



4-H Youth Development

Bow Knot

4-H Newsletter

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4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Monday, April 18, 2022

6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building



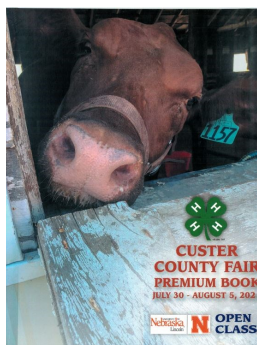
Contest rules are available at:

<https://go.unl.edu/2022speechcontestrules>

Registration will be online this year. Registrations must be made by 5:00 p.m. on April 8.

The registration link is: <https://goo.gl/forms/aMcroCyoTAsbsvqf1>.

PSA's must also be emailed to cpeterson2@unl.edu by April 8. PSA text is not required. Contact Colleen if you have any questions.



PREMIUM BOOK COVER PHOTO CONTEST

4-H members...do you have a photo from the 2021 Custer County Fair? Enter it in the 2022 Custer County Fair Premium Book Cover Photo Contest. Contest entries are due by March 1. Information with contest guidelines can be found online with the [January 2022 Bow Knot](#) issue. The winning photo will be printed in FULL COLOR on the cover of the 2022 Custer County Fair Premium Book.

2022 CUSTER COUNTY 4-H INDOOR ARCHERY MATCH



The Custer County 4-H Indoor Archery Match will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the Shooting Sports Building at the Fairgrounds. 4-H'ers may register to shoot at one of the following sessions: Morning Session - Check in at 8:30 a.m., match start time at 9:00 a.m.; Afternoon Session - Check in at 12:30 p.m., match start time at 1:00 p.m. Youth **MUST** be enrolled in the 4-H archery project in a Custer County 4-H club in the 4-H ONLINE program (by March 18), **and** under the direct supervision of a certified 4-H archery leader to compete in this match. Contestants must wear blue denim jeans and the choice of a Custer County 4-H t-shirt, 4-H club shooting shirt, or a white shirt with a 4-H chevron.

Registration must be completed online by March 18.

The complete rules and registration link can be found at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/IK48iBAze1MRuzz22>

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 1 Deadline for Custer County Foundation Scholarship Applications (Nic Ostergard Memorial Scholarship)
- 5 Market Beef Weigh-In, Broken Bow Animal Hospital, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Please follow family time schedule.)
- 21 Office closed for President's Day

MARCH

- 1 Deadline for ad sales
- 1 Deadline for Premium Book Cover Photo Contest
- 1 Custer County 4-H Activities Scholarship Application deadline
- 4 Entries due in county office for 4-H Horse Stampede
- 13 2023 CWF Curriculum Meeting, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 15 2023 CWF Payment Due
- 18 Registrations due for Custer County 4-H Indoor Archery Match
- 19 Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun Championships, Scottsbluff
- 20 Nebraska State 4-H Air Rifle Championships, Scottsbluff
- 21 4-H Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 4-H Horse Stampede, Lincoln
- 26 Custer County 4-H Indoor Archery Match, Fairgrounds

APRIL

- 1 Deadline for 4-H membership contest
- 8 Registrations for 4-H Public Speaking Contest due via online registration
- 18 4-H Public Speaking Contest, 4-H Building, 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Deadline for Early Enrollment 4-H membership fees due in the Extension Office from Organizational Leaders
- 29 Office closed for Arbor Day

4-H PROGRESS SHOWS/SALES

We are beginning to receive information about 4-H youth progress shows and club animal sales in the area. If you are interested in specific information, stop by the Extension Office.

4-H MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

This membership contest is sponsored by the 4-H Council. The contest is open to all 4-H clubs in Custer County. The 4-H club that recruits the most new members to the 4-H program (includes Clover Kids) will receive \$25. The club that gains the greatest percentage of new members will also receive \$25. Reminder...new members are 1st time members...new to the 4-H program by the April 1 early enrollment.

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

For tagging requirements please refer to the [2022 Livestock Identification Guidelines](#).

Hair samples for DNA will again be required for market beef, market swine, market lambs and meat goats to be exhibited at State Fair and/or Aksarben in 2022. Exhibitors with livestock (not Dairy) that are going to be shown at State Fair will be responsible for submitting their animal information into the Show Stock Manager livestock database online themselves prior to the nomination deadline and to also pay online for their DNA samples that were collected. The database will be available after February 1st.

Please note, any animal entry not in the database or that hasn't submitted DNA will not be considered nominated and eligible for State Fair. All animals entered into the database will also be required to turn in an ID sheet to the Extension Office.

*Youth Dairy, 4-H Poultry, 4-H Rabbit and 4-H Dog will follow the same identification requirements as in past years.

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE FAIR

All market beef and market swine that will be shown at State Fair must have an official EID tag as well as hair samples taken for DNA testing. The cost of DNA sampling will be \$7.00. This fee covers the expense of materials and handling. Market sheep and meat goats are required to have a scrapies eartag and a DNA sample. Breeding sheep and breeding meat goats are required to have a scrapies eartag. Animal information will also need to be submitted online via Show Stock Manager database by June 15.

For State Fair all breeding beef are required to have a tattoo or an EID eartag as the official identification.

All breeding nominations for State Fair will have an online entry fee.

More to come...Information on submitting State Fair online nominations for 2022 will be shared when available.

Youth Dairy and 4-H Rabbit will follow the same identification requirements as in past years.

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR AKSARBEN

With the changes in the AKSARBEN Stock Show current livestock requirements can be found at:

<https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/>

FAIR PREMIUM BOOK AD SALES - DUE MARCH 1



The only major fund raising activity that the 4-H Council sponsors every year is the selling of the county fair premium book ads.

Each club is asked to sell ads. Selling premium book ads is not the sole responsibility of the organizational leader! Select an ad sales chairperson in your club. The responsibility of this person would be to organize the ad sales promotion for your club. This person might be a junior leader, a project leader, or a parent.

4-H clubs, families, grandparents, etc., are all invited to purchase an ad for the premium book. Ad sales packets are ready to be picked up at the Extension Office now. **All packets must be picked up by February 1.** Ad sales are due in the Extension Office by **March 1**. It is important to meet this ad sales deadline! The club that sells the most ads will receive a \$50 cash award from the 4-H Council.

The 2022 Custer County Fair Premium Book will be in the same magazine format as in 2021...just a little smaller than 8 1/2" x 11", and coil bound. The cover will be a slick, white, glossy, full-color cover. The content of the book will be formatted into 2 columns.

Clover Kids News



2022 Guidelines for Clover Kids:

(According to the UNL Extension 4-H Youth Development 4-H Policy and Procedures Handbook)

- **Clover Kids are youth who are 5-7 years of age (as of January 1, 2022).** The first year of eligibility in the 4-H Clover Kids program is the calendar year the member becomes six (6), January 1 - December 31. The final year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes eight (8), January 1 - December 31.
- Clover Kids will not take part in any individual activities/contests such as public speaking, presentations, judging contests, camps, etc. Clover Kids will be allowed to take part in the following club activities/contests: Community Service Activities, 4-H Booth Contest, and 4-H Window Display Contest.
- Clover Kids may enroll **only** in specified Clover Kids projects. Clover Kids projects for 2022 include:
 - Family Celebrations From Around the World
 - Theater Arts 1
 - Making Foods For Me
 - Bicycle Adventures 1
 - A Space For Me
 - Animal Caretaker (Bucket Calf & Small Animals)
 - Just Outside the Door
 - Aerospace 1
- Clover Kids may exhibit at the county fair in their designated project(s) and will receive participation ribbons, along with the appropriate premium money. **Clover Kids are limited to three (3) entries at the county fair, with only one entry per class.**
- The Clover Kid “year” will be counted towards 2 and 5 year pins.
- To complete the project(s), the Clover Kids must turn in their project record books/sheet(s) to their organizational leader by September 15.
- Clover Kids will receive certificates for their completed project(s) at the end of the year.

Project leaders for Clover Kids may be interested in knowing that supplemental material is available to aid in teaching this age group. It is available on a check-out basis from the Extension Office. The material contains educational as well as fun activities, in addition to their specific project(s).

The following are the guidelines for the Clover Kid bucket calf exhibit.

- The bucket calf exhibit will **ONLY** be for Clover Kids who are ages 6 and 7 years of age, as of January 1, 2022.
- Clover Kids must enroll in the Animal Caretaker project.
- Clover Kids may only have 1 bucket calf.
- Identification forms are not required for Clover Kid bucket calves.
- Eartags are not required for Clover Kid bucket calves.
- Clover Kid bucket calves must be entered for the county fair on the ShoWorks online entry system.
- Clover Kid bucket calves will be brought to the county fair on the day of the show and will be taken home following the show.
- The Clover Kid bucket calf interviews will be held on Wednesday of county fair beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. The Clover Kid bucket calf parade will be held after the selection of the Supreme Grand Champion Breeding Heifer.
- Clover Kid bucket calves **CANNOT** be shown in Monday’s bucket calf competition or vice versa.
- Clover Kids exhibiting bucket calves will receive a participation ribbon.
- The bucket calf exhibit is included in the three (3) entry limit for Clover Kids at the county fair.
- To complete the bucket calf project, Clover Kids must turn in a completed General 4-H Record for the Animal Science project to their organizational leader by September 15.

4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT


Nebraska 4-H utilizes a 4-H online enrollment system, called "4-H Online." The process is easy and should only take a few minutes per member.

Enrollment for ALL MEMBERS (YOUTH) AND ADULT VOLUNTEER LEADERS, must be completed on 4-H Online.

The link for 4-H ONLINE and instructions for enrolling can be found on the web link below. Please read carefully when enrolling.

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/custer/4h-online-enrollment-event-registration/>.

4-H Online does not support Internet Explorer as a browser- Please use Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome as your browser for this program.



Custer County Early 4-H Enrollment
\$7.00/member if enrolled on 4-H ONLINE by April 1, 2022.
\$25.00/member if enrolled on 4-H ONLINE
April 2-June 15, 2022.

CUSTER COUNTY EARLY 4-H ENROLLMENT is \$7.00/member if enrolled on 4-H ONLINE by **April 1, 2022**. Organizational leaders will turn in the \$7.00/member fee to the Extension Office by April 18, 2022. Checks should be made payable to: **4-H Activities**.

The new statewide 4-H Enrollment deadline is June 15. Enrollment fees for members who enroll April 2-June 15, 2022 will be \$25/member. **This \$25 fee must be turned in to the Extension Office by the 4-H member/family by 5:00 p.m. on June 16, in order to be an active Custer County 4-H member.**

Some 4-H clubs may have additional club dues. These are due to the club and not to the Extension Office.

4-H enrollment is available year-round, however, to compete in Custer County Fair events, you must be registered on 4-H ONLINE by June 15.

Participation in some 4-H activities, may require enrollment on 4-H ONLINE **PRIOR** to event registration. Examples: shooting sports events, summer horse shows, speech contest, special garden project. Contact the Extension Office if you have questions.

For Organizational Leaders Only... As soon as the April 1 early enrollment deadline is past, we will create reports of your members and send them to you very quickly so that you will know who is enrolled early in your 4-H club. We will give organizational leaders until **Monday, April 18**, to turn in their \$7.00 per member fees based on the 4-H Online enrollments for their club. You can be collecting the \$7.00 per member fee prior to that time, as you know members have enrolled. **Please turn in your club's membership fees to the Extension Office on or before Monday, April 18.** We will send you a final report of your club's membership **AFTER** the June 15 statewide enrollment deadline has passed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call, (308) 872-6831.

4-H Eligibility for 2022



A youngster may join 4-H as a Clover Kid. Clover Kids are youth who are 5-7 years of age (as of January 1, 2022). The first year of eligibility in the 4-H Clover Kids program is the calendar year the member becomes six (6), January 1 - December 31. The final year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes eight (8), January 1 - December 31. Clover Kids may only be enrolled in designated 4-H Clover Kid projects. See more information regarding Clover Kids in this issue of the Bow Knot.

A 4-H member may be enrolled in any project (except Clover Kid projects) in any of the 4-H curriculum areas in the calendar year the member becomes nine (9), January 1 - December 31. This will be the year they are 4-H age 8, as of January 1.

4-H'ers who have a 2002 or earlier birth date are **NOT** eligible to belong to 4-H in 2022.

4-H Members With a January 1 Birthdate...Your 4-H age will be as of December 31, 2021. Contact Colleen with questions.

WHAT IS A 4-H PROJECT?

4-H projects are learning experiences for 4-H members. More than 100 projects are available. Members may enroll in a project by selecting them on the 4-H Online Enrollment system. In order for members to complete their project(s), they must complete the goals of the project(s), complete the 4-H record book associated with that project, and turn the record book in to their organizational leader by September 15.

Project completion **does not** require exhibiting at the county fair. However, members must be enrolled in the project during the current year, to be eligible to exhibit in that project at the county fair.

Tablesettings, decorate your cupcake, livestock judging, June Jamboree, and fashion show are not projects. These are just fun activities and fair exhibits. Youth do not need to enroll in these activities on 4-H Online or complete a 4-H record.

Members are only required to complete and turn in one 4-H record for every project, not one 4-H record for each fair exhibit. For example, if a member enrolls in Clothing Level 1, exhibits a simple top and a simple bottom at the county fair, and styles in the fashion show judging, they only need to complete one Clothing Level 1 record. The member can include all of that information in the one record book.

4-H records are due by October 1 each year from organizational leaders. If you have particular questions about 4-H projects, please contact the Extension Office.

CLARIFICATION OF NEBRASKA 4-H LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL SHOW REGULATIONS



As 4-H members begin selecting 4-H projects, and animals for these projects, we would just like to clarify the State 4-H policies regarding identification of project animals.

- An animal (beef, sheep, swine, meat goat, dairy, dairy goat, or rabbit) may be identified in only one county.
- An animal (beef, sheep, swine, meat goat, dairy, dairy goat, rabbit, poultry, dog, or cat) cannot be shown in more than one county fair.

Livestock Ownership Requirements:

A beef, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, horse, sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry, or companion animal project animal may be owned:

- a. Solely by the 4-H exhibitor or
- b. In partnership by the 4-H exhibitor and/or other members of his or her immediate family
- c. All exhibitor family member names may be on the ownership affidavit, but only the name of the showman can be on the show entry.
- d. Immediate family is defined as members of a household including parents, brothers, sisters and youth in the care of the head of the household.

NEBRASKA 4-H HORSE STAMPEDE




The 4-H Horse Stampede is held annually on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus. This year's 4-H Horse Stampede will be held **Saturday, March 26**. This event offers a variety of 4-H horse contests that don't require live horses, including public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, art, and photography contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their equine knowledge through these contests both as an individual and as part of a team.

There is a \$10 entry fee per contestant. All contest entry forms must be submitted along with entry fees to county Extension offices by March 4. T-shirts are also available; \$10.00 if pre-ordered, \$15.00 if purchased the day of the event. All order forms, fees, and exhibits must be submitted to county Extension offices by March 4.

More information can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>.

NEBRASKA 4-H VIRTUAL COMPANION ANIMAL CHALLENGE

 The Virtual Companion Animal Challenge offers a variety of 4-H companion animal contests that don't require live animals, including a Demonstration Contest, Essay Contest, Art Contest, Photography Contest, Cat Trivia, and Dog Trivia. Youth have the opportunity to display their companion animal knowledge through these contests both as individuals and as part of a team.

Online entry forms are due by 5:00 PM on April 1. Entry fees will be \$5 per contest and a one-time \$5 office fee per exhibitor. T-shirts are available for \$15 through the entry form. Checks should be made out to: University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Mail entry fees to: Grace Kim, UNL, PO Box 830ANSC C204g, Lincoln, NE 68583.

Entry fees must be postmarked by April 1. Copies of the entry form should also be printed and mailed WITH the entry fees.

Essays, art, photography, and demonstration recorded entries must be submitted digitally within the entry form. Trivia will be completed through an online quiz which must be taken from April 11-17.

More information regarding the Virtual Companion Animal Challenge can be found at:

<https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/challenge>.

RATE YOURSELF AS A 4-H OFFICER, CLUB MEMBER, OR VOLUNTEER

Have you ever thought about how you would rate yourself as a 4-H club officer, club member, or volunteer? Check the statements below. Think of ways you could improve and “make the best better.”

- √ I try to know and understand the people with whom I am working.
- √ I know the duties and responsibilities of my office.
- √ I attend meetings regularly (at least 3/4 of the meetings).
- √ I am willing to learn more in order to be a better officer, member, volunteer.
- √ I am on time for the meetings.
- √ I try to spend some time at meetings with each member of the club during the course of the year.
- √ I accept responsibilities willingly and enjoy doing more than just what is required of me.
- √ I try to work cooperatively with the other leaders, members, and officers in the club.
- √ I am willing to give credit to others.
- √ I encourage new members to join and do things with them at meetings to make them feel welcome.
- √ I listen to ideas and suggestions from others.
- √ I am willing to help conduct and take part in meetings.
- √ I am ready to try new ideas.
- √ I show respect for others in the club and show them courtesy.



4-H SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



Graduating high school seniors should take advantage of these college scholarships available. There are scholarships available from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation, Custer County Foundation, and Custer County 4-H Activities. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**

CUSTER COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITIES SCHOLARSHIPS

Four \$500 scholarships and one \$250 scholarship are sponsored by the Custer County 4-H Activities Corporation offered on a county basis.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Applicant must be a current active Custer County 4-H member, and have been a member of the Custer County 4-H program for four or more years. Recipients must complete the first semester of college before the scholarship funds will be applied. Scholarship applicants must have a "C" average or above. **THESE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN "HARD COPY TO THE NEBRASKA EXTENSION - CUSTER COUNTY OFFICE."** Application deadline is March 1, 2022. Custer County 4-H Activities Scholarship application information is available at the Extension Office and was emailed to all 4-H families on January 4.

REGISTER FOR SUMMER 4-H CAMPS



The purpose of 4-H camps is to provide unique educational opportunities that empower youth to be active in the pursuit of self-improvement in a safe, inclusive, and fun environment. The Nebraska 4-H camps offer all youth a place to discover, learn and grow while developing valuable leadership and citizenship skills. **Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to attend a 4-H summer camp.**

Register for 4-H camps online at: <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp>.

Scholarships to summer 4-H camps are available by applying at:
<https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp/scholarship>.

Register today! Take a friend, make a friend!

4-H BUILDING POLICY

4-H Council policy states that 4-H clubs may use the 4-H Building for their meetings at no charge. Scheduling must be done through the Extension Office. 4-H clubs who use the 4-H Building on a regular basis are asked to make a monetary donation, when possible, to cover utility expenses. Colleen also has a list of items which are needed at the 4-H Building. Contact her if you are interested in this type of donation from your 4-H club.



FEBRUARY IS NEBRASKA 4-H MONTH ... Nebraska 4-H Month, traditionally held during February each year, is an opportunity to celebrate 4-H locally, recruit new members and volunteers, and have fun! In 2022, it will also be a time to celebrate all the ways in which 4-H helps young people find a sense of belonging.



- 4-H Spirit Day - Wednesday, February 2, 2022
- 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day - Wednesday, February 9, 2022
- 4-H Weekend of Service - February 12-13, 2022
- 4-H Sponsor & Donor Appreciation Day - Wednesday, February 16, 2022
- 4-H Professional Appreciation Day - Wednesday, February 23, 2022



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