

# BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

April 2024

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## CALENDAR

### April

- 1-2 BRAG
- 5 Deadline to sign up for Production Birds
- 8 Deadline to sign up for Lottery Pig
- 19 Deadline to submit county fair T-shirt ideas
- 23 4-H Council meeting
- 26 Extension office closed – Arbor Day

### May

- 1 Deadline to sign up for Lottery Goat/Sheep
- 7 Sign-up deadline for Speech/PSA/Presentation Contest
- 13 Sign-up deadline for Performing Arts – UNK
- 13 Sign-up deadline for Building Better Babysitters - Pleasanton
- 14 Speech/PSA/Presentation Contest
- 16 Sign-up deadline for Building Better Babysitters – Elm Creek
- 20 Performing Arts – UNK
- 20 Building Better Babysitters – Pleasanton
- 21 Building Better Babysitters – Kearney Park & Recreation
- 21 Catalpa Tree Workshop
- 22 BRAG meeting
- 23 Building Better Babysitters – Elm Creek
- 24 Deadline to sign up for Jr./Sr. Tempt, Taste, Try
- 28 Extension office closed – Memorial Day
- 29 ASC Discovery Day - NCTA - Curtis

### June

- 1 Horse ID, entry level testing due for State 4-H Horse Show
- 2 Buffalo County Fair Shotgun Shoot
- 5 Sr. Tempt, Taste and Try
- 6 Jr. Tempt, Taste and Try
- 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 Horse Advancement Level testing due for county fair
- 18 Deadline to sign up for Culinary Challenge
- 18 4-H State Speech
- 19 Extension office closed - Juneteenth
- 20 Sign-up Deadline for Clover Kid Adventure Day
- 20-21 PASE Premier Animal Science Event-UNL
- 25 Culinary Challenge
- 25 4-H Council meeting
- 25 Deadline to sign up for Lamb & Goat Camp
- 26 BRAG meeting
- 27 Clover Kid Adventure Day

# Hello Spring!

# Time to enroll in 2023-24 4-H year

## All youth and volunteers need to register

The 4-H enrollment site is now open for returning 4-H members, volunteers and to newcomers who have not yet joined. Shooting sports members must be enrolled in 4-H to practice and participate. 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.** You can pay by cash or check, just drop your payment off at the Extension office or mail to 1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847.



**When you enroll in 4-H, please use an email that you check regularly as this will be how you will stay informed of what's happening in our program.**

## Buffalo County screening all volunteers

This year Buffalo County will undergo a re-screening of all volunteers. When enrolling, volunteers must select **Program Volunteer - Selected for Required Screening** as their role. If this role is not selected, your enrollment will be sent back to you. By selecting this role, you will be directed to a screening link for DHHS. Please complete all the required forms.

### ENROLLMENT FEES

**Clover Kids:** \$5

Clover kids are youth ages 5 to 7, as of January 1, 2024.

**Traditional 4-H members:** \$10

Traditional 4-H members are youth ages 8 to 18, as of January 1, 2024.

- Families have a maximum fee of \$30

Join 4-H



### WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED TO 4-H

Visit our website to see what's happening in 4-H:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/>



Buffalo County NE 4-H



Buffalo County 4-H

# 4-H is a Feeling!

## Build skills for a lifetime

## Premier Communication Event is May 14

From beginning 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.

### 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 2024 Nebraska State Fair theme: **'4-H is a Feeling'** 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.

### Meet Me at the Fair!

#### County-only PSA

Have fun creating a PSA using this year's county fair theme **'Meet Me at the Fair'** while promoting 4-H. NOTE: Youth can remain in the audience while their PSA is being played at the contest.

#### 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.

#### 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.



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

Sign up by May 7 at <https://go.unl.edu/presentation2024> or use the QR code

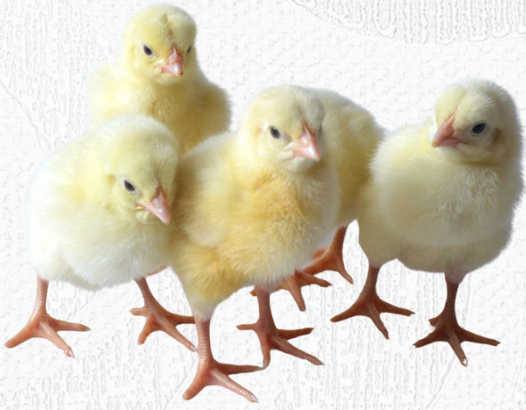
# Time to order turkeys & broiler chicks

Our production classes are a great opportunity for 4-Her's to learn about poultry's important and tasty, role in the food industry. Nutrition requirement information is available at the Extension office for feeding. Also, we can get you in touch with a local processor if you need help finishing the project.

**Project area includes two classes:      SIGN UP BY APRIL 5TH!!**

## Production Turkey-

A production pen consists of one male or one female turkey. Production turkeys must be purchased through the Extension office, in order to be fair eligible. Turkeys will be judged on meat production qualities only. Each pen will count as one entry on pre-registration. An exhibitor may enter up to two production turkey exhibits. Turkeys must weigh a minimum of 12 pounds. (It is recommended that you purchase 6-8 turkeys to be sure you have enough for 2 pens to be exhibited at fair.)



## Production Birds- (Pen of Broilers)

A pen of broilers shall consist of three male or three female birds 6 to 8 weeks of age. Broilers must be purchased through the Extension office, in order to be fair eligible. Broiler pens will be judged on meat production qualities only. Each pen of 3 must weigh no more than 21lbs total weight or under 12lbs total weight. If weight requirements are not met the pen will be lowered one ribbon placing. (It is recommended that you purchase 12 broilers to be sure you have enough for 2 pens to be exhibited at fair.)

**Deadline: Place order by 5 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2024**

**Cost:** Broilers around \$2 each

Turkeys between \$10.50 to \$13.50 pending quantity ordered

**How to order:** Call Extension at 308-236-1235

**Time of arrival:** Broilers will be here in June

Turkeys will be here in April

You will be contacted when they are ready for pick up

**Poultry Superintendents:** Jill Schubauer & Jody Smith

**Calling all 4-Hers to get creative!**

## ENTER BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H'S T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

Want to design this year's county fair T-shirt for Buffalo County 4-H? Please submit your design or drawing and include what color you want the shirt to be to the Buffalo County Extension office by 5 p.m. Friday, April 19.



# Sign up for 2024 Lottery Programs

The purpose of the Lottery Project is to provide Buffalo County 4-H members with an engaging, educational and competitive experience at the Buffalo County Fair.

The Lottery Project gives 4-Hers a great opportunity to:

- Participate in three educational seminars that include selection/production traits, nutrition, proper handling and showmanship techniques
- Learn about the species' industry and potential careers in Nebraska

The 4-H'er is responsible for finding their own housing for the animals and will complete ownership of the animals upon pick up. These animals are to be shown at the Buffalo County Fair.

Participants will receive more information on specific topics and meeting dates after the deposit has been made.

**Deadline  
Extended!**

**Fill out Lottery Pig Agreement & submit your \$100 down payment by April 8.**

The remaining \$100 will be due at the first meeting where you will pick up your pig.

**Fill out Lottery Goat Agreement & submit your \$125 down payment by May 1.**

The remaining \$125 will be due at the first meeting where you will pick up your goat.

**Fill out Lottery Lamb Agreement & submit your \$100 down payment by May 1.**

The remaining \$100 will be due at the first meeting where you will pick up your lamb.

Stop by the Buffalo County Extension to pick up the sign up and agreement forms or find the forms online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/whats-happening-in-4-h/>.

**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/buffalo/county-state-fair-livestock-resources/>



**HORSE ADVANCEMENT LEVELS**

Completion of Level 1 required for Buffalo County Fair. For more on horse, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-advancement>



**BEEF, SWINE, SHEEP, GOATS, DAIRY,  
COUNTY FAIR BROILERS/TURKEYS,  
ALL STATE FAIR POULTRY/RABBITS  
YQCA TRAINING**

To show at county/state fairs, you must complete the course at [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://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](http://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>



# All talent welcome at Performing Arts Contest

## Deadline to sign up is May 13

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 20. Groups are encouraged to enter! Register at <https://go.unl.edu/performingarts2024> or use the QR code.

**Solos, duets, groups**



**Instrumental**  
**Performances**  
**Vocal**

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## Apply for a 4S Goat Expo Scholarship

### Deadline to apply is May 31

High school seniors or freshmen in college are eligible to apply for a 4S Goat Expo Scholarship. Applicants must have been active in the goat industry, have been active in 4-H and are planning to obtain a post-high school education. The amount of the scholarship is determined by number of applications received. For more details and how to apply visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/4S%20Goat%20Expo%20Scholarship.pdf>

**HEAD**



**HEART**



**HANDS**



**HEALTH**



*Sincerely Kerry Elsen - 4-H Extension Educator, Jordan Wilbur & Heidi Darby - 4-H Assistants*

# 2024 TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT SAFETY TRAINING

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! COST: \$40**

Federal law prohibits children under 16 years of age from using certain equipment on a farm unless their parents or legal guardians own the farm. However, certification received through this course grants an exemption to the law allowing 14- and 15-year-olds to drive a tractor and to do field work with certain mechanized equipment. Certification is earned by completing a Hands-On Safety Day with written test (Certification Day 1), then completing the Tractor and Equipment Safety Training with driving exam (Certification Day 2). Successful completion of a Certification Days 1 and 2 will result in certification for 14 and 15 year old youth to be employed on farms and ranches.

Youth under 14 years of age can attend Certification Day 1 **if accompanied by an adult**. They will not be able to drive equipment, attend Day 2, or become certified. Students under 14 must still register, but will not be charged the registration fee.

## SUMMER 2024 SCHEDULE

Date(s)	Event(s)	Location
May 21 May 22	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	North Platte, NE
May 28 May 29	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	West Point, NE
May 30 May 31	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	Weeping Water, NE
June 4	Certification Day 2*	Gering, NE
June 5 June 6	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	Gordon, NE
June 7	Certification Day 2*	O'Neill, NE
June 11 June 12	Certification Day 1 Certification Day 2	Grand Island, NE
June 13	Certification Day 2*	Hastings, NE

\*Those attending a location that only offers Certification Day 2 must complete Certification Day 1 at another location, OR complete the virtual module. Certification Day 1 (or online module) MUST be completed, with written exam, before attending Certification Day 2.

## LEARN MORE

Scan the QR code or visit  
[go.unmc.edu/  
tractor-safety-training](https://go.unmc.edu/tractor-safety-training)



**QUESTIONS? CONTACT TIFFANY HOOVER AT THOOVER6@UNL.EDU**

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#FarmSafety  
#TractorSafety  
#NebExt





# Building *Better* Babysitters

This class is perfect for youth who are looking to pursue a summer job as a babysitter and for those who babysit on a consistent basis. Students will create their own babysitting kit to reference for years to come. Choose from the Pleasanton or Elm Creek locations!

1. **When:** Monday, May 20th 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Pleasanton Community Center
- OR
2. **When:** Thursday, May 23rd 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Elm Creek Village Center

**Who:** 11-16 year old youth

**Cost:** \$20 (includes registration & babysitting kit)

**Note:** Lunch & afternoon snack will be provided.  
Please bring a filled water bottle to the workshop.

**Register:** Visit the following link or scan the QR code

[https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bfTZpufXfEYJ6zl](https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bfTZpufXfEYJ6zl)

## **Program will cover:**

- Child Development
- Child Safety
- Nutrition & Cooking
- General Care
- Business of Babysitting

