Winding down or Gearing up

County and State fair are over, Record books have been submitted the 4-H year is at an end. You see the 4-H year runs from October 1st through September 30th. So at this time of year we have both an ending and a beginning.

Just because all the summer activities are over doesn’t mean 4-H should be put on a back burner. There is lots to do through the fall and winter.

For instance:
Get a head start with your enrollment. Enrollment site will be open starting October 17th.
Decide on projects. Work on projects over the winter.
Get any certifications needed completed. (Horse levels, Quality Assurance)
Plan out club meetings for the winter.
Set your goals for Diamond Clover Awards
What community service can you do.
Host another club at your meeting.
Work on your showmanship routine/skills.
Work on your Skillathon knowledge. Have a contest at your club meeting.
Keep in touch with the Extension office. We miss you.

ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION

Save the date of November 5th, for a celebration of 4-H achievements.

Norm Waitt YMCA will be the place for our private party.
Swimming, pizza, awards, fellowship and maybe a surprise or two!

Sunday, November 5th, 2017
6:00—8:00 P.M. (See flyer inside)

Tammy has been working on keeping the 4-H web pages up-to-date. Make sure you check out our website at: Dakota.unl.edu
Ak-Sar-Ben Horse Show

Congratulations to our very own Kailey Irwin and Alyssa Buchholz. Both members of Homer Future Leaders.

Kailey earned Grand Champion Sr. Pole Bending
Alyssa earned Reserve Champion Jr. Pole Bending.

Events:

Alyssa Buccholz
Junior Barrel Racing: Blue
Junior Pole Bending: Purple

Kailey Irwin
Senior Barrel Racing: Blue
Sr. Pole Bending: Purple

State Fair Results—Livestock

Congratulations to our State Fair Exhibitors.
Maybe you’ll be on the list next year!

Market Meat Goats - Katie Jo Utech—Blue
Meat Goat—Registered Yearling Doe - Blue
Int. Meat Goat Showmanship - Blue

4-H Grows Through Volunteers

You’re invited to the 2017 National 4-H Volunteer e-forum. Join us and get energized as you network with volunteers, county-based staff, and state specialists from across the country! Sessions include:

November 2nd, 2017 6:00 7:30 p.m.
“STEM”ming into Animal Science, Growing True Leaders
December 7th, 2017 6:00—7:30 p.m.
Helping 4-h’ers Grow in Life & Work

Session will be held at the Nebraska Extension Office in Dakota County.
The Nebraska Association of Fair Managers will award a $500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H male and a $500 scholarship to one qualifying 4-H female who are graduating seniors in the State of Nebraska and who plan to continue with post high school education. The scholarship will be awarded at the annual NAFM convention in January.

The selection of the scholarship recipients will be made by the NAFM Scholarship Committee whose members will consider the following:

1. Each applicant must have exhibited his/her 4-H projects in a County Fair or at the State Fair within the last four years.
2. Each applicant must hold a 2.5 high school grade point average (based on a 4.0 system). Each applicant must also maintain a 2.5 grade point average for the first semester in college and carry at least 12 credit hours.
3. Each applicant must agree to apply the scholarship funds for tuition or fees at a two or four year college or its equivalent, to be judged by the committee.
4. Each applicant must have demonstrated support for his/her school and community.
5. Each applicant must exhibit during the application process a desire to achieve the goals of which he/she is capable.
6. Financial need will not be considered in the selection process.
7. One male and/or female finalist will be selected by each 4-H award committee in the Local Extension Office.
8. Recipients are requested to personally accept the award at the Nebraska Fair Managers Convention.

Applications are due in the applicant’s local County Extension Office by December 1, 2017.

4-H Club of the Month

4-H Club of the Month The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors have joined together to start a program which recognizes 4-H clubs throughout the state of Nebraska. Any 4-H club may nominate themselves to be the Club of the Month. Nominations are due the second Friday of the month before the club can be chosen Club of the Month. The club who is chosen to be Club of the Month will receive a $50 cash card from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and their story will be showcased on the Nebraska 4-H Foundation’s Facebook, Twitter, and website along with the State 4-H website and Facebook and in their local newspaper.

Please email nomination forms to: ne4hclubofthemonth@gmail.com
Achievement Celebration

Enjoy an evening of swimming & pizza.
Cheer on fellow 4-H’ers that will be receiving awards.
View curriculum offered by 4-H
Get a jump on next year’s enrollment.
Family time

Sunday November 5th, 2017
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Norm Waitt Sr. YMCA
601 Riverview Dr.
South Sioux City, NE

Please R.S.V.P.
(by November 3rd)
402-987-2140

Families bring treats to share
4–H Saturdays

Are you looking to gain new skills this fall? Then consider joining the fun on “4-H Saturdays” this year. There will be several hands-on projects for youth to complete and learn new skills. For more information, please contact the Extension Office. See flyer on our web site for more information.

⇒ **Photography:** October 21, 2017 9:00 a.m. to noon
⇒ **Family History Detective:** November 18, 2017 9:00 a.m. to noon
⇒ **Batik:** December 9, 2017 9:00 a.m. to noon
⇒ **Junk Drawer Robotics:** December 30, 2017 9:00 a.m. to noon

Online Cat Club

Learn more about your favorite feline by joining us at the Extension office for the 4-H online Cat Club. Pre-registration required.

Upcoming meeting dates:
October 12th, 2017
November 9th, 2017
December 14th, 2017
January 11th, 2018
February 8th, 2018
March 8th, 2018
April 12th, 2018
May 10th, 2018

Nebraska Equine Webinar

Connect with Equine specialists via Zoom every 2nd Monday of the month for a Nebraska Equine Webinar Series. Topics include:

Nutrition  Diseases  Biosecurity
Parasites  Equipment  Rulebook
Judging  Veterinary care  Conformation

Contact the extension office for registration information.

All recorded and previous webinars can be found at: [https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series](https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series)
YOU KNOW YOU’RE A 4-H’ER WHEN....

♦ You plan your summer vacations and everything else around the fair...
♦ When you confuse the 4-H pledge with the Pledge of Allegiance
♦ You’re only 12 and you can run a meeting better than most adults...
♦ You age out of the program and immediately sign leader paperwork...

📅 10/14-10/15  Shooting Sports Leader Certification—Imperial, NE
📅 10/16  Rachael B
📅 10/16  Arjanne V
📅 10/17  4Honline open for enrollment
📅 10/21  4-H Saturday—Photography
📅 10/22  Skye M
📅 10/22  Matthew B
📅 10/31  HAPPY HALLOWEEN

📅 11/1  Hunter H.
📅 11/2  Volunteer Training
📅 11/5  Dakota County Achievement Celebration
📅 11/6  Dakota County Extension Board meeting
📅 11/9  4-H Online Cat Club
📅 11/10  Veterans Day Extension Office closed
📅 11/10  Nathan B.

📅 11/11  Nickolas B
📅 11/13  Equine Webinar
📅 1/18  4-H Saturday: Family History Detective
📅 11/23  Thanksgiving
📅 11/23-11/24  Extension Office Closed for holiday
📅 11/27

We’re on the Web: extension.unl.edu/statewide/Dakota/
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