Hamilton County 4-H Newsletter

May 2023

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4-H Enrollment Deadline!!

June 15th, 2023

You must be enrolled and signed up for projects in 4honline.com by **June 15th** in order to show at the 2023 Hamilton County Fair and to be eligible for the Nebraska State Fair.

What's the difference between 4-H projects and fair exhibits?

A 4-H **"Project"** is an area of interest you want to learn more about (like a hobby). This is what you sign-up for during enrollment in 4-HOnline (i.e. cooking, wood working, dogs, photography, etc.). A project is intended to help you explore, learn, and practice skills in your areas of interest. Youth must choose their projects at the time of enrollment so they have plenty of time to learn about or practice with their project area before the fair. You can sign up for as many projects as you like.

A County Fair **"Exhibit"** is what you actually take to the fair – like the zinnias you grew, the animal you trained, or the rocket you built while exploring and learning about your projects. There are always things you do while exploring your project area that you do not take to the fair as exhibits and that is ok. Remember: the point of the project is to learn how to do something new and better and an exhibit will help you do that!

Enroll Here!

Hamilton Co. Fair 4-H Exhibitor T-Shirt Sign Up

Goes Live May 15th!

Every youth exhibiting, both livestock and static, at the Hamilton County Fair can sign up for a free t-shirt! Exhibitor t-shirts are **REQUIRED** for all youth participating in in-person contests (livestock shows and shooting sports contests). These shirts are provided by a generous donation by the Hamilton County Farm Bureau.

An email will be sent on **May 15** with a sign up link. Please be sure to sign up through the link provided.

HAMILTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

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SHEEP & GOAT WEIGH DAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 AT THE HAMILTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 5:30PM TO 7:00PM

If you are interested in the 4-H Hamilton County Raised Meat Goat, Meat Goat Rate of Gain, or Rate of Gain Market Wether, Rate of Gain Market Ewe or Hamilton County Raised Market Lamb entry at the fair you MUST bring your sheep and goats to weigh day in Hamilton County!

Any questions, please contact Hillary at hillary.fuhrman@ul.edu or 402-694-6174

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May Clover Kid Club Project:

FIRST AID KITS

Clover Kid ages: 5-7 years old

YOUTH MUST BE ENROLLED IN 4-H TO PARTICIPATE

- May 21st, 2023 1p.m. - 2p.m.
  Ag Building, Hamilton County Fairgrounds
- $5.00 per youth - Payment **must** be to the office by May 15th to hold your spot.
- Come and learn about the importance of first aid, build your own first aid kit, and possibly get the chance to explore a firetruck or ambulance
- To register, visit https://go.unl.edu/982g or scan the QR code

*Open to the first 15 Clover Kids, Registration closes May 15th, 2023, Youth must be enrolled in 4-H

*For any accomodations, please call the Hamilton County Extension Office (402.694.6174) 72 hours in advance.

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Clover Kid Hedgehog Pictures!

Clover Kids Hedgehog Group

One Nail at a Time

Clover Kids Working Together

Animal ID's & Vaccination Papers for the Fair

June 15th, 2023

The Animal ID's are due June 15, 2023!
Animal ID sheets are where you tell us about any animals that you may be bringing to the fair and give us their tag numbers or ear notches for swine. An animal must be ID'd to come to fair. But just because the animals are on the ID sheet, you don't have to bring them to the fair. You do not have to ID poultry or rabbits. Vaccination papers for dogs and cats are also due **June 15th**.

For forms or any other information on registration please check out our website at extension.unl.edu/statewide/hamilton/2023-hamilton-county-fair/

You may also reach out to the Hamilton County Extension office or call us at 402-694-6174 or email Hillary at hillary.fuhrman@unl.edu.

Hamilton County FCS DAY

Favorite Foods & Culinary Challenge Contests

Thursday, June 22nd,
Favorite Foods 1:00 pm,
Culinary Challenge 3:00 pm
Ag Building at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds
Register by Tuesday, June 20th

Check out the sign up page for all the details!

https://go.unl.edu/hamcofcsday

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Pre-Fair Entry Open June 16-July 10

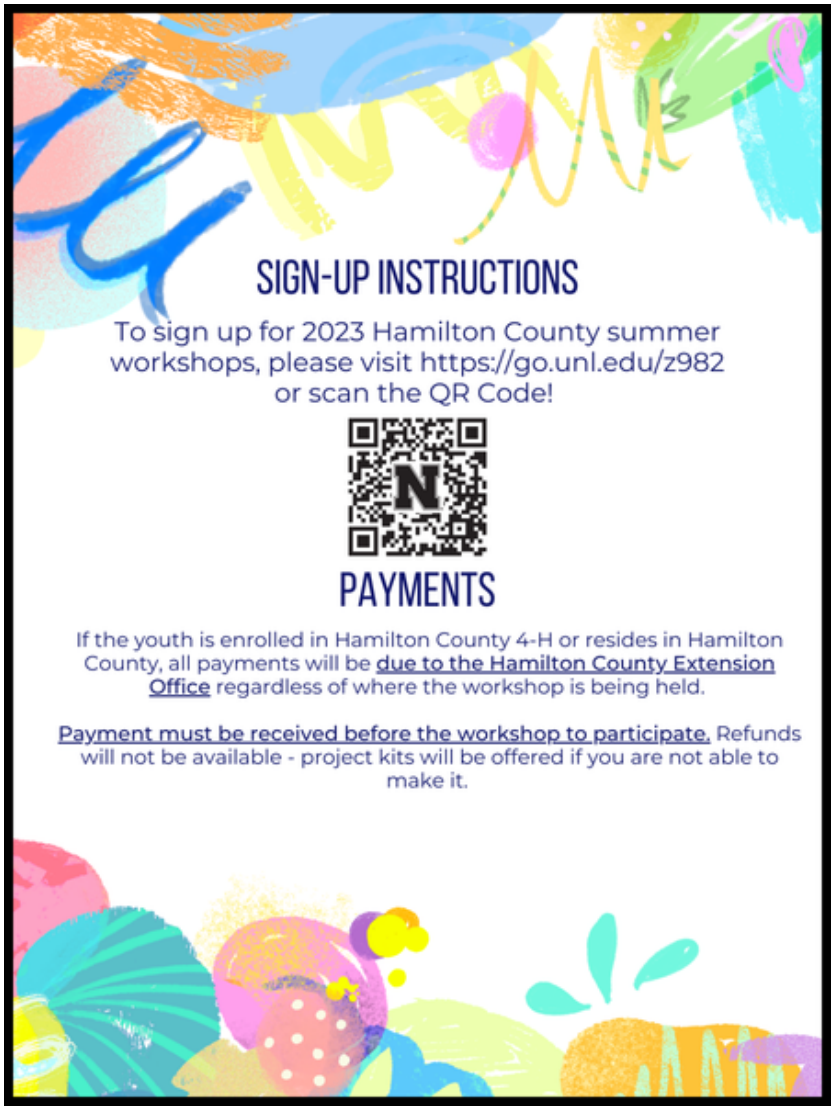
Pre-fair entry is when you tell us what "Exhibits" you are actually taking to the 2023 Hamilton County Fair – like the basil you grew, the dog you trained, or the bird house you built while exploring and learning about your projects.

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.

Join us for our Summer Workshops!

Summer Workshop List!



Sign-Up Here!

Available Spots Are Going Fast!

PASE IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!

The Premier Animal Science Event (PASE) is a two-day event designed to help you learn about issues related to the animal industry, explore career opportunities that are available, compete with other teens from across the state and have FUN!

Eligibility

PASE is open to any current 4-H participant who is at least 10 years old before Jan 1st, 2023.

Opportunities at PASE include:

• Livestock, Meats and Poultry Judging Contests
• Livestock Skill-a-thon (Requires a team)

• Livestock Quiz Bowl (Requires a team)
• Chicken BBQ Contest

You can participate in more than one as your schedule allows. In addition, you will have chances to explore East Campus, meet with faculty members and current college students, and have FUN with your friends!

When and Where:

It will be held June 21 & June 22, 2023 on University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus.

Additional Information

Please reach out to the Merrick County Extension office at 308-946-3843 or Kara Wells (kara.wells@unl.edu) to get pre-registered.

Also check out the PASE website at: 4h.unl.edu/pase

2023 Online Horticulture Judging Contest

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Or do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. The contest will be available June 2-16, 2023 at: https://go.unl.edu/online4hhortcontest.

Horticulture judging contest consists of three parts. The first is identification of plant material. Participants identify the plants by common name from a plant list. Specimens may be alive or preserved plant parts like stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers, or plant products.

The second is a knowledge portion, usually in the form of a true/false or multiple choice quiz. Questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers and other topics related to the production, processing and consumption of horticultural crops.

The last portion is judging or placings. This is where four different plants, plates of vegetables, or

containers flowers are ranked from best to worst based on a set of criteria. Classes are judged on the basis of condition, quality, uniformity, true-to-type, and size.

More information about the Nebraska State contest along with a list of study materials can be found in the Fairbook https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/45. Here you can find the written study materials for the knowledge portion, follow links to plant pictures for help with identification, and read how judging of plant material is done.

More details at: https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest

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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 test 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 classes are set for **Sunday, May 21**, 1 pm in the 4-H Building, Hamilton County Fairgrounds and **Friday, July 7**, 1 pm in the Extension Office. 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**.

Special Garden Project

This year the Special Garden Project will include Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil plants. Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil can be used multiple ways and has a unique lemon flavor that can add to any recipe. This basil can also be used as a cut flower to add a lemon scent to any area.

Seed packets and information on the Special Garden Project can be picked up at the Hamilton County Extension Office.

There are many projects available to complete with the Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil plants so check out the following website: extension.unl.edu/statewide/dodge/4-h-special-garden-project/

Organic Vegetable Garden Summer Workshop June 1st will also have this to plant!

2023 Hamilton County 4-H Mini Grants

Mini Grants are available for Hamilton County 4-H Clubs and Independents to apply for, these grants are made available through your local 4-H Council and the generous donors of Hamilton County.

Eligible Requests

Must be a registered Hamilton County 4-H member or a registered Hamilton County 4-H Club
Grant requests will be funded from $50 to $500. The 4-H Council reserves the right to award grants below and above the stated range. The grant should be for a one-time, short term (one year maximum) project. Multi-year projects may be considered as well.

The grants are intended for group activities and projects either on a club or county level.

Grant Criteria

The Hamilton County 4-H grants must meet or be related to one or more of the following criteria addressing

- Positive and sustained relationships between youth and adults.
- Activities that build important life skills.
- Opportunities for youth to use these life skills as both participants and as leaders in valued community activities
- Encourage career exploration.

Grant Applications are available at the Extension Office.

—- Grant Applications DUE by June 1, 2023 ——

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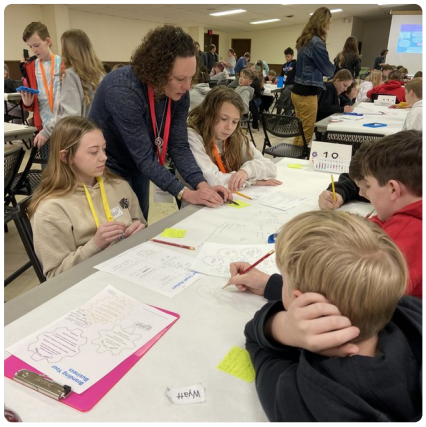
APRIL HIGHLIGHTS!!

Archery Contest

Beef Weigh-Ins

Inventure Day



Junior Leaders Escape Room

New 4-H Program Coordinator - Travis Blase

Hi, I'm Travis. I grew up in Hordville, Nebraska where the small-town atmosphere provided the perfect template for 4-H activities. After graduating, I worked in various job fields in Lincoln before returning home 8 years ago to be a reporter for the local newspaper. I have had experience in sales, journalism, retirement, bartending and even corrections. I am hoping to bring a large skillset to my new position and enrich my life at the same time. I'm excited to be a part of the Nebraska Extension 4-H team!

Hamilton County Fair Website!

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