



4-H Youth Development

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4-H Newsletter

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March 2024



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 online for 4-H Horse Stampede
- 10 2025 CWF Curriculum Meeting, 2:00-4:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 15 2025 CWF Payment Due
- 15 Registrations due online for Custer County 4-H Indoor Archery Match
- 18 4-H Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 23 4-H Horse Stampede, Lincoln
- 23 Custer County 4-H Indoor Archery Match, Fairgrounds
- 25 Registrations for 4-H Public Speaking Contest due via online registration

APRIL

- 1 Deadline for 4-H membership contest
- 1 4-H Public Speaking Contest, 4-H Building, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Deadline for Early Enrollment 4-H membership fees due in the Extension Office from Organizational Leaders
- 20 Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun Championships, Grand Island
- 21 Nebraska State 4-H Air Rifle Championships, Grand Island
- 26 Office closed for Arbor Day
- 28 Custer County Challenge Beef Progress Show, Fairgrounds in Broken Bow

MAY

- 1 4-H T-Shirt Orders due
- 15 2025 CWF Payment Due
- 20 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Office closed for Memorial Day
- 29 Animal Science Discover Day, Curtis
- 31 4-H Horse ID's and Advancement Levels due in Extension Office

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Monday, April 1, 2024

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



Contest rules are available at:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/custer/4-h-public-speaking/>

Registration will be online this year. Registrations must be made by 5:00 p.m. on March 25.

The registration link is: <https://go.unl.edu/4hpublicspeakingcontest>.



PSA's must also be emailed to cpeterson2@unl.edu by March 25. Contact Colleen if you have any questions.



PREFERRED 4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS APRIL 1!



CUSTER COUNTY PREFERRED 4-H ENROLLMENT is April 1, 2024, for the best 4-H experience. Organizational leaders will turn in the \$7.00 per member fee to the Extension Office by April 19, 2024.

The statewide 4-H Enrollment deadline is June 15th. Enrollment fees for members who enroll April 2-June 15, 2024 must be turned in to the Extension Office by the 4-H member/family before their enrollment will be accepted. The final date for these payments is June 17, 5:00 p.m.

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 and Nebraska State 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. Contact the Extension Office if you have questions. See next page for more information and enrollment link.





4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT FOR 2024

CUSTER COUNTY 4-H ENROLLMENT is \$7.00/member for 2024. 4-H members are greatly encouraged to get enrolled by **April 1**. The statewide 4-H enrollment deadline is June 15. 4-H members who enroll by April 1 will have the best 4-H experience. They will be able to participate in club activities, work with project leaders to prepare for county fair exhibits and events, and be included in the county supplemental accident insurance policy. Organizational leaders will turn in the \$7.00/member fee to the Extension Office by April 19, 2024. Checks must be made payable to: **4-H Activities**.

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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.**

4-H Enrollment- 2024

Custer County Early Enrollment Deadline- **April 1, 2024 (suggested)**

Statewide Enrollment Deadline-**June 15, 2024**

4-H Online is the program used for 4-H enrollment. Log in at v2.4honline.com - *4H Online does not support Internet Explorer as a browser- Please use Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome as your browser for this program. You will use the same login email and password as you used in previous years.

Instructions to enroll can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll>.

- √ New Members
- √ Re-Enroll 4-H Members - for 4-H members who were enrolled in 2023
- √ New Adult 4-H Volunteers
- √ Re-Enroll Adult 4-H Volunteers - for 4-H volunteers who were enrolled in 2023.

NEW

Starting in 2024, project selection will be optional with the exception of the horse and shooting sports (see note below). By successfully completing the 4-H *member* enrollment by June 15, youth will be eligible to participate and exhibit in any project area, any contest, their county fair, and the Nebraska State Fairs. While optional, youth are encouraged to select projects they are interested in exploring each program year.

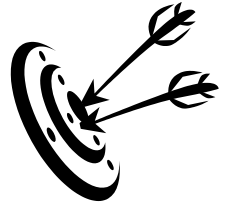
Please note: Youth are only eligible to exhibit in a project area or contest in a single county. **Horse or shooting sports projects will continue to require project enrollment due to the parental consent required for participation.**

Families will need to be responsible for completing the required ID sheets and getting their animals eartagged by the deadlines set by the county offices. This will include market beef weigh-in and entering animal data into Show Stock Manager for nominations for State Fair.

Projects are now grouped on 4-H ONLINE by curriculum and not by project name. Please see the [CUSTER COUNTY 4-H PROJECT LIST](#). The **BOLDED and HIGHLIGHTED** curriculum areas are the “projects” that youth will sign up for on 4-H ONLINE this year. The projects listed under each curriculum area are the projects youth will be eligible to participate/exhibit. County Fair exhibit requirements will be printed in the County Fair Premium Book. **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.**

All 4-H members and leaders MUST enroll on this system EVERY YEAR. One important item to remember is to **ALWAYS** go back into your record to be sure that the projects you intended really do show up on your record before the enrollment deadline. If you wait until the last minute to enroll, the Extension Staff may not be available to assist you with your questions. If you need help with the 4-H ONLINE enrollment system, please contact the Extension Office (308) 872-6831.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS



- **Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update** is scheduled for March 16 in Ogallala. These Update Sessions are for adult or apprentice 4-H volunteer instructors who have previously attended a 4-H instructor training workshop in 2018 or prior years. These are an update for existing instructors, NOT a training for new instructors. You MUST be a currently enrolled Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer leader in your county. Disciplines available for update sessions are archery, pistol, rifle, or shotgun. Registration deadline is March 6. Contact Colleen at the Extension Office for scholarship information. More details on the instructor update can be found online at:
<https://events.unl.edu/NE4H-Shooting-Sports/2024/03/16/178804/>
- A **Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop and Youth Ambassador Training** is scheduled for March 16-17 in Ogallala. The registration fee is \$90.00 per person. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration deadline is March 6. 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/2024/03/16/178803/>
- The **Custer County 4-H Archery Indoor Match** will be held on Saturday, March 23 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 15), and under the direct supervision of a certified 4-H archery leader to compete in this match. Registration must be completed online by March 15. More information and the registration link can be found at:
<https://forms.gle/w53k954rd2169LFVA>



- **Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update** is scheduled for April 13 in Albion. These Update Sessions are for adult or apprentice 4-H volunteer instructors who have previously attended a 4-H instructor training workshop in 2018 or prior years. These are an update for existing instructors, NOT a training for new instructors. You MUST be a currently enrolled Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer leader in your county. Disciplines available for update sessions are archery, pistol, rifle, or shotgun. Registration deadline is April 3. Contact Colleen at the Extension Office for scholarship information. More details on the instructor update can be found online at:
<https://events.unl.edu/NE4H-Shooting-Sports/2024/04/13/179278/>
- A **Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop and Youth Ambassador Training** is scheduled for April 13-14 in Albion. The registration fee is \$90.00 per person. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration deadline is April 3. 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/2024/04/13/179275/>
- **Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun Competition** will be held April 20 in Grand Island. Registration deadline is April 3. Registration and competition information can be found online at:
<https://events.unl.edu/NE4H-Shooting-Sports/2024/04/20/177411/>
- **Nebraska State 4-H Air Rifle Competition** will be held April 21 in Grand Island. Registration deadline is April 3. Registration and competition information can be found online for Precision Air Rifle and Sporter Air Rifle at:
<https://events.unl.edu/NE4H-Shooting-Sports/2024/04/20/177411/>

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- The **Custer County 4-H 3D Archery Match** will be held on Sunday, July 7 at the Litchfield Archery Range, west of Litchfield, along Hwy 2. There will be a registration fee that will be payable at the time of registration in Litchfield. Registration is REQUIRED by July 1 - 5:00 p.m. Registration MUST be completed online at: <https://go.unl.edu/3darchery>



- The **4-H Firearms Shooting Matches** will be held on July 26-27 at the Custer County Fair.
- The **2024 Nebraska Youth Smallbore Silhouette Invitational** will be held on Saturday, September 28 at the Pressey Wildlife Management Area near Oconto. Registration is available at: <https://bit.ly/390iPMx>



Watch the **State 4-H Shooting Sports website** for more competition dates and registration information at: <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports#calendar1>



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 2024 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. The premises is determined where the animals are housed. 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/adtpremises.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](#).**

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.

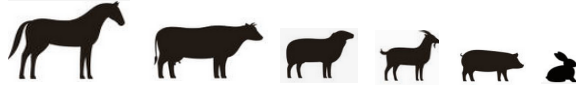
NUMBER OF ANIMALS ALLOWED TO BE SHOWN AT THE NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

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.
- **Sheep...**Exhibitors are allowed to show up to 4 sheep...a combination of breeding and market.
- **Goats...**Exhibitors are allowed to show up to 4 goats...a combination of breeding and market.
- **Swine...**Exhibitors are allowed to show up to 6 hogs...a combination of breeding and market.
- **Beef...**Exhibitors are allowed to show up to 5 beef...a combination of breeding, market, or feeder calves.

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.*



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.

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.

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.** The State 4-H Camp was destroyed by fire in 2022, however camps will still be held in other locations around the state.

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

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

Register today! Take a friend, make a friend!

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](#)



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