



BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

May 2023

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CALENDAR

May

- 5 Sign-up deadline for Speech/PSA/Presentation Contest
- 8 Sign-up deadline for Performing Arts - UNK
- 15 Speech/PSA/Presentation Contest
- 16 Lottery Goat pickup 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Lottery Lamb pickup 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Deadline to sign up for Sr. Tempt, Taste, Try
- 19 Deadline to sign up for Jr. Tempt, Taste, Try
- 22 Performing Arts – UNK
- 23 4-H Council meeting
- 23 Buffalo County 4-H Shooting Sports organizational meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 24 BRAG meeting
- 24 All Lottery Programs meeting
- 29 Extension office closed – Memorial Day

June

- 1 Sr. Tempt, Taste and Try
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 7 Advancement Level for Horse Testing due
- 20 Fashion Show - UNK
- 25-31 Buffalo County Fair

★ ★ ★ **HAPPY** ★ ★ ★

MEMORIAL
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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/>.



FIND YOUR SPARK

IN BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

DEADLINE TO ENROLL

JUNE 15

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

Check out these links to see what's coming up

- 4-H calendar - see what's coming up at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/whats-happening-in-4-h/>
- For area shows and clinics visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/area-shows-and-clinics/>

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CONGRATULATIONS!

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

We are happy to announce the recipients of Buffalo County 4-H Scholarships:

Buffalo County 4-H: Katherine Stephens, Skyler Summers, Sydney Rowher, Gracie Wagoner, Creyton Line and Sadie Ringlein

Bankers Association: Skyler Summers, Gracie Wagoner, Katherine Stephens, Creyton Line, Sadie Ringlein

Karen Stafford Swartz: Katherine Stephens

Ronald & Jaquelyn Kegley: Rylee Bentz

Charles & Jeanette Mumma: Skyler Summers, Sadie Ringlein, Katherine Stephens, Creyton Line

Andy & Nevabelle Howe: Creyton Line

Buffalo Belles Horseman: Rylee Bentz

Build skills for a lifetime

Premier Communication Event is May 15

From novice to experienced speakers, these contests help youth develop communication, speaking and presentation skills, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, learn how to present themselves to others and develop self-confidence.

Sign up by May 5 at <https://go.unl.edu/speechcontest>

Speech Contest

Did you know that Clover Kids can talk about anything from reading a poem, a favorite story or tell their favorite thing about 4-H? All other levels must incorporate 4-H into their speech.

Presentation Contest

Presentations topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences. Participants can express themselves using visual aids in the Illustrated Presentation.



For more on these pre-fair contests, visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/fair-premium-book/>

PSA - Public Service Announcement

The Radio Public Service Announcement (PSA) contest challenges youth to write and record a 60-second promotional audio recording focused on the 2023 Nebraska State Fair theme:

'Discover Your Spark in Nebraska 4-H' that could be played on the radio to promote the work of Nebraska 4-H. Youth are judged on their overall organization and delivery of the PSA. AND/OR

Have fun creating a county-only PSA using this year's county fair theme **'Good Times and Good Vibes'** while promoting 4-H.

NOTE: Youth can remain in the audience while their PSA is being played at the contest.

Video Communication

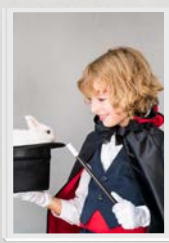
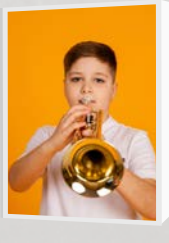
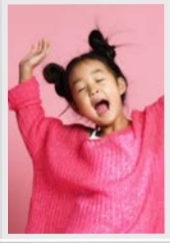
Youth who enjoy making their own YouTube videos and Tik Toks would love this competition!

The video communication contest allows youth to create a multi-media video around a theme related to 4-H. Judges will be evaluating on both the organization of information as well as the audio and video production.

NOTE: Youth can remain in the audience while their PSA is being played at the contest.

All talent welcome at Performing Arts Contest

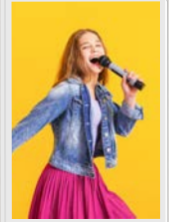
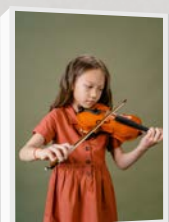
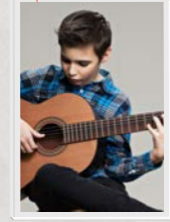
Deadline to sign up is May 8



GET READY FOR **Performing Arts**

Youth ages 5-18 are welcome to share their talents of singing, playing an instrument, dancing or other special performance skills at the 4-H Performing Arts Contest on May 22.

Groups are encouraged to enter! Register at <https://go.unl.edu/performingcontest>.



U Save the Dates U

May 1

Entry opens for State 4-H Horse Show
nhorse.fairwire.com

May 3, 10, 17 & 24

Intro to Basic Horse Management

May 24

4-H Horse Judging Contest

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

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/>



SENIOR TEMPT, TASTE, TRY

SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS MAY 18

Youth ages 13-18 (as of Jan. 1) can choose 4 projects for full day or 2 for half day to create and show at the Buffalo County Fair.

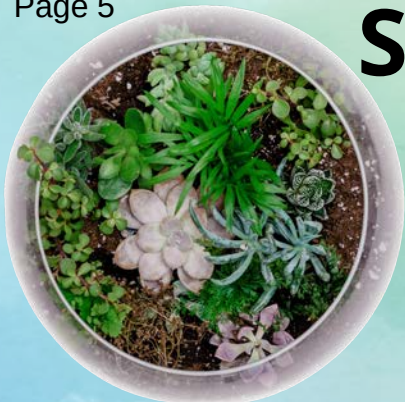
When: Thursday, June 1

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Buffalo County Extension

Cost: Full day \$40, Half day \$20

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



Photography - Morning Only

Hannah Dorn, owner of HG Images Photography, will lead this session with a focus on smartphone photography tips and tricks. A cellphone or iPod is required.

Glass Fusion - Afternoon Only

Learn how to make glass fusion art from Paint Paradise! Participants will be given pieces of glass and a backing. Projects will be left at the Extension Office so Paint Paradise can fire them in their kiln! Projects can be picked up at a later date.

Terrarium

Rooted Plant Co. will lead this session on how to make a terrarium! Each participant will choose their plants, container, and decorations to make a personalized terrarium to take home and bring to the fair!

Picture Frame Painting - Morning Only

Create a neat decoration for your room or home! Youth will have a choice of picture frame drawing. Youth will use acrylic paint to paint on the glass of the picture frame to make a neat piece of art!

Framed Watercolor

Kameran Dostal will teach watercolor techniques that they will use to create their own framed watercolor painting.

Scrabble Tile Heritage Project- Afternoon Only

Make a one-of-a-kind heritage project using old Scrabble pieces. Participants will make a Scrabble Board with names of their family members and glue the names, along with other provided 3D accents that represent their family, into a shadow box. Please have names written down before coming to the workshop to ensure there are no misspellings. Any special requests on decorations for your shadow box will need to be specified at time of sign up.

Door Signs

Create a unique door sign for your bedroom or front door. Kelsi Wilbur, a door-sign hobbyist, will lead this session. Wood rounds will be provided and youth will paint or stain one. Please fill out what you would like your door sign to say so that these words can be cut ahead of time. Participants will learn how to tie a bow if they would like to add a bow to their door sign. Other decorations will be available.



JUNIOR TEMPT, TASTE, TRY

SIGN-UP DEADLINE IS MAY 19

Youth ages 8-12 (as of Jan. 1) can choose 4 projects for full day or 2 for half day to create and show at the Buffalo County Fair.

When: Friday, June 2

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Extension Building, Kearney

Cost: Full day \$40, Half day \$20

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



Pottery Painting

Paint with the professionals from Paint Paradise! Pottery pieces of various shapes and sizes will be available to choose from. Participants will leave their creation at the Extension Office so Paint Paradise can fire them in their kiln. Projects can be picked up at a later date.



Picture Frame Painting

Make a neat decoration for your room or home! Each youth will pick a picture frame and a drawing of their choice. Youth will then use acrylic paint to paint on the glass of the picture frame to make a neat piece of art!

Cupcakes

Learn from the best! Smallcakes will be here to teach youth how to decorate cupcakes using different tools and techniques.

Tic-Tac-Toe Boards

Make a family-favorite game: Tic-Tac-Toe, but with your own spin. Participants will be able to paint their rocks and enjoy a game of tic-tac-toe with their friends!



Tin Punch - Morning Only

Learn a new kind of art by punching holes into tin! Participants will pick a pattern of their choice and will use a hammer and a punching tool to make holes in their design. Frames will be provided to display the tin pieces.



Name Art - Afternoon Only

Create a new way to display your name! You will decorate the letter of your first name with 3D objects such as flowers, sport embellishments, and jewels. Before coming to the workshop, you are encouraged to talk to your parents about why you were named the way you are, or any fun stories that go with your name! Each youth can pick what font they would like to have on their letter. Be sure to pick one when you sign up so it is ready for the day of the workshop.



Explore all the pre-fair possibilities Buffalo County 4-H has to offer!



MAY 15 - SIGN UP BY MAY 5

Develop your public speaking and presenting skills with these 3 pre-fair county contests. (All ages welcome) <https://go.unl.edu/speechcontest>



**PERFORMING ARTS - MAY 22
SIGN UP BY MAY 8**

Show off your talents on stage at UNK - (dance, sing, play an instrument or other). (All ages welcome) <https://go.unl.edu/performingcontest>



**JR. TEMPT, TASTE, TRY - JUNE 2
SIGN UP BY MAY 19**

This is a day to try multiple projects and even create some that you will be able to show at the Buffalo County Fair! (Ages 8+)



**SHOPPING IN STYLE WORKSHOP
JUNE 20 & 28**

SIGN UP BY JUNE 6
Learn how to shop for clothing in colors/styles that best accent you in this two-part workshop. (Ages 10+)



**PARTY PLANNING WORKSHOP - JUNE 23
SIGN UP BY JUNE 9**

Learn about planning a meal, table setting, proper food safety. Great preparation for Culinary Challenge (Ages 8+)



**CULINARY CHALLENGE - JUNE 27
SIGN UP BY JUNE 23**

Plan a menu, decorate a table and prepare a dish all with your own creative touches. (Ages 8+)



**CLOVER KID ADVENTURE DAY - JUNE 29
SIGN UP BY JUNE 15**

Complete fun projects, play games, meet new friends and learn about 4-H. (Ages 5-7)



**LAMB & GOAT CAMP - JULY 5-6
SIGN UP BY JUNE 21**

Learn all about lambs and goats in this interactive and educational two-day camp. (Ages 8+) <https://go.unl.edu/lambgoatcamp>



**FASHION SHOW - JULY 20
SIGN UP BY JULY 6**

Model your clothing creations on the runway! Check out the projects in STEAM 1. (All ages welcome)

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



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/lincolnmcpherson/animal-affidavits/>



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>



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>

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

shopping & style

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

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/>

Where: Buffalo County Extension
When: June 23 - Noon to 4 p.m.
Cost: \$10
Register: <https://go.unl.edu/partyplanning>

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>

3 parts of Horticulture Judging Contest

- **Identification of plant material:** Participants identify the plants by common name from a plant list. Specimens may be alive or preserved plant parts like stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers, or plant products.
- **Knowledge:** Usually in the form of a true/false or multiple choice quiz, questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers and other topics related to the production, processing and consumption of horticultural crops.
- **Judging or placings:** Four different plants, plates of vegetables, or container flowers are ranked from best to worst based on a set of criteria. Classes are judged on the basis of condition, quality, uniformity, true-to-type, and size.

Clover Kid

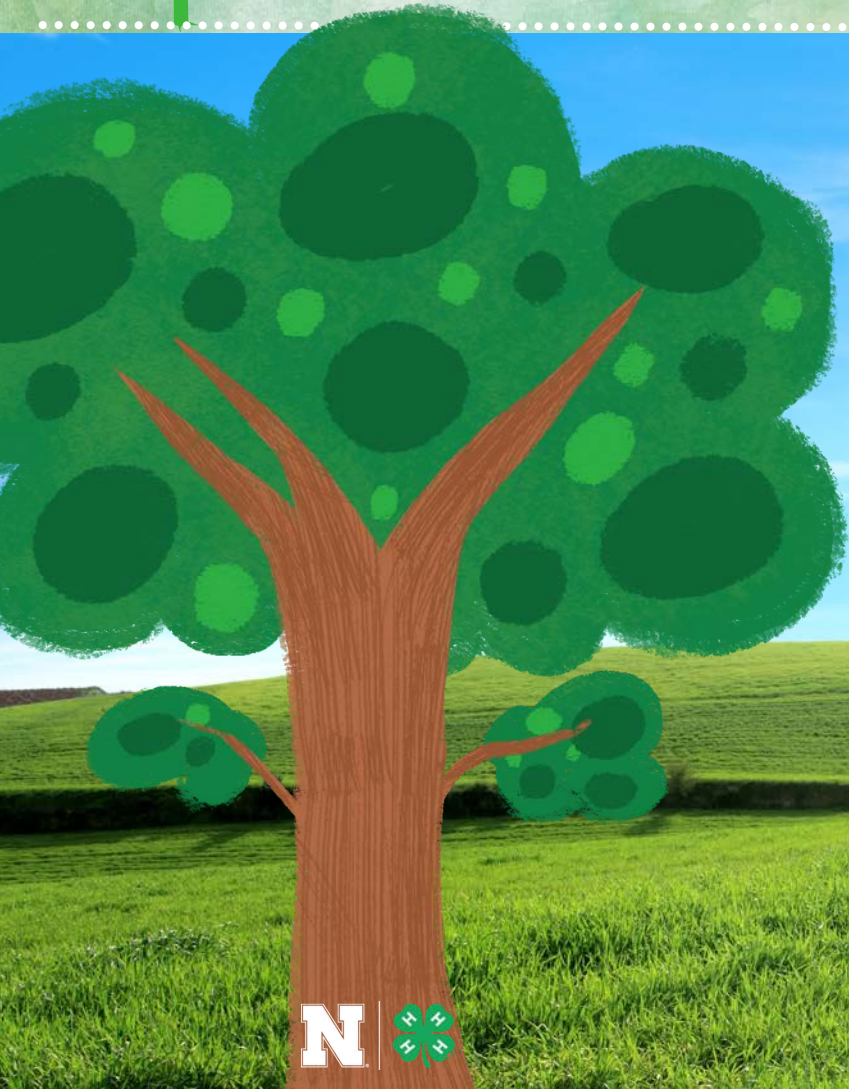
ADVENTURE DAY

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 in the afternoon.

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

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



Animal Science Discovery Days is May 25



Youth ages 8-18 will interact with Animal Science faculty and educators, gain knowledge of the livestock industry and explore careers in animal science. To register, visit <https://cvent.me/mP1GMA>



Sign up for 4-H camps today

Visit 4h.unl.edu/camp for more information and registration.

NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP Adventure Together 2023

REGISTER TODAY!

- Chadron June 5-9
- Cozad June 16-20
- Ashland June 26-29
- Burwell July 16-20
- Louisville July 27-30

Amber Stephens astephens15@unl.edu 4h.unl.edu/camp

High school youth ages 14-18 are welcome to attend 2023 Annual 4-H Youth Leadership Conference is June 19-21

Join youth across Nebraska at Camp Comeca in Cozad and enjoy traditional camp activities while integrating leadership workshops, speakers and an overall topic of influencing the future through leadership to bring together and develop the leaders of Nebraska 4-H. The deadline to register is June 4. To learn more and how to sign up visit 4h.unl.edu/leadership-conference.

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