4-H BULLETIN BOARD

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### 4-H ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN!

Each year, you (members and leaders) must re-enroll in the 4-H program. Access the enrollment form at <https://v2.4honline.com>. If you are a returning member, enter your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, click “Reset Password” to receive an email with a link to set a new password. Do not create a new profile if you have registered before!

For NEW members! We can’t wait for you to join us! Please visit <https://v2.4honline.com>. If you have never enrolled in 4-H using 4-H Online, select “Don’t have an account?” Select your state, “Nebraska 4-H Youth Development”, and your county. Each household will have a profile, and individual members will be added under one profile. Choose a club or clubs. If taking a shooting sports project, be sure to select the 4-H Shooting Sports Club as one of your clubs, and then select your project areas.

NEW FOR 2023-24: The list of projects in 4-H Online has been condensed into project areas. Where there were over 200 projects, there are now only about 50 project areas.

If enrolling in Horse and Shooting Sports, those areas have not changed. You are required to select these clubs and projects due to the consent forms that are required.

Clover Kids will only have the option of selecting “Clover Kids” as a project in 4-H Online.

All Members will be able to bring any exhibit from any project area to the fair, even if they did not list it in 4-H Online. This means they will not need to decide on all the projects they want before they enroll. They will still be able to take exhibits from any project area to the fair by listing them on the entry form in June.

Projects should be selected if families would like to receive additional information regarding project-specific reminders, such as upcoming deadlines.

If your 4-Her plans to attend 4-H camp or participate in any state or national events, you must complete the health section. All other 4-Hers may skip over the health information. Then complete the consent section.

Additional instructions for enrollment can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/boone-nance/4-h-enrollment-information/>. Feel free to come to the office if you need assistance! If you need help enrolling, please contact the office and we can help you.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### December

- 8-10 Cardinal Classic at Niewohner Arena
- 17 Boone Co Jr Leaders Pizza Party at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office.
- 25 to January 1 Holiday Break - Office Closed (Re-opening on January 2)

### SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT

As you begin making plans for 2024, be sure to check out the Special Garden Project. This year, the project will be the Princess of India Nasturtium. Members will be given seeds and instructions, and can exhibit the flowers at the fair, or a poster, story or essay, poem, or a photo exhibit.

If you are interested participating in this project, please call the office to reserve your seeds, or use this code.



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.

# 4-H VOLUNTEERS

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A 4-H VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers are the heart of 4-H. Whether you choose to start your own club or be a project leader on a special project, or serve as an activity worker at the county fair or other 4-H activities, your time and effort are valued as necessary assets to the program.

4-H Clubs that may need volunteers are marked with an asterisk (\*):

\*Boone County 4-H Shooting Sports

Boone County 4-H Robotics

\*Boone County Junior Leaders

Canine Cadets

Clever Clovers

Cloverleaf

\*Country Kids

\*Dream Team

Jr Pirates 4-H Club

Levi's 4-H Club

\*Rolling Hills

- Club organizational leaders and project leaders will enroll as an active volunteer in 4-H online.
- All volunteers must sign the Activity Worker Guidelines and Volunteer Code of Conduct every year, as a part of the enrollment process.
- ALL NEW club volunteers must be screened prior to service, and complete a screening as a direct volunteer every 5 years.
- Club volunteers should complete at least two hours of training annually.

Volunteers not enrolling in 4-H online will need to complete the volunteer screening for indirect volunteers every year. This can be done by completing the Activity Application for the Indirect Volunteer at [https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3KOb7BzT4uwj3cW](https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3KOb7BzT4uwj3cW)

If you are considering starting a new 4-H Club, the best place to start is the Extension Office in your county. The office staff will give you materials and information you need to organize a 4-H club.

Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer.

## HOW TO ENROLL AS A VOLUNTEER

If you are a returning 4-H volunteer, you will need to enroll in 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com>. Every 5 years, we need to go through a screening process with DHHS. Fortunately, Boone County is not on the list this year. Only the new volunteers will need to do the screening process.

If you are a volunteer that is affiliated with a Club, you will choose Club Volunteer, then either Organizational Leader or Project Leader. Parent helpers do not need to enroll as volunteers.

If you are a new club volunteer, please also select Program Volunteer, then Selected for Required Screening.

If you are a county volunteer (not associated with a club) you will choose Program Volunteer, and County Volunteer. This would be for 4-H Council members and other volunteers that may assist with the fair, but are not attending 4-H meetings.

## CLOVER KIDS PROGRAM

The Clover Kids program can be a rewarding and fulfilling experience for parents, leaders, and club members. The joy of being a part of a 4-H program is helping young people grow and develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually as they “learn by doing”. As a partner in the Nebraska Clover Kids program you are helping in the positive development of youth so they become competent, caring and contributing citizens, intent on “Making the Best Better.”

There are also resources for Clover Kids, ages 5-7 (as of January 1) at <https://4h.unl.edu/clover-kids>. The program offers a variety of educational and recreational experiences in non-competitive environments. These opportunities are ideal for developing confidence, creativity, and competence during this stage of youth development. Clover Kids can join a 4-H Club, join an after school program, exhibit at the county fair, and attend workshops. Projects range from cooking, crafts, gardening, pocket pets, and bucket calves for example.

For details about specific projects by curriculum areas, including Clover Kids, go to <https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/index>

# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## NEBRASKA 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation offers 4-H members the opportunity to apply for scholarships. The Nebraska 4-H Foundation awards up to \$22,000 worth of scholarships each year to 4-H'ers from across the state.

To apply for scholarships, 4-H'ers must submit the Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application for state-level review by January 5th. Youth must follow the application instructions available on the Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application webpage at <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>. If applying for multiple scholarships, only one Achievement Application should be submitted.

The following requirements apply to all scholarships awarded by the Nebraska 4-H Foundation unless otherwise noted. Additional scholarship-specific eligibility requirements may apply.

Must be a current high school senior, graduating in Spring of the current year and attending college in the Fall of the current year or a current Freshman at an accredited university (see specific scholarship school regulations).

Must have completed one (1) year of 4-H and be current 4-H member unless otherwise stated in the scholarship-specific eligibility requirements listed below.

Please see Available Scholarships at <https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships/> to find out what scholarships you are eligible to apply for.

The same applications are also used to select National 4-H Congress delegates - <https://4h.unl.edu/congress>, and National 4-H Conference delegates - <https://4h.unl.edu/conference>.

Check it out!



## ENGLER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is available due to the generosity of The Paul and Virginia Engler Foundation. Paul is a native Nebraskan who through vision, hard work, sweat equity and tenacity built an exceptional career as an entrepreneur, industry leader, and dedicated advocate for building bridges for the next generation to cross.

The Engler program began in 2010 with \$20 million gift over 10 years from the Paul F. and Virginia J. Engler Foundation. The Engler program awards approximately 80 scholarships annually. Over \$2,000,000 has been invested in students over the lifetime of the program. Students also can reapply each year during their undergrad time at UNL.

For academic year 2024-2025, the application will open on 10/1/23 and close on 1/15/24 at midnight. The only requirements to apply for an Engler scholarship – declare a CASNR major and have participated in 4-H or FFA. Awards range from \$1000 to \$4000 per school year.

The scholarship is only a small component of the value available to you through engagement in the Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program. Find the application and information about available courses and camps at <https://englerjourney.com>.



**The first fifty 4-Hers to enroll in 4-H Online will receive a *fabulous* prize. New 4-H families will receive a 4-H yard sign.**

## 4-H EVENTS

### LIVESTOCK ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM 2024

We are excited to announce the fourth year of the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program. This additional opportunity for enrolled livestock project youth is designed to promote all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects including selection, production, leadership, and exhibition by recognizing youth striving to improve in their livestock project knowledge and leadership.

The program recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas, including: beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry.

The program consists of three levels that require 4-H members to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate and project-related accomplishments. For each level, the Livestock Achievement Program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H members choose their goals. Each accomplishment is worth a specific number of points. Juniors, ages 8-9, submit pictures, poster, presentation, and other learning activities to receive the distinction of Junior Member of Excellence, no point value. Intermediates, ages 10-13, must complete 100 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Intermediate Member of Excellence. Seniors, ages 14-18, must complete 150 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Senior Member of Excellence. The Plan and Reports, linked on the webpage, show examples of the project related accomplishments they can choose, or they can identify their own with approval of their local educator.

Applications/Sign up are due June 15th through the application form link on the website. Plan and Reports, as well as Project Records will be due August 1 via the completion form on the website.

Youth completing the achievement program and receiving member of excellence recognition in the various species will be recognized during the Parade of Champions, 4-H weekend at the Nebraska State Fair.

For more information or to apply, go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>

### CARDINAL CLASSIC CATTLE SHOW

The Cardinal Classic Cattle Show will be held December 8-10 at the Niewohner Arena at the Boone County Fairgrounds. Find them on Facebook for more information.

### DATA DRIVEN 4-H STATISTICS COMPETITION

Introducing an exciting new event combining 4-H, Statistics, and Fun! The 'Data Driven: A Statistics & Data Science Field Day' competition will be held March 16, 2024 at the Dinsdale Learning Commons on East Campus from 10 am to 4 pm.

Each team is comprised of four 10th-12th graders (occasional exceptional 9th graders are welcome) plus one adult coach. The teams will dive head-first into the captivating world of data science, statistics, and numerical literacy in a variety of interactive head-to-head competitions as well as receiving opportunities to discuss and interact with the University recruitment team as well as industry professionals.

In partnership with the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, CASNR is sponsoring the registration costs for the first 20 teams as well as providing EIGHT \$500 scholarships for the top scorers!

If you are interested in more information or in forming a team, please visit the website for some preliminary information that will continue to be updated: [4h.unl.edu/data-driven](https://4h.unl.edu/data-driven)

### 2024 VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Calling all artists, creators and performers! We'd love to see what YOU do best. Submit your work for a chance to be featured at upcoming National 4-H events. We're looking for singers, dancers, instrumentalists as well as visual artists and creators of all kinds.

Enter today to showcase your unique talent on this national stage! Applications from students ages 14-19 accepted November 13th through January 1st.

Apply at <https://4-h.org/story-submission>. Questions? Contact Mary Clayton Murphy for more details at [mmurphy@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:mmurphy@fourhcouncil.edu)

## MORE EVENTS & MEETINGS

### BOONE COUNTY JR LEADERS

The Boone County 4-H Jr. Leaders Club is requesting 4-Her feedback for what they would like the Jr. Leaders Club to look like moving into the future. The Boone County Jr. Leaders Club would first like to thank Kevin and Lisa Wagner for their many years of service as club leaders.

Boone County 4-H will be hosting a Jr. Leaders 2024 Kick-Off Pizza Party. We are inviting 4-Hers that are in High School and their parents to join us for an evening of fun, pizza, and idea generation. Bring your ideas for developing our Jr. Leader program for the next year!

This Kick-Off Party is open to all High School 4-Hers from static exhibitors, shooting sports, livestock exhibitors, and all others as well as from every Boone County Community!

#### Boone County Jr. Leaders Kick-Off Pizza Party

Who: High School 4-Hers and Parents

When: Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 PM

Where: Boone County Extension Office, Albion, NE

**Please RSVP by Friday, December 15 at 4:30 pm by calling 402-395-2158. Thank you!**

Hope to see you there!



### OMAHA FASHION WEEK

4-Hers have an opportunity to participate in the Omaha Fashion Week 2024 Spring Showcase at the Omaha Design Center. OFW Student Night will take place on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, and will exclusively feature student designers, including a 4-H collection.

The 4-H collection will consist of 12 to 15 garments from across the state. Each garment will be modeled by the 4-H member who made it. In order to create a complete and dynamic collection, interested 4-H members are invited to apply to participate in the show. Garments constructed by the 4H member from 2023 are eligible, whether they were exhibited at the Nebraska State Fair or not.

Online applications are due January 2, 2024 and can be found at <https://go.unl.edu/4hofw2024>.

Or Scan this code:



**HAVE YOURSELF  
A MERRY LITTLE  
CHRISTMAS -  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Until Next Month,**

Steve Pritchard  
Extension Educator



Sonya L. Glup  
Extension Associate





THE EXTENSION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS  
FROM DECEMBER 25 TO JANUARY 1.  
WE WILL RE-OPEN ON JANUARY 2, 2024.



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4-H NEWSLETTER