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4-H News ofOtoe County
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Otoe County 4-H Foundation Camp Scholarships Available

Summer is coming soon! Going to the Nebraska State 4-H Camp near Halsey can be part of your summer fun! Check out the enclosed flyer on 4-H camps that can make your summer extra fun!

Camps are filled on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to register online at 4h.unl.edu/camp as soon as possible. Youth do not need to belong to 4-H to attend any of these camps.

As an Otoe County 4-H member, take advantage of the camp offer by the Otoe County 4-H Foundation. The Foundation will donate \$100 or 50% of the camper registration fee, whichever is greater. Contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 to register for this camp scholarship.

Invite your friends and sign up for 4-H camp now! If you need more information, please contact the Nebraska Extension in Otoe County Office .

Enroll Now in 4-H for 2021!

Have you signed up for 4-H? All youth and leaders enroll in 4-H for the 2021 program year through the web-based enrollment system at ne.4honline.com. It is highly recommended that you enroll by May 1st. **If you were enrolled last year, you MUST re-enroll this year.** NOTE: When signing up as an Independent 4-H member, make sure one parent enrolls as a 4-H leader. **4-H leaders will need to go through the DHHS screening process.**

For more information, contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 or visit our website at otoe.unl.edu for a detailed enrollment cheat sheet to help you get signed up.



Goodbye and Welcome!

Join us in wishing Sarah Purcell, Extension Educator a wonderful retirement! Sarah has been stationed in Otoe County since March 1, 2000. Her last day in the office will be March 12.

Deb Weitzenkamp will be transferring into the Otoe County 4-H Educator position starting March 15. Deb has been with Nebraska Extension for many years and has worked in Johnson, Nemaha, and Pawnee Counties. Most recently she has been stationed in the Kimmel Education and Extension Center in Nebraska City. Her program focus will continue to be 4-H STEM.

4-H Public Speaking Contest

Plan now for the 4-H Public Speaking Contest. The contest will be **Sunday, April 11, 2:00 p.m. at the Fair Center in Syracuse.** The PSA theme for 2021 is "Opportunity 4 All." Check out the enclosed flyer for more information .



The State 4-H Public Speaking Contest will be Wednesday, June 30, in Lincoln. The district contests have been eliminated.

4-H Foundation Scholarship Winners

This year's winners of the Otoe County 4-H Foundation scholarships are: Burton Brandt, Autumn Cary, Jami Gabriel, Suzanna Shanks, and Sydney Wellsandt. They each received a \$1,500 scholarship. The Miyoshi Family 4-H Leadership Scholarship was presented to Sydney Wellsandt. This new \$1,000 scholarship was awarded due to the generosity of sisters Pam Miyoshi Smith of Salina, Kansas and Ree Miyoshi Shirley of Nebraska City. Both are former Otoe County 4-H members. The 4-H Foundation thanks the Miyoshi Family for wanting to "pay it forward" to today's 4-H youth leaders. There were a lot of great applicants this year and everyone that entered has had a great 4-H career.

Congratulations!

4-H Summer Workshop Suggestions



Please contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 with any topic suggestions for summer 4-H workshops. Workshops can be created to help a club enhance a project or provide 4-H members with unique opportunities. We welcome your ideas! If you would like to teach a workshop, that would be great too! Just let us know!

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a weeklong experience for high school juniors and seniors from across Nebraska to learn more about career opportunities within agriculture. This conference features speakers, workshops, agricultural education, networking with peers and industry leaders, professional development, leadership experience, fun, and new friends!

NAYI 2021 is five days of educational exposure to the many aspects of Nebraska agriculture. **This FREE institute is July 12 - 16, 2021 in Lincoln.** You do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to apply for this conference.

The NAYI program is coordinated and conducted by the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council. The Council consists of 21 college-age men and women who have been appointed to serve and educate Nebraska's youth on the importance of the ag industry.

Applicants must be high school juniors or seniors during the 2020-2021 school year who are interested in agriculture. Selection will be based on leadership skills, interest, and involvement in agriculture. Applications are available online at: <http://www.nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/>. **Applications must be emailed by April 15, 2021 by 11:59 p.m.**

4-H Shooting Sports

Otoe County 4-H has two certified Shooting Sports instructors and two 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs! The 4-H leaders who completed the two-day intensive 4-H training and are offering training in the following disciplines are:

Otoe County 4-H Shooting Sports

- **Archery** - Junior Grotrian - 402-269-5591

Otoe County Sharp Shooters

- **BB Gun/Air Rifle** - Sherlyn Damme - 402-269-5668

Youth interested in joining either 4-H club, please contact the appropriate 4-H Leader.

With more volunteers other disciplines such as Air Pistol, Smallbore Rifle - .22 caliber, Smallbore Pistol - .22 caliber, Shotgun, and Muzzleloading can be offered. Anyone interested in becoming a certified 4-H Shooting Sports leader, please contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. The Otoe County 4-H Council will pay the registration fee for the training.



Pop Tabs

Keep saving your pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. This is an easy and great community service project for Otoe County 4-H Clubs and 4-H members. You can drop your tabs off anytime at the Extension Office. Please help us reach our 3 million goal!

Otoe County 4-H Clubs Can Meet Again!

Otoe County is now in the Yellow Zone for COVID. This is great news, because Otoe County 4-H Clubs can now meet! Facial coverings are recommended. Please follow these guidelines when meeting:

- ◆ Stay home when sick and avoid contact with other people unless you need medical attention.
- ◆ Follow common-sense steps such as washing your hands often and well; covering your coughs and sneezes; and cleaning and disinfecting.
- ◆ If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- ◆ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ◆ Avoid close contact with people by staying at least 6 feet apart.
- ◆ **Wear cloth face coverings** in public settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain.
- ◆ Wipe down all common surfaces as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Common surfaces include tables, counters, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, chairs, etc.

Clubs are still encouraged to meet virtually if possible. **If your club needs help setting up a virtual meeting, the Extension Office is happy to help.** Call 402-269-2301 or email otoe-county@unl.edu for assistance.

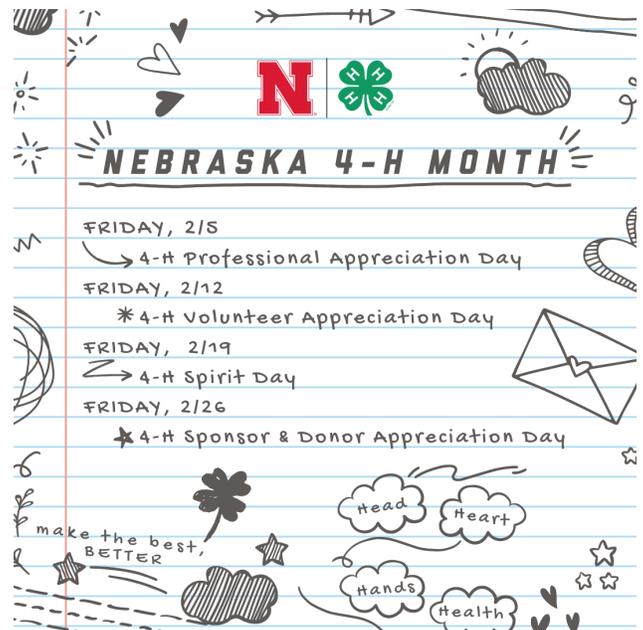
Additional information can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/documents/COVID-4H-Meeting-Guidelines-052820.pdf>

February is Nebraska 4-H Month

We, at Nebraska Extension in Otoe County, are proud of our 4-H members and leaders, the 4-H program, and all the learning that takes place because of the attention to quality projects and careful learning. Help us promote 4-H this month. When you have your 4-H Club meetings, discuss and decide what you want to do as a club; then as individuals promote 4-H and invite others to be a part of 4-H!

4-H is a good thing! The Positive Development of Youth: Comprehensive Findings from the 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development has done a study and reported that **4-H youth excel beyond their peers**. 4-H members are about:

- ◆ **Four times** more likely to make contributions to their communities (Grades 7-12);
- ◆ **Two times** more likely to be civically active (Grades 8-12);
- ◆ **Two times** more likely to make healthier choices (Grade 7);
- ◆ **Two times** more likely to participate in Science, Engineering and Computer Technology programs during out-of-school time (Grades 10-12); and
- ◆ 4-H girls are **two times** more likely (Grade 10) and nearly **three times** more likely (Grade 12) to take part in **science programs** compared to girls in other out-of-school time activities.



**Help us promote 4-H in Otoe County! It's a win-win!
Register by May 1st to get all 4-H information!**





Nebraska 4-H Club of the Month

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation and the Nebraska 4-H Ambassadors celebrate Nebraska 4-H Clubs! Each month, a 4-H club is chosen as the Nebraska Club of the Month.

In order to be selected, 4-H clubs must nominate themselves by the second Friday of the preceding month. Clubs will need to fill out the application available on the Nebraska 4-H Foundation's website at ne4hfoundation.org/recognition. This will include club information along with a story or write-up of the activity, project, or other reason why their club should be the Club of the Month.

The club chosen to be Club of the Month will receive a \$50 cash card from the Nebraska 4-H Foundation and their story will be showcased on the Nebraska 4-H Foundation's Facebook, Twitter, and website along with the State 4-H website and Facebook, and in their local newspaper.



Bring A Friend!

Right now is an excellent time to recruit new members and families for 4-H! If you have a friend who might be interested or who likes to just hang out with you, bring them to a 4-H club meeting! Tell your classmates and their families what you do in 4-H: like how much fun it is creating exhibits, caring for animals, going to 4-H camp, and showing at the Otoe County Fair. Classmates might also enjoy going to 4-H with you. It's the season to share the fun!

Livestock Ear Tags

Ear tags for all livestock species, poultry leg bands, and scrapies tags are available for purchase at the Extension Office. Taggers are also available for check-out.



Governor's Ag Excellence Awards

The Nebraska 4-H Foundation is pleased to again offer the Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards. Sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA), this award recognizes Nebraska 4-H clubs. Recognition is in the form of a \$500 check issued to the club's treasury to be used as described in the award application form completed by the club.

This EASY, fillable application is available at <http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition>. Completed applications can be emailed to Peggy Jeffries at the 4-H Foundation Office at pjeffries1@unl.edu and must be received by March 1, 2021. **Please indicate in the subject line that it is a Governor's Ag Excellence Application. Applications will be accepted by email only.**



Otoe County 4-H Foundation Grants

The Otoe County 4-H Foundation will provide grants to Otoe County 4-H members and 4-H clubs to strengthen 4-H in Otoe County. Grant requests can be between \$50 to \$500. Contact the Extension Office for more information and for an application or go online to this site: <http://otoe.unl.edu> to find the application. Clubs are allowed to submit two applications annually. Applications are due twice a year – February 28 and November 30. Apply now!

Nebraska 4-H Horse Stampede

The 4-H Horse Stampede is a group of contests for youth interested in horses. These contests do not require youth to have a horse. All the youth need is to have an interest and be willing to learn about horses. This year's 4-H Horse Stampede is **Saturday, March 27, 2021 in Lincoln.**

Events include public speaking, quiz bowls, demonstration, art, and photography contests. Youth have the opportunity to display their equine knowledge through these contests both as a team or as an individual. There is a \$10 entry fee per contestant.

Entry forms are due March 5. Entry forms and more information on the stampede can be found at <http://4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede>.

Questions? Contact Grace Kim at 402-472-9098 or at grace.kim@unl.edu. Brown Bag lunches and T-shirts are available for contestants and need to be pre-ordered via the entry form.

2021 Livestock Judging Team

PASE, Premier Animal Science Events, is designed to help youth learn about issues related to the animal industry, explore career opportunities that are available, compete with other teens from across the state and have FUN! The event is sponsored by Nebraska 4-H, the College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and Nebraska Investment Finance Authority.

We would like to form teams that will meet March through June. These teams would represent Otoe County at PASE Monday, June 28 and Tuesday, June 29. Age ranges are 10 to 18 as of December 31. For the livestock judging, livestock quiz bowl and the livestock skill-a-thon, there are two divisions – intermediate (10-13) and senior (14 and older).

If interested in practicing and competing at PASE, please contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 or via email at erin.steinhoff@unl.edu. Practices will hopefully begin soon.

PASE
Premier Animal Science Event

Companion Animal Challenge

The 4-H Companion Animal Challenge will be **virtual for 2021**. It provides youth a chance to participate in a variety of contests that do not require animals, but allows youth to learn more about their dog or other companion animals. **Entries are due April 2.** Contests include:

- Demonstrations (a presentation where youth demonstrate how to complete a task or related to the care of their companion animal)
- Essay, photography and art contest (open to all 4-H members)
- Dog Skill-a-Thon
- Cat Skill-a-Thon

Youth do not need to be experts to participate in the event. More information is available at: <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/challenge>.

YQCA In-Person Trainings



All 4-H members enrolled in beef, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine projects are required to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training to exhibit their livestock. This training must be completed by June 15.

To begin YQCA, you MUST be enrolled in Otoe County 4-H for 2021. Enroll at: ne.4honline.com. The next trainings will be at the Fair Center on:

- Monday, April 5: 10:00 a.m.—11:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 5: 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 25: 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 7: 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
- Monday, June 7: 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.

These sessions may not run quite the full time length. Each youth needs to bring a notebook and pencil or pen.

Please call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 to pre-register, but **YOU STILL NEED TO REGISTER ON LINE!**



4- H Clover Bag Fun



4-H Clover Bag kits have been developed for Otoe County youth to experience fun and science at home. Two kits are being offered, the first is free to each youth, while the second kit will cost \$2.00. Most of the supplies necessary to complete the activity will be included in each kit. Please contact the Nebraska Extension in Otoe County office at 402-269-2301 or otoe-county@unl.edu to request one or both kits. Kits can be picked up at the extension office or arrangements may be made for delivery.

Rainbow Rain

Learn about the weather and why it rains with this simple science experiment.



Wind Energy



Put your engineering caps on and Learn how wind can be converted into energy! Youth will build a simple windmill and use it to lift a "bucket."



**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
UNTIL JANUARY 31ST! FOR
10% OFF PER SESSION
USE CODE: EARLYBIRD21**



****TRANSPORTATION
OPTION FROM
LINCOLN OFFERED
SELECT WEEKS!**

NEBRASKA 4-H CAMPS 2021 SCHEDULE

JUNE 1-4 : LEADERS IN TRAINING - BECOME A JR. COUNSELOR!

JUNE 1-4 : EAT. SLEEP. CAMP. REPEAT!

JUNE 6-10 : 4-H CAMP MESSTIVAL**

JUNE 13-17 : CALAMUS CAMPING TRIP - SESSION 1

JUNE 20-24 : EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!**

JUNE 27-30 : THRILLS, CHILLS & ADVENTURE

JUNE 27-30 : CALAMUS CAMPING TRIP - SESSION 2

JULY 6-9 : WILD, WET & WACKY!

JULY 11-14 : SANDHILLS SAMPLER - 90'S THROWBACK!**

JULY 18-22 : RUSTIC RIVER EXPEDITION

JULY 25-29 : KRAVIN' WAVES**

AUG 1-5 : CAMP OLYMPICS - INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION**

AUG 8-11 : SLIDE OUT OF SUMMER

ALL OVERNIGHT CAMPS OPEN TO YOUTH AGES: 8-14

LEADERS IN TRAINING CAMP OPEN TO AGES: 14-18

**NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP - HALSEY, NE
SEE FULL CAMP DESCRIPTIONS AND REGISTER ONLINE AT:
4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS-CENTERS/SUMMER-CAMP/SCHEDULE**

2021 Otoe County 4-H Public Speaking Contest Sunday, April 11, 2:00 p.m. Fair Center in Syracuse



PURPOSE of 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST:

- Encourage youth to develop communication skills through public speaking.

GUIDELINES:

- Youth may present both a 4-H Speech and a 4-H PSA.
- Novice Division 4-H members who are using a poem or story should credit the author at the beginning. A simple statement like, "I am presenting a piece from *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak," will work. It will not count in the timing of your speech.
- **For all PSAs:** 1) The 2021 PSA state theme "**Opportunity 4 All**" needs to be used by all.
2) The following state determined tag line needs to be stated within the last ten (10) seconds of your PSA - "Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu." This tag line is included in the sixty (60) second time limit.
3) Record your PSA using .wav or MP3 audio format. 4) The few seconds of silence before and after your recording does not count in the 60-second time limit.
- Visual aids for speeches are not allowed. There is a presentations contest in the summer where visual aids are permitted.

DIVISION	4-H AGE by JANUARY 1	TIME GUIDELINES	SPECIAL GUIDELINES	AWARDS
Clover Kids	5, 6 and 7	none	1) Recite the 4-H Pledge; 2) Recite the Pledge of Allegiance; or 3) Recite both pledges.	Ribbons and \$1 coins
Novice Speech	8, 9 and 10	Under 3 minutes	Can be in this division only ONE year. Can read or recite a poem or story.	Ribbons and \$1 coins Champion - \$20.00 Res. Champ - \$10.00
Junior Speech	8, 9 and 10	1 to 3 minutes	Must be an original speech with 4-H as the major component	Ribbons and \$1 coins Champion - \$20.00 Res. Champ - \$10.00
Intermediate Speech	11, 12 and 13	3 to 5 minutes	Must be an original speech with 4-H as the major component	Ribbons and \$1 coins Champion - \$20.00 Res. Champ - \$10.00
Senior Speech	14 and older	5 to 8 minutes	Must be an original speech with 4-H as the major component	Ribbons and \$1 coins Champion - \$20.00 Res. Champ - \$10.00
Radio PSA Junior	8, 9 and 10	60 seconds	PSA MUST promote 4-H. PSA MUST be submitted on flash drive. Sound effects are great! See guidelines above.	Ribbons and \$1 coins Champion - \$20.00 Res. Champ - \$10.00
Radio PSA Intermediate	11, 12 and 13	60 seconds	PSA MUST promote 4-H. PSA MUST be submitted on flash drive. Sound effects are great! See guidelines above.	Ribbons and \$1 coins Champion - \$20.00 Res. Champ - \$10.00
Radio PSA Senior	14 and older	60 seconds	PSA MUST promote 4-H. PSA MUST be submitted on flash drive. Sound effects are great! See guidelines above.	Ribbons and \$1 coins Champion - \$20.00 Res. Champ - \$10.00
To register, call the Nebraska Extension in Otoe County office at 402-269-2301 by Wednesday, April 7.				

Resources available at the Extension Office: Score sheets for each division.
4-H Project Manuals: Communications Modules 1, 2, and 3.

MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Febr. 28 Otoe County 4-H Foundation Grant Applications Due	1 Governor's Ag Excellence Award Applications Due ----- 4-H Foundation 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4	5 4-H Horse Stampede entries due	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Central City	13 Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Central City
14 Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training at Central City 	15 Innovative Youth Corn Challenge entries due Otoe County Ag Society 7:30 p.m.	16	17 	18	19	20 Spring Rabbit Show 9:00 a.m. Lancaster Event Center 
21	22	23 4-H Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24	25	26	27 4-H Horse Stampede @ UNL
28	29	30 Extension Board 7:30 p.m.	31			