

# Dodge County 4-H Blast

May 31, 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 1 - **[Horse ID & Entry Deadline for State 4-H Horse Expo](#)**

- **June 1 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 1-5 - [State 4-H Camp](#) @ Chadron (Age 8-14)

**June 4 - [Home Environment Crafts Workshop](#), 9-12pm @ Dodge County Extension Office**

**June 6 - [Clover Kid Day Camp](#), 9am-12pm @ Extension Office**

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**

**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 Fairbooks are Available at the Extension Office!**

**4honline Enrollment - DUE June 15!**

Enrollment is due by June 15! Visit [v2.4honline.com](http://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.

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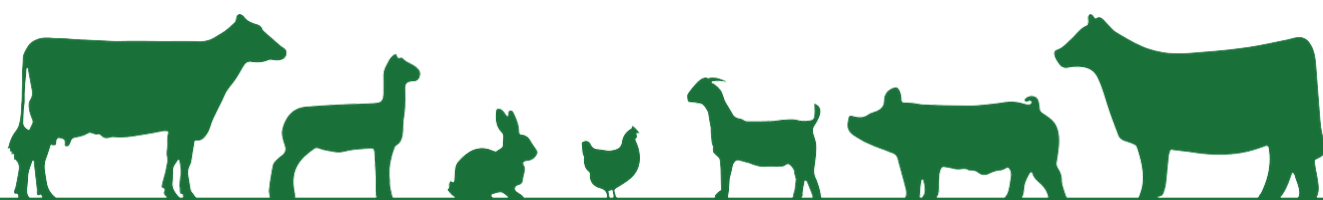
## Animal ID Deadline - June 1 & 15

[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.

**June 1 & June 15 are Saturdays, the Office will be closed - Email forms, place them in the drop box or stop by the office M-F 8:30am-4:30pm)**

Animals requiring ID include:

- Horse (due June 1 for State 4-H Horse Expo, due June 15 for Dodge County Fair)
- 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](http://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](http://yqcaprogram.org) - the cost is \$12.00.

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## 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](http://4h.unl.edu/livestock-id).

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## 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>

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## 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/frfourhexhgguide/>

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## 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 6th and 20th for youth Duck Calling Classes provided by the Grand

Passage Sportsmen in North Bend, there will be no Archery practice those dates. 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 Stars 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](mailto:circlexhunter@hotmail.com)

## Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program

This opportunity for livestock project youth is designed to promote all educational aspects of 4-H livestock projects including selection, production, leadership, and exhibition by recognizing youth striving to improve in their livestock project knowledge and leadership.



The program recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas, including: beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry.

The program consists of two levels that require 4-H members to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate and project-related accomplishments. For each level, the Livestock Achievement Program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H members choose their goals. Each accomplishment is worth a specific number of points. Intermediates, ages 10-13, must complete 100 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Intermediate Member of Excellence. Seniors, ages 14-18, must complete 150 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Senior Member of Excellence. The Plan and Reports, linked on the webpage, show examples of the project related accomplishments they can choose, or they can identify their own with approval of their local educator.

**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](mailto: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 \(unl.edu\)](https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement-program/)



# Summer 2024 CAMP

The power of  
being  green

**CHADRON**  
JUNE 1-5      8-14 YEARS

**COZAD**  
JUNE 16-20      10-14 YEARS  
JULY 1-3      8-10 YEARS

**BURWELL**  
JULY 17-19      8-10 YEARS  
JULY 20-24      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 [go.unl.edu/campscholarship](https://go.unl.edu/campscholarship).

Work at 4-H Summer Camp as a counselor! [go.unl.edu/campjobs](https://go.unl.edu/campjobs)



# HOW WILL YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SUMMER?

THE NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP IS HIRING

-PROGRAM STAFF  
-PROGRAM ASSISTANTS



**APPLY TODAY**  
**GO.UNL.EDU/CAMPJOB**

The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based upon any protected status. Please see [go.unl.edu/nondiscrimination](http://go.unl.edu/nondiscrimination)



## Youth Philanthropy Grants Program

The Fremont Area Community Foundation's popular *Youth Philanthropy Contest* is now called the *Youth Philanthropy Grants Program!* Still the same great opportunity for kids in grades K-12 to use their creativity, compassion and talent to make a difference in the lives of other... but funding is now available at any time **YEAR ROUND!!**

We are asking kids throughout the Fremont area to bring us their best ideas for making a difference in their communities. The Foundation may provide grants of **up to \$1,000** to help them make their ideas happen. We will also provide an adult mentor (from an area service club or non-profit organization) to help those with winning ideas complete their projects successfully.

### More information on our website

A [pre-application and full application](#) is available on the FACF website. For help and more info contact Melissa or Leigh at 402-721-4252 or [info@facfoundation.org](mailto:info@facfoundation.org).



**How can YOU make a difference in YOUR community?**

**Apply Now!**

Get up to **\$1,000** for your project idea!

Tell us your idea and you might win a grant to help you make it happen!

**Youth Philanthropy Grants Program**  
of the Fremont Area Community Foundation

For more info visit:  
[www.facfoundation.org/YPG](http://www.facfoundation.org/YPG)

## 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**



### Nebraska Extension in Dodge County

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#### 4-H

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### **Horticulture**

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/362826330737240/?ref=bookmarks>



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