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4-H Newsletter

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October
2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER	
1	Record books, award applications, secretary books and leader year-end reports due in the Extension Office.
5	State 4-H Air Pistol and Smallbore Pistol Championships, Broken Bow
6-12	National 4-H Week
12	Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update, Ashland
12-13	Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop, Ashland
14	Office closed for Columbus Day
NOVEMBER	
2	Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update, Trenton
2-3	Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop, Trenton
10	2025 CWF Curriculum Meeting, 4-H Building, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
11	Office closed for Veteran's Day
15	2025 CWF Payment Due
17	4-H Recognition Program, 4-H Building, 2:00 p.m.
17	4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Building, following the 4-H Recognition Program
28-29	Office closed for Thanksgiving
DECEMBER	
25	Office closed for holiday
JANUARY	
25	Nebraska State 4-H Indoor Archery Championships

4-H Recognition Program

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

2:00 P.M. AT THE 4-H BUILDING
CUSTER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

4-H COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS
4-H MEMBER AND LEADER RECOGNITION

THE EVENT IS CO-SPONSORED BY:
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**National 4-H Week
October 6-12, 2024**

2024 4-H Recognition Event



Sunday, November 17, 2024
4-H Building, Broken Bow

2:00 p.m. - 4-H Council Election Results,
4-H Member, Leader, & Club Awards

The 4-H Recognition event will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 17, 2:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building on the Custer County Fairgrounds. Each 4-H Council member will provide 1 dozen cookies. A drink will be provided. We are looking forward to showcasing outstanding members and leaders, award donors, and donors of this event.

PLEASE PICK UP....

State Fair Premium Checks - If you exhibited anything at the Nebraska State Fair, we have a State Fair Premium check at the Extension Office for you. This would include exhibitors with static exhibits, livestock entries, and in-person events. Premium money is not paid at the State Fair for showmanship classes and exhibits that received a white ribbon. Stop by and pick up these checks as soon as possible.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS EVENTS...

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER UPDATE SESSIONS:

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. This is 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 to attend. The Custer County 4-H Council will reimburse Custer County 4-H shooting sports leaders who attend up to \$50. To receive reimbursement, you must present a payment receipt for the update session to Colleen.

- **A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Update Session is scheduled for mid-October near Ashland. It will be held October 12, 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the Ashland Gun Club. The early bird deadline to register for the Update training is October 2.** A Shotgun or Archery discipline update will be offered during the morning session. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the program starts at 9:00 a.m. Lunch is provided at noon. Participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team. Registration fee must be paid by October 7. Early bird registration by October 2 is \$35 for the session. Late registration fee, after October 2, is \$60. Fee includes program materials and lunch for the Update Session. It does not include lodging. Registration is available only online at the link provided in the brochure or they can register directly by clicking <https://go.unl.edu/m0uj>. More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>.
- **A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Update Session is scheduled for early November in Trenton. It will be held November 2, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The early bird deadline to register for the Update Session is October 23.** Five disciplines will be offered for the morning session including archery, rifle, pistol, muzzleloading, and shotgun sessions. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the program starts at 9:00 a.m. Lunch is provided at noon. Participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team. Registration fee must be paid by October 28. Early bird registration by October 23 is \$35 for the session. Late registration fee, after October 23, is \$60. Fee includes program materials and lunch for the Update Session. It does not include lodging. Registration is available only online at the link provided in the brochure or they can register directly by clicking <https://forms.gle/Lqey6nTErWyEWEhy5>. More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER CERTIFICATION SESSIONS:

Certification Sessions are for adult or apprentice 4-H volunteer instructors who would like to become certified to teach a shooting discipline in a 4-H club or add a discipline. Persons may only be certified in one discipline at a training. The Custer County 4-H Council will sponsor a \$25 scholarship for persons who would like to attend the training and serve as a shooting sports volunteer in a 4-H club after completion. Persons interested in receiving a scholarship should return the attached scholarship application form to Colleen at the Extension Office at least 2 weeks prior to the registration deadline.

- **A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop is scheduled for mid-October near Ashland. It will be held October 12-13 at the Ashland Gun Club. The early bird deadline to register for the Ashland session is October 2, 5:00 p.m.** Volunteers have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader in the Shotgun or Archery discipline. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team. The registration fee is \$90.00 per person for initial certification and those individuals adding an additional discipline. The registration fee for Apprentice Instructors (14 to 20 years of age) is \$80 for this workshop. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Individuals are officially registered when payment is received. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8:00-8:30 a.m. While participants might need to bring limited, if any, equipment to the in-person discipline training site, there are a series of four National 4-H Shooting Sports online modules which individuals **MUST** complete prior to the training to become eligible for certification. Information on the modules and how to enroll, 4-H Shooting Sports Online User Guide, can be accessed by using the link found on the Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports website under Calendar of 4-H Shooting Sports Events at <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>, under the Ashland Workshop - this provides step-by-step instructions on how to sign up for and complete the entire series of modules before the workshop. Individuals who have already completed the

Online modules are not required to complete them again. As individuals follow each of the instructions in the Online User Guide, they will be asked to choose a payment method. Participants are responsible for the \$20 (per person) registration fee. The entire series of modules will take approximately 3-4 hours, so please plan some time accordingly. Registration is available only online at the link provided in the brochure or individuals can register directly by clicking <https://go.unl.edu/4gcv>. More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>.

- **A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop is scheduled for early November in Trenton. It will be held November 2-3. The early bird deadline to register for the workshop is October 23.** Volunteers will have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Five project areas will be offered at this workshop - rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzleloading, and archery. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team. The registration fee is \$100 per person for initial certification or those individuals adding an additional discipline except for Apprentice Instructors. The registration fee for Apprentice Instructors (14 to 20 years of age) is \$90 for this workshop. The late registration fee is \$160 for both levels. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8:00-8:30 a.m. While participants might need to bring limited, if any, equipment to the in-person discipline training site, there are a series of four National 4-H Shooting Sports online modules which individuals **MUST** complete prior to the training to become eligible for certification. Information on the modules and how to enroll, 4-H Shooting Sports Online User Guide, can be accessed by using the link found on the Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports website under Calendar of 4-H Shooting Sports Events at <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>, under the "Trenton Workshop" - this provides step-by-step instructions on how to sign up for and complete the entire series of modules before the workshop. Individuals who have already completed the Online modules are not required to complete them again. As individuals follow each of the instructions in the Online User Guide, they will be asked to choose a payment method. Participants are responsible for the \$20 one-time (per person) registration fee. The entire series of modules will take approximately 3-4 hours, so please plan some time accordingly. Registration is available only online at the link provided in the brochure or they can register directly by clicking <https://go.unl.edu/5yd4>. More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>.

**** Contact Colleen for scholarship information prior to registering for any of these events.**

INTERESTED IN 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECTS?

Join the Great Connections 4-H Club! The firearms program (BB gun, air pistol, air rifle, smallbore rifle, and smallbore pistol) will begin on January 7 at 5:00 p.m. at the Shooting Sports Building on the Custer County Fairgrounds. The Great Connections 4-H archery program will begin on November 7 and will continue every Thursday evening, 5:00 p.m. at the Shooting Sports Building. This group is under the instruction of certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. Any new shooters who wish to begin the program with the Great Connections 4-H Club, should contact Peggy Carda (872-3371) prior to the first meeting.

REORGANIZE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Members, parents, and leaders will soon be thinking about next year. Many 4-H clubs will be reorganizing just as soon as this year's record books are completed. The Extension Staff is making plans for the 2025 4-H year. We would like to have you tell us what you would like in the way of educational help, leader training, special programs, workshops, or whatever you feel would be helpful. We want to "make the best better" for you!



4-H ENROLLMENT FOR 2025

The 4-H Online enrollment program will be updating this fall and rolling over to a new year. The system will be shut down October 1 through November 1, 2024. **PLEASE DO NOT ENROLL IN 4-H FOR 2025 UNTIL AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2024.**

4-H COUNCIL FACT SHEET

September 2024

Current 4-H Council Members

<u>District</u>	<u>Term Expires 2024</u>	<u>Term Expires in 2025</u>
I Northeast	Kyla Olson	JD Keefe
II North Central	Holly Bumgarner	Luke Smith
III Northwest	Chad Coleman	Jen Schmidt
IV East Central	Christy Berghorst	Matt Peterson
V Central	Chase Christen	Sarah Bartak
VI West Central	Holly Remund	Peter Pelster
VII Southeast	Doug Nichols	Michelle Nelson
VIII South Central	Marla Stallbaumer	Jake Rosentreader
IX Southwest	Lana Phelps	Jeff Witthuhn

Youth Representatives

<u>Term Expires 2024</u>	<u>Term Expires in 2025</u>
Bailey Christen	Alex Berghorst
Bode Bumgarner	Emmet Grint

Purpose of the Custer County 4-H Council...to fulfill the mission of the 4-H and youth development education program of the Nebraska Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the Extension Staff and the Extension Board without regard to race, color, sex, religion, age, national origin or handicap.

Mission...The mission of 4-H and youth development is to assist youth and volunteer staff, through informal education, to acquire knowledge, develop life skills and values that enable them to become increasingly self-directing, productive, and contributing citizens.

Responsibility...

1. Develop the Custer County 4-H/Youth program by:
 - a. Planning the yearly program, including the needs of youth and considering the resources available.
 - b. Implementing the Custer County 4-H/Youth program and Plan of Work by working with the Extension Staff in providing support for planned Custer County 4-H/Youth activities and events.
 - c. Evaluating the progress of the 4-H/Youth program and reporting this progress to the Custer County Extension Board.
2. Promote interest in the Custer County 4-H/Youth program by:
 - a. Planning and promoting activities that will encourage personal, leadership and life skill development.
 - b. Recruiting and securing 4-H leaders, volunteers and members.
 - c. Informing the community and gaining support for the Custer County 4-H/Youth program.
3. Determine and make decisions on 4-H Policy by:
 - a. Recommending policy for the 4-H program when not determined by district, state or national regulations.
 - b. Helping interpret policies in the county.
 - c. Monitoring the 4-H program in regard to existing policies.
4. Secure and manage the private resources available to the 4-H/Youth program by:
 - a. Preparing an annual budget.
 - b. Giving direction to acquiring private funds.
 - c. Approving all expenditures from the Council budget.
 - d. Holding title to any property owned by the Council and providing for management of such property.
5. Serve as a link between the 4-H program and the Extension Board, Agricultural Society and the public.
6. Serve as the 4-H Expansion and Review Committee as required by the Civil Rights Act of 1974, Title VI.
7. Provide a recognition program for volunteers and youth in the 4-H program.

Duties of the Council Members...

- A. Attend Council meetings and participate in the activities.
- B. Become acquainted with the 4-H and youth programs and plan methods in which 4-H can best serve youth.
- C. Look for communities and groups of individuals not being served. Help establish 4-H with those target groups.
- D. Make contacts with businesses, organizations and individuals on behalf of the 4-H/Youth program.
- E. Attend various 4-H and youth functions to evaluate the benefits and results.
- F. Appoint 4-H program committees and elect committee chairs in November or when needed.
- G. Serve on program committees, work groups or task forces as needed.

Composition...The membership shall consist of local volunteer leaders, male and female, adults and youth, sponsors and other community leaders, and school, church and civic officials. Members should have interest in Extension education and youth, and should represent all geographic and economic groups. Membership on the Council shall be determined on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color or national origin.

Selection of Council Members...

Council membership shall be eighteen (18) adults and four (4) youth members.

Youth membership shall be selected at large by a vote at the November meeting, electing 1 boy and 1 girl each year with a total of 4 youth members. They shall be 16 years or older the 1st of January following the election.

For the purpose of selecting members, the county shall be divided into nine (9) districts. North and south, the divisions are between range 19 and 20 and between range 22 and 23. East and west, the divisions are between township 15 and 16 and between township 17 and 18. A woman and man will be elected to represent each district in alternate years. If a district cannot fill a vacancy by ballot printing, the vacancy will be filled by gender with an at-large representative by a nomination from the floor during elections at the 4-H Recognition Night.

Council Elections...

- A. Elections shall be held during the 4-H Recognition Night.
- B. All currently enrolled 4-H members, 16 and older, 4-H parents and 4-H volunteers are eligible to vote.
- C. Vacancies may be filled with a simple majority vote of the Council.

Term of Office...Term of office will be two years for adults members and two years for youth members. The terms shall be staggered in such a manner that one-half of the membership will be elected each year. Terms will be January 1 through December 31.

Vacancy...A vacancy will be declared if a member misses three consecutive meetings without requesting to be excused. Vacancies may be filled with a simple majority vote of the Council.

Meetings...

- A. An annual meeting of the Council shall be held the regular January Council meeting.
- B. Meetings of the Council shall be held on the third Monday of every other month, plus a post-fair evaluation meeting.
- C. Special meetings as deemed necessary shall be called by an extension educator or the executive committee.
- D. The regular bi-monthly meetings of the Council shall be to conduct the business of the Council as outlined under Article II of the Constitution. More specifically the meetings shall be to:
 1. Approve, reject, amend or refer back to the committee for further study reports from special or standing committees.
 2. Introduce new ideas with requests for the chair to appoint committees to make further studies and report back their recommendations to the Council.
 3. Evaluate reports of completed activities or programs and make suggestions for improvement.
 4. Provide Council members information concerning the area, district and state Extension programs helpful to them in their efforts to address identified needs.
 5. Approve and disburse money in support of programs supported by the Council.



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