



4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

April 2024

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80 Days until Fair

100% of the Vendor Fees will be contributed to the Madison County 4-H Council! Join us and support our area entrepreneurs!
More details on next page.



New for 2024! 4-H Pre-entry forms available today!

An email detailing the guidelines for the pre-entry forms for the Madison County Fair will be sent separately. These forms are accessible in both digital and paper formats.

Start filling yours out today.
FORMS due June 15.
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.



We appreciate our 4-H volunteers!

Thank you to all of our 4-H volunteers for supporting and helping our 4-H youth in Madison County!

Be sure to reach out and

Thank your 4-H leaders and volunteers during
National Volunteer Week, April 21-27!





MADISON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

SPRING FLING: VENDOR AND CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2024

Join us for a day of shopping vendors, crafts, boutiques, & more! This event will be held in the 4-H and commercial building on the Madison Co. fairgrounds. You can also stop by the Nebraska Extension booth to learn more about joining 4-H!

Vendors include:

- Tastefully Simple
- Mary & Martha
- Krickett & Lime Boutique
- Pampered Chef
- Scentsy
- Color Street
- Jessica's Kreative Designs
- Yappy Hour Treats Devour & Totally Unique
- Tupperware
- Zylia
- Crafts by Sue
- Jamie's Creations
- Joy's Promise
- Tiny Leaf Co.
- Mireles Verse 3D
- Poppin' Delights Gourmet Popcorn
- Peanut's Sweet Treats
- Cozy Cove Mercantile
- Horstman Homegrown
- Route 35 Boutique
- Heart D Boutique
- Watkins
- Madison County 4-H
- Triple J's Seasoning
- Knotty Grandma's
- Tis' the Season Crafts
- Dusty Roads Designs
- Nixx Baby
- Creations by Ranell
- Cottonwood Pottery
- Unkel Woodworking
- Norfolk Nutrition
- With Grace Boutique
- Laser Lux
- Just Craftin' Around
- Sparta Emporium
- Brows by Jess - permanent jewelry

TIME: 9am - 2pm

**LOCATION: Madison County Fairgrounds,
Madison Nebraska**

FREE
Admission

MADISON COUNTY 4-H UPDATES

APRIL 2024



Join 4-H Today at v2.4honline.com

Welcome to the Madison County 4-H Program! Please be sure to enroll by Friday, April 30 to ensure you receive all the information needed to be a part of the 4-H program and participate at the Madison County Fair! Follow this link above for more information about 4-H, clubs in Madison County and how to enroll! Reminder: you only have to choose one project to continue. All project selections will be put on your pre-enrollment form which will be available in soon. Pre-entry forms will be due June 15.

Digital 4-H Fairbook is Available!

Check out the fairbook at

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/madison-county-4-h-fairbook/> to see project areas you are interested in this year! (printed books will be available soon)

4-H Camper Spots - April 1 - April 28

Reserve your camper spot for the 2024 Madison County Fair and Rodeo. Open to 4-H families starting Monday, April 1. Call the Madison County Fairgrounds at 402-454-2144. (will open to the public on April 29, so be sure to call) Price per spot is \$125 plus credit card transaction fee.



2024 4-H & Open Class Fair Book



The newly updated fair books are ready to view on the website! Check them out at madison.unl.edu, or use the QR Code to get to the 4-H Book!

See the march newsletter for a quick guide of class changes.



Fair Pre-entry Forms

When pre-entry forms are ready to pick up, you will receive an email. This should be around May 1. To enter 4-H Exhibits in the 2024 Madison County Fair, you must turn in this pre-entry form by June 1 to the Extension Office. Contact Sarah or Jayd with questions!

4-H Speech, PSA, and Presentation Contest Deadline

Submit your PSA and sign up for the speech contest by Friday, April 19!

Call in to our office or REGISTER HERE:



See age divisions and details in the March newsletter. Open to all 4-H members ages 5+ The contest will take place Monday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

4-H Camper Spots at the Fair



Reserve your camper spot for the 2024 Madison County Fair and Rodeo. Open to 4-H families on Monday, April 1, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Call the Madison County Fairgrounds at 402-454-2144. (Opening up to the public May 1)

Price per spot is \$125 plus credit card transaction fee.

4-H Summer Fun Sneak Peak

May

28: Sew a simple table runner

June

6: Cake Decorating
10: The Art of Pie Baking
11: Babysitting Clinic
11: Entomology
12: Leathercraft workshop
13: Virtual Bee Hotel

Watch for registration details towards the end of the month!



50th Anniversary - 4-H Special Edition

We are looking for 4-H members to sell ads in Madison County to help support the printing of the 2024 4-H Special Edition with the Norfolk Daily News. A few routes are available. Please contact Sarah for more information!





4-H Livestock News

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors must complete this certification before being able to show at the county and / or state fair.

*Cloverbuds are not required to complete the training!

YQCA Deadline is June 15, 2024

If you have completed an instructor led training, be sure to register and pay for the training so we can complete the certification. This must be completed by deadline.

If you still need to get certified please visit yqcaprogram.org and complete the course. Be sure to select the correct age group and then send a copy of your certificate to spolacek2@unl.edu.



Livestock Affidavits/ID Sheet

- required for all livestock and small animals for county fair
- print copies on madison.unl.edu or pick up at Extension Office

Bucket Calf Record Books-FREE

- due June 28 - pick up at Extension Office

DNA Samples

- pick up envelopes and return to Extension Office by **June 15**
- \$7 each to be paid online when you nominate your animal on Show Stock Manager (will inform when available!)

Livestock ID Information

Available at Extension Office:

- Ear tags required for county-only market beef, swine, bucket calves
- EID Tags will be required for market, feeders, and swine attending the State Fair.

DNA samples- required for market and breeding livestock and feeder calves to show at the Nebraska State Fair

- Tattoos required for registered breeding beef attending the State Fair or EID Tags for commercial breeding beef attending state fair. Breeding beef only attending the county fair can either have a county ear tag and / or tattoo.

- Registered breeding heifers need their registration papers for check-in at the County and State fair.

- Rabbits are required to be tattooed.

- County-only tags: \$1.00
- EID tags (State Fair): \$1.00

- All sheep and goats require scrapie tags for County and State Fair.



4-H Horse Information - County Fair & the State Horse Show

- **Need to complete your Horse Advancement Level Test? Just contact the office to set up a visit! To prepare for the test:**
 - visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/advancement> for guidelines, study guides, practice tests, and more.
- **Interested in showing at the Nebraska State Horse Show:**
 - July 13-17 at Fonner Park | Grand Island, NE
 - eligible for ages 8-18
 - entries due June 1 - no late entries accepted.
 - (level testing must be completed by June 1 as well)
 - <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show-entry>



ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDELINES- 2024 (4-H/FFA Families) Read identification instructions under each specie.

Project Area	Nomination Process **All County Fair Animals will need to complete ID Sheets/Ownership Affidavits. Link found above.		Pre-Entry Deadline		
	County Fair <u>ONLY</u> ALL ANIMALS NEED VISABLE EAR TAG, EID Tag or Scrapies Tag	State Fair*** Any animal that carries EID tag must obtain a Premises ID to show at the Nebraska State Fair! To nominate animals for State Fair visit https://showstockmgr.com/	County Fair Due Date	State Fair Due Date	State Fair Show Entry Deadline s pm
BEEF					
Market	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
Registered Breeding	Tattoo or Ear Tag and Registration Papers	Tattoo, DNA, Animal Info Submitted Online, Registration Papers	June 15	June 15	August 10
Commercial Breeding	Tattoo or 4-H Ear Tag	Tattoo or EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online		June 15	August 10
Feeder Calves	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
Bucket Calf	4-H Ear Tag	No Class	June 15 Record Books due June 28.	----	---
Cow/Calf	4-H Ear Tag	No Class	June 15	----	
DAIRY					
Cattle	ID Sheet Drawing and picture	ID Sheet Drawing	June 15	June 15	August 10
Goat	ID Sheet Drawing and Scrapies Tag	No Class	June 15	----	---
GOAT					
Breeding	USDA Scrapies Tag	USDA Scrapie Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
Market	USDA Scrapies Tag	USDA Scrapies Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
HORSE	ID Sheet Drawing	ID Sheet Drawing	June 1	May 7	May 7
SWINE					
Market	4-H County Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
Breeding	4-H County Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
SHEEP					
Breeding	USDA Scrapies Tag	USDA Scrapie Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
Market	USDA Scrapies Tag	USDA Scrapies Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
RABBITS					
Breeding & Market	ID Sheet and Tattoo	No ID Required	June 15	June 15	August 10
All Poultry	ID Sheet	No ID Required	June 15	June 15	August 10



ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITES

**MONDAY,
APRIL 29
7 PM CST**

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES! ZOOM IN TO ASK QUESTIONS AND HEAR ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS & SERVICES!

ZOOM IN TO CASNR

REGISTER TODAY!
GO.UNL.EDU/AB2S
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

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BIG RED CAMPS

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

JUNE 9-14, 2024

4H.UNL.EDU/BIG-RED-CAMPS




Summer 2024 CAMP

The power of being  green

CHADRON JUNE 1-5 JUNE 6-8	10-14 YEARS 8-10 YEARS
COZAD JUNE 16-20 JULY 1-3	10-14 YEARS 8-10 YEARS
BURWELL JULY 17-19 JULY 20-24	8-10 YEARS 10-14 YEARS

REGISTER TODAY
4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS-REGISTER

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APPLICATIONS DUE JUNE 15

LIVESTOCK ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

4H.UNL.EDU/LIVESTOCK-ACHIEVEMENT



2024 National Volunteer Week

LUNCH & LEARN

4h.unl.edu/volunteer-lunch-learn

Monday, April 22 @ noon CDT

KEEPING THE 4-H EXPERIENCE FRESH

Volunteers will learn ways to keep the 4-H experiences they led fresh – perfect for both new and experienced volunteers. Volunteers will leave with new ideas and have the opportunity to network and share ideas with other volunteers.

Tuesday, April 23 @ noon CDT

SUPPORTING YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Volunteers will explore an overview of different strategies and best practices for creating more inclusive environments for young people with disabilities and their families. Leave with tools one can use immediately and have access to additional resources. This session will equip 4-H club leaders to support and engage youth with all abilities.

Wednesday, April 24 @ noon CDT

LEADING A 4-H CLUB WITH YOUNGER MEMBERS

Are you a volunteer leading a 4-H club or group with primarily younger members? If so, this session is for you! Explore ways to younger youth to serve in leadership roles, lead club meetings and more.

Thursday, April 25 @ noon CDT

AGES & STAGES OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT - WHAT VOLUNTEERS NEED TO KNOW

The ages and stages of youth development is essential knowledge for any 4-H volunteer! Learn how to plan activities, events and community service activities based on the age(s) of participants.



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4-H AT HOME IN MADISON COUNTY

The featured project for April...

Garden Stake

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TAKE HOME KITS!

DEVELOP A NEW
SKILL!

HANDS ON
LEARNING

ONCE A MONTH!

LIMITED # OF KITS
WILL BE AVAILABLE!

PICK UP THE WEEK OF
APRIL 22

Add some extra colors to your porch pots this spring! Create a custom garden stake for your house plant, outdoor garden, or pots outside. Register here or at the QR code below!

<https://go.unl.edu/O2k8>

4-H Project Area: Design Decisions class 25 - accessory
OR

Miscellaneous Exhibits class 947 - misc. exhibit

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UNL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

JUNE 5-7 | LINCOLN, NE

The UNL Livestock Judging Camp is designed for 4-H and FFA members looking to improve their livestock evaluation and oral reason skills. Activities will focus on proper evaluation with an emphasis on reasons format, terminology, and presentation.

Registration is \$300 per person and includes all meals, lodging, and materials. The registration deadline is Monday, May 20.

GO.UNL.EDU/JUDGING-CAMP

Questions? Contact
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2024 Calendar

Subject to change. More activities and workshops will be added in the future!

April

- 13-Tack Swap, Merrick County Fairgrounds
- 20- 4-H Council Vendor Fair,
Madison County Fairgrounds
- 22- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm
- 25 - Speech, PSA, & Presentation Contest,
Extension Office , 5pm

May

- 27- Office Closed - Memorial Day

June

- 15- County Fair Deadline Day!
- 15- Fashion Show Entry Deadline
- 17-18- State Premier Communication Event
- TBA- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm
- 27- Fair Clean Up,
Madison County Fairgrounds, 6-8pm
- 29- 4-H Fair Judging Day,
Madison County Fairgrounds, 8am-noon
- 29- Public 4-H Fashion Show, MCF, 3 pm
- 7-18- State Premier Communication Event
- 28- Bucket Calf Record Books Deadline

July

- 4- Office Closed- Independence Day
- 9-14 Madison County Fair!
- 9- Judging Day (Foods/Horticulture),
Madison County Fairgrounds, 8am-noon
- 13-17- State Horse Show,
Fonner Park, Grand Island

August

- 12-20- State Fair Drop Off, Extension Office
- 19 - Extension Office open until 6:30pm for
State Fair Exhibits
- 20 - Til NOON - State Fair Food and
Horticulture Exhibit Deadline
- 23- State Fair Begins, Grand Island
- TBA- 4-H Council Meeting,
Extension Office, 7pm
- 30 - 4-H Achievement Ceremony
Nomination and Application Deadline

September

- 2- State Fair Ends
- 4- State Fair Projects Ready for families to pick
up from Extension Office
- TBA Achievement Ceremony, Extension Office
- 23 - 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm

October-National 4-H Month

- 28- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm

November

- 28-29 Office Closed - Thanksgiving

December

- 23-Jan 1. - Closed - Holiday Shutdown



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