



BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

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CALENDAR

June

- 1 Horse ID, entry level testing due for State 4-H Horse Show, online entry
- 1 Photography Workshop
- 5 Sr. Tempt, Taste and Try
- 6 Jr. Tempt, Taste and Try
- 11 PAT - Horse 6:30 p.m.
- 11 PAT (Shooting Sports, Livestock, Sm. Animal) 7 p.m.
- 11 Deadline to sign up for Show Me Your Colors Wkshp.
- 11 Deadline to sign up for Fire-starting & Dutch Oven Workshop
- 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 FCS/SET PAT Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Show Me Your Colors/Modeling Workshop
- 18 Fire-starting & Dutch Oven Cooking Workshop
- 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
- 26 BRAG meeting
- 27 Clover Kid Adventure Day

July

- 1 Lottery Sheep Meeting 7 p.m.
- 1-2 Lamb & Goat Camp
- 3** Pre-fair ONLINE entries due
- 4 Extension office closed - Independence Day
- 7 Buffalo County 4-H Horse Invitational
- 18 Deadline to sign up for Fashion Show
- 23-29 Buffalo County Fair

August

- 1-2 BRAG
- 19 State Fair project drop off
- 21 Exhibits traveling to State Fair
- 23 - Sept. 2 Neb. State Fair (4-H is 1st weekend, FFA is 2nd)
- 27 4-H Council meeting

4-H
DEADLINE
ALERT:
JUNE 15
IS A SATURDAY



Enroll in 4-H by June 15 - New payment option!

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. **You can now pay with debit/credit card in 4-H Online - choose your payment option at the end of the enrollment process.** You can also still pay by cash or check at the Extension office or mail to 1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847. Volunteers: Be sure to complete your required re-screening by June 15. **If you are planning to exhibit at the Buffalo County Fair, you must be enrolled by June 15!**

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

BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

IS A FEELING!

DEADLINE TO ENROLL

JUNE 15



BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H FAIRBOOK

SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS THE 2024 FAIR PREMIUM BOOK AND FAIR SCHEDULE



Buffalo County Fair is around the corner

The 2024 Buffalo County Fair is Tuesday, July 23 through Monday, July 29. To see the fair schedule, 4-H Premium Book, and what's new in 2024 visit:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/buffalo-county-fair/> or scan the QR code!

The Premium Book is a great online resource when making decisions about summer fair projects. Minor changes have been made throughout the 2024 Premium Book - be sure to check your project areas of interest so you know what may be different from last year.

Stop by the office for copies of project areas that your youth are interested in!

MEET ME AT THE FAIR!

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

Don't forget to select your youth's T-shirt size when enrolling in 4-H Online by June 15

Livestock exhibitors: Complete the list by June 15 to be ready for county and state fair.



**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/>



**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>

ONLINE HORTICULTURE CONTEST



AVAILABLE JUNE 7-21 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.

PUT YOUR COOKING SKILLS TO THE TEST IN THE

Culinary Challenge

SIGN UP FOR CULINARY CHALLENGE CONTEST BY JUNE 18

Show off your party-planning skills with this unique pre-fair contest open to all ages on June 25 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/culinary2024>.

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: **SOY** 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.

Buffalo County

CLOVER KID Adventure Day

June

Thursday | 27 | 2024

9 a.m. to noon

Cost: \$10

Learn about pollination and the different types of pollinators in Nebraska. Join us for various crafts, activities, and fun involving pollination and flowers. Kids will even get to plant their own flowers! Projects created this day will be eligible for the fair! Snacks included!

Sign up at <https://go.unl.edu/cloverkid2024>





SHOW ME YOUR COLORS

MODELING WORKSHOP

Discover your own color palette and style while learning about the fashion industry from the experts. Take a trip to the Bow & Arrow Boutique and get a firsthand look at the latest fashion trends!

CREATE A PERSONALIZED POSTER FOR COUNTY FAIR

MODELING PRACTICE

WHEN: 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M. JUNE 18
WHERE: BUFFALO COUNTY EXTENSION
WHO: YOUTH AGES 10+
COST: \$15 - LUNCH & SNACK PROVIDED
SIGN UP BY JUNE 11 AT
[HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/MODELING2024](https://go.unl.edu/modeling2024)



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4-H Fashion Show



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



Show is now combined with the Pie Auction and Cake Walk on July 25 in the Exhibit Building - Event begins at 5 p.m.

Sign-up information to come

Note: Fashion Show Judging will take place on July 16 at the Buffalo County Extension

LEARN PRIMITIVE FIRE-STARTING TECHNIQUES, MAKE A POCKET FIRE-STARTING KIT, & COOK DESSERT IN A DUTCH OVEN

Fire Starting & DUTCH OVEN COOKING WORKSHOP



WHERE: BUFFALO COUNTY EXTENSION
WHEN: CHOOSE A SESSION: 9:30 - 11:30 A.M. OR 1:30 - 3:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 18
WHO: YOUTH AGES 8 - 18
COST: \$8 PAID BY CASH OR CHECK
REGISTER BY JUNE 11: [HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/DUTCHOVEN2024](https://go.unl.edu/dutchoven2024)



ALL ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE A RECIPE BOOK

Mark your calendars!

SATURDAY - June 15

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

July 6

Buffalo County 4-H Invitational Horse Show
See program at

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/2024%20Horse%20Invitational%20program.pdf>

July 13-17

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

July 24 at 8 a.m.

Buffalo County Fair 4-H Horse Show



2024 Youth Crop Scouting Competition

August 7, 2024

Cash prizes for 1st-3rd place teams!

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!

Registration due July 15th at go.unl.edu/cropscoutingreg

For more information, call NE Extension - Fillmore Co. at 402-759-3712 or email brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu.



2024 Sponsors:



8TH ANNUAL AGRONOMY YOUTH FIELD DAY

SAVE THE DATE!!

TUESDAY, JULY 9TH, 2024
NCTA, CURTIS, NE

OPEN STATEWIDE TO YOUTH AGES 9-18; PARENTS & ADULTS ARE WELCOME TOO. FREE EVENT! REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON

YOUTH WILL LEARN ABOUT CAREERS IN PRECISION AG, AGRONOMY, WEED SCIENCE & IRRIGATION THROUGH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FROM NEBRASKA EXTENSION AND NCTA CROPPING & WATER SYSTEMS EDUCATORS & OTHER CROP SCIENTISTS

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 **Wednesday, July 3**. 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.

Entering statics in the fair?

Tips to make it smooth on entry day

All static exhibits must have an entry tag. Stop by the Extension office to pick up your static entry tags. To learn how to properly fill one out, check out this helpful sheet:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/Static%20Entry%20Poster.pdf>

All static entries must have an additional label secured to the back of the exhibit. You can get these at the Extension office or you can print a sheet of them at home:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/Static%20Exhibit%20Labels.pdf>

Not sure which class your project fits? Our fair premium book is broken down into project areas so you can easily find what you need:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/buffalo-county-fair/>

Enter your projects in our online entry system when it opens in the last part of June. Entry deadline will be July 3. Watch your email for the link.

Show up on static entry day - July 23 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. - to check in your youth's hard work!

Sign up for static interview judging

Sign up begins July 8

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 Monday, July 8th, 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.

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YOU BELONG





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 23 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 24 7-8 a.m.**
- **Horticulture Entry - Wed., July 24 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

Clubs Help Needed in Showroom

Clubs can help clean the bleachers in the livestock showroom following shows in the evenings of Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (July 25-28). Call Extension to sign up!

Release exhibits and clean up

- Sunday, July 28 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

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 23 through July 29. 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

5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 25 at 4-H Exhibit Building

The Buffalo County FCS Project Action Team will sponsor a Pie and Decorated Cake Auction at the 2024 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 2024 Buffalo County member, 4-H age of 8-18, enrolled in the Food and Nutrition project area, 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

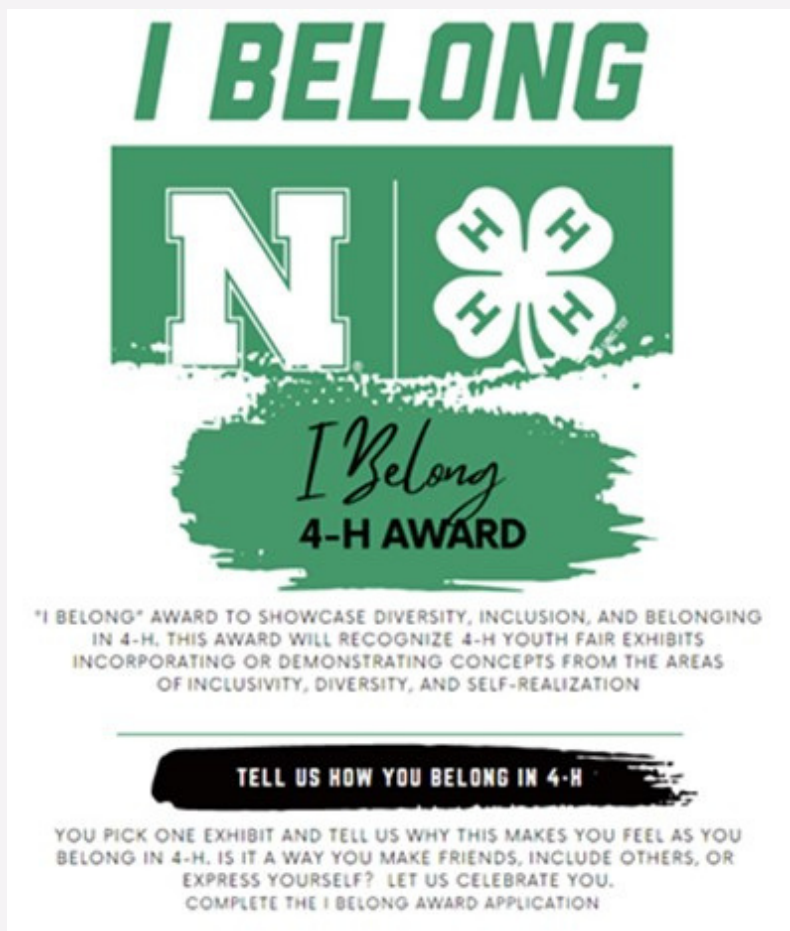
Rabbit updates text @rabbitbc3

Sheep updates text @sheepshow2

Small Animal updates text @smallanim3

Swine updates text @swineshow4

Youth can apply for the I Belong Award



4-H Members are encouraged to celebrate the diversity, inclusivity, and self-realization they have found through 4-H projects and expressed in a 4-H exhibit. Youth interested in applying for this award will submit the application along with a picture of the exhibit by completing the information found at the application link. Deadline to apply is by July 23. Youth who would like to apply can contact the Extension office for application information.

Bring in your application when you drop off your static exhibits!



Farm Service Agency offers youth loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

For more information and help preparing the application forms, contact the farm loan team at the nearest USDA Service Center. To find the nearest office, visit: farmers.gov. Additional information about youth loans can be found at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index>.