

Butler County 4-H News

April 2024

Dates to Remember

Apr. 7 - Communication Contest at 4 pm

Apr. 26 - Office Closed - Arbor Day

May 1 - County Fair Info Night - 5:15 pm Hwy 92 Bldg.

May 3 - Diamond Clover Goals Deadline

May 23 - Butler Colfax Platte Livestock Judging Contest - Leigh

May 24 - Clover Kid Workshop

May 27 - Office Closed - Memorial Day

May 29-May 30 - Babysitting Clinic

May 31 - YQCA Training 10-11 am - Hwy 92 Bldg.



4-H Online Enrollment is Open!

Online enrollment is now open to enroll or re-enroll your 4-H'er(s) for 2024. 4-H leaders, along with Council members, are also required to enroll or re-enroll for the new year. The enrollment website is **Sign In (4honline.com)**. Google Chrome and Firefox are the recommended web browsers to use when enrolling online. Annual enrollment fee for 2024 will be \$10 per 4-H'er. Payment is required at the end of the enrollment process. If you are re-enrolling in 4-H, please DO NOT create a new enrollment. Use your email address and password from last year to log into and re-enroll.

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Save the Date!

Butler County Fair Information Night

Wednesday, May 1 | 5:15 pm

Highway 92 Building | 3190 N Rd, David City, NE 68632

Any 4-H Club Leader/Volunteer or 4-H Parents (old or new) are welcome to attend! We highly encourage each club have at least one representative at the meeting.

We will be sharing a variety of information specific to the fair, while also having relevant forms available for pick up!



Looking Ahead:

June 1: State Horse Online Entry Form Deadline

June 14: YQCA, 4-H Enrollment, Livestock ID, County Fair Entry, State Fair Nomination Deadlines

June 17-18: Premier Communication Event - Lincoln

June 20-21: Premier Animal Science Event - Lincoln

June 27: Plant Science & Entomology Contests - Columbus

June 28: Livestock Showmanship Clinic



County Fair Updates

County Fair Theme:

- Butler County Fair: Your Faircation Destination!

County Fair Schedule Changes/Reminders:

- **July 2**
 - Culinary Challenge - 10 am
 - Fashion Show - 2 pm - Modeling is JUDGED at the Fashion Show!
 - Exhibit Hall Set-Up
- **July 6**
 - Fairgrounds Clean-Up
- **July 9**
 - Butler County 4-H Horse Show - 8 am
- **July 14**
 - Livestock + Static Release - 6 pm



Diamond Clover Program

The 4-H Diamond Clover Recognition Program is designed to complement our dynamic 4-H tradition in a noncompetitive way and recognize the accomplishments of 4-H members from 8-19 years of age.

To learn more about the program or to obtain a level form online, go to [Diamond Clover | Nebraska 4-H](#).

Butler County 4-H'ers interested in this program are REQUIRED to turn in their goal/accomplishment plan sheet by Friday, May 5 to the Extension Office. Final reports are due Friday, October 6. In order to receive recognition and the level award, 4-H'ers MUST meet both deadlines with the respective forms.



Around the Barn

Butler County 4-H Livestock Program Related Updates and Information

Butler County Fair Swine Show

NEW: Based on suggestions from the 2023 Butler County Fair and 4-H Council discussion, being added to the 4-H Swine Show at the Butler County Fair, is a **Breeding Gilt Show!** See the details below. Questions? Contact Aliesha at the Extension Office.

- Identification:
 - Must be tagged with a county 4-H tag or 840 USDA EID tag.
 - Must complete an ID sheet by the June 15 deadline.
- Registration:
 - Exhibitors of breeding gilts must present certificate of registration or proof of registration to show in a registered breed class. The papers must be up to date in the name of the exhibitor, family or farm name, and meet breed industry standards for breed type, color and confirmation. Any breeding gilt that is registered to a breed association not listed in the fair book will show in the Other Purebred Breeding Gilt class. If registration papers aren't presented, the gilt will show in the crossbred class.
- Minimum Age Requirements:
 - All breeding gilts are required to be born on or after December 1, 2023.
- Quota:
 - Youth can exhibit 2 breeding gilts.
- Show Order:
 - Purebred breeding gilts will show first, followed by crossbred breeding gilts.
 - Purebred breeding gilts will be shown by age; crossbred will be shown by weight.
 - A champion and reserve champion gilt will come from each breed division.
 - Champions from each division will compete for an overall breeding gilt.
- Breeds:
 - Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Poland China, Spotted, Yorkshire, All Other Breeds, Crossbred

Livestock Achievement Program

We are excited to announce the fourth year of the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program. This 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. Members as young as eight will be able to participate. Applications are due June 15, but why wait? Visit 4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement to get started.

State Fair Livestock Nominations

State Fair Nominations will be online again this year and nominations are now open via www.showstockmgr.com. State Fair tags and DNA envelopes are available at the Extension Office. The deadline for **ALL** online nominations and DNA envelopes returned to the Extension Office is **June 15**.

Butler County Fair Swine Show

NEW: All swine shown at the Butler County Fair, both market and breeding, must be born on or after December 1, 2023.

Broiler Program

NEW: 4-H'ers are now responsible for purchasing the broiler chickens through the Extension Office for the Butler County Fair Broiler Show.

- **Broilers: \$2.25/bird**
- **15 birds per exhibitor**

Checks are due at the time of ordering and can be made out to Butler County 4-H Council.

Deadline to order broilers is Friday, April 5. Questions? Call Aliessa at the Extension Office.

Butler County Fair Goat Show

NEW: Moving forward during the 4-H Goat Show at the Butler County Fair, the wethers and does will show together. An overall market goat will be selected. This decision was not made lightly but is due to the low number of goats in the show. If numbers go up, this decision will be revisited.

Youth for Quality Care of Animals - YQCA

Quality Assurance will be offered through the program YQCA, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals again this year! Aliessa Meusch will be offering **face-to-face sessions** at the Highway 92 Building and is available to conduct training at club meeting as her schedule allows. You can contact Aliessa at aliesha.meusch@unl.edu to set up a time. The deadline for quality assurance is **June 15**. Certificates are due to Aliessa in order to have a confirmation training was completed. **NEW:** There will be no reimbursement for YQCA this year! If you can't attend in-person, you can attend a surrounding county or complete the training online.

Registering for quality assurance will be online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>, using the Family 4-H Online login information for active youth. If you are in both 4-H and FFA, please register through the 4-H login option. Face-to-face sessions cost \$3 and online sessions cost \$12. This is paid online when you register. Youth will need to register online prior to coming to the face-to-face session. Face-to-face sessions will last at least one hour. **When registering for YQCA online - youth will need to complete a pre-test prior to attending the training and a post-test in order to access their certificate after training completion. Youth only need to attend ONE training to obtain certification.** Trainings will be held at the Highway 92 Building.

Friday, May 31

10 – 11 am

Wednesday, June 5

5 – 6 pm

2024 Butler County 4-H and FFA Livestock Identification Guidelines

Livestock Animal	Due Date	County Fair Only	State Fair (DNA Envelope)
Market Beef	June 15	4-H or EID Tag and ID Sheet	EID Tag, DNA and online nomination
Feeder Calf	June 15	4-H or EID Tag and ID Sheet	EID Tag, DNA and online nomination
Bucket Calf	June 15	4-H Tag and ID Sheet	None
Breeding Beef- <i>Registered</i>	June 15	Tattoo matching Registration Papers and ID Sheet	Tattoo matching Reg. Papers, DNA and online nomination
Breeding Beef- <i>Commercial</i>	June 15	4-H/EID Tag or Tattoo and ID Sheet	Tattoo or EID Tag, DNA and online nomination
Market Swine	June 15	4-H or EID Tag and ID Sheet	EID Tag, DNA and online nomination
Breeding Swine - <i>Purebred</i>	June 15	4-H or EID Tag, Registration Papers and ID Sheet	EID Tag, Reg. Papers, DNA and online nomination
Breeding Swine - <i>Crossbred</i>	June 15	4-H or EID Tag and ID Sheet	EID Tag, Reg. Papers, DNA and online nomination
Market Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA and online nomination
Breeding Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA and online nomination
Market Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA and online nomination
Breeding Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA and online nomination
Horse	<i>May 1:</i> <u>State</u> Entries Open <i>June 1:</i> <u>State</u> Entries Close <i>June 15:</i> <u>County</u> Fair	ID Sheet with drawings and/or pictures	ID Sheets with pictures, left & right sides and head.
Rabbit	August 10	None	Tattoo by entry Aug. 10

All livestock with an EID tag must have a Premise ID on record at the Extension Office.

State Fair: Animal information must be nominated, paid for and submitted via www.showstockmgr.com by the exhibitor family on or before the due date listed. DNA Envelopes must accompany online nominations and can be picked up at the Extension Office. NE State Fair entries can be made at www.statefair.org. Entry deadline for the Nebraska State Fair is August 10 at 8:00 pm.

PASE

Premier Animal Science Event University of Nebraska-Lincoln June 20-21

Must be 8 by January 1 to participate

Anyone who is interested - let Aliesha know so we can begin practices!

Livestock Judging

- Three divisions (8-10,11-13,14-18)
- Up to 10 person teams/division
- Up to 8 individuals/division

Meats Judging

- Three divisions (8-10,11-13,14-18)
- Up to 4 person teams
- Up to 10 individuals

Poultry Judging

- Three divisions (8-10,11-13,14-18)
- Up to 4 person teams
- Unlimited individuals

Livestock Quiz Bowl

- Three divisions (8-10,11-13,14-18)
- 4 person teams/division
- Up to 1 alternate/team

Livestock Skill-a-thon

- Three divisions (8-10,11-13,14-18)
- Up to 5 person teams/division

Animal Welfare

- Two divisions (11-13, 14-18)
- Up to 8 person teams/division
- Unlimited individuals

Companion Animal

- Three divisions (8-10,11-13,14-18)
- Must be enrolled in companion animal project area
- Contest includes: essay, demonstration, cat skillathon, companion animal skillathon, art and photography.

For More Information:

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Visit 4h.unl.edu/pase



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BIG RED CAMPS

Cost: \$575-\$800
(varies by camp; covers lodging & meals, supplies, and other expenses as applicable - field trip expenses, uniforms, etc.)
Limited scholarships are available!

[HTTPS://4H.UNL.EDU/BIG-RED-CAMPS](https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps)

Nebraska 4-H facilitates multiple, simultaneously run Big Red Summer Camps at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This week long experience was created to give young people a better understanding of the college life experience based upon future careers of interest. We work to provide an experiential learning opportunity for all program participants. Campers come from across Nebraska and the nation.

WHY BIG RED CAMPS?

- An enriched learning opportunity, in a safe and inclusive environment, designed to provide hands-on postsecondary and workplace experiences
- Experience life on a college campus
- Network with local, area, regional, and/or state University faculty and staff as well as business & industry experts
- Gain knowledge to pursue a wide variety of postsecondary and/or career options
- Attain college and career readiness knowledge and skills and earn a digital badge
- A highlight of the week is the capstone project presentation for parents/guardians/chaperones/guests

2024 CAMP SESSIONS

- ROOTED in Agriculture
- Animation
- The Art of Teaching: Inspiring Minds, Igniting Potential
- Discover Fashion: Clothing Design, Sustainability, & the Future of Textiles
- Discover Cryptography
- AGAM Discover Digital Media
- Discover Engineering
- Discover Esports
- Physics of Earth
- Discover Speech, Hearing, & Special Education
- STEM Odyssey
- Discover Unicameral Youth Legislature
- Discover Veterinary Science
- Discover Weather & Climate Science

STATE CONTACTS

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PARTICIPANTS STATE THIS PROGRAM HAS HELPED THEM...

100%

LEARN NEW INFORMATION

99%

GAIN COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS SKILLS

(75 YOUTH, 2022 EVALUATION)





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EXTENSION BUTLER COUNTY

BUILDING BETTER BABYSITTERS

MAY 29 & MAY 30
9 AM - 3:30 PM

REGISTER BY: MAY 24

Attendees will:

- Increase confidence in caring for children.
- Learn basic care for infants and children.
- Discover safe and age-appropriate activities.
- Emergency preparedness.
- Craft healthy snacks for children.

\$25



DETAILS:

Ages: 11 - 18 years old

Any youth in Butler County!

Butler County Event Center

62 L St, David City, NE 68632

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Names: _____

Any allergies or medications?: _____

Is your child in 4-H? Yes No (please circle)

Youth do not need to be a 4-H member to participate.

Return to: Butler County Extension, 451 N 5th Street, David City NE 68632

Cash or check ONLY - payable to UNL Extension. One form per youth.

Fees must be included with registration. Incomplete forms or forms without fees will not be accepted.

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