

4-H

Hamilton County

4-H/Fair Newsletter

July 2023



Check Out the Fair Newsletter Below!

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Pre-Fair Entry Open June 16–July 10

Pre-fair entry is when you tell us what “Exhibits” you are actually taking to the 2023 Hamilton County Fair – like the basil you grew, the dog you trained, or the bird house you built while exploring and learning about your projects.

You will need to give us the Division and Class numbers from the fairbook and, for static exhibits, a short description. Pre-fair entry will be available online beginning **Friday, June 16**, at <https://hamilton.fairwire.com>.

You may also print pre-fair entry forms from our website and turn those in to the Extension Office. All pre-fair entries are due, either online or paper forms, **Monday, July 10th** at noon.





2023 Hamilton County Fair 4-H Prefair Exhibit Entry Now Open

4-H Prefair entries (the specific exhibits that you are bringing to the fair) are due **July 10**. **Paper Entries are due to the Extension Office by 5pm, July 10.** The online system will shut down after midnight, July 10.

This includes entries for static exhibits (except horticulture) and livestock.

Online entry can be done at <https://hamilton.fairwire.com> or scan the QR code below.

Paper entry forms and the Hamilton County Fairbook can be found on our website: <https://go.unl.edu/hamcoforms>

**4-H online prefair entry
is now open!**



Exhibitor packet pick up!
We will have exhibitor t-shirts, entry tags and back tags available for pick up at the Extension Office
July 18-21, 8am-5pm.



Please call us if you have questions!
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1111 13th St, Suite 6
Aurora, NE 68818

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Static Exhibit Forms



YQCA- due July 10

YQCA certification is required for all 4-H members enrolled in any of the following projects:

- **Beef** (bucket calf, feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef)
- **Goat** (breeding meat goat, dairy goat, meat goat)
- **Poultry**
- **Rabbit**
- **Sheep** (breeding sheep, market sheep)

- **Swine** (breeding swine, market swine)

Annual Training

Nebraska 4-H members ages 8-18, who are enrolled in any of the livestock projects listed above are required to participate in an annual YQCA training. Annual training requirements may be satisfied by completing either an online web-based training course or a face-to-face instructor-led training course.

Web-Based Training

Web-based annual training is available through the YQCA learning management system. The online YQCA course costs \$12 per individual regardless of age.

Each session purchased includes three modules - a knowledge builder, a skills lab, and a quiz. The knowledge builder is where content is delivered. The skills lab provides an opportunity to apply the content. The quiz tests knowledge. To receive certification, 80% must be achieved on the 10-question quiz. These modules, completed in their entirety, will provide 2-3 hours of experience.

Features of the online modules include:

- Characters at each age level to guide youth through the course.
- Free navigation within the course so youth can spend as much or as little time on a particular topic based on their personal needs.
- Variety of learning opportunities to accommodate various learning styles and modalities.
- Audio button on each slide so youth can listen to audio rather than read the on-screen text.

Face-to-Face Training

Face-to-Face YQCA training is also available to satisfy annual training requirements. Please note that these training courses must be facilitated by a YQCA Certified Instructor. In-person YQCA training courses cost \$3 per individual regardless of age. After you attend the in-person training, 4-H Council will provide you with a \$3 coupon to pay for the training.

Current in-person class is set for **Friday, July 7**, 1 pm in the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds. Please call us at 402-694-6174 to let us know if you are coming.

If any clubs want to schedule an in-person class they must contact the office before **July 1st, 2023**.

All YQCA Certificates are due July 10th!

If you have already attended an in-person YQCA training with Hillary please check your email for a message sent out from 4Honline June 27th! If you are unable to find it call the office at 402-694-6174.

ALSO!!

If you plan to attend YQCA with Hamilton County Extension Staff on Thursday, June 29th at 4pm in the 4-H Building, or July 7th 1pm please keep reading!

Check your email for messages from 4Honline!

It is important that you register for the instructor-led training and take the pre-test through the YQCA website BEFORE attending. If this is not complete before Thursday at 4p.m., it will make the process of getting your certificate of completion tough!

If you would like more information on how to register for the instructor-led training and take the pre-test, please visit [YQCA Help Video for Instructor-Led Training and Certification - YouTube](#)

If you are needing a coupon to purchase the YQCA course, please email us ASAP so we can send you one! Again, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you have this step completed before attending training Thursday evening!!

Please call the Extension Office at 402-694-6174 with any questions

If you would like to attend one of these dates, please register to let me know you are coming

[Registration Form](#)

[Help Video Link](#)

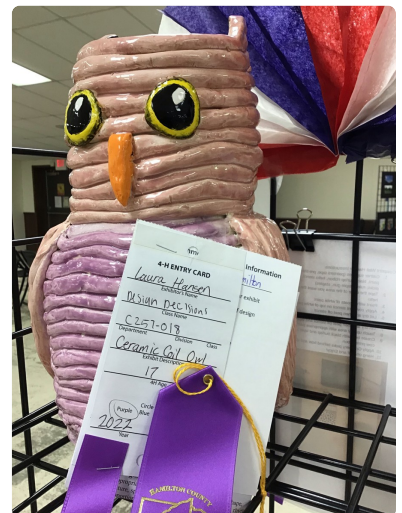


Fair Books



The 2023 Hamilton County Fair Premium Books are ready for pickup! You can pick up your book at the Extension Office.

The Fair Premium Book is also available below!



Don't Forget Data Tags!

Don't forget to include data tags on all of your fair projects! The Hamilton County Fairbook will have all the information you need to find out what needs to be written for each specific project!



2023 4-H Fair Clean-up



- ✓ When? July 22nd, 2023
- ✓ Time? 9am - ?
- ✓ Where? Hamilton Co. Fairgrounds
- ✓ What to bring? Bring gloves, garden tools, buckets, scoops etc.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Come and join us for fair clean-up on Saturday, July 22nd. There will be task lists in each area for you to check off as you complete tasks.

Contact the Extension Office at 402.694.6174 with any questions.





Food Stand

Sign Up



THE 2023 FOOD STAND SIGN-UP IS READY!

The Food Stand takes many volunteers to be successful every year.

Please sign up for a time slot to work at the Food Stand.

YOU MAY PUT IN A CLUB NAME UNTIL YOU HAVE SPECIFIC NAMES BY JULY 21ST!



Scan the QR Code or visit
<https://go.unl.edu/6r4a>

Please contact the Extension Office at 402.694.6174 with any questions!

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[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)



PIE

FUNDRAISER



Our 4-H Food Stand is our primary fundraiser each year and is long known for its offering of homemade pies!

These are required to be homemade, however, the Village Pie Maker pies are the only frozen pie acceptable. They are made in Nebraska. Please **do not** bring any other type of pre-made commercial frozen pie.



Please make sure they are baked before bringing them to the Food Stand as we don't have ovens. We request 1 homemade pie per 4-Her and families with 2 or more 4-Hers are asked to donate 2 homemade pies. If you are able to provide more pies, that is most appreciated! If you have a friend or relative that enjoys baking and would consider donating pies to our efforts please encourage them to do so.



Please bring your pies to the 4-H Food Stand and make sure your donation is recorded on the sign-in sheet.

Please deliver pies on the requested date by the starting letter of your last name:

A through F – Deliver on Friday, July 28th
G through L - Deliver on Saturday, July 29th
M through Z – Deliver on Thursday, July 27th

Clothing Day



Fashion show judging will be on Monday, July 24, 6 pm

All clothing (S.T.E.A.M.) and consumer management projects will come to be judged on Monday, July 24, 9 am. We will have interview judging and judged modeling during the day.

S.T.E.A.M., crochet, knitting, weaving and consumer management project members: be on the look out for letters with details regarding times and schedules for your projects.



[Fashion Show Form](#)

Find Your Clothing Form Project in the Resources Section of the Below Link

Clothing Day Forms Due By July 10th!

Important Notes

July 18-21, 8:00 am-5:00 pm Pick up Exhibitor Packets at the Extension Office July 22nd (Exhibitor T-shirts, entry tags and back tags)

Opening Ceremonies: Thursday, July 27, 6 pm in the Farr Building

4-H Awards Presentations: Thursday, July 27, 6:30 pm– Farr Building- All are welcome. You will receive a phone call Monday afternoon if you need attend this event.

Following Awards: Cake Auction-We will auction off all decorated cakes entered in the fair. Monies raised will be split 50/50 between the 4-Her & 4-H Council.

Exhibit Release: Sunday, July 30, 3 pm-6 pm

*Any exhibits removed from the Hamilton County Fairgrounds before the release time will forfeit their premiums.



IMPORTANT INFO IF YOU PLAN TO SHOW BEEF-

****This year our beef numbers look like they are up. With that being said, overflow for Cow/Calf pairs will be the old llama barn!**

****If you are not showing a Cow/Calf pair at the fair, but are showing a Feeder/Stocker calf that is not yet weaned - the calf can come the day of the show and then go home!**



EVENT SCHEDULE



July 9, 2023

3 pm Hunting Skills Contest at Fairgrounds

Monday, July 10, 2023

Pre-Fair-Entry Deadline, YQCA certifications due by 12 noon

July 18, 2023

Superintendent Meetings

- Static at 5 pm at 4-H Exhibit Hall,
- Livestock at 7 pm at Arena

July 18-21, 2023

4-H Exhibitor Packet pick up at the Extension office (July 22 at the fairgrounds)

Saturday, July 22, 2023

Fairgrounds Clean-up

Monday, July 24, 2023

- 9 am Clothing Judging & Fashion Show Judging (Ag Building)
- 6 pm Public Fashion Show (Ag Building)

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

- 8:30 am (8 am Check-in) Dog Show, - agility classes - outdoors
- Obeying & Obedience classes following Farm Building



3 pm Cat & Companion Animal Show
5 pm -7 pm Poultry and Rabbit check-in

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

8 am-until Rabbit show ends 4-H Junior Leaders Livestock Concessions Open
8am Open Class Poultry then Rabbit Judging
9am 4-H & FFA Poultry then Rabbit Show
4pm -9pm 4-H Static Exhibit Entry - Ag Auditorium
(all exhibits must be in by 9 pm!)
5pm -6:30pm 4-H & FFA Sheep & Goats Weigh-In
6pm -9pm 4-H & FFA Beef Weigh-In
4-H & FFA Swine in pens by 9 pm

Thursday, July 27, 2023

7 -8 am Swine weigh-in
8 am-2 pm 4-H Junior Leaders Livestock Concessions Open
8 am 4-H & FFA Sheep Show followed by Goat Show
6 pm Opening Ceremonies - Farr Building
4-H Awards, 4-H Cake Auction
4-H Exhibits open - Ag Auditorium

Friday, July 28, 2023

8 am-5 pm 4-H Junior Leaders Livestock Concessions Open
8 am 4-H & FFA Beef Show - Arena
9 am -9 pm 4-H Exhibits open- Ag Auditorium
11 am -8:30 pm 4-H Food Stand Open-4-H Building

Saturday, July 29, 2023

8 am -12 pm 4-H Junior Leaders Livestock Concessions Open
8 am 4-H & FFA Swine Show
9 am -9 pm 4-H Exhibits open- Ag Auditorium
11 am -8:30 pm 4-H Food Stand open – 4-H Building
1 pm 4-H Elite Showmanship Contest (Testing at 12:30 pm – livestock office)
4 pm 4-H & FFA Livestock Premium Auction - Arena

Sunday, July 30, 2023

11 am-3:30 pm 4-H Food Stand Open - 4-H Building
Noon 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest - Arena
11 am -3 pm 4-H Exhibits open- Ag Auditorium
3 pm -6 pm ***All entries released***



For All 4-H Members 5-7 Years Old!

“ Clover Kids showing livestock in 2022 will be able to share that animal with an older 4-H member. The Clover Kid will not have to own their goat, lamb, calf, or pig.

“ Any goat, lamb, calf, or pig shown by a Clover Kid must have been born in February, March, April, May or June AND weigh less than 350lbs.



NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP
Discover, Learn, Grow

Adventure Together 2023

ADVENTURE TOGETHER ACROSS NEBRASKA WITH 4-H CAMP

- Chadron** June 5-9
Experience Nebraska via horseback, hiking, and with a trip down the Super Slide! Then see the prehistoric Agate Fossil Beds for a week of exploring Nebraska's wilderness, both past and present.
- Cozad** June 16-20
Challenge yourself with high ropes, zipline, and a rock wall! Work together with your new friends for a canoeing adventure, and round out your day with gaga and 9 square in the air!
- Ashland** June 26-29
Have an "in-tents" outdoor adventure at Mahoney State Park. Cook by the campfire, explore the tree canopy on the ropes course, and make a splash going down the slide at the pool!
- Burwell** July 16-20
Explore the flora and fauna with a week on the river front! Explore the North Loup River, go geocaching, tracking, and don't forget about playing an epic game of capture the flag!
- Louisville** July 27-30
Close out the summer with an "in-tents" experience at Platte River State Park. Practice your aim at the archery range, investigate the aquatic life at Crawdad Creek, and enjoy s'mores and songs with your new friends!

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4-H Camp



Adventure Together
2023

NOW ACCEPTING
SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS

<https://4h.unl.edu/camps-discounts>

Camp Scholarships



Summer Camp

I BELONG



I Belong
4-H AWARD

I Belong Awards

Youth interested in applying for this award will submit the application along with a picture of the exhibit to their respective Extension Office. Deadline for youth to apply are due by the start of their county fair **July 26th**. All youth who participate will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

Youth can submit application one of two ways:

1 – Paper copy to their local Extension Office.

2 – Online at <https://go.unl.edu/ibelongaward4h>

County contact will receive a confirmation email about each application, submitted from their respective county.

Each application will be judged on the following criteria:

- Applicant demonstrates inclusivity, diversity, and self-realization concepts.
- Exhibits allow youth to grow and strengthen their personal attributes and talents.
- Applicant promotes a sense of belonging to the Nebraska 4-H program for all youth.
- Answers are complete and demonstrate correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

Judging will be conducted by the Diversity Committee Members and winners will be announced during National 4-H week.

2023 Youth Crop Scouting Competition

August 2, 2023

Cash prizes for 1st-3rd place teams!

Youth will learn how to scout corn and soybeans!

Obtain knowledge that will be helpful in future agricultural careers!

Network with University and agricultural professionals!

Registration due July 15th at go.unl.edu/cropscoutingreg

For more information, call NE Extension - Fillmore Co. at 402-759-3712 or email brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu.



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[#CROPSCOUTCOMP](https://twitter.com/CROPSCOUTCOMP)

[Crop Scouting Link](#)



[Diamond Clover Link](https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover)

SAVE *the* DATE

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2023 HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H
ACHIEVEMENT PARTY

OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

MORE DETAILS WILL COME AFTER FAIR!



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FIND YOUR SPARK!



Where to find us:

Website: hamilton.unl.edu

Facebook: 4H & Nebraska Extension in Hamilton Co.

Twitter: @HamiltonExten4H

Instagram: Hamilton County 4-H



FCS DAY!



Junior Division (Ages 8-10): (From Left to Right) Cason Myers - Purple, Emerson Myers - Purple, Brenna Yockey - Grand Champion, Deven Dose - Purple, Eva De La Cruz - Reserve Champion, Silas Andrews - Purple.



Intermediate Division (Ages 11-13): (From Left to Right) Ava Myers - Reserve Champion, Ashlyn Yockey - Grand Champion.



Senior Division (Ages 14-18): Kiersten Mersch - Grand Champion

Talking with the Judge





JUNE HIGHLIGHTS!!

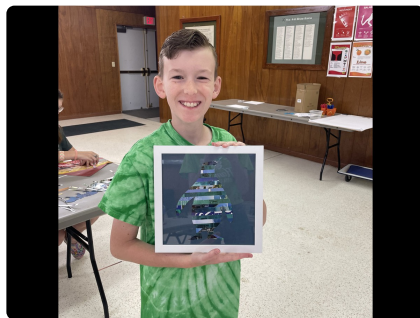
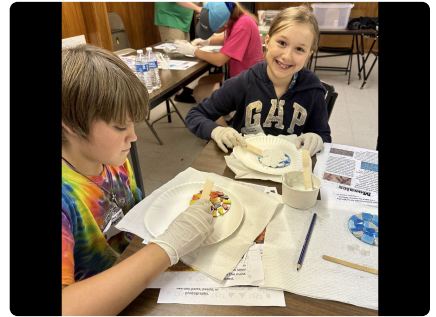
Slime Engineering



Summer Reading Program



Lots of Summer Workshops!!



Clover Kids Plant Science



[Hamilton County Fair Website!](#)



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