



## 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

May 2024

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64 Days until Fair

# Pre-Entry Forms and 2024 Fairbooks are ready for PICK UP at the office!

### June 15 County Fair Deadline

Submit all paperwork to the Extension Office by Friday, June 14 or postmarked by June 15 to exhibit at the Madison County Fair!

Drop off locations will be available on Friday, June 14 in Battle Creek and Newman Grove.

Submit the following paperwork to the Extension Office  
by Friday, June 14 by 5:00 p.m.

\*Note: Due to the Memorial Day holiday, our office will be closed on Monday, May 27.

### 4-H Drop Off Friday, June 14

8:30am to 9:30 a.m. at Battle Creek (Tilly's Gas Station Parking Lot)

10 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

Fashion Show Pre-Entry Forms for those modeling for the judge and/or public fashion show



For Livestock Exhibitors:

Livestock Affidavits

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

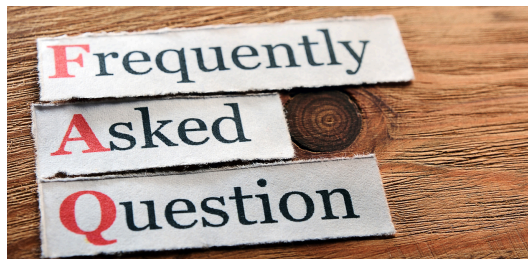
Cat and Dog Vaccination Forms (available at [madison.unl.edu](http://madison.unl.edu))

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 15.

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



## So, what are Pre-entry forms?

Pre-entry forms are ready 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 were emailed to families from Kelcie (on 4/15/24) where you may fill out a blank form from April's newsletter OR the new, improved Excel version!

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

- Department C, Division 901, Class 904 - Pillow

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 Modeling

## 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 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 2024

\*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!**

### 2024 Fair books are available!

**One (1) per family please.**



4-H Organizational Club Leaders, We can bundle books for your families that are also available for pick up for all your club families.

# Can I still join 4-H?

**YES!**

Deadline for enrollment and re-enrollment is **JUNE 15!** You haven't missed any deadlines yet! June 15 will be the final day to turn in pre-entry forms, animal ID sheets, nominations for State Fair, YQCA certifications, Horse Advancement Level test for the county fair and even enrollment to participate in the 2024 Madison County Fair!

Our previous deadline was always April 1, however over the past few years this has changed! Be sure to get enrolled today at [v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com).

**(NO ENTRIES or ENROLLMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION AT THE COUNTY OR STATE FAIR WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 15. NO EXCEPTIONS!)**

## 4-H'ers are...

4x

more likely to give back to their communities

2x

more likely to make healthier choices

2x

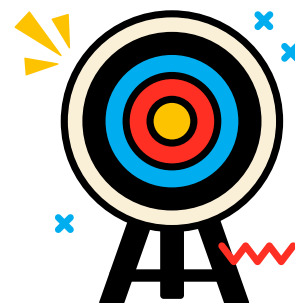
more likely to participate in STEM activities

2x

more likely to be civically active

### Attention Madison County 4-H Archery Club Members

The 4-H Archery Fair Shoot 2024 is on **Saturday, June 8** at the outdoor range. Please be sure to follow their Facebook page for updates and information.







### 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 14! Simply email your name to Kelcie at khall32@unl.edu




**Summer 2024 CAMP**  
The power of being green

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

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

**N** EXTENSION




**N**  
**BIG RED CAMPS**  
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!  
JUNE 9-14, 2024  
4H.UNL.EDU/BIG-RED-CAMPS





# Platte County Showmanship Clinic



Plan to attend one or more sessions of this hands-on, multi-species clinic to learn how to show or gain tips to help improve the showing of your animal at the county fair and beyond!

*Open to 4-H members ages 8-18 in Platte and surrounding counties.*

**Cost is \$5/Youth. Prepayment is required!** Payment can be dropped off at the Platte County Extension Office or mailed to 2715 13<sup>th</sup> St. Columbus, NE.

## Saturday, June 22

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

**Ag Park Arena and Green Barn**

822 15<sup>th</sup> St, Columbus, NE 68601

### Schedule of Events

9:30 – 10:30	Swine Showmanship
10:30 – 11:30	Sheep Showmanship
12:30 – 1:30	Goat Showmanship
1:30 – 2:30	Rabbit Showmanship
2:30 – 3:30	Poultry Showmanship
2:30 – 3:30	Beef Showmanship

**\*These times are approximate\***

\*\*4-Hers are encouraged to bring their own animals, but it is not required.\*\*

**Registration and prepayment due June 18!!**

**To register or for more information contact Blake Wert at  
402-563-4901 or [bwert3@unl.edu](mailto:bwert3@unl.edu)**

When registering, please state if you plan to attend multiple sessions and bring your own animal.



# 4-H Livestock News

## 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](http://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 (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.

DNA - breeding livestock and feeder calves will now be required to submit DNA sample/envelopes for state fair

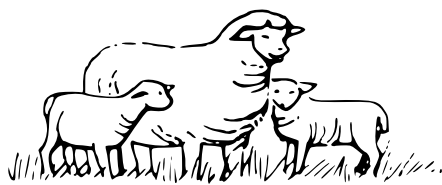
- Tattoos required for registered breeding beef attending the State Fair or EID Tags for commercial breeding beef attending state fair. Breeding beef only attending the county fair can either have a county ear tag and / or tattoo.

- 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.



<i>Nomination Process</i>		<i>Pre-Entry Deadline</i>			
<i>Project Area</i>	<p><b>**All County Fair Animals will need to complete ID Sheets/Ownership Affidavits.</b> Link found above.</p> <p><b>County Fair ONLY</b> <b>ALL ANIMALS NEED VISIBLE EAR TAG, EID Tag or Scrapies Tag</b></p>	<p><b>State Fair***</b> Any animal that carries EID tag must obtain a Premises ID to show at the Nebraska State Fair! <b>To nominate animals for State Fair visit <a href="https://showstockmgr.com/">https://showstockmgr.com/</a></b></p>	<i>County Fair Due Date</i>	<i>State Fair Due Date</i>	<i>State Fair Show Entry Deadline s pm</i>
<b>BEEF</b>					
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	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	-----	---
<b>DAIRY</b>					
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	-----	---
<b>GOAT</b>					
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
<b>HORSE</b>					
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 15	June 15	August 10
Breeding	4-H County Ear Tag	EID Tag, DNA & Animal Info Submitted Online	June 15	June 15	August 10
<b>SHEEP</b>					
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
<b>RABBITS</b>					
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 Animal Opportunities

## Horse

- State Horse Show
  - July 13-17 at Fonner Park | Grand Island, NE
  - eligible for ages 8-18
  - entries due June 1
  - <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show-entry>

**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](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 2024 is  
JUNE 15th. Link: [www.showstockmgr.com](http://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](http://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](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

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 13



The featured project for August is...

## DENIM DOG ROPE



Recycle worn out jeans into a useful toy for your furry friend! Make this a Citizenship, service item and make one for your animal or friends and donate one to a local shelter!

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

*Register here!*

<https://go.unl.edu/70v8>

*Citizenship Div. 120 citizenship class 9 Service Item*



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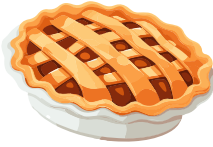
To learn more, visit us  
[madison.unl.edu](http://madison.unl.edu)





# Summer Fun Workshop Calendar

**May 28** - Sew your own Simple Table Runner and Coasters 1-4 pm @ Extension office - age 8+



**June 4 & 25** - Leaf Collection Workshop 9-12pm  
June 4 location: Skyview  
June 25 location: Extension office  
Age 10+



**June 6** - Cake Decorating  
- The Beginning: 9-12pm  
- Moving Forward 1-4pm  
@ Extension office - age 8+

**June 10** - The Art of Pie Baking  
9-11:30am OR 1-3:30pm  
@ Extension office- Age 9+



**June 11** - Babysitting Workshop 10-3:30  
@ Extension office - Age 11+

**June 11** - Insect Collection 9-4  
@ Extension office - Age 8+

**June 12** - Leatherwork Crafting  
10-noon OR 1-3  
@ Extension office - Age 8+



**June 13** - Bee Hotel (Virtual) 10-noon on Zoom  
Age 8+

**June 13** - Cloverbud: Soap galore! 1:30-3pm  
Age 5-7



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



# 2024 Calendar

Subject to change.

## May

- 27- Office Closed - Memorial Day
- 28 - Table Runner and Coaster Workshop

## June

- 15- County Fair Deadline Day!
- 15- Fashion Show Entry Deadline
- 17-18- State Premier Communication Event
- 24- 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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4-H Educator



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4-H Assistant



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4-H Educator

