



Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

4-H Newsletter December 2022 - January 2023

Holiday Office Hours

The Extension office will be closed December 26th through January 2nd for Holiday Break. We will re-open on January 3rd. Happy Holidays!

Award Nominations

The deadline for nominations for Friend of 4-H, Outstanding 4-H Member, Outstanding 4-H Alumni and Quilt of Valor are due to the Extension Office Tuesday, **January 3rd**. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Nomination forms are attached to the end of the newsletter.

Gearing up in 2023

The new year will soon be here and that means it's time to re-organize 4-H clubs. Please let us know if you need help getting started or re-organized in your clubs. Be sure to invite new members and families in your community to join your 4-H group.

4-H Council Representatives

A reminder to ALL 4-H clubs!! If you need to nominate new 4-H Council representatives, please nominate them before the March meeting. If a club doesn't have 4-H Council representatives, it has no voice on how to allocate the resources of the 4-H Council to support your clubs success in Colfax County. Remember that all youth representatives have 1 year terms, and that adult representatives have 2 year terms, but both youth and adults can serve multiple terms. We have quite a few adult representatives whose terms are up, so be sure to have them in place by the March 13th 4-H Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Independent members can also be on the 4-H Council. If you are an independent member and either you &/or your parents are interested in being on the 4-H Council, please call the extension office.

Popcorn and Coffee Fundraiser

A big THANK YOU to everyone who bought and sold popcorn and coffee with the 4-H Council 2022 fundraiser! 753 popcorn and 164 coffee items were sold!

Congratulations to the top 3 families that sold

the most items.

- Karlee, Kazlee, and Konner Bourek
- Josh, Justin, and Kara Eisenmann
- Hayley and Bella Podany

Adventure Together 4-H Camp Series

We're so excited to announce Adventure Together, the new Nebraska 4-H Camp series for 2023! Registration information will be coming soon. In the meantime, mark your calendars: Chadron – June 5-9; Cozad – June 16-20; Ashland – June 26-29; Burwell – July 16-20; Louisville – July 27-30.

An informational camp flyer is included at the end of the newsletter. For more information about these 2023 camping opportunities please go to: 4h.unl.edu/camp or email Amber Stephens at: astephens15@unl.edu.

4-H Youth Leadership Conference

We are so excited to announce that the 2023 4-H Youth Leadership Conference is happening!! We have NEW dates and a NEW location!!

Date: June 19-21, 2023

Location: Camp Comeca, Cozad, NE

Ag Innovators Facilitators Needed

Nebraska 4-H is seeking **three teens (age 13+)** to be the State Teen Facilitators for the **Ag Innovators Experience** statewide. An additional **20+ teen facilitators** are also needed to work with the 3 State Teen Facilitators to facilitate the Ag Innovators experience across the state of Nebraska in their local communities. The challenge, which will be led during the Spring of 2023 is 'Aerial Ag'. This challenge engages participants in modeling a sprayer drone's flight path, based on drone collected images and environmental conditions, using line-following bot technology.

If selected to be a teen on the **State Leadership Team for Nebraska**, youth will be expected to attend the Ag Innovators Experience Training in Columbus, Ohio **February 3rd – 5th**. They will be traveling with two Nebraska Extension Educators & travel expenses

will be covered. The team will bring the information back to Nebraska to train 20+ other teen leaders across the state to reach youth in their local communities with the Ag Innovators Experience activities. This training will be in **March**.

- Link to Teen Leader Application Form: <https://go.unl.edu/aiteenleader>
- Link to Local Facilitator Application Form: <https://go.unl.edu/aiefacilitator>

Applications are due December 31st with final selection for the State Leadership Team and Local Facilitators being made and notified on January 10th.

Please reach out to Megan Hanefeldt at: megan.hanefeldt@unl.edu or Julie Schultz at: jschultz28@unl.edu with any questions regarding this opportunity.

Upcoming Events

December 15: Popcorn pick up date

December 19: 4-H Robotics– Extension Office, 5-7 p.m.

December 26 through January 2 Extension Office Closed for the holidays

January 3: 4-H Robotics– Extension Office, 5-7 p.m.

January 3: Quilt of Valor and Awards Nomination Forms due to the Extension Office

January 5: 4-H Robotics– Extension Office, 5-7 p.m.

January 9: 4-H Robotics– Extension Office, 5-7 p.m.

January 10: 4-H Robotics– Extension Office, 5-7 p.m.

January 10: 4-H Council Meetings at the fairgrounds, 7 p.m.

January 11: Livestock Superintendent Meeting at the fairgrounds, 7 p.m.

January 12: 4-H Robotics– Extension Office, 5-7 p.m.

January 14: Robotics Qualifier at Columbus Middle School

January 16: Extension Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day

January 29: 4-H Volunteer Banquet



Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Wishing you a wonderful Holiday season

and a Happy New Year from all of us at

Nebraska Extension—Colfax County!

Brenda and KateLynn



Quilt of Valor



Recipient Nomination Form

The Quilts of Valor Foundation was started in 2003. Since then Veterans and returning soldiers have been wrapped in Quilts of Valor as they return home or are honored on special occasions for their service.

Colfax County 4-H members have created a Quilt of Valor throughout the year. The quilt was exhibited at the Colfax County Fair and the Nebraska State Fair. At the request of the Colfax County 4-H Council, the Quilt of Valor has been brought back to Colfax County to be given to a local Colfax County Veteran.

Please fill out the following nomination form to nominate a Veteran, Serviceman, or Servicewoman you feel is deserving of this honor. Nomination forms are due: January 3, 2023.

Thank you!

Name of Person Nominated: _____

Has the recipient ever received a Quilt of Valor? ____ Yes ____ No

Branch of Service: _____

Place and Time of Deployment: _____

Please share why you feel your candidate should be selected:

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Address: _____

Please return completed form to: Nebraska Extension Colfax County

P.O. Box 389

Schuyler, NE 68661



2022



AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

(Plaques donated by Nebraska 4-H Foundation)

Nominee _____

Submitted by: _____ Phone # _____

(Check One - One form per nomination)

- Friend of 4-H. An individual, group or business who has given outstanding service over the years to 4-H in Colfax County. Winners may receive only once.

- Outstanding 4-H Member. This is awarded to a current 4-H member enrolled in Colfax County. The recipient shall have demonstrated leadership and growth through the 4-H program, including projects and activities. Winner may receive only once.

- Outstanding 4-H Alumni. This is awarded to a former 4-H member who as an adult, has contributed to the 4-H program. Winner may receive only once.

EXPLANATION OF WHY NOMINEE SHOULD RECEIVE THIS AWARD:

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Adventure Together 2023

ADVENTURE TOGETHER ACROSS NEBRASKA WITH 4-H CAMP



Chadron

June 5-9

Experience Nebraska via horseback, hiking, and with a trip down the Super Slide! Then see the prehistoric Agate Fossil Beds for a week of exploring Nebraska's wilderness; both past and present.



Cozad

June 16-20

Challenge yourself with high ropes, zipline, and a rock wall! Work together with your new friends for a canoeing adventure, and round out your day with gaga and 9 square in the air!



Ashland

June 26-29

Have an "in-tents" outdoor adventure at Mahoney State Park. Cook by the campfire, explore the tree canopy on the ropes course, and make a splash going down the slide at the pool!



Burwell

July 16-20

Explore the flora and fauna with a week on the river front! Explore the North Loup River, go geocaching, tracking, and don't forget about playing an epic game of capture the flag!



Louisville

July 27-30

Close out the summer with an "in-tents" experience at Platte River State Park. Practice your aim at the archery range, investigate the aquatic life at Crawdad Creek, and enjoy s'mores and songs with your new friends!



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