

2019 NEBRASKA STATE FAIR OVERVIEW OF 4-H VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The Nebraska 4-H program is seeking volunteers to help with exhibit entry day, judging, and serving as 4-H exhibit building hosts and greeters. Volunteers will be needed for judging exhibits, serving as the Lil' Green Mascot and assisting with all 4-H contests and events throughout the fair. State Fair 4-H volunteers will receive a fair pass for the day(s) they volunteer. A complete list of volunteer opportunities can be found below.

Volunteers can sign-up by completing the 4-H Volunteer Interest Form available online at [2019SFvolunteers](#) or by downloading the 2019 State Fair Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Interest Form. If you have questions about being a 4-H volunteer at the Nebraska State Fair, please contact: Cathy Johnston, Extension Educator, cjohnston1@unl.edu or (402) 472-1762. We look forward to seeing you in Grand Island!

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4-H Exhibit Entry Day / Judging

Help with preparations for the fair on Wednesday, August 21 and/or Thursday, August 22. Volunteers will assist with exhibit check-in, judging, and help arrange displays. Indicate the project area you are interested in on your Volunteer Interest Form.

****Note:** A van will be available to/from Lincoln on Wednesday, August 21. Please sign-up on the registration form to ride the van or call Hannah Opfer at 402-472-9017 or email hopfer2@unl.edu.

4-H Green Team Hosts

Be a part of the welcome crew for the 4-H exhibit building. Green Team Hosts will stroll throughout the building to welcome fair-goers, answer questions, monitor and tidy exhibits, and staff the information desk. If you are enthusiastic, passionate and knowledgeable about 4-H, a strong advocate for 4-H/Extension, and enjoy meeting and speaking with the public we want you as a building host. Wear your smile and have fun! Older 4-H members are encouraged to sign-up with a friend or families can volunteer together as hosts. Shifts are available each day of the fair (10 AM-1:30 PM, 1:30-5:30 PM, 5:30-9 PM). A minimum of two volunteers are needed per shift.

4-H Lil' Green Mascot

Represent Nebraska 4-H by volunteering to be inside and/or escort Lil' Green, the 4-H mascot. Youth and/or adults who meet the following mascot requirements are encouraged to help: age 14+, height between 5'3" and 6'3", waistline of 38" or less, ability to physically endure being inside a mascot up to one hour; energetic and willing to interact with fair-goers of all ages in a positive manner. Seeking volunteers for Sat, Aug 24 (11 AM-1:30 PM, 1:30-3 PM), Sun, Aug 25 (11 AM-1:30 PM, 1:30-3 PM), Sat, Aug 31 (11 AM-1:30 PM, 1:30-3 PM), Sun, Sept 1 (11 AM-1:30 PM, 1:30-3 PM), and Mon, Sept 2 (11 AM-1:30 PM, 1:30-3 PM).

4-H Livestock Office Assistance

If you are knowledgeable about livestock, the state fair livestock shows, and enjoy working with the public, additional help may be needed in the Livestock Office answering questions and helping staff members with show preparations and more. Please mark the Volunteer Interest Form with dates/times you are available. Shifts are available Labor Day weekend Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2.

4-H Contest/Event Assistance

There are a wide range of fair contests/events you may assist with. Serve as a judge's helper, timekeeper, ribbon distributor, etc. Mark your Volunteer Interest Form with your contest/event choices.