

In this email: YQCA dates, deadlines, contest dates, workshop dates, dog camp, PASE/Life Challenge, raise your hand promotion, cat club, Valley County bb gun, Valley County archery, horticulture workshop, horse clinic, Joann Fabrics, conference horse shows, special garden project seeds, premium list, Kids in the Kitchen, Valley County 4-H Council, Big Red Academic Camps, Pitzer's horse judging, manuals, YQCA, fair horse show, beef ambassador contest, dog classes, horse changes, State Fair/AkSarBen animals, 4-H camp, Remind.com, donated seeds, Farm Credit grant, district horse show.

Upcoming YQCA Dates

April 22 in Greeley @ 8:30 am

April 22 in Ord @ 1:30 pm

April 22 in Loup City @ 6:00 pm

DEADLINES

Register for Kids in the Kitchen workshop by noon April 12 with \$5 fee

Regional 4-H Speech Contest in North Platte entry forms by April 12

Horse Id Sheets May 1

District/State Horse Show Registration May 1

Regional 4-H Speech Contest in Lincoln entry forms by May 9

Regional 4-H Speech Contest in Wayne entry forms by May 16

PASE/Life Challenge entry sheet in by May 24

All Livestock Id Sheets in by June 3

All State Fair Livestock DNA Envelopes in by June 3

All State Fair Livestock Nominations entered at www.showstockmgr.com by June 9

Central IV Contest Dates

Archery – June 8 @ Valley County Fairgrounds, 9:00 am

BB & Pellet Gun – June 8 @ Valley County Fairgrounds, 1:30 pm

Shotgun – June 15 @ Karp & Krow, 1:30 pm

Clothing Judging – June 27 @ Valley County Fairgrounds

Central IV Workshop Dates

Kids in the Kitchen Workshop in Loup City – April 18 (Thursday) from 8:30 am-2:30 pm \$5 fee

African Violets Workshop in Arcadia – April 27 starting at 10 am

SIS and Modeling Workshop in Ord – May 28 from 1-3 pm

Rocket Workshop in Loup City – June 1 (optional to bring your completed rockets)

Mega Workshop in Greeley – June 10 from 9 am-12 pm and 1-4 pm

Modeling Workshop in Ord – June 17 from 1-3 pm

Reverse Canvas Workshop in Wolbach – June 19 from 1-3 pm

Kids in the Kitchen in St. Paul – June 21 from 9-3 pm

The Animal Science Department of UNL is excited to introduce dog camp, Fur Your Information! Through three sessions (June 3, 10, & 17), this camp will offer students (ages 8-18) the opportunity to learn and practice showmanship, rally obedience, and agility with their household dog. Your dog should know basic obedience and be good on-leash control. Spots are limited so sign your child up today! For more information and the registration link: <https://animalscience.unl.edu/fur-your-information>

The PASE/Life Challenge contest is June 17-18 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus. PASE events include livestock skillathon, livestock quiz bowl, meats judging, poultry judging and livestock judging. Life Challenge events include the food and nutrition challenge, design or human development challenge and the ESI challenge. Youth must be age 10 before January 1, 2019. Information about the contest and a registration form are at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/4hforms/> The registration form needs into the office by May 24 at 4:00 pm.

The 2019 National 4-H Raise Your Hand promotion runs through Wednesday, May 15! The three states across the nation with the most hands raised will win \$20,000,

\$10,000 and \$5,000. By raising your hand and completing the form at <http://4h.org/raise-your-hand>, you will be showing your support for kids being reached through Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development! EVERYONE is welcome to vote for Nebraska.

The next meeting for the 4-H Online Cat Club will be Thursday April 11, 2019. This month we will be discussing Selection. The meeting will start at 6 pm. You can find more information about joining the meeting from home here: <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club> Follow the link in the green box that says join from home. The worksheets are available for download at the link on the website as well. If you have not already done so, I would encourage you to fill out the registration form for cat club.

Meeting for families in the BB gun project at the Valley County Fairgrounds shooting sports building at 1 p.m. on April 7.

Archery practice begins at 7 p.m. on April 9 at the Valley County Fairgrounds shooting sports building.

There will be a workshop on growing African violets and streptocarpus (close relatives of the African violet) on April 27th at the community center in Arcadia, beginning at 10:00 am. The workshop will teach participants all aspects of growing and caring for these flowering houseplants and everyone who participates will take home 2 or 3 plants to grow on their own. This is a free workshop and should last less than an hour and a half depending on class size. You must preregister with the extension office by April 22 and the class will be limited to 20 participants. Just for Valley County 4-H'ers: come county fair time, participants will be expected to bring their best plant or plants to the fair to be judged. Special awards will be given out at that time for the top specimens.

Join us for an afternoon of fun June 19 in Wolbach as we use elements and principles of design along with canvas and vinyl to create one of a kind reverse canvas projects from 1-3 pm. Age for the workshop participants is 8 and above. Cost is \$15. There will be a class limit of 12. Youth will choose a design from the office and cut it out ahead of time to bring to the workshop.

Greeley County will host a beginner's riding clinic so bring your horse for basic showmanship, western pleasure and western horsemanship on Sunday, May 19 from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Greeley arena. Parents are asked to attend to help reinforce at home what the kids learn that day.

Current & lifetime 4-H members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases at JOANN Fabrics every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to 4-H. Visit <http://www.joann.com/4-h/> to get started.

Conference Horse Shows will be June 2 in Albion, June 9 in St. Paul, June 16 in Loup City, June 30 at Pitzer Ranch (double show), July 7 in Ord and September 15 in Central City. Call Ann if you have any questions at 308-730-2773.

Special garden project seeds are available to pick up at the Central IV offices.

The Central IV premium list is online. Premium books are available in offices.

The Loup City Community Center is the site for Kids in the Kitchen April 18. This workshop will teach kids age 9 and older about basic nutrition and health with lots of cooking from 8:30-2:30. There is a \$5 fee to attend. Please register by calling the Loup City office at 308-745-1518 by April 12 at noon.

The 4-H Council in Valley County knows recent storms and flooding have impacted local families in many ways. If your family has been hurt by the weather and your 4-H projects have been adversely affected, the Council would like to know. There may be ways they can help. Please contact Nebraska Extension at 308-728-5071 or talk to any 4-H Council member.

The 2019 Big Red Summer Academic Camps, to be held June 9-14, 2019, are just around the corner! New camp for 2019 is Animation! Also offered for this summer are: Engineering, Outdoor Nebraska, Unicameral Youth Legislature, Filmmaking, Teaching, Veterinary Science and Weather and Climate Science. More information about Big Red Camps is also available online at <https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps>. Early Bird registration ends April 15, 2019.

Pitzer horse judging contest is May 29 in Ericson. For more information, go to <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/EventFlyers/5-29-20194-H%20Horse%20Judging%20Contest%20-%20Pitzer%20Ranch.pdf>

If you are in need of project manuals, let us know. Each office has most of the manuals in stock.

Youth ages 8-18 who will show beef, sheep, swine, goats, market broilers or market fryer rabbits at any fair are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training each year. Training can be completed face-to-face or online. Go to <https://yqca.learnrow.io/account/login> to register for face-to-face

training or to complete online training. Instructions on how to sign up for all the trainings are posted at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/4hforms/>. Age divisions are as follows: junior 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18. Youth must be registered in 4-H before it will allow them to register for YQCA trainings. Face-to-face trainings with Doug Anderson are on **April 22** at the Central Valley School in Greeley at 8:30 am; the Valley County Fair Grounds in Ord at 1:30 pm; and at St. Josaphat's Parish Hall in Loup City at 6:00 pm.

Every county in Central IV will have their own horse show for fair.

The 2019 Nebraska Beef Ambassador Contest information is on our website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/EventFlyers/2019%20BA%20Rules%20Registration.pdf>. Registration is due May 31.

Dog classes will be held Thursdays from 7-8 pm in the 4-H Building at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. Contact Ann Teply with any questions you may have 308-730-2773.

The horse advisory committee have made several changes to the 2019 4-H horse program. You can find a list of the changes on our website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/2019-horse-program-changes/>

For animals to compete at State Fair/AkSarBen, they must be nominated at www.showstockmgr.com. You will pay a \$7 fee online for market animals and there is a \$2 online fee for breeding animals. The fees are to be paid online. Instructions for inputting your animal information is available on our website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/IDSheets/2018%20NE%20Online%20Nomination%20Step-By-Step%20Instructions.pdf>

Registration is now open for 2019 summer camps https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email. Early bird pricing ends April 15th (use code: earlybird2019). Camp flyers and limited numbers of camp brochures are available in the Central IV offices. Not in the brochure is the Eastern Nebraska Adventure Day at 4-H Camp. It will take place Saturday, June 15 from 10 am-4 pm for campers age 6-12. Cost is \$35 per person which includes an adult meal. Adults are not required. Here is the direct link to register for this camp:

<http://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=381&campCode=4hc&idSession=220249>.

Stay informed this 4-H season with reminders from remind.com. You can now sign up for your county class on www.remind.com and get reminders specific to your

county. <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/central4/join-your-county-class-on-remind/>

Each Central IV Extension office has FREE garden seed to give away...for asparagus, zucchini, and everything in between. The seed is from 2018 but should germinate fine. Feel free to stop in, browse through the assortment and take what you can use.

Through [Farm Credit Services of America's Working Here Fund](#), organizations in Nebraska can apply online for community involvement grants. Grants are awarded of up to \$10,000 for projects and organizations that make a positive, long-term impact in the areas of Agriculture Education, Young and Beginning Producers, and Hunger and Nutrition. Applications can be completed online at www.fcsamerica.com/workingherefund. Grants are determined based on the specific selection criteria. The \$10,000 grant application period will run January 1 through June 30, 2019.

Ord will host a district horse show June 12, 2019

Greeley 308-428-2835; Howard 308-754-5422; Sherman 308-745-1518; Valley 308-728-5071