



# KEARNEY COUNTY 4-H

### Calendar of Events

- May 16 – Kidz Kollege Registrations due by 12 noon
- May 20-23—Kidz Kollege
- May 21 – YQCA 12:30 p.m. Kearney County Fairgrounds
- May 28 – Kidz Kollege
- May 29 – Animal Science Discovery Days-Curtis
- May 30- South Central Livestock Judging-Bladen
- June 4 – Klover Kid Camp
- June 5 – County 4-H Camp
- June 15 –All 4-H Livestock ID Sheets Due/4-H Enrollment Due
- June 15 -- Nebraska State Fair Livestock Deadline

### 4-H Enrollment Due

Kearney County 4-H Enrollment is officially open. You will find instructions for re-enrollment at [www.kearney.unl.edu](http://www.kearney.unl.edu) You will use the same username and password as last year. If you are a new member, you will need to create a family account. June 15<sup>th</sup> is the due date. Please call the office if you have any questions!

### KIDZ KOLLEGE SESSIONS

We are excited to present to you the Kidz Kollege 2024 Sessions. The flyer was emailed to you earlier this week and sent in the mail. All registration is done through the link or the QR code on the flyer and is due by Noon on May 16th. Please note all registration fees must be paid to the Extension Office by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Join us for the opportunity to create some amazing projects!!

### Youth for the Quality Care of Animals-YQCA

We have just one in-person date left. **We have rescheduled our final YQCA training for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 p.m. at the Kearney County Fairgrounds.** Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance certification through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). If you are still in need of taking the YQCA Training, you will be getting an email with instructions to enroll in the face to face class. YQCA certification is required for all 4-H or FFA 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), Sheep (breeding sheep, market sheep), Swine. YQCA is required annually. If you cannot go to the face to face training, you can complete the training via the web. Web-based Training can be found at <https://yqcaprogram.org> The online YQCA course costs \$12 per individual regardless of age.

### 4-H Fairbooks On-Line

The 4-H Kearney County Fairbook is available on-line and will soon be available for pick up!

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## **COUNTY 4-H CAMP**

Join us on June 5<sup>th</sup> for the South Central 4-H County Outdoors Adventure Camp. We are excited to bring this to you in cooperation with Phelps/Gosper/Harlan/Furnas/Kearney/Franklin Counties. This fun day with your friends will be spent at the Harlan County Lake doing all the fun camp stuff! See the Camp Flyer enclosed.

## **4-H VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP**

All 4-H Volunteers and staff are required to complete the Nebraska 4-H Volunteer screening process outlined below. Volunteer screening is done in order to assure a safe, positive and nurturing environment for all youth involved with the Nebraska 4-H programs and provide protection for the child, the volunteer, the 4-H Council, and Nebraska Extension. The Following 3 steps must be completed by all 4-H volunteers serving as a Direct Volunteer before performing your role. All steps need to be completed prior to volunteer service.

1. 4-H On-line Enrollment: <https://v2.4honline.com>
  - a. Step by Step Instructions: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll>
2. DHHS Volunteer Screening (Must use this link)
  - a. <https://ecmp.nebraska.gov/DHHS-CR/CheckRequest/BeginOrgCheck/81102416>
  - b. \$5 Fee Associated with screening.
3. Volunteer Orientation
  - a. <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation>
  - b. Estimated time of completion 45 mins to 1 hour.

Additional volunteer resources can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer>

Volunteer screening is repeated every five years based on geographic location regardless of when the original screening was completed.

## **PASE—Premier Animal Science Events**

We are gearing up to start our PASE practices for 2024. If you are interested in Livestock Quiz Bowl, Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Poultry Judging or Livestock Skillathon, let the office know. We will begin practices soon! Please go to the Nebraska Extension in Kearney County Facebook page and fill out the doodle poll to share your availability for practices if you are interested.

## **Kearney County Fair Dates**

**Mark your calendar for July 17-22<sup>nd</sup> for the Kearney County Fair! Start planning now!!**

## **State Fair Exhibitors**

\*New in 2024 - Changes to State Fair Age Eligibility! All 4-H members who were at least 8 years of age on December 31 of previous year will be eligible to show livestock at the Nebraska State Fair. Learn more about State Fair: [4h.unl.edu/state-fair](https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair).

\*Online Livestock Nominations - Any animals that you are considering and would like to be eligible to show at State Fair, will need to be nominated and paid online (\$7 per animal), by YOU (4-H families) at [showstockmgr.com](https://showstockmgr.com). The deadline for all animals is June 14. \*The official State Fair nomination deadline is June 15; however, that is a Saturday. Our office WILL NOT be open or be able to answer questions on the 15th; therefore, we STRONGLY SUGGEST that you complete your nominations by June 14.

\*DNA Samples will need pulled for ALL animals that are nominated - market, breeding & feeder calves (this applies to Beef, Swine, Sheep & Goats). Please pick up DNA envelopes at the Extension Office for any animals that you plan to nominate & return completed envelopes with samples by June 14 (see \* above).

\*\*Multiple exhibitors in the same immediate family may be listed on each DNA envelope, but ALL EXHIBITORS MUST SIGN THEIR SIGNATURES ON EACH ENVELOPE. (This is NEW for 2024.)

### Animal Science Discover Day

**Animal Science Discover Day- May 29!!!** All youth aged 8–18 years old are invited to the annual Animal Science Discover Day May 29, Wednesday 9:00am – 3:30 pm in Curtis, NE on the NCTA Campus. **NEW topics** this year include: meat science, calving simulation, horse IV, Livestock skillathon, quiz bowl, Zoonosis, Animal welfare, Ag Advocacy and more!

Register & pay online by **May 22** for \$15/participant at: <https://cvent.me/mNXrmy> Late registrations will be \$20/participant. This price includes lunch provided by the Frontier County 4-H Council and Ag Valley Co-op. For more information contact Kimberly at [kimberly.cook@unl.edu](mailto:kimberly.cook@unl.edu)

# ANIMAL SCIENCE DISCOVER DAY



Youth ages 8-18 will interact with Animal Science faculty and educators, gain knowledge of the livestock industry and explore careers in animal science.

**May 29, 2024**

9:00am – 3:30pm CT

NCTA Campus in Curtis, NE  
Ag Education Center

Cost: \$15 includes lunch

Register by May 22

Late registrations \$20

Registration link:

<https://cvent.me/mNXrmy>



NEW Topics for 2024:

- Meat Science
- Calving Simulation
- Horse IV
- Quizbowl
- Livestock Skillathon
- Zoonosis
- Animal Welfare

For more information contact Kimberly at [kimberly.cook@unl.edu](mailto:kimberly.cook@unl.edu)

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### **Tractor and Farm Safety Equipment Courses Offered**

Tractor and farm equipment safety courses are now open for registration! Teens ages 14-15 who work on farms, or others who are interested in learning about tractor and farm equipment safety practices, can register for a safety training course offered at eight locations across Nebraska from May 21 through June 13. Learn more at <https://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/cscash/outreach/farm-safety-days.html>

### **BRAG-Big Red Ag Growers**

Do you love agriculture? Would you like to find out more about agriculture and all the opportunities in the industry? Big Red Ag Growers-BRAG will train you on how to talk about agriculture, and to become champions in Ag Advocacy. This will be a twelve month program that will prepare you to be an outstanding advocate for Agriculture. We will get to tour several different farms and Ag Businesses, as well as receive training on the newest trends in Agriculture, and news media training. Our next trip will be to the Sandhills of Nebraska. **Applications are available at the Extension Office or through your FFA Advisor and are due by May 17, 2024.**

### **Congratulations Seniors!!**

Congratulations to all of our graduating Seniors!! Thank you for your impact on the 4-H Program. We wish you nothing but the best in your next Chapter! We are so proud of you!

