

FOUR CLOVER NEWS

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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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ACHIEVEMENT CELEBRATION & LEADER RECOGNITION

The Nemaha County 4-H Achievement and Leader Recognition Celebration is Sunday, November 5th. It will be at the 4-H Building in Auburn beginning at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and followed by awards. *This is an evening you will not want to miss!*

All 4-Hers, leaders and their families are invited to attend and celebrate the many accomplishments in 2023. Awards, mementoes, and premium checks will be distributed throughout the evening. Be sure to mark this on your calendar for an evening of great food, company and recognition of 4-H members and leaders.



To Those That Completed Achievement Applications:

Completing projects and recording your activities & accomplishments takes a great deal of effort! You can be certain the skills you are using and learning by taking the time to complete your Achievement Application will help you throughout your entire life. Congratulations and thank you for your efforts!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 5th: Awards Committee Meeting
 - o 5:00 p.m., Office
- October 8th: Shooting Instructor Meeting
 - o 2:00 p.m., Courthouse
- October 9th: Office Closed
 - o All day, Columbus Day
- October 21st: Fall Workshop
 - o 9:00 a.m., 4-H Building
- November 5th: Achievement Night
 - o 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- November 10th: Office Closed
 - o All day, Veteran's Day
- November 20th: 4-H Council Meeting
 - o 6:30 p.m., Courthouse
- November 23rd & 24th: Office Closed
 - o All day, Thanksgiving



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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.

Miscellaneous

Welcome to the Nemaha County Extension new Water and Cropping Systems Educator, Ritika Lamichhane.



Stop by the office and welcome Ritika!

I grew up in the flat terrains of Nepal on my Grandparent's paddy farm. Even though we moved to city later, the rice planting celebration and my grandfather's wise words stuck with me: "Respect the food on your table and those who toil for it." This resonated deeply with me, and I decided to join the Agriculture and Forestry University. Post graduation, real field experiences opened my eyes to farmers' challenges and the need for scientifically driven relevant solutions. I joined the University of Idaho in 2021 to pursue my master's degree in plant science. I worked as a research assistant at the university's research station, focusing on nutrient management and precision agriculture for crops such as wheat, barley, corn, sugarbeets, dried beans, and hops. Now, a fresh graduate, I'm thrilled to apply my insights as a UNL extension educator, eager to both share and learn from local growers.

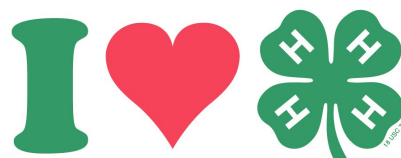
RESOURCES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Resources for volunteers can be found at <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer>.

If you have some specific needs and would like some help, contact the Extension Office, 402-274-4755 or email Sheena at sdavidson11@unl.edu.



National 4-H Week is October 1-7 and the theme for this year's celebration, *I Love 4-H* is a campaign developed by the National 4-H Council. More than a feeling, 4-H provides empowering experiences that create confidence and foster a sense of real belonging for kids everywhere.



Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

A Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop is scheduled for late October in Kearney. It will be held October 28-29 in Kearney. The early bird deadline to register for the workshop is October 18th.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to become certified as an adult (21 years and older) or apprentice (14-20 years old) leader. Six project areas and ambassador training will be offered at the Kearney Workshop – coordinator, rifle, pistol, shotgun, hunting skills, archery, and ambassador. Ambassador training will be held in conjunction with instructor's workshop and up to eight teens will be accepted at the training session. Please help recruit qualified teen leaders, ages 14-18, who are excelling in their shooting sports projects.

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 and Ambassadors. The registration fee for Apprentice Instructors (14 to 20 years of age) and Ambassadors (14-18 years of age) is \$75 for this workshop. The late registration fee is \$150 for both levels. 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 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 "Kearney 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.



Shooting Sports Instructor Meeting

Sunday, October 8th at 2:00 PM at the Courthouse for all current shooting sports instructors. We will go over policies and procedures for the 2024 4-H shooting sports season. Make sure you come with possible practice and competition dates for your discipline.

A New 4-H Year

4-H Enrollment



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

Please enroll through 4HOnline at

<https://v2.4honline.com>. The website is closed

October 1st – 15th and will open again on

October 16th for new enrollment and reenrollment.

A new 4-H year

A new 4-H year begins on October 1! It is time to reorganize your club and invite new members to join. At your first meeting elect new officers, select a club project, and plan for the year by scheduling meeting dates, project talks, activities, demonstrations, etc. Your plans can be recorded in a yearbook and given to each family. (A Club Project is a project such as: Safety, Flowers, Cake Decorating, etc.)

As you re-enroll or enroll for the first time, please take into consideration the projects you enroll in and ask yourself "is it manageable?" You can add or drop projects until June 15 via 4-H Online. Be sure to enroll in all projects you plan to take.

Organizational Leaders can stop by the Extension Office to get officers' books. Please send or email a list of officers to the Extension Office.

As the new 4-H year begins and you look for ideas for your club members, here is a website with resources just for you, <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/club-leaders>.

Organizational Leader Notes:

- Turn in Year-End reports to the office if you have not already done so.
- Pair up new members/families with a mentor member/family to assist new members/families.

4-H Council Representatives

Terms of office for the 4-H Council will be ending for some youth and adult club representatives. Club leaders and members need to decide who will represent the club and be committed to attending the Council meetings. Council meetings are important as club representatives can voice the wishes of their club and policy is set that affects the entire 4-H program. Please let the Extension Office know right away so agenda notices may be sent to them for the November meeting. New and retiring Council members are to attend the November Council meeting. Election of officers will be held, and committee assignments will be decided. (Current members can be re-elected to come back by their club if they have not served 2 – two-year terms.)





FALL 4-H WORKSHOP



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 21ST
9:00 - 11:00 AM**

\$20.00
NO REFUNDS

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AT
THE EXTENSION OFFICE

**Join us for fall craft making
at the 4-H Building in Auburn**

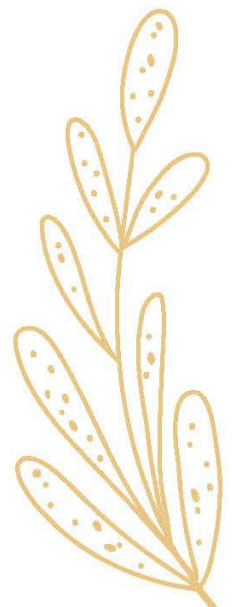


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Register & Pay by October 13th

Use the QR code to register
or email Sheena for link
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VOLUNTEER Road Show!



Join one of the unique volunteer training events to discover new opportunities for your members, network with others volunteers, and build your skills working with youth.

A \$15 registration fee covers a meal and all supplies.

Learn more and register at
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- **VIRTUAL – NOV 5**
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. CT
- **NORTH PLATTE – NOV 6**
6:00 - 8:30 p.m. CST
- **YORK – NOV 7**
6:00 - 8:30 p.m. CST
- **OMAHA – NOV 9**
6:00 - 8:30 p.m. CST
- **KEARNEY – NOV 13**
6:00 - 8:30 p.m. CST

SESSION TOPICS

The Magic of 4-H - Learn why youth thrive in 4-H and how this impacts their future development

4-H Rabbit Project 101 - Learn how to get started in the rabbit project, including basic care, feeding, and show preparation featuring live animals and project experts

Color Theory - Experience a basic color theory activity that youth can use in home environment, arts, consumer management, and Clover Kid projects

4-H Poultry Project 101 - Learn how to get started in the poultry project, including basic care, feeding, and show preparation featuring live animals and project experts

Environmental Education - Experience an activity you can share with youth interested in environmental education

Parliamentary Procedure - Experience an activity you can use to teach club members about parliamentary procedure



NEMAHA COUNTY – TENTATIVE 2023 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENT

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

AUGUST

- 5 ATV/Tractor Driving Contest, 9:00 a.m. Fairgrounds
- 6 BB Gun Practice, 4:00 p.m., 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, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m., 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.

- 20 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 23-24 Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- 26 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library

DECEMBER

- 3 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 11 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 17 Johnonites Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
- 18 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 25-Jan 2 Office Closed for Holiday

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Office Closed for Labor Day
- 6 **Pick-up State Fair Exhibits at Extension Office**
- 11 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 18 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 21-24 Aksarben – Grand Island
- 23 **Shotgun Competition (possible date)**
- 25 4-H Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Courthouse
- 25 **Achievement Applications Due**
- 24 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library

OCTOBER

- 2 **Year End Club Reports Due**
- 1-7 **National 4-H Week**
- 1 Shooting Sports Mtg., 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 5 Awards Committee Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Courthouse
- 8 Shooting Sports Instructor Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Courthouse
- 9 Office Closed for Columbus Day
- 9 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 15 Johnonites Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
- 16 B.U. Stockraisers Mtg., 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 21 Fall Workshop, 9:00 a.m., 4-H Building
- 22 Timbercreek Mtg., 5:00 p.m. Johnson Library

NOVEMBER

- 5 **4-H Achievement Night, 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building**
- 10 Office Closed for Veteran’s Day
- 13 Jr. Riders Mtg., 5:30 p.m., 4-H Building
- 19 Johnonites Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Johnson Library
- 20 4-H Council Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Courthouse



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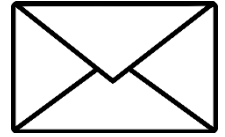
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