

Shane Ahrens 2023 Accomplishments

Completed Onboarding as Nebraska Extension 4-H Assistant

Participated as a Vocal Search Committee Member for New 4-H Educator in Dodge County

Developed and Delivered Summer Workshops on Entomology, Healthy Living, and Home Environment

Planned and implemented a new Public Speaking Contest for Dodge County 4-H members which included video communications, presentations, and impromptu speech for the first time

Planned and implemented the Achievement Celebration for Dodge County 4-H members

Organized and executed the Dodge County Fair 4-H Animal Shows, Contests, and Static Exhibits. Volunteer hours, Educators and County Staff, Judges, Ambassadors, and Partner Organizations helped to deliver this opportunity to Dodge County Youth

Helped Bring Build a Hut Engineering and STEM Exploration for 4th-6th graders to Dodge County as a pilot project developed by Douglas/Sarpy County

Led Embryology and Farm in a Glove Ag Literacy Curriculum in 1st and 3rd grade classrooms in Dodge County Schools

Led Catch Kids Healthy Living Curriculum in 4th, 7th and 8th grade classes in Dodge County Schools

Led College & Career Success programming in Fremont Middle School

Coordinated the Dodge County 4-H Ambassador Program for 4 4-H Youth aged 15-18 to Grow Leadership and College & Career Readiness Skills

Provided Guidance, Delivered Reports, and Prepared Documents for Meetings of the Dodge County 4-H Council Bimonthly

Maintained, Updated, and Led 4-H families through the Extension Web Page for Dodge County

Publicized All Dodge County 4-H and Statewide 4-H Opportunities to Dodge County 4-H members through Smore Newsletters Weekly

Collected and Coordinated Judging for All Dodge County Achievement Celebration Documents – Scholarship Applications, Diamond Clover, Achievement Applications, Club of Excellence, and Ambassador Applications

Created and Distributed All Certificates for Dodge County 4-H Members and Volunteers Throughout the Year, Especially at the time of the Achievement Celebration

Worked with Beth Nacke and Other Collaborators on the Little Free Pantry Project Including a Presentation on Kaffeem with Kaffeem

Compiled and Submitted the Dodge County Annual Enrollment Report for 4-H Activities in Fiscal Year 2023

Ordered and Coordinated All Awards for 4-H Members at the Dodge County Fair

Supported the Dodge County Team at Livestock Judging during the PASE Competition

Taught YQCA In Person to 4-H Members aged 10-18 at 4 Different Trainings

Assisted with the Interview and Training Process for a 4-H Summer Intern in Dodge County

Managed the Dodge County 4-H ShoWorks Program for County and State Fair Entries

Helped Communicate and Coordinate the Animal ID, Nomination, and Entry Process for Dodge County 4-H Members

Taught the Corn and Soybean Lesson to 4th Graders at the Washington/Dodge County Ag Literacy Festival in Arlington

Talked to 4th Graders About the Importance of Pollinators at the Eco Fair in Fremont

Gathered Supplies and Materials for 4-H Events, Contests, Fairs, Workshops, School Visits, and Other Purposes, Including Trips to Grand Island for Embryology Hatching Eggs

Developed, Promoted, and Coordinated Beef Weigh Day for Dodge County 4-H Members

Trained, Provided Orientation and Update to Dodge County 4-H Leaders and Volunteers at the Annual Meeting

Assisted Nate Dorsey with the Fremont Corn Expo

Assisted Lisa Poppe with the Fremont 4-H Expo

Attended Weekly Plan and Report Meetings with 4-H Educator Dean Castillo

Developed the 2023 Community Club Calendar for Dodge County 4-H

Handled the Majority of Questions, Walk In 4-H Traffic, and Call In 4-H Related Topics

Through Collaborations and Partnerships, Achieved 40% Reach of Dodge County 4-H Aged Youth

Promoted, Supported and Monitored 4honline Enrollment for Dodge County 4-H Members

Other Contributions

Volunteered as a Judge and Assisted with Other Tasks at the Statewide 4-H Premier Communication Event

Assisted With Events at the Fremont 4-H Expo

Recorded a 4-H Promotional Radio Spot for KTIC

Entered, Prepared, and Transported 4-H State Fair Static Exhibits to Grand Island

Attended the Extension Fall Conference and Participated in Breakout Sessions

Attended 4-H New Worker Training

Attended Zone 8 Retreats and Regular Zoom Meetings

Attended NCEA Conference and Joined the 4-H Section

Assisted Office Staff in the Search and Interview Process for a New 4-H Administrative Assistant in Dodge County

Completed Clifton Strengths Testing

Delivered Reports to the Dodge County Extension Board Bimonthly

Contributed to a Video Recording of 4-H Assistants for the 4-H Assistant Cohort Group

Participated as a member of the College and Career Success Team

Attended Statewide 4-H Webinars, Refresher Courses, and Other Meetings throughout 2023

Provided Feedback for Hiring WCS & HLES Educators in Dodge County

Provided Coverage at the Front Desk as the First Point of Contact for Community Members, Routing Questions to the Proper Educator, Assistant, Specialist, or Community Partner

Provided Feedback to Build a Hut Coordinators at the Debrief Event

Corn and Soybeans Station Presenter at Saunders County Ag Literacy Festival

Bird Feeder Construction Station Leader at Saunders County Maker Day

Nature Hike Tour Guide at Conservation Day in Thurston County at Summit Lake

Announcer at 4-H State Fair Sheep Show

Ribbon Data Recorder at 4-H State Fair Goat Show

Canoe Experience Assistant at Douglas/Sarpy County Water Works Festival

Taught Multiple STEM Lessons at STEM Days in Millard Public Schools