

Butler County 4-H News

February 2023

Dates to Remember

Feb. 7 - Wear 4-H Shirt to School

Feb. 15 - Coloring Contest Entries Due to Office - **can mail, email or drop off**

Feb. 20 - President's Day - Office Closed

Mar. 6 - 4-H Horse Stampede Entry Deadline

Mar. 12 - Spring Forward - Daylight Savings Time

Mar. 18 - YQCA Training from 10-11 am - Hwy 92 Building

Mar. 25 - Horse Stampede Contests in Lincoln

Mar. 26 - Communication Contests at 4 pm - Columbus



Celebrate NE 4-H Month!

February is Nebraska 4-H Month! Join us in a month of celebrations! **Friday, Feb. 7 is wear your 4-H Shirt to School Day.** There will be a coloring contest for all members - with divisions for Clover Kid (5-7), Junior (8-11) Intermediate (12-14) and Senior (15-18) - all ages as of Jan. 1. **Coloring pages are included in the newsletter or can be picked up at the office. Deadline for submissions is February 15.** We will also have a social media campaign on our Facebook page and locker signs heading to the schools - so keep an eye out!

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TECH CHANGEMAKERS

JOIN US TO HELP TEACH
DIGITAL SKILLS

****MUST be a 4-H member and 13 or older as of Jan. 1, 2023****



LET ALIESHA KNOW BY MONDAY, FEB. 6

Tech Changemakers

Join us as a member of the Tech Changemakers team in Butler County! As a team, we will work to execute technology and digital literacy programming to adult audiences. All youth team members will be trained and supported by Butler County 4-H Staff. This year programming will conclude at the end of May. We will have a planning meeting and then schedule out our programs. Questions? Contact Aliesha at the Extension Office!

4-H Online Enrollment is Open

Online enrollment is now open to enroll or re-enroll your 4-H'er(s) for 2023. 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 2023 will be \$10 per 4-H'er. Payment is required at the end of the enrollment process.

A screenshot of the 4-H Online Sign In page. It features the 4-H Online logo at the top, followed by two input fields for 'Login Email' and 'Password', and a blue 'Sign in' button. Below the button are links for 'Don't have an account?' and 'Reset password?'.

IMPORTANT!

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 start your re-enrollment for this year.

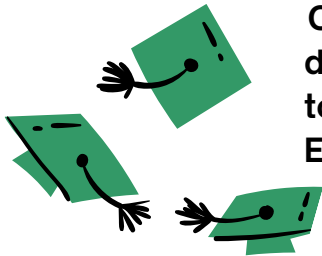
Enrollment Drawing

Starting January 31, each month we will have a drawing for those who enrolled in 4-H prior to that date! We will have prizes such as gift cards to local businesses, 4-H swag and carnival wristbands.

Drawings will be held at the end of each month in January, February, March, April and May. Get enrolled today!

4-H Council Scholarship for Graduating Seniors

Butler County 4-H Council offers scholarships to graduating seniors. The scholarship application includes a registration form, a one-page essay and a completed 4-H Annual Award Application. Forms can be found online by visiting [4-H Newsletters | Nebraska Extension \(unl.edu\)](#). Applications are also available at the Extension office. Questions? Contact us at 402-367-7410.



Complete applications are due by April 3, by 5:00 pm to the Butler County Extension Office.

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4-H Youth Leadership Conference

New Date, New Location For High School Age Youth

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Date: June 19 -21, 2023
Location: Camp Comeca, Cozad, NE



Office Closed Feb. 20

Nebraska State Fair

With each new State Fair season, brings new possibilities and opportunities for 4-H families in Nebraska. The opportunity for 4-H to continue having its own weekend allows more flexibility for new events, entry limits, schedules, and space. We want to continue to take advantage of that!

As part of that process, we continue to explore age eligibility requirements for State Fair participation. After garnering user input, researching data from other events/shows/states, and looking that overall impact on youth development, the decision has been made to change **the age of eligibility in 2023 to be 9 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person events (livestock, contests, fashion shows).**

2023 4-H Communication Event

New in 2023: We will be joining Platte and Colfax Counties for the 4-H Communication Event! See the new date and location below.

Previously known as the Speech, PSA & Presentation Contest has a new name with a new contest added for 2023.

The Communication Event will include Speech, PSA, Presentation, and now a Video Communication contest. This event is scheduled for Sunday, March 26 at 4:00 pm at the West Education Center at Central Community College, Columbus.

The new Video Communication Contest is where 4-H youth may use a phone, laptop, or tablet to create a 60-90 second multi-media piece around a theme. County contest winners will have the opportunity to showcase their video at the State 4-H "Premier Communication Event" in June.

For more information and how to register for any of these contests, see enclosed flyer with this newsletter.

****While there are youth from other counties at the event, Butler County youth will be scored against only Butler County.****



Around the Barn

Butler County 4-H Livestock Program Related Updates and Information

Nebraska State Fair Nominations

NEW: All 4-H/FFA **BREEDING** livestock, **MARKET** livestock and **FEEDER CALVES** will now be required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair. These envelopes will accompany the online nomination. Envelopes are due on June 15, 2023 and can be picked up at the Butler County Extension Office. Questions? Contact Aliesha Meusch at 402-367-7410.

Horse 4-H Program

NEW: Participation in a **District 4-H Horse Show** will **NOT** be required to participate in the **State 4-H Horse Show**. This means that **Districts** will no longer be held - being replaced by **the clinics**. Learning opportunities will be provided to horse program youth from the State 4-H Horse Program throughout the summer in the form of workshops and clinics in preparation for the State 4-H Horse Show. Keep watch for more information as it comes!

NEW: The speed/game events at the Butler County Fair 4-H Horse Show will be split into three divisions instead of two. Divisions are: Junior (8-11), Intermediate (12-14) and Senior (15-18).

Butler County Feeder Calves

Any Feeder Calf Heifers or Steers that plan to be exhibited **MUST** be born between January 1, 2023 through April 2023.

Beef and Swine Ear Tags

NEW: Beginning this year, beef and swine **county** ear tags will cost \$1/tag to purchase. This change is due to the swine identification process changing. EID tags for State Fair for both beef and swine are \$2.50/tag to purchase.

Swine Identification and Weigh-In Process

NEW: Swine will now be required to have tags in their ear by the **June 15 ID Sheet Deadline**. This is to streamline the weigh-in process during the Butler County Fair Weigh-In. As stated above, tags will be \$1/tag for county tags. **Ear notches will NOT be accepted as a form of identification for swine moving forward.**

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**.

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! Aliesha 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 Aliesha at aliesha.meusch@unl.edu to set up a time. The deadline for quality assurance is **June 15**. Certificates are due to Aliesha 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://yqca.learnrow.io>, 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.

Saturday, March 18	10 - 11 am	Monday, April 10	10 - 11 am
Wednesday, May 24	10 - 11 am	Monday, May 24	5 - 6 pm

County Fair Updates

County Fair Theme:

- Wild and Free in 2023!

County Fair Schedule Changes:

- **July 6**
 - Culinary Challenge - 10 am
 - Fashion Show - 2 pm - Modeling will be JUDGED at the Fashion Show!
 - Exhibit Hall Set-Up
- **July 8**
 - Fairgrounds Clean-Up
- **July 11**
 - Butler County 4-H Horse Show - 8 am
- **July 12**
 - Beef Check-In/Weigh-In - 8-9 pm
- **July 15**
 - Beef Show - 8 am
- **July 16**
 - Livestock Release - 6 pm

2023 Special Agronomy Project

The Nebraska Extension Special Agronomy Project gives 4-H members an opportunity to experience a crop that is grown, was grown or has the potential to be grown in Nebraska. Youth participate by receiving seed and resources to grow the crop, research traits of the crop and determine the viability of that crop in the part of the state they live. The project allows 4-H members interested in agronomy to grow something fun, new, and different.

The focus of the 2023 Special Agronomy Project is Tepary Beans. Tepary beans can be used like dry edible beans, forage, or hay. To participate in the Special Agronomy Project, **enroll in the project through 4-H Online or call your local extension office to reserve seed by February 15. Find more information about the project by visiting [Special Agronomy Project](#).**

There are three ways to complete this at the county or state fair. First, an educational exhibit that can be in a poster format can include what you learned. Secondly, let your creativity go wild and create a video-type presentation explaining what you have learned, showing the growing process, etc. Finally, you can enter the crop itself. To do this, cut 6 stalks at the ground level and bound-together with supporting information about the project. For project specifications and details, be sure to go to the Nebraska State Fairbook at <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/rules>.

STAY TUNED

Plans are in the works for a recruitment night/fundraiser for Butler County 4-H! We will either partner with Runza or host an open house (non-fundraiser) for people to come and get information about 4-H. Watch for more information coming in the next week!



2023
**SPECIAL
AGRONOMY
PROJECT**
4H.UNL.EDU/SAP

TEPARY BEANS

4-H Horse Stampede

The Nebraska 4-H Horse Stampede offers a variety of 4-H horse contests that do not require live animals, including public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, art, and photography contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their equine knowledge through these contests both as an individual and as part of a team. The 4-H Horse Stampede is held annually at the UNL Animal Science Complex in Lincoln, Nebraska. This year's event will be held **Saturday, March 25, 2023.**

There is a \$10 entry fee per participant and \$10 office fee per exhibitor. Event shirts are also available for pre-order. All orders, fees, and entry forms must be submitted online by **March 6, 2023.** **Entry forms and more information can be found at [4-H Horse Stampede](#).**

HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY
Feb. 14



Spring Rabbit Show

Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m.

Registration 7:30-8:30 a.m.

**Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds – Exhibit Hall
84th & Havelock, Lincoln**

Opportunity
to learn and
practice your
showmanship!

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN!

Best of Breed awards will be given to each breed that has **2 or more exhibitors and 3 or more entries.**



**FREE
CONTESTS!**
Rabbit Quiz &
Breed ID!*

*New this
year: the knowledge
contests are open
to adults for a
minimal fee!

**RAFFLE FOR
MANY PRIZES!**
Tickets 3 for \$1
or 20 for \$5

Rabbit Classes

- Fancy Rabbits** Juniors—under 6 months
..... Seniors—6 months and over
- Commercial Rabbits** Juniors—under 6 months
..... Intermediate—6-8 months
..... Seniors—9 months and over
- Pet Class*** Junior exhibitors—ages 8-12
..... Senior exhibitors—ages 13-19

*This class is for crossbred rabbits and rabbits which have disqualifications for their breed.

For Clover Kids Ages 5-7

Each participant will receive a participation award. No registration fee.

- Clover Kid Class** Any breed/any age rabbit to be shown by youth ages 5-7

Registration Fees

- \$3.00 Per rabbit or cavy
- \$1.00 Fur class
- \$2.00 Showmanship

Great opportunity for youth to learn from other 4-H'ers where to purchase a show-quality rabbit for a 4-H project!

Please bring an item for raffle such as crafts, rabbit items, plants, spring items, books, etc. No homemade food items.

All rabbits must have a permanent legible tattoo in the left ear (tattooing available at the show 7:30-8:30 a.m. — \$1 per rabbit). All rabbits must be in carriers with leak-proof bottoms.

For more information, contact Kate at 402-441-7180 or kpulec3@unl.edu

Sponsored by Lancaster County 4-H Rabbit VIPS Committee and Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County.



Adventure Together 2023

ADVENTURE TOGETHER ACROSS NEBRASKA WITH 4-H CAMP



Chadron

June 5-9

Experience Nebraska via horseback, hiking, and with a trip down the Super Slide! Then see the prehistoric Agate Fossil Beds for a week of exploring Nebraska's wilderness; both past and present.



Cozad

June 16-20

Challenge yourself with high ropes, zipline, and a rock wall! Work together with your new friends for a canoeing adventure, and round out your day with gaga and 9 square in the air!



Ashland

June 26-29

Have an "in-tents" outdoor adventure at Mahoney State Park. Cook by the campfire, explore the tree canopy on the ropes course, and make a splash going down the slide at the pool!



Burwell

July 16-20

Explore the flora and fauna with a week on the river front! Explore the North Loup River, go geocaching, tracking, and don't forget about playing an epic game of capture the flag!



Louisville

July 27-30

Close out the summer with an "in-tents" experience at Platte River State Park. Practice your aim at the archery range, investigate the aquatic life at Crawdad Creek, and enjoy s'mores and songs with your new friends!



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4h.unl.edu/camp

PASE

Premier Animal Science Event University of Nebraska-Lincoln June 21-22

Must be 10 by January 1 to participate

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

Livestock Judging

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

Livestock Quiz Bowl

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

Poultry Judging

- No age divisions
- Up to 4 person teams
- Up to 10 individuals

Livestock Skill-a-thon

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

Meats Judging

- No age divisions
- Up to 4 person teams
- Up to 10 individuals

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Visit 4h.unl.edu/pase



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2023 Communication Event

Contests: Speech, PSA, Presentation, Video

Event Date & Time: Sunday, March 26, 2023; 4:00 p.m.

Location: West Education Center, Room 205, Central Community College, Columbus

Registration: Pre-registration required. Deadline to register is March 1, 2023.

Speech Contest

Age Categories, Time Limits, Topics:

1. Clover Kid (ages 5 - 7 on January 1, 2023)

3 minutes or less. Talk about anything! You may read a poem or a favorite story.

2. Novice (ages 8 – 9 on January 1, 2023)

3 minutes or less. Talk about anything! You may read a poem or a favorite story. Should only be 1st or 2nd year speakers.

3. Junior (ages 8 - 9 on January 1, 2023)

1 – 3 minutes. Must be an original speech relating to 4-H.

4. Intermediate (ages 10 - 13 on January 1, 2023)

3 – 5 minutes. Must be an original speech relating to 4-H. (State Event Qualifier)

5. Senior (ages 14 - 18 on January 1, 2023)

5 – 8 minutes. Must be an original speech relating to 4-H. (State Event Qualifier)

Contest Guidelines:

- All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.
 - Many speakers in the Public Speaking Contest have given speeches in other contests. This is fine; however, previous speeches may not be used verbatim for the 4-H contest. It is okay to use the same ideas from a speech previously delivered in competition, but it must be 4-H related. Enough changes should be made to make that speech new to the speaker and the audience. 4-H public speakers may not use an old speech written by a sibling, other 4-H member, or anyone else.
 - Acknowledge the source of information used in the speech. For example, an article from a magazine may be used for reference but should not be quoted directly unless you tell the audience your source.
- Organization: Introduction, body and conclusion.
 - Use of visual aids and props are not allowed. Notes may be used for Clover Kid & Novice categories.
- Delivery: Eye contact, timing, gestures and posture.
- Voice: Clear tones, correct volume and good pronunciation.
 - Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes or special effect clothing. 4-H Chevron required.
- No team speeches are allowed.
 - 4-H'ers who are 10 years old and older as of January 1 of the current year will be eligible for Premier Communication Event (State Contest). Youth must be selected at County Contest to compete in the Premier Communication Event.

Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest

Age Categories, Time Limits, Topics:

1. Clover Kid (ages 5 - 7 on January 1, 2023)
3 minutes or less.
2. Novice (ages 8 – 9 on January 1, 2023)
3 minutes or less.
3. Junior (ages 8 - 9 on January 1, 2023)
1 – 3 minutes.
4. Intermediate (ages 10 - 13 on January 1, 2023)
3 – 5 minutes. (State Event Qualifier)
5. Senior (ages 14 - 18 on January 1, 2023)
5 – 8 minutes. (State Event Qualifier)

Contest Guidelines:

- All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.
- The state theme for the 2023 Public Service Announcement is **"Discover Your Spark in Nebraska 4-H!"** and should be incorporated in the PSA.
 - All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year.
- All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA:
"Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu." The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit.
- Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used.
- All PSA's must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSA's written and provided by the state or national staff.
- No team PSA's are allowed.
- Scoring is based on the content of the material and delivery.
- Appearance and gestures are not judged.
 - County Contest Only: Participants may read their PSA at the contest or submit a flash/jump drive to be played at the contest.
- If selected to go onto Premier Communication Event (State Contest), radio PSA's will be submitted electronically as a .wav or .mp3 audio format. No CDs accepted.

Contest Resources:

The following resources can be found on-line at:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/platte/platte-county-4-h-resources/>

- Guide to Making Great Speeches/How to Prepare a 4-H Radio Public Service Announcement



Presentation Contest

Categories:

Show 'n Tell (County Only)

- **Description:** A live presentation with a formal talk where youth will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something.
- **Age:** Clover Kids Only
- **Time Limit:** up to 5 minutes individual, no team presentation available for this class

Illustrated Presentation (Premier Communication Event Eligible)

- **Description:** An Illustrated Presentation involves one or two 4-H'ers giving a live presentation with a formal talk where the presenter(s) will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something. All presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences.
- **Age:** 9 – 18 as of January 1st
- **Time Limit:** 6-8 minutes individual, 8-10 minutes team

Contest Guidelines:

- All 4-H Presentations should be related to how the 4-H youth is learning about through their 4-H education experiences focused on the priorities of college and career readiness, community development, entrepreneurship, food supply confidence, health living, leadership development, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics).
- Presentations must include an introduction (the "why" portion of the topic), a body (the "show and tell" portion of the topic) and a conclusion/summary (the "what" portion of the topic).
- Each participant is required to wear the 4-H chevron, 4-H emblem or 4-H shirt.
- All categories require the presence of the contestant.
- The judge views the entire presentation and engages in a question-and-answer session following the presentation.
 - 4-H'ers who are 10 years old and older as of January 1 of the current year will be eligible for Premier Communication Event (State Contest). Youth must be selected at County Contest to compete in Premier Communication Event.

Contest Resources:

The following resources can be found under Contest Resources on-line at:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/platte/platte-county-4-h-resources/>

- The Versatile 4-H Presentation
- The Four Ps of Planning a Presentation
- Getting Ready to Give a 4-H Presentation
- Presentation Visuals
- Using PowerPoint in 4-H Presentation
- Evaluating a 4-H Presentation
- How to Prepare a Multimedia Presentation

Video Communication Contest

Video Communication (Premier Communication Event Eligible)

- **Description:** The video communication contest allows youth to create a multi-media video around a theme related to 4-H. Judges will be evaluating on both the organization of information as well as the audio and video production.
- **Age:** 9 – 18 as of January 1st
- **Time Limit:** 60-90 seconds individual only

Contest Guidelines:

- Youth may use a phone, laptop or tablet to create a multi-media piece around the theme: **“Discover Your Spark in Nebraska 4-H!”**
- Sound effects, public-domain music, and graphics can be used. Copyrighted materials may not be used.
- For county contest only, the 4-H'er must be present to play video. If selected to go onto Premier Communication Event (State Contest), the video will be electronically submitted as MP4 files.

Contest Resources:

The following resources can be found under County Resources on-line at:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/platte/platte-county-4-h-resources/>

- Video Communication Judging Criteria
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2023 Communication Event On-Line Registration

Deadline March 1, 2023

Log into your 4HOnline family account at <https://v2.4honline.com/>

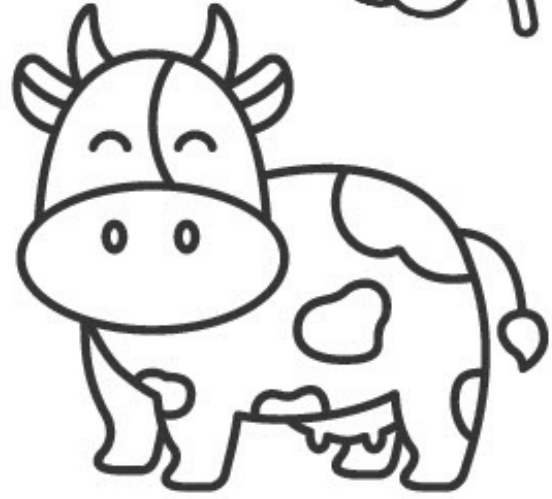
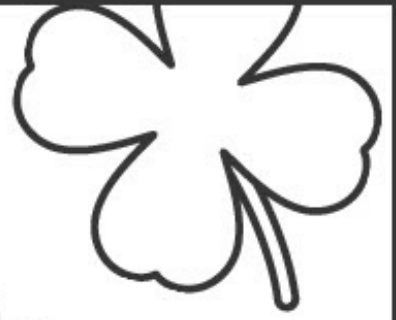
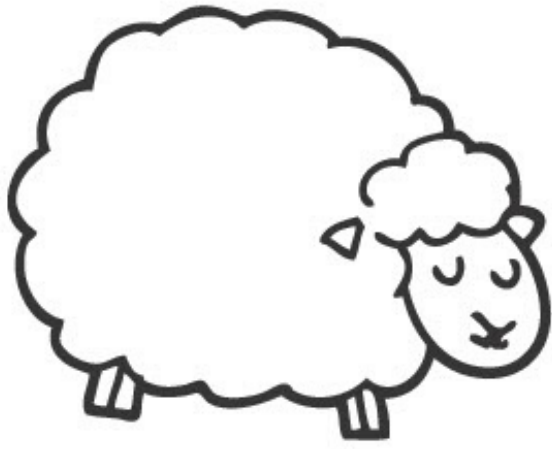
Click “View” button next to 4-H'er who is registering for contest.

Click on “Events” button stated down the lefthand side.

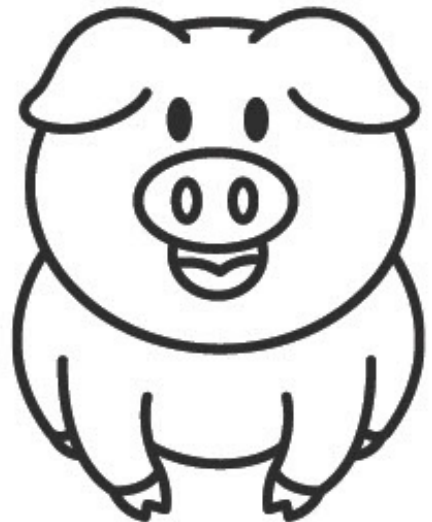
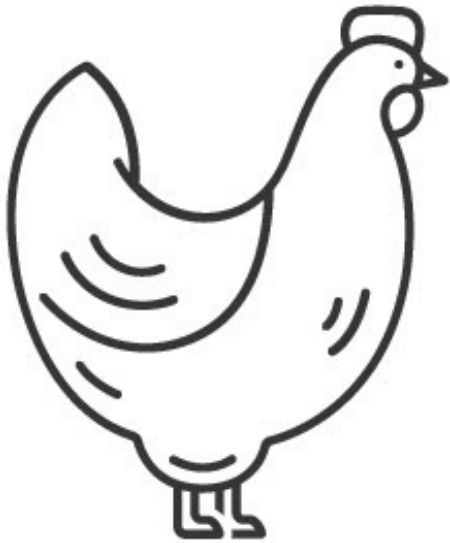
Click on blue “Register for a new event” button.

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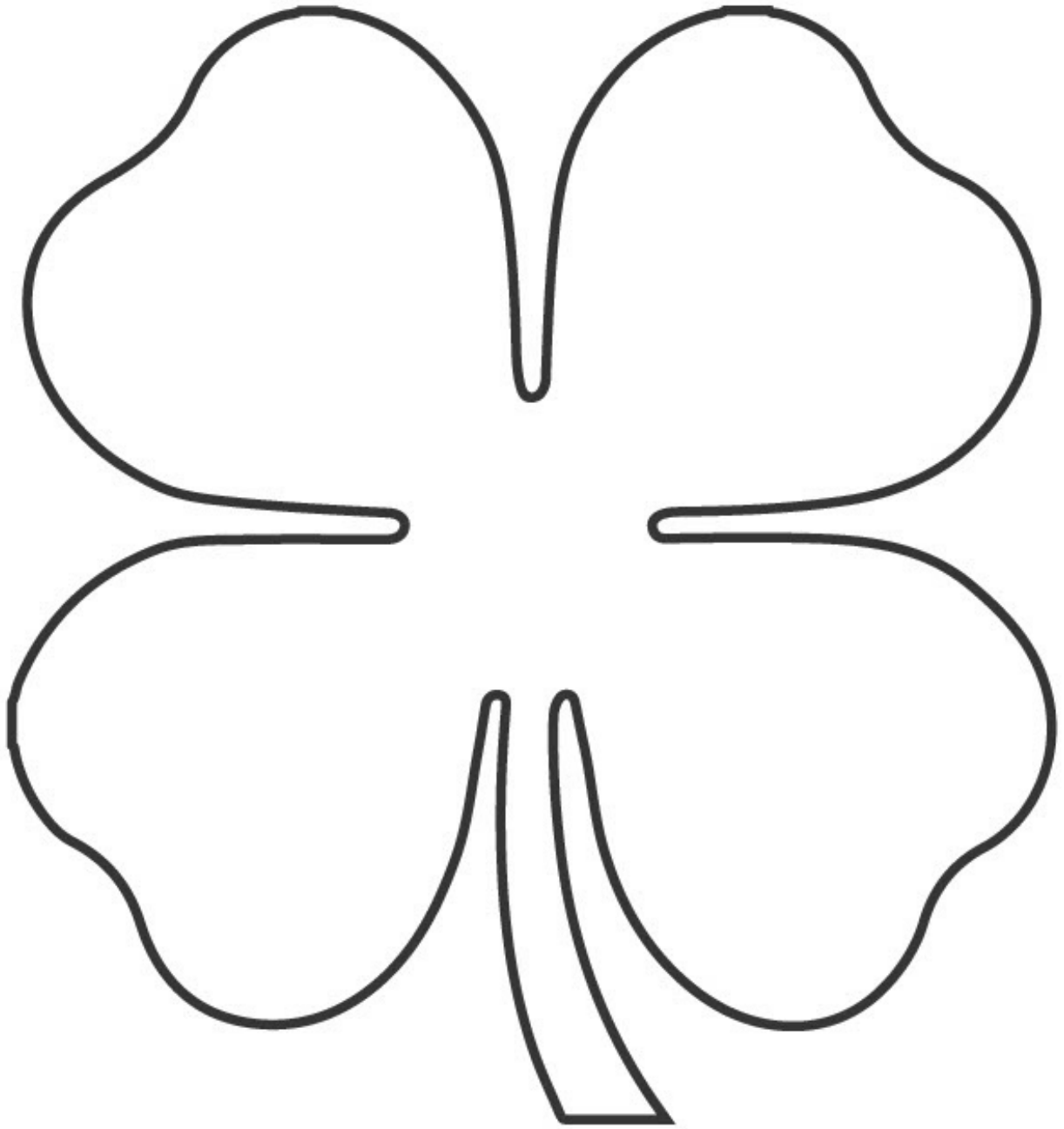
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Clover Kid and Junior (5-11 as of Jan. 1)



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Intermediate and Senior (12-18 as of Jan. 1)

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Intermediate and Senior (12-18 as of Jan. 1)

4-H GROWS HERE

