



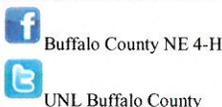
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Calendar of Events

February “Nebraska 4-H Month”

- 01 Beef Weigh-in/Tagging - Huss Livestock Market 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 04 Registration Deadline for STEAM Workshop in Shelton
- 07 STEAM Workshop, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Shelton Library
- 08 Too Many T’s Workshop, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 08 Competitive Shotgun Meeting, 1 p.m. at FKSSA
- 09 Competitive Shotgun Meeting, 1 p.m. at FKSSA
- 09 Young Leaders Meeting, Extension Building, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- 11 Family & Consumer Science Project Action Team, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Livestock and Small Animal Project Action Team Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 15 Nebraska Cattlemen’s Classic Livestock Judging Contest
- 18 Horse PAT Meeting at 7 p.m.
- 17 Extension Office Closed/President’s Day
- 19 BRAG Meeting
- 23 Life Challenge Interest Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 25 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

March

- 01 State and Local Scholarship Applications Due
- 01 NIFA Grant Applications Due
- 06 Companion Animal Challenge/Horse Stampede Entries Due
- 06 Registration Deadline for STEAM Workshop, Elm Creek Library
- 07 Beginning Sewing Workshop, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 07 Shooting Sports Pancake Feed
- 08 Young Leaders Meeting, Extension Building, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- 09 BB Gun Fair Shoot
- 09-10 BRAG Meeting
- 10 Air Rifle & Air Pistol Fair Shoot
- 13 STEAM Workshop, 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m., Elm Creek Library,
- 15 Innovative Youth Corn Challenge Entry Deadline
- 16 4-H Shooting Sports potluck & awards
- 18 Chick Days, UNL
- 19 STEAM Workshop, 1 p.m. 4 p.m., Ravenna Library
- 24 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 24 Registrations due for County Speech and PSA’s
- 28 State BB Gun Shoot
- 28 Horse Stampede/Companion Animal Challenge, UNL East Campus
- TBD 4-H Dog Information Meeting, @ 5:30 p.m.
- TBD Shotgun/Trap Fair Shoot
- TBD Archery/Shotgun Organizational Meeting

April

- 01 Early Bird Registration Due for Big Red Summer Academic Camp
- 01 Lottery Pig applications due
- 04 Intermediate Sewing Workshop, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 05 Young Leaders Meeting
- 07 County 4-H Speech & PSA Contest, 7 p.m.
- 13-14 BRAG Tours
- 18 Unicom Spit Workshop, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 20 Lottery Pig Mtg, Pig Pickup
- 24 Extension Office Closed/Arbor Day
- 24 STEAM Workshop, Gibbon,
- 28 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- TBD Lottery Goat Applications Due

-Event details listed in newsletter-

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4-H Enrollment



The 2019-2020 4-H year has begun, youth and volunteers can start enrolling in 4-H by going online to

<https://ne.4honline.com>. To

enroll, sign in with the email address that was used last year to login to your family profile and enroll. If you forgot your password, select the "I forgot my password" button. If new to 4-H, create a family profile, that lists all the members of your family involved in 4-H, by selecting the "I need to setup a profile" button. These instructions are on the website listed above, and the Buffalo County 4-H website: buffalo.unl.edu.

The annual enrollment fee for Clover Kids is \$5. Clover Kids are youth ages five to seven, as of January 1, 2020. The annual enrollment fee for traditional 4-H members is \$10. Traditional 4-H members are youth ages eight to eighteen, as of January 1, 2020. There is a family enrollment fee maximum of \$30. Payments in the form of cash or check can be dropped off or mailed to the Extension Office. Payments made online are done through this website: squareup.com/market/buffalo-county-4-h-council.

Market Beef Weigh-In/Tagging

Market Beef Weigh-In and Tagging

Market Beef weigh-in and tagging is scheduled for the following days and times:

Saturday, February 1, 2020
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Huss Livestock Market
1202 W 19th Street
Kearney, NE 68845

At tagging and weighing, please remember to complete a market beef ownership affidavit. On the affidavit, you must write in your animals complete EID tag number, and identify the animal. State Fair animals must submit DNA and BVD samples to compete. DNA envelopes and BVD vials will be available at tagging.

All market beef animals will be tagged with an 840 EID Tags. There will be no separate county fair-only tags. The following will be costs at tagging and weighing. Please make sure to bring along cash or check to make these payments.

- Tags: \$3.00 each
- BVD: \$3.50 each

Special M & M Feeders and Huss Livestock Market for use of their facilities!

State Fair Nominations



Again, this year, exhibitors interested in showing at state fair will need to do online nominations.

All market animals (beef, swine, sheep, and goats) have until **June 15th at 5 p.m.** to turn in their DNA envelopes to the extension office and nominate their animals online at showstockmgr.com. Payment must be submitted to be eligible to show at state fair.

Anyone interested in showing breeding animals (beef, sheep, goats) will need to turn in breeding nomination cards as well as nominate their animals online at showstockmgr.com by **June 15th at 5 p.m.** Payment must be submitted to be eligible to show at state fair.

If you have any questions please contact the extension office at 308-236-1235.

Life Challenge

Life Challenge Interest Meeting Sunday, February 23 at 5 p.m.

Life Challenge is a two-day event located on the UNL campus, on June 22nd-23th, designed to help youth learn about issues related to family and consumer sciences, explore career opportunities that are available, compete with other teenagers from across the state, and have FUN!

If you are interested in attending or learning more information, stop by the extension office on February 23rd at 5 p.m. for a 30 minute informational meeting with the Buffalo County Extension Assistant Kameran.

2020 District Horse Shows

2020 Nebraska 4-H District Horse Shows are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

Date	Location
Monday, June 15 th	Scottsbluff
Tuesday, June 16 th	Burwell
Wednesday, June 17 th	Columbus
Thursday, June 18 th	Lincoln
Friday, June 19 th	McCook

4-H members may compete at any District Horse Show location of their choosing. All level testing required for participating must be completed by Friday, May 8th. All district and State Fair horse entries will be due to the County Extension office by May 8th.

Upcoming Workshops

STEAM Experimentation Workshop
Shelton Public Library
Friday, February 7th 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
\$10 per participant
Registration Deadline February 4th

Youth will participate in open exploration and experimentation and will leverage STE(A)M concepts to create three projects to enter into the fair! Space is limited! Register at <https://form.jotform.com/61534671546156>.

Too Many Tee's
Buffalo County Extension Office
Saturday, February 8th, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Ages 10 and up



Do you have too many t-shirts in your closet? Explore the world of upcycling by remaking t-shirts into bags, coasters and/or potholders! The cost of this workshop is **FREE** but we ask that each youth bring 5 t-shirts to upcycle. We also ask that each

youth is registered following the link so we know how many youth to prepare for.

<https://form.jotform.com/60555154631149>

STEAM Experimentation Workshop
Elm Creek Public Library
Friday, March 13th 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.
\$10 per participant
Registration Deadline March 6th

Youth will participate in open exploration and experimentation and will leverage STE(A)M concepts to create three projects to enter into the fair! Space is limited! Register at <https://form.jotform.com/200163479778061>.

Animals

Lottery Pig Project **Deadline April 1**



The Lottery Pig project is an educational and competitive program. This project will help exhibitors find a quality pig at a reasonable price. Youth who participate will learn production traits, feeding and nutrition information, showmanship techniques, the swine industry in Nebraska and potential careers.

To participate, the Lottery Pig Agreement and the \$62.50 down payment towards the purchase price must be completed by April 1.

The remaining price of \$62.50 will be due at the first meeting, which will be April 20th. You will need to be able to pick up your pig that night. Participants will receive more information on specific topics and meeting dates after the deposit has been made. **Applications can be picked up at the extension office.**

Speech & PSA Contest

Buffalo County Speech and PSA Contest
Tuesday, April 7th, 7:00 p.m.
Buffalo County Extension Office
Register by Tuesday, March 24th

Through the 4-H Public Speaking Contest, youth have an opportunity to write a speech or a public service announcement (PSA) that incorporates the topic of 4-H and deliver it to an audience. The 4-H Public Speaking Contest helps youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to real audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence. Information and registration for these contests will be released soon.



Selected individuals will get the chance to participate at the State Contest which will be held in Lincoln during the PASE/Life

Challenge contest on Wednesday, June 24th. **The 2020 State PSA theme is "Inspire Kids to Do."**

Companion Animal Challenge

The Companion Animal Challenge is a set of contests for youth interested in companion animals. These contests are animal-less and test youths knowledge about companion animals. New this year to the contest are a Cat Skillathon and an essay contest. 4-H youth ages 10-18 are invited to participate.

The 4-H Companion Animal Challenge will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2020** at the Animal Science Complex. Contests include: Demonstration Contest, Dog Skillathon Contest, Cat Skillathon Contest, Essay Contest, Art Contest, and Photography Contest. This event allows youth to apply their companion animal knowledge, but does not require them to have an animal! It will be held the same day as the 4-H Horse Stampede so that youth can compete in both events if they choose. Entries are due to the extension office by **March 6, 2020**.

For more information: 4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/challenge.

Questions? Contact: Dr. Lisa Karr (lisa.karr@unl.edu)

Horse Stampede

The horse stampede is a group of contests for youth interested in horses. These contests do not require youth to have a horse all they need is to have an interest and be willing to learn some information about horses.

The 4-H Horse Stampede will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2020** at the Animal Science Complex. Contests include: Individual Demonstration Contest (can be done in person or through zoom), Team Demonstration (can be done in person or through zoom), Speech (can be done in person or through

zoom), Junior or Senior Horse Bowl (team quiz bowl contest), Art Contest (do not need to be present to participate, you can mail in the entries), and Photography Contest (do not need to be present to participate, you can mail in the entries). It will be held the same day as the 4-H Companion Animal Challenge so that youth can compete in both events if they choose. If you would like to have lunch or a t-shirt at the contest please make sure to fill out a lunch or t-shirt order form when registering for contests. Entries are due to the extension office by **March 6, 2020**.

For more information: 4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede

Questions? Contact: Dr. Lena Luck (lena.luck@unl.edu)

9th Annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

Do you enjoy being outside? Learning new things about crops? Considering a career involving crops, insects, diseases, soils, water or more? Do you want to help figure out how to feed our world's growing population in a sustainable way?



Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the 9th Innovative Youth Corn Challenge contest. This contest, open to 4-H members (age 10 & older as of Jan. 1st) or FFA members (in-school members), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production.

As a team (2 or more participants), youth will be challenged to implement a production practice different than normal to determine if they increased their yield. Economics and sustainability of the practice will also be considered. Yields, cropping history, and production information will be collected in the Corn Yield Challenge management summary.

Cash prizes and plaques are given. First place receives \$1,000, second place receives \$500, and third place receives \$250. Sustainability, crop scouting and "extra mile" awards are also given as cash awards.

To participate in 2020, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded after January 1st at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/cornchallenge. For more information, contact Brandy VanDeWalle at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu.

Shooting Sports

Competitive Shotgun Meeting
Saturday, February 8th and Sunday, February 9th
At 1 p.m. at the Fort Kearney Shooting Sports Association

Anyone that is interested in participating in Competitive Shotgun will need to attend one of the two meeting times, on February 8th and 9th.

Winter Shooting Sports Fair Shoot
Mon. – Tues., March 9th - 10th
6:30 p.m. each night
Buffalo County Extension Building

The Winter Shooting Sports Fair Shoot will be for the BB Gun, Air Rifle, and Air Pistol disciplines. There will be a written test for BB Gun per the National Rifle Association rules. All scoring will be done by Orion Scoring Systems. Contact Kevin Taylor with any questions at 308-386-6742 or kwTaylor@frontiernet.net.

NCC Youth Judging Classic

Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic
Youth Judging Contest
Saturday, February 15th
Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney
Entries should be entered on or before, February 5th

Coached teams of four youth may enter the NCC Youth Judging Contest that will take place on Saturday, February 23rd at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds in Kearney. The NCC youth judging contest will run much like a regular contest.

Age divisions are junior, age 8-13, and senior, age 14-19. Age should be determined by age as of January 1, 2020, and not based on age or standing in school or FFA. Entry is \$60 per team and \$15 per individual. Late entries are \$80 per team and \$20 per individual. Registration should be entered on or before Monday, February 5th, but late registration will still be accepted until the morning of the contest. Entry fees can be mailed with registration or paid at the contest. On the day of the contest, registration begins at 7:00 a.m., with the contest beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Contest Details and Entry: cattlemens.org/youth/junior_show.html

Scholarships



Buffalo County 4-H
Scholarships
Applications Due Monday,
March 2nd

Eligible 4-H members can apply to all of the following Buffalo County 4-H scholarships, with one application. Some of these scholarships require additional materials to be submitted, such as a reference letter, essay or interview. Please see the application

form for details. Applications and any supporting materials must be turned into the Buffalo County Extension Office by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 1st.

- Andy and Nevabelle Howe Scholarship (\$150).
- Bankers Association Scholarship (four, \$500).
- Buffalo Belles Horseman Scholarship (\$200).
- Buffalo County 4-H Scholarship (six, \$500).
- Karen Stafford-Swartz Scholarship (\$200).
- Ronald and Jacquelyn Kegley 4-H Scholarship (\$500).

Application: buffalo.unl.edu.

Charles and Jeannette Mumma Scholarship
*Application Due Monday,
March 2nd*

Two \$1,500 scholarships and two \$750 scholarships will be awarded by the Buffalo County 4-H Council, for use in any field of study. Applicants must have participated in 4-H for a minimum of five years and must be currently enrolled. The selection criteria will be based on an interview and the applicant's resume, 4-H involvement and leadership, community involvement and leadership, and scholastic achievement. Completed applications must be turned into the Buffalo County Extension Office by Friday, March 1st.

Application and Details: buffalo.unl.edu

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce
Applications are due Friday, March 15th

Each spring the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce awards scholarships to area high school students who have met the requirements to graduate. The Business and Education and the Agriculture Committees work hard throughout the year to raise funds to sustain each scholarship.

- \$1,500 Mark Benjamin Building Opportunity Scholarship will be awarded to a student planning on attending a two-year college or trade school to pursue a career in the construction trades industry
- Two \$1,100 Agriculture scholarships will be awarded to students from Buffalo or Kearney Counties who are planning on pursuing a career in Agriculture
- \$750 Student Leader Scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to attend University of Nebraska Kearney
- \$350 Student Leadership Scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to attend Central Community College – Kearney Center

Application and Guidelines:

<https://www.kearneycoc.org/scholarships>

Husker Harvest Days Scholarship
Applications Due Friday, March 20th

Nine scholarships valued at \$1,200 each for students pursuing a post-secondary education in various areas of the field of agriculture to be awarded by the Agricultural Institute of Nebraska, Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, and Farm Progress Companies. The scholarships are awarded to high school graduating seniors who are pursuing a program/career in agriculture/agribusiness. All scholarships are academic in

nature. Financial need may be a consideration in the selection process but will not be the determining factor.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant must have a "B" average or above.
2. Applicant must complete the designated scholarship form.
3. Successful applicants must agree to submit a brief summary that describes his/her first semester participation in college and how this scholarship benefitted your education.
4. The scholarships MUST be used at any accredited university, 2-4 year college, or technical school in Nebraska and be enrolled in a program relating to agriculture/agribusiness.

Application can be found on our website at

extension.unl.edu/statewide/buffalo/whats-happening-in-4-h/.

Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards

Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards
Applications Due Sunday, March 1, 2020

The purpose of the Nebraska 4-H Foundation's Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards, sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) is to recognize 4-H clubs for the work of the individuals in the club and the community service work of the entire club. This is an opportunity for 4-H to support our agricultural roots while we help 4-H members expand the career possibilities they are considering.

Recognition is in the form of \$500 checks issued to the club's treasury to be used as described in the award application form completed by the club. Examples of fundable programs include: conference or workshops for others in the community, trips or tours for club members, community improvement projects in the club's hometown, campus visits, fairgrounds enhancements, intergenerational programs, and the development of youth councils.

Applications for the 2020 Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards are due by Sunday, March 1, 2020.

Application and Guidelines: ne4hfoundation.org/governors-ag-excellence-award/

4-H Summer Camps & Trips

4-H Summer Camps & Trips

Nebraska 4-H offers a wide variety of camps across the state throughout the summer. Camps run from May 26th to August 7th, are open to anyone ages 5-18, and span a list of topics and locations. There are overnight camps and weeklong day camps. Nebraska 4-H has two camp facilities, which are Nebraska State 4-H Camp, located near Halsey, and Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center, located Gretna. Camp sessions include Leaders in Training, Splash Bash, Wild Zoo Adventures, Loop the Loup River Journey, Kool Kravings, Gettin' Messy!, Party in the

Quality Assurance Training

ATTENTION ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS!

In order for the 4-Hers to access YQCA online training their enrollment in 4-H Online must be active. You can find the online YQCA course at yqca.learngrow.io.

When the 4-Her completes the online training they will need to print off the completion certificate and bring it to the Extension Office or email the certificate to Elizabeth at elizabeth.cast@unl.edu. All certificates must be turned in by Monday, June 15th.

Upcoming Shows & Clinics

- **NCC Judging Contest**
February, 15th 7 a.m. Check in
Buffalo County Fairgrounds, Kearney
- **Horse Advancement Level 3&4 Workshop**
March 8th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Animal Science Complex, Lincoln
- **Chick Days**
March 14th 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Animal Science Complex, Lincoln
- **Horse Stampede**
March 28th 9 a.m.
Animal Science Complex, Lincoln
- **Companion Animal Challenge**
March 28th
Animal Science Complex, Lincoln
- **Annual Youth Animal Science Field Day**
May 28th
Curtis, NE
- **NCTA Livestock Judging Contest/Camp**
May 27th
Curtis, NE

All upcoming show and clinic information, including registration, is listed on our website: buffalo.unl.edu. Flyers are also available in the Extension Office.

Sincerely,


Kerry Elsen, Extension Educator



U.S.A., Kravin' Waves, Shipwrecked, and many more! Each Buffalo County 4-H member that attends an overnight Nebraska 4-H Camp will receive a \$100 scholarship from the Buffalo County 4-H Council. To use the online discount code, please contact Amber Gapp at 308-236-1235 or amber.gapp@unl.edu.

Registration and descriptions of all camps available:
4h.unl.edu/camp-centers

Buffalo County 4-H Camp Scholarship Available

Buffalo County 4-H'ers are eligible to apply for the Esther Wingert 4-H Camp Memorial Scholarship. This is a \$200 4-H camp scholarship that is offered to one Buffalo County 4-H'er each year and who is in need of funds to go to one of the following Nebraska State 4-H Camps at Halsey:

Discovery – Loop the Loup River Journey

Discovery – Sandhill Sampler

The application process for this camp scholarship is simple. Submit your request to the Buffalo County Extension Office via email or by mail with the following information by the deadline date of **April 1st**:

1. A request for camp support. Please be sure to include the age and gender for the camper and which specific camp session that the camper would like to attend (Specifically which camp listed from above).
2. A brief statement from the parent of the camper expressing why they would like to have their child attend this camp this summer.

Send requests to:

Buffalo County Extension
1400 E. 34th St. Kearney, NE 68847
Amber.gapp@unl.edu

The Buffalo County 4-H Council provides a \$100 camp scholarship to each Buffalo County 4-H'er that attends an overnight 4-H camp each year. You are still eligible for this scholarship in addition to the Wingert scholarship.

Campership from Nebraska 4-H Foundation

We believe that every young life should be enriched by the camp experience, and we want to make camp an opportunity for all youth. With the support of the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and its donors, we are able to offer a limited number of \$100 camp scholarships to support the participation of young people at the Nebraska 4-H Summer Camps. Day camps are not eligible for camp scholarships. If you have a camper in need of financial support we welcome your request.

Camp scholarships must be awarded prior to registration. The application process for a Camp scholarship is simple. Please complete the application at 4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp/scholarship. Please contact Amber at the extension for an online discount code. If selected as a recipient of a camp scholarship, we will contact you by email.