2018 RANGE JUDGING CLINIC & CONTEST
June 25, 2018

at Diamond Bar Ranch near Stapleton, NE
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The 4-H Program in Lincoln, Logan and McPherson counties is hosting a Range Judging Clinic followed by a Contest on June 25th at the Diamond Bar Ranch located on the northern edge of Stapleton, Nebraska. Youth will be at the Ranch at 5:00 p.m. then carpool to the clinic/contest site. To find Diamond Bar ranch take the Main Street in Stapleton north to the home of Robert and Suzanna Jones. Range judging is the learning how to "read" the range to make a proper management decisions.

Learning to judge range provides effective tools that are used to manage the range resource. The objective of this contest is to teach youth some basic principles of range ecology, including soil-plant interaction, plant-animal interaction and plant succession.

YOUTH WILL:

1. Learn to recognize the components of the range,
2. Identify various plants found on the range.
3. Evaluate the ecosystem's current conditions,
4. Develop management practices to improve the ecosystem.
5. Develop better understanding of the plant communities.
6. Identify ecological site conditions by testing for soil texture and characteristics.

Refreshments and awards will be provided.

Pre-register by calling Nebraska Extension in North Platte: 308-532-2683 OR email rsaner2@unl.edu

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