



Clay County 4-H

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May 2023

4-H Enrollment:



2023 Enrollment is open!

v2.4honline.com

Enroll by June 15th!

You will use the same username and password as before. Work through and enroll in 2022-2023 4-H year. At this point the program will have you update youth personal information. Be sure to complete the page of authorizations.

The health form remains optional. Update club and projects. The final step will be to click on "submit enrollment." From this point it will show up at the Extension Office and we will "accept it".

Members should now be able to go in, even after completing enrollment to edit the projects they have enrolled in.

If you are new to 4-H, begin with the website v2.4honline.com. You will then create a family profile, and proceed to enroll from there. Please save your password, as you will use this in the future to log in as well.

Leaders, Council members, and volunteers: Please enroll as well. You will also enroll at v2.4honline.com

Clay County 4-H Remind 101:

If you would like to receive reminder messages about Clay County 4-H please sign-up for these messages. Text @4hclayco to the number 81010.





Fishing Workshop:

Join us for a fishing workshop hosted by Wayne Peshek. Please RSVP to the Extension office by May 1st! Youth that attend will go home with a book from NE Games and Parks as well as a couple other fishing supplies. The class will consist of hands-on learning to tie fishing knots and practice casting. Other learning will be to identify differences of hooks, poles, reels, and lures.

Nebraska Fishing guideline rules and regulations will be shared.

Youth ages 8 and up are invited to attend. Parents are welcome to stay if interested also.

Where: Clay County Fairgrounds in the Old 4-H building (Shooting Sports building)

When: Saturday, May 6th

Time: 1:00-4:00pm

Cost: \$5.00

Clover Kids Workshop:

We will continue to have Clover Kid Workshops. Please call the Extension office to sign up for the workshop. Workshop will take place at the fairgrounds from 5:30-6:30pm. Workshop will be held on the following date:

May 9th

Clay County Poultry Showmanship Workshop:

Join us and learn all about poultry showmanship from Brett Kreifels! This will be a hands-on workshop. Youth will be able to practice the new skills that they learn. If you have your showmanship bird picked out, please bring it along! Please RSVP to the Clay County Extension office (402-762-3644) by May 17th if you are coming!

This will be held May 23rd at the Fairgrounds from 10:00-12:00.

Clay County Rabbit/Companion Animal Showmanship Workshop:

Come join Molly Brandt and learn some tips for rabbit and companion animal showmanship. This will be a hands-on workshop. If youth have their showmanship rabbit picked out, please bring it along! We will do rabbits first, from 1:00- approx. 2:30. We will do companion animal after that. Please RSVP to the Clay County Extension office (402-763-3644) by May 24th if you are planning to come! **This will be held May 31st at the Fairgrounds**

Ag Safety Day:

Current 1st through 6th graders are invited to attend Progressive Agriculture Safety Day on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at the Fillmore County Fairgrounds in Geneva, NE. Youth will participate in a variety of events designed to help them be aware of safety in potentially hazardous situations in and around rural and agricultural settings, including electricity, fire safety, burn safety, bike safety and more! NE Extension hosts this event in Fillmore County, along with Shickley and Fillmore Central FFA chapters, 4-H, W.I.F.E., Fortify and Fillmore County Emergency Management. Early registration forms and \$5 are due April 28th; forms can be downloaded at fillmore.unl.edu. After April 29th, registration is \$10/youth. For more info or to register, call 402-759-3712 or email holly.ackland@unl.edu.

Photography Workshop:

Ashley Swanson will be doing a photography workshop for 4-Hers enrolled in photography on June 8th from 9:00-11:00am. this workshop is for youth 8 & over. Youth will meet at the Clay County Extension Office, then will walk around Clay Center and take photo's. Please bring your cameras! RSVP to the Extension office by June 1st.

Summer Clover College:

Calling all Clover Kids! (ages 5-7) Join us for an afternoon of fun as we explore the world of art. Use your creativity and imagination as you create three art projects for the county fair. Youth will make a fleece bunny for their bedroom, decorate a tote bag using fabric scraps, and decorate a canvas using string and spray paint! Registration is required by June 12th.

This workshop will be held June 20th at the Clay County Fairgrounds from 1:00-3:30pm and cost \$5.00



County Day Camp:

Explore the great outdoors and learn different skills in this science exploration! Sessions Include: Fishing, Conservation & Wildlife, Soil Builders, Forestry, and much more! *Please bring your own lunch and a water bottle. Camp will be Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 at Crystal Lake Ayr, NE. It is open to all youth ages 8-12 and cost: \$10/child

8:45 - 9:00 a.m. - Check-In

4:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Pick-Up

Youth do not need to be in 4-H to participate. Pre-registration is required by May 26 by 4 pm Questions? Office Phone: 402-762-3644 Email: holli.alley@unl.edu

Spruce up the Outdoors Workshop:

Spend the afternoon recycling items to spruce up your outdoor space this summer.

1 – recycle plastic hangers to make a lighted butterfly.

2 – create a Sit -a-upon for all your outdoor activities, using plastic bags.

Tuesday, June 13th, 1-2:30PM at the Clay County Fairgrounds. Cost \$7.00. Youth are asked to bring 20-30 plastic grocery bags. Limit to 10 youth. **Registrations are due June 1st.**

Clay County Speech Contest:

Clay County's Public Speaking contest will be held May 18th at 5:30 PM at the Fairgrounds. Please let the extension office know if you plan on participating by May 10th! Current classes and guidelines are based on 4-H age as of January 1.

Clover Kid – under 2 min. in length. Does not need to be about 4-H. Can be speech, poem or story.
Novice - - ages 10 and under - having never competed in a speech contest before, can use a poem or story, under 3 minutes- the Novice division is COUNTY ONLY.

Junior, Intermediate and Senior speeches must be an original speech relating to some aspect of 4-H.

Junior – 4-H age 8-10 (1 - 3 minutes)

Intermediate – 4-H age 11- 13 (3-5 minutes)

Senior – 4-H age 14-18 (5-8 minutes)

Public Service Announcements (PSA) Contest Rules All Divisions: · All PSA's are 60 seconds in length. · All PSA's will use the state theme as the basis for their PSA. The 2023 PSA theme **"Discover your spark in Nebraska 4-H"** · All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time of the year. · All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu". The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit. · Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be use. · All PSA's must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSA's written and provided by the state or national staff. · No team PSA's are allowed. · Radio PSA's will be submitted electronically as mp3 format with 1 copy of the PSA test. (No CD's)

Presentation Contest:

Presentation Contest will be held on May 24th at 4:30pm. Please let the Extension office know if you are planning to participate by May 17th.

Horticulture contest:

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. The contest will be available June 2-16, 2023 at: <https://go.unl.edu/online4hhortcontest>

YQCA:

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. This training is required for all food producing animal or livestock project members. Food producing and livestock projects include beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry and rabbit. Members will go to www.yqcaprogram.org and log in using their 4HOnline login. Members must have an Active status with 4HOnline to be able to log in and complete the courses. Face to face trainings that are available:

Last F2F YQCA June 14th-Fillmore County Extension Office 10:30am-12:00pm



Livestock Auction rule update:

***NEW in 2023 – Exhibitors will now have a choice to sell their animal for premium only or sell it and have it go on the truck.

Examples:

- i. Billy decides to sell his animal for premium only. During the auction, that animal will be “sold”, and youth will only receive the premium bid amount. He will still retain ownership of that animal, and take that animal home.
- ii. Billy decides to sell his animal and wants it to go on the truck. That animal will be sold in the auction and Billy will receive the premium bid amount as well as the packer bid for his animal. That animal will then go on the truck, and he will no longer have ownership of that animal.

All animals will be sold as designated by the youth. Buyers will NOT have the option to purchase and keep an animal during the live auction.

Only market animals shown at the Clay County Fair will be allowed to sell in the auction.

Horse Exhibitors:

New this year, stalling horses during the Clay County Fair will be optional. Stalling horses is still welcome, but because of the condition of the horse barn it is optional this year. Youth will show their horses, then they will be able to take them home. Youth will still receive their premium money. Reminder that youth must be enrolled in the horse project, and Level 1 achievement must be completed by June 15th in order to compete at the County Fair.

Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit:

Open to Nebraska 4-H & FFA member ages 10-18. For more information go to 4h.unl.edu

Locations and Dates:

NCTA- May 24th

Colfax County- May 25th

Thayer-Nuckolls County- May 26th

South Central (Bladen)- June 1st

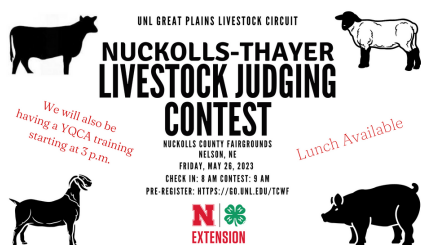
Dawes County- June 2nd

Wheeler County- June 9th

Box Butte Western Livestock Challenge- June 15th

Nebraska Livestock Judging Classic (Kearney)- June 16th

PASE (Lincoln)- June 22nd



Southern Plains Livestock Judging:

Southern Plains livestock judging contest to be held on Friday, May 26th in Nelson at the Nuckolls County fairgrounds. The cost is \$10. Lunch will be available and we are also offering a YQCA session at the conclusion of the contest. Families may register using <https://go.unl.edu/tcwf>. This contest is part of the Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit for PASE. All questions may be directed to Amy Brockman at amy.brockman@unl.edu or by phone at: 402-225-2381.

South Central Livestock Judging:

The South Central Livestock Judging Contest in Bladen, will be our County Contest. It will be on June 1st, at 10:00am at the Webster County Fairgrounds. There will also be a judging workshop prior to the contest from 8:30-9:30am. Please let the Extension Office Know if you are wanting to participate. If youth need a ride, please let the Extension office know that as well!

Regional Dairy Show:

The regional Dairy Show will be held June 17th at 11:00am at the Fairgrounds in Clay Center. Entry forms & ID sheets can be online at clay.unl.edu. Entry forms & ID sheets will be due June 5th to the Clay County Extension Office.



Clay County Fairbooks:

Clay County Fairbooks are in! Stop by the Extension office to pick yours up!

Show Lamb and Goat Camp:

459 North
Crescent Street;
Bladen, NE

Henry Hampshires Show Lamb & Goat Camp

Pre-registration can be emailed to: amy.madana@2c@gmail.com
or mailed to: Amy Kathman - 151 W 2nd Street; Lawrence, NE
68957

The camp will be held at the Webster County Fairgrounds. Check-in will be at 8a.m. & will start at 9 a.m. Please bring a sack lunch. Bottled water will be available. Do not need to bring livestock!

MAY 20, 2023
8 AM - 4 PM

Clay County Fair Pre-entry forms:

Included in this newsletter is a pre-entry sheet for exhibits. **This, along with any animal ID, horse entry sheets, fashion review, ect. are due June 15th.** Copies of all these forms can be found online at clay.unl.edu, or you can pick up a copy from the Extension office.

***** For livestock exhibitors with more than one exhibitor per family-** in order to help the check in process at fair, it would be very helpful, if you could please identify what exhibitor is showing what animal on the ID sheet. If you still want to use 1 ID sheet, that is fine, please just write exhibitor name beside the animal. Or you could do separate ID sheets for each kid if you would like.

Fairgrounds Clean-up day:

Fairgrounds clean-up day will be held on May 21st! Please come help clean-up the fairgrounds so we won't have as much to do right before fair! We will be doing this from 2:00-4:00pm.

Upcoming Events:

May

May 6- Fishing Workshop at Fairgrounds 1:00-4:00pm

May 9- Clover Kids Workshop at Fairgrounds

May 15- 4-H Council Meeting at Fairgrounds at 7:00pm

May 18- 4-H Speech Contest at Fairgrounds at 5:30pm

May 21- Fairgrounds Clean-up day from 2:00-4:00pm

May 23- Poultry Showmanship workshop at Fairgrounds

May 24- 4-H Presentations Contest at Fairgrounds at 4:30pm

May 25- Ag Safety Day at Fillmore County Fairgrounds

May 31- Rabbit & Companion animal workshop at the fairgrounds at 1:00pm

June

June 1- Livestock Judging at Bladen

June 6- 4-H Day Camp at Ayr

June 8- Photography workshop- meet at Extension office at 9:00am and take pictures around Clay Center

June 15- 4-H ENROLLMENT & FAIR PRE-ENTRIES DUE!!

July

July 12-15- Clay County Fair!

***CONGRADUALTIONS TO ALL OF
THE CLAY COUNTY 4-H
GRADUATES! Best of luck in your
future endeavors!***

