

BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H



March 2024

FIND YOUR LUCKY CLOVER IN BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H

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CALENDAR

March

- 1 Buffalo County 4-H Scholarship applications due
- 2 Buffalo Co. Shooting Sports annual pancake fundraiser
- 11-12 Buffalo County Shooting Sports Fair Ribbon Shoot
- 19 Buffalo Co. Shooting Sports Potluck & Awards Banquet
- 21 BRAG meeting
- 23 Web of Life Workshop
- 26 4-H Council meeting

April

- 1 Deadline to sign up for Lottery Pig
- 1-2 BRAG
- 23 4-H Council meeting
- 26 Extension office closed – Arbor Day

May

- 1 Deadline to sign up for Lottery Goat and Lottery 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



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.** 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 payment site at <https://buffalo-county-4-h-council.square.site/>.



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

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

You Belong



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

Lottery Pig



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.

Fill out Lottery Pig Agreement & submit your \$100 down payment by April 1.

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

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/>.

Lottery Lamb



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.



Lottery Goat



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 pig.

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, 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>



GREAT PLAINS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CIRCUIT

2024 SCHEDULE

Open to Nebraska 4-H and FFA members ages 10-18. For more information, visit 4h.unl.edu/livestock-judging-circuit.

NEBRASKA CATTLEMEN'S CLASSIC
February 17 | Kearney, NE | theclassicne@gmail.com

NE STATE FFA
April 5 | Lincoln, NE | bfrench6@unl.edu

WELD COUNTY (CO)
April 13 | Greeley, CO | lhooker@co.weld.co.us

LOGAN COUNTY (CO)
April 20 | Sterling, CO | jd.sexton@colostate.edu

BUTLER, COLFAX, & PLATTE COUNTY
May 23 | Leigh, NE | sbell8@unl.edu or bdolezal2@unl.edu

THAYER/NUCKOLLS COUNTY
May 24 | Nelson, NE | amy.brockman@unl.edu

NORTHERN PANHANDLE JUDGING CONTEST
May 28 | Hemingford, NE | astevens4@unl.edu or mmracek2@unl.edu

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
May 30 | Bladen, NE | elizabeth.janning@unl.edu

PREMIER ANIMAL SCIENCE EVENT (PASE)
June 22 | Lincoln, NE | bfrench6@unl.edu

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Want to prepare for PASE?

Polish your skills with judging circuit

The Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit is a lineup of contests held throughout the state giving youth the opportunity to perfect their skills in preparation for the Nebraska 4-H Premier Animal Science Event (PASE) <https://4h.unl.edu/pase>. Qualifying youth must attend a minimum of two contests in addition to the PASE livestock judging contest in order to be eligible for awards and scholarships. The top 5 individuals in the Senior and Intermediate divisions will be recognized as part of the All-State Team during the Grand Drive at the Nebraska State Fair. The circuit is open to 4-H members ages 10-18 as of January 1, 2024. For more information and schedule visit 4h.unl.edu/livestock-judging-circuit.

Sign up for Corn Challenge by March 15

Project Purpose

- To achieve new, innovative crop production methods to improve yields and provide research data for producers to implement in their operations which are economically feasible.
- To introduce youth to a variety of agronomic professionals, including corn producers. Youth will be working with an adult to mentor them through the process.
- To teach youth all aspects of corn production, as well as a variety of agricultural careers related to corn production.

To sign up visit <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/youth>



Events in Buffalo County 4-H visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/whats-happening-in-4-h/>

Events around the state visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/area-activities-opportunities/>



Summer 2024 CAMP
The power of being green

CHADRON JUNE 1-5 JUNE 6-8	10-14 YEARS 8-10 YEARS
COZAD JUNE 16-20 JULY 1-3	10-14 YEARS 8-10 YEARS
BURWELL JULY 17-19 JULY 20-24	8-10 YEARS 10-14 YEARS

REGISTER TODAY
[4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS-REGISTER](https://4h.unl.edu/camps-register)

Register at 4h.unl.edu/camps-register



HOW WILL YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SUMMER?
THE NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP IS HIRING

- PROGRAM STAFF
- PROGRAM ASSISTANTS

APPLY TODAY
[GO.UNL.EDU/CAMPJOB](https://go.unl.edu/campjob)

The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based upon any protected status. Please see go.unl.edu/nondiscrimination

Check out summer jobs with the Nebraska State 4-H Camp positions: Program Staff for 18 years old and up and Program Assistants for ages 16-18



Apply today to attend Nebraska Ag Youth Institute's event

'Leading Your Legacy' will inspire youth in developing leadership skills and grow their passion for agriculture, Nebraska's #1 industry.

LEADING your Legacy
NAYI 2024

NAYI features:

- Career Development
- Farm Management Game
- Motivational Speakers
- Networking Opportunities
- Awards Presentation
- Formal Banquet & Dance

Who: High school juniors & seniors
Where: UNL - East Campus
What: Educational ag event
When: July 8-12, 2024
Apply: nda.nebraska.gov/nayi
Deadline to apply: April 15

Apply at nda.nebraska.gov/nayi



BIG RED CAMPS
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
JUNE 9-14, 2024

Join UNL for an immersive and empowering college and career ready experience through Big Red Camps 2024! Embark on a transformative journey of self-discovery, skill-building, and preparation for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps>

New scholarship opportunity for graduating seniors

Apply for the Husker Harvest Days Scholarship by submitting your application by mail - must be postmarked by March 8. The \$1,200 scholarships are available to students pursuing a post-secondary education in various areas of the field of agriculture and are awarded by the Agricultural Institute of Nebraska, Grand Island Chamber of Commerce and Farm Progress Companies. For more details and to obtain your application, visit <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/area-activities-opportunities/>.

Learn more about the 4-H Horse Program

To compete in the Buffalo County Horse Show on Wednesday, July 24, exhibitors must complete their advancement level testing and have turned in their Horse ID sheet to the Extension office by June 15. To compete in the Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo July 13-17, exhibitors must complete their Horse ID sheets, advancement levels and complete their online entries by June 1st. For more on the horse program, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/horse>.

UNL conducting study of 4-H Horse Advancement Levels

UNL will be conducting a 4-H Horse Advancement Level Study beginning this year to track youth in the horse program for the next several years. After youth complete an advancement level, they will be asked to participate in the survey with a link sent via email. The survey includes a parental consent/permission, youth assent/permission, demographics, 4-H involvement and survey questions. Completion of the survey is not part of testing requirements, but participation in the study would be appreciated.

Rule changes for State Fair Horse Show

Please note the most recent 2023 Horse Show & Judging Guides will not reflect these changes.

New Age Divisions

Elementary: Ages 8-11

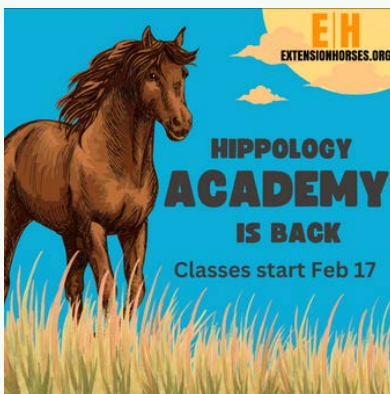
Juniors: Ages 12-14

Senior: Ages 15 & up

Please note:

- 8 & 9 year-old exhibitors may only compete in Level I & II at state
- Exhibitors age 10 & up may compete in any level at state

Hippology Academy still available

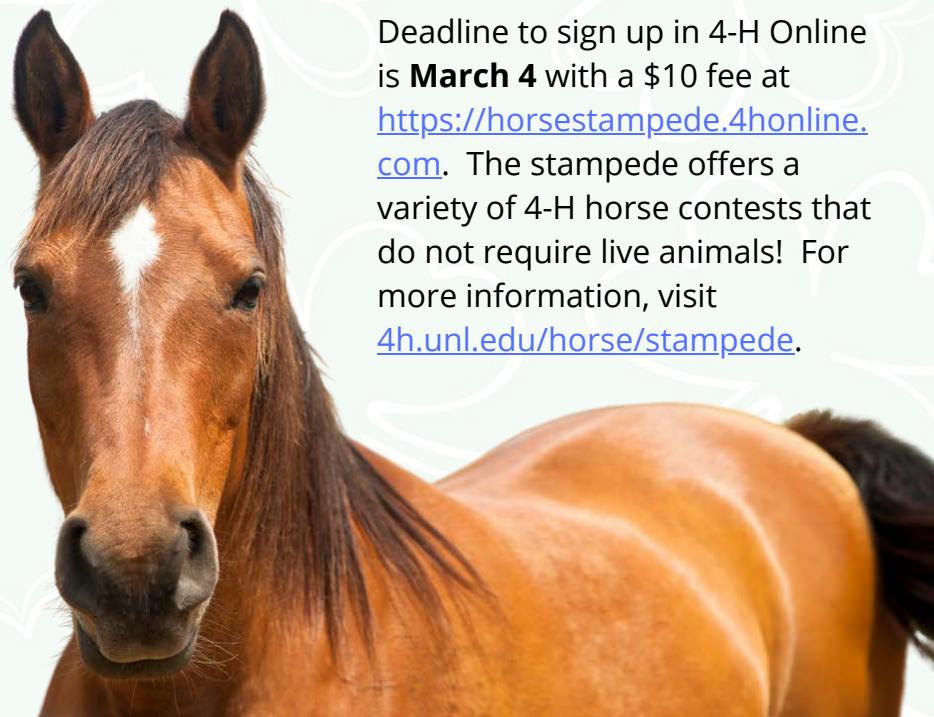


Learn more and register at:
<https://catalog.extension.org/?category=6&keyword=hippology&cond=advand&search=Search>

NO HORSE REQUIRED!



Deadline to sign up in 4-H Online is **March 4** with a \$10 fee at <https://horsestampede.4honline.com>. The stampede offers a variety of 4-H horse contests that do not require live animals! For more information, visit 4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede.





**Buffalo County
4-H Shooting Sports Club**

PANCAKE FEED

LET US DO THE COOKING!


SATURDAY, MARCH 2
7:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

Buffalo County Extension Building
1400 East 34th Street
South Side of the Fairgrounds



Free Will Donation

Supplies & Equipment Fundraiser for supported 4-H Shooting Sports Programs

DATA DRIVEN
4-H STATISTICS

March 16, 2024
10 AM - 4 PM
UNL East Campus

- Teams of 4 High School Students
- Ignite Your Passion for Numbers!
- Compete, Collaborate, and Win!

<https://4h.unl.edu/data-driven>

Register at <https://4h.unl.edu/data-driven>

Albion

Become a certified instructor or ambassador

Volunteers will have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader in Albion on April 13-14. Ambassador training and the following project areas will be offered - rifle, pistol, shotgun, archery and ambassador.

Certified instructor update planned

An update for all Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructors who received their training in 2018 or before is being offered in Albion on April 13. Over the years there have been numerous curriculum changes, updates and additions. Discipline updates that will be offered include rifle, shotgun, archery and pistol.

Ogallala Become a certified instructor or ambassador

Volunteers will have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader in Ogallala on March 16-17. Ambassador training and the following project areas will be offered - coordinator, rifle, pistol, shotgun and archery. For more information visit <https://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/4hstaff/17030/93424>

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More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>

Web of Life

Workshop for youth ages 5 & up

Discover Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches
Find out how these beneficial insects impact the food chain



Test their skills on the Madagascar Hissing Cockroach Tractor Pulling Track



WHEN: 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 23

WHERE: Buffalo County Extension

COST: \$5 each

REGISTER: Sign up by March 19 at

https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_38YVS6bEliAqwuy



Achievement program offered to enrolled livestock exhibitors



The Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program, an 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. Applications/Sign up are due June 15th and Plan and Reports, as well as Project Records will be due August 1 via the completion form at <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>. 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.

