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November 2023 4-H News

Important Dates:

Nov 10	Office Closed – Veteran’s Day
Nov 20	Winter Take & Make Kit Registrations Due
Nov 23-24	Office Closed – Thanksgiving
Dec 1	Award Applications Due
Dec 11	Winter Take & Make Kit Ready for Pick Up
Dec 25	Office Closed - Christmas
Dec 27	YQCA - Center

Another successful 4-H program year has concluded. We look forward to more great things in 2024 and to working with all the 4-H families and volunteers.

Knox County 4-H information is available on our website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/>

Changes to the 75th Annual Norfolk Beef Expo for 2024

Breeder Heifers will be added to the show! Watch for more details coming in 2024.

Shooting Sports Events

February 3, 2024 – Wayne County Air Gun Match – Carroll Auditorium

February 24, 2024 - Pierce County 4-H Shooting Sports Invite — Pierce County Fairgrounds

2024 Knox County Fair Dates

Mark August 8-11 on your calendars for the 2023 Knox County Fair.

4-H Online is open and ready for enrollment. Enroll Today!

[Sign In \(4honline.com\)](http://4honline.com)

HIXSON-LIED COLLEGE OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

NEBRASKA YOUNG ARTIST AWARDS

APPLICATIONS DUE DEC. 15, 2023

info: go.unl.edu/nyaa



NECC Livestock Classic

November 24 & 25th

Norfolk, Nebraska

Registration Deadline – November 17th

Contact the Extension Office for entry form and information or call Mike Roeber at 402-844-7183 or 402-750-8128





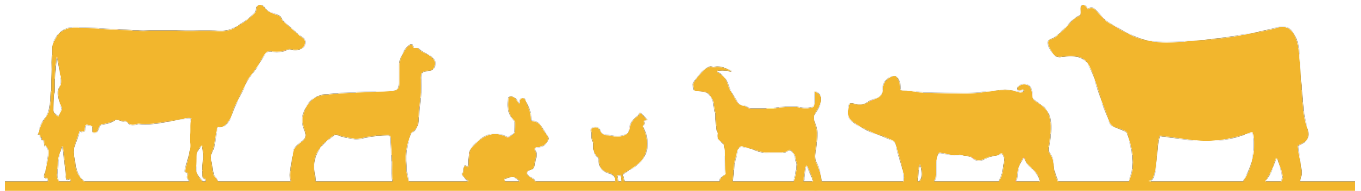
Christmas Break YQCA!

There will be a YQCA training available this winter over Christmas break! The training will take place Wednesday, December 27, 2023, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in Center at the Courthouse Annex Meeting Room. (Will move to basement of courthouse if more space is needed!) Youth must be enrolled in the Knox County 4-H program in 4-H online by December 27th. Please register for YQCA online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> by Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

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: \$3.00 each** – Help document can be found at https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingLTCertification_2023.pdf
- **Online Course: \$12.00 each.** – Help document can be found at https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingWBTCertification_2023.pdf
- **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 fifty 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>. Help document can be found at https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingTestOutCertification_2023.pdf



4-H online is READY for families to enroll in 4-H for the 2023-2024 4-H Year!

It is never too early to enroll in 4-H for the year!

With changes in the project selection list in 4-H Online, a 2024 Knox County 4-H Project List is enclosed to help with the Project Selection. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Website to enroll in 4HOnline 2.0 is: <https://v2.4honline.com/>.

- The process only takes a couple minutes per member or volunteer. For returning families, please **DO NOT** create a new account; use your log-in credentials for 4honline used in previous years.

Instructions for Re-Enroll be found here: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/returning-member>

- **NEW** 4-H youth and/or volunteers will need to set up an account. Enrollment instructions for new families can be found here: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/new-member>



Winter Take & Make Kits

To reserve your **FREE** kit
contact the Extension Office
at **402-288-5611**
by **November 20th**

Kits available to pick up
beginning **December 11th**.

Kits sponsored by Knox County 4-H Council

Clover Kids

Youth ages 5-7 as of January 1, 2024

No Sew Pillow



An introduction to the art of textiles, this project is designed to help Clover Kids increase their fine motor skills. Included in this kit will be a pillow form and fleece. Limited Availability.

4-H Members

Youth ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2024

Silicone Bead Keychain



Join the latest trend in fashion accessories with a silicone bead keychain. Included in this kit will be three colors of beads, tassel, keychain and elastic string.

Photo Snow Globe

Get creative with trick photography by turning a person or object into the focal point of your snow globe. As a bonus project this year, we have included a baby food jar, binder clip, glitter, and fake snow.



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Thinking About Trying a New-To-You Exhibit?

“Wildlife Arts” May Be the One!



The purpose of this class is to allow artistic exhibits that contain educational information about conservation and wildlife. Examples might include paintings, photographs, wood carvings, painted duck decoys, or songs or poems written by the exhibitor. Entries must be appropriate for fair display and no larger than 24" x 24". For example, paintings or photographs should be displayed in notebook format or mounted on a sturdy display panel. All entries must include a title and brief explanation of the purpose or message (what is the exhibit meant to show).

Fairbook Class Number D340011 – Scoresheet SF163



**I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking,
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.**

Nebraska 4-H Lowers Age Limit to Participate at the Nebraska State Fair

As you know, in 2023, Nebraska 4-H lowered the age limit for participation in the Nebraska State Fair for all in-person events to nine years of age. That change increased our participation and provided more youth the opportunity to have an engaging learning experience. We had many positive comments from legacy families as well as new.

This fall, we have had follow-up conversations with many of you as well as the show superintendents and various teams that run these events during State Fair and throughout the year. Based on that feedback and our goal of increasing access, the decision has been made to change the age of eligibility in 2024 to be 8 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person State Fair events (livestock, contests, fashion shows, contests) and other state competitions (Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo, PASE, communications contest). Note: there will be some events that will maintain their ages due to specific program rules (shooting sports, FIRST LEGO League Challenge robotics). Please check information on each specific event as it becomes available.

Please contact the office if you have questions.



Nebraska Fed Steer Challenge applications are now open!

Applications are open and due December 1, 2023, for the 2024 program year. For more information regarding the Fed Steer Challenge, or to apply to participate in 2024, visit <https://4h.unl.edu/fed-steer-challenge>

FED STEER CHALLENGE

Join us for a virtual learning session about the Nebraska 4-H Fed Steer Challenge

Wednesday November 8th at 8:00 p.m. CT/7:00 p.m. MT

Via Zoom: <https://unl.zoom.us/j/94751323224>

*This meeting will be recorded and posted on our website.

National Western Stock Show

The National Western Stock Show is around the corner. All 4-H members ages 14-18 can participate in the Catch-A-Calf program that will be hosted at the National Western Stock Show this January 6-21, 2024. This program is designed so successful participants catch a calf, feed it, and return with the animal one year later as a market-ready steer at the National Western Stock Show. The steers are judged on production and carcass quality, while the participants are judged on showmanship, record books, and a personal interview. The Grand and Reserve Grand Champion participants sell their steers at the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions held on the final Friday of the Stock Show.

Applications for 2024-2025 will be open soon. Watch for due date around **December 15th**. This program is the best in the Nation for young people to participate. The application process can be found at: <https://nationalwestern.com/livestock-shows/catch-a-calf-program/>

Equine Webinar Series

The Nebraska 4-H Equine Webinar Series is a terrific way for 4-H leaders, parents, and senior-aged youth to gain knowledge in various equine-related topic areas. Each session, a new topic will be covered with various experts joining to share their experience and expertise. All webinars are recorded and made available for on-demand viewing at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-webinars>.

4-H Launches New Volunteer Orientation

Nebraska 4-H has launched a new volunteer orientation. This online training serves as an introduction to the 4-H Youth Development program in Nebraska. As part of the screening process, the orientation covers various foundational and essential topics, including volunteer roles, 4-H operations, and risk management.

Any interested individuals including current and prospective volunteers, are welcome to complete the online orientation. However, all new volunteers working directly with youth, such as club leaders, project leaders, or workshop presenters, must complete the orientation. All volunteers will also be required to complete the training on a regular basis as part of the re-screening process.

The course includes six modules each with a video and knowledge check questions. The entire orientation takes approximately 45 minutes to complete and may be completed over multiple sessions. Upon successful completion, volunteers will receive a confirmation email and their county Extension office will be notified.

To learn more or complete the volunteer orientation, visit 4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation.



2024 Knox County 4-H Project List

Beef
 Bucket Calf
 Feeder Calf
 Breeding Beef
 Market Beef
 2nd Year Bucket Calf
 Cow/Calf
 Fall Feeder Calf

Sheep
 Breeding Sheep
 Market Sheep
 Bottle Fed Lamb

Swine
 Breeding Swine
 Market Swine

Dairy Cattle

Goat
 Dairy Goat
 Breeding Meat Goat
 Meat Goat
 Pygmy (Companion) Goat

Horse

Cat

Dog

Other Pet or Small Animal

Poultry

Rabbit

Veterinary Science
 Veterinary Science
 The Normal Animal Unit 1
 Animal Disease Unit 2
 Animal Health Unit 3
 Rope

Communications
 Communications 1-3
 Digital Video Pro
 Posters
 Theater Arts 1-3
 Presentations

Photography
 Photography Basics
 Next Level Photography
 Mastering Photography

Heritage

Textile, Quilts & Apparel
 Sewing For Fun
 Beyond The Needle
 STEAM Clothing 1
 STEAM Clothing 2
 STEAM Clothing 3
 Crochet
 Knitting
 Quilt Quest

Consumer Education
 Attention Shoppers
 Shopping in Style
 My Financial Future

Home Design & Restoration
 Design My Place
 Design Decisions
 Preserving Heirlooms

Visual Arts
 Sketchbook Crossroads
 Portfolio Pathways
 Leather

Human Development
 I Have What It Takes To
 Be Your Babysitter
 Kids On the Grow 1-3

Conservation & Wildlife
 Environment 1-3
 Outdoor Skills
 4-H Geology
 Hiking Trails
 Camping Adventures
 Backpacking Expeditions
 Amphibians
 Bird Behavior
 Fishing for Adventure 1-3
 Wildlife Conservation 1-3
 Wildlife Habitat Evaluation
 Taxidermy

Shooting Sports
 Archery
 BB Gun
 Air Rifle
 .22 Rifle
 Air Pistol
 Smallbore (.22) Pistol
 Shotgun (Trap)

Forestry
 Tree Identification

Entomology
 Entomology 1-3
 Insectigator

Healthy Lifestyles
 Bicycle Adventures 1-3

Food & Nutrition
 Cooking 101
 Cooking 201
 Cooking 301
 Cooking 401
 Cake Decorating
 Freezing
 Drying
 Boiling Water Canning
 Pressure Canning
 YOUth in Motion

Safety
 All Terrain Vehicles (ATV)
 Fire Safety
 Safety
 Tractor Safety

Citizenship
 Public Adventures
 Seeing i2i
 Recycled Exhibit
 County Challenge Exhibits

Entrepreneurship
 Blueprint
 Discover the E Scene
 The Case of ME
 Your Business Inspection

Leadership
 Serving as a Junior Leader
 Step Up to Leadership 1-3

Agronomy
 Field Crops 1-3
 Special Agronomy Project

Horticulture
 Annual Flowers
 The World of Flowers
 Houseplants
 Everyone a Gardener
 Grow A Beautiful Space
 Special Garden Project

Range
 Reading the Range
 Using Nebraska Range
 Weed Science

STEM Rockets
 Aerospace Level 2-4

STEM Computers
 Computer 1-3

STEM Electricity
 Electricity 1-4

STEM Robotics
 Gear-Tech-21 Years 1-2
 Junk Drawer Robotics 1-3
 Robotics Platforms

STEM Geospatial
 Geospatial

STEM Physics
 4-Wheelin' Physics Fun
 The Power of Wind

STEM Welding
 Arc Welding

STEM Woodworking
 Woodworking Level 1-4

Clover Kids
 Aerospace 1
 Family Celebrations
 Leap Into Careers
 Making Foods For Me
 A Space For Me
 Just Outside Your Door
 Bicycle Adventures 1
 Theatre Arts 1
 Horticulture
 Bucket Calf
 Bottle Fed Lamb
 Miniature Goat
 Swine
 Cat
 Dog
 Companion Animal (Pet)
 Poultry
 Rabbit
 Dummy Roping

Attention High School Seniors

Check the website at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/knox/scholarship-information/> for scholarship guidelines and applications. Some upcoming deadlines are:

Larry E. Sitzman Scholarship (due November 10) - College students enrolled as full-time undergraduate or graduate students at a fully accredited Nebraska college, university or technical college in an agriculture related degree program are encouraged to apply for the Larry E. Sitzman Youth in Nebraska Agriculture Scholarship. The scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship that will be awarded to one deserving applicant each year.

Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship, sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers, will award a \$500 scholarship to one 4-H male and one 4-H female who are graduating high school seniors in the State of Nebraska and who plan to continue with post high school education. Each county in Nebraska is allowed to send in one male and one female application. Application, essay, and letters of recommendation due to the Nebraska Extension Office in your county – **November 30**.



The 4-H Photography Showcase offers a project exhibition opportunity beyond traditional print media. Each month, 4-H'ers are invited to submit their favorite photo through the online [submission form \(https://4h.unl.edu/photography-showcase\)](https://4h.unl.edu/photography-showcase). Submissions are accepted on a continual basis. However, youth may only submit one photo per month. Photos will be selected from submissions and showcase online by Nebraska 4-H, including on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. The 4-H Photography Showcase is open to enrolled 4-H members.



4-H Companion Animal Opportunities

Companion animals are diverse groups of animals that include dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, companion birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and many more! The Nebraska 4-H companion animal programs offer opportunities for youth to develop life skills and obtain knowledge of companion animals. The focus of the Nebraska 4-H companion animal programs is the total development of the young person. The companion animals contests, shows, and related activities are utilized as a vehicle for human growth and development.



Visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal>

Applications Sought for Nebraska Young Artists Awards

The Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts is seeking applications for the 27th annual Nebraska Young Artist Awards. The awards recognize 11th-grade students from Nebraska who are talented in visual art, dance, music, theater, and film and emerging media arts (which includes film, 3D models, interactive art, sound design and video games). These students exemplify the pinnacles of creativity in one of the fine and performing arts.

The deadline for applications in all categories is Dec. 15. More details at: <https://arts.unl.edu/hlfpa/nebraska-young-artist-awards> For more information, contact Chris Watson, director of recruitment for the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts, at 402-472-0897 or chris.watson@unl.edu.