

In this email: deadlines, contest dates, workshop dates, Valley County bb gun, Valley County archery, horse clinic, Joann Fabrics, conference horse shows, special garden project seeds, premium list, Kids in the Kitchen, horse community, Big Red Academic Camps, 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, AkSarBen.

DEADLINES:

Make project changes or enroll with late fee April 1

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

State Fair Market Beef entered at www.showstockmgr.com by JUNE 15

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

Central IV Workshop Dates

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

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

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

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

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.

Join us for an afternoon of fun as we use elements and principles of design along with canvas and vinyl to create one of a kind reverse canvas projects. 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. Books will be available in offices this week.

The Loup City Community Center is the site for Kids in the Kitchen April 18. This workshop will teach kids 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.

Nebraska Horse Community, Let's Unite to Help Each Other. Kathy Anderson at UNL is coordinating an effort to get help to horse owners who need it. If you are a horse owner in **need of help** please contact UNLhorse on Facebook or kanderson1@unl.edu and we will try to get you help. This could be cleaning up, doing stalls, feeding, horse care, hauling, whatever. If you are **willing to help** someone in need – also use those same means to contact her. She will also be gathering resources from various places regarding helping horses and flooding for your use. We have all seen the tremendous devastation to our state and know we can help each other out. #NebraskaStrong

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.learn-grow.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! New in 2019, the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center will be exclusively offering weeklong day camps for youth ages 6-15. Additionally, chartered transportation will be available from Gretna and Grand Island for several camps at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey. 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:

<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/workingherfund. 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

The Aksarben Stock Show will transition to junior livestock show format in 2019. Under the junior show model, youth from nine to 19 years of age are eligible for the competition with no prerequisite of youth organization affiliation. This allows for more junior exhibitors to show at Aksarben. Rules for the 2019 event will be written by Aksarben Stock Show management, versus the previous system of rules within each state operating independently. The Aksarben Stock Show will be held Sept 26-29, 2019 in Grand Island, NE. For more information visit <http://AksarbenStockShow.com>.

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