

# BUFFALO COUNTY 4-H



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## National 4-H Week is October 7-12

## CALENDAR

### October

- 1 Club of Excellence Applications due to Extension
- 7-12 National 4-H Week
- 14 Extension office closed – Columbus Day
- 16 New 4-H Year begins
- 22 4-H Council meeting
- 22 BB Gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol Organizational Meeting

### November

- 1 4-H Achievement applications due
- 7 Deadline to register for Pumpkin Workshop
- 10 Year-End Celebration
- 11 Extension office closed – Veteran's Day
- 12 Pumpkin Workshop for Homeschooled Youth
- 26 4-H Council meeting
- 28-29 Extension office closed – Thanksgiving



hello  
FALL

Building a ready generation in a world of change

# Celebrate National 4-H Week

4-H equips youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.  
*October 7-12*

## Monday: Coloring Contest for ages 5 & up

Print the coloring page at the end of this newsletter or stop in the office to pick up a copy - color and return by Friday, October 18

## Tuesday: Calling all past and present 4-Hers

Take a picture of your favorite 4-H project and share with us on Facebook

## Wednesday: Wear a favorite 4-H T-shirt

## Thursday: Where does 4-H take you?

Cut out Lil' Green on page 7 and take a picture with him and share with us on social media

## Friday: Activity Day

Watch our video on Facebook and get a fun activity to do with family over the weekend!



[https://www.facebook.com/  
BuffaloCountyNebraska4H/](https://www.facebook.com/BuffaloCountyNebraska4H/)



# Help a 4-Her earn funds for CWF trip

The Fall Fundraiser is set to begin this month, and you can help support a Buffalo County 4-Her by purchasing fruit, meat, cheese, nuts and coffee. Items sold will be available for pick up in December. Exact date of arrival is yet to be determined.

**Youth are also selling Eileen's Cookies Cookie Dough to help them fund their Citizen Washington Trip. You can purchase a 3-pound tub of frozen dough for \$22 which makes 33 3-inch cookies! You can choose from chocolate chip, monster oatmeal, snickerdoodle, M&M, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter and sugar. If you would like to place an order, stop by the Extension office. Sale ends November 8.**



**NUTS**  
**MEATS**  
**COOKIES**  
**CHEESE**  
**FRUIT**  
**COFFEE**

If you are interested in supporting a 4-Her in their efforts to raise money for their trip you can purchase items by:

- Contacting a participating 4-Her (you may contact Extension office to find out who is selling)
- Placing your order at the Extension - please have payment at time of purchase - make checks payable to Buffalo County 4-H
- Going online to our general account (proceeds will be evenly divided amongst the participants) and enter your order - **link to our online store will be available soon!**

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## 4-Hers can apply for awards & recognition

### **Achievement & Diamond Clover applications due Nov. 1**

The **4-H Achievement** application is an organized presentation of what has been learned and accomplished in 4-H and is a useful tool for determining progress and personal growth throughout the 4-H'ers career. Please submit your applications to the Buffalo County Extension by November 1. Earn a \$20 scholarship to camp or a 4-H event by submitting your achievement application! For more information and application, visit <https://go.unl.edu/zwdb>.

The Nebraska **4-H Diamond Clover** program encourages 4-H youth to engage in a variety of programs, projects, and activities that will enable youth to acquire skills and abilities that will prepare them for success in the future. The program consists of six levels that require a young person to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. For each level, the Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H youth choose their goals. The accomplishments increase in quantity and difficulty for each level. Please submit your application to the Buffalo County Extension by November 1. For more on this opportunity, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>.

# 4-H Council is looking for new members

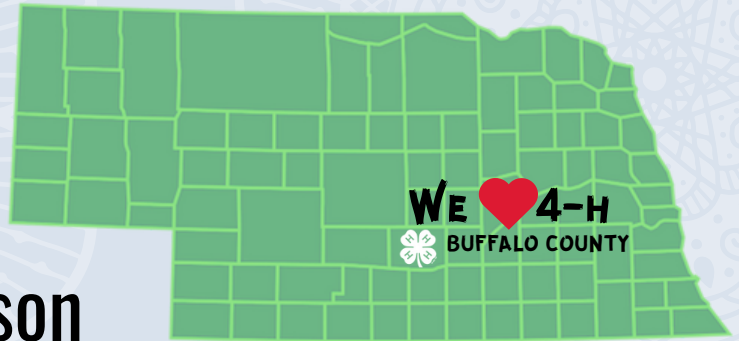
## Adult and youth members are needed

The Buffalo County 4-H Council is an essential group of adults and youth volunteers who meet, on the fourth Tuesday of most months in the evening, to evaluate and plan 4-H programs, events and fundraisers, set policies, and decide upon other 4-H management issues.

Any adults and youth who are interested in making 4-H a growing and thriving program may consider joining the council for a two-year term. Please contact the Buffalo County Extension office to express your interest in membership.

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## Buffalo County 4-H Shooting Sports preparing for winter season



The Buffalo County 4-H Shooting Sports club is planning their BB Gun, Air Rifle and Air Pistol season. The programs will begin in November, with start dates to be determined, in the Buffalo County Extension building from 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays will be Novice BB Gun, Air Rifle and Air Pistol and Tuesdays will be all BB Gun and split between Novice and Intermediate members. BB Gun members can choose whichever night works better for them throughout the season. For instance, if a school program falls on your chosen night, you are encouraged to attend the other evening. The age range for BB Gun is 8-15 years old. Parents must be in attendance at each meeting. **The club's organizational meeting is at 6:30 p.m. October 22 at the Buffalo County Extension building.** This is a great time to find out about the program and ask any questions you may have.

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## 4-H Shooting Sports New Leader Certification Planned at Ashland

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop for Shotgun and Archery is October 12-13 at the Ashland Gun Club. Registration to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) is \$90 while the fee for Apprentice Instructors (14 to 20 years of age) is \$80. The fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. All participants must complete four online modules with a fee of \$20 per person prior to the training to be eligible for certification. The modules will take 3-4 hours to complete.

## 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update Planned at Ashland

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update Workshop for Shotgun & Archery is 9 a.m. to noon, October 12 at the Ashland Gun Club. This update is for existing instructors or apprentice instructors who have had a 4-H training in 2018 or prior years. Please pay your registration fee by October 7. The early bird fee is \$35 by October 2nd. Late registration is \$60 after October 2.

## 4-H Shooting Sports New Leader Certification Planned at Trenton

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzleloading and Archery is November 2-3. Registration to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) is \$100 while the fee for Apprentice Instructors (14 to 20 years of age) is \$90 with a due date of October 23rd to receive the early bird pricing. The fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. All participants must complete four online modules with a fee of \$20 per person prior to the training to be eligible for certification. The modules will take 3-4 hours to complete.

## 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update Planned at Trenton

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update Workshop for Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloading and Shotgun is 9 a.m. to noon, November 2. This update is for existing instructors or apprentice instructors who have had a 4-H training in 2018 or prior years. The early bird fee is \$35 by October 23rd. Late registration is \$60.

For more information on any of the workshops, visit

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

**I PLEDGE MY HEAD**  
TO CLEARER THINKING

**MY HEART** to greater loyalty

**MY HANDS** TO LARGER SERVICE

**MY HEALTH** TO BETTER LIVING

FOR MY CLUB  
MY COMMUNITY  
MY COUNTRY  
& MY WORLD.

# Volunteer training opportunities coming in November

Nebraska 4-H is excited to bring the 4-H Volunteer Road Show to volunteers statewide. The 4-H Volunteer Road Show offers in-person and virtual training, with opportunities to network with other volunteers and build your skills working with youth.



A \$15 registration fee covers a meal and all supplies. Learn more and register at [go.unl.edu/4hvrs](http://go.unl.edu/4hvrs)



## SESSION TOPICS

The **North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Impact Study 2.0**, a 12-state study of 4-H volunteers, was conducted in January 2024. Discover the impacts of volunteering for 4-H youth development and how you have made a difference by sharing your sparks.

**County Fair Superintendent Training** - County fair superintendents have a very important role in the 4-H experience for youth and families. Learn how to excel in this role and ensure a great experience for all!

Take your **club service activities** to the next level by creating a county fair exhibit out of the experience.

Calling **animal and livestock** volunteer euthenists! Take a deeper look into opportunities for youth who have found their spark through animal and livestock projects!

Discover how volunteers can ensure youth are **beyond ready** for their future!

- **HASTINGS - NOV. 12**  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **SCOTTSBLUFF - NOV. 14**  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m. MDT
- **VIRTUAL - NOV. 17**  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- **LINCOLN - NOV. 18**  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- **NORFOLK - NOV. 19**  
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

*Thank You*  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
*for all you do!*



Show us where 4-H takes you! Cut out Lil' Green and take a picture with him and share with us on social media!

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# Happy National 4-H Week

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

