FOUR CLOVER NEWS

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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

Clover Kid Day Camp

The 2024 Under the Sea – Clover Kid Camp is scheduled for Friday, June 21st, at the 4-H Building. There will be 2 sessions with registration limited to 30 participants per session. Registration form is included in this newsletter. The cost is \$15. You do not need to be a member of 4-H to attend. Registration slips and payment due to the Extension office by June 10th.

Youth volunteers are needed to help with Clover Kid Camp. Volunteer for one or both sessions. Youth must be 12 or older. This would be a great way to log hours for community service. Contact the Extension Office, 402-274-4755, by June 10th if you can help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 27th: Office Closed
 - o All day, Memorial Day
- May 28th: 4-H Council Meeting
 - o 6:30 PM, Courthouse

Newsletter

We are no longer mailing the monthly newsletter. If you received your newsletter in the mail we will now be sending it on the email that you enrolled with on 4-H online. If you want us to send it to another email address please contact us with that information.

Nemaha County Fair Book

The 2024/2025 Fair Books have arrived. Please stop by the Extension office for your family's copy or if you prefer, an electronic version can be found on our website at:

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/nemahacofairbook/

Make sure you check the fair book as you make your project plans. Many classes have changed.

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

Shooting Sports



2024 Smallbore (.22) Rifle & Pistol Contest

<u>Practices</u>: Sunday, June 2nd; Wednesday, June 5th; Sunday, June 9th; Wednesday, June 12th; Sunday, June 23rd; Wednesday, June 26th

Wednesday practices will be from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and Sunday practices will be from 2:00 – 4:00 PM <u>Competition:</u> Sunday, June 30th – 2:00 PM

The shooting sports club does have a few .22 rifles, but no pistols. If you have your own guns, please plan on using them. If you need to use a club rifle, please let Sheena know before practice so she can make sure you have what is needed. The club DOES NOT provide any ammo for these practices or competition. Families will need to provide their own. Each practice plan on bringing a minimum of 100 bullets. Youth also need ear and eye protection. The club does have eye protection but DOES NOT have ear protection. We also require closed toed shoes and long pants. Practices will be outside so please dress accordingly. Youth will shoot .22 rifle in the different positions so please bring a mat, blanket, or something to use for the prone position. Scopes can be used for the silhouette competition.

Requirements to participate:

- 1. Youth must be 12 years and older by December 31, 2023.
- 2. You must choose the .22 rifle and Smallbore pistol projects at v2.4honline.com.
- 3. Youth must have completed the Hunter's safety course and have a copy of their card in the Extension office before practices begin.

Miscellaneous

Congratulations to the 2024 4-H Council Scholarship recipients: Zoe Baltensperger and Kinsley Oestmann.

Congratulations to all our 2024 High School graduates!

The next chapter of your life is beginning. Nemaha County 4-H wants to let you know we have enjoyed working with you. Your growth in leadership skills will continue to serve you throughout life. Thank you for all your 4-H and community involvement!

We want to highlight all our 2024 graduates. All youth that are graduating or this is their last year in 4-H please send a picture to sdavidson11@unl.edu so we can highlight you in a future newsletter. Please also answer the following questions:

- 1. What school did you attend and what are your future plans.
- 2. What club were you involved in and how long in 4-H?
- 3. A favorite 4-H memory.
- 4. What is something you learned through 4-H?
- 5. What advice would you give to other 4-H'ers?

4-H Enrollment



It's time to enroll or reenroll in 4-H. Please enroll online at https://v2.4honline.com to participate in 4-H by June 15th. Youth wanting to participate in shooting sports or the horse project must select those projects to participate in practices, contests, and shows.

A BIG Thank You to all our 4-H volunteers! Your support is so important to 4-H and we thank you for your time and dedication to the program! With Nebraska 4-H, there are two types of volunteers, direct and indirect. Direct Volunteers **MUST** enroll online at: https://v2.4honline.com/ When registering choose *Program Volunteer*. Indirect Volunteers can enroll online or contact the office.

Volunteer Lunch & Learn

Our celebration of the 2024 National Volunteer Week has come to an end. If you missed the 4-H Volunteer Lunch and Learn sessions, the recordings are now available to view on your own schedule. Scan the QR code or visit 4h.unl.edu/volunteer-lunch-learn to gain new and easy to implement ideas into your 4-H club or group! Session topics included keeping the 4-H experience fresh, supporting youth with special needs, leading a club with younger members and the ages and stages of youth development. Each session has great ideas that help make your volunteer role even more impactful. Thank you for serving as 4-H volunteer!



New Volunteer Orientation

The Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Orientation serves as an introduction to the 4-H Youth Development program in Nebraska. As part of the screening process, the orientation covers a variety of foundational and essential topics. Any interested individuals including current or prospective volunteers, are welcome to complete the orientation. However, all new volunteers serving in direct roles, such as club leader, project leader, or workshop presenter, are required to complete the orientation. Volunteers are also required to complete the orientation as part of the re-screening process. If you'd like to participate in the orientation, go to https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation

Landscaping on Fairgrounds

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

Club Schedule for Landscape:

*June – Johnsonites

*July - BU Stockraisers

*May - Shooting Sports

2024 Nemaha County 4-H Contest Dates

- Horticulture and Wildlife Contest: Tuesday, June 11th with the Horticulture contest beginning at 9:00 a.m. and Wildlife contest will follow. At the 4-H Building (This is a multi-county contest.) Registration due by June 7th.
- .22 smallbore Contest: Sunday, June 30th at 2:00 PM Watch for more info.
- Food Revue: Wednesday, July 10th at 6:00 PM, 4-H Building, Auburn
- Cat & Companion Animal: Wednesday, July 17th at 5:00 PM, 4-H Building, Auburn
- ATV & Tractor Driving Contest: Saturday, August 3, 9:30 AM, Nemaha County Fairground
- Archery Contest: Saturday, August 10th, Nemaha County Fairgrounds, Auburn
- Judging Contests: Monday, August 12th, 1:30 PM, Nemaha County Fairgrounds, Auburn
- BB Gun Contest: Wednesday, August 14th, 11:00 AM Nemaha County Fairgrounds, Auburn

Fair Preparations

Special Accommodation Policy

Nemaha County 4-H recognizes that not all youth have the same abilities. The Nebraska 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture. The University of Nebraska – Lincoln is committed to providing accommodations necessary to allow individuals with disabilities to function effectively and safely while participating in 4-H events. If you believe you may need accommodation, please contact the Nemaha County Extension Office at 402-274-4755. Once accommodation is requested staff and parents/guardian will create an individualized 4-H plan together. The plan will then be approved by the 4-H Council.

Families will need to request accommodation before June 15th to participate in the Nemaha County Fair. If they are wanting to participate in a pre-fair contest, they need to turn in the request form by the registration date or before shooting sports practices begin.

Project Manuals -

If you are needing help with a project for the fair, the Extension office has many project manuals that can maybe help you. Manuals are free to enrolled Nemaha County 4-H members. Stop by, call or email if you are interested. We might have something to help you out!

Nemaha County Fair August 11th - 14th

June 15th Deadline:

June 15th is the normal enrollment and pre-entry deadline for the County fair.

This year it falls on a Saturday. Enrollment in 4-H done at v2.4honline.com must still be done by the end of the day of June 15th. Youth wanting to show at the Nebraska State Fair also need to nominate animals and turn in DNA envelopes by June 15th. The Nemaha County Extension office will not be open on Saturday, June 15th. The pre-entry deadline for Nemaha County Fair contests and shows will be on Monday, June 17th. Please don't wait to enroll. Youth not enrolled by the June 15th deadline will not be able to participate in the Nemaha County or the Nebraska State Fair.

Ear tags are in the Extension Office!

We have ear tags for swine and beef in our office. All swine and beef need to be ear tagged with our county tags or EID tags if planning on going to the State Fair. Market beef that were weighed in were already tagged with the appropriate tags.

Ear tag verification-

This year families will have the option of sending pictures of the animal with the ear tags in or we would be happy to come and verify them in person. Animals need to be tagged and verified by June 17th.

Fair Premium Sale Weight Requirements:

Each livestock division will have weight requirements for premium sale eligibility. Livestock not meeting min or max weight requirements will not be eligible for the premium sale.

<u>Beef:</u> <u>Market Steers:</u> 1000 lbs; <u>Market Heifers:</u> 900 lbs

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 17**th. Forms are available at www.nemaha.unl.edu or pick them up at the Extension Office.

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

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

4-H members who plan to show 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 17th.

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.

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

(Read carefully)

Livestock ID/Ownership Requirements for showing only at COUNTY FAIR

*All registered animals need to turn in registration papers as well.

MARKET BEEF, (FEEDER) & BUCKET CALVES

- Tagged with a 4-H ear tag
- Turn in completed ID form

BREEDING BEEF

- Registered Breeding Beef must have a tattoo number as their ID
- Commercial Breeding Beef may have a tattoo or 4-H ear tag
- Turn in completed ID form

SHEEP, MEAT GOATS

- Tagged with a USDA scrapie tag (breeder supplies these)
- Turn in completed ID form

SWINE

- Tagged with a 4-H ear tag
- Turn in completed ID form

DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOATS & PGYMY GOATS

Turn in completed ID form for your species

RABBITS

- Permanent tattoo in left ear
- Turn in completed ID form

POULTRY

• Turn in completed ID form



Livestock ID/Ownership Requirements for showing at STATE FAIR OR AKSARBEN

MARKET BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, & MEAT GOATS (FEEDER CALVES – State Fair FFA Only & Aksarben)

- Market beef, swine and feeder calves tagged with an EID tag
- Market sheep and meat goats use USDA scrapie tag number for ID (breeder supplies these)
- Submit DNA sample to the Extension Office
- Nominate animals by submitting information and payment (\$7 per animal) into Show Stock Manager, an online livestock database, by June 15th. Contact the county office for instructions.
- Obtain Premise ID from Nebraska Department of Ag and submit it to the Extension Office.

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DAIRY CATTLE

• Turn in completed ID form

RABBITS

All <u>rabbits except fryers must have permanent ID</u>
 <u>numbers or names tattooed in their ear with a pin tattoo</u>
 <u>pliers and tattoo ink.</u> Permanent marker numbers written in the ears of the rabbits are NOT permanent ID numbers.

ADDITIONAL COUNTY INFORMATION

- County fair livestock will need to fill out an "Ownership Affidavit" (ID sheet). Deadline for all animals is June 17th.
- Animal ID forms can be found at: https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/entryforms/
- Registration papers for registered livestock must be turned into the Extension office by June 17th.
- Scrapie tags will be used as ID for SHEEP & GOATS (both market & breeding). Families will tag their own sheep and goats.
- 4-H families will tag their own market beef not participating in rate of gain, swine, bucket calves, suckling calves, and feeder calves by June 17th. Tags must be picked up at the Extension Office. Tags will be verified by staff or through pictures no later than June 17th. Staff will visit your premises to verify tags or pictures can be sent to sheenadavidson@unl.edu.

ADDITIONAL STATE FAIR & AKSARBEN INFORMATION

- Once an animal is tagged with an EID tag it cannot be cut out. This is illegal.
- Exhibitors of 4-H & FFA market animals (beef, swine, sheep, and goat) at the State Fair are required to obtain a Premises ID number through the NE Department of Agriculture at no cost to the exhibitor. Exhibitors without a Premises Identification number will not be allowed to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair. A brochure with more information on how to obtain a Premises ID is available on the Nemaha County 4-H Livestock Information webpage: https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/nemaha/4-h-livestock-information-0/
- All nominations will have a fee of \$7.00 per animal entry paid online and DNA must be submitted to the Extension office. 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 entered in a breeding nomination.
- All animal nominations are due June 15th.
- Families will then need to make State Fair entries online as in the past. ShoWorks online entry will open in mid-July.





The power of being so green

CHADRON JUNE 1-5 JUNE 6-8

10-14 YEARS 8-10 YEARS

COZAD

JUNE 16-20 10-14 YEARS JULY 1-3 8-10 YEARS

BURWELL

JULY 17-19 8-10 YEARS JULY 20-24 10-14 YEARS



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



COME ONE, COME ALL!

SCONE BAKING & PRETZEL MAKING 4-H WORKSHOP



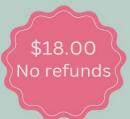
SATURDAY, MAY 18TH 9:00 - 11:00 AM REGISTER AND PAY BY MAY 8TH

At the 4-H Building in Auburn

Workshop led by Sheena Davidson

Come join us making a variety of yummy pretzels and scones. Youth will leave with recipes and baked products as well as a rolling mat for baked goods. Youth can use recipes to bake products to bring to the Nemaha County Fair.

Ages 8-18 years old



Enrollment in 4-H not required

Registration and payment required at https://go.unl.edu/jksc or using the QR code by May 8th.

Payment must be made at the Nemaha County Extension office.

Please make check payable to the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.





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ALL YOUTH AGES 5-7 (AS OF DEC. 31, 2023) ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR 4-H CLOVER KID DAY CAMP! YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF 4-H TO ATTEND. DURING CAMP WE WILL MAKE FUN CRAFTS, SNACKS AND PLAY GAMES. ALL PROJECTS MADE WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY INTO THE NEMAHA COUNTY FAIR!

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM OR 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

YOUTH MUST REGISTER ONLINE AND PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT THE NEMAHA
COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE IN BASEMENT OF THE
COURTHOUSE BY JUNE 10TH.

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 30 PARTICIPANTS PER SESSION

COST IS \$15.00 - NO REFUNDS
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN

REGISTER ONLINE AT: HTTPS://GO.UNL.EDU/FVDE OR USE THE QR CODE TO REGISTER BY JUNE 10TH.





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SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024 9:00 AM - NOON AT THE NEMAHA COUNTY SADDLE CLUB ARENA

Youth 8-18 are encouraged to bring their horse if possible. Youth under 8 are able to come, but will NOT be able to bring their horses and participant hands-on.

Parents will need to stay with youth under 8.

Youth bringing their horse must be enrolled in 4-H at v2.4honline.com with the horse project selected.

COST IS \$5.00 - NO REFUNDS

Facilitated by Clarisa Smith of Krooked S Ranch LLC

Register online at: https://go.unl.edu/b5vu or using the QR code by May 31.



Multi-County



Horticulture and Wildlife Contests Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Location: 4-H Building, Auburn, NE Horticulture beginning at 9:00 am; Wildlife beginning after Horticulture Contest

HORTICULTURE CONTEST RULES

- 1. Contestants will not be allowed to touch any plant material.
- 2. Members do NOT need to be enrolled in a 4-H horticulture project to participate.
- 3. Identification answer sheet examples can picked up at the Nemaha County Extension office. 402-274-4755
- 4. The skill level needed for this activity is not appropriate for Clover Kids.
- 5. Participants will be required to participate in all of the following portions:
 - Identification Participants will identify 100 plant specimens by accepted common name as defined by the "Identification Answer Sheet." Participants will be given a plant list to use at the contest. The 100 specimen will include 25 flowers/indoor plants, 25 landscape ornamentals, 25 fruits/nuts/berries, and 25 vegetables. Specimens may be alive, pictures or preserved plant parts such as, but not limited to: stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds or fruits.
 - Judging/Placing- There will be 2 judging contests of plants or produce. A judge will judge this contest and give reasons for the placing.
 - Written Exam- Participants will complete a multiple choice/ true false exam worth 2 points per question. Intermediate division will receive a test with up to 12 questions; Senior division will receive a test with up to 25 questions. Questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers and other topics related to the production, processing and consumption of horticultural crops.

WILDLIFE CONTEST INFO

The Wildlife Contest consists of identifying animals using tracks, pictures, pelts, and skulls. Areas include: Bird, Fish, Insects & Arachnids, Mammals, Reptiles & Amphibians.



Deadline to register: Friday, June 7th 2024 Horticulture and Wildlife Contest

Please return to your local Extension Office

Name:	4-H Age:	
Division: Junior (ages 8 -10) Intern	ediate (ages 11-13) Senior (ages 14 and over)_	



NEMAHA COUNTY - TENTATIVE 2024 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENT

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

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5	Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Martin Luther Church	17	Archery Practice, 6:00 p.m Fairgrounds
13	Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building	20	Archery Practice, 9:00 a.m Fairgrounds
19	Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library	21	Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
20	B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building	24	Archery Practice, 6:00 p.m Fairgrounds
27	Office Closed for Memorial Day	27	BB Gun Practice, Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.
28	4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse	28	Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library
		31	Archery Practice, 6:00 p.m Fairgrounds
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1	Horse Level testing and ID due for State Shows	AUGUS'	-
2	.22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 2:00 p.m.	3	ATV/Tractor Driving Contest, 9:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
2	Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library	4	BB Gun Practice, Fairgrounds, 4:00 p.m.
2	4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building	4	4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
5	.22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 6:00 p.m.	7	Fairground Cleanup, 6:00 p.m.
8	Horse Clinic, 9:00 a.m., Horse arena	9	Pre-Fair Entry & Judging, 3-7 p.m.
9	.22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 2:00 p.m.	10	Archery Contest, Fairgrounds
10	Clover Kid Camp Registration Due	11-14	NEMAHA COUNTY FAIR
10	Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building	11	Livestock & Small Animal Check-In, Fair grounds,
11	Horticulture and Wildlife Contest, 9:00 a.m.		5:00-9:00 p.m. (Horses check in after show)
12	.22 Pistol & Rifle Practice, 6:00 p.m.	15	Clean-up at the Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m.
15	ENROLLMENT DEADLINE	16	State Fair Entries Turn-in Deadline
15	State Fair Nomination & DNA Deadline	18	Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
16	Johnsonites Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library	20	State Fair Food and Horticulture Entries Due by 12
17.10	Premier Communications Event – Lincoln	23 - 9/2	Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island
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