



4-H Family Newsletter

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JOIN 4-H TODAY!



Do not delay! Enroll in 4-H today!

All members must enroll annually! To enroll visit v2.4honline.com.

For more information check out our page at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/join-4-h-today/>.

If you are reenrolling, use your email and password to sign in.

Don't Forget!

Before your enrollment can be accepted, dues must be paid. You can either pay the Extension Office with cash / check or pay online with credit card.

- 4-H Members and Clover Kids have an enrollment fee of \$5.00 per member.
- Volunteers enrollment fee will remain at \$1 each.

Need Assistance?

Contact Sarah, Jayd or Kelcie for help enrolling by calling 402-370-4040.

Passwords—If you have forgotten your password, use the “reset password” option or contact the Extension Office. DO NOT set up a new profile.

2024 MADISON COUNTY ENROLLMENT CHALLENGE

The First 100 members to enroll and pay their annual enrollment dues will receive a Madison County 4-H cup with goodies inside sponsored by the Madison County 4-H Council!
(available for pick up in immediately after enrollment)



2024 4-H Theme



**We can't wait to Soar to New Heights in 2024
with our Madison County 4-H members!**

Ideas for Summer Workshops

Did you see an exhibit at a fair this past summer and think that it would be a great 4-H Summer workshop? We are open to suggestions! Please share your ideas and r as we are already planning out our summer events! Please let us know by February 1st.

4-H At Home Kits-2024

Madison County will continue to offer 4-H Educational take home kits. Each month will feature a hands-on project with most supplies provided. Get started on your fair projects early and learn new skills each month! Check out the enclosed flyers for the January project and get sign up as limited amount of kits are available. Be sure to register soon by filling out the google form in the link provided on the flyer!



4-H Leader and Volunteer Screening

All new volunteers must be screened this year. It continues to be an online process and volunteer will go directly to the Department of Health and Human Services website. There is a \$5.00/person fee that will be paid online during the screening process. Please contact us for the direct link to complete this process.

A Heads Up....

2025 will be the year that ALL Volunteers are screened again. We do these every 5 years. You will receive a letter in the fall this year to start that process. Thank you for your cooperation in making sure our youth are safe.

Leaders Update and Reminders

Organizational Leaders received a mailing in December with updates and reminders as we begin our new year. Please be sure to turn in your *Treasurers report* by **January 19, 2024** or before along with your *Leader permission form*. Thank you to those who have already completed this. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Sarah.



MY 4-H GOALS FOR 2024

Learn the pledge!

SAVE THE DATE!
4-H Project Day 2024—
Saturday, March 16 at the
Madison County Fairgrounds
from 9am-2pm.

Please watch for a special email with the project offerings and registration!



2024 SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECTS



This year's Special Garden Project is the Victorian-era heirloom flower can be grown in a variety of ways including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten.

Simply email Kelcie at khall32@unl.edu to sign up or sign up at this google link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aNAfqZdtUpZZnnPGiDfcVC_ia62Jf4Implh0xkd2HZI/edit?usp=sharing

Cost is \$2/packet.

Members are encouraged to enroll for Horticulture/Plant Science through 4-H Online.

Additional Resources can be found here: <https://4h.unl.edu/special-garden-project>

4-H Quilts of Valor

Community service is a big part of 4-H. 4-Hers and adult volunteers do a tremendous amount of service projects in their community and beyond. We would like to encourage 4-Hers to continue to “make a difference” by making Quilts of Valor that can be entered in the county and Nebraska State Fair. Help continue to make this project such a success by making your own Quilt of Valor to donate this year. If you have any questions about the project or guidelines, contact the Extension Office today!

We will have the opportunity to present Quilts during the Thursday Rodeo of the Madison County Fair honoring our Veterans again this year. Please contact Jayd if you are interested at jroberts41@unl.edu or 402-370-4040.



GET A LOAD OF THE 2024 STATE SUMMER CAMPS!
WE'VE GOT SCHOLARSHIPS UP FOR GRABS!
CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR THE DETAILS ON HOW TO APPLY!



Summer 2024
CAMP

*The power of
being  green*



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

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





4-H AT HOME IN MADISON COUNTY

The featured project for January...

MINI MESSAGE BOARD / MINI CALENDAR

TAKE HOME KITS!

DEVELOP A NEW
SKILL!

HANDS ON
LEARNING

ONCE A MONTH!

LIMITED # OF KITS
WILL BE AVAILABLE!

PICK UP THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 8



Stay organized in 2024 by creating your own mini note pad holder and 2024 calendar using a 5x7" acrylic frame! These are great options for their desks, kitchen, or any room. Open for ages 5 and up. *Limited slots available.*

[Register here!](https://go.unl.edu/4chs)

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4-H Project Area: Design My Place 251 Class 906 / Des. Dec Class 19

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COST:
\$6/PAIR
\$4/1 KIT



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4-H Livestock News

2024 State 4-H Horse

2024 State Horse Show is at Fonner Park in Grand Island **July 13-17**.

More information for the horse program can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse>

4-H Horse Stampede

The 4-H Horse Stampede has been scheduled for Saturday, March 23. Entries are due online by March 4, 2024 <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-stampede>



NCC Judging Contest:

The contest will be held in Kearney on Saturday, Feb. 17th with the entry deadline being Feb. 5th. All details and entry information can be found using the following link

<https://nebraskaclassic.org/winter-edition/judging-contest.php>

NCC
The Classic
WINTER EDITION

JUDGING
Contest

FEBRUARY 17

7 AM • Check-In (Expn Building)
8 AM • Beef Livestock Judging Contest
NOON • Lunch
1 PM • Oral Reasons/Questions
5 PM • Critique Classes
Awards Banquet (Following Critique)
College awards followed by youth

SURE-CHAMP
+
Vita Charge

BEEF ONLY CONTEST. Open to 4H & FFA Youth, plus College Teams
Over \$5,000 in awards presented. \$1,000 UNL Animal Science
Scholarship to the Top Senior Youth. **REGISTRATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 5.**

Renetta K. Bush-Heinrich
Buffalo County Fairgrounds
Kearney, NE | 308.627.6385

For more information, visit:
NebraskaClassic.org

Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort:

The Nebraska 4-H Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort is an opportunity for 4-H members interested in learning more about the swine industry. Participants engage in learning opportunities throughout the year, gain knowledge related to their 4-H swine project, practice good record-keeping related to swine management and basic care, and exhibit their farrowed and owned swine project animal at the Nebraska State Fair.

Applications for the 2024 Cohort are open now through February 1st. Learn more at:

4h.unl.edu/farrowed-owned.



Market Beef

There will not be a Market Beef Weigh-In for 2024.



State Fair and DNA samples

4-Hers who plan to exhibit at the 2024 Nebraska State Fair and/or the Aksarben Stock Show will be required to submit a DNA nomination.

All 4-H/FFA BREEDING livestock, MARKET livestock and FEEDER CALVES will be required to submit a DNA sample/envelope to be eligible to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair. DNA envelopes can be picked up at the extension office. Deadline is June 1.



2024 CALENDAR

More activities and workshops will be added in the future!

January

- 2- Office opens at 8am.
- 15- Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 19- End of the year Treasurer's Report Deadline
- 22- 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7pm
- 27- 4-H Indoor Archery Shoot- Grand Island

February - Nebraska 4-H Month

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

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

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