

**New 4-H Building Policies
for the Merrick County Youth & Agriculture Education Center**

Exceptions for rental prices include:

Arena –

- A family can pay \$450/year for a “membership” to use the arena. This cannot be an event or contest. There must be nothing on the 4-H Building Calendar, and a passcode will be provided to enter the arena. Family includes an adult applicant, their spouse, and their legal children, step-children, and/or foster children.
- For a person not paying the family membership, \$25 per horse will be charged and must operate under a person who has rights to use the arena under a family membership, or as an exempt group.
- For a Merrick County Resident, or currently enrolled Merrick County 4-H member, can use the arena for \$25/person when the arena is not reserved.
- Fee is \$50/hour up to four hours. Then the full day fee would apply. This is for reservations, and a contract must be signed and deposit policies apply.
- Tractor use in arena needs to have a separate contract filled out.

Education Room –

- Fee is \$50/hour up to four hours. Then the full day fee would apply. This is for reservations, and a contract must be signed and deposit policies apply .

Conference Room-

- Fee is \$25/hour up to four hours. Then the full day fee would apply. This is for reservations, and a contract must be signed and deposit policies apply.

Prohibited Uses in the Building are:

- 4 Wheelers, ATV's, UTV's, Motorcycles
- Vehicle demolitions and/or races
- Smallbore (.17 caliber) shooting and higher caliber shooting
- Smoking
- Any illegal activity
- Alcohol unless an SDL has been obtained

Exempt Organizations and Events

Any non-profit group may apply for an exemption when reserving the building. However, the following organizations will be exempt from paying a fee. The groups must still go through the on-line reservation system. If the exemption is abused at anytime, the group may be removed from this list temporarily or permanently, and/or assessed a fee for cleaning or damage to the facility and/or grounds.

Organizations booking the building which will be exempt from the rental fee are:

- Merrick County 4-H club or recognized 4-H group (ex. Jr. Leaders);
- Merrick County FFA Chapters (Central City, Palmer, High Plains, Twin Rivers, Grand Island Northwest);
- County Public Schools (Central City, Palmer, High Plains, Twin Rivers, Grand Island Northwest);
- Merrick County Agriculture Society;
- Merrick County Extension/Nebraska Extension in Merrick County;
- Merrick County Government
- City/Village Governments located in Merrick County