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## April 2023 4-H News

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- Apr 16-22 National Volunteer Week
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**Knox County Fair Dates**  
**August 10-13, 2023**



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The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.



## 4-H/FFA Swine Weigh-In for Rate-of-Gain Contest

Saturday, April 29, 2023

If you are interested in the Swine Rate-of-Gain Contest, your pigs must be weighed on Saturday, April 29 at the exhibitor's home. Another leader/parent must witness the weighing and sign the paper. **The swine weights must be sent or faxed (402-288-5612) to the Extension Office by Tuesday, May 2nd.** To be eligible for State Fair, market swine must have a DNA and an EID tag. Please check the Animal Identification Guidelines for the correct ID process. Clover Kids are not eligible to participate in the Rate-of-Gain Contest.



Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete an **annual** quality assurance training through the YQCA program. YQCA is a national multi-species quality assurance program focused on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. 4-H members who exhibit beef animals, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine must have the YQCA certification completed before fair. 4-H members who exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair will need to have their YQCA training requirements met by the date of entry for those respective shows.

The annual training may be completed by one of the following:

● **Face-to-Face Training with a Certified Instructor:**

4-H'ers will need to register at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and pay the **\$3 fee** prior to the training. Each participant **MUST** complete a pre-test and a post-test.

Knox County Face-to-Face trainings:

- May 23, 2023 in Wausa – 5:00 p.m.
- May 30, 2023 in Center – 1:00 p.m.
- June 15, 2023 in Niobrara – 10:00 a.m.

● **Online Course:** Visit the YQCA login page to begin. The cost of the online course is **\$12.00 each**. See instructions at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca> to register. Please visit [https://yqcaprogram.org/local/youth\\_parents.php](https://yqcaprogram.org/local/youth_parents.php) for more information.

● **Online Test Out:** This option is only available to youth in the first year of Intermediate (age 12) and Senior (age 15) age levels. There is no test-out option for Juniors. **Costs are: Intermediate - \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) and Senior - \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification).** If you pass, you will not be required to complete the annual training requirements for the remainder of your current age level (Intermediates: 12-14; and Seniors: 15-18). Each test consists of 50 randomly selected questions and has a pass rate of 80% or better for certification. More information on the Online Test-Out option is available at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca>.

### FSA Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to individual young persons, between the ages of 10 and 20 years, to start and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H or FFA. The project being financed with a FSA Youth Loan needs to provide an opportunity for the young person to acquire experience and education in agriculture-related skills.

Contact the FSA Office in Bloomfield at 373-4914 for more information or check out <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index>

### Premises Identification Reminder

Exhibitors of 4-H and FFA market animals (beef, swine, sheep, and goat) must have a Premises Identification Number to show at the Nebraska State Fair. If an exhibitor does not have a number, you need to obtain it through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Visit <https://nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html>

### AKSARBEN STOCK SHOW

Youth 9-19 years of age are eligible for the competition with no prerequisite of youth organization affiliation. 4-H animals nominated for State Fair are eligible for Aksarben. Visit <https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/> for more information. 2023 dates are September 21-24.

## Horse News!



### New 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide

The printed 2023 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guidebook is now available for purchase on UNL Marketplace!

Buy yours today!

<https://marketplace.unl.edu/.../animalscience/4h373.html>

### 4-H Horse Program Changes at the State Level

**Beginning in 2023, participation in a District 4-H Horse Show will not be required to participate in the State 4-H Horse Show.**

4-H State Horse Show is July 15-19, 2023, at Fonner Park in Grand Island, NE

Online entry (<https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>) deadline is June 1, 2023. Horse ID forms (for State Horse Show) and Advancement Level deadline is also June 1, 2023.



### Horse Clinic

**Show Events & Speed Events  
Friday, June 2, 2023  
Bloomfield Fairgrounds  
See flier in this newsletter**

### 4-H Horse Judging Contest

May 24, 2023  
Pitzer Ranch in Ericson, Ne  
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$5.00  
Contact the office for details.



### Come Learn with Carla Clinics

Learn with experienced clinician and judge Carla Wenburg! Youth will have the opportunity to work on horsemanship and training maneuvers with Carla in separate sessions with other riders. This would be a great time to practice prior to the Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo!

Friday, June 2 – Central City, Nebraska  
Saturday, June 3 – Lincoln, Nebraska  
Sunday, June 4 – Albion, NE

Registration and Fees due May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Register at <https://go.unl.edu/carlaclinics>



**Volunteer Screening** – All new Knox County volunteers who work directly with youth are required to complete the volunteer screening every five years. Our program does not allow us to accept you as a leader until you complete the volunteer screening process. You can complete the screening process when you enroll in 4-H Online as a volunteer or you can click directly on this link: <https://ecmp.nebraska.gov/DHHS-CR/CheckRequest/BeginOrgCheck/81102416>. There is now a \$5.00 per person fee that will be paid online during the screening process. The 4-H Council has agreed to reimburse any volunteer for the \$5.00 fee. If you wish to receive reimbursement or have any questions, contact the extension office.



### **2023 Week of the Volunteer**

**Volunteer Lunch and Learn Sessions: 12:00 – 1:00 pm CST**

**Registration Link:** [https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0GnCuygJjumlr9I](https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0GnCuygJjumlr9I)

**Please share the 2023 Week of the Volunteer virtual Lunch and Learn sessions with all 4-H volunteers in your counties. Registration is open and will remain open through the series.**

#### **Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:**

##### **Volunteer Lunch and Learn: 4-H Club Meetings 101**

*Are you new to your role as a 4-H Club Leader or need a re-fresher? This session is for you! We will cover the 4-H meeting wheel for structuring club experiences with a focus on practical and fun ways to make these experiences impactful!*

*Presenter: Jill Goedecken, Extension Educator, Nebraska 4-H*

#### **Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>:**

##### **Volunteer Lunch and Learn: Creating a Vibrant 4-H Club Experience**

*Volunteers will learn how to implement important strategies for creating a vibrant 4-H club experience! Learn how to attract youth to your 4-H club, how and why volunteers should create a sense of belonging in the club experience and why removing barriers to belonging are important. Great session for the new or experienced 4-H club volunteer!*

*Presenters: Carrie Olson and Karyn Santl, University of Minnesota*

#### **Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>:**

##### **Volunteer Lunch and Learn: YOU help Youth Thrive!**

*This session will help volunteers understand the impact of their role by helping youth find their spark through 4-H and how their work in creating 4-H experiences for youth is helping them thrive now and later in life. This session will share the newest research relating to the 4-H volunteer role- don't miss it!*

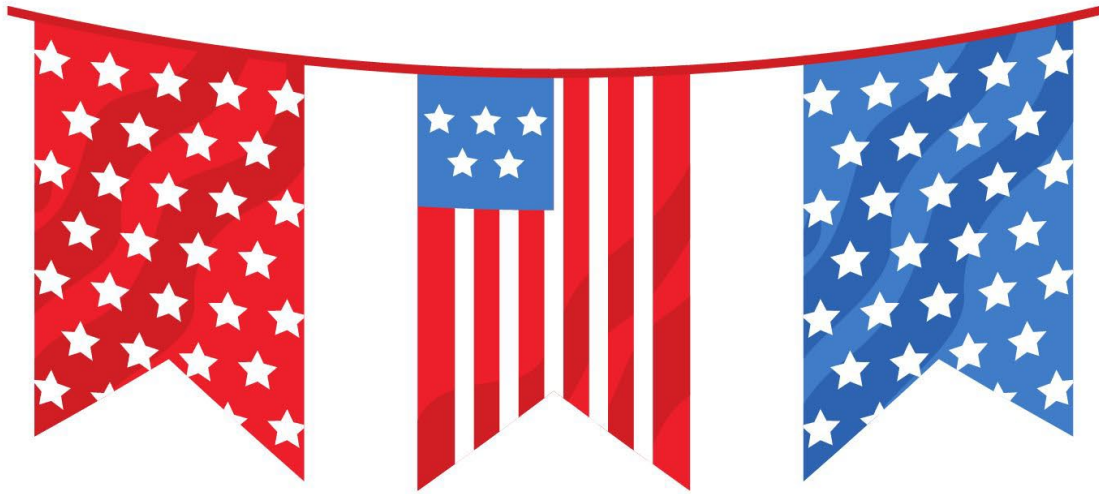
*Presenters: Kristen Herrick and Alyssa Neff, Nebraska 4-H PYD Interns and Jill Goedecken, Extension Educator, Nebraska 4-H*

#### **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>:**

##### **Volunteer Lunch and Learn: Shared Leadership and Succession Planning for 4-H Clubs,**

*Volunteers will learn the importance of and implementation strategies for shared leadership for the 4-H club leader role. Succession planning for the 4-H volunteer role in the 4-H club experience will also be highlighted. A great session for any volunteer working with the 4-H club model.*

*Presenters: Carrie Olson and Patrick Jirik, University of Minnesota*



# KNOX COUNTY CLOVER KID CAMP

JUNE 8TH, 2023

1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

CENTER PARK, CENTER

\$10

**CLOVER KIDS WILL PREPARE FOUR PATRIOTIC PROJECTS TO EXHIBIT AT THE  
KNOX COUNTY FAIR!**

**REGISTER BY JUNE 1ST, CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE: 402-288-5611**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER!**

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# Fabric Arts Workshop

During this two part workshop, participants will spend their time working on a smocked pillow and reverse applique shorts!

June 9th

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Knox County Extension Office

Register by: June 1st (call 402-288-5611)

Bring:

- Denim Shorts
- 1 yard solid print cotton fabric & thread to match for pillow
- 1/4 yard printed cotton fabric & thread to match for behind the applique on denim.
- Sewing Machine (if you have one)
- Sack Lunch

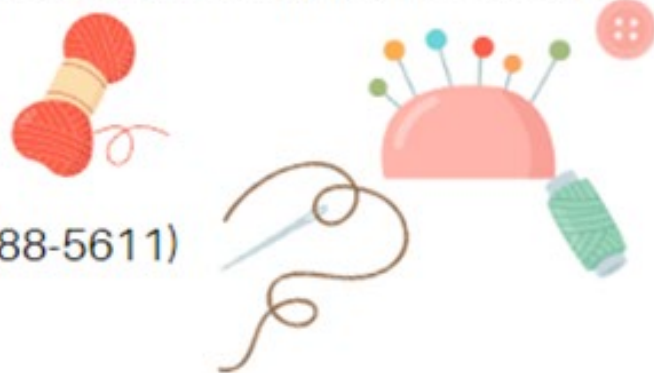
Limit: 15 youth

Cost: \$10

Class #'s:

Pillow: C218908 (beginning sewing - other)

Shorts: C221003 (embellished garment, original design)



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# Knox County 4-H Project Day

**Wednesday, June 14      9:00 am – 2:30 pm**  
**at the Center Hall**

Youth will participate in 4 sessions throughout the day and will be able to take home the items they create to enter as fair exhibits at the Knox County Fair. These projects are meant to be an introduction to building skills in different project areas. We always encourage youth to take the project home and make it their own!

- Houseplant**
- Wood Scorching**
- Gourmet Cookies**
- Camping Bucket**

Bring your own sack lunch. A lunch and learn session will feature “Ag Innovations.”

**Limited to 40 Youth**  
**4-H Ages 8-18**  
**Cost: \$20.00**  
**Bring a sack lunch**

**To register**  
**contact the Extension Office**  
**by May 15<sup>th</sup>. 402-288-5611**

*We are seeking parents who would be willing to stay for the day to help, please indicate that when signing your child up*





# Fairy Gardens

LEARN THE ART OF ASSEMBLING AND PREPARING A FAIRY GARDEN FOR EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR.

JUNE 20TH, 2023  
CLOVER KID AGE 10:00 - 11:30 A.M.  
4-H AGE 1:00-4:00 P.M.

KNOX COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
REGISTER BY: JUNE 1ST  
CALL: 402-288-5611

LIMIT: 15 CLOVER KIDS / 15 4-H AGE  
COST: \$10  
PROJECT AREA CLASS #:  
G770064 FAIRY OR MINIATURE GARDEN  
K522901 CLOVER KID FAIRY GARDEN

CLOVER KIDS BRING: 48 OZ CLEAR JAR OR LARGER  
(EXAMPLE: PEANUT BUTTER JAR)  
4-H AGE: BRING AN OPEN CONTAINER NO GREATER THAN  
12" IN DIAMETER



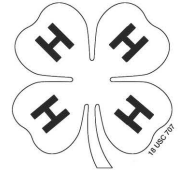
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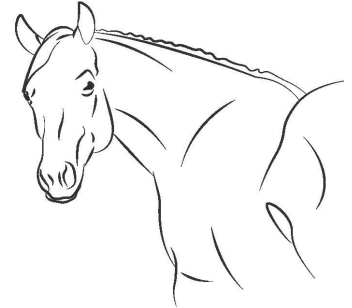
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# HORSE CLINIC



LED BY TERRI ROSE



Clinic will cover

## SHOW EVENTS & SPEED EVENTS

- **Age requirement:** Must be 8 on January 1st 2023 to participate with your horse
- Youth who wish to participate without bringing a horse are welcome to come and listen, no cost or limit
- Rain date will be announced if needed
- Youth are asked to bring their own lunch

Register by June 1<sup>st</sup>

**To register, please call the Knox County  
Extension Office at (402)- 288-5611**

**Date:** Friday, June 2, 2023

**Time:** Show class 9:00 AM-noon, Speed class 1-4 PM

**Location:** Outdoor Arena, Fairgrounds in Bloomfield

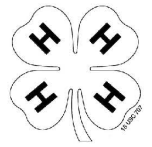
**Class limit:** 10 youth with horse

**Cost:** \$5 for participants with horse

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# Charcuterie Board Class



At this class, youth will have an opportunity to make a charcuterie board which can be entered at the Knox County Fair in the **Home Environment** area under **Class C257905**. Additionally, youth will learn how to arrange an assortment of food to create an eye appealing Charcuterie Board!

**To register, please call the Knox County  
Extension Office at (402)- 288-5611**

Register by June 1<sup>st</sup>

**Date:** Tuesday, July 11, 2023

**Time:** 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

**Location:** Center, NE, Extension Office

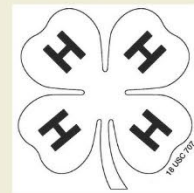
**Cost:** \$15

**Class limit:** 15

**4-H Age:** 8-18

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# Macramé

# Workshop

Are you ready to jump on the macramé trend? Popular in the 70s, macramé is making a comeback. Join us in making a simply Beginner Feather Wall Hanging and see if you catch the knotting bug!

To register, please call the Knox County Extension Office at (402)- 288-5611.

Register by June 1<sup>st</sup>



- 4-H age: 8 & over
- Exhibit at the fair in Home Environment area under class C257904

**Date:** Monday, July 24, 2023

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** 4-H Building, Fairgrounds in Bloomfield

**Class limit:** 12

**Cost:** \$15

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### 2023 4-H Knox County Photography Theme

#### **Water**

Open to 4-H members enrolled in any level of Photography.

### 2023 Knox County Challenge “Lego Creation” and/or “Make Your Own Diorama.”

Use your imagination and exhibit a “Lego Creation” and/or “Make Your Own Diorama.” No project enrollment is required. Check out Pinterest for ideas. Open to Clover Kids also.  
Lego Creation Exhibit – F510902  
Make Your Own Diorama Exhibit – F510903



Enroll before participating  
in any 4-H event.

# 4-H Online is Now Open Enroll Today!

Visit: <https://4honline.com>

Must be enrolled by June 15th

4-H membership dues must be paid by June 15 to be eligible to exhibit at the Knox County Fair or any competitive 4-H event.

● Dues are \$5.00 per member and no cost per Clover Kid.

*Please give your dues to your club leader or send to the extension office.  
Make checks payable to the Knox County 4-H Council.*



To stay up to date with 4-H Events,  
follow us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/KnoxCountyNebraskaExtension>

# Knox County 4-H Shooting Sports Program



The Shooting Sports projects and programs offer opportunities for youth to learn safe gun handling skills and sound fundamentals of shooting under the guidance of caring and knowledgeable adult volunteers. Knox County has certified leaders for the following projects: Archery; Air Rifle, Air Pistol, and BB Gun; Smallbore Rifle and Pistol (.22 caliber); and Shotgun.

**Youth must be enrolled with the Nebraska Extension 4-H Office in Knox County before participating in the Shooting Sports Projects and Contests.**

## Knox County 4-H Shooting Sports Contests:

- .22 Pistol Contest – Saturday, August 5, Knox County Fairgrounds
- .22 Rifle & Shotgun Contests – Saturday, August 5, Knox County Fairgrounds
- Archery Contest – Sunday, August 6, Knox County Fairgrounds
- BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Contests – Wednesday, August 9, Knox County Fairgrounds

## Archery Practice Dates

Practices will be held every Monday night in June and July. ***A parent, grandparent and or guardian needs to be present with shooters under the age of 16.*** All practices start at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Bloomfield Airport. All shooters must attend at least 2 practices each year to participate in the official contest. If you have questions about the Archery Practices, contact Kevin Millikan at 402-640-3322 or Becky Millikan at 402-640-4643.

## BB Gun, Air Rifle & Air Pistol Practice Dates

Practices will be held on June 19 and 26 and July 10, 17, 24, and 31. There will not be a practice on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Practices will start at 7:00 pm and will be held at the Bloomfield Airport, 54240 880 Rd. All shooters must attend at least 2 practices each year to participate in the official contest.

## .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol and Shotgun Practice Dates

Practices will be held every Thursday night in June and July. All Shotgun practices will start at 6:00 pm. All .22 Pistol & .22 Rifle practices will start at 6:30 pm. Both will be held at the Knox County Fairgrounds in Bloomfield. **All practices will end at 8:30 pm, NO EXCEPTIONS.** All shooters must attend at least 2 practices each year to participate in the official contest. If there is any question about the weather on a given night, visit the Knox County Shooting Sports Group on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/211566702207387/>) for updates.

## Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

October 28-29, 2023 – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

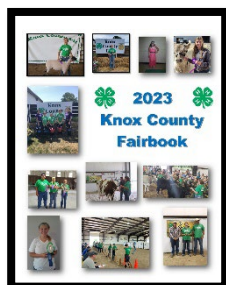
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## NEW Premier Communication Event

The Nebraska 4-H Premier Communication Event will be held in Lincoln on June 23. It will feature a variety of state-level contests, including prepared speech, impromptu speech, illustrated presentation, radio public service announcement, and video communication. Youth will have chances to explore UNL East Campus, participate in learning sessions and tours, and have fun with friends!

**To participate in Impromptu Speech and Video Communication at the Premier Communication Event, call the office by May 1st to register. There are no county qualifying requirements for these 2 events.**



### 2023 Knox County Fairbook

The 2023 Knox County Fairbook is now available. There is one copy available per family. It can also be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/fair-bookpage/>.

### State Fair Book

The State Fair Book is available at <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair>.

### 4-H MANUALS/RESOURCES

A limited supply of 4-H project manuals or resources is available in the Extension Office. Project manuals/resources that are available for each project are listed in the 2023 4-H Pick-Your-Project, an online project selection guide used to explore over 150 Nebraska 4-H projects and resources, and their related educational programs and opportunities available at

<https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu/index.php/main/index>. 4-H manuals/resources can be ordered at:

- 4-H Youth Development UNL Marketplace <https://marketplace.unl.edu/ne4h/curriculum>
- 4-H Mall <https://shop4-h.org/collections/curriculum>

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## Trophy & Award Sponsors Needed

The following trophies/awards will be added this year if sponsored. If you know of a business or if your 4-H club would like to sponsor, please contact the office.

- 4-H Champion Novice Ranch Pleasure (\$12)
- 4-H Champion Senior Break Away Roping (\$11)
- 4-H Champion Junior Break Away Roping (\$11)
- 4-H Champion Senior Team Roping (\$11)
- 4-H Champion Junior Team Roping (\$11)
- 4-H Champion Novice Team Roping (\$11)
- 4-H Champion Senior Goat Tying (\$11)
- 4-H Champion Junior Goat Tying (\$11)
- 4-H Champion Novice Goat Tying (\$11)
- 4-H Champion Advanced Companion Goat (\$13)
- 4-H Reserve Champion Advanced Companion Goat (\$12)



# BIG RED CAMPS

Cost: \$450-\$750  
(varies by camp; covers lodging & meals,  
supplies, and other expenses as applicable -  
field trip expenses, uniforms, etc.)  
Scholarships are available!

[HTTPS://4H.UNL.EDU/BIG-RED-CAMPS](https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps)

Each year, Nebraska 4-H facilitates multiple, simultaneously run Big Red Summer Camps at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This week long experience was created to give young people a better understanding of the college life experience based upon future careers of interest. We try to provide an experiential learning opportunity for all program participants. Campers come from all across Nebraska, in addition to national and potentially internationally.

## WHY BIG RED CAMPS?

- An enriched learning opportunity, in a safe and inclusive environment, designed to provide hands-on postsecondary and workplace experiences
- Experience life on a college campus
- Network with local, area, regional, and/or state University faculty and staff as well as business & industry experts
- Gain knowledge to pursue a wide variety of postsecondary and/or career options
- Attain college and career readiness skills and earn a digital badge
- A highlight of the week is the capstone project presentation for parents/guardians/chaperones/guests

PARTICIPANTS STATE THIS PROGRAM HAS HELPED THEM...

**100%**

LEARN NEW  
INFORMATION

**99%**

GAIN COLLEGE &  
CAREER READINESS  
SKILLS

(75 YOUTH, 2022 EVALUATION)

## 2023 CAMP SESSIONS

- Discover Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Discover Animation
- Discover Career Pathways in Extension - 4-H and Family & Consumer Sciences
- Discover Clothing Design, Sustainability, & the Future of Textiles
- Discover Cryptography - AGAM
- Discover Digital Media
- Discover Engineering
- Discover Esports
- Discover Physics of Earth
- Discover Speech, Hearing, & Special Education
- Discover STEM
- Discover Unicameral Youth Legislature
- Discover Veterinary Science
- Discover Weather & Climate Science

## STATE CONTACT

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dawn.lindsley@unl.edu  
402.472.3027



## 4-H CAMP INFORMATION

- Adventure Together 4-H Camp at Chadron! - June 5 to June 9 (Open to 8-14 year olds)
- Adventure Together 4-H Camp at Cozad! - June 16 to June 20 (Open to 8-14 year olds)
- Adventure Together 4-H Camp at Ashland! - June 26 to June 29 (Open to 10-14 year olds)
- Adventure Together 4-H Camp at Burwell! - July 16 to July 20 (Open to 8-14 year olds)
- Adventure Together 4-H Camp at Louisville! - July 27 to July 30 (Open to 10-14 year olds)

Registration for Nebraska 4-H Camps is open at <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-summer>

Check out the 4- and 5-day overnight camp offerings at locations around Nebraska. All overnight camps are open to youth ages 8-14. There are openings for summer staff including Program Staff (ages 18+), Program Assistants (ages 16-18) and Junior Counselors (ages 14-18). For more information, go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-jobs>.

# NEBRASKA TRACTOR AND EQUIPMENT SAFETY CERTIFICATION COURSE & HANDS-ON SAFETY DAYS

## Hands-On Safety Days:

May 22: North Platte

May 30: Grand Island

Virtual Option

## Tractor Driving Days:

May 23: North Platte

May 31: Grand Island

June 1: Gering

June 2: O'Neill

June 6: Hastings

June 7: West Point

June 8: Weeping Water



[go.unl.edu/2023tractorsafety](https://go.unl.edu/2023tractorsafety)



#FarmSafety  
#TractorSafety  
#NebExt

## Upcoming Events

- April 15 Saunders County Beef Progress Show, Wahoo
- April 22 Loup River Preview Sho, St. Paul
- April 29 Seward Calf Classic, Seward
- April 29 4-H Youth Trail Clinic, Merrick Co. Fairgrounds
- April 30 4-H Youth Barrel & Pole Clinic, Merrick Co. Fairgrounds
- May 20 Cattle Battle Lakeview FFA, Columbus
- May 24 4-H Horse Judging Contest at Pitzer Ranch, Ericson
- May 25 Colfax & Platte County Livestock Judging Contest, Leigh
- May 25 Animal Science Discover Day, Curtis
- June 2 Butler County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, David City
- June 8-10 4-H Horse Camp at Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford





Registration is now open for the 2023 4-H Youth Leadership Conference! High school students, ages 14-18, are invited to Camp Comeca in Cozad from June 19-21 to gain real-world leadership skills. The experience is open to all youth, not just 4-H members! Register by June 4 to claim your spot. Visit [4h.unl.edu/leadershipconference](https://4h.unl.edu/leadershipconference) to get started.

## 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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**S U M M E R W O R K S H O P S A R E P L A N N E D ! !**

Space is limited!!

**Project Day 2023**

**Knox County 4-H Project Day**  
Wednesday, June 14  
9:00 am - 2:30 pm  
at the Center Hall

**HORSE CLINIC**  
LED BY TERRI ROUSE  
Clinic will cover  
**SHOW EVENTS & SPEED EVENTS**

**4-H Age 8-18**  
Cost: \$20.00  
Bring a snack

Limited to 40 youth  
Participants must be able to care for their horse and will be able to care for their horse and will be able to care for their horse

Completed the Extension Office  
By May 15th - 402-288-5611

**Fabric Arts Workshop**

During this two part workshop, participants will spend their time working on a smocked pillow and reverse applique shorts!

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Join us in making a simply Begonia Feather Weave! Popular in the 70s, macramé is making a comeback!

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Knox County Extension Office  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
June 9th

Bring:  
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the applique on denim (if you have one)

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JUNE 8TH, 2023  
4:00 - 3:00 P.M.  
CENTER PARK, CENTER

**Charcuterie Board Class**  
\$10  
CLOVER KIDS WILL PREPARE FROM DAY

At this class, youth will have an opportunity to make a charcuterie board which can be entered at the Knox County Fair in the Home Environment area under **Class C257905**. Additionally, youth will learn how to arrange an assortment of food to create an eye appealing Charcuterie Board!

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KNOX COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE  
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**Extension, please call**

Youth are asked to bring their own lunch

Raise date will be announced if needed

Youth with your horse are welcome to participate

Participants must be 8 on January 1st, 2023

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