

2017 RECOMMENDATIONS Dawson County 4-H Council

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PART II 4-H

A. 4-H Purpose & Mission

4-H is the youth education program of the University of Nebraska Extension and the United States Department of Agriculture. 4-H is people - youth - and volunteer leaders - sharing, learning, growing - becoming the best they can be. Nebraska 4-H is comprised of youth, ages 5-18 (as of January 1), and adults. 4-H Youth Development, your first class from the University of Nebraska.

4-H is one of a kind! 4-H provides a series of learning experiences where youth, with help from parents, interested adults, and older youth leaders, grow personally as they develop skills for living and for responsible citizenship.

4-H'ers have fun while they work and learn together. 4-H happens through club meetings, project groups, individual project work, and special activities and events. Skills learned through 4-H help people to be better members of their families, their communities, and their world. 4-H opens doors to career development and to leisure time activities.

The 4-H mission is "4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults." 4-H accomplishes its mission through information education.

B. 4-H Symbols

The 4-H symbols express the spirit of 4-H.



The emblem is a four-leaf clover of green, with a white H on each leaf. The leaves of the clover represent the whole self: head, heart, hands and health. The clover has long been a symbol of well being. It reminds members that throughout life they can grow, and can choose to continue to achieve. To live is good; to manage one's life well is a gift and an accomplishment.

The colors are green and white. Green symbolizes life, growth and creativity; white symbolizes purity or wholeness.

Guidelines for use of the 4-H Name & Emblem are on the Nebraska 4-H website: <http://4h.unl.edu/employee/name-emblem-guidelines>

The motto "to make the best better" expresses the continuing goal of excellence - to take the best one has received, to enhance it, to give it back to life better than before.

The pledge reminds 4-H'ers of goals they share:

"I pledge my head to clearer thinking
my heart to greater loyalty
my hands to larger service, and
my health to better living
for my club, my community, my country and my world."

C. 4-H Club Requirements

Financial accountability is a hot topic in our world today. Everyone is being asked to be more accountable for the dollars they utilize in their organizations and 4-H is not different. Nationally, all 4-H programs are being asked to make some changes. As a 4-H club leader, you have the approval to use the name of 4-H, the use of the emblem and the ability to raise funds for your club in the name of 4-H. These allowances are not a right but a privilege to clubs who have established themselves correctly in their counties and state. With some recent changes in IRS policy that concerns 4-H, it is an excellent time for all clubs across the state to make sure they have met the requirements. Some criteria have existed for many years and some of the requirements are new recently established IRS policies. Regardless, they are all requirements 4-H clubs must attain to stay in good standing in Nebraska. Working with your local Extension staff can help make the process easier. Not all of the criteria mentioned below is directly related to financial matters, but they all fit together to make your club compliant in the state.

Approved Name – All groups must be formally authorized with a name that is not specific, not overtly religious or represent the beliefs of one denomination over another; does not imply that membership is limited or exclusive; and does not offend or demean any group.

Club Charter – An official charter from the USDA must be obtained by all 4-H clubs to be officially recognized. A form from the Nebraska State 4-H Office titled, "Approval for Establishment of a New 4-H Unit" is the starting point for obtaining this national charter. Long-established 4-H clubs also must obtain a new charter using this form, especially if the original charter certificate is no longer available. A copy of the club charter certificate will be kept in the permanent file at the Extension Office.

Employer Identification Number (EIN) – Every club that handles money including fees, donations, prize money, etc. must apply for a Federal EIN. This is the IRS identification number for tax purposes and is used on the Annual Treasurer's report form that is mandatory. **The report form must be turned in to the Dawson County Extension Office at the end of the year.** The office will then file the 990N form for your club with the IRS. Please note, this is a **IRS process that must be followed.**

Bank Account Established – Most clubs put their club treasury in a bank account, which is recommended over keeping cash with a leader or member. The bank will want your club's EIN number. New GEN in process.

4-H Club Year-End Financial Report and E990 Filing - Every 4-H club is required to file a year-end financial report of money received and spent during the 4-H year to the UNL Extension in Dawson County office prior to May 15 of each year. This filing will be archived in the permanent club records at the office and will be used to complete the annual IRS 990-N Electronic Notice for Tax-exempt Organizations. Clubs will report all income, regardless of the amount or whether the income is held in a club checking account or in cash. Every club that handles any money should have a checking account under the club's Federal EIN for transparency reasons in case of IRS review. Club funds should never be kept in personal accounts. Shortly after the end of the year, clubs will receive the required form in the mail and will need to return it to the Extension Office promptly. This gives the office time to have the report filed prior to the May 15 deadline. The new tax exempt number is still being processed by the IRS and will be issued to clubs when the Nebraska 4-H Foundation receives it. Note that this is an IRS income tax exemption not a sales tax exemption. Clubs are still required to pay Nebraska Sales Tax on products purchased for club use.

Youth Protection 4-H Volunteer Screening - Leaders and adult volunteers are required to complete the UNL Extension 4-H Volunteer Screening process. Each year all leaders and volunteers are required to fill out an adult volunteer enrollment form online. Also required for new volunteers is the UNL Extension 4-H Youth Protection Volunteer Screening form CSE-72 available on the internet at http://4h.unl.edu/6_Contribute/a_Volunteer/Volunteer%20Screening%20Form.pdf which is submitted to the Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services for processing through the Nebraska Adult and Child Abuse and Neglect Registry. All information on these forms is protected by strict confidentiality rules. Social Security numbers are required for the background checks but are never retained in the Dawson County Extension office. Volunteer applicants are screened in order to assure a safe, positive and nurturing environment for all youth involved with the Nebraska 4-H Youth Development program. The screening provides protection for the child, the volunteer, the educator, the 4-H Council, the Extension Board, and the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension. The Volunteer Screening Process is repeated every four years by Extension Districts on a rotating basis. West Central District which Dawson County Extension is part of will need to complete the screening process in 2015. If you did not complete the screening in 2015, you are required to complete it this year.

Bylaws & Constitution - The 4-H club must develop a constitution and bylaws. A copy will be kept in the club's permanent file located at the UNL Extension in Dawson County Office. If your club amends your bylaws, the changes also need to be included in the file. A sample copy is available by contacting the UNL Extension in Dawson County Office. The 4-H club can receive the constitution as an attachment via e-mail.

PART III - 4-H COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. Roles & Responsibility of the 4-H Council

1. Determine and make decisions on County 4-H policy.
2. Assist the Dawson County Extension staff on long and short-range program planning to establish a balanced program for 4-H youth to include needs analysis, setting priorities and evaluation.
3. Review 4-H Awards applications and select representatives for the various award areas and assist in presenting awards at 4-H Achievement Barbecue.
4. Serve as a link between 4-H members, leaders and the Dawson County Extension Board and the public.
5. May plan, conduct and manage (if necessary) a fund-raising program (4-H Café) in conjunction with leaders and youth.
6. May serve as the Expansion and Review Committee as defined in the Nebraska Extension Affirmative Action program. The Expansion and Review is required by law and must be assigned to a specific group charged with the responsibility.

The Dawson County 4-H Council is an elected board consisting of nine members. Community representatives are elected according to community or school affiliation: Cozad - 2 members; Eddyville/Sumner - 1 member; Eustis/Farnam - 1 member; Gothenburg - 2 members; Lexington - 2 members; Overton - 1 member.

B. Members

Listed below are the current 4-H Council members. They serve through the November policy meeting of the year listed.

2014-2016 - Shelly Henderson (Lexington area)
2014-2016 - Jan Thompson (Overton area)
2014-2016 - Peyton Maline (Gothenburg area)

2016-2018 - Lynette Atkinson (Cozad area), Secretary
2016-2018 - Brenda Rudolph (Gothenburg area)
2016-2018 - Brad Stallbaumer (Eustis/Farnam area)

2015-2017 - Kevin Berke (Cozad area), President
2015-2017 - Travis Moomey (Eddyville/Sumner area)
2015-2017 - Annette Renken (Lexington area)

2017-2019 - Corey Bender (Lexington Area)
2017-2019 - Amy Biehl-Owens (Overton Area), Vice President
2017-2019 - Paul Peterson (Gothenburg area)

Dawson County Ag Society 4-H Representatives – Gary Hosick (chair), Barb Easterday and Doug Rohde

PART IV - GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS (Agricultural and Family & Consumer Science)

A. General

4-H ENROLLMENT FEE: \$10.00 PER 4-H'ER
\$20.00 ENROLLMENT FEE AFTER APRIL 1ST DEADLINE
ne.4honline.com

1. 4-H Enrollment - Nebraska 4-H enrollment is now done online. The program called 4-H Online is located at <https://ne.4honline.com>. There will be no paper enrollment option available. The new system gives families more flexibility and responsibility in registering for 4-H. Each family will go online and create a family profile, enroll youth or re-enroll youth, choose projects, and pay enrollment fees. Registration fees of \$10 are due on or before April 1 and a late enrollment fee of \$20 will be due between April 2 to May 1. The online enrollment page will have two options available for payment, credit card online or check made payable to University of Nebraska-Lincoln sent to the Dawson County Extension office. 4-H'ers will be officially enrolled once their payment has been processed. Project changes will be done by the family and will be locked on May 1 to restrict further changes. Those families that don't have access to a computer may schedule a time to come to the office to submit registrations.

Online enrollment is required for organizational leaders, project leaders and adult volunteers in 2017. There are no registration fees for adult leaders and volunteers.

2. Dawson County 4-H Club Goals:
 - a) 100% completion of all 4-H projects including record sheets
 - b) 4-H member participate in public speaking, presentations and judging
 - c) 4-H member submit a Nebraska 4-H Career Portfolio Award Application
 - d) Community service projects by club and individuals
3. **Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence:** The overall goal of 4-H clubs is to develop enthusiastic young people who boldly take action to demonstrate life skills as capable, caring, confident, competent kids of character thus contributing to the improvement of themselves, their family, their club, their community, and their world. One way clubs might choose to measure their success in meeting that goal is their ability to gain status as a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence. To receive the designation as a "Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence", clubs must meet the following:
 - Have at least five members from at least two different families
 - Recite the 4-H Pledge at meetings
 - Meet at least six times per year
 - Choose/elect youth officers
 - Give youth leadership roles
 - Have one club project (related to curriculum) which they do together
 - Have adult role models/(parental) involvement
 - Are facilitated by a volunteer/organizational leader who has successfully completed the Volunteer Profile
 - Have members who perform a presentation or public speaking at the club level or above
 - Complete one community service project
 - Have members who participate in a county, district or state event(s)
 - Celebrate member and club achievements

If the Club meets all the requirements, they will get a certificate, a seal the first year, & an additional seal in qualifying years.

4. 4-H Membership Eligibility Requirements: 4-H is open to all youth between the ages 5 and 18 as of January 1st (4-H age) regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or family status.

Traditional Club Program: The regular 4-H program is an organized group of youth, usually led by an adult, with a planned program that is carried on throughout all or most of the year. The first year of eligibility for 4-H programs is the calendar year the member becomes 9. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes 19. 4-H age is the member's age on January 1 of the current year.

Clover Kids Program - Children may join if they are ages 5-7 (as of January 1). This program is designed to enhance the social development of the children in a group setting with project activities organized by older youth or adults. Youth within this age are not yet ready for competition. Members in this program will receive special ribbons for county fair exhibits and premium money.

School Enrichment is offered to school teachers in Dawson County. Teachers may choose a project and will receive appropriate materials. These projects do not have fair entries.

Youth are enrolled when they are on the membership records in the Dawson County Extension Office. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension will recognize 4-H members and volunteer leaders of the county in which they are enrolled in 4-H irrespective of their place of residence.

A member cannot enroll in the same 4-H project area in more than one county or state in the same year. (Example: beef (bucket calf, feeder calf, market beef and breeding beef are among those listed within the beef project area), clothing, horse, foods, etc.)

A member may not duplicate specific 4-H experiences by enrollment in more than one county or state in the same year. (Example: public speaking, presentation, scholarship eligibility, record books.)
4-H members may apply for county level awards, scholarships, vouchers, etc. in the unit where they are enrolled, as long as they are not applying for similar awards, scholarships, etc., in another county where they may also be a member.

The membership can be transferred when moving to another county without penalty to the 4-H youth. Requests for transfer of membership should be made through the County Extension Office.

All 4-H club member and project enrollments are due online on or before April 1st at <https://ne.4honline.com>. Registration fee is \$10.00 on or before April 1st. All late enrollment made after April 2 to May 1 can be done at the registration fee of \$20.00. Families may make project changes online until May 1 of each year. A project manual order form will be provided to club organizational leaders to request project manuals for their club members. High postage costs lead us to ask that all 4-H club leaders pick up 4-H project books and materials from the Extension office and distribute them to club members. Youth are allowed to receive only one manual for each project in their 4-H career. If, for some reason, a second manual is required, the member will be charged accordingly.

All materials are a cost item to the Dawson County Extension Service. Because of this cost, a 4-H member gets only one set of 4-H manuals, etc. **AT NO COST TO THEM EXCEPT IF THE COST OF A MANUAL IS OVER \$8.00, THEN THE 4-H'ER WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE MANUAL (EXAMPLE: QUILT QUEST).** If materials are lost, the second time around they must pay for the item. **THE 4-H ENROLLMENT RECORD MUST BE COMPLETED ON-LINE AND ENROLLMENT FEES PAID TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE 4-H PROJECT MATERIALS WILL BE GIVEN OUT.** The 4-H Council and County Extension Educators and Assistants strongly suggest that 4-H'ers enroll in no more than 10 to 12 projects. 4-H project leaders get only the leaders guide for the project they are instructing at no cost to them except if the cost of a manual is over \$8.00 then there will be a charge.

5. All 4-H'ers must keep record sheets on their projects. These project record sheets are part of the awards application and must be turned into the Extension Office by awards deadline, unless your 4-H club leader sets an earlier date.
6. Independent 4-H members are to turn in the Awards Application which includes project record sheets to the office by the awards deadline.
7. 4-H Clubs are always looking for community service projects. A high priority service project is the maintenance of trees/landscape at the Fairgrounds. A 4-H club may adopt an area of the landscape project to do such things as weeding, spreading mulch and/or replanting. Contact Bruce Treffer about fairgrounds and landscape projects.
8. 4-H leaders & parents are urged to request 4-H members to write thank-you notes to sponsors of awards, trips, showmanship trophies, medals, etc.
9. 4-H leaders and parents are urged to request 4-H members to invite school teachers, community leaders, and businessmen to look at 4-H projects and visit county 4-H events.
10. All 4-H clubs are encouraged to hold an achievement meeting for their own club and to invite parents and friends of 4-H. The 4-H Council suggests the program be put on by the 4-H members to include such items as reports on their experiences in a project, tour, presentation, camp, award trip, display of projects ... or the council & extension staff encourage two or three clubs in a community to hold a joint achievement meeting.
11. When 4-H'ers, parents and 4-H leaders borrow visual aids, tri-pods, ear taggers, etc. from the County Extension Office, please see that they are returned within 2-3 days.
12. All clubs should have ONE ORGANIZATIONAL 4-H LEADER. The 4-H Council, Extension Educators and Assistants question having too many assistant leaders. Junior 4-H leaders should be given specific responsibility.
13. All organizational leaders, project leaders and adult volunteers are required to fill out an online registration at <http://ne.4honline.com> to allow adequate recordkeeping and to submit a signed HHS CFS-5 Background Check screening form is found on our website at: www.dawson.unl.edu to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. There are no fees for adult leaders and volunteers.
14. The Dawson County 4-H Council suggests that the judge consider awarding about: Purple 15%; Blue 40%; Red 40%; White 5%; on ribbons. However, the judge will make the final decision.

B. Youth Activity Safety Policy

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln has a strong interest in protecting the safety of youth in all UNL-sponsored programs and events, including those offered through the UNL Extension 4-H Youth Development Program. Therefore, in September 2012, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln implemented a Youth Activity Safety Policy (<http://police.unl.edu/policies/youth-activity-safety-policy>) in order to provide a safe, educational and enjoyable activity/program experience for all participants.

C. Grievance or Protest Policy

Grievances or protests related to County 4-H Policy will be handled by the 4-H Council.

1. Extension Educators responsible for Dawson County 4-H, in concert with the local 4-H Council has the authority to make appropriate decisions on 4-H disputes locally. These decisions will be formulated using state policy and national directives as formulated by the law.
2. All protests must be submitted in writing and signed by the protester.
 - The written protest must include:
 - Names of persons involved
 - Cause of complaint or appeal
 - Situation and documentation
 - Recommendations for correction
 - Specific action, rule, etc., in question
 - Additional committee persons who may be contacted for further clarification
 - Procedures and/or steps carried out by the person involved prior to submission of the protest to the 4-H council.
 - Protests will not be accepted more than 24 hours after the conclusion of a 4-H activity/event in question.
 - The protest will be acknowledged after receiving the written protest and will be responded to in a timely manner.
 - Protests related to judges' integrity, decisions, placings or their evaluations will not be accepted.
 - A \$50 deposit will accompany the written protest, which will be forfeited if the protester does not attend the protest resolution meeting. The deposit will be returned upon completion of the process.
3. The committee will review the written protest. They may call for a face-to-face meeting with affected persons and event leadership to discuss the situation and the official ruling. Recommendations will be developed, followed, and communicated both verbally and in writing to the individual or group affected. Failure of the protester to attend the face-to-face meeting with the Protest Committee will result in forfeiture of the deposit.
4. In cases of protest, the 4-H member/parent/leader may continue to participate, but results of participation will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process.
5. The Protest Committee and Event leadership reserve the right to withhold any award. The 4-H member/parent/leader may be excluded from 4-H if action warrants.

D. Training & Recruitment Opportunities

1. Leader & Volunteer Training

- 4-H Leader & Volunteer Training, **TBA**
- Future Forums – NCRVF e-Forums – **TBA**
- 4-H Recruitment Events and Activities – **TBA**
- Follow Dawson County 4-H on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DawsonCountyNebraska4H or check e-mails for training and recruitment announcements.

PART V - 4-H CONTEST, ACTIVITIES, DATES AND GUIDELINES

A. Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program is designed to encourage 4-H youth to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable members to acquire the life skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring and contributing citizens. The program's overall goal is to provide 4-H members a rich and diverse learning experience.

The program consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. The program is designed to enable every 4-H member willing to exert the effort an opportunity to be recognized, regardless of how they are involved in 4-H.

This year's requirement for 4-H'ers to complete the **Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Plan** is to have their **plan reviewed, obtain signatures and turn them into the Extension Office by April 1st before 5:00 pm or postmarked by April 1st**. The plans will be reviewed and kept on file in the Extension Office. 4-H'ers will report on their accomplishments throughout the 4-H year. **The completed Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Report is due in the Extension Office on October 9th before 5:00 pm**. The reports will then be reviewed and compiled with the plans. If the plan and report is **NOT** completed as required, they will then be returned to the 4-H'er to give them ONE last chance to complete the process.

NEBRASKA 4-H DIAMOND CLOVER PROGRAM LEVELS			
	Corresponding Gemstone Identifier	Anticipated for	Complete at least
Level 1	Amethyst	ages 8-9	3 accomplishments
Level 2	Aquamarine	ages 10-11	4 accomplishments
Level 3	Ruby	ages 12-13	5 accomplishments
Level 4	Sapphire	ages 14-15	6 accomplishments
Level 5	Emerald	ages 15-17	7 accomplishments
Level 6	Diamond	ages 16 & up	8 accomplishments & a service-learning project

B. 4-H Achievement Barbecue

All 4-H families are invited to the Annual 4-H Achievement Barbecue. The free barbecue and recognition program will be held on Sunday evening, **October 29, 2017**, 5:30 p.m. at the Lexington Senior High School Auditorium, 13th & Adams Streets. The barbecue is sponsored by Dawson County Cattlemen, Pinnacle Bank and Dawson County 4-H Foundation.

C. 4-H Public Speaking Contest

February 24 - Speech Contest entry cards are due.

March 9 - Public Service Announcement DVD's along with the PSA text are due before 5:00 p.m.

March 20 - Dawson County 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Extension Building, Lexington, 6:00 p.m. All age divisions.

The 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be divided into 3 divisions, plus a PSA (Public Service Announcement) category.

- Junior Division, 8 - 10 years old as of January 1.
- Intermediate Division, 11 & 13 years old as of January 1.
- Senior Division, 14 -18 years old as of January 1.
- Public Service Announcement, 8-18 years as of January 1. (PSA's with written copy submitted electronically) due March 9 before 5:00 p.m.)

The contest rules are available at the Extension Office after January 1.

A radio, courtesy of county sponsor KRVN will be presented to the high individual in each of the three speech divisions. An individual may receive the radio only once in the Junior, Intermediate Division and once in the Senior Division. Two \$5.00 bills, courtesy of the 4-H Foundation, will be presented to the two high individuals in the PSA category. An individual may receive the \$5.00 only twice. All 4-H'ers receive \$10.00 for participating in the Speech Contest courtesy of the Dawson County Bankers.

State Sponsor Radio Station KRVN provides county ribbons for all contestants.

All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.

Video Tape Speech - If a 4-H'er will not be in the county on the date set for the contest, video taping is an option. Guidelines are: must be done prior to contest, must furnish video camera and camera person, needs to be on regular size VHS tape or DVD, only one taping allowed, and must have extension staff present.

The county can send three individuals per Junior, Intermediate and Senior Speech Division and PSA Category to the Regional contest. A 4-H member can be a repeat county winner in the Regional Contest.

- 4-H Regional Public Speaking Contests:
- Panhandle Region – **April 22, 2017, 9:00 am**
 - West Central Region – **April 29, 2017, 10:00 am**
 - Southeast Region – **May 18, 2017, 2:00 pm**
 - Northeast Region – **May 25, 2017, 2:00 pm**

Horse speeches need to be pre-registered with Bruce Treffer for state competition on or before **March 10th**. 4-H'ers need to be 10 years of age, but not over 18 years of age, on January 1 of the current year, to enter in State Horse 4-H Speech.

D. Interview Contest

Date TBD – Registration form, cover letter and resume are due. Seeking Job interviewers! Through the 4-H Interview Contest, youth have an opportunity to practice the real-life skill of applying for a job. Youth will use their 4-H and life experiences to write a resume and cover letter for one of three job descriptions and participate in a live interview. The 4-H Interview Contest helps youth develop career skills including resume and cover letter writing, completing a job application, presenting themselves to others and developing self-confidence.

The 4-H Interview Contest provides an opportunity to practice applying and interviewing for a job. Prior to the contest, contestants will submit a cover letter and resume written for one of three job descriptions. The Regional 4-H Interview Contest will take place at the Regional Speaking Contests. On the day of the regional contest participants will complete a written job application and an interview. Youth will highlight their 4-H experience in all aspects of the contest. 4-H'ers must be age 10 to 18 by January 1st to compete. Winners (age 14-18 by January 1st) of the regional contests will advance to State Fair. Contact the Dawson County Extension Office at 308-324-5501 for registration material, rules, and contest resources. Also available at: <http://4h.unl.edu/interviewjudgingcontest>.
Intermediate Division, ages 10-13 as of January 1
Senior Division, ages 14-18 as of January 1.

E. Presentation Contests

June 1 - Presentation Contest entry cards are due.

June 19 - Presentation Equipment Practice, Dawson County Extension Office, Lexington. Schedule time with Extension Office 324-5501.

June 20 - 8:00 a.m., County 4-H Presentation Contest, Gothenburg Public Schools

The complete guidelines and rules for the Presentation Contest are given in the Dawson County Fair Premium distributed through the mail in May.

A presentation is an oral communication in which the 4-H'er or 4-H'ers demonstrate or illustrate how to do something with the use of visuals, such as charts, posters, models, miniatures, photographs, cutouts, flannel boards, overhead projects, slides, power point, etc.

Individuals or Teams composed of 2 individuals may compete. 4-H team members may be from different clubs. The time limit for presentations using audio/visual equipment or posters is 6 to 8 minutes for an individual, and 8 to 10 minutes for a team. The time limit for Digital Video is 3 to 5 minutes. The time limit for Teaching Presentations is 30 minutes for individual, and 45 minutes for a team. Judges only are permitted to ask questions in competition. Team members will each receive the premium earned.

The basis for judging will be skill, teamwork and result procured. The Junior Division will be 4-H members under 10 years of age as of January 1 this club year. Senior Division is 10 years of age and older as of January 1.

A 4-H member may participate in only one presentation class but may also compete in Multimedia presentation. Presentations should be related to 4-H, the member's 4-H experiences or 4-H project related. A 4-H member need not be enrolled in the project area in which they are giving a presentation.

Entry cards are available for the contest at the Dawson County Extension Office for the asking. The 4-H member will send the entry card to Extension Educator before the contest. The program and schedule will be prepared and printed after the entry deadline and sent to the participating 4-H members.

If a 4-H'er 10 years of age and older as of January 1st will not be in the county on the date set for the contest; they must have permission from Andrea, be preregistered, and listed on the schedule to video tape with presentation to qualify for State Fair competition. Guidelines are: must be done prior to contest, must furnish video camera and camera person, needs to be on regular size VHS tape or DVD, only one taping allowed, and must have extension staff present.

A PC compatible computer (including the following software: Apple Quicktime Player, Microsoft Windows Media Player, and Microsoft PowerPoint 2013, a LCD projector, and speakers will be provided. Presentations may be brought on a CD-ROM or a USB drive that is PC formatted. Participants may also provide their own computer or other equipment as needed, which may contain different software programs in addition to those listed above.

If a 4-H presentation will be using slides, TV, or computer projectors, it should be known that the room cannot be darkened considerably. 4-H'ers are to set up supplies for presentations in the hall on tables provided, then move supplies to the contest room within a 4-minute period.

Ribbons will be provided for all contestants. The Dawson County Farm Bureau will provide a plaque to be on display in the 4-H Building to the top Agricultural and top Home Economic 4-H Club at the Presentation Contest. The club to be selected from their individual or team demonstrations based on Purple, 4 points; Blue, 3 points; Red, 2 points; and White, 1 point. 4-H members listed on the individual club enrollment sheet will constitute a club. Ties will be broken with the club which has the most purple or most blue ribbons.

All purple ribbon 4-H presentations from the Senior Division are eligible for State Fair. Each county can nominate one 4-H'er to participate in the State Premier Presenter Contest.

Individual or Team

Class B-151-112 – Illustrated Presentation - An Illustrated Presentation is a live presentation with a formal talk using visual aids to show and tell others how to do something.

Class **B-152-007** – Teaching Trade Show Exhibit Presentation – The Teaching Trade Show Exhibit Presentation given by one individual 4-H youth is a live, interactive trade show style presentation where youth will continuously engage an audience by showing and telling how to do something while answering questions.

Class **B-153-001** – 4-H Film Fest (Digital Video) – Digital Videos are films that display the recording, reproducing, and broadcasting of moving visual images.

NATIONAL CONTESTS - Rules & regulations available at the Extension Office.

National Beef Ambassador Competition - Visit www.nationalbeefambassador.org for more information. Nebraska Beef Ambassador information available at www.nebraskacattlemwomen.org

National 4-H Horse Classic Contest - 4-H Club member, ages 14-18 as of January 1. The state individual and team demonstration winners will participate in the National Contest in Denver Colorado. See Bruce.

Horse demo-talks need to be pre-registered for the State Contest in Lincoln before **March 10**. Contact Bruce Treffer prior to that. 4-H'ers need to be 10 years of age, but not over 18 years of age, on January 1 of the current year, to enter in State 4-H Individual & Team Demonstrations.

F. 4-H Incentives and Awards Program

1. Dates: a) **July 26** 4-H Career Portfolio Awards Workshop - 7:00 p.m. - Learn the ABC's of filling out and assembling awards application to apply for awards.
b) **October 9** 4-H Award Applications due in Extension Office prior to 5:00 p.m.
c) **October 10** 4-H Council Awards selection meeting 5:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight
2. What is the Nebraska 4-H Career Portfolio Award Application?
The 4-H Award Application is an organized presentation of what you have learned and accomplished in 4-H. When accurately and carefully assembled, it is a useful tool for determining progress and personal growth. Careful planning and recording of facts and the selection of only the most important information is essential to preparing a neat, complete and organized application. Begin your first 4-H year filling out the award application.

All 4-H youth must use the Nebraska 4-H Career Portfolio forms.
3. Awards available are: (results announced at 4-H Achievement Barbecue)
 - a) 3, 5, & 10 year pins for years of membership
 - b) "Keep Up the Good Work" ribbon to all who submit awards applications.
 - c) "Good Start Trophy" - Four younger 4-H'ers recognized for being off to a good start. Birthdates: **January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008** (a 4-H'er can receive this trophy only once)
 - d) "Great Job Trophy" - Four younger 4-H'ers recognized for continuing building a 4-H record. Birthdates: **January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2006** (a 4-H'er can receive this trophy only once)
 - e) \$30 Dawson County 4-H Camp Scholarships awarded to younger 4-H'ers who turn in the 4-H Career Portfolio.
 - f) Nominees to state competition. Birthdates: **January 1, 1999 - December 31, 2003**. \$25 Cash Award to the top individual in each of the 8 curriculum areas. A 4-H'er cannot win more than two \$25 Cash Awards per year.
 - g) Project medals (birthdates: **January 1, 1999 – December 31, 2003**)
 - h) Trips to Nebraska 4-H State Camp/Conference (birthdates: **January 1, 1999 – December 31, 2003**)
 - i) Other special awards - ex. Outstanding Junior Leader (must be enrolled in junior leader project & completed record sheets), I Dare You Award, Outstanding 4-H Member Service Award, etc.
4. Appropriate ribbons will be given to all 4-H'ers who turn in to the Extension Office their Nebraska 4-H Career Portfolio Award Applications for 4-H Council review.

G. 4-H Camps & Conferences

June 5-7 - Dawson County 4-H Camp at Camp Comeca

1. A 4-H'er must be 8 - 13 years of age at the time of the Dawson County 4-H Camp.
2. It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to take the 4-H'er to the camp and to pick the 4-H'er up after camp is over.
3. Approximate cost is **\$115.00**
4. Five partial scholarships will be available based on family financial need, and an essay written by the 4-H'er on "why I would like to go to Camp".
5. **\$50** Dawson County 4-H Camp Scholarships awarded to 4-H'ers who turn in the 4-H Career Portfolio.

H. 4-H Dog Program

July 12 - Dawson County Fair 4-H Dog Show

I. Miscellaneous Information

1. 4-H Music - The 4-H Council voted to retire the County 4-H Music Contest in 2005.
2. 4-H Pumpkin Project & Contest - The 4-H Pumpkin Project & Contest was retired in 2006.

PART VI - DAWSON COUNTY FAIR - 4-H DIVISION

A. Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent system has worked very satisfactorily in the 4-H Department. Each year, last year's Assistant Superintendent is moved to Superintendent, and a new Assistant is approved by the 4-H Council from 4-H leaders and parents. This gives more people an opportunity to assist and work with our fair.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Superintendent</u>	<u>Asst. Superintendent</u>
Beef	Samantha (Schneider) Smith	Taryn Pieper
Beef Muscle Evaluation	Scott Aden	Paul & Shannon Peterson
Feeder Calf	Jake Wolfinger/Phil & Jana Kopf	Jason Schneider
Dairy and Bucket Calf	Colleen Barnes	
Swine	Page Peterson	Nate Wyatt
Hog Muscle Evaluation	Rick Benjamin	
Horse	TBA	Jeff & Cheri Bromander
Sheep	Kanda Kleinknecht	TBA
Sheep Lead	TBA	
Rabbit & Poultry	Tracy Lindeman	TBA
Dog	Leigh Stieb	Alisa Margritz
Shooting Sports	Dan Kreis	Garth Anderson
Herdsmanship	Pat Yeutter	
Clothing	Natalie Anderson	Carol Keiser
Foods	Marti Fischer	Jill Luther
Home Environment	Amanda Rossell	Wendy Ristine
Ag, Home Ec Related & Rocketry	Becky Costello	Kim Graff
Photography	Chris Wolff	Stephanie Ringenberg
Horticulture	Kristi Kreuscher	Alissa Rhea
4-H Café Manager	Vickie Unterseher	

B. 4-H Schedule - 2017 Dawson County Fair

FRIDAY, JULY 7

- 9:30 am 4-H Superintendents meeting for 4-H Family & Consumer Science related and other misc. static exhibits, 4-H Exhibit Building
- 9:30 am Livestock Superintendents meeting, 4-H Building
- 10:30 - 11:00 am State 4-H Horse Show Bound exhibitors may enter static exhibits – 4-H Exhibit Building
- 1:00 pm Set up shooting sports equipment

SATURDAY, JULY 8

- 8:00 am - 2:00 pm 4-H Café Open
- 8:00 - 8:30 am Check-in shooting sports
- 9:00 am 4-H Shooting Sports Competition – Stevens Arena
- 1:00 pm Take down shooting sports equipment

SUNDAY, JULY 9

- 8:00 am Enter 4-H Horses
- 8:30 am 4-H Horse Show - Stevens Arena
- 8:00 am - 3:00 pm 4-H Cafe open
- Use northeast gate only to bring in livestock – park trailers in North Parking lot
- Bottled Water/Courtesy Gothenburg State Bank

MONDAY, JULY 10

- 1:00 pm Livestock Area set up

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- Set up for Dog Show

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- 8:00 am - 7:30 pm 4-H Café Open
- 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Enter all 4-H Food, Misc. Ag, & Home Environment static exhibits (except livestock & small animals).
- 1:00 pm Judge all 4-H static exhibits and display 4-H static exhibits
- 5:00 pm Enter 4-H Dogs
- 6:00 pm 4-H Dog Show
- 8:00 - 9:00 pm 4-H exhibits open to public after completion of judging

THURSDAY, JULY 13

- 8:00 am - 7:30 pm 4-H Cafe open
- 9:00 am - 9:00 pm All 4-H Buildings open
- 8:00 am - 10:30 am Check in Bucket Calves & Feeder Calves
- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Enter Beef, Dairy, Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine, Poultry and Rabbits

12:30 pm	Bucket Calf Show – Stevens Arena
1:00 pm	Feeder Calf Show – Stevens Arena
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Root Beer Floats/Courtesy Homestead Bank
4:30 pm	Dairy Show – Stevens Arena

FRIDAY, JULY 14

6:30-8:00 am	Exhibitor Breakfast/Courtesy Eastside Animal Center
8:00 am - 7:30 pm	4-H Cafe open
8:00 am	Beef Show - Stevens Arena
9:00 am - 9:00 pm	All 4-H Buildings open
1:00 pm	Sheep Show, beginning with PeeWee Lamb and Goat Lead
Following Sheep Show	Meat Goat Show
3:00 - 4:30 pm	Free watermelon feed/Courtesy Plum Creek Market Place
3:30 pm	Public 4-H Rocket Shoot Off
6:00 pm	4-H Sheep Lead Show (Wool Garment & Lamb) - Stevens Arena - west bleachers

SATURDAY, JULY 15

8:00 am - 7:30 pm	4-H Cafe open
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	All 4-H Buildings open
8:00 am	Swine Show - Stevens Arena
10:30 - 11:30 am	Enter small animals, pets and cats (released after show)
12:00 noon	Interview & judge 4-H Small Animals & Pets – Stevens Arena - west bleachers
1:00 pm	4-H Cat Show
1:30 pm	4-H Rabbit Show & 4-H Poultry Show - west bleachers (released after show)
4:00 pm	Release Livestock, 4-H Family & Consumer Science, other 4-H Exhibits

2017 County Fair Dates	July 8-16, 2017
2018 County Fair Dates	July 14-22, 2018
2019 County Fair Dates	July 13-21, 2019
2020 County Fair Dates	July 11-19, 2020
2021 County Fair Dates	July 10-18, 2021

C. 4-H Cafe

Dawson County 4-H Café Schedule – Saturday, July 8 – Sunday, July 9; Wednesday, July 12 through Saturday, July 15

The 4-H Cafe is open to 4-H'ers, their families and the public each day of the fair. The cafe is the annual fund raiser for the 4-H program. Profits are given to the Dawson County 4-H Foundation. Clubs are asked to donate pies and provide adults and 4-H'ers to work in shifts. 4-H clubs and member's cooperation, support, and help are greatly needed and appreciated. The Dawson County 4-H Foundation funds many of the 4-H member and leader activities and recognitions, and benefits all 4-H families.

D. County Fair 4-H Grievance Committee

Grievances or protests related to County 4-H Policy will be handled by the 4-H Council.

1. The respective superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on rules stated in the Dawson County Premium Book.
2. All protests must be submitted in writing with date, time and signature. The written protest must be submitted before the conclusion of the county fair. All written protests should be submitted to a 4-H staff member and should include:
 - a. Names of persons involved
 - b. Nature of concerns
 - c. Situation description
 - d. Desired action
 - e. Persons to contact for further clarification
 - f. A description of any action or steps that have already been taken prior to submission of the protest.
 - g. A \$50 deposit will accompany the written protest, which will be forfeited if the protester does not attend the protest resolution meeting. The deposit will be returned upon completion of the process.
3. The grievance committee appointed by the 4-H Council will review the written protest and respond in a timely manner. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
4. The protest committee appointed by the 4-H Council should consist of the department superintendent, at least one 4-H Council member, a designated Extension staff person (non-voting member) and a County Fair Ag Society member (preferably one of the Fairboard's 4-H Council representatives)
5. In cases of protest the exhibitor may be allowed to show, but results of showing will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process.
6. Protests related to judge's integrity, decisions, placings or other evaluations will not be accepted.

PART VII - FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE and OTHER 4-H PROGRAMS

A. 2017 4-H Exploration Workshops

4-H Exploration Workshops - Provide youth (4-H'ers and non 4-H'ers) an opportunity to "explore" various 4-H projects.

The Summer Exploration Program will be held the last week of May and throughout June. The brochure will be distributed to area elementary schools, mailed to 4-H families, and will be available at the Dawson County Extension Office. All youth are able to participate whether they belong to 4-H or not.

B. All About Clothing Construction & Fashion Show

June 15 - Fashion Show Entry Sheets & Construction Entry cards due

July 5 - 10:30 a.m. - Fashion Show & Clothing Construction Judging Contests, Cozad Senior High School.

July 6 - 7:30 p.m. - Public Fashion Show for parents, leaders and general public, Cozad Senior High School Auditorium.

1. Fashion Show Judging and Garment/Item Construction Judging entries must be pre-registered. The responsibility is the 4-H'ers to see that entry sheets and cards are received in the Extension Office on Appropriate Date. Entry sheets with narrations and cards must be received in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on June 15. Mailed entries must be received in the Extension Office on June 15. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!** The narration must be written and received by June 15. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** A schedule will then be sent to contestants. A Fashion Show Entry Sheet & Garment/Item Construction Entry Card must be filled out for every completed wearable outfit or item to be evaluated by a judge.
2. Identification Labels - Each item entered as a clothing exhibit must have a label attached to the back neckline or back waist-band of the garment stating: county, Exhibitor's name, address, class (Example: Clothing Level I) in which garment is entered.
3. Preparation of Exhibits - Please bring all garments on wire hangers or hangers with a swivel hook only. Wool garments and garments with narrow straps hang better on other hangers, i.e. wooden or notched plastic hangers. As you look at the garment, place the hook of the hanger on the left. Use safety pins to fasten skirt, shorts, and pants to hangers. If more than one hanger is used for an entry, fasten hangers belonging to one exhibit together with twist ties or rubber bands.
4. Exhibitors are limited to **ONE EXHIBIT PER EXHIBIT NUMBER**. Exhibits must conform to the class provided for in the premium list to be eligible for premium money.
5. 4-H'ers enrolled in clothing projects should continue their skill development. Once you have exhibited in a higher level, you are not eligible to exhibit in a lower level. Ex. Once you exhibit in STEAM Clothing 2, you are not eligible to exhibit in STEAM Clothing 1.
6. 4-H'ers who appear before a Fashion Show Judge, but do not participate in the Public Fashion Show will not receive trophies or medals.
7. 4-H'ers may model **ONLY ONE CONSTRUCTED OUTFIT** in the Public Fashion Show, but may model more than one outfit before the judge(s).
8. Ribbons will be provided for all contestants. In the 4-H Fashion Show, judges will choose the Dawson County State Fair Representatives. The judge will call back purple ribbon candidates to be reviewed by a panel of judges for purple or blue ribbons and for choosing State Fair representatives. 4-H'ers selected to represent Dawson County at the State Fair will receive appropriate individual trophies. If a 4-H'er has been selected by the judge for more than one purple ribbon candidate in modeling, the 4-H'er will model each garment in front of all judges.
9. All clothing exhibits are entered at Cozad and taken to County Fair by supervision of the Extension Educator.
10. Shopping In Style Fashion Show is for purchased garments! Participants (ages 10 and older) must be enrolled in the Shopping In Style 4-H Project to enter. Participants will be allowed to model in both the constructed fashion and the purchased garment fashion show. No Make-One/Buy-One outfits are allowed in this class. An information sheet must be included with the entry tag. 4-H exhibits not having support information will be lowered one ribbon. You must pre-register for the class. Dawson County is allotted 1 entry in the State Fair Shopping In Style Fashion Show Contest for 4-H'ers 10 and older.

C. Shootings Sports

The focus of all 4-H programs is the development of youth as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens. The National 4-H Shooting Sports Program stands out as an example. Youth learn marksmanship, the safe and responsible use of firearms, the principles of hunting and archery, and much more. The activities of the program and the support of caring adult leaders provide young people with opportunities to develop life skills, self-worth, and conservation ethics. Specific objectives for the program are to: teach decision making, teamwork, self-discipline, self-confidence, and problem solving; promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship, and ethical behavior; encourage an appreciation and understanding of natural resources; develop leadership abilities; build character and willingness to assume citizenship responsibility; furnish enjoyable, positive

relationships with peers and adult instructors; strengthen families through participation in lifelong recreational activities; build awareness of related career opportunities.

The Shooting Sports curriculum uses the resources of the land-grant university and the time, talent, and dedication of Extension Educators and certified 4-H leaders, instructors, and trainers who instruct 4-H members in firearms safety and marksmanship. The shooting disciplines include archery, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, shotgun, and hunting. Certified Instructors trained in BB gun, rifle, pistol, archery and shotgun are available in Dawson County. Properly trained 4-H members have opportunities to test their shooting, hunting, and sportsmanship skills in county, regional, state, and national competitions.

Dawson County Shooting Sports exemplifies the youth/adult partnership and strives to enrich the lives of 4-H members. Dawson County 4-H members wishing to participate in shooting sports must register in all disciplines they will compete in. Members are encouraged to explore other disciplines but may only compete in areas that they have registered for and been adequately trained by a state certified instructor. Strict adherence to the rules and proper conduct is mandatory at all times.

D. All About County Fair

July 8–15 Dawson County Fair, Fairgrounds, Lexington

1. Exhibit Classes and guidelines are given in the Dawson County Premium List.
2. 4-H'ers must be enrolled in the 4-H project to be eligible to exhibit in the class listed in the fair premium book.
3. Exhibitors are limited to ONE EXHIBIT PER EXHIBIT NUMBER unless otherwise specified. Exhibits must conform to the classes provided for in the premium list to be eligible for premium money. It is the 4-H'ers responsibility to make sure that any additional information required in the fair premium book is attached to the exhibit item.
4. Unless otherwise stated or excused by the Superintendent, entries start at 9:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, for all non-livestock 4-H static exhibits. Exhibits not received at 1:00 p.m. will be lowered one ribbon placing. All 4-H exhibits are to remain on the fairgrounds until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.
5. The 4-H Exhibit Building will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. during the fair.

6. Static Exhibits Four Leaf Clover Display

The Four Leaf Clover display was implemented in 2001 with static exhibits. The judges will be asked to select the top four within project areas/classes. A 4-H Council sub-committee determined the project areas/classes prior to county fair. These exhibits will serve as examples of the kind of exhibits younger 4-H members may want to bring to future fairs. All purple ribbon Four Leaf Clover exhibits will be on display within the exhibit building.

There will be no additional awards or premiums given but they will be recognized as the top exhibits in their areas and receive a rosette recognition ribbon.

7. Photography Themes

The 2017 State Fair 4-H Photography Nebraska Theme Exhibit Print class is described below. Both Unit II and Unit III will include this class.

Nebraska Exhibit Print: Reflect your definition of rural Nebraska. Capture rural living in your Nebraska county through your camera lens. Use your photo to express what rural means to you, why you value rural life or how rural life is changing. This is your story to tell.

8. Serger For Rent - The past late entry 4-H Clothing fees and Serger Workshop fees made it possible to purchase a serger for the purpose of educating individuals on the use. The serger will be loaned out to all DAWSON COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS AND LEADERS, as a priority, then to the public. There will be a loan-out charge. If interested, contact the Dawson County Extension Office, P.O. Box 757, Lexington, NE 68850 or phone 324-5501 for more information or a copy of the "Serger Rental Policy" or to reserve a date.
9. Dehydrator for Rent - The Dawson County Extension Service has purchased a food dehydrator for the purpose of educating its participants on the use of this equipment in food preservation and food safety. The dehydrator will be loaned out to all DAWSON COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS, LEADERS, AND FAMILIES as a priority, then to the public. There will be a loan-out charge. If interested, contact the Dawson County Extension Office, P.O. Box 757, Lexington, NE 68850 or phone 324-5501 for more information or a copy of the "Dehydrator Rental Policy" or to reserve a date.

E. All About State Fair

August 25 - September 4 - Nebraska State Fair 4-H Division, Grand Island.

1. State Fair Age Guidelines: In classes where presence of the 4-H'er is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, presentations and fashion show, a 4-H member must be 10 by January 1. The last year of eligibility is the calendar year the member becomes 19. For the classes where the presence of the 4-H'er is not required, the exhibitor must be 8 as of January 1.
2. 4-H'ers going to State Fair pay their own transportation, food and lodging.
3. The Extension Educator will attempt to haul Family & Consumer Science and Miscellaneous static exhibits to the

Nebraska State Fair provided there is room in the Extension van. The 4-H'er or parent will be responsible if there is not sufficient room for the large items. The State Fair static exhibits, except perishable food and gardening, must be in the Extension Office by **August 7** for State Fair. Perishable foods and gardening must be brought to the Extension Office by 8:45 a.m., **August 22**.

PART VIII - AGRICULTURAL 4-H

A. General 4-H Livestock Recommendations

1. DAWSON COUNTY DEADLINES FOR LIVESTOCK I.D. FORMS in Extension Office:
Market Beef - **December 31** (Darr Feedlot) & **February 11** (Darr Feedlot)
Horse - **May 12**
Market & Breeding Sheep, Meat Goats – **June 8**
Feeder Calves, Breeding Beef, Market Swine, Dairy, } --- **June 1**
Dairy Goats, Fiber Goats, Cow/Calf Class Cows, Rabbits }

PLEASE FILL IDENTIFICATION SHEETS COMPLETELY. ANY LIVESTOCK ID RECEIVED WITH INCOMPLETE INFORMATION, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED RECEIVED AS FAR AS THE CLUB ID INCENTIVE IS CONCERNED.

Any I.D. turned in after the state deadline for that specie will not be allowed to show at County Fair or other 4-H shows.

2. 4-H leaders check to be sure 4-H livestock is ear tagged and identified by **June 1**. Any 4-H Livestock Club that has 100% of their club's livestock identified and the completed identification affidavit in the Extension Office by **June 1**, (sheep & meat goats – **June 8**) will receive \$10.00 from the Dawson County 4-H Foundation for their club treasurer. (Must have at least three members in livestock projects.)
3. Individual members of 4-H and/or FFA can ear tag and identify up to a maximum of 10 market beef, 20 feeder calves, 20 lambs, 40 swine, and 20 meat goats.
4. The 4-H philosophy is based on "learning by doing". In livestock projects 4-H'ers should assume the major responsibility for the care, feeding, grooming and training of their project animals. As 4-H'ers gain experience with livestock, leaders and parents should encourage and help them take on advancing levels of responsibilities.
5. Identification for County Fair only animals: Market Beef will require 4-H/FFA EID tags. The 4-H/FFA All-Flex ear tag will be used for feeder calves, market lambs, breeding sheep and meat goats. All registered and commercial breeding beef can be eartagged for County Fair (family tag). Heifers tagged as market may not be identified as breeding heifers. Bucket calves may I.D. using any eartag in the ear prior to June 1. Market hogs must be identified with ear notches in both ears which must agree with the I.D. sheet.
6. Identification for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H and FFA animals: All Market animals – beef, sheep, feeder calves, and swine will need an EID tag and a DNA sample. Ak-Sar-Ben swine will also require ear notches on the DNA envelope.
Breeding animals to be exhibited at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben prior to the ID deadline must fill out an index card with the heifer's tattoo (and registration number if applicable). Breeding sheep and goats will need to have the scrapie tag number on the card.
7. 4-H eartags are a cost item. 4-H'ers will be billed through their club leader for the eartags they use (Sheep & Goats 75¢ each; Beef \$1.00). 4-H leaders will be billed for eartags they pick up at the office minus a refund for those returned to the office by July 1. **EID tags will be \$2.50 each**. DNA envelopes are \$6.00 each, and Breeding Nomination cards are \$2.00 each.
8. Anyone showing beef, sheep, swine, dairy, meat goats, rabbits or poultry at County Fair or beyond is required to be Quality Assurance (QA) certified.
 - 4-H'ers, ages 12-14 or 15-18, may pass a test which certifies them **for** the remainder of years in that age group.
 - Anyone, ages 8-18, may take QA training on-line. Certification is achieved by completing three learning modules annually. A county ID number for each 4-H'er is required (contact the Extension Office), along with their own unique email address. The module website is www.campus.extension.org.
 - Clubs may also offer transitional workshop sessions or countywide sessions may be held. Attending receives an annual certification.
9. The Superintendent in each livestock division will supervise putting ribbon rating stickers on the livestock exhibit stall pen cards at County Fair.
10. The 4-H livestock superintendents will check ear tags as livestock are entered at County Fair.
11. All 4-H livestock should be picked up, loaded out and removed from the buildings by 9:00 am, Sunday, and stalls cleaned.
12. 4-H'ers should not be in the barns with livestock and exhibits after 11:00 p.m. during the Dawson County Fair.

13. Limited Camping/RV spaces are available on the fairgrounds. Reserve ahead of time with Ann at the Fair Office (324-3600) A fee will be charged.
14. The suggested maximum number of cattle, hogs & sheep per class is 15 head. Will start showing with heavy or tall classes. Market Beef, Hog & Sheep classes will be based on county fair weight. Feeder Calves will be divided by shoulder height.
15. Grooming at the County Fair is only by exhibitors and immediate members of an exhibitor's family (parents, brothers and/or sisters). 4-H'ers may request grooming assistance from beyond immediate family if it is needed due to special family circumstances. This request must be directed to the show superintendent at entry time.
16. All grooming at County Fair will be "Blow and Go" which shall be defined as no adhesives, waxes, coloring agents, paints, natural or synthetic fibers, or any other items that would change the basic appearance of any animal. Fly sprays and coat dressing compounds are acceptable.
17. A 4-H Club may have more than one club group of 5, as long as, three different exhibitors and their livestock are used.
18. Water fights at county fair could cause the withholding of premium money.
19. **Gary Kubicek** - will judge 4-H Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goats and Swine at the Dawson County Fair.

B. All About Showmanship

County Fair Showmanship is open to all 4-H'ers entered in the respective animal project. Animals shown in Showmanship must be shown by that 4-H'er in the live show. Grooming only by exhibitors and immediate members of an exhibitor's family. (See #14 above).

Dark blue jeans are preferred except in horse where they are mandatory. Extremes in colors and fit are not appropriate. Belts should be worn with trousers with carriers or loops. The exhibitor wears a short (no sleeveless) or long sleeve white shirt, Dawson County 4-H T-shirt for Showmanship.

Showmanship will be divided: Senior Div. - 14 years old on Jan. 1 of current year thru year of High School Graduation.
 Intermediate Div.- 12 & 13 years old as of Jan. 1 of current year.
 Junior Div. - Under 12 years old as of Jan. 1 of current year.

Members will be eligible to compete in the division in which they won first place in a previous County Fair Showmanship contest.

Members will not be allowed to win the Junior, Intermediate or Senior Showmanship trophy over two times in any one species of livestock.

Trophies will be presented in all three age divisions in Beef, Feeder Calf, Horse, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit, Poultry and Dog. One Dairy, one Meat Goat & one Cat trophy will be presented.

C. Champions and Premiums

The Dawson County 4-H Council approved a plan in 2004 to select champions and award additional premiums to 4-H'ers participating in the beef, sheep and swine areas. Additional premiums were approved, beginning in 2007, for bucket calves & meat goats, as well as, for the corresponding showmanship classes of all the species receiving premiums with amounts to be determined. All the money will be raised by the livestock booster committee, is deposited in the Lexington Community Foundation, and paid out by the Dawson County Ag Society. A completed record sheet must be turned in to the Extension Office by **October 9, 2017** prior to 5:00 p.m. on each project area in order to receive the premiums. Animals must have at least received a blue to be eligible for division rosettes and champion & reserve trophies.

The following will have a champion and reserve selected:

Market Beef	Steer Division Bred & Fed Steer Division	Beef, Sheep & Swine Carcass Contests Market Sheep
Breeding Heifers	Heifer Division British Division Continental Division Crossbred/Commercial Division	Breeding Sheep Market Swine Barrow Division Gilt Division
Feeder Calf	Steer Division Market Heifer Division Breeding Heifer Division	Dairy/Dairy Goat Meat Goat Rabbit Poultry

The actual amount paid to 4-H'ers will depend on the amount of money raised by the livestock booster group.

The purpose of these enhancements is to encourage projects related to large animal agriculture and to more fully reward participants for time and expense commitments. Livestock project members will be encouraged to participate in the many educational and life skill opportunities the 4-H program offers, such as 4-H livestock and meats judging, 4-H public speaking, 4-H presentations, animal science quiz bowl, Life Challenge, etc., in addition to livestock showing.

MAXIMUM PREMIUM LEVELS

	PURPLE	BLUE	RED	WHITE
Market Beef	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40
Breeding Heifers	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
Cow-Calf	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
Bucket Calf	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Feeder Calf	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Market Goats	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Market Sheep	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Breeding Ewes	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Market Swine	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Showmanship	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3
Beef Carcass	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40
Lamb Carcass	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3
Swine Carcass	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3

D. Number of Entries

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| Market Beef – 3 | Fiber Goats – 3 |
| Breeding Beef – 3 | Dairy Cattle – 3 |
| Feeder Beef – 3 | Dairy Goats – 3 |
| Bucket Calf – 1 | Horse – No class limit, must select no more than 5 classes & showmanship for premiums |
| Cow/Calf – 2 pairs | Rabbit – 4 |
| Swine – 4 | Poultry – 8 entries |
| Market Lambs – 4 | Dog – 2 classes (not more than 1 entry in showmanship) plus 1 agility class entry |
| Breeding Sheep – 4 | Llamas - 1 |
| Meat Goats - 3 | |

E. All About Beef

All 4-H Market Beef must be ear tagged, weighed and identified on 4HF106 for county. EID tags & DNA are required for Market Beef for both State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN.

December 31 - Darr Feedlot

February 11 – Darr Feedlot

- Breeding beef will be identified by ear tattoos for all shows except for County Fair only where a tattoo or the family's herd tag is acceptable. Calfhod brucellosis, tattoos are not acceptable identification. Breeding heifers are ineligible if identified as market heifers. Breeding Beef for State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben will need to ID on a Breeding Index Card with tattoo.
- The judge will be given the age of the Breeding Heifers in each class.
- All 4-H Beef calves must be inspected by the State Brand Inspector at the time the 4-H'ers purchase the calf ... whether from the Sale Barn, a neighbor, or parents and a brand release issued at that time. All cattle moving to a point outside the brand inspection area must be brand inspected. Cattle moving numerous times for show purposes may qualify for an annual show permit.
- Each 4-H/FFA member may identify 10 market beef and families are encouraged to put all siblings on one ID sheet.
- In the Individual Market Beef Judging, the Superintendent will be responsible to see that a card is pinned on the front of 4-H'ers shirt showing the average daily gain from the winter weigh-in to the county fair weigh-in.
- All 4-H Market Beef will be shown according to weight regardless of breed or crossbreed.
- Inclusion in the Bred & Fed Division must be designated at County Fair check-in. Eligible calves are those produced from that 4-H'ers or their immediate family's cowherd. That 4-H family must have owned that calf's dam and maintained ownership and management of the calf through the finishing phase.
- Market beef with the top four average daily gains will be recognized with special Rate of Gain Ribbons sponsored by the Paul Peterson Family.

Other Beef Projects

Clover Kid Bucket Calf Project - This non-competitive project has been designed for Clover Kid 4-H'ers (5-7 years of age as of January 1). The purpose of this project is to give Clover Kid 4-H'ers experience in caring and showing a bucket calf. Between January 1 and June 1, an orphan or newborn calf less than 2 weeks old and of either sex should be selected to be fed by bucket or bottle by the 4-H'er. The calf may be dairy, beef, or a cross. 4-H'ers must own their bucket calf. No official 4-H tag or ID sheet is required. Any numbered eartag may be used. Calves will be shown in a rope halter. The calf should be cleaned and brushed. No fitting, clipping or show sticks. 4-H'ers will receive a Clover Kid participation ribbon and \$2.00 premium. No record book or diary required. This project is listed as: clover kid other project 1: clover kid bucket calf on the enrollment screen.

Bucket Calf Project - This project has been designed to fit the physical size and maturity level of younger 4-H'ers (8-12 years as of January 1). Between January 1 and June 1, an orphan or newborn calf less than 2 weeks old and of either sex should be selected to be fed by bucket or bottle by the 4-H'er. The calf may be dairy, beef, or a cross. 4-H'ers may not enroll in both feeder calf and bucket calf projects in the same year.

Members will learn: - proper health and nutrition requirements of young cattle.
- basic beef management skills without a large monetary expense.
- basic recordkeeping skills.
- an understanding of the feeder cattle industry.

A class for project calves preferably over 90 days of age will be held during the county fair. Calves should be entered with record book and diary by 10:30 a.m. Thursday of County Fair. Interviews with 4-H'ers and judging will follow.

ID will consist of any eartag in the calf's ear by June 1 & recorded in the 4-H'ers record book. No official ID sheet is required. Calves must be owned by June 1. This project is bucket calf under animal science-beef on the enrollment screen.

Beef Feedlot Project - The purpose of this project is to give older 4-H'ers practical experience in the commercial beef feeding industry. 4-H'ers must be at least 14 years old as of Jan. 1 of the current year. They will actually own 1 - 5% of a pen of cattle. Ownership & financing will be handled like regular customers of the feedlot. A special "Feedlot" club will hold meetings to discuss the pen's progress and commercial feeding management. Enrollment by December 31 to determine feasibility. This project is under other animal science project 3, Feedlot project on the enrollment screen.

Share-A-Calf - To encourage Market Beef enrollment, steer calves will be furnished to interested youth through a drawing. 4-H'ers will compete in the county fair live show and showmanship, and also receive recognition in an overall Share-A-Calf competition based on recordkeeping, carcass, gain, sponsor letters, showmanship and live placing. The original value of the calf will be returned to the Share-A-Calf committee after the animal is sold. Apply by December 31 to determine feasibility. This project is other animal science project 2 on the enrollment screen.

Cow/Calf Pair - Cow/Calf project starts with a cow that must have been exhibited as a bucket calf, feeder calf, calf from a cow/calf pair, or breeding heifer at a past County Fair. Must have been exhibited by the same 4-H'er or family. June 1 - Identification deadline on a Dawson County Cow/Calf I.D. sheet to Extension Office. Use a separate I.D. sheet for Cow/Calf project. Cow identification will be with same ear tag or tattoo used in her previous project. Calf requires no official 4-H eartag but should be recorded on same sheet by its ear tag number. This project is other animal science project 1 on the enrollment screen.

1. A Beef Project Manual and Project Record (NE4H9020) will be used. Sign up for Cow-Calf Project with your 4-H leader.
2. Both cow and calf will be shown at halter by the 4-H'er and a 4-H helper at the conclusion of the breeding beef show. Animals should be cleaned and brushed but not clipped.
3. Cow/Calf must be owned by the 4-H'er or their family.
4. Not eligible for showmanship.
5. A calf identified as a part of a cow-calf pair cannot show in the feeder calf show at County Fair.
6. To show as a feeder calf at Ak-Sar-Ben, all Ak-Sar-Ben identification requirements must be followed. The calf must also be enrolled in and records kept for the feeder calf project. The calf eartag number listed on the Cow-Calf I.D. should be an official Nebraska 4-H Feeder Calf tag. DNA is required.

F. All About Feeder Calves

June 1 - All Feeder Calves must be ear tagged and identified with Nebraska 4-H ear tags on (4HF110) by the 4-H leader for county. EID tags and DNA are required for Ak-Sar-Ben or for FFA animals at State Fair.

1. 4-H'ers may not enroll in both feeder calf and bucket calf projects in the same year.

2. Calves must be born between January 1 and June 1 of this year.
3. There is a limit of 20 on the number of Feeder Calves a 4-H/FFA member can identify. For County, 4-H'ers and parents must fill out and sign a 4-H Feeder Calf Identification sheet at the time of eartagging as to birthdate, breed, sex, etc. Families are encouraged to put all siblings on one ID sheet. Ak-Sar-Ben, State Fair and FFA animals will provide that information on the DNA envelopes. Ak-Sar-Ben feeder calves are to be the product of the 4-H'ers beef breeding project and not purchased.
4. The calves should be entered by 10:30 a.m. Thursday, of County Fair and will be shown at 1:00 p.m. The calves will be released immediately following the show. There will be no stalls assigned to the calves. Showmanship will be judged just before the first class. Feeder calf classes will be divided by shoulder height.
5. All Feeder Calves should be dehorned and castrated. If not, they will be lowered one ribbon placing.
6. If the family does not own a cow-herd, the 4-H'er may lease or purchase a feeder calf from a neighbor or Dawson County beef producer for county competition only. The 4-H member shall prepare, train, and groom it for the show. All other shows require member or family ownership of cow and calf.
9. The top club group of five feeder calves will have their club name engraved on a permanent plaque on display in the 4-H building. The plaque is provided by the Wade Family.

G. All About Dairy Cattle & Goats

June 1 - All 4-H Dairy Calves (4HF108) & all Dairy Goats (4HF109) must be identified by the 4-H leader for county, state and interstate shows.

All dairy animals will be entered by noon on Thursday of County Fair. Dairy Show will begin with Showmanship.

H. All About Chickens & Rabbits

June 1 - All 4-H rabbits need to be recorded on a rabbit identification form (4HF103) by June 3. Those rabbits possibly going to District or State shows will need to be tattooed with a permanent tattoo number and that number recorded on the I.D. form by the same deadline.

1. All chickens and rabbits will be entered at County Fair in the southwest door of Stevens Arena. Judging will start with rabbit showmanship in front of west bleachers.
2. 4-H'ers are responsible to feed & water their animal projects until they are released at 5:00 pm, Saturday.

I. All About Sheep, Meat Goat Production

June 8 - 4-H Lamb & Goat Day - ear tag and complete identification sheets. 3:00-7:00 pm
- Dawson Co. Fairgrounds

All 4-H market & breeding sheep must be ear tagged and identified for county (4HF106 or 4HF105).

Registered breeding ewes must carry the tag required by their sheep breed association. Registration papers will be required at state and interstate shows. Unregistered breeding ewes should be tagged with an official 4-H commercial ewe tag.

A DNA sample and an EID tag are required for market lambs to be eligible for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. Ewes will need to be ID'd on a Breeding Index Card with Scrapie Tag number.

1. The suggested minimum weight in market class shall be 90 lbs. No purple ribbons will be awarded to lambs under this weight.
2. All 4-H Market Lambs will be shown according to weight, regardless of breed or crossbreed. 15 lambs or less per class.
3. Individual 4-H/FFA members can ear tag and identify up to a maximum of 20 market lambs and 20 meat goats for county, state fair & AK-SAR-BEN. Families are encouraged to put all siblings on one ID sheet.
4. "Peewee Lamb & Goat Lead" for youth under 8 years as of Jan. 1 of current year.
5. Breeding sheep may be shown at halter.
6. All Goats for meat production must be eartagged with a Nebraska 4-H sheep strip eartag and be identified on a 4-H Meat Goat ID form at the **June 8** Lamb & Goat Day for County. A DNA sample and an EID Tag is required to be taken for meat goats to be eligible for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. Breeding Does will require a Breeding Index Card with scrapie number.
 - a. Goats will be shown either with halter or neck collar by specie based on production characteristics.
 - b. Meat Goat Manuals are not available from the Nebraska 4-H department but reference materials will be supplied from other sources, if possible. Records should be kept in the Livestock Production Record (4-H F93).
7. All sheep & goats being exhibited, except wethers, need to be individually identified with USDA official I.D. (Scrapie tag)

J. All About Swine

June 1 - All 4-H Market Hogs must be earnotched and identified on 4HF107 under supervision of your 4-H leader for county. Ak-Sar-Ben and State Fair require a DNA sample and EID Tag.

1. The suggested weight in market classes shall be a minimum of 235 lbs. with a 5 lb. tolerance. No purple ribbons will be awarded on pigs outside of this suggested weight.
2. Individual 4-H/FFA members can ear tag and identify up to a maximum of 40 market hogs for county, state fair and AK-SAR-BEN. Families are encouraged to put all siblings on one ID sheet.
3. All 4-H Market Hogs will be shown according to weight, regardless of breed or crossbreed.
4. Wash pigs in washrack ... do not wash pigs in pens.
5. No oil, color or powder can be used on pigs ... only water before they enter the show ring.
6. Hog barn will be locked from 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.

K. All About Horses

March 10 – 4-H Stampede entries due

April 1 – 4-H Horse Stampede, Lincoln

May 9 - 4-H Advancement Level III testing, 6:00 p.m. Stevens Arena

May 12 – District/State Horse Show entries and Horse ID's due

May 31 – Pitzers

TBA – County 4-H Horsemanship Clinic

June 12 – District 4-H Horse Show - **Lexington**

June 13 - District 4-H Horse Show – **Taylor**

TBA - Boots 'N Spurs 4-H Horse Show, 7:30 a.m., Stevens Arena

June 16 - Area 4-H Horse Contest, 3:00-8:30 p.m. Hippology - afternoon. Judging Contest - Evening. Stevens Arena

July 9 - County Fair 4-H Horse Show

TBA – Reins & Manes Horse Show

July 16-20 - State 4-H Horse Show, Grand Island

Sept. 24-25 - Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Horse Show, Lincoln

October 13-15 - Nebraska 4-H Foundation Trailride, Halsey

1. Clubs will coordinate Level I & II activities. County Advancement Level III Committee will conduct the riding portion of the advanced test. A state approved Level IV tester is required for Level IV testing.
2. Dawson County 4-H Horse Identification Rules
All contestants in a 4-H Horse Show must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Horse Project through the County Extension Office. Their mounts must meet the following ownership and identification requirements. There will be no limit on the number of 4-H horses identified.

Ownership Requirements:

Each project horse must be owned and/or managed according to the following requirements:

- a) A 4-H member carrying the light horse project may own the horse himself, use a family-owned horse, or use a horse owned by someone else. In any case, the member should manage the horse at least 75% of the time during the course of the year. Those using a horse owned by someone else must turn in a management log to their club leader at the end of each month.
- b) A horse may be carried as a project animal by more than one member of a family. When members of a family use the same horse as a project animal, the management of the horses must be on an equal basis.
- c) "Riding Double"...A project horse may be carried jointly by a member of a family and one non-family member with the management of the horse on an equal basis.
- d) The term "Manage" includes the following: feeding, grooming, exercising, training, stall management, and use of the horse.

Identification Requirements

- a) Any project horse to be shown at a 4-H show must be properly identified on F2-97-77 4-H Horse Identification Certificate which should be returned to the County Extension Office before **May 12**.
- b) If a horse is to be shown before **May 12**, the identification form must be submitted to the County Extension Office before the date of the show.
- c) Additional horse ID's or the substitution of a project horse will not be permitted after June 1 each year. The only exception is for County Fair where a horse may be substituted for an identified project horse if the request is accompanied by a veterinarian's affidavit of unsoundness.
- d) A member using a non-family owned horse must comply with the above requirements and also have the owner of the horse complete the Owners Affidavit (F2-97-77).
- e) Normally a Nebraska 4-H horse project member would not be expected to provide adequate attention nor obtain maximum project enrichment if that person tries to enroll more than 3-5 project horses in any one year. Large breeding projects along with riding projects would be an exception.

- At district, state and Ak-Sar-Ben Shows, a showman and/or horse may be entered in a class only once. For instance, a 4-H'er or horse can only enter 1 Horsemanship (Equitation) Class regardless of whether it is a pony or horse, English or Western, Level II or Advanced, boy or girl, junior or senior. This is true even though the horse may be jointly identified by two 4-H'ers. **Exceptions:** An exhibitor may enter 2-year-old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure in addition to another Pleasure Class as long as the 2-year-old is not ridden in any other class. An exhibitor may enter the 3-year-old Western Pleasure in addition to another Pleasure Class but the 3-year-old ridden cannot be entered in another Pleasure Class. Also Level III contestants may enter both Level II classes and corresponding Level III Pleasure/Hunter Under Saddle/Ranch Horse Pleasure and Horsemanship/Equitation classes, as long as a different horse is used in the Level II and Level III corresponding classes.

At the county level the same applies except that 4-H'ers and horses may enter both the Western and corresponding English events. In addition, a horse may be shown at the county's summer shows in more than one age group per event if being shared with a Junior I (8 or 9-year-old) family member.

- Performance classes are based on age of exhibitors:
 - Senior Div. - 14 years old or older January 1 of current year
 - Intermediate Div.- 12 & 13 years old as of Jan. 1 of current year
 - Junior Div. - Under 12 years old as of January 1 of current year

A 4-H member may enter as many horse classes as they wish at the Dawson County Fair, however, they must select at entry time which five classes, plus showmanship, they wish to be paid a premium on.

L. Dates & Deadlines for State Fair & AK-SAR-BEN

August 10 - State Fair 4-H livestock entries due. (4-H'ers to enter directly to State Fair website)

TBA - Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock entries due in county office.

August 25 - September 4 - Nebraska State Fair

TBA - AK-SAR-BEN Horse Show

TBA - AK-SAR-BEN

Age requirements for livestock exhibitors

State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben livestock exhibitors - must be 10 years of age and cannot have passed 19th birthday by Jan. 1 of the current year. Ak-Sar-Ben horse exhibitors - must be at least 12 years of age by Jan. 1 of the current year.

- 4-H'ers going to State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN pay their own transportation, food and lodging.
- You cannot switch livestock between family members once you have made your 4-H livestock entries into Ak-Sar-Ben.
- All Breeding Beef must be ear tattooed for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben whether they are registered or crossbred and be registered in the exhibitor's name.
- If you plan to show Feeder Calves at Ak-Sar-Ben, you must enroll in the Feeder Calf project and identify calves with a 4-H eartag on Form 4-H F89. Calves must have a certified birthdate and out of an identifiable sire and dam, though they do not need to be registered. Calves are to be the product of the 4-H'ers breeding beef project and not purchased.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

... for Parents of Youngsters Showing Livestock

- Thou shalt not feed, train and care for the animal for thou are trying to teach the child responsibility.
- Thou shalt forgive a child for making a mistake in the show ring for thou hath made mistakes too.
- Thou shalt not get angry when thy child forgets items in the show box, for one day thou may forget the showbox.
- Thou shalt help the show management for they are doing a job that thou would not want to do.
- Thou shalt see that thy child is on time for all show ring activities for thou should not want to wait on another.
- Thou shalt be sure that thy child has the animals entered and the registration papers in order by the designated time.
- Thou shalt teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.
- Thou shalt not complain about the judge, for it is his opinion that has been sought.
- Thou shalt not forget that livestock projects are teaching projects, not necessarily money-making projects.
- Thou shalt remember that the livestock project is a family project that shall be enjoyed and supported by the entire family.

PART IX - DAWSON COUNTY 4-H JUDGING

A. 4-H Horse Judging - Bowl - Hippology

April 1 – 4-H Horse Stampede, Lincoln (entries due **March 10**)

June 16 - 3:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Dawson County area 4-H Horse Clinic (Clinic & Judging) Stevens Arena
Horse Bowl & Hippology - Like horse judging, the 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl and Hippology contests require enrollment in the horse project but can be enjoyed without horse ownership.

Hippology is for 4-H'ers 10 years of age and older as of January 1 of the current year. There is a Junior and Senior Division at the State 4-H Horse Expo. It deals with practical horse knowledge and basic horse judging. The contest allows for two junior and four senior members members per team to work together on the following areas:

- 1) General horse knowledge.
- 2) Anatomy, faulty conformation, etc.
- 3) Breeds, colors, etc.
- 4) Feeds I.D. and feeding situations.
- 5) Ropes and knots.
- 6) Tack and equipment I.D.
- 7) Basic horse judging.

Horse Bowl - Hippology serves as a natural introduction to Horse Bowl. Horse Bowl is designed for 4-H'ers 10 years of age and over as of January 1 of the current year. More indepth horse knowledge is demonstrated in a quiz bowl setting where teams of four compete. Speedy recall of facts and horse knowledge is the basis for scoring.

Anyone interested in Hippology or Horse Bowl may contact the Extension Office for details. Those participating will hold many of their workouts together.

B. 4-H Meats Judging & Identification Schedule

All 4-H'ers, regardless of the projects they carry, are eligible and encouraged to participate in the 4-H Meats program. The 4-H Meats program teaches 4-H'ers to become wise purchasers and consumers of meat, and ties meat back to live beef, sheep and swine production. The nutritional value of meat is stressed. An excellent opportunity for both boys and girls.

Workout Dates - TBA

Monday, **June 26** – PASE (Premier Animal Science Event), Lincoln

C. 4-H Livestock Judging

4-H Livestock Judging program will be set up after January 1. All 4-H'ers are welcome and encouraged to participate regardless of the 4-H project carried. There will be a workout for beef, sheep, and swine.

February 25 – Cattlemen's Classic Judging Contest - Kearney

March 5 - Beef Judging, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Darr Bull Test Lot, Cozad

TBA - Sheep & Swine Judging

May 30 – County Livestock Judging Contest

Friday, June 9 - Judging Classic in Kearney

TBA - Twilight Judging

Tuesday, **June 27** - PASE (Premier Animal Science Event), Lincoln

D. 4-H Life Challenge Judging Contest

June 1 - Life Challenge Judging Contest, 9:00 a.m., Dawson County Extension Office

The Life Challenge event helps 4-H'ers learn life skills, as well as challenging youth with knowledge they already know. The Life Challenge Contest is a hands-on event that offers chances for participation in team problem solving and oral presentations. Youth interested in practicing for the Life Challenge Contest may contact the Dawson County Extension Office at 324-5501 to schedule a day. Kits for practicing the event will be available for club use. The State Life Challenge Contest will be held **June 26 & 27**, Lincoln.

E. 4-H Horticulture Identification & Judging Contest

June 1 - Horticulture Identification & Judging Contest in conjunction with the Life Challenge Judging Contest. There will be 3 sections: 1) judging, 2) identification and 3) a quiz over project materials.

Junior/Intermediate/Senior Division - 10:00 a.m. - Dawson County Extension Office

F. 4-H Photography Judging Contest

June 1 - Photography Judging Contest in conjunction with the Life Challenge Judging Contest and Horticulture Identification & Judging Contest - 11:00 a.m. There will be placing classes and a quiz over project materials.

PART X - OTHER ITEMS

A. Dawson County 4-H Foundation

The purpose of the Dawson County 4-H Foundation is to promote the objects and purposes of 4-H organization, with particular emphasis upon providing educational services and developing leadership. The Dawson County 4-H Foundation solicits and receives contributions on behalf of 4-H in order to enhance the 4-H Program. The Dawson County 4-H Foundation uses all contributions to benefit the educational efforts of the 4-H Program.

2017 Dawson County 4-H Foundation Members

Commissioner District 1	Amanda Rossell, Gothenburg Pat Laird, Gothenburg
Commissioner District 2	Carlie Fellers, Lexington Dick Prasch, Lexington
Commissioner District 3	Travis Edeal, Overton Kathy Moomey, Sumner
Commissioner District 4	Ann Smith, Cozad Keith Stombaugh, Cozad
Commissioner District 5	Mickey Fischer, Cozad TBA, Lexington

B. Dawson County 4-H Heritage Tour

The 4-H Heritage Tour is designed to study historical places, to see government in action, to better appreciate our American Heritage and to become better acquainted with other people. The 4-H Heritage Tour policy is as follows: 4-H members must have been in 4-H for the last three years and enrolled in at least two 4-H projects, one being the 4-H Heritage Project the year of the tour. Recent 4-H alumni who were in 4-H the last three years in which they were eligible are encouraged to participate and will be required to complete the 4-H Heritage Project. The oldest 45 4-H'ers who meet the deadlines and requirements will participate. Heritage Tours are scheduled every three to four years if 45 4-H members apply. Applications for the 4-H Heritage Tour is March 15 of the year prior to the next tour. Future tours may be immediately after all county schools are completed for summer vacation. The next tour is tentatively scheduled for 2019.

C. Scholarships

Harold & Virginia Stevens Endowment Fund 4-H Scholarship (available to high school seniors, first year Masters or Doctorate students) due January 15

Scott & Rhonda Russman 4-H Livestock Scholarship (available to high school senior) due March 1

Keith White Family 4-H Scholarship (available to high school senior) due March 1

Larry F. Reed Legacy 4-H Scholarship (available to high school senior) due March 1

State 4-H Scholarship Form (available to high school seniors) due March 1

Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship (available to high school seniors) due December 1

Reed Family State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Travel Scholarship – The Reed Family State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Travel Scholarship is sponsored by Jim & TeAnne, Reed, Jenna & J.P. Roberts and Jamie Reed to provide financial assistance to 4-H'ers exhibiting live animals at the Nebraska State Fair and/or the Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show. Five \$100 scholarships will be given per year based largely on financial need. Only one scholarship per person may be won per year. 4-H'ers may win another in succeeding years, but preference is given to those who have not previously won the scholarship. A selection committee shall be composed of one Dawson County 4-H Council member, one Dawson County 4-H Foundation member, and one Dawson County Educator. Application available at the Dawson County Extension Office. The application is due August 1.

D. 4-H Leader's North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum

Future North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forums will be e-forums. More information to be announced. Work is underway to present the e-Forum which will be done as a group session at the Dawson County Extension Office.

E. Use of the Dawson County Fairgrounds

The Dawson County Fairground's buildings can be used by Dawson County 4-H Clubs at no charge, as long as 4-H members leave the buildings and grounds in at least as good a condition as they were found. All scheduling should be done with the Ag Society Office and all of their rules for use followed. If for some reason, you cancel a previously scheduled building, be sure to call Fairgrounds Secretary 324-3600 at once so they can rent the building to someone else.

If your 4-H club uses the 4-H Building or 4-H Exhibit Building, all chairs and tables must be put away on carts, floors swept, trash put in dumpster west of 4-H Building, thermostats adjusted, lights turned off, and doors locked. If using the Steven's Arena, all trash must be picked up in the arena, on and under the bleachers, put in dumpsters outside of the south doors. If you

use the little red barn, be sure to sweep the floor and empty the trash. Be sure to lower the big doors slowly, shut off the lights and lock the doors.

The horse stalls may be used by 4-H members during annual 4-H Horse Shows and Dawson County Fair at no charge as long as the stalls and tie areas are thoroughly cleaned (horse manure, bedding, etc.) by no later than one (1) hour after the conclusion of the last class. Each show superintendent shall be responsible for the cleaning. The Fair Board will remove the right of free usage at anytime that the cleaning provisions are not met. The Fair Manager will designate the stalls to be used prior to the start of the event, and no other stalls may be opened. Absolutely no stalls are to be used during regular 4-H meetings or practices. No horses are to be on the grounds except during the hours of practice. If the horse stalls are not used and cleaned as stated above, free use will be discontinued.

Be sure to police the areas that you have used outside for trash, etc. and put in containers.

The driveway between the beef/horse barn and the sheep/swine barn is a fire and emergency lane and is a non-parking area.

For safety, liability and appearance reasons, the area south of the Steven's Arena should not be used to park cars, trucks or horse trailers. Vehicles are not permitted to park in the beef/horse barn. This area is reserved for livestock. There is an outdoor arena north of the livestock barns for you to warm up and practice your horses. The area south of the Steven's Arena is not a practice area but a traffic area for the public coming to watch you perform at the-show.

This policy is a restatement of the long standing policy of free use of the fairgrounds and fairgrounds buildings. We want to make the best better so let's cooperate in keeping the buildings and grounds in better condition than we found them.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska- Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture. For special accommodations, please call 308-324-5501.

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