

Dodge County 4-H Blast

June 7, 2024

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If you need animal ID sheets, DNA envelopes, or anything else 4-H related, stop by the office from 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday through Friday.

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4-H Calendar

***LOCAL (DODGE COUNTY) EVENTS IN BOLD**

June 9-14 - [Big Red Camps](#) @ UNL (Open to Grades 9-12, Register by May 20)

June 11 - [Conservation Workshop](#), 9-12pm @ Fremont State Lakes

June 12 - [YQCA](#) Course #3, 7-8:30pm @ Dodge County Extension Office

June 13 - **Dodge County 4-H Family Livestock Judging Contest**, 6pm @ Dodge County Fairgrounds

- Free Animal Nutrition & Showmanship Clinic with Kaden Gregory at 4pm

June 15 - ANIMAL ID Deadline, State Fair Animal Nomination & DNA Deadline, 4-H Enrollment Deadline

- **June 15 is a Saturday, the Office will be closed - Email forms, place them in the drop box or stop by the office M-F 8:30am-4:30pm)**

June 16-20 - [State 4-H Camp](#) @ Cozad (Age 10-14)

June 19 - [Rocketry & Electric Excitement Workshop](#), 9-12pm @ Dodge County Extension Office

June 17-18 - [Premier Communication Event](#) @ UNL East Campus

- [Impromptu Speech](#) & [Video Communication](#): Open to all 4-H members

June 20-21 - [PASE](#) @ UNL East Campus

June 25 - [Photography Workshop](#), 9-12pm @ Fremont State Lakes

June 27 - [Tornado Kit Workshop w/ NWS Presentation](#), 9-12pm @ Dodge County Extension Office

July 1-3 - [State 4-H Camp](#) @ Cozad (Age 8-10)

July 2 - [Horticulture Workshop](#), 9-12pm @ Dodge County Extension Office

July 10-13 - [Fremont 4-H Expo](#) @ Christensen Field, Fremont

July 13-17 - [Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo](#) @ Grand Island

July 15 - Dodge County Fair Pre-entry Deadline for Animals & Contests

July 17 - County Fair Cleanup Night, 5pm @ Dodge County Fairgrounds

July 17-19 - [State 4-H Camp](#) @ Burwell (Age 8-10)

July 19 - Dodge County Fair Fashion Revue & Static Exhibit Pre-entry Deadline

July 20-24 - [State 4-H Camp](#) @ Burwell (Age 10-14)

July 24 - Dodge County Fair Horse Show

- 7:30am Check-in - 9am Show @ Christensen Field, Fremont

July 27-28 - Dodge County Fair Shooting Sports Contest

- July 27 - Shotgun Contest @ Valley Trap Range
- July 28 - BB Gun & Air Rifle Shooting Sports Contest @ Dodge Auditorium

July 29 - Fashion Revue Judging

July 31-August 4 - Dodge County Fair, Theme "Barn in the USA"

August 23-September 2 - [Nebraska State Fair](#)

[4-H Calendar and More Information](#)

Summer 4-H Workshop Details & Registration Form

Dodge County 4-H Family Livestock Judging Contest

Thursday June 13th, 2024
Dodge County Fairgrounds in Scribner, NE
Everyone is welcome!



Awards for the top 3 in each age division.
Additional Divisions:
Family Teams, Adult,
and Clover Kid.

No registration fees
Registration @ 5:30 pm
Judging @ 6:00 pm

More info?
Call 402-727-2775

Nutrition and Showmanship Clinic

Show up early @ 4:00 pm for a showmanship clinic put on by Kaden Gregory!

Dodge County Fairbooks are Available at the Extension Office!

4honline Enrollment - DUE June 15!

Enrollment is due by June 15! Visit v2.4honline.com.

Returning families - please do not create a new account - use your log-in credentials for 4honline from previous years. **Instructions for returning families are at [this link](#).** **Enrollment instructions for new families can be [found here](#).** Dodge County enrollment fee is \$10.00 per youth member and can be paid by credit card online, or by cash or check in our office.

New volunteers can find [instructions here](#), and returning volunteers can [follow this guide](#).

June 15 is a Saturday, the Office will be closed.

For help with enrollment call 402-727-2775 M-F from 8:30am-4:30pm.

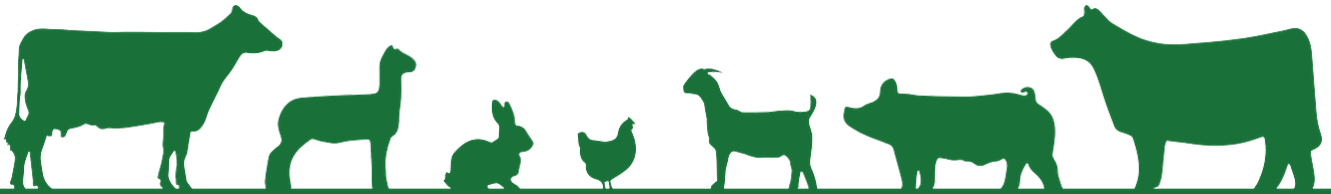
Animal ID Deadline - June 15

[Animal ID Sheets](#) are due by June 15 to make any animal eligible for Fremont 4-H Expo, Dodge County Fair, or Nebraska State Fair.

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Animals requiring ID include:

- Horse
- Beef - Including Bucket & Feeder Calf, Market & Breeding, Cow/Calf Pairs, County Bred & Fed
- Dairy - Including Cattle & Goat
- Sheep - Including Market & Breeding
- Goat - Including Market/Meat & Breeding, Dairy
- Rabbit
- Swine - Including Market & Breeding



YQCA - Required for all Livestock Exhibitors

YQCA, or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, will be offered on June 12. [Participants must register in advance.](#) Visit yqcaprogram.org to log in or register. Courses are titled 2024 Dodge County 4-H YQCA Instructor Led Course #_

#3 Wednesday, June 12, 7-8:30pm at the Dodge County Extension Office

Use this [help document](#) to register. The cost is \$3.00 due at registration online.

YQCA is an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 who produce and/or show **pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry.**

The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth.

This training will be delivered in the form of an interactive lecture with slides provided by YQCA. Participants will be expected to pay attention to the presentation and interact as appropriate. Following the training, all youth who participated will receive a certificate from YQCA that will meet the Fremont 4-H Expo, Dodge County Fair, and Nebraska State Fair requirement for youth quality assurance training.

Youth can also select the online version of training at yqcaprogram.org - the cost is \$12.00.

State Fair Livestock ID & Nomination Deadline - June 15

Any members planning to exhibit livestock at the Nebraska State Fair must complete the appropriate livestock identification and nomination requirements by June 15. This process makes an individual animal eligible for entry at the State Fair. Learn more at 4h.unl.edu/livestock-id

Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program

Applications/Sign up are due **June 15th** through the link on the website. Plan and Reports, as well as Project Records will be due August 1st by submitting as attachments to an email sent to 4hlivestockachievement@unl.edu.



Youth completing the achievement program and receiving member of excellence recognition in the various species will be recognized during the Parade of Champions, 4-H weekend at the Nebraska State Fair.

For more information about the program or the process, go to: [Livestock Achievement Program | Nebraska 4-H \(unl.edu\)](#)

Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit

The Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit is a lineup of contests held throughout the state giving youth the opportunity to perfect their skills in preparation for the [Nebraska 4-H Premier Animal Science Event \(PASE\)](#). Qualifying youth must attend a minimum of two contests in addition to the [PASE livestock judging contest](#) in order to be eligible for awards and scholarships. The top 5 individuals in the Senior and Intermediate divisions will be recognized as part of the All-State Team during the Grand Drive at the [Nebraska State Fair](#).



Find out more here: <https://4h.unl.edu/great-plains-livestock-judging-circuit>

Fremont 4-H Expo

The Fremont 4-H Expo is July 10-13. This event is a great 'practice fair' for anyone wanting some feedback from judges before the County and State Fairs. There are animal shows, contests, and static exhibits.

Check out more information here: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dodge/frfourhexhguide/>



Dodge County 4-H Archery

DC Shooting Stars will begin offering Archery as a 4-H Shooting Sports discipline May 30th, 2024. Initial sessions will be in the basement of the City of Dodge's Auditorium. Sessions will be on Thursday nights at 7pm. Note: There is a scheduling conflict June 20th for youth Duck Calling Classes provided by the Grand

Passage Sportsmen in North Bend, there will be no Archery practice on June 20. If you have schedule conflicts please reach out to Andy Beckman, his contact is below.

We will have initial beginner sessions to introduce kids to Archery. This will cover how to use the equipment, safety rules, range etiquette, etc. Participants are welcome to bring their own archery equipment, we will have equipment available for use if you don't have your own equipment. Participants need to follow the 4-H Shooting Sports age requirements to participate and be members of the D.C. Shooting Starts 4-H Shooting Sports club. Select Archery as a project in 4honline!

If you have any questions regarding enrollment, please reach out to Andy Beckman or the Dodge Co. Extension Office.

Andy Beckman, cell: 402-843-6336, email: circlexhunter@hotmail.com



Summer 2024 CAMP

The power of
being  green

CHADRON
JUNE 1-5

8-14 YEARS

COZAD
JUNE 16-20
JULY 1-3

10-14 YEARS
8-10 YEARS

BURWELL
JULY 17-19
JULY 20-24

8-10 YEARS
10-14 YEARS




REGISTER TODAY
[4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS-REGISTER](https://4h.unl.edu/camps-register)



The Power of Being Green - NE 4-H Summer Camp

Register today for the Nebraska State 4-H Camp!

The summer 2024 theme is **The Power of Being  Green**. Youth will get to explore and interact with their natural world in five different sessions, exploring how they can use their head, heart, hands, and health to make our natural world a better place for all.

Dates, session summaries, and registration information can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-register>.

A limited number of scholarships are available, and we encourage families to apply. The application can be completed at 4h.unl.edu/campscholarship.

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2024 Dodge County 4-H Ambassadors

Alexa Brodd - Klayton Hilbers

These Ambassadors will advocate for Dodge County 4-H at local events and help mentor younger 4-H members, acting as role model in 4-H. Ambassadors develop their communication skills while promoting 4-H!

2024 Dodge County 4-H Council

Youth Representatives:

Samantha Cummings - Alexa Brodd - Gracie Reynolds - Brooke Wiese - Chase Hartman

Adult Representatives:

Michelle Ryun (District 1: Dodge/Scribner/Snyder) - Josh Gregory (District 2: Logan View) - Amy Hartman (District 3: Fremont) - Andy Swanson (District 4: North Bend) - Nicki Gregory - Heather Ruwe - Mary Jo Reynolds - Marvin Wiese - Michelle Cummings - Angie Meiergerd

The 4-H Council is the governing body of the 4-H program, helping to direct decisions in the program that effect all members and volunteers. Some adult members serve specific parts of the county. Other adults, plus all youth members, serve the county program at large. If you have issues, concerns, suggestions, or ideas, share them with a council member.

Dodge County 4-H Website



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