



4-H Family Newsletter
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February 2024



4-H Project Day:
March 16, 2023
Madison County Fairgrounds
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Return the included form to the Extension Office or register at

Registration due Friday, March 1 by noon.

Bring a friend! Open to 4-H'ers and non 4-H members!



4-H MONTH

- 4-H SPIRIT DAY**
THURSDAY, February 1
- 4-H VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY**
THURSDAY, February 8
- 4-H SUPPORTER APPRECIATION DAY**
THURSDAY, February 15
- GIVE BACK DAY**
THURSDAY, February 22
- LEAP INTO 4-H - GET ENROLLED IN 4-H**
THURSDAY, February 29

4-H Month Yard Sign

Celebrate 4-H Month by displaying "I Belong 4-H Sign" at your office or home! Pick up at the Extension office anytime between 8am -12pm and 1pm-5pm. Limited amount available! Get yours today!



Nebraska 4-H Month Fun!

Placed throughout this newsletter are 4-H clovers! Can you find them all? The first 3 families to email spolacek2@unl.edu will receive a prize! Please include each individual youth's name and guesses.



Feb.
9th

order deadline



**PRINCESS
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NASTURTIUM**

N |  **SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT**
4h.unl.edu/special-gardening-project



Cake Decorating Theme for 2024: Summer Fun!

Dept. E, Div. 910, Class *912

- ◆ Decorate three sugar cookies or three cupcakes with only edible decorations and frosting. Must use different techniques on each cookie or cupcake.
- ◆ Can use purchased cookies to decorate.
- ◆ No glue gun use allowed.
- ◆ Display on a small white paper plate.



Feb.
28th

order deadline



N |  **EXTENSION** **SPECIAL AGRONOMY PROJECT**

go.unl.edu/specialagronomy

Enroll by contacting your local extension office.

2024: Sugarbeets

Sign up for the special agronomy and special garden project HERE:
<https://go.unl.edu/6hu4>

Enroll in 4-H

Visit: v2.4honline.com

Keep up the enrollment for the 2024 year! Encouraged to enroll by April 1 to have all the information needed for the summer 4-H events and the Madison County Fair!

Questions—please contact Sarah, Jayd or Kelcie at 402-370-4040.



N **EXTENSION**
Women in Agriculture

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 22-23, 2024
HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER
KEARNEY, NE

NEBRASKA WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

WIA@UNL.EDU



4-H AT HOME IN MADISON COUNTY

The featured project for February...

YARDZEE

TAKE HOME KITS!

DEVELOP A NEW
SKILL!

HANDS ON
LEARNING

ONCE A MONTH!

LIMITED # OF KITS
WILL BE AVAILABLE!

PICK UP THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 19



Test your Yahtzee skills this summer outside. This is a fun-filled portable game youth can take camping, play at home, or at a friends house!

Register here!

<https://go.unl.edu/5sd3>

4-H Project Area: Human Development - Class 5: Math

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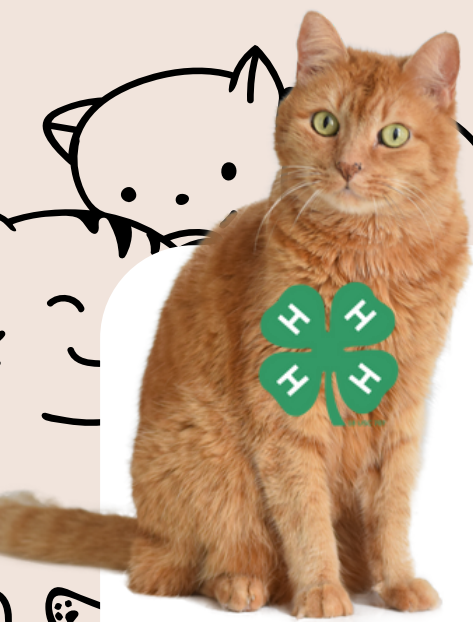


**COST:
\$7/KIT**



To learn more, visit us
madison.unl.edu





4-H Cat Showmanship Workshop

April 13, 2024 | 10am
at the Madison County Vet Clinic
802 W 8th St, Madison, NE

Have you ever wondered how you show a cat at the fair? Then this workshop is purr-fect for you! Whether you're a beginner or an experienced cat exhibitor, join us for a meow-nificent time as we explore all things cat-related. Don't miss out on this chance to sharpen your skills and have a furry good time!

Workshop is open to 4-H members and non-4-H members! Will have an opportunity to learn how you can join 4-H too!

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Register by visiting:

<https://forms.gle/YZ9Vo3EpQNU8GjXs7>

or calling the Nebraska Extension in Madison County
402-370-4040.

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Sponsored by the
Madison County Vet Clinic





4-H Livestock News

Livestock Achievement Program



As a 4-H Member, I have (check all that apply):

- participated in a community service activity
- participated in a workshop about my animal
- helped another 4-H'er with their animal project
- participated in at least 1 state or regional event show with my animal

WOW you've earned 80 points already for your Livestock Achievement Program! With a few more points you could earn cash and an award and be recognized at the Nebraska State Fair!

Learn more at: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>

Junior, Intermediate, and Senior options! Must apply by June 15th! Contact Sarah or Jayd to get started.

NDA Poster Contest

Get out your art supplies! Entries for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's annual poster contest are due March 1.

The 2024 theme is "Ready, Set, Grow!"

Contest rules and entry form can be found at <https://nda.nebraska.gov/kids/contest.html>



Livestock Quality Assurance 2024



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 this training.

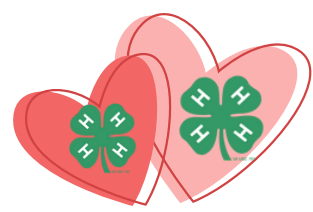
Quality Assurance will be offered through the program YQCA, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals again this year - Deadline to complete is June 1, 2024.

Registering for QA will be online at <https://yqca.learn-grow.io> using the Family 4-H Online login information for active youth. If you are in both 4-H and FFA, please register through the 4-H login. Be sure you select the 2024 training dates. Face-to-face sessions (1 hour) cost \$3 and online sessions cost \$12. Whether you are completing online or face-to-face certification all registrations and payments must be completed online prior to completion. Refunds can not be given if you cannot make the face-to-face session.

**There is a PRE and POST 'test' in YQCA to complete PRIOR to the office marking.youth COMPLETE!



****Upcoming face-to-face certification: February 26th | 4pm | Nebraska Extension Office Madison County - Norfolk**



2024 CALENDAR



Subject to change.

More activities and workshops will be added in the future!

February - Nebraska 4-H Month

- 9- Special Garden Seed Order Deadline
- 17- Nebraska Cattlemens's Classic Judging Contest,
Buffalo County Fairgrounds, All day
- 26- YQCA training , Extension Office, 4pm |
4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm
- Special Agronomy Seed Order Deadline

March

- 16- Project Day, Madison County Fairgrounds,
9am-2pm
- 23- 4-H Horse Stampede

April

- 20- 4-H Council Vendor Fair,
Madison County Fairgrounds
- TBA - Speech, PSA, & Presentation Contest,
Extension Office
- 22- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm

May

- 27- Office Closed - Memorial Day

June

- 15- County Fair Deadline Day!
- 15- Fashion Show Entry Deadline
- 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
- TBA - State Premier Communication Event
- 28- Bucket Calf Record Books Deadline

Sarah Polacek
4-H Educator



Jayd Roberts
4-H Assistant



Leo Gonzalez
4-H Educator

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



4-H Project Day

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9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Madison County Fairgrounds



Project	Estimated Time	Ages	Cost Per Item	Quantity
Squeegee art: Learn about color science as you create your own artwork on a wrapped canvas with a squeegee.	30 minutes	5+	\$8	
Wooden Tabletop Riser: Create a centerpiece with wooden beads giving you the ability to change your décor as often as you would like!	60 minutes	10+	\$10	
Crayon Buddy: Take your own little art pack anywhere you go! <u>Beginning sewing project!</u>	Up to 60 minutes	8+	\$5	
Bubble Bead keychain: Make this trendy and colorful keychain for your bookbag today!	30 minutes	8+	\$5	
Tabletop Foosball: SCORE! Create your own tabletop game!	60 minutes	8+	\$10	
Magnetic Fishing: Gear up for summer or ice fishing while creating this fun felt magnetic fishing game!	30 minutes	5+	\$5	
Needle Book: Create a sewing for fun exhibit by learning how to sew a straight line while gaining a place to keep your pins and needles!	30 minutes	8+	\$1	
Light Up Cards: Add a little light to your cards as you create a greeting for someone special while learning how to wire a light.	60 minutes	10+	\$5 (2 Cards)	
The Dream Tree: Bring the Dream Tree from the book Big Friendly Giant to life. with Oil Paint Markers . watercolors and imagination.	60 minutes (Plus dry time)	5+	\$5	
Plastic Tree Leaves: Start with the silhouette of a tree and add leaves by reusing a plastic bag.	60 minutes	8+	\$5	
Trees are for Everyone! Branch out and learn about forestry and plant a tree seed. All materials provided!	30 minutes	5+	\$5	
**All Non 4-H Members or Adults must Pay for Insurance				
<u>Total All Projects</u>				

Participant Name _____ 4-H Age (as of Jan. 1) _____
 Daytime Phone Number _____ E-mail _____
 Parent/Guardian _____

To attend 4-H Project Day, all youth (ages 5-12) must be accompanied by someone 16 or older who will help youth with each project. Three (3) youth may share one (1) adult. Teens may complete projects without adult supervision. Bring a sack lunch if you are staying all day.

Registration is not complete until payment is made. No registrations accepted at the door.
 ~ Make checks payable to: University of Nebraska-Lincoln ~



Registrations are accepted until Friday, March 1 by Noon.
 Complete this form or register online at <https://go.unl.edu/74d6>

