











Nebraska Extension-Seward County

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Seward County 4-H

February 2023 Newsletter





IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 3 - 4-H Spirit Day! Wear a green or 4-H Shirt

Feb. 4 - Volunteer Brunch & Learn 9:30llam

Feb. 9 - YQCA Trainer Led Training

Feb. 11 & Feb. 12 - 4-H Service Learning Weekend

Feb. 13 - Valentine's Day workshop 4-

5pm & Phone-a-thon 6-8pm

Feb. 14 - 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day

Feb. 19 - 4-H Carnival 2-4pm

Feb. 20 - President's Day, Office Closed

Feb. 21 - 4-H Donor & Sponsor

Appreciation Day & Phone-a-thon

6-8pm

Feb. 28 - 4-H Professionals Appreciation

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4-H VOLUNTEERS

There are some very important requirements for clubs in order to provide a safe experience for youth and to protect volunteers. Please enroll as a volunteer in 4-H online at

https://v2.4honline.com

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New Office Staff

Welcome Emily!

Please join me in welcoming Emily Manning to Nebraska Extension.
Emily is the new **Early Childhood Educator** based in Seward,
also serving York, Butler, Polk, Merrick & Hamilton.

Emily Manning is originally from Crete, NE. This is also where she met her husband in the school swing choir and where she was an active participant in the Saline County 4-H program. She obtained her B.S. in FCS education from the University of Nebraska, and her M.A. in Human Development and Family Science from the University of Missouri. At the University of Missouri she worked with the Extension program 'Show Me Healthy Relationships' which focused on teaching relationship skills to adults in the community. After graduating Emily was the Family & Consumer Science teacher for two years at Fairbury Jr./Sr. High School. She is looking forward to bringing her teaching experiences and her interests in human development into this new role. Emily is excited and grateful to be working in Extension and is looking forward to meeting you all.



You can reach Emily at emily.manning@unl.edu

Welcome Brittney!

Please join me in welcoming Brittney Emerson to her new role as a 4-H Assistant in Seward County.





Hi, I'm Brittney. I am from Whitman,
Nebraska where I grew up on my family's
ranch. I received my undergraduate degree
in Grazing Livestock Systems with a minor in
Agricultural Leadership at the University of
Nebraska-Lincoln. Growing up, I was
involved in sewing, cooking, shooting sports
and showing livestock with 4-H. I gained so
many key skills from my experience in 4-H
and am so excited to give back to an
organization that has given me so much!
You can reach Brittney at:
brittney.emerson@unl.edu



Looking for the 2023 UNL Beef Cattle Report? Visit https://beef.unl.edu/2023nebraska-beef-cattle-report



New in 2023! All members who were at least 9 years of age on January 1 will be eligible to participate in 4-H in-person events (live animal shows, fashion shows, and contests) at the Nebraska State Fair.

Also new this year, all livestock in contention to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair will be required to submit a DNA nomination. This includes all breeding livestock, market livestock, and feeder calves.

For more information, visit 4h.unl.edu/state-fair.





BROCHURE AND REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE MARCH 20!

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UNL is now accepting registrations
for the 2023 Farrowed & Owned
Swine Cohort! Registration closes on
Wednesday, February 1. This
opportunity is designed to enhance
the educational value of the
traditional 4-H swine project by
focusing on swine production,
accurate record keeping, and industry
knowledge and engagement by the
4-H member.

Visit 4h.unl.edu/farrowed-owned to get started.



4-H Volunteer Brunch & Update



Saturday, February 4

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Extension Office.



All 4-H volunteers (organizational leaders, project leaders, Clover College and fair volunteers) are invited to join us for breakfast, networking, and learning at the annual 4-H Volunteer Update:

On the Agenda:

- Nebraska 4-H and Seward County updates for 2023
- · Livestock updates
- Resources for clubs: get to know you activities, supplies and equipment available to clubs.
- NEW! Help us plan the rest of the 2023 year! We
 want your ideas on needs for the Seward County 4-H
 program and educational experiences (Clover
 Colleges and workshops) to help youth thrive.
- Each club with a representative in attendance will get to order \$15 worth of items from Shop4H.org of their choice for attending. Orders will be taken that day.



Please contact the Extension Office if you would like to participate in the Special Garden or the Agronomy projects before March 1st!



Clover Kids!

Please review the rules concerning the Clover Kids Livestock showmanship class. Nothing is new, however, rules will be enforced for the 2023 Seward County Fair.

- Clover Kid Showmanship Class Pre-fair entry is required.
- Clover Kid must ID animal with own Animal ID sheet or include their name on the ID sheet of the animal owned by another 4-H/FFA exhibitor.
- Each member may bring one animal (or use another 4-H/FFA member's animal) in this division to the county fair.
- The animal may be stalled during the fair or be brought the day of the show.
- If exhibiting their own animal, a stall will be needed and must be indicated on 4-Her's entry form.
- The animal needs to be an animal the youth has cared for.
- An adult is required to be with the Clover Kid when working with or showing their animal.
- The Clover Kid will lead the animal in the show ring or be placed in a holding pen (according to the superintendent's discretion).
- The youth will discuss their knowledge of care and raising of the animal with the official.
- Age, size and temperament of the animal project must be appropriate for the exhibitor's age and size.

Rules that must be followed include:

- 1. The show will be non-competitive.
- 2. There will be one adult/teen volunteer per Clover Kid assisting when the animal is being handled.
- 3. The animal must be 6 months of age or younger the day of show.
- 4. The animal must be less than 350 pounds the day of the show.

Enroll now in 4-H to be put into a drawing to win this basket! It includes a \$10 gift certificate for a Clover College this year.

We plan on raffling off a couple more baskets throughout the next few months.

If you have any questions about enrolling, please call our office.

(402) 643-2981

https://v2.4honline.com



The SOAR Workshop Series provides youth and their canine companion with an opportunity to develop and practice
Showmanship, Obedience, Agility, and Rally skills under the guidance of experienced clinicians. While youth will benefit from participating in each workshop in the series, it is also not required. We encourage youth to join any of the workshops even if they cannot attend them all. More information and upcoming workshop details are available at 4h.unl.edu/soar.





Register now for the Adventure Together 4-H Summer Camp series at 4h.unl.edu/campssummer. Spots are limited, so don't wait until it's too late!

4-H Horse News

No District 4-H Horse shows for 2023

State 4-H Horse Show

June 1st Deadline for:

- Horse ID Affidavit to the Extension Office
- All State 4-H Horse entries due online at https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-showentry
- Contact Cindy Wolverton if entering Horse Judging or Hippology
- 2 & 3 year old Western Pleasure Affidavit to the Extension Office

Horsemanship Clinic Western Collegiate Equestrian Team Coach at St. Andrews University, Carla Wennberg

- Sign up here: https://4h.unl.edu/horse
- June 2- TBD
- June 3 Lincoln, NE at the Lancaster Event Center
- June 4 Albion, NE at the Boone County Fairgrounds

Seward County Fair

June 15th Horse ID Affidavit due to the Extension Office

- · Please no attached photos
- Copy photos to paper and attach to the ID sheet
- · May draw in markings on ID sheet
- Drop off at the Extension office (prefer no emails of ID sheets)

2 & 3 year old Western Pleasure Affidavit to the Extension Office

Pick up Affidavit at the Extension office or download from here:

https://4h.unl.edu/documents/Horse/Western-Pleasure-Affidavit.pdf

July 10th Advanced Horsemanship Levels Due

- Must complete all requirements of level working on
- Must pass level 1 in hand to compete at the Seward County Fair Showmanship and Halter
- Must pass leave 1 Riding to compete at the Seward County Fair all events/classes
- Walk/Trot exhibitors do not have to pass level
 May show in Showmanship, Halter, and
 Walk/Trot classes





PARTNERS Seward County 4-H Partners

What are 4-H Partners?

and learn how to care for that animal, how to raise it and how to show it about animals but are not ready to own one. They are matched up with a mentor 4-H Partners is a livestock mentoring program. It is for youth who would like to learn

Who Are the Mentors?

grandparent who has experience with 4-H and an animal project. You might have a person. A mentor can be an older 4-H'er, a college student, a 4-H leader, a parent, or mentor in mind, or you will be assigned one. Mentors are volunteers who want to share their knowledge & skills with a young

What Will I do as a 4-H Partner?

- Attend orientation on April 27 at 6:00 p.m.
- Make regular (minimum of 6) visits to your mentor's farm, do chores, and help take care of the animal and learn from your mentor
- Attend a workshop or a field trip.
- out to your mentor's farm. Complete assignments and keep a journal about what you learn each time you go
- Enter and bring your animal to the county fair and participate in showmanship.
- Take care of your animal at the county fair with your mentor
- Enter your journal as an exhibit at the county fair and participate in an interview

first to sign up will be matched with a mentor first. Enrollment in 4-H Partners will be based on availability of mentors. The

If a mentor is not available, the fee will be returned



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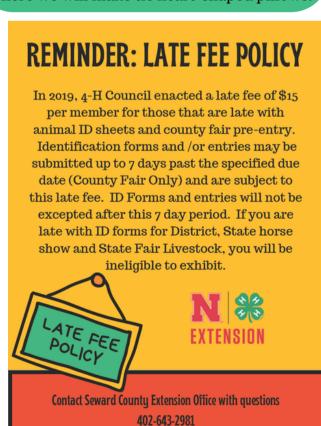
Email: Age: Phone #: Address Parent/Guardian's Names: 4-H Club Name: Horse (\$40) I would like to enroll in the 4-H Partners Project Goat (\$40) Swine (\$40) Dairy (\$40) Beet (\$40) In the area of: (check one) 4-H Partners Registration Poultry (\$40) Sheep (\$40)

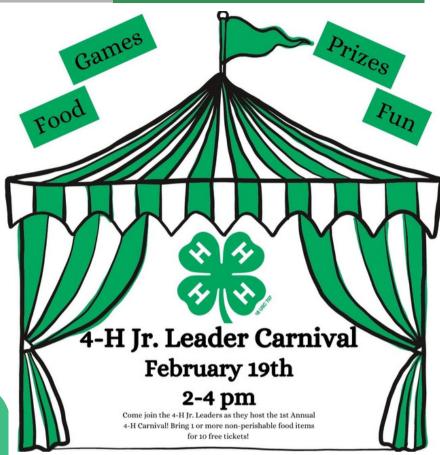
Return this form with \$40 due by *March 31 to: Seward County Extension Office cynthia.wolverton@unl.edu Seward, NE 68434 322 S. 14th St. 402-643-2981

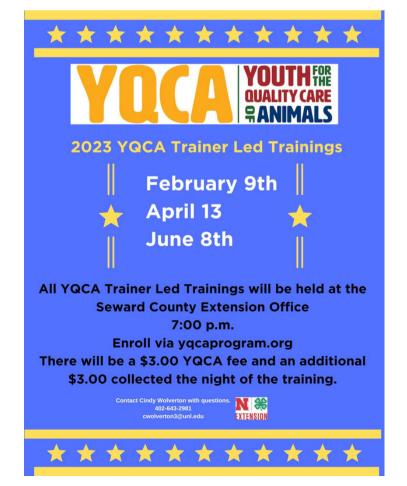
Seward County 4-H Make Payment to:



Give someone you love a crafty Valentine this year! Join us at the Extension Office for a Valentine's Day themed pop-up Clover College where we will make tie heart-shaped pillows!









All livestock, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors: read entire contents to be sure you know how to complete your YQCA Certification.

All livestock, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors must pass YQCA yearly to be eligible to exhibit at the Seward County Fair and NE State Fair shows. Youth may enroll in online classes or attend a trainer led class. Please contact Cindy at the Extension Office if you have any questions.

YQCA login and Course Completion Instructions may be found here: www.YQCAprogram.org 1.Go to www.yqcaprogram.org

- 2.Log into your existing Account or:
- 3.Create a new YQCA account. You can now create a family account and pay for your family at one time.
- 4. Complete registration information for the owner of the account.

a. Remember your Username and Password

- 5. Validate your account registration.
- 6.Once an account has been created then you can add more than one child. Select Add Child.
- Please use your child's name and allow access so that the certificate of completion is in your child's name not the adults name.
- 7. Complete the registration for your child. Select "submit" to move on or "Submit and Add Another Child" to add additional children.
- 8. Complete "Data sharing Consent" to verify their certification with the listed third parties.
- 9. View the child dashboard to edit child profiles, you can add and delete youth here.
- 10. For online and trainer led trainings youth must complete a pre and post test prior to gaining access to their YQCA Certificate of Completion.
- 11. Follow this link for help guides to enter trainings:
- https://yqcaprogram.org/local/youth_parents.php
- 12. YQCA Help Video for Web Based Training: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC5n5YWx1rI
- 13. YQCA Help Video for Instructor-Led Training: www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZHW2qtMlOc

Printing your Certification

- 1. Log into your account.
- 2. Be sure you have completed the pre and posttest.
- 3. Access your certificate using the dropdown menu under "Course Certificates." Select the "+" to see dropdown on completed courses.
- 4. Select the blue button to download certificate.
- 5. Print the certificate or save it to your device.
- 6. Make sure the Extension Office has a copy of your certificate of completion (print and bring a copy to the extension office or email a PDF of the YQCA Certificate of Completion to cwolverton3@unl.edu) by June 15th.

NEBRASKA 4-H MONTH

FEBRUARY 2023

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25	4-H FRIDAY! WEAR A 4-H SHIRT!	23	22	4-H SPONSOR & DONOR APPRECIATION DAY Jr. Leader & 4-H Council Phone-a-thon	20	4-H CARNIVAL 2-4 PM 19
18	4-H FRIDAY! WEAR A 4-H SHIRT!	16	15		Valentine's Day Workshop Jr. Leader & 4-H Council Phone-a- thon 13	4-H SERVICE LEARNING WEEKEND
4-H SERVICE LEARNING WEEKND	4-H FRIDAY! WEAR A 4-H SHIRT!	9	8	4-H SPIRIT DAY! WEAR GREEN!	6	5
4-H VOLUNTEER BRUNCH N LEARN 4	4-H FRIDAY! WEAR A 4-H SHIRT!	2	2nd night of Scholarship Interviews			\$ 5 5 8
SAT	FRI	THU	WED	TUE	MON	SUN

www.free-printable-calendar.com







Ann Dobesh, Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
Brittney Emerson, Extension Assistant, 4-H Youth Development
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Valeria (Val) Ortiz, Administrative Assistant
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Important 4-H Club Information

Volunteer Enrollment: All 4-H volunteers need to re-enroll in 4honline every year. Please make sure that your club organizational leaders, as well as anyone who helps in any way with your club, is enrolled. Go to https://ne.4honline.com/
Leadership Changes? Let us know if your club will be changing organizational leaders as soon as possible, so we can update our address lists. Thank you to all of the 4-H club leaders who do the important work of positive youth development.

Resources for Club Leaders: Looking for ideas? Check out Nebraska 4-H's Resources for Club Leaders for leader, officer, meeting, and teaching resources. https://4h.unl.edu/resources/club-leaders