

BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

June 2023

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CALENDAR

June

- 1 Sr. Tempt, Taste and Try
- 1 Horse ID, entry. level testing due for State 4-H Horse Show
- 2 Jr. Tempt, Taste and Try
- 6 Deadline to sign up for Shopping in Style Workshops
- 9 Deadline to sign up for Party Planning Workshop
- 10 Buffalo County 4-H Horse Invitational
- 13 Deadline to sign up for Culinary Challenge
- 15 All Livestock & Horse ID's due (includes Rabbit & Poultry)
- 15 DNA State Fair envelopes due to Extension office
- 15 State Fair online nominations due
- 15 4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE
- 15 Quality Assurance deadline
- 15 Deadline to sign up Clover Kid Adventure Day
- 15 Horse Advancement Level testing due for county fair
- 19 Extension office closed for Juneteenth
- 20 Shopping in Style Workshop Part 1
- 21 Deadline to sign up for Lamb & Goat Camp
- 21-22 PASE Premier Animal Science Event-UNL
- 23 Party Planning Workshop
- 27 Culinary Challenge
- 27 4-H Council meeting
- 27 BRAG meeting
- 28 Shopping in Style Workshop Part 2
- 28 ALL Lottery Program meeting
- 29 Clover Kid Adventure Day

July

- 4 Extension office closed – Independence Day
- 5-6 Lamb & Goat Camp
- 6 Deadline to sign up for Fashion Show
- 7 Pre-Fair ONLINE Entries Due
- 20 Fashion Show - UNK
- 25-31 Buffalo County Fair

August

- 2-3 BRAG
- 10 Online State Fair entries due
- 22 4-H Council meeting
- 25 – Sept. 4 Neb. State Fair (4-H is 1st weekend, FFA is 2nd)

September

- 4 Extension office closed – Labor Day
- 21 BRAG meeting
- 26 4-H Council meeting



Enroll in 4-H today

The 4-H enrollment site is open for returning 4-H members, volunteers and to newcomers who have not yet joined. Please visit <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> to enroll. **To complete the enrollment process, you must select the 'pay by check' option regardless of your chosen payment method and you must select 'submit' at the end of the process.** If you choose to pay by cash or check, just drop your payment off at the Extension office or mail to 1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847. If you wish to pay online by debit/credit card, you can visit the Buffalo County 4-H payment site at <https://buffalo-county-4-h-council.square.site/>.

ENROLLMENT FEES

Clover Kids: \$5

Clover kids are youth ages 5 to 7, as of January 1, 2023.

Traditional 4-H members: \$10

Traditional 4-H members are youth ages 8 to 18, as of January 1, 2023.

- Families have a maximum fee of \$30

FIND YOUR SPARK

IN BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

DEADLINE TO ENROLL

JUNE 15



Buffalo County Fair is around the corner

The 2023 Buffalo County Fair is Tuesday, July 25 through Monday, July 31. To see the 4-H schedule and 4-H Premium Book, visit: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-premium-book/>.

The Premium Book is a great online resource when making decisions about summer fair projects.

Check out new Livestock & FCS classes for Buffalo County Fair

Minor changes have been made throughout the 2023 Premium Book - be sure to check your project areas of interest so you know what may be different from last year.

Livestock

Breeding Beef

- Piedmontese classes added
- Cow/Calf Pair class added for all breeds

FCS

Model Building:

- LEGO Kit - Build a LEGO kit of your choice
- Geospatial: Virtual Geocache

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ONLINE HORTICULTURE CONTEST



AVAILABLE JUNE 2-16 AT

[HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/ONLINE4HHORTCONTEST](https://go.unl.edu/online4hhortcontest)

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. More information about the Nebraska State contest along with study materials for the knowledge portion, links to plant pictures to aid in identification and insight on how judging of plant material is done at <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/45>. More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>

DIG DEEPER INTO PLANT SCIENCE & THE ENVIRONMENT WITH:



HANDS-ON FLOWER DISSECTION

ENGINEER A STRAW PLANE

EDIBLE ROCK FORMATION

WHAT: Mobile Science Lab is equipped with microscopes, dissecting tools and interesting specimens for you to view

WHEN: June 15th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Buffalo County Extension

COST: \$10 - <https://buffalo-county-4-h-council.square.site/>

REGISTER: Call Buffalo County Extension 308-236-1235 Space is limited to 15

Other mobile science lab dates and locations:

- June 14th - Aurora 9-11 a.m.
- June 16 - Bladen 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- June 14th - Grand Island 1-3 p.m.
- June 16th - Minden 1-3 p.m.
- June 15th - Hastings 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Shopping in Style Workshop

Come join us for two days of absolute FUN! Shopping in Style is a fair project that helps 4-H members ages 10 and up to learn more about how to make smart shopping decisions, as well as, financial literacy. Snacks will be provided on both days. Attendance to both parts of the workshop are recommended. Limit of 12 participants. Register at <https://go.unl.edu/shopping>



shopping & style
fun & fashion

JUNE 20TH 10 AM - 3PM

Learn about colors and different styles that will look good on you. Learn about shopping for clothing, how to save money and more! Shop around Kearney and get tips from retail experts. Participants will be sent home with instructions on purchasing clothing for the project.

Where: Buffalo County Extension
Ages: 10 and up
Cost: \$10

**JUNE 28TH
1 PM - 4 PM**

Complete binder which will be exhibited at Buffalo County Fair. Please plan to bring laptop or iPad.

Party Planning Workshop

Add some flair to the fair with this fun project

Ever thought about competing in the Culinary Challenge? Or have you even heard of it? Youth ages 8 and up will learn all about the Culinary Challenge at this workshop. Learn to plan a party for you and all your friends.



planning skills
place setting
cooking

Where: Buffalo County Extension

When: June 23 - Noon to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Register: <https://go.unl.edu/partyplanning>

Culinary Challenge

Use your party planning workshop skills and compete in the challenge on June 27. Sign up by June 13 at <https://go.unl.edu/culinarychallenge>. For more about the challenge, go to <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-premium-book/>

PUT YOUR COOKING SKILLS TO THE TEST IN THE

Culinary Challenge



SIGN UP FOR CULINARY CHALLENGE CONTEST BY JUNE 13

Show off your party-planning skills with this unique pre-fair contest open to all ages on June 28 at the Extension building. Plan a menu that's suitable for indoors or outdoors. Youth can compete as an individual or as a team of two. Sign up at <https://go.unl.edu/culinarychallenge>

INDIVIDUAL COUNTY DIVISION

FOOD:

- Prepare one food item from the menu at home and bring it to challenge
- The food may be an individual serving or for family service. Recipes may be from any source.

TABLE SERVICE:

- Will include dishes, flatware and table linens for two place settings plus centerpiece. Paper plates are acceptable.
- Print or type two 4X6 display cards with the setting and complete menu on one card and the recipe on the other.

DISPLAY:

- Bring prepared food item along with selected table service, two display cards and your own card table/eating area. Display will be set up independently of adults. You will be asked 2 or 3 questions concerning the preparation, menu or choice of table service. Dress should be appropriate for category.

CULINARY CHALLENGE TEAM DIVISION

Teams of two and ages 10-18 must use the challenge ingredient: **SUNFLOWER** and table presentation interview must incorporate technology. All other guidelines follow the Individual division of the Culinary Challenge contest. Culinary Challenge Team winners advance to state, if they meet eligibility requirements.

Tuesday, June 27, 2023
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
CTA's Educational Center,
Curtis, NE



7TH ANNUAL AGRONOMY YOUTH FIELD DAY



Two Different Age Tracts

Open state wide to ALL youth ages 9-18 as of 1/1/23. Parents and adults are welcome! FREE event with lunch provided by Ag Valley Coop.

Hands on Activities

Learn how agriculture is changing with precision technology; benefits of cover crops; how to tell if soil is healthy; explore plant growth by dissecting plants; understand importance of weeds & herbicide application technology; how to scout crops for insects; & fly a miniature drone!

Register Today!



Register online at go.unl.edu/agronomy-youth-field-day or by scanning the code by June 20th. For more information, contact Nebraska Extension-Frontier County at (308)367-4424 or email kathy.burr@unl.edu.



Clover Kid ADVENTURE DAY

9 a.m. to noon - Thursday, June 29

Clover Kids ages 5-7 are invited for a fun-filled outdoor adventure day at the Buffalo County Extension! Learn about 4-H, meet new friends, and create projects that can be taken to the Buffalo County Fair! Youth will go on an outdoor adventure.

A snack will be provided. Cost is \$10.

Register at <https://go.unl.edu/cloverkidadventure>



Youth Crop Scouting Competition



AUGUST 2, 2023

EASTERN NEBRASKA RESEARCH & EXTENSION CENTER
Near Mead, NE

Open to youth who have completed 5-12th grades
Registration and set-up begins at 8:15am and the contest will wrap up around 1:00 p.m.

Registration due July 15th
REGISTER AT:
<https://go.unl.edu/cropscouting>

Youth will:

- ▶ Learn how to scout corn and soybeans!
- ▶ Obtain knowledge that will be helpful in future agricultural careers!
- ▶ Network with University and agricultural professionals!



Cash Prizes & Awards Given To Top Teams

Details found at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth

For More Information contact,
Brandy VanDeWalle, Extension Educator at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu or 402-759-3712.

Sponsored by the Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association, Ward Laboratories Inc., UNL's Doctor of Plant Health program & the NE Soybean Board in collaboration with Nebraska Extension



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.



4-H Fashion Show



All clothing exhibitors ages 5-18 are welcome to participate!

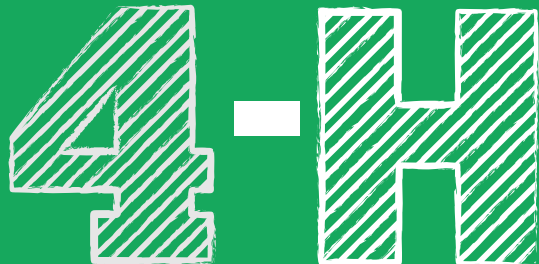


Show starts at 7 p.m. July 20 at UNK Fine Arts Building.

Sign-up information to come

FOR MORE ON THESE EVENTS:

- Complete flyers and calendar: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/whats-happening-in-4-h/>
- Area shows and clinics: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/area-shows-and-clinics/>



BUFFALO COUNTY



Get ready for County Fair and the Nebraska State Fair by completing these steps by June 15th!

Lil' Green

ALL DUE



JUNE 15

SHOWING AT FAIR?

ENROLL IN 4-H

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



LIVESTOCK, HORSE, POULTRY, RABBIT

ANIMAL ID SHEETS

Pick up at Extension or print at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/livestock-resources/>



BEEF, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS, DAIRY, COUNTY FAIR BROILERS/TURKEYS, STATE FAIR POULTRY/RABBITS

YQCA TRAINING

To show at county/state fairs, you must complete the course at www.yqcaprogram.org and give certificate to the Extension office.



STATE FAIR MARKET AND BREEDING ANIMALS

DNA ENVELOPES

If you are showing feeder calves, Market or Breeding of the following: beef, swine, goat or sheep at State Fair, you must submit DNA.



STATE FAIR MARKET/BREEDING ANIMALS

STATE FAIR NOMINATIONS

Complete online nominations by visiting showstockmgr.com. You must submit payment to be eligible to show.



**MARKET ANIMALS FOR COUNTY/STATE FAIRS
PREMISE ID**

Any new members or members who have moved since last year's fair need to provide their Premise ID. To get a number visit <https://nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html>



Save the Dates

June 1

Deadline for Horse ID's & Advancement Level testing for State 4-H Horse Show
Entries close at 5 p.m. for State 4-H Horse Show
nhorse.fairwire.com

June 2, 3 & 4

Come Learn With Carla Clinics

June 8-10

4-H Horse Camp

June 10

Buffalo County 4-H Invitational Horse Show

June 15

Horse ID sheets, Advancement Level testing for county fair due to Buffalo County Extension

July 15-19

Fonner Park State 4-H Expo
<https://4h.unl.edu/state-horse-expo>

July 26

Buffalo County Fair 4-H Horse Show

For more on contests, clinics and learning opportunities, visit:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/area-shows-and-clinics/>



Prepare for county fair

Things to think about after June 15 deadline

Once the rush of our June 15 deadline has passed, there are other important dates to keep in mind. Now that you are enrolled in 4-H, the next step is to get your pre-fair entries entered by **Friday, July 7**. Watch your weekly emails for when you can start entering your fair projects online. The site will be open to 4-Hers in the second half of June.

Sign up for static interview judging

Sign up begins July 5

A chance to talk to the judge about your 4-H project may be an opportunity to gain more knowledge in your project area or a time to explain the trials or triumphs of your experience. On or after Wednesday, July 5th, 4-H families are welcome to call the Extension office to schedule their times. Each 4-Her is allowed to sign up for 3 time slots with a Static judge and in addition, may sign up for one interview with a Horticulture judge.



CALL for VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers needed at fair

4-H static exhibit judging would not be possible without the help of dedicated volunteers. Helping with static entry is a great way to gain insight on judge's expectations and discover project ideas for next year. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Extension office or Jordan Wilbur (jordan.wilbur@unl.edu). See below for how you can help:

Static Exhibit Entry

- **Tuesday, July 25 from 4-7 p.m.**
- 20 to 25 adults and youth (age 12 and up)
- Duties include checking in and organizing 4-H static exhibits

Static Exhibit Entry & Judging

7 a.m. to whenever

- **Food Entry - Wednesday, July 26 7-8 a.m.**
- **Horticulture Entry - Wed., July 26 7-9:30 a.m.**
- 40 to 50 adults and youth (age 12 and up) at different times throughout the day
- Duties include checking-in and organizing static exhibits, preparing judge score sheets, display exhibits

Release exhibits and clean up

- Sunday, July 30 from 4 - 5:30 p.m.
- 10 to 15 adults and youth (age 12 and up)
- Duties include grouping exhibits by name and tearing down displays

*Sincerely, Kerry Elsen - Extension
Educator & Jordan Wilbur -
4-H Assistant*

4-H Information Booth

Sign up to work the 4-H Information Booth. You will be in charge of supervising the static exhibits in the Extension Exhibit Building and provide information to the public about 4-H. It is also fun to have time to check out all of the hard work of our 4-Hers! Two people are needed for each two-hour shift. This is an opportunity to help protect our exhibits and be an advocate for 4-H!

4-H Food Stand & Lunch Line

4-H families, independent members and clubs are needed to work one or more shifts at the 4-H Food Stand in the Ag Pavilion during the Buffalo County Fair, July 26 through July 31.

Three adults and three youth (age 10 and up) are needed for most shifts. Extra help is especially needed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when the lunch line is served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up for shifts individually or as a club. Anyone who works in the stand or line must have closed-toed shoes - no flip flops are allowed. Sign up by calling, stopping in the office or emailing jenny.kreikemeier@unl.edu.

Lunch Line bars needed

Homemade dessert bars will be served as a part of the lunch lines on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We ask that each club provides 7 dozen dessert bars and independent members bring one dozen bars, such as brownies, Rice Krispies treats, Special K bar, Lucky Charms bar, Scotch-a-roos, or cookie bars. All items need to be pre-wrapped and should be approximately three inches by three inches in size.

Annual

Pie & Decorated Cake Auction

5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27 at 4-H Exhibit Building

The Buffalo County FCS Project Action Team will sponsor a Pie and Decorated Cake Auction at the 2023 Buffalo County Fair. The top two junior and senior decorated cake and pie entries in the "Discovering Pies" and "Cooking 401" project areas will be eligible for auction to the highest bidder.

To be eligible, youth must be an enrolled 2023 Buffalo County member, 4-H age of 8-18, enrolled in the "Discovering Pies", "Cooking 401" or "Decorated Cake" project areas, and have met all project entry criteria and deadlines. In addition, the pie or cake must be sold by the 4-H owner who entered it. If the 4-H member is not present for the auction, they are not eligible to participate. Only one item per 4-H member is eligible for auction.

One-half of the money raised per pie/cake will go to the pie owner and the other half will go to the Buffalo County 4-H Council scholarship fund and the FCS Project Action Team in order to fund local FCS programs. To ensure success in selling your pie, talk to businesses, family members or other interested people. Extend a personal invitation to the auction and explain its importance.

Want deadline reminders?

Want to stay in contact & get updates during fair?

Follow the directions to get Remind Notifications. To join the general group, send a text that says @bc4hgen to 81010. In this group you will be getting notifications such as: *Animal ID Sheets are due June 15th. Don't forget to enroll by June 15th. Contest registration deadlines.*

We have other groups to join for animal classes, if you joined last year you will not need to rejoin.

TO JOIN: Select the updates you want to receive and send the adjacent message to 81010

General updates text @bc4hgen

Goat updates text @goatshow3

Horse updates text @horseshow3

All Beef updates text @allbeef4h

Poultry updates text @poultrybc2

Rabbit updates text @rabbitbc3

Sheep updates text @sheepshow2

Small Animal updates text @smallanim3

Swine updates text @swineshow4