

# FOUR CLOVER NEWS

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**N** EXTENSION  
4-H Youth Development



## 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my Head to clearer thinking,  
My Heart to greater loyalty,  
My Hands to larger service,  
My Health to better living,  
For my club, my community, my country,  
And my world

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## Fruit Sales

4-H members and families get a huge THANK YOU for all your help to make the annual 4-H fruit sales a success! Many area residents look forward to receiving the fruit, cheese and meat sticks and you followed through from start to finish! THANK YOU! A great deal of gratitude goes to the committee for preparing the building for delivery. THANK YOU everyone!

### THANK YOU's & REFUND FOR BAD FRUIT POLICY

Attached to each receipt was a note that included a thank you, storage suggestions and our Refund for Bad Fruit Policy which states: "Despite our best efforts, occasionally a piece of bad fruit may end up in our customers' hands. We will be happy to exchange it for a piece of good fruit. Please bring the bad fruit to the Extension Office by Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, to exchange it." Therefore, it is the **customer's responsibility** to come to the office and change it out, not yours.

### TOP FRUIT SALE WINNERS

Cash awards are given to the top four sellers:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place-\$40** Jayden Adams - \$2,689

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place-\$30** Izabella Aufenkamp - \$1,705

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place-\$20** Abbie Zimmerman - \$1,530

**4<sup>th</sup> Place-\$10** Adde Winkelman - \$1,294

Thank you 4-Hers and parents for your hard work!

### Club Totals for Fruit Sales

4-Hers – Excellent job selling fruit!

BU Stockraisers - \$ 8,840

Timbercreek - \$ 7,817

Johnsonites - \$ 5,527

Shooting Sports - \$ 2,960

Jr. Riders - \$ 3,975

Independents - \$ 1,029

### Spring Fairground Clean-Up:

Tuesday, March 28, 2022, at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds!

Remember to bring your gloves, rakes, scoops, and brooms. Help us clean up all the leaves and trash that blew in over the winter.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 19<sup>th</sup>: Air Pistol & Rifle Practice
  - o 1:30 – 6:00 PM, 4-H Building
- March 25<sup>th</sup>: Air Pistol & Rifle Competition
  - o 9:00 AM, 4-H Building
- March 27<sup>th</sup>: 4-H Council Meeting
  - o 6:30 PM, Courthouse
- March 28<sup>th</sup>: Spring Fairgrounds Clean-Up
  - o 6:00 PM, Fairgrounds

## 4-H Enrollment

It's time to enroll or reenroll in 4-H.

Please enroll through 4HOnline at

<https://v2.4honline.com>. Youth

must be enrolled,  
and projects selected

to participate in  
practices, contests, and  
shows. Adult volunteers also  
need to enroll.



Extension is a division of the Institution of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United State Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

# Miscellaneous

## Reminder:

2022 Fruit Sales Bonus Bucks must be spent by March 31, 2023. These bonus bucks are fully transferable to 4-H members within your family. The camp scholarship Bonus Bucks must be used by October 31, 2023. Camp scholarship bonus bucks are transferable to family members at 50% (i.e. \$150 in Bonus Bucks transfers as \$75.)

## Fair Book

A new Fair Book will not be printed this year. Changes can be found at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/nemahacofairbook/> and will be highlighted in yellow. Make sure you check these changes before each contest or event. If you need a printed copy of the 2022 Fair Book please stop by our office.

*Check the Nebraska Extension - Nemaha County Facebook Page for news on shows, contests, and events across the state. This page is updated frequently with information on lots of opportunities.*

## Landscaping on Fairgrounds

4-H Clubs are assigned and responsible for watering and caring for (pulling weeds, etc.) the plants and the area within the concrete border. Thank you for taking care of our investment and helping to beautify the fairgrounds!!

### Club Schedule for Landscape:

- April – Timbercreek
- May – Jr. Riders
- June – Johnsonites
- July – BU Stockraisers
- August – Shooting Sports Club/Independents
- September – Timbercreek
- October – 1-15<sup>th</sup> – Jr. Riders; 16<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> – Johnsonites
- November – 1-15<sup>th</sup> – BU Stockraisers; 16<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> Shooting Sports Club/Independents



## Special Agronomy Project

We have an extra packet of seeds if you'd like to participate in the Special Agronomy Project this year: Tepary Beans.

**HUNTER SAFETY COURSE:** This course is scheduled for Friday, **March 17** (6-9 pm) and **Saturday, March 18** (8 am-4 pm) at the **Auburn Senior Center**. (Youth must attend both days.) This training is for Firearm Safety only. Youth should be 11 years of age to attend.

All 4-Hers who plan to participate in the Shotgun, and/or .22 (Smallbore) projects will need to have their Hunter Certification to participate in these events. Please plan to attend this course and be ready for 4-H Shooting Sports Contests. You **must pre-register** for this course at: <https://outdoornebraska.gov/huntereducation/>. At the website click on Firearm Hunter Education Classroom Courses. Find the date of this session; click on the "Register Now" button. Registration information is entered on a secure website and the last 4 digits of the participant's SSN is required. If you have any questions, please call Kent Volkmer at 274-3794 (or if you need help with this, call the Extension Office at 402-274-4755.)

## NEED A MANUAL?

Most 4-H Projects have manuals to use with each project. The 4-H Council pays for all manuals, so they are free to our 4-H families. Many of the manuals are on hand in the office and if not, we will be happy to order them for you. Contact the Extension Office at 402-274-4755 to request manuals.



## Do you know an extraordinary Volunteer?

Nebraska 4-H is now accepting nominations for state-level volunteer recognition awards. These awards honor adult and youth volunteers who have provided meaningful contributions to the 4-H programs. Categories include Emerging Adult Volunteer (3 or fewer years of service), Outstanding Adult Volunteer (4 more years of service), Outstanding Youth Volunteer (ages 14-18), and Multi-Generation Family of Volunteers. Learn more and nominate your favorite 4-H volunteers at [4h.unl.edu/volunteer-recognition](http://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-recognition).

# Shooting Sports

## 2023 Air Pistol & Air Rifle Schedule

**Practice:** Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - 1:30-4:30 PM (If needed we will add a 3<sup>rd</sup> flight from 4:30-6:00 PM)

Sign-up for a flight for practices on March 19<sup>th</sup> at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948a9ac29a1fec34-airpistol1#/>

### **Competition: Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Schedule:**

- 8:30 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Flight registration – 1<sup>st</sup> Flight 9:00 – 10:30 AM
- 10:00 AM 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight registration – 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- 12:30 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight registration – 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
- Awards at 3:00 PM



Sign-up for a flight for the competition at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948a9ac29a1fec34-airpistol2#/>

All shooting sports participants must be enrolled in 4-H at v2.4honline.com with the project selected if they want to participate in practices and the competition. Enrollment includes a waiver for parents to sign that must be completed before participation is allowed. If you have your own equipment, please bring them. Participation in 3 practices is required to be able to compete in the competition. These practices will also transfer if you want to compete in the BB Gun or .22 competitions later in the year.

## 2023 Smallbore (.22) Rifle & Pistol Contest

**Practices:** Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>; Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>; Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>; Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>; Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

**Competition:** Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – Starting at 9:00 AM

Watch your email for more info if you're enrolled in this project.

### **Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop & Ambassador Workshop Offered in Ord**

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop and Ambassador Workshop is scheduled for early April in Ord. It will be held April 1-2 at the Valley County Fairgrounds in Ord. **The early bird deadline to register for the workshop is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Volunteers will have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. **Five project areas will be offered at the Ord Workshop - rifle, pistol, shotgun, hunting skills, and archery.**

There is a minimum number of participants needed to offer these disciplines at the workshop. Workshop participants will learn under expert instruction from members of the Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Team.

The registration fee is \$85 per person for initial certification or those individuals adding an additional discipline except for Apprentice Instructors. The registration fee for Apprentice Instructors (14 to 20 years of age) is \$75 for this workshop. The late registration fee is \$150. This fee includes meals, supplies and program materials. Participants must make their own lodging arrangements. Registration on Saturday runs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

While participants might need to bring limited, if any, equipment to the in-person discipline training site, there are a series of four National 4-H Shooting Sports online modules which individuals **MUST** complete **prior to the training** to become eligible for certification. Information on the modules and how to enroll, **4-H Shooting Sports Online User Guide**, can be accessed by using the link found on the Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports website under Calendar of 4-H Shooting Sports Events at <https://4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports>, under the Ord Workshop - this provides step-by-step instructions on how to sign up for and complete the entire series of modules before the workshop. Individuals who have already completed the Online modules are not required to complete them again. As individuals follow each of the instructions in the Online User Guide, they will be asked to choose a payment method. Participants are responsible for the \$20 (per person) registration fee. The entire series of modules will take approximately 3-4 hours, so please plan some time accordingly.

## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

4-H members who plan to enroll in any of the following projects – swine, beef, sheep, dairy, meat goat, dairy goat, rabbits and/or poultry will need to have completed Quality Assurance Certification on or before Fair Entry Date on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Certification will be done via YQCA online course. It is found at <https://yqcaprogram.org>.

**REMEMBER:** The 4-H council purchases coupons for 4-H members to use! You can receive a code by calling or emailing the Nemaha County Extension Office. If you choose not to use a coupon, the expense will NOT be covered by the council. You will cover the fee yourself.



### Fair Premium Sale Weight Requirements:

Livestock divisions will have weight requirements for premium sale eligibility. Livestock not meeting minimum or maximum weight requirements will not be eligible for premium sale.

**Beef: Market Steers:** 1000 lbs;

**Market Heifers:** 900 lbs

**Bucket Calf Plus One are not eligible for the Premium Sale**

**Broilers:** 4 lbs for females and 5 lbs for males

**Meat Goats:** 50 lbs

**Rabbit: Single Fryer:** 3.5 lbs min & 5.5 lbs max; **Roaster:** 5.5 lbs min & 9 lbs max;

**Stewers:** 8 lbs min

**Wool Sheep:** 100 lbs;

**Hair Sheep:** 70 lbs.

**Swine:** 230 lbs min & 320 lbs max



### Horse Identification & Level Testing Requirements

**For Nemaha County 4-H Horse Show:** Horse identification affidavits and level 1 testing must be completed by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available at [www.nemaha.unl.edu](http://www.nemaha.unl.edu) or pick them up at the Extension Office.

**For State Horse Show:** Advancement levels, Entries and Horse ID's due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Check level requirements for each class you want to enter. Forms can be found at [4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show-entry](http://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show-entry)



# Contests

## 2023 Nemaha County 4-H Contest Dates

**Communications Contest** (Speech/PSA/Presentations): Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The 2023 4-H Public Service Announcement Theme is **"Discover Your Spark in Nebraska 4-H!"** (This is a multi-county contest.) Go to <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/richardson/fairs-contests/> to register or stop by our office for a form. Registration due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Music Contest:** This contest will be a multi-county virtual contest. Entries are due May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. More information can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/4-h-contests/>

**Horticulture and Wildlife Contest:** Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> with the Horticulture contest beginning at 9:00 a.m. and Wildlife beginning at 12:30 p.m., Johnson-Brock School, Johnson (This is a multi-county contest.)

**Food Revue:** Wednesday, July 20 at 6:00 p.m., Nemaha County 4-H Building, Auburn

**ATV & Tractor Driving Contest:** Saturday, August 6, 2022, 9:30 a.m., Nemaha County Fairgrounds

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Discover, Learn, Grow

# Adventure Together 2023

## ADVENTURE TOGETHER ACROSS NEBRASKA WITH 4-H CAMP



### Chadron

June 5-9

Experience Nebraska via horseback, hiking, and with a trip down the Super Slide! Then see the prehistoric Agate Fossil Beds for a week of exploring Nebraska's wilderness; both past and present.



### Cozad

June 16-20

Challenge yourself with high ropes, zipline, and a rock wall! Work together with your new friends for a canoeing adventure, and round out your day with gaga and 9 square in the air!



### Ashland

June 26-29

Have an "in-tents" outdoor adventure at Mahoney State Park. Cook by the campfire, explore the tree canopy on the ropes course, and make a splash going down the slide at the pool!



### Burwell

July 16-20

Explore the flora and fauna with a week on the river front! Explore the North Loup River, go geocaching, tracking, and don't forget about playing an epic game of capture the flag!



### Louisville

July 27-30

Close out the summer with an "in-tents" experience at Platte River State Park. Practice your aim at the archery range, investigate the aquatic life at Crawdad Creek, and enjoy s'mores and songs with your new friends!



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4h.unl.edu/camp



**Registration for the 2023 4-H camp season is open! There are a limited number of spots available this year, so we recommend that families register as soon as possible. Session information and registration can be found at [4h.unl.edu/camp](https://4h.unl.edu/camp).**

You're invited to join us for an  
Environmental Education Workshop

## **POLLINATOR HABITAT OUTREACH PROGRAM**



**Saturday, April 22nd**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**at Meiergerd Farm 64389 730 Rd  
Auburn, NE 68305**

Possible Activities Include: Pollinator  
Education Activities, Building Bee Block  
Hotels & Plant ID

Dress According to the weather and clothes that can be dirty.  
We will be outside.



**Youth must register by April 7th  
by calling the Extension Office  
NO COST**

Sponsored by Pheasants Forever Quail Forever Nebraska,  
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Questions contact Jared at [jmeiergerd@pheasantsforever.org](mailto:jmeiergerd@pheasantsforever.org)



## NEMAHA COUNTY – TENTATIVE 2023 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENT

DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK BACK EACH MONTH FOR CHANGES

### MARCH

- 4 **Fruit Delivery, 4-H Building**
- 5 Air Pistol & Air Rifle Practice, 1:30-6:00 p.m.
- 5 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 13 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 19 Air Pistol & Air Rifle Practice, 1:30-6:00 p.m.
- 20 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 25 **4-H Air Pistol & Air Rifle Contest, 1:30-6:00 p.m., 4-H Building**
- 26 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library
- 27 4-H Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Courthouse
- 28 Spring Fairground Clean-up, 6:00 p.m.

### APRIL

- 2 .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice
- 2 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 4-H Building
- 11 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 17 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 16 .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice
- 20 **4-H Multi-County Comm Contest 6:00 p.m.**
- 23 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library
- 28 Office Closed for Arbor Day
- 30 .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice

### MAY

- 7 .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice
- 7 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 6 **4-H Multi-County Music Contest Entries Due**
- 6 Archery Practice, 10:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
- 8 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 20 Archery Practice, 10:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
- 21 .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice
- 22 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse
- 22 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 23 **Clover Kid Camp Registration Due**
- 28 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library
- 29 Office Closed for Memorial Day

### JUNE

- 1 Horse Level testing and ID due for State Shows
- 2 **Clover Kid Camp, 4-H Building, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**
- 3 Archery Practice, 10:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
- 4 .22 Pistol & Rifle Practice
- 9 **Horticulture and Wildlife Contest, J-B School, 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**
- 5 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building

- 10 .22 Pistol & Rifle Contest
- 12 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 15 **ALL ANIMAL ID & ENTRY FORMS DUE**
- 15 **YQCA CERTIFICATES DUE & COUNTY HORSE LEVEL TESTING COMPLETED**
- 15 **SHOOTING SPORTS ENTRIES DUE**
- 15 **ALL CONTEST ENTRIES DUE**
- 15 **ENROLLMENT DEADLINE**
- 19 **Office Closed for Juneteenth**
- 19 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 23 **State 4-H Communications Contest, Lincoln**
- 24 Archery Practice, 10:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
- 25 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library

### JULY

- 1 Archery Practice, 10:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
- 2 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 4 Office Closed for Independence Day
- 8 Archery Practice, 10:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
- 10 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 10 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse
- 12 **4-H Food Revue, 4-H Building, 6:00 p.m.**
- 15 Archery Contest 9:00 a.m.
- 15-19 State 4-H Horse Show, Fonner Park, Grand Island
- 17 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 19 **Cat & Small Animal Show, 4-H Building, 5:00 p.m.**
- 23 BB Gun Practice, Fairgrounds
- 23 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library

### AUGUST

- 5 ATV/Tractor Driving Contest, 9:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
- 6 BB Gun Practice, Fairgrounds
- 6 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 9 Fairground Cleanup, 6:00 p.m.
- 11 **Pre-Fair Entry & Judging, 3-7 p.m.**
- 12 **BB Gun Contest, Fairgrounds**
- 13-16 **NEMAHA COUNTY FAIR**
- 13 Livestock & Small Animal Check-In, Fair grounds, 5:00-9:00 p.m. (Horses check in after show)
- 17 Clean-up at the Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m.
- 18 State Fair Entries Turn-in Deadline
- 22 State Fair Food and Horticulture Entries Due by 12
- 26 – 9/5 Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island
- 27 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library
- 30 Fair Wrap-Up Mtg., Courthouse, 6:00 p.m.



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