



4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

May 2023

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60 Days until Fair

Pre-Entry Forms and 2023 Fairbooks are ready for PICK UP at the office!

June 1 County Fair Deadline

Submit all paperwork to the Extension Office by Wednesday, June 1 to exhibit at the Madison County Fair!
Drop off locations will be available on Wednesday, May 31 in Battle Creek and Newman Grove.

Submit the following paperwork to the Extension Office
by Thursday, June 1 by 5:00 p.m.

***Note: Due to the Memorial Day holiday, our office will be closed on Monday, May 29.**

4-H Drop Off Thursday, May 31

8:30am to 9:30 a.m. at Battle Creek (Tilly's Gas Station Parking Lot)
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Newman Grove (Public Library)

Checklist for Fair Paperwork:

(be sure to check fair book for reminders regarding rules and deadlines)

Pre-entry Forms
 4-H T-shirt Orders

Fashion Show Pre-Entry Forms for those modeling for the judge and/or
public fashion show (will accept until June 16)

For Livestock Exhibitors:
 Livestock Affidavits

YQCA: submit certificate of completion (see previous newsletters for more information)

Cat and Dog Vaccination Forms (available at madison.unl.edu)

Horse Level Testing for county fair only (schedule your test if you haven't yet)

Drop off paperwork at the Extension Office or mail in paperwork.

Must be postmarked by June 1.

Mail to: 1305 South 13th Street Norfolk, NE 68701



So, what are Pre-entry forms?

Pre-entry forms will be ready in May and are needed for our data entry system that we use for the county fair. These help us know what projects you are bringing to the county fair. You will use a fair book and complete the form with the projects and classes your 4-H member will be completing for judging. They are on a carbon copy form, we would like the white original copy and you can keep the yellow page.

For example, if they are sewing a patchwork pillow for the fair they would enroll in the following:

- Department C, Division 901, Class 904 - Pillowcase

Then, if your 4-H member decides to model their pillow for our 4-H Fashion Show, you would also need to include that as well on the form.

- Department C, Division 410, Class 901 - Sewing for Fun project

What are the Fashion Show Pre-entry forms?

These forms are included with your pre-entries if you enrolled in a textiles project. These forms are pink and are due back to the office so we can prepare the judges books, narrations, and program order for judging day and for the fashion show.

Please feel free to contact, Sarah, Jayd or Kelcie with any additional questions you have!

4-H Exhibitor Show T-shirts 2023

*Provided by AKERS Equipment and Farm Credit Services of America

Thanks to generous sponsorships, each exhibitor will be receiving a show shirt for the county fair.

MAKE SURE YOUR T-SHIRT SIZES ARE CORRECT ON 4-H ONLINE BY JUNE 1!

**The 150th 4H t-shirts and crewneck sweatshirts will be sold for 4-Hers, family, or 4-H supporters to purchase! All proceeds goes to 4-H Council. See next page for additional information.

**2023 Fairbooks are available!
One (1) per family please.**



4-H Organizational Club Leaders, We have bundles of books for your families that are also available for pick up.

2023 4-H Member and Alumni Shirts available NOW to purchase online!

Madison County 4-H

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Go online to <https://madison-county-4h.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: **Friday June 9th, 2023 (10:00am CDT)**

Member Youth Short Sleeve Tee



2 Colors

Member Youth Hooded Sweatshirt



2 Colors

Member Adult Short Sleeve Tee



2 Colors

Member Adult Long Sleeve Tee



2 Colors

Member Adult Crewneck Sweatshirt



2 Colors

Member Adult Hooded Sweatshirt



2 Colors

Alumni Youth Short Sleeve Tee



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Alumni Youth Hooded Sweatshirt



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Alumni Adult Short Sleeve Tee



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Alumni Adult Long Sleeve Tee



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Alumni Adult Crewneck Sweatshirt



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****NOTE:** These are not exhibitor shirts. Those will be provided at the fair from our sponsors.

150th Madison County Fair Celebration - During 4-H Fashion Show! Letter from our 4-H Clothing Superintendent

Dear Past 4-H seamstresses:

The Madison County Fair is celebrating their 150th year and we are excited to have the opportunity to share our 4-H history as well. Our 4-H Theme to go along with the celebration is "History in the Making, 4-H Thrives."

As clothing superintendent, I am asking for people who have sewn 4-H projects in the past if you still have items and if you were willing to share the items. We would love to showcase them as part of our 4-H History during the 2023 Fashion Revue held Saturday July 8 at 3p.m. If you are willing to share your items, we will need information for a narration which may include the club you were a member of, who taught you to sew, who was your leader, what year you made the garment, do you currently use the skills learned from this 4-H project, etc.

I am hoping to have current members model the clothing so I will need to know ahead of time the item(s), and size so I can contact members to exhibit for us. However, if you have a family member or friend that would be interested modeling your items- whether they are in 4-H or not, we would love to have name and contact information for them as well.

We would also like to add the item as a display in the 4-H building during the Madison County Fair. We would also appreciate photos of past members, leaders, clubs, projects etc. Please provide only copies of these documents as we will not guarantee photos to be returned.

I'm excited to hear from each of you! Please contact me by May 25, 2023, or sooner. Many thanks!

Karen Unkel Grant
Pigsrusx5@telebeep.com



4-H COUNCIL BUTTERBRIAD FUNDRAISER!

June 12-July 17

If you like me, the Butterbraids I have purchased throughout the year have disappeared! So, be sure to fill your freezer again and support Madison County 4-H with Butterbraids!

Talk to any 4-H Council member or call the Office at 402-370-4040 to order!

Delivery will be August 3.



4-H Council Seeking Members

Want to get more involved with 4-H? Want to influence the 4-H program in Madison County? Here is your chance: 4-H Council is seeking members for the upcoming year! Members are voted in by 4-H members, families, volunteers, and alumni. Voting will take place during the fair. Five youth positions and three adult positions are open. Youth serve for one year; adults serve a three-year term. Meetings are typically held the fourth Monday of the month with eight meetings held throughout the year. Add your name to the ballot by Friday, June 17! Simply email your name to Kelcie at khall32@unl.edu

**Join
us!**

Service Project for Club or 4-H Members!

The Farmer's Market in Norfolk always need some help with carrying heavy items like pumpkins or watermelons to vehicles! This would be a great club service project! If you are interested contact Jayd and we will get you in contact with the correct resource. jroberts41@unl.edu



Service Floral Project for our 150th Madison County Fair Celebration (OPEN TO ADULTS, YOUTH, AND ANYONE)

Complete a special project while sprucing up the Madison County Fairgrounds for 150th anniversary of the fair! These floral buckets will be spread around the fairgrounds for some fun decoration and color!

We have 5 gallon buckets donated to us from TSC, Bomgaars, and Highland Roberts so come grab yours today! Youth will be responsible for bucket decorations, soil, and plants to go the bucket.

****OPEN TO ALL AGES! EVERYONE IS WELCOME** to create their own floral bucket and watch it grow until fair! There will be a special floriculture class added to this year's fair book specific for these decorated buckets for enrolled 4-H members.

Bring them to the Madison County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, July 11 from 9am-12pm.



Through Big Red Camps, students have the opportunity to develop new skills, prepare for college, stand out in college applications, explore potential careers, and meet like-minded peers in a safe and structured environment.

Registration is now open! Learn more at:

<https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps>.





4-H Livestock News

Horse



- State Horse Show
 - July 15-19 at Fonner Park | Grand Island, NE
 - eligible for ages 10-18
 - entries due June 1
 - <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show-entry>

Livestock Achievement Program

-The program recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas, including: beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry.

-For more information, including program instructions and additional resources, or to apply, go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>



Applications Due **JUNE 15!**

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 26 - 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 (see page 8 of newsletter for more info)

Livestock ID Information

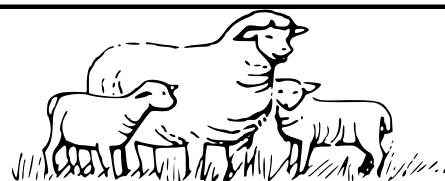
Available at Extension Office:

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

NEW! DNA - breeding livestock and feeder calves will now be required to submit DNA sample/envelopes for 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): \$2.00
- All sheep and goats require scrapie tags for County and State Fair.



ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION GUIDELINES– 2023 (4-H/FFA Families)

ID sheets for County Fair livestock entries can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/madison/4-h-animals-and-livestock-information/>. Read identification instructions under each specie.

Project Area	Nomination Process		Pre-Entry Deadline		
	County Fair ONLY	State Fair***	County Fair Due Date	State Fair Due Date	State Fair Show Entry Deadline s pm
**All County Fair Animals will need to complete ID Sheets/Ownership Affidavits. Link found above.					
	ALL ANIMALS NEED PHOTO WITH VISIBLE EAR TAG	Any animal that carries EID tag must obtain a Premises ID in order to show at the Nebraska State Fair!			
BEEF					
Market	4-H Ear Tag or EID Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 1	June 15	August 10
Registered Breeding	Tattoo or Ear Tag and Registration Papers	Tattoo, DNA, Animal Info Submitted Online, Registration Papers	June 1	June 15	August 10
Commercial Breeding	Tattoo or 4-H Ear Tag	Tattoo or EID Tag & 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 1	June 15	August 10
Bucket Calf	4-H Ear Tag	No Class	June 1 Record Books due June 26.	-----	---
Cow/Calf	4-H Ear Tag	No Class	June 1	-----	
DAIRY					
Cattle	ID Sheet Drawing and picture	ID Sheet Drawing	June 1	June 15	August 10
Goat	ID Sheet Drawing and Scrapies Tag	No Class	June 1	-----	---
GOAT					
Breeding	USDA Scrapies Tag	USDA Scrapie Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 1	June 15	August 10
Market	USDA Scrapies Tag	USDA Scrapies Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 1	June 15	August 10
HORSE					
SWINE	ID Sheet Drawing	ID Sheet Drawing	June 1	May 7	May 7
Market	4-H County Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 1	June 15	August 10
Breeding	4-H County Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 1	June 15	August 10
SHEEP					
Breeding	USDA Scrapies Tag	USDA Scrapie Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 1	June 15	August 10
Market	USDA Scrapies Tag	USDA Scrapies Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 1	June 15	August 10
RABBITS					
Breeding & Market	ID Sheet and Tattoo	No ID Required	June 1	June 15	August 10
All Poultry	ID Sheet	No ID Required	June 1	June 15	August 10

Additional Animal Opportunities



COME LEARN WITH CARLA

JUNE 2 - CENTRAL CITY

JUNE 3 - LINCOLN

JUNE 4 - ALBION

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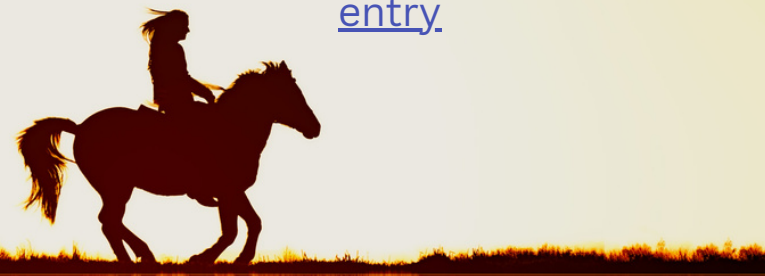


4-H State Horse Show Entry Deadline is June 1st at 5pm NO LATE ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED!

ALL HORSE ADVANCEMENT LEVEL REQUIREMENTS, IDENTIFICATION PROCESS AND ENTRY PROCESS ARE DUE BY 5:00 P.M. ON JUNE 1.

Please review the online entries, fees and requirements here:

<https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show-entry>



Showing animals at the Nebraska State Fair?



Nomination Requirements for STATE FAIR

The animal identification deadline for 2023 is JUNE 15th. Link: www.showstockmgr.com

- All market & breeding sheep and goats must have a scrapie tag. All market hogs and market beef must have an 840 EID tag and breeding heifers must have a tattoo and DNA sample.

DNA Envelopes for NE State Fair

- DNA envelopes will be \$7.00 per envelope. All breeding nominations will be \$2.00 per online entry. Exhibitors will be able to dual nominate an animal as breeding and market if selected and paid for in Show Stock Manager. Families will now receive a receipt that they have entered in a breeding nomination.

Submitting Animal Information into Show Stock Manager Livestock Database

- Exhibitors will be responsible for submitting their animal information into the www.showstockmgr.com website prior to the nomination deadlines. Completed DNA forms are due to our office by June 15th. (we will validate and submit these for you) Once the information is in the database and has been validated by the Extension Educator, it will then be available for exhibitors to make State Fair entries. Any animal entry not in the database or have DNA submitted will not be considered nominated and eligible for State Fair.

Please visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/live-animal-exhibitor> for more information regarding the Nebraska State Fair and livestock entries.



4-H AT HOME IN MADISON COUNTY

The featured project for May is...

RECYCLED NAVY BLUE SHUTTER

TAKE HOME KITS!

DEVELOP A NEW
SKILL!

HANDS ON
LEARNING

ONCE A MONTH!

LIMITED # OF KITS
WILL BE
AVAILABLE!

PICK UP THE WEEK OF
MAY 8



Create your own window shutter for your
favorite indoor or outdoor space!

Open for ages 5 and up. *Limited slots
available!*

*(you will need materials to design your shutter - we
provide only a navy blue shutter. They are 14"x46.5")*

REGISTER: <https://go.unl.edu/9c7g>

4-H Project Area: Home Environment| Design
Decisions (div. 257) | class 19 or 25



**COST:
FREE**

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NEBRASKA 4- H YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

June 19-21,
2023

📍 Camp
Comeca

INFLUENCING THE FUTURE THROUGH LEADERSHIP

ABOUT US

The Nebraska 4-H Youth Leadership Conference is an opportunity for all youth ages 14-18 to build connections with peers from across the state, learn from adult mentors, and develop and practice leadership skills. Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to attend the conference.



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Scan this QR code or go to the website below!
<https://go.unl.edu/ylic2023reg>

Register for the 2023 4-H Youth Leadership Conference (YLC)

High School students (ages 14-18)! We are inviting you to join us for the 4-H Youth Leadership Conference, June 19-21, 2023, at Camp Comeca in Cozad, NE. Learn more and register at 4h.unl.edu/leadership-conference by June 4th to claim your spot in this amazing experience. The cost for YLC will be \$250. We'll be taking advantage of some traditional camp activities while integrating leadership workshops, speakers, and an overall topic of influencing the future through leadership to bring together and develop the leaders of Nebraska 4-H!

Summer Fun Workshop Calendar

May

26: Babysitting Clinic--10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Extension Office

30: Beginner Cake Decorating--9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Extension Office

30: Advanced Cake Decorating--1 p.m.-4 p.m. at Extension Office

June

6,7,8: Aerospace - Rockets

Day 1&2-10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Extension Office

Day 3-1 p.m.-4 p.m. at Madison County Fairgrounds

13: Sew your own Patchwork Pillow - beginner sewing-- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Extension Office

15/29: Leaf Collection--9 a.m-12 p.m.

Day 1-Skyview Park (east side)

Day 2-Extension Office

22: Insect Collection--9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Extension Office

24: Roping Event--Start time 9 a.m. at Madison County Fairgrounds

27: Color Science Creations--at Madison County Fairgrounds
Cloverbud (5-7)--9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Youth (8+)--1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Here is the details of the classes -



QR Code for your Go URL

Here is the registration -



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2023 CALENDAR

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

May

- 3,10,17,24— Intro to Basic Horse Knowledge & Management,
- 6—District and State Horse Entries Due
- 29—Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day
- No 4-H Council Meeting

June

- 1—County Fair Deadline Day!
- 12—4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.
- 16—Fashion Show Entry Deadline
- 21-22—Premier Animal Science Event (PASE), Lincoln
- 23—State Premier Communication Contest
- 26—Bucket Calf Record Books Deadline

July

- 4—Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day
- 6— 4-H Clean-up Night, Madison Fairgrounds, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 8— ALL 4-H Static Exhibits Judging Day, Foods and Gardening, Madison County Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.—12 p.m.
- 11— 4-H Food & Gardening Exhibit Judging Day, Madison County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- 11-16—Madison County Fair & Rodeo (The BEST Week in July!)
- 15-19—State 4-H Horse Show, Fonner Park in Grand Island



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