



March 2022



UPCOMING EVENTS

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, Mitchell
- 20 Nebraska State 4-H Air Rifle Championships, Mitchell
- 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 Early 4-H ONLINE Enrollments
- 1 Deadline for 4-H membership contest
- 1 Deadline for Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards
- 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

MAY

- 1 Custer County Challenge Beef Progress Show, Fairgrounds in Broken Bow
- 2 4-H T-Shirt Orders due
- 6 4-H Horse ID's due in Extension Office, if entering District or State 4-H Horse Shows
- 6 State and District 4-H Horse Show Entries due in Extension Office
- 15 2023 CWF Payment Due
- 16 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Office closed for Memorial Day

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.



4-H EARLY ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS APRIL 1!

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 per member fee to the Extension Office by April 18, 2022.

Important DATE!

The new statewide 4-H Enrollment deadline is June 15th. Enrollment fees for members who enroll April 2-June 15, 2022 will be \$25 per member. This fee must be turned in to the Extension Office by the 4-H member/family by June 16.

Some 4-H clubs have additional club dues. These are due to the 4-H 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 4-H activities, will 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. See next page for more information and enrollment link.



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.
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April 2-June 15, 2022.

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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.

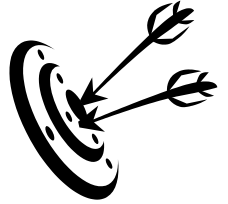
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For Organizational Leaders Only... As soon as the April 1 early enrollment deadline is past, we will create reports of your members and send them to you very quickly so that you will know who is enrolled early in your 4-H club. We will give organizational 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 SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS



- A **Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop** is scheduled for March 19-20 in Sidney. Partial scholarships will be available from the Custer County 4-H Council. Contact Colleen at the Extension Office for scholarship information. More details on the workshop will be available at: <https://events.unl.edu/NE4H-Shooting-Sports/2022/03/19/161726/>
- The **Custer County 4-H Archery Indoor Match** will be held on Saturday, March 26 at the Shooting Sports Building on 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. **OR** 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. Registration must be completed online by March 18. More information and the registration link can be found at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/custer/custer-county-shooting-sports/>
- **2022 Nebraska State 4-H Pistol Championship Postal Match** pre-registration must be postmarked by March 26. Details of the match can be found online at: <https://events.unl.edu/NE4H-Shooting-Sports/2022/02/24/163158/>
- The **4-H Firearms Shooting Matches** will be held on July 29-30 at the Custer County Fair.
- The **State 4-H Shotgun Championships** are scheduled for September 10-11 at Heartland Public Shooting Park near Grand Island. More information will be available at: <https://events.unl.edu/NE4H-Shooting-Sports/2022/09/10/163022/>
- The **Nebraska State 4-H Outdoor Archery Championships** will be held September 17 at the Heartland Public Shooting Park near Grand Island. More information will be available at: <https://events.unl.edu/NE4H-Shooting-Sports/2022/09/17/162284/>
- The **2022 Nebraska Youth Smallbore Silhouette Invitational** will be held on Saturday, September 24 at the Pressey Wildlife Management Area near Oconto. Online registration is available at:

Individual Registration:

<https://bit.ly/390iPMx>

Team Registration:

<https://bit.ly/32ISrLL>



NOTE TO 4-H CLUBS WHO USE THE SHOOTING SPORTS BUILDING (BUILDING 18) AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

The Custer County Ag Society voted at their February 10, 2011 meeting to ask all 4-H clubs who use the Shooting Sports Building (Building 18) at the Fairgrounds for monetary donation(s) to help defray the costs of utilities (heat, electricity, air conditioning) effective immediately. The Ag Society would also consider in-kind labor for projects at the Fairgrounds, in lieu of monetary donation(s) from 4-H clubs. Clubs who would like to provide in-kind labor should contact the Ag Society at 870-2493.

4-H CLUBS SHOULD BE COLLECTING SALES TAX



4-H clubs are considered retailers, and should be collecting sales tax when they make sales of tangible personal property to the general public such as cookbooks, Christmas cards, t-shirts, etc. Also, concession sales of hotdogs, hamburgers, candy bars, etc. at special events such as county fairs are subject to sales tax. When 4-H clubs make purchases of items they will be reselling, they can purchase these items tax free as a sale for resale.

If your clubs are considering making these types of sales, they should contact the Nebraska Department of Revenue and apply for a Nebraska Sales Tax Permit. A Nebraska sales tax permit can be applied for by using a Nebraska tax application Form 20. The Nebraska Department of Revenue also provides educational opportunities for taxpayers interested in learning about their sales tax responsibilities as a Nebraska retailer. The Department of Revenue offers sales tax seminars every spring and fall, and will gladly speak to small groups. If your club would like to have a speaker, feel free to contact Taxpayer Services, North Platte, Nebraska, (308) 535-8291.



CAN ANIMALS BE SHOWN IN BOTH 4-H AND FFA SHOWS?



The answer is **NO** for the county fair! At the county fair, no individual animal may be shown in both 4-H and FFA or in both breeding and market classes. (Taken from 2022 Custer County Fair Premium Book.)

However, at the Nebraska State Fair...If an animal was shown in the 4-H division at the county fair, they may be entered in the FFA division at the State Fair, or vice versa, **if** all State Fair identification requirements were met. The designation must be made when entries are made online by the 4-H families by August 10.

PREMISES ID & YOUTH LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

Any animal carrying an EID eartag, regardless if their endpoint is the county fair, State Fair, or Aksarben, must have a Premises ID. This is for ANY species...meat goat, sheep, swine, beef. Once you receive your premises ID, it will be the same number year after year. To obtain a premises ID, click on the following link:

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Extension Office.

RABBIT IDENTIFICATION PROCESS FOR STATE FAIR



State Fair pre-entry deadline is August 10. Rabbit exhibitors will have the option to enter up to 10 rabbit entries into the online entry system...ShoWorks. Rabbit exhibitors will only be allowed to show 6 rabbits at the State Fair. Any rabbit that was pre-entered into ShoWorks by August 10 will be eligible as a substitution. There is a registration fee per rabbit. There will be no refunds for rabbit entries entered into ShoWorks. Families are not required to pre-enter more than five rabbits but will not be able to make substitutions at check-in. All rabbits except fryers must have permanent ID numbers or names tattooed in their ear with a pin tattoo pliers and tattoo ink to be eligible for State Fair entry. Permanent marker numbers written in the ears of the rabbits are NOT permanent ID numbers. **Rabbits that will be entered at the Custer County Fair will still need to be identified by June 15 on the [Rabbit Identification Form](#).**

NUMBER OF ANIMALS ALLOWED TO BE SHOWN AT THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

The number of animals that can be shown at the Nebraska State Fair has been updated.

- **Poultry & Rabbits**...Exhibitors can now bring up to 6 birds or rabbits (previously 5).
- **Sheep**...Exhibitors are allowed to show up to 5 sheep. No longer a certain combination of breeding and market.
- **Goats**...Exhibitors are allowed to show up to 5 goats. No longer a certain combination of breeding and market.
- **Swine**...Exhibitors are allowed to show up to 5 hogs. No longer a certain combination of breeding and market. (Example: Youth can now enter and exhibit 5 market swine.)
- **Beef**...Exhibitors are allowed to show up to 5 beef. No longer a certain combination of breeding, market, or feeder calves. (Example: Youth can now enter and exhibit 5 feeder calves or 5 market beef.)

Showmanship...All youth are automatically registered but not required to show in Showmanship. Exhibitors must show their own animal and **the animal must be entered and exhibited in a breeding or market class.**

**This is not a new guideline but is listed out in each of the animal sections of the State Fair premium book to reiterate an animal cannot be shown in only showmanship.*



4-H LIVESTOCK & ANIMAL ID FORMS

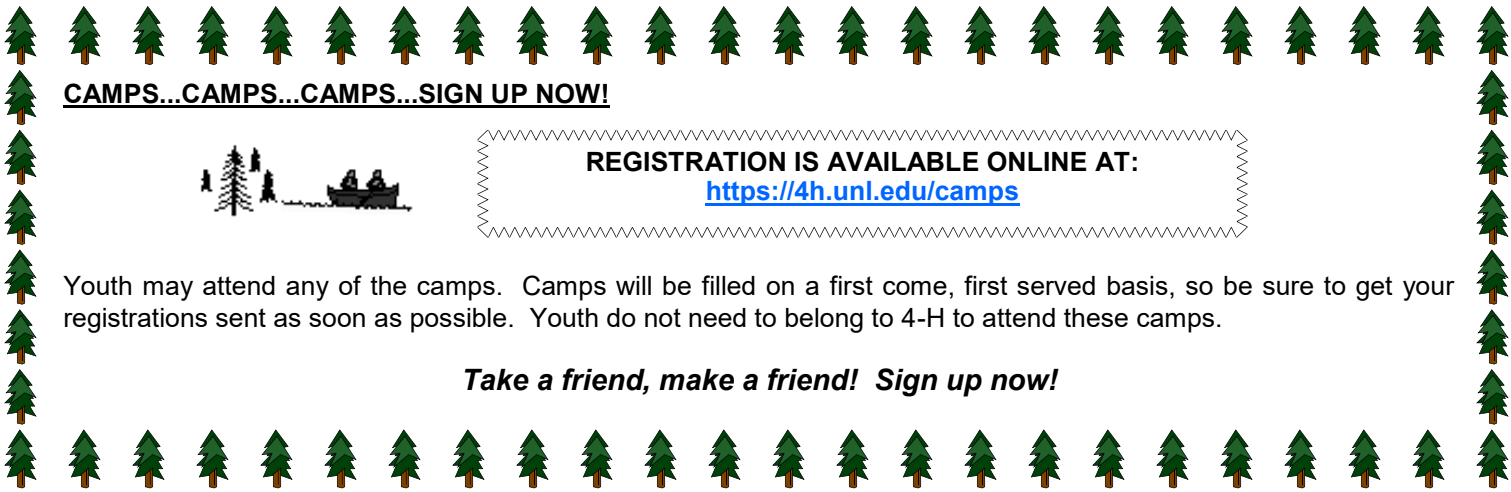
All 4-H livestock and animal identification forms can be found at:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/custer/livestock-id-forms/>

It is best to print the forms in landscape format for all species except horse and dairy cattle. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS FOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Are you an older 4-H member who would be interested in serving as a Junior Superintendent for livestock shows at the county fair? Responsibilities might include helping species superintendents with weigh-ins, helping set up for shows, helping to check in classes for shows, handing out ribbons, etc. If you are interested, contact the Extension Office. Let us know what species you would like to help with.



CAMPS...CAMPS...CAMPS...SIGN UP NOW!



REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
<https://4h.unl.edu/camps>

Youth may attend any of the camps. Camps will be filled on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to get your registrations sent as soon as possible. Youth do not need to belong to 4-H to attend these camps.

Take a friend, make a friend! Sign up now!



ACTIVITY SUPPORT STAFF/INDIRECT VOLUNTEERS

Any person who provides support services for 4-H Youth Activities such as teaching assistants, superintendents, judges, comment writers, persons who help with contests, food service, set-up crews, maintenance, and any other adults and teens providing indirect service as part of a Youth Activity are required to complete the attached form and return prior to providing services. This is a requirement by Nebraska 4-H in order to protect both youth and persons providing support services for Youth Activities.

We are asking for your help by completing the form (both sides), signed, and returned to the Extension Office by April 1. By signing the form, you are verifying that you have not been convicted of any of the following crimes: a. Any sexual offense; b. Felony assault, including domestic violence related incidents; c. Child abuse, molestation or other crime involving endangerment of a minor; d. Murder; or e. Kidnapping; Misdemeanor assault; g. Drug distribution activity; h. Felony drug possession; i. Any other felony or crime involving moral turpitude. It also verifies that you have received and reviewed the [UNL Activity Worker Guidelines](#) and have reviewed and agree to abide by the [4-H Code of Conduct](#).

Please complete the form (4-H Volunteer Activity Application – Indirect Volunteer) and return to the Extension Office by April 1. There is a printable form and an electronic form link below. Click on this [Activity Worker Guidelines](#) to review. They are referenced in the 4-H Volunteer Activity Application, but do not need to be returned to our office.

We understand this may be an inconvenience, but it is a mandatory policy by UNL and the State 4-H Office. By returning this completed form by April 1, you won't have to take time to do it on the day you are helping with a 4-H event or county fair. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Extension Office.

Links for Activity Support Staff/Indirect Volunteer Form

- [Indirect Volunteer Application - Printable](#)
- [Indirect Volunteer Application - Electronic](#)



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