



4-H Family Newsletter
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May 2018

As of May 1, there are:

- 60 days until Static Exhibit Judging Day! (July 7)
- 63 days until the Madison County Fair and Rodeo officially begins! (July 10)
- 69 days until we can look forward to fair 2019!

**PREPARE
for
FAIR**

So how can you prepare for the fair? Read on to find out!

Pick up your pre-entry forms at the Extension Office. Pre-fair entry paperwork will not be mailed out.

On the pre-fair entry form, write the correct department, division, and class. Also include a description of the project to make it easier for us to input your registration. Find the classes in your 2018 4-H Fair Book or view the Fair Book online at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/2018%204-H%20Fairbook.pdf>

Call Sarah or Kristen at 402-370-4040 if you are unsure which class best fits your project.

ONLY PRE-ENTERED PROJECTS INCLUDED ON YOUR ENTRY FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FAIR. NO SUBSTITUTIONS.

If a pink sheet is included in your envelope, you enrolled in a clothing and textiles project and are eligible to model for the modeling judge AND the public style revue. You can model home environment textile projects, too, such as a quilt or pillow. Complete a separate pink sheet for each item and return with your pre-entry form. Those not modeling do not need to return the pink sheet.

Meet the deadline Wednesday, June 13 at NOON for the following:

- ◆ Pre-entry forms
- ◆ Pink sheets for style revue
- ◆ Quality Assurance
- ◆ Horse testing



Please abide by the deadline; handing in late paperwork causes much hassle on our end. Thank you!

Join the Summer Fun at our workshops! See all being offered at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/Summer%20Fun%20Flyer%202018%282%29.pdf>

Volunteer Screening Now On-line

Safety is the priority of youth involved in 4-H; for this reason, volunteers are required to complete a screening with the Department of Health and Human Services. Madison County participated in the volunteer screening in 2016.

Nebraska 4-H is now using on-line screening. The process should be easier and the rotation schedule is now every five years instead of four years. If you have not completed this screening, you will receive an invitation with a link to the online system to fill out the application. The application should take less than 10 minutes to complete. Once submitted, it goes to the system for verification. You may receive an e-mail from DHHS.CFSCR@Nebraska.gov.

The one disadvantage is that DHHS are now charging \$2.50 for each check in Nebraska. Thankfully this year our State 4-H Office is covering the fee in 2018. So if you receive an invitation to complete this there will be no charge this year. Thank you for your time in volunteering for Madison County! Our program is a success because of volunteers like you!



DID YOU KNOW?

Visit Campus

Visits are the best way to see what life is like as a Nebraska student. Check out our list of upcoming visits and events at <https://admissions.unl.edu/visit/>

Nebraska State 4-H Camps Seeking Staff

Nebraska State 4-H Camps are gearing up for their biggest season in many years! Enrollments are up at both locations. With registration numbers growing each day, they need to hire a few more staff (age 19 years or older) to lead the camp program.

Staff gain valuable leadership skills and many other skills that can transfer to any career, such as teamwork, problem solving, communication and increased work ethic—all attributes employers look for in employees. Camp is a great place to begin developing these lifelong skills.

Staff will have the opportunity to work at both camp locations. Room and board is provided. The commitment for staff is mid-May through the first part of August.

Former 4-H members and / or leaders who love the outdoors and enjoy working with youth should find the link to the application at <https://goo.gl/forms/nPBgqbnFY2roX4Mh2>.

2018 Design Camp



- June 14 & 15
- Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey
- For youth ages 10 and up
- Cost: \$125 (includes fabric, paint, t-shirt, and all camp costs)

If you are enrolled in STEAM Clothing 2 and are ready for a new sewing design challenge, this is the 4-H Camp for you! Create your own original design on a yard of fabric, then specifically design fabric for a garment in addition to other activities. By the completion of the two-day camp, you will have learned new skills, designed and made a garment, designed a t-shirt, created a Design Portfolio to enter in Beyond the Needle, and a Clothing Portfolio to enter in STEAM 1.

Contact Kristen for a registration form. Register by June 5; limited to 20 participants



2018 Madison County Cookbook is Here!

Did you submit a recipe for the 4-H cookbook last year or bring a food item to the fair? If so, you might be interested in getting the Madison County 4-H Cookbook. *Your recipe is printed in it!* Cookbooks are available at the Extension Office for \$10.00 each. All proceeds go to the Madison County 4-H Council to help support Madison County 4-H programming and scholarships! If paying by check, please make it payable to "Madison County 4-H Council."

Youth Crop Scouting Competition - Connecting Youth with Crops

Looking for a fun club project to unite your members? Running out of ideas for club meetings? If you answered "yes", help is on the way! Nebraska Extension is pleased to present the 5th annual Crop Scouting Competition for Nebraska youth. Youth interested in crops have the opportunity to learn about crop growth & development and basic crop scouting principles.

This contest will be held at the ARDC near Mead, Nebraska, on July 26, 2018. The event will include both indoor and outdoor events. Teams of junior high and high school students (those completing 5-12 grades) from across Nebraska are invited to participate. Limited to the first ten teams to sign-up!

Top-scoring teams win prizes: \$500 for first, \$250 for second, \$100 for third place. Top two teams will be eligible for regional competition in August.

More information about the crop scouting competition and instructions on how to register a team are available online at cropwatch.unl.edu/youth. Register by July 18 at: go.unl.edu/cropscoutingregistration.

This program is sponsored by Nebraska Independent Crop Consultant Association, DuPont Pioneer, Farm Credit Services of America and Nebraska Extension.



2018 Nebraska 4-H Online Horticulture Judging

The contest will be available from 8:00 a.m. Friday, June 8 through 8:00 a.m. Monday, June 18. It is open to all 4-H youth and adults. No password is needed; follow this link to the contest: <https://go.unl.edu/2018hortcontest>

Youth must fill in all information completely. Only take the contest once. No study materials are to be used. Composed of three parts (general knowledge questions, plant part and seed identification, as well as a judging portion), the contest allows participants to review the answers prior to submitting. Once submitted, the participants will see their score, but they will not be able to see which questions they missed. After June 18, the participants can request to see the answers.

Study Materials for the Online Horticulture Judging Contest and the State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest held during State Fair can be found at: <http://4h.unl.edu/fairbook/plant-science/horticulture-id>

Please let me know if you have any questions on problems.

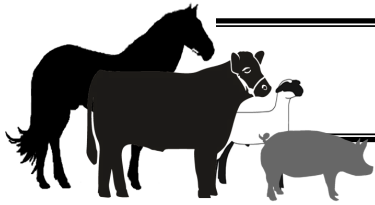
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Special Edition Ad Sellers

Looking for some extra cash this summer? Sell ads for the 4-H Special Edition! You can choose to sell them individually or as a team. (e.i. If your club was interested in selling them together that is a possibility!) Routes are now open. Contact Stephanie at the Norfolk Daily News to sell ads. Youth receive part of their sales in the form of a gift certificate to the participating business of his or her choice.





LIVESTOCK NEWS!



To show your livestock at the Madison County Fair, Nebraska State Fair, and/or Ak-Sar-Ben, you must complete Youth Quality Assurance by June 13 at noon. See instructions below for completing your certification.

2018 Youth Quality Assurance Log In Instructions

1. Go to yqca.org from your computer browser and select Sign In/Register Tab
2. Sign in and register using the 4-H Online box
3. Select **Nebraska 4-H Youth Development** from the list
4. Use your 4-H Online user name and password to start
5. Select the member name taking the course
6. Select the age of the member in the appropriate box
7. When the age is selected, the appropriate courses will be selected
8. Select **online choice**
9. Select payment method **credit card**. Online training fee is \$12.00/exhibitor.
10. After completing the three courses, save and print a completion certificate and take it to the Extension Office
11. For swine exhibitors the number on your completion certificate will be used as the number that will be asked for by swine buyers in place of your PQA number.
12. If you encounter problems, contact help@yqca.org

YQCA Face to Face Training at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk

June 5 from 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

June 6 from 3:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

Want to learn about YQCA in a face-to-face setting? Two classes will be offered to help you meet the requirements to show your animal at the fair this summer! Cost is \$3.00 per exhibitor.

You must still register online following the above instructions. However, instead of selecting the online choice, you will select the instructor-led training for the registration. You must pre-register online for these trainings by June 4.

District and Horse Show Information

Entry forms, fees, and horse identification sheets are due to the Madison County Extension Office by **Friday, May 11, 2018.**

If you are 4-H age 10 or older, have completed your level 2 advancement level testing and want to show at the District or State Horse Shows, please visit: 4h.unl.edu/horse/district-shows.

Entry forms, maps, rules and procedures are located at that site. Entry forms must be signed by the exhibitor and guardian or parent.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Make check payable to:

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

(Reminder: If you qualify for a specific class at districts you do not have to pay the state entry fee.)

NOTE: Families will not be receiving a packet in the mail this year. Please visit the website above for all information. If you have any questions, contact Sarah at 402-370-4040 or spolacek2@unl.edu



Still need to complete your Horse Advancement Level Testing?

If you are planning on competing at Districts and/or State this year you need to have your level 2 test done by May 1.

Level 1 needs to be complete for those showing only at the County Fair. Complete by June 13.

Call the office at 402-370-4040 to set up your test and for any questions you may have!

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Madison County Fair Details

Extension Office Phone Number: 402-370-4040



4-H T-shirts

Showing animals? Or want to show off your 4-H pride? Buy a 4-H t-shirt! Cost is \$10.00 each. Call the Office by June 1 to order your t-shirts.

Make checks payable to "Madison County 4-H Council." Shirts must be paid for in advance.

4-H Chevrons and Armbands

To show livestock and small animals, you must wear the 4-H emblem on either a t-shirt, armband, or chevron. Purchase 4-H chevrons or armbands at any time at the Extension Office.

Cost: 4-H chevron \$2.00
4-H armband \$4.00

Pre-entry Deadline: Wednesday, June 13 at NOON

Presentation Contest

Teach a skill or share your expertise by giving a presentation! Contest is set for Thursday, July 12 at 4:00 p.m. at the Madison County Fairgrounds. See the classes in the 4-H Fair Book. Call the Office to sign up by June 29.

Favorite Foods Contest

Create a themed table setting and make your favorite food! Youth must sign up for their interview, which will occur during food and gardening judging day on Tuesday, July 10. Timeslots are between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Juniors (age 8 to 12) and Seniors (13+) are judged in separate categories. Call the Office by June 29.

4-H Council Ballot

Add your name to the 4-H Council Ballot! Five youth and three adult positions are open. Youth terms are a one-year commitment, whereas adults serve three years. Typically, meetings are the fourth Monday of the month. E-mail Kristen at kgrant3@unl.edu or call the Office to be included on the 4-H Council Ballot by June 29.

Fair Clean-up

Bring your rags and elbow grease to the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds for 4-H Clean-up Night! Come to the fairgrounds on Thursday, June 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. 4-H Council will provide a treat!

4-H Building Monitors

4-H clubs and families are needed to monitor the 4-H Building! This is to prevent projects from walking away and to be a friendly face to promote 4-H in Madison County. Each club is required to watch the 4-H Building for a minimum of two hours. Call the Office by June 29.

Judging Days

Static exhibits will be judged Saturday, July 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Food and gardening exhibits will be judged Tuesday, July 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All judging for 4-H exhibits will occur at the Madison County Fairgrounds in the 4-H and Commercial Buildings.

Mark Your Calendar

Events subject to change without notice. Watch your e-mail for the latest updates!

May

5—**Madison County Fair Tickets go on sale online at etix.com at 8:00 a.m.**

11—**District and State Horse Entries Due**

21—Fair Board Meeting, Madison County Fairgrounds, 7:00 p.m.

24—Regional Speech Contest, Wayne State College, 2:00 p.m.

29—Leaf Workshop (Day 1 of 2), Lifelong Learning Center, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

29—Sew a Shoulder Bag Workshop, Lifelong Learning Center, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

30—Sew Pajama Pants Workshop, Lifelong Learning Center, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

30—Modeling Workshop, Lifelong Learning Center, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

No 4-H Council Meeting

Madison County Fair Tickets Online!

Visit eTix.com to purchase! Ticket Prices will be: General Admission \$40.00 and Reserved Seating: \$50.00. There will be a credit card transaction fee in addition to the purchase of your tickets.

NOTE: Log on early to set up your account!

June

1, 4, & 5—Babysitting Clinic, Lifelong Learning Center, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

4—All About Pets Cloverbud Workshop, Lifelong Learning Center, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

5—All About Insects Cloverbud Workshop, Lifelong Learning Center, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

8—Wildlife Diorama Workshop, Lifelong Learning Center, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

11—Vet Tech Workshop, Lifelong Learning Center, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

11—Welding Workshop, Northeast Community College, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

11—4-H Council Meeting, Lifelong Learning Center, 7:00 p.m.

12—Entomology Workshop, Lifelong Learning Center, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

13—**ALL Pre-fair Entries and Fashion Revue Forms Due at NOON**

13—**Livestock Quality Assurance Deadline**

13—**Horse Level Testing Deadline**

13—District Horse at Ord

14—District Horse at York

20—Leaf Workshop (Day 2 of 2), Lifelong Learning Center, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

20—District Horse at Gordon

21—District Horse at Central City

22—District Horse at Curtis

25-26—PASE / Life Challenge, Lincoln

26-27—Furniture Refinishing Workshop, Madison County Fairgrounds, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

28—4-H Clean-up Night, Madison County Fairgrounds, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

29—**Bucket Calf Record Books Due**

July

7—4-H Static Exhibit Judging, Madison County Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

7—4-H Style Revue, Madison County Fairgrounds, 2:00 p.m.

10—4-H Foods & Gardening Judging, Madison County Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

11-15—Madison County Fair and Rodeo, Madison County Fairgrounds



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