



FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H

Calendar of Events

- March 11 – March Clover Bag Registration due
- March 14 – Leaders Meeting via zoom-- Preregister by 12 noon
- March 16 – Fruit Delivered Fairgrounds
- March 28 – Franklin County Discovery Night 5-7 p.m. Fairgrounds
- April 19– Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 p.m. Fairgrounds
- Date Changes for the following:**
- May 23 -- Quality Assurance, 8:30 a.m. Franklin County Fairgrounds
- May 24 -- Quality Assurance, 1:30 p.m. Kearney County Fairgrounds
- May 25 -- Quality Assurance, 8:30 a.m. Kearney County Fairgrounds
- May 25 --Quality Assurance, 1:30 p.m. Franklin County Fairgrounds

Reenrollment Time

If you have not yet reenrolled for 4-H, please do so soon! We don't want you to miss out on important information. If you need step-by-step instructions, please go to the franklin.unl.edu website. You can add or delete projects until June 15, 2022.

March Clover Bags—Sign up Now!

The March Clover Bag sign up is open until Friday, March 11th at 12 noon. You will find an enclosed flyer with this newsletter. Use the link or the QR code to sign up!

Franklin County Leaders Meeting

Join us via Zoom for the 2022 Franklin County Leaders Meeting on Monday, March 14th at 7 p.m. We will provide you updates for the 2022 4-H year as well as programs for your club meetings. You will also have the opportunity to learn more about youth development and the essential elements! Please pre-register by 12 noon on March 14th so we can provide you with the zoom link.

YOCA DATE CHANGES

It was just announced this week that YQCA which all livestock 4-H'ers have to complete is going to change platforms and the current platform will be shut down on March 22nd. At this time, we know that a new platform is to be released but we have no information on when or how families are to register or the process to complete the training. **If you have completed YQCA on-line before today, please download and save your certificate and send to Kim.** If you do not get your certificate to Kim before March 22nd, you will potentially have to complete YQCA again because the old system information will be gone. **Please note in the Calendar of Events the new Quality Assurance dates!**

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FRANKLIN COUNTY-- Discovery Night

We are excited to bring back the Franklin County Discovery Night on March 28th from 5-7 p.m. at the Franklin County Fairgrounds. This is your chance to discover more about what 4-H has to offer. We challenge present 4-H'ers to invite a friend to come with them. **If you are a 4-H'er, leader or parent please think about volunteering to help.** It takes about 15 volunteers to make this event happen. Let's show others how awesome Franklin County 4-H is!

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Now is the time to start thinking about the 4-H Public Speaking Contest to be held on April 19th. Public Speaking is an important skill to learn, and 4-H is a great way to experience it. See the February newsletter for a copy of guidelines and rules. If you need help, please call Rhonda!

Beef Weigh-ins

We are still waiting for Beef tags to come in! These were ordered back in September, and we are not sure of a time of arrival. If we do not get them by the middle of March, we will not hold a weigh-in we will just hand out tags. We have a few tags available for those who need them for Spring Shows.

District Horse Shows

We are excited to announce the locations of the District 4-H Horse Shows for 2022!

2022 Districts Dates and Sites:

June 6- Chadron, NE

June 7- Guide Rock, NE

June 8- Albion, NE

June 9- Raymond, NE

June 10- Kearney, NE

REMINDER of changes!

New age group/classes

Elementary Ranch Pleasure (10-11 years old)

Individual work will not be used as a trial basis for the 2022 year (Please see webpage for district procedure details): <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/district-shows>

NIFA—Governor's Ag Excellence Awards

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation is accepting applications for the Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards. This program recognizes 4-H Clubs with \$500 grants to fund projects that will have lasting impacts on their communities. Applications are due April 1. Learn more at <https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/governors-ag-excellence-award/>

NAYI—GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Attention High School Juniors & Seniors: If you are interested in learning more about agriculture in Nebraska, careers in agriculture and how to obtain those careers as well as how to be good advocates for the agriculture industry – we encourage you to apply to the 2022 Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI). In its 51st year – NAYI is the longest running program of its kind in the nation. This year's NAYI will be held at the University of Nebraska's East Campus on July 11-15. Go to <https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/>

State Summer Camp Opportunities

Registration is now open for 2022 Nebraska 4-H Summer Camps! See the full schedule of camp sessions and register now at 4h.unl.edu/summer-camp-schedule.

SOAR WORKSHOP—Dog 4-H'ers Opportunity

Learn from experienced clinicians provided by Platte Valley Kennel Club! This workshop series will have a total of 3 to 4 sessions throughout the spring/ summer months (dates to come). Handlers will gain greater success in participating in each workshop as it provides action steps for youth to move forward and builds upon the skills learned from previous sessions. We do encourage others to join any of our workshops even if you cannot go to all of them.

Along with building skills with your dog(s), youth will also learn more about other events and organizations they can participate in to immerse themselves in dog related activities.

To register: <https://go.unl.edu/soarreg2>

4-H DOG Achievement Program

The program consists of levels that require a young person to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. For each level, the Dog Achievement program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H youth choose their goals. At the beginning of the 4-H year, participants plan what to accomplish and at the end of the 4-H year, they report on their completed accomplishments. Successful completion of a level's Plan & Report form results in a 4-H youth earning that level of the Dog Achievement program.

More information can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/dog-achievement-program> or by contacting Grace Kim at Grace.kim@unl.edu

LIVESTOCK Achievement Program

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 application form link on the website. Plan and Reports, as well as Project Records will be due August 10 via the completion form on the website. 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 or to apply, go to: [Livestock Achievement Program | Nebraska 4-H \(unl.edu\)](#) or <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>

MEATS JUDGING OPPORTUNITY

As the American Meat Science Association explores opportunities to attract, develop, and connect meat science talent, AMSA will be hosting a virtual meat judging spring series (4 virtual meat judging contests) targeted to youth (3rd-12th grade, 4-H, FFA students, etc.). Participants will compete in divisions based on their grade: Youth (3rd-7th grade) and Senior Division (8th-12th grade). Divisions will be based on the grade

the student is currently completing this academic year. The contest will consist of 6 placing classes, 2 questions classes, quality grading (6) and 40 Retail Identification. Participants will register via the AMSA website.

Contest Dates

- March 16-18, 2022
- March 30- April 1, 2022
- April 13-15, 2022
- April 27-29, 2022

For more information go to:

<https://netforum.avectra.com/eWeb/Shopping/Shopping.aspx?Site=meatscience&WebCode=Shopping>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please find enclosed our 2022 Franklin County 4-H Calendar of Events. Put it on your fridge or on your phone so you do not miss out on important dates, and you can plan accordingly!

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For each petal on the Shamrock. This brings a wish your way.
Good Health, Good Luck and Happiness
For Today and Every Day!

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