



KEARNEY COUNTY 4-H

Calendar of Events

January 2022 – Kearney County 4-H Enrollment Open
 January 15 – Nebraska 4-H Achievement Applications due
 January 19 – Klover Bag Registration Due
 January 31 – 4-H Special Garden Project Signup
 January 31 – End of Year Club Treasurers Report Due

4-H Enrollment Open

Kearney County 4-H Enrollment is officially open. An email was sent in November with instructions for re-enrollment! Just a reminder that enrollment is a little different than past years. You will however use the same username and password as last year. If you are a new member, you will need to create a family account. Please call the office if you have any questions! Don't delay in enrolling!

Nebraska 4-H Award Applications Due

State awards are available for Nebraska 4-H youth. Nebraska 4-H utilizes the Achievement Application to select delegates for National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference. To apply as a delegate to either national experience, youth must make that designation on their Achievement Application.

National Congress

National 4-H Congress is an award program, which provides recognition to 4-H youth for their out-standing performances and achievements in 4-H.

National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference is the premier national civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members across the country.

The Achievement Application is located at <https://4h.unl.edu/annual-achievement-application>

You will submit your application electronically by January 15 to 4HAchieves@unl.edu

January Klover Bags

Klover Bags are back! Don't miss signing up for the January Klover Bags. A flyer is enclosed or flyers were sent out from the schools. Choose between a Snowman Measuring Stick or a Winter Bird Feeder. Please encourage your friends to sign up too!

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Nebraska 4-H Special Garden Project

Grow something unexpected! Sign up for 2022 Special Garden Project by Jan. 31st. The Nebraska Extension Special Gardening Project lets 4-H members grow unusual vegetables and flowers. The project allows seasoned 4-H gardeners to grow something fun, new and different while letting those new to gardening get some experience in the project area. And the 2022 Special Garden Project will be...THE RUBENZA COSMOS! Which is a flower petals that changes color as they age. Youth should enroll in the project through 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com> and let the Extension Office know they would like seeds by January 31st.



Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort

Opportunity for 4-H Swine Exhibitors

A Farrowed and Owned Breeding and Market Swine division for youth interested in learning more about the swine industry is available again at the Nebraska State Fair in 2022! The Nebraska 4-H Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort is designed to enhance the traditional 4-H swine project and cultivate the next generation of leaders in the swine industry by providing opportunities focusing on swine production as a goal of the 4-H member's project, along with accurate and complete record-keeping, industry knowledge, and engagement by the 4-H member. In order to participate, youth must be 4-H age 10-18 as of January 1, 2022, complete YQCA, farrowed their project animal(s) and participate in monthly virtual educational meetings.

Youth participating in the Farrowed and Owned Cohort will:

- Network with 4-H members across the state who are also participating in the cohort experience.
- Participate in learning opportunities hosted by Extension Swine Specialist Benny Mote about nutrition, feeding, genetics and more.
- Gain knowledge related to their project and the swine industry as a whole.
- Maintain records related to swine management and basic care.
- Exhibit their Farrowed and Owned project animals at the 2022 Nebraska State Fair with the opportunity for special recognition as a result of participating in the cohort.

Register by February 1st to participate!

<https://bit.ly/3E7kS07>

****Register by January 9th to participate in a special virtual educational session on farrowing.****

After the registration deadline, youth will receive more detailed information via email.

For more information, visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/farrowed-owned>.

For questions, contact Nebraska Extension Swine Specialist Benny Mote at

bmote8@unl.edu or 402-310-9878.

Nebraska 4-H Month Coming in February!

February is Nebraska 4-H Month. Here are some key celebrations and dates to get on your calendars!

- 4-H Spirit Day – Wednesday, February 2nd
- *Wear your Favorite 4-H Shirt!
- 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Day – Wednesday, February 9th
- *Send a thank you by mail, email or social media!
- 4-H Service Learning Weekend – Saturday, Feb. 12th-Sunday, Feb. 13th
- *Find a way to give back to your community!
- 4-H Donor & Sponsor Appreciation Day – Wednesday, February 16th
- *Thank a business or individual for supporting 4-H!
- 4-H Professionals Appreciation Day – Wednesday, February 23rd



Rural Youth Loans

As you begin looking for your project for this year, you may want to consider an opportunity that is available to you. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency makes operating loans of up to \$5,000 to eligible individuals between the ages of 10-20 to finance income producing, agriculture-related projects. The individual must be participating in 4-H, FFA, or a similar organization. You can contact your local County FSA for more information.



Presentations
on horse
health care
by Dr. Allen
Stones

Horse PAT presents

Equine 101

Open to all who are interested

When: January 16, 2022
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Horner
Performance Horses
9480 Eagle Rd.
Kearney, NE

Refreshments will be served.

Happy New Year!!

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