Butler County 4-H News

May 2023

Dates to Remember

May 3 - County Fair Info Night - 5:15 pm Hwy 92 Bldg.

May 5 - Diamond Clover Goals Deadline

May 24 - YQCA Training 10-11 am or 5-6 pm - Hwy 92 Bldg.

May 25 - Clover Kid Workshop

May 29 - Office Closed - Memorial Day

June 1 - Horse Level Testing Deadline

June 2: Bulter County Livestock Judging Contest

June 15: YQCA, 4-H Enrollment, Livestock ID, County Fair Entry, State Fair Nomination Deadlines

June 21-22: Premier Animal Science Event - Lincoln

June 29: Plant Science & Entomology Contests - Columbus

June 30: Livestock Showmanship Clinic

New 4-H Educator: Stephanie Bell

Stephanie Bell is the new 4-H Youth Development Educator in Colfax and Butler County, with her office being in Colfax County. She grew up on a farm, northeast of North Bend. Stephanie has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from UNL. She has been teaching Psychology at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City, IA for the last 15 years and serving as the NAIA Faculty Athletic Representative for the University. Stephanie and her husband Adam, live north of Richland on a farm and have two boys Akryn (12) and Blake (10). Their family is a member of the Colfax Clovers and St. John's Lutheran Church LCMS. Most of Stephanie's spare time is spent watching Akryn and Blake on the basketball court, wrestling mat, or ball field. During the summer she enjoys golfing on a league in North Bend. She is excited to begin working in Extension for the Colfax and Butler communities and making connections with old and new faces!

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Louise Niemann | Office Manager | lniemann2@unl.edu

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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.

County Fair Updates

Clover Kid Program:
- The project limit is now **12.**

County Fair Schedule Changes:
- **July 6**
  - Culinary Challenge - 10 am
  - Fashion Show - 2 pm
  - 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 **AND** Static Release - 6 pm

Wild and Free in '23

The Online Butler County Fair Entry for animals and static exhibits will go live mid-May please watch for the date! Once the link is live, it will be shared via email blast to all registered members of the Butler County 4-H Program. Make sure you are enrolled!

Use the fairbook to view exhibit information, supporting documentation needed and to find the division and class numbers for each exhibit. Online entry is due June 15.

The 2023 4-H Fairbook can be found online, along with supplemental project information, by visiting **Butler County Fairbook 4-H Entry Forms | Nebraska Extension.**

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. 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.

Enrollment Drawing

Starting January 31, each month we will have a drawing for those who enrolled in 4-H prior to the end of each month! We will have prizes such as gift cards to local businesses, 4-H swag and a free 4-H workshop! Drawings will be held at the end of each month in January, February, March, April and May. Get enrolled today! The final enrollment deadline is June 15.

CLASS OF 2023

# Congratulations Butler County 4-H'ers!

Meghan Burwell
Alexa Carter
Camryn Kocian
Autumn Lindsley
Quinn Moravec
Joshua Palik
Kate Rathjen
Carly Schmid
Antonia Wachal
Drew Whitney
Mara Yindrick

On behalf of the Butler County 4-H Staff and the 4-H Council, congratulations on graduating from high school!

We hope the skills you gained in 4-H are skills that you will use throughout your lifetime. Thank you for your involvement in 4-H!

4-H Council Scholarships Awarded

Butler County 4-H Council has awarded $500 scholarships to the following Bulter County 4-H Seniors:
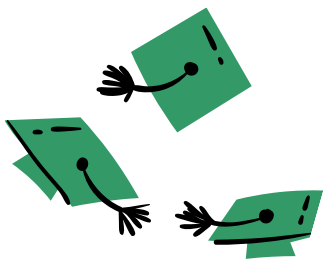
Alexa Carter - Rising City Livestock
Autumn Lindsley - Independent 4-H Member
Mara Yindrick - Great Plains

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. 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://yqcaprogram.org/**. 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.**

Wednesday, May 24	10 – 11 am	Wednesday, May 24	5 – 6 pm

4-H Livestock Achievement Program

Excited to announce another year of the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program. This additional opportunity for 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.

For more information about the program or the process, go to: **Livestock Achievement Program**.

Livestock Award Program

NEW: Champion and Reserve Champions will receive a banner. Showmanship winners will receive a rosette and a buckle. The buckle ceremony will be after the fair on **November 8** at the **Butler County 4-H Awards and Recognition Banquet.** This is due to the cost of the buckles and the uncertainty of having a champion and reserve champion showman in each division. Horse Show awards will remain the same as 2022. There will be a high-point buckle awarded for both boy and girl in the Horse Show. Round Robin Champion and Reserve Champion will receive a quarter-zip wind breaker jacket that will be ordered after the fair.

Bucket Calf Program

NEW: Bucket calf record books MUST be turned into the Extension Office by **Monday, July 10.** This is to make sure the judge can view them prior to the show for the interview portion.

2023 Butler County 4-H and FFA Livestock Identification Guidelines

Market Animals	Due Date	County Fair Only	State Fair
Market Beef	June 15	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination
Market Swine	June 15	4-H Tag, ID Sheet & Premise ID	EID Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination
Market Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination
Market Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag and DNA & online nomination

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 June 15. NE State Fair entries can be made at www.statefair.org on or before August 10 at 8:00 pm. Any market animal submitting a nomination for State Fair must have a Premise ID.
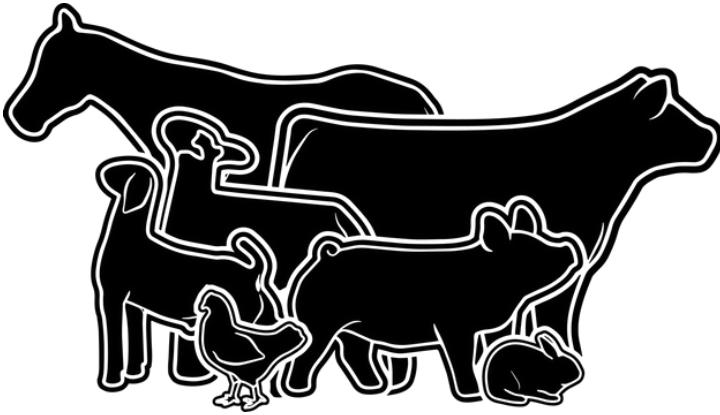
Breeding Animals	Due Date	County Fair Only	State Fair
Breeding Beef – *Registered*	June 15	Tattoo, Registration Papers & ID Sheet	Tattoo, Registration Papers, DNA envelope & online nomination.
Breeding Beef – *Commercial*	June 15	4-H Tag OR Tattoo & ID Sheet	Tattoo OR EID Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination.
Breeding Swine – *State Fair Only*	June 15	**None**	EID Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination.
Breeding Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination.
Breeding Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag and ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA envelope & online nomination

Other	Due Date	County Fair Only	State Fair
Horse	June 1: **State**		ID Sheets with pictures, left & right sides and head.
Horse	June 15: **County Fair**	ID Sheet with drawings/pictures.	
Feeder Calf	June 15	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag, DNA envelope & online registration
Bucket Calf	June 15	4-H Tag & ID Sheet	**None**
Rabbit	August 10	**None**	Tattoo by entry Aug. 10

Butler County 4-H
Showmanship Clinic

Friday, June 30 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Butler County Fairgrounds | David City, NE

Plan to attend one or more sessions of this hands-on, multi-species clinic to learn how to show or gain tips on how to improve the showing of your animal at the county fair and beyond!

Open to 4-H members ages 8-18 in Butler and surrounding counties. 4-H'ers are encouraged to bring their own animals, but it is not required.

Cost is FREE. Registration is to prepare for the number attending.

Please register by June 23. When registering please state if you plan to attend multiple sessions and bring your own animal.

To pre-register and for more information contact:

Aliesha Meusch | Butler County 4-H Assistant 402-367-7410 or aliesha.meusch@unl.edu
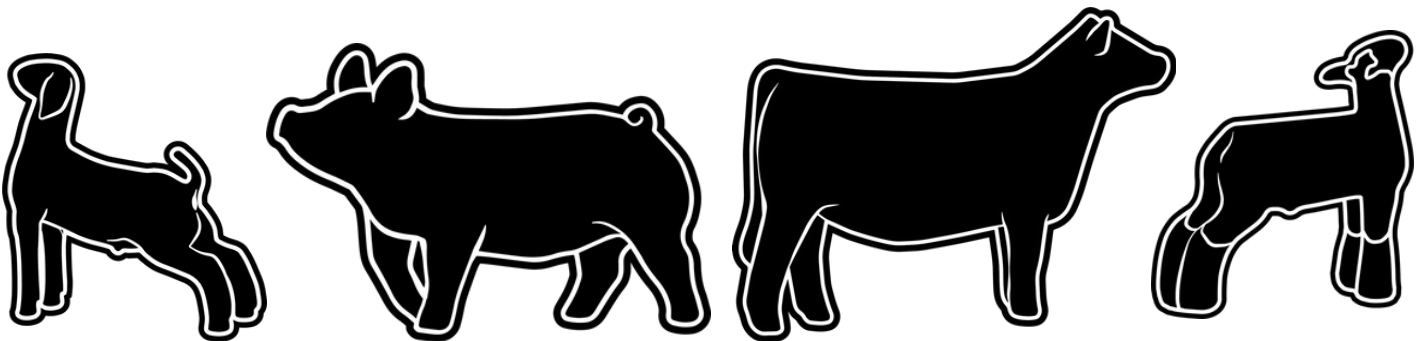
Showmanship Clinic Schedule:
- 9:00 am - Swine
- 10:00 am - Poultry
- 11:00 am - Beef
- 1:00 pm - Sheep
- 2:00 pm - Goat
- 3:00 pm - Rabbit
- 4:00 pm - Horse

Each session will last approximately one hour!

Butler County 4-H
Livestock Judging Contest

Friday, June 2 | 9:00 am
Butler County Fairgrounds | David City, NE

Divisions (ages as of Jan. 1, 2023):
- Clover Kid (5-7)
- Junior (8-10)
- Intermediate (11-13)
- Senior (14-18)
- FFA

Judging Contest Schedule:
- 9:00 am - Registration Open
- 9:30 am - Contest Begins
- 11:30 am - Lunch
- 12:30 pm - Reasons Begin
- 2:00 pm - Awards (approx. time)

Lunch will be provided on the grounds - please make sure youth bring money for lunch!

Contest will include evaluation of market and breeding classes of beef cattle, goats and sheep, along with at least one class of swine. The Butler County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest is a part of the Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit.

To pre-register* and for more information contact:

Aliesha Meusch | Butler County 4-H Assistant | 402-367-7410 or aliesha.meusch@unl.edu

The contest is free - pre-registration is to get an idea for number of attendees

Hay Bale Decorating Contest

- Open for all 4-H clubs in Butler County.
- Each 4-H club will come up with a design to decorate a large hay bale to be displayed at the fairgrounds during the Butler County Fair. The design MUST be related to the theme of the fair. 2023 Theme: Wild and Free in '23.
- Your club can request how your hay bale is positioned.

All of the hay bales will be set up around the fairgrounds prior to the fair, so each club will have to coordinate a time together to come and decorate the hay bale. Decorating MUST be completed by 10 pm on Wednesday, July 12. Hay bales will be judged on Thursday morning. After judging, each club will need to display the name of their club next to their bale for all spectators to see and enjoy throughout fair week.

Each club participating will be sponsored for to be used towards their decorating supplies AND 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded prize money!

Delivery and disposal of hay bales will be taken care of.

If your club is wanting to participate or if you have questions, contact Brittany DeWispelare at bkresha21@hotmail.com or Tiffany Allen at tiffanyallen8018@gmail.com.

Butler County 4-H
2023 Summer Workshops

Only open to 4-H members. Register by <u>May 26</u>!
All materials will be provided - unless otherwise stated.

Clover Kids (ages 5-7 as of Jan. 1, 2023)

CK Animal Science: Parts of a Farm Animal | $5
June 5 | 10:00-11:30 am | Max: 15 youth
Location: Highway 92 Building

Learn about the parts of three different farm animals and create a poster for the fair!

Bring a sack lunch and stay for the afternoon workshop too!

CK Dairy Tasting + Veggie Art Print | $10
June 5 | 12:30-2:00 pm | Max: 15 youth
Location: Highway 92 Building

Taste a variety of dairy products and create a painting using veggies as your paint brush! Two projects for the fair.

CK First Aid/Safety | $5
June 13 | 1:00-2:30 pm | Max: 15 youth
Location: Butler County Event Center

Learn about basic first aid practices and build your own first aid kit to take home and enter in the fair!

Clover Kid Day Camp:
Thursday, May 25 - Butler County Event Center: 9-Noon or 1-4 pm. Limit of 15 per session. Register on separate flyer!

4-H Fun Day:
Friday, June 16 - Butler County Event Center: 9 am-1 pm. Limit of 75 youth - ages 6-10. Everyone is welcome! Register separately!

4-H (ages 8-18 as of Jan. 1, 2023)

Bone Creek Special | No Fee
June 1 | 1:00-3:00 pm | Max: 15 youth
Location: Highway 92 Building

Workshop will focus on heritage inspiring art. This is a special display at Butler County Fair or can be entered as a 4-H Heritage exhibit at the fair!

Bake and Zooms | No Fee
June 6 | Max: 15 youth
101: 9-10 am; 201: 10:30-11:30 am; 301: 1-2 pm; 401: 2:30-3:30 pm
Location: Zoom - technology is needed

Join us in your OWN kitchen via Zoom to learn how to bake an item with our Food, Nutrition and Health Educator, Thays Silva. Recipes and Zoom link will be sent out prior to the workshop. Workshops will be available for Cooking 101, 201, 301 and 401.

Woodworking | $20
June 7 | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Max: 15 youth
Location: Hein Building - Butler County Fairgrounds

All supplies will be provided to complete a finished woodworking project for the fair.

Hot Mess Canvas | $10
June 7 | 1:00-3:00 pm | Max: 15 youth
Location: Highway 92 Building

Participants will share their voice through creative expression by painting a canvas and making a mess!

Sewing | $10
June 8 | 9:30 am - 12:00 pm | Max: 10 youth
Location: Highway 92 Building

Participants will bring a sewing machine and fabric to create a simple pillowcase. A mason jar pin cushion will also be made. Please bring a helper if able!

Pinata | $10
June 8 | 1:00-4:00 pm | Max: 15 youth
Location: Butler County Event Center

Create a paper-mâché pinata while learning the history and the meaning behind the fun party tradition!

GPS | $15
June 9 | 9:00-11:30 am | Max: 15 youth
Location: Hein Building - Butler County Fairgrounds

Learn all about GPS, use a GPS, geocache and create a GPS poster project for the fair!

T-Shirt Bag | $10
June 12 | 9:00-11:00 am | Max: 15 youth
Location: Butler County Event Center

Create a bag using only a 4-H t-shirt and then tie-dye your creation using spray paint!

4-H (ages 8-18 as of Jan. 1, 2023)

Photography | $5
June 12 | 1:00-3:00 pm | Max: 15 youth
Location: Butler County Event Center

Learners will be introduced to photography basics such as composition, background and lighting. They will discover methods to increase the quality of their photographs using photography basics.

Mason Jar Lamp | $25
June 13 | 9:00-11:00 am | Max: 15 youth
Location: Butler County Event Center

Learn about electrifying electricity and light up your favorite area by personalizing your own mason jar lamp! Please bring your favorite ribbon or fabric for the lamp shade. Small amount will be available.

4-H Fun Day:
Friday, June 16 - Butler County Event Center: 9 am-1 pm. Limit of 75 youth - ages 6-10. Everyone is welcome! Register on sperate flyer.

Ag Innovators | $5
June 14 | 1:00-3:00 pm | Max: 15 youth
Location: Butler County Event Center

Learn about how the agriculture industry utilizes drones and create a poster project of what you learned for the fair!

Welding | No Fee
Date: TBD | Time: TBD | Max: 15 youth
Location: TBD

All supplies are provided to complete a finished welding project for the fair.

Modeling/Fashion Show | No Fee
June 28 | 1:00-3:30 pm | Max: 15 youth
Location: Butler County Event Center

Get ready for the county fair 4-H Fashion Show! We will be learning how to model exhibits, write your narrative and how to best prepare for the fashion show.

2023 4-H Summer Workshop Registration Form - Due Friday, May 26!

Workshops will be filled on a first come basis. Cash or check ONLY - payable to UNL Extension. One form per youth.

4-H'ers Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Grade:** _____

Circle/highlight the workshops you will be attending - due May 26:

Clover Kid (5-7 as of Jan. 1, 2023):
CK Animal Science | $5
CK First Aid/Safety | $5
CK Dairy Tasting/Veggie Art Print | $10

4-H (8-18 as of Jan. 1, 2023):
Bone Creek Special | FREE
Sewing | $10
Woodworking | $20
Welding | FREE
Hot Mess Canvas | $10
Mason Jar Lamp | $25
Photography | $5
T-Shirt Bag | $10
GPS | $15
Ag Innovators | $5
Pinata | $10
Bake and Zooms | FREE
Modeling/Fashion Show | FREE

Total Amount Due:

Email: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Send form to: Butler County Extension
451 N. 5th Street, David City, NE 68632
or email: butler-county@unl.edu

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Butler County 4-H
Clover Kid Day Camp

Thursday, May 25 | Butler County Event Center

Clover Kids are invited to design, discover and explore!

Make It:

Gate to Plate
Leaf Rubbings
Music Instruments
No Sew Fleece Bag or Hat
Airplane

Learn It:

Be creative in learning about animal science, leaves, how to make music, working with fleece and airplanes!

Wear It:

Wear your work clothes, things might get messy!

Bring It:

Lots of smiles and energy. We will have lots of fun an play games too!
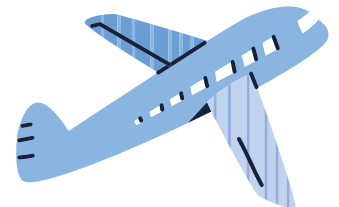
2023 Clover Kid Day Camp Registration Form - Due Thursday, May 18!

Choose One Session: 9:00-11:30 am   **OR** 1:00-3:30 pm

Name of 4-H'er: _____

Age (as of Jan. 1, 2023): _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Cell Phone: _____

CK Day Camp

Limit of 15 youth per session. Snacks will be provided.

Send form to: Butler County Extension
451 N. 5th Street, David City, NE 68632
or email: butler-county@unl.edu

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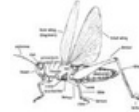
4-H Fun Day!

Around the World

Africa | Asia | Australia | Europe | South America

Join us to learn about different cultures by participating in activities from 5 different continents, while enjoying a North American lunch and an Antarctic brain break!

Friday, June 16 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Butler County Event Center | David City

$10
Youth ages 6-10
4-H enrollment not required
Includes lunch, snack and Butler County Fair Exhibit!

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)

Registration is limited to the first 75 children signing up. First come, first served.
Please submit with $10 registration by Friday, June 9.
Cash or check ONLY - payable to UNL Extension. One form per youth.

4-H Fun Day

Send to: Butler County Extension, 451 N 5th Street, David City NE 68632
(402) 367-7410 or email: butler-county@unl.edu

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

4-H Plant and Insect Identification Contests

If you like plants and/or insects, here's an opportunity to build skills and have fun too!

Attend to participate in one, two, three or all four contests!

Your interest - your choice! Bring a friend too!

4-H'ers may earn a trip to a state and/or national contest!

Thursday, June 29, 2023

Agricultural Park Exhibit Hall Club Room, Fairgrounds - 822 15th Street, Columbus NE

(Entrance to Ag Park is at intersection of 10th Av. and 15th St.)

Approximate Times after Initial Contest

12:15 – Welcome and Instructions

12:30 PM - Grass and Weed Identification

1:30 PM - Entomology (Insect) Identification

2:30 PM – BREAK with Refreshments

2:45 PM - Horticulture Judging and I.D.

3:45 PM - Tree Identification

PLEASE BRING A CLIP BOARD TO USE DURING THE CONTEST

Identify plant/insect samples for each contest. For horticulture, there is also 2 judging classes (vegetables, fruits, flowers, or nursery stock). Informational materials available at **Nebraska 4-H: 2023 Fairbook**. For questions, contact your local Extension office or Kelly Feehan at kfeehan2@unl.edu or 402-563-4901.

2023 Horticulture / Tree / Insect / Grass & Weed Contests Registration

Name/s: _____ Age as of Jan. 1, 2023: _____Phone: _____

Address: _____E-mail: _____

County: _____Birth Date: _____

I plan to participate in: (please check one division and all contests you plan to participate in)

Division: _____4-H _____FFA _____OPEN

Contest: _____ Horticulture _____ Tree ID _____ Insect ID _____ Grass/Weed ID

Age Divisions (age as of Jan. 1, 2023): Clover Kids: 5 - 7, Novice: 8, Intermediate: age 9 - 13, Senior: age 14 - 18

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