

June 2016. The busiest month of the 4-H year has arrived! In order to keep up with the blistering pace we have recruited UNL Students: Chrisinda Scheideler, Katherine Lansman, Holly Heil, and Cortney Wichmann, who are already doing great work. You will see that first hand at summer events and county fairs.

Please read the newsletter carefully so you won't miss any great opportunities, and please be sure we have your up-to-date email address in our system so we can send you additional notes and reminders throughout the month.

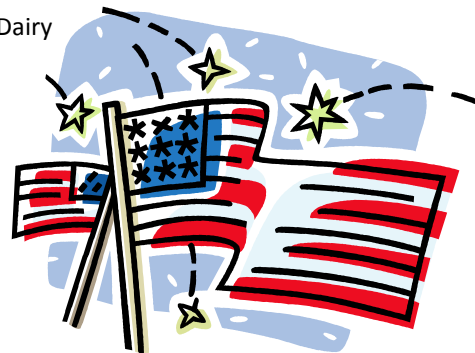
Calendar Reminders

June

- 1 Mega Workshop, Loup City
- 6 County Fair Livestock ID Deadline for Breeding
Heifer, Feeder Calf, Bucket Calf, Swine, Goat and Dairy
- 7 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day, Ord
- 8 Clover Kids Bug Workshop, Ord
- 9 Fishing Workshop, Auble's Pond in Ord
- 11 Archery/BB Gun/Pellet Gun Contests, Ord
- 12 .22 Rifle/Shotgun Contests, Ord
- 13-17 Entrepreneurship Camp, Ord
- 19-21 PASE/Life Challenge, Lincoln
- 20 Foods Workshop, Loup City
- 21 Foods Workshop, Elba
- 22-23 Culinary Camp
- 27 Favorite Foods & Presentations Contests, Elba
- 29 Foods Workshop, Ord

July

- 5 Foods Workshop, Spalding
- 7 Clothing Judging, Loup City
- 8 Howard and Sherman County Fair Entries Due
- 8 Fair Prep Horticulture Workshop, Scotia
- 8 Tree/Grass & Weed/Insect ID & Horticulture Judging
Contests, Scotia
- 10-14 State Horse Show
- 15 Valley County Fair Entries Due
- 22 Greeley County Fair Entries Due



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Summer Office Hours Announced

We enjoy seeing you when you stop at the Extension Office in Greeley, Loup City, Ord and St Paul. Here's a reminder of the times each office is open this summer. All counties are closed on July 4th

Greeley County	M,W,F	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Howard County	M,F	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
	W	8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Sherman County	M-F	8:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Valley County	M-F	8:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.



Premium Lists Available Now; Fair Entry Forms Soon

The Central IV Premium List gives information about every item which can be exhibited at the county fair. We provide one copy per family to assist in choosing and preparing fair exhibits. The books are available to be picked up in each county office. Please read carefully the portions that cover your projects—it's no fun for anyone when exhibits are disqualified. An asterisk (*) in the class number indicates that the exhibit is for county fair only. Exhibits in classes that are state fair eligible must receive a purple ribbon at the county fair to be considered for state fair.

County fair entry forms will be available for pick up after June 1. Completed forms will be due July 8 in Howard County, July 8 in Sherman County, July 15 for Valley County and July 22 for the Greeley County Fair.

Horse and Riding Practices

Jean Klanecky and Lora Racek hold riding practice on Monday and Thursday evenings at the fairgrounds in Ord at 6:00 p.m. Call Jean at 308-750-7504 for details.

Rod and Ann Teply will have horse practice from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. For more information call 308-730-2773.

Corrie Walthers hosts horse practices on Mondays at 7 p.m. The practices will be held at the Sherman County Fairgrounds horse arena (308-440-2463).

Horse practices in St. Paul will be Fridays at 6:00 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds with Teresa Jorgensen (308-383-2094).



Entomology Workshops in Ord

Central Community College will offer a series of four Thursday morning Entomology workshops for youth interested in learning more about the vast world of insects. The \$25 fee covers all four classes and lunch. Classes are May 31, June 7, 21, 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. Additionally a free session will be held June 8 for Clover Kids. All sessions are at the CCC Ord Learning Center. Call 308-728-3299 to register.

ATV Course in Kearney

The Nebraska Safety Center is holding a FREE Youth ATV Safety Course June 18th in Kearney for ages 6-16. The training is from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. at the Ron and Carol Cope Driving Range, 1801 N Railroad Street in Kearney. Classes are free. Call the Nebraska Safety Center at 308-865-8256 to register.

The 2016 4-H Family and Consumer Sciences Quiz is ready to use.

This quiz, based on FCS subject matter, is designed for 8-12 year olds (older 4-H'ers are welcome to participate; however, the questions are designed for 8-12 year olds). The intent of this contest is to engage young people interested in family and consumer sciences in a challenging educational experience. Youth can study for the quiz by reading and reviewing FCS related Nebraska 4-H curriculum and National 4-H curriculum. Available as paper copy, youth can take the quiz and receive an immediate score from extension staff. Each 4-H'er's that completes the quiz can receive a ribbon.

What's the Buzz?

Learn the "Buzz" on bees and what makes the little creatures so vital to our everyday lives at the Honey Bee Challenge June 9th from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the Valley County Ag Complex. Activities include: honey tasting challenge, creating a "Bee Bot," how bees communicate and collect pollen, and the importance of pollinators and how to preserve them. To register contact Nebraska Extension in Valley County at 308-728-5071.



Central IV Shooting Sports Contests

The Central IV Shooting Sports Contests are set for June 11 and 12 at the Ord Fairgrounds. We are not mailing entry forms, but you can request one from your certified leader. Entry forms are due June 3 at 4:00. Archery is June 11 at 9:00, BB Gun/Air Rifle is June 11 at 1:30, .22 Rifle is June 12 at 1:00, and Shotgun is June 12 at 3:30. The State Outdoor Archery tournament is June 4-5 in Grand Island. The link to register is <http://goo.gl/forms/7qzTcnZSuP> The email confirmation may not work at this time; be patient.

Favorite Foods and Presentations Contest in Elba

Do you enjoy cooking? Love decorating for a dinner party? Then join us for the Favorite Foods Contest in Elba with set up being 10:00 and judging at 10:30. Make a menu, recipe, and sample of one food item from the menu that works well with a theme and decorate a card table. Guidelines available at the extension office or at www.central4.unl.edu/4-H. Maybe decorating isn't your thing. A contest new this year is the Culinary Challenge. A team of two 4-H'ers that are enrolled in foods and nutrition projects prepare a menu, one food item from the menu containing the challenge ingredient, and a multimedia presentation. The time limit including questions will be 15 minutes. The 2016 challenge ingredient is squash!

The Presentations contest can be given by one individual or a team of two and is a live presentation with a formal talk with visual aids. For more information see the Premium book or the extension office.

State Fair Schedule Live!

The State Fair Schedule is now up for viewing. Go to <http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefairschedule> for the complete Livestock schedule and the State Fair Schedule.

New Grooming Rules at State Fair for Beef

If you are taking beef in FFA or 4-H at the State Fair this year, please remember that this year the shows will be Blow and Go. They may be clipped, blown and combed but no adhesives can be used. Please see the extension office or State Fair Rules site for more information.

June 6: County Fair ID Deadline

If you are taking a breeding heifer, feeder calf, bucket calf, swine, goat and dairy to county fair, the deadline to turn in the identification sheets into the extension office is June 6

Make Some Tasty Treats for the Fair!

Want to learn how to make some prize-winning tasty treats? Come on down to a fun-filled Foods Workshop! Youth will be creating cream puffs and other culinary delights that will fit into categories for this year's county fairs. The same workshop will be taught in four different locations, each from 9:30-11:30 AM. Register now for this fantastic opportunity by paying the \$5 fee at your local Extension Office!

Workshop	Date	Location	Registration Deadline
Loup City	June 20	Loup City Community Center	June 13
Elba	June 21	Elba Community Building	June 14
Ord	June 29	Valley County Ag Complex	June 22
Spalding	July 5	Spalding Fire Hall	June 28

If your child has any food allergies, please inform the Extension Office.

Learn Culinary Skills!

With the retirement of Fayrene Hamouz who has been instrumental in making culinary camp amazing, we will change up our format a bit. The camp will run 10:00-3:30 each day. On June 22, camp will be at Litchfield. We will tour Trotter's Garden Shoppe & Learning Center. We will then learn about grilling and cook up some delicious creations. On June 23, camp will take place in Ord at the Valley County Ag Complex. Make room for a cow in the kitchen as we learn how to create quick, simple, and yummy meals with beef. We will then put our cooking skills to the test to learn new appetizer and snack recipes. You won't want to miss these fun days with your friends! Registration deadline is Wednesday, June 15. Please pay the \$25 two-day fee, or the \$15 one-day fee at the extension office to attend and let us know if you have any allergies or special dietary needs.

ESI Camp

A Few Spots Remain for the summer Entrepreneurship Camp. Nebraska Extension, Valley County Economic Development and Valley County Community Foundation are providing a summer entrepreneurship camp in Ord on June 13-17 for students in 5th grade or higher. Participants will learn a variety of entrepreneurial skills including developing a business idea, marketing products, and basic business finances. Participants will then be able to apply their knowledge and talents by selling products they have made to the public. The four-day camp will also allow participants to meet with local entrepreneurs to illustrate the vital role entrepreneurs play in our community. You won't want to miss this fun opportunity. The camp is \$15 but space is limited to the first 25 registrants. Snacks and lunch will be provided each day. Even if you have attended in the past, it is new and different each year. For more information or to register by the May 31 deadline, contact Kayla at 308-728-5071.

Clothing 1 Participants

Our offices have a list of suggested patterns if you are interested. You can also access the list on the 4H Forms page of our website.



Central IV Dog Show

The Central IV Dog Show is June 25th at 1:00 p.m. at the Show Barn Annex at the fairgrounds in St. Paul. Entry forms have been mailed to families who signed up for it. If you have not received the entry form, please call the Extension office in Loup City (308) 745-1518.



DID YOU KNOW?

UNL has many Academic Resources available to students including:

- **Academic Coaches** who help you plan for success-from time management to study action plans.
- **Success Workshops**-offered on test-taking or goal-setting skills.
- **Study Stops**-locations set aside throughout campus where you can study or connect with a learning consultant for extra help with homework.

Check out the many things that UNL has to offer at <http://admissions.unl.edu/>

Fishing Workshop

The fishing workshop on June 9 is open for registration. Location is Aule's Pond in Ord from 9:30 a.m.-noon. Please call your local office to register by June 3.



Contact Us with Questions

If you have questions about project work or fair exhibits, please don't hesitate to call or stop in the office. We will do our best to answer or we'll get you in touch with someone who can. We wish you the best of luck with all your projects, and remember that we often learn the most from our mistakes. Just enjoy the process and keep moving forward!