



Nebraska Extension in Colfax County

4-H Newsletter March 2019

Announcements:

New Families

If you have new families in your 4-H club, please submit their name, email and mailing address to the Extension Office so that we can add their name to our mailing lists and help them with the enrollment process.

Gearing up in 2019

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.

Julie would like to attend your reorganization meeting this year to answer any questions and give program updates for the new year. Please let her know when your meetings will be so she can get them on her schedule.

4-H Enrollment

All 4-H members must enroll on the 4-H Online system using **Google Chrome**. Instructions can be found on our website at <http://colfax.unl.edu> or you can call the Extension office for a hard copy to be mailed to you. These instructions will take you step by step through the process. Please contact the office if you have any problems or questions at 402-352-3821. You are welcome to stop in the office anytime and use one of our computers to enroll if you wish. Enrollment fee is \$5 for all 4-H members. This enrollment fee can be paid online with a credit/debit card or paid in the office with a check. Enrollment deadline is April 1, 2019.

Remember when enrolling in 4HOnline use Colfax County as your county, not the county you live in. Thank you.

Email Notice

Please remember the email address your family uses to create your 4Honline account is the email

address where all of your 4-H, newsletter, county fair, and state fair information is sent. Please make sure you are using an email address your family regularly checks.

T-Shirt Design Contest

The 4-H Council is excited to announce that they are holding a t-shirt design contest to find a new design for the Colfax County 4-H shirt. All Colfax County 4-H'ers are welcome to enter. The 4-H council members will choose a winner and will send that design to the State 4-H Office for approval. After the design is approved by the state office, a winner will be announced. A prize will be given to the 4-H'er who created the winning design.



Attached to this newsletter is a sheet that can be used to draw your design. You may also send in computer-generated designs. Designs need to be sent to the Extension Office by April 1st, so start working on your designs now!

4-H Updates:

Youth of the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training

State 4-H rules require that all 4-H members ages 8-18, who are enrolled in the following livestock projects (beef, sheep, dairy, swine, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry and rabbits) be certified in Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Each youth wanting to show livestock at county or state fair needs to complete 3 modules. There is a \$12 dollar fee that you must pay. <http://yqca.org/>

Test-out options are only available to youth in the first year of Intermediate (age 12) and Senior (age 15) age levels. There is no test-out option for Juniors. If passed, youth will not be required to complete the annual training requirements for the remainder of their current age level (Intermediates: 12-14; Seniors: 15-18). Each test consists of 50 randomly

selected questions and has a pass rate of 80% or better for certification.

Participants will have only one chance to take the test-out option. If youth fail, they will not be provided another opportunity to test out of that age level. Participants who do not pass will be prompted to take the instructor-led training or web-based training annually.

If the youth passes, payment for the completed test-out course will be required after the completion of the test. No payment is required to attempt the test. Test-out costs are:

Intermediate: \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification)
Senior: \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification).

Camp Scholarships

4-H Youth are encouraged to apply for a camp scholarship sponsored by the 4-H Council. The 4-H Council would like for you to complete the Application for 4-H Camp Scholarship that is included in this newsletter and



return to the Extension office. The 4-H Council will provide 2/3 of the camp cost. Some options are:

- Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center, Gretna
- Nebraska State 4-H Camp, Halsey
- Natural Resources & Leadership Camp, Halsey
- Livestock Judging Conference, Lincoln
- Unicameral Youth Conference, Lincoln
- Big Red Summer Academic Camps

4-H'ers who did not receive a camp scholarship in 2018 will have first priority, but all 4-H'ers are encouraged to apply. Your 4-H leader has a supply of camp brochures or you can pick one up at the Extension Office. The Deadline for camp Scholarships is May 31, 2019.

Photography Themes

The 2019 Photography theme for Unit II is: BEAUTIFUL NEBRASKA: Nebraska's state song, Beautiful Nebraska, talks of peaceful prairieland, rivers, hills of sand, dark green valleys, and rainbows reaching to the ground. However, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and everyone has their own idea of what makes Nebraska great. Entries in the theme print class should capture and share what the exhibitor finds beautiful in or about Nebraska. Exhibitors should explain how their photo fits the Beautiful Nebraska theme when answering question #1 of the Data Tag.

The 2019 Photography theme for Unit III is: N150: February 15, 2019 marks 150 years since the day the state of Nebraska chartered the University of Nebraska. That's 150 years of history to appreciate, impact to unpack, and stories to tell. Much has hap-

pened since 1869, all for the purpose of changing lives, advancing knowledge, and fulfilling dreams. How has the University of Nebraska impacted you, your family, or your community? How can you tell this story through photography? Exhibitors should explain how their photo fits the N150 theme when answering question #1 of the Data Tag.

4-H Diamond Clover Recognition

Colfax County will recognize 4-H'ers through the Diamond Clover program. 4-H'ers will be recognized for their accomplishments and life skill development. This is available to all 4-H'ers, regardless of age. There are six levels of recognition. A short form needs to be completed when you sign up for 4-H this year and the rest of the form will be completed in September. For more information, contact the Extension Office. Club leaders have also received information on the 4-H Diamond Clover Recognition Program.

Livestock:

Free Chicks!

Tom Messing will once again offer free chicks to 4-H'ers interested in showing them at the Colfax County Fair. Each 4-H'er that signs up will receive 7 broiler chicks, with the expectation that they show them at fair. Look for upcoming information on signing up and picking up the chicks, but for now sign up for the poultry project when you enroll.



EID Tags and DNA Testing for State Fair

Any market animal to be shown at the Nebraska State Fair must have an EID tag installed and hair pulled for DNA samples. This includes market beef, swine, market sheep, and meat goats. DNA samples for market beef were pulled at weigh day along with EID tags. 4-H'ers with swine, sheep, or goats will need to work with the office to get animals tagged with EID tags and the hair samples pulled. EID tags will cost \$2.00. DNA testing costs \$7.00 per animal. So if you have any ideas of showing at the Nebraska State Fair be sure to get EID tags and samples pulled. Call the Extension office for more information.

Market Lamb & Market Goat Tagging

County only market sheep and goats will need a 4-H tag to be eligible to show at the Colfax County Fair. If you are desiring to show at State Fair, market lambs and goats will need to have a Scrapies tag.

Livestock Progress Shows Mailing List

All livestock exhibitors are encouraged to attend a Progress Show prior to the County Fair. This serves as good practice for both the exhibitor and their animals.

Contact the Extension office if you want to be on the mailing list for 4-H Livestock Progress Shows. The information about progress shows will be sent only to those notifying us that they want the information.

We do not carry names over from last year's list. So, if you want to receive progress show information, give us a call.

Learning Opportunities:

Contests:

4-H Speech & Presentation Contests

Colfax County 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the 4-H Speech / PSA & 4-H Presentation Contest on April 28th in Columbus. The contests will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the West Education Center at Central Community College. Theme for PSA's this year is "Inspire Kids To Do". We will be joining Platte County 4-H'ers in these contests but Colfax County will have their own contest awards. Please pre-register by April 22nd by calling the Extension Office.

District Horse Show

The 2019 Nebraska District 4-H Horse Show will be held on June 10th in Bloomfield for our district. All level testing required for participation in the 2019 District 4-H Horse shows must be completed by May 10, 2019. Also, all entries are due to the county office by May 10, 2019.

Rabbit Show!

The Lancaster County Rabbit VIPS Committee will again be hosting a Spring 4-H Rabbit Show.



- Saturday, April 27th
- Registration 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
- Show starts at 9 a.m.
- Lancaster Event Center - Exhibit Hall

This is a great show for youth new to showing rabbits! A very knowledgeable VIPS committee will be present, and more than happy to help answer any questions 4-Hers and their families might have. Also, a few good 4-H rabbits for sale at this show. To check out the flyer go to <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/documents/RabbitShowSpring19.pdf>

Youth Crop Scouting Competition

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Youth interested in learning more about scouting crops should contact the extension office to learn more about the Youth Crop Scouting Competition. The 2019 Youth Crop Scouting Competition will be held on July 23rd at the ENREC near Mead. The Competition consists of both a written test and hands on questions about corn, soybean, or alfalfa plots. Teams consist of 3, 4 or possibly 5 youth member (7th - 12th grade), so once we know who is interested we can set up teams. Aaron is willing to work with interested youth before the contest to help them learn more about agronomy and crops and prepare them for the competition.

**Innovative Youth
Corn Challenge**



Eighth Annual Innovative Youth Corn Challenge

Do you enjoy being outside? Learning new things about crops? Considering a career involving crops, insects, diseases, soils, water or more? Do you want to help figure out how to feed our world's growing population in a sustainable way?

Nebraska Extension and the Nebraska Corn Board are offering the eighth Innovative Youth Corn Challenge contest. This contest, open to 4-H members (age 10 & older as of Jan. 1st) or FFA members (in-school members), guides participants through all aspects of corn production, as well as agricultural careers related to corn production.

As a team (2 or more participants), youth will be challenged to implement a production practice different than normal to determine if they increased their yield. Economics and sustainability of the practice will also be considered. Yields, cropping history, and production information will be collected in the Corn Yield Challenge management summary.

Cash prizes and plaques will be given to the first, second, and third place teams. First place will receive \$1,000, second place will receive \$500, and third place will receive \$250. Sustainability, crop scouting and "extra mile" awards will also be given, each worth \$200.

To participate in 2019, youth must complete and return an entry form by March 15th to the Fillmore County Extension Office in Geneva, NE. Forms can be downloaded at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth/activities. For more information, contact Brandy at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu or Aaron Nygren at anygren2@unl.edu

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute Application

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a five-day summer program (July 8-12) for current high school juniors and seniors to learn more about agriculture and the agricultural industry, as well as to discover career opportunities available within the agricultural sector. Generous sponsors allow for the event to be free of charge to the students attending. About 200 youth attended NAYI 2018, making it one of the largest delegate classes in the 48 year history of the program.

The application should be filled out by eligible students and emailed to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture no later than 11:59pm on April 15th, 2019. Students will need to go online to <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/nayi.html> to download the application.



Tractor Safety Courses Offered

All youth aged 14-15 and working on a farm or ranch other than their own MUST be certified through a Hazardous Occupations Course. Successful completion of the course will allow trained youth to operate a tractor over 20 horsepower, or to connect or disconnect and implement or any parts to or from a tractor.

The cost of training is \$60. For more information please call the Extension Office. The closest trainings are listed below with the site coordinators number.

- Fairgrounds, Wayne on June 20 & 21 (402-375-3310)
- Fairgrounds, Weeping Water on July 1 & 2 (402-267-2205)

Visit the following to view training site locations and dates, registration and site coordinator contact numbers. <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/kearney/Tractor%20Safety%20Flier%202019.pdf>

Advanced registration and payment is required. Please contact the appropriate coordinator for instruction on where to send the registration with payment or about any specifics about the training. Registration forms can be obtained at the Extension Office.

Youth Poultry Judging Clinic

Youth interested in Poultry Judging should plan to attend the in-depth clinic put on at UNL's Animal Science Building on March 16th. A variety of topics will be covered as well as a Quiz Bowl during lunch. Registration is \$10 and due on March 11th. <https://unl.app.box.com/s/b852wqjspnhaogay2vi38d0qhy4cfuz>

Upcoming Events

Mar. 11: 4-H Council Meeting @ Howells Library
Mar. 15: Innovative Youth Corn Challenge registration Deadline
Mar. 30: 4-H Horse Stampede
Mar. 30: 4-H Companion Animal Challenge
Apr. 1: 4-H Enrollment Deadline
Apr. 26: Office Closed for Arbor Day
Apr. 27: Rabbit Show at Lancaster Event Center
Apr. 28: 4-H Speech & Presentation Contests
May 10: District Horse Show Deadline
May 27: Office Closed for Memorial Day
May 30: Livestock Judging Contest @ Fairgrounds
May 31: Camp Scholarship Deadline

Nebraska Extension In Colfax County Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30a.m. - 12:00 and 1:00p.m. - 4:30p.m.

Find us Online!

Web: Colfax.unl.edu





APPLICATION
FOR
4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIP
(Deadline to apply May 31, 2019)



Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Years in 4-H _____

4-H Club Name _____

Have you attended 4-H camp before? _____ If so, how many times? _____

What 4-H camp are you planning to attend this year? _____

Where? _____ What is the length of the camp? _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR OWN HANDWRITING:

1. Why do you want to attend this camp?

2. What do you hope to learn or experience at camp?

3. How do you plan to share your camp experiences with others?

DESIGN A T-SHIRT

NAME _____

- Limit of 2 colors in design
- Contest open to 4-H'ers, parents and leaders
- Design must be approximately 8"x8" with no copyrighted characters
- The design must feature 4-H or the 4-H clover, but be sure to follow the following rules. No text or any item may appear over or on top of the clover, the clover needs to be upright, and the official 4-H clover must be used as shown.
- Designs will need to be approved by the State 4-H Office.
- The 4-H Council Reserved the right to modify or combine designs the meet 4-H Rules.
- Return by April 1 to Nebraska Extension in Colfax County, P.O. Box 389 Schuyler, NE 68661

