



TIPS ON TAP

4-H News ofOtoe County
"Your Front Door to the University of Nebraska"

April 15, 2016

4-H Public Speaking Contest

The Otoe County 4-H Public Speaking Contest is **Sunday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.** at the Kimmel Event Center in Syracuse. If you need more information or to register for the contest, please contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. Register by Thursday, April 21.

4-H Online Enrollments Due May 1!

Yes, it's true! All youth need to enroll in 4-H online by **Sunday, May 1st** for the 2016 program year. If you were enrolled last year and want to be in 4-H again, YOU MUST RE-ENROLL! If you miss the deadline, you will need to come into the Extension Office for Melinda or Carla to override the computer system. Please make it easy on you and us! Enroll in 4-H by going to <http://ne.4honline.com> to exhibit at the 2016 Otoe County Fair!

4-H'ers have until June 15 to add or delete only **non-livestock** projects by calling the Extension Office. No 4-H projects can be added after that time in accordance with the Nebraska State 4-H Policy. At the Otoe County Fair, 4-H'ers may only enter exhibits in the 4-H projects in which they are enrolled.

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2016 Fair Book

The 2016 Otoe County Fair Book will be in your April 18th PENNY PRESS. It should be in ALL community papers except Bennet. If you have a Bennet address, you can pick up your Penny Press at the Heartland Bank in Bennet or the Palmyra Memorial Library in Palmyra. They will also be available at the Extension Office in Syracuse or online at www.otoe.unl.edu.



4-H Wednesday What-Nots....
Watch your email for weekly 4-H updates!

Clover Kids

All Clover Kids are invited to attend the **Clover Kids Day Camp, Thursday, June 30, 9 a.m. – 12 noon at the Kimmel Event Center in Syracuse.** Clover Kids will create a U.S. Flag, a firefly, a seed medallion, a table setting poster, plus decorate a grey or white T-shirt, and ride the blender bike! \$10.00 registration fee will cover program materials and snacks. Pre-register by **Tuesday, June 28** by calling the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. More information will be sent in a special invitation just to Clover Kids!



Favorite Foods Revue

Mark your calendar! The **Favorite Foods Revue will be Thursday, July 14, 6:30 p.m.** The Favorite Foods Revue combines food preparation, menu planning, and table setting skills. 4-H'ers participating in the Favorite Foods Revue need to plan a menu suitable for an indoor or outdoor meal. One food from the menu should be prepared by the 4-H'er and brought along to the Revue with the selected table service, centerpiece, menu card, recipe card, and card table.

An addition to the Favorite Foods Revue is the Squash Theme contest. This contest is the same except the 4-H'ers must prepare the food item using squash, work as a team of two, and use technology during the interview with the judge – iPad, laptop, PowerPoint, picture story, video – be creative!

The Favorite Foods Revue and the Junior Division 4-H Life Challenge Contest will be July 14. More information on both will be in next month's Tips On Tap.

Senior Division 4-H Life Challenge & Pizza Party



The Senior Division 4-H Life Challenge will be **Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Center on the Otoe County Fairgrounds in Syracuse.** Senior division youth (12 & over) will participate in Placing Classes and the Challenge. A \$20.00 cash award will be given to the Champion donated by American Family Insurance and a \$20.00 cash award will be presented to the Reserve Champion donated by Verda Umland. This contest is open to all Senior 4-H'ers! Pizza and pop for all!

The Junior Division 4-H Life Challenge Contest will be **Thursday July 14**, in conjunction with the Favorite Foods Revue.



Summer Workshops

Join us for fun and learning this summer at one or more Otoe County 4-H workshops! Thank you to the Otoe County 4-H Council who voted to subsidize all summer 4-H workshops that cost over \$10.00, that is why all workshops have a class fee of \$10.00 or less. Check out the crème flyer for a complete list of all workshops.

We hope to see you this summer!



Pop Tabs

We just delivered 72,000 pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha! So far we have turned in 1,781,250 pop tabs! Otoe County 4-H is almost three-fourths of the way to our goal of 2 million tabs! Keep saving your tabs to help us reach our goal of 2 million tabs. This is an easy and great community service project for Otoe County 4-H members, their families, and all of Otoe County.



Quality Assurance Training

All 4-H'ers enrolled in the beef, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine projects are required to complete Livestock Quality Assurance (QA) in order to exhibit their livestock. The online version is available to Nebraska 4-H'ers to complete their Livestock Quality requirement. *** NEW THIS YEAR! You can attend an In-Person Training to meet your QA requirement for 2016. The training will be May 23, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Cass County Extension Office or May 24, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Otoe County Extension Office. We must have a minimum of 10 4-H'ers to conduct the training. Contact the Extension Office to register!**

The online Livestock Quality Assurance is a self-directed course designed for youth ages 8-18. Participants will learn about good production practices and producing quality food products from taking this course. The course has been divided into three levels, Junior (4-H ages 8-10), Intermediate (4-H ages 11-14), and Senior (4-H ages 15-18).

Each year you are enrolled in a livestock project, you will be required to complete three modules to satisfy your Quality Assurance requirements for the year. For the online modules you need to pass with at least an 80%; for the test-outs it will remain at 70% at this time.

Once you have passed a module quiz with a score of 80% or higher, you will be able to open the certificate associated with that module. Print this certificate and present it to the Extension Office **BEFORE June 15** of the year for which you would like to receive credit.

Please note: Two of the three required modules for Junior Level youth can be "Parts of the Animal". The third must be one of the other modules.

4-H'ers (ages 12-18) also have the option to take a written test. There are tests for youth 12-14 years old, and 15 years & older. If you pass the 12-14 test you won't have to take the training again until you are 15. If you pass the 15 & older test you do not have to ever take the training again!

Practice tests are provided to help you prepare for the tests that you may take in the Extension Office. The practice tests are available online at Livestock Quality Assurance Online Course, <http://campus.extension.org>.

Practice tests are provided at the Intermediate and Senior Levels. Within each level there is a Beef emphasis, Swine emphasis, and Multi-species practice exam. The practice exam will provide you immediate feedback on whether an answer was correct, and if not why it was not correct. Reading these responses will be helpful in preparing for the actual tests.

Each 4-H'er will need their own email address to register; multiple youth from one family cannot use the same email address. You may register for a free email from any of the following providers: Gmail- <http://mail.google.com>, Hotmail- <http://www.hotmail.com>, or iCloud- <http://www.icloud.com> (Apple/Mac users).

Please visit the following websites for more information: <http://otoe.unl.edu> or <http://4h.unl.edu/qualityassurance> for more information.

NOTE: You will be required to pay a \$5.00 fee when you begin the online course. After logging in, click on "Course Fee" and follow the instructions to pay with a VISA/Mastercard. All 4-H'ers who incur this fee will be reimbursed with a gift certificate to the Otoe County 4-H Food Stand. Please check with the Extension Office during the fair to receive your certificate.

Livestock/Animals continued....

County Fair Bedding Fees

The Fair Board will be collecting money for livestock bedding. Livestock entries are due July 18, at that time you will need to pay for your wood chips and/or shavings. The money will be collected at the Extension Office. **All cattle will be charged \$10.00/head, except stocker feeders are \$5.00/head.** There will be no refunds for animals that do not come to the fair.

Lamb Weigh-In & Tagging

Lamb Weigh-in, tagging, and DNA samples will be done May 21, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the Kimmel Event Center in Syracuse. If you are going to show at AKSARBEN or Nebraska State Fair they must have DNA, cost is \$6.00/head.

4-H Horse & Livestock Judging Contest

This year Otoe County 4-H'ers can participate in the Cass County 4-H Horse Judging contest on Friday, August 12, 12:30 p.m. The 4-H Livestock Judging Contest will be Saturday, August 13, 9:00 a.m. at the Cass County Fairgrounds, with registration starting at 8:00 a.m.

However, Otoe County 4-H'ers who want to participate in either contest need to pre-register at the Otoe County Extension Office by Wednesday, August 10 so materials can be prepared in the Otoe County Office for these events. Otoe County 4-H'ers will be judging alongside Cass and Sarpy County 4-H'ers.

Horse ID's and District Entries

All horse project 4-H'ers remember this important date - **Friday, May 13th.** All Horse ID's and District Horse Show entries are due in the Extension Office on May 13th.

Rabbit Tattoo Day - May 25, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Arbor Valley Animal Clinic in Syracuse.

State Fair Books

Once again the 2016 State 4-H Fair book is available on the 4-H Website <http://4h.unl.edu>. Families who do not have access to the Internet may contact the Extension Office for assistance in obtaining the division sections they need.

Insurance for 4-H Clubs

American Income Life Insurance has special activities coverage for accident or illness for 4-H clubs. This can be purchased for a one day activity or for a full year. Both are at a very reasonable price.

If you would like more information or if you have questions, please go to: www.AmericanIncomeLife.com or contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

Robotics Kits Available



4-H'ers interested in learning about robotics can check out a Lego Mindstorm NXT kit from the Otoe County Extension Office and sign up for robotics as a 4-H project.

Youth must have a laptop computer available for loading the programming software and agree to unload the software at the end of the loan period. Kits will be checked out for four weeks on a first come first served basis. For more information about this 4-H project contact the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.



Otoe County 4-H Ranch Horse Pleasure Class Clinic

Saturday, May 21, 2016
9:00 a.m. (clinic followed by potluck)

Learn about the
New 4-H Ranch Horse Pleasure
Class at this 4-H clinic!

Saturday, May 21, 2016
Otoe County Fairgrounds
Outdoor Arena
Syracuse, Nebraska

4-H members attend for **FREE!**

Bring your horse to get practice and
extra help. (In case of rain the clinic
will be held in the Kimmel Event
Center Arena - but work with
individual horses will be limited.)

Following the clinic a potluck lunch
will be served. Bring a covered dish
and join us! Refreshments and
table service will be provided.

Sponsored by the
Better Ba-C's 4-H Club
and funded by a grant from the
Otoe County 4-H Foundation



Featuring Selena Finn from Winside, Nebraska
Captain UNL Equestrian Team

For more information regarding
this event contact:
Gina Essink - 402-269-5376 or
Wendy Boitnott - 402-804-0030



2016 4-H SUMMER WORKSHOPS for Otoe County

Join us for fun and learning this summer at one or more of 30 4-H workshops!

Thank you to the Otoe County 4-H Council!

The Otoe County 4-H Council voted to subsidize all summer 4-H workshops that cost over \$10.00, that is why all workshops have a class fee of \$10.00 or less. You are saving anywhere from \$2.00 to \$25.00 for some of the workshops offered.

Please make all checks payable to: University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

1. Livestock Judging Clinic

What: Learn how to judge cattle, hogs, sheep, and goats. Learn evaluation factors, terminology and the oral reasons format. Practice with live animal classes.

Who: 4-H members enrolled in livestock projects. Parents & leaders are welcome too!

When: Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Where: Cass County Fairgrounds, 3 miles north of Weeping Water, Nebraska

What to Bring: Pencil, notebook, and a clipboard if you have one

Instructors: Brad Bennett, UNL Livestock Judging Coach and
Ashley Benes, UNL Extension Educator from Cass County

Class Fee: Free and lunch will be provided!

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 6. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

2. String Art Wall Hanging

What: Create a heart, flower, or State of Nebraska string art design for your wall!

Who: Boys and girls, ages 8 to 18

When: Tuesday, May 24, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

What to Bring: All supplies will be included, but you need to let us know your 1st and 2nd choice for color of string and what design you want. The board will be grey.

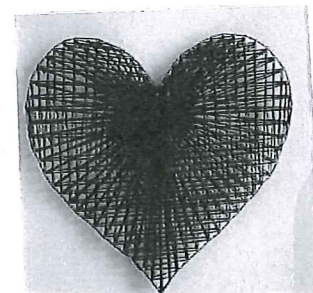
Instructors: Karen Windhorst and LaShelle Zimmer,
4-H Volunteers

4-H Projects: Design My Place and Design Decisions

Class Fee: \$10.00, which includes all supplies and snack.

Registration Deadline: Monday, May 16. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

Minimum 3 4-H'ers - Maximum 8 4-H'ers.



3. Pillow Power

What: Make a patchwork or striped pillow, plus learn basic sewing skills

Who: Boys and girls ages 9 through 13

When: Wednesday, May 25, 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

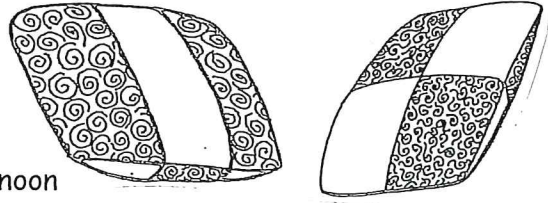
What to Bring: 5/8's yard each of 2 contrasting fabrics and matching thread (fabric should be good quality 100% cotton), pins, seam ripper, and sewing shears. 4-H'ers can use 4-H Council sewing machines. Preshrink your fabrics by washing them in the washing machine and drying in the dryer. Remove from dryer, straighten, and press.

Instructors: Sarah Purcell, UNL Extension Educator and Jan Mueller, 4-H Leader

Class Fee: \$10.00, which includes pillow form and snack

4-H Project: STEAM Clothing 1

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 24. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.
Maximum 4 4-H'ers.



4. Animals 101: Animal Science Day Camp

What: Youth will learn about an animal's anatomy, health and wellness signs, genetics, and much more at this hands-on-workshop .

Who: All boys and girls, ages 8 to 13

When: Thursday, May 26, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Fair Center on the Otoe County Fairgrounds in Syracuse

What to Bring: Please bring your lunch!

Instructors: Ashley Benes, UNL Extension Educator from Cass County

Kristie Nutsch-Fulton, UNL Extension Assistant from Nemaha County

Class Fee: \$10.00 for all materials and snacks.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, May 24. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

5. Arm Knitted Scarf

What: Create a beautiful knitted scarf using your arms and fingers!

Who: 4-H'ers, ages 10 and older

When: Tuesday, May 31, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

What to Bring: 2 skeins of yarn, with the weight of the yarn being 5 to 6 ounces

Instructors: Savannah Zimmer and LaShelle Zimmer,
4-H Volunteers

4-H Project: Knitting

Class Fee: \$5.00, which includes snack.

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 27. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.
Maximum 4 4-H'ers.



6. ATV RiderCourse Training

What: The ATV RiderCourse Training provides a fast-paced, half-day, hands-on training session which includes pre-ride inspection, starting and stopping, quick turns, hill riding, emergency stopping and swerving, and riding over obstacles. You'll also learn about protective gear, local regulations, places to ride and environmental concerns.

Who: All boys and girls, ages 8 to 18

When: Tuesday, May 31, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon OR 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Kimmel Event Center on the Otoe County Fairgrounds in Syracuse

Before You Come to Class: Go to <http://www.atvsafety.org> and complete the online course before coming to the training. Go to the upper right hand corner and click on the "enroll now" for the ATV Safety Institute E-course. You will create an account and then select either the Teen or Child course depending on your age. At the end of the course, print the completion certificate **and** bring to the training on May 31.

What to Bring: Certificate showing you completed the ASI E-course, helmet if you own one, and an ATV appropriate for your size

What to Wear: Jeans (absolutely no shorts!); closed toed shoes - boots preferred, but tennis shoes if that is all you have (absolutely no sandals!); long sleeved shirt preferred, but if it is warm a T-shirt is okay

Instructors: Karna Dam, UNL Extension Educator and
Bob Meduna, UNL Extension Educator

Class Fee: \$10.00 for all materials and snacks.

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 27. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.
Maximum 8 youth - each session.

7. Simple Table Runner

What: Make a simple table runner about 13" x 40"

Who: Boys and girls with beginner sewing skills

When: Thursday, June 2, 9:15 a.m. to 12 noon

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

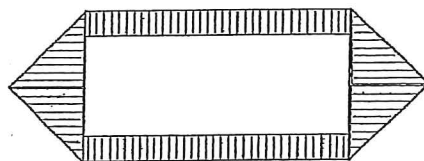
What to Bring: Two coordinating fabrics - one needs to be $\frac{1}{2}$ yard and the other $\frac{1}{4}$ yard (the $\frac{1}{4}$ yard will be surrounded by the $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of fabric), matching thread, a pins, and a seam ripper. 4-H'ers can use a 4-H Council sewing machine.

Instructors: Sarah Purcell, UNL Extension Educator and Jan Mueller, 4-H Leader

Class Fee: \$5.00 for program supplies and snack

4-H Project: STEAM Clothing 1 or Home Building Blocks

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 1. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.
Maximum 4 4-H'ers.



8. Introductory Robotics

What: Build a robot with sensors to perform missions .

Who: Boys and girls entering the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

When: Thursday, June 2 **AND** Friday, June 3, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Hayward Elementary School in Nebraska City

What to Bring: Your curiosity and exploring mind!

Instructors: Deb Weitzenkamp, UNL Extension Educator, Savannah Schafer, Intern
and Lauren Hull, Intern

Project: GEAR TECH 21

Class Fee: Free!

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 1. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.
Maximum 12 youth - enroll now!

9. Makey Makey Electricity Fun - Upper Elementary

What: Learn how to use everyday items to build your own computer joystick or keyboard. So ... you may be making a piano out of bananas or drawing your own circuit board to play Pacman, or even creating an art piece that sings to you when touched!

Who: Boys and girls entering the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

When: Monday, June 6, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Hayward Elementary School in Nebraska City

What to Bring: Your curiosity and exploring mind!

Instructors: Deb Weitzenkamp, UNL Extension Educator, Savannah Schafer, Intern
and Lauren Hull, Intern

4-H Projects: Electricity Excitement 1 and 2

Class Fee: Free!

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 3. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

10. Tissue Paper Canvas Art

What: Create a one-of-a-kind art piece using tissue paper to hang on your wall!

Who: Boys and girls, ages 8 to 18

When: Tuesday, June 7, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

What to Bring: Your curiosity and exploring mind!

Instructors: Karen Windhorst and LaShelle Zimmer,
4-H Volunteers

4-H Projects: Design My Place and Design Decisions

Class Fee: \$10.00, which includes all supplies and snack.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 1. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.
Minimum 3 4-H'ers - Maximum 8 4-H'ers.



11. Makey Makey Electricity Fun - Middle School

What: Learn how to use everyday items to build your own computer joystick or keyboard. So...there may be a piano out of bananas or play Pacman by drawing your own circuit board, or even create an art piece that sings to you when touched!

Who: Boys and girls entering the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades - correct grades!

When: Tuesday, June 7, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Nebraska City Middle School

What to Bring: Your curiosity and exploring mind!

Instructors: Deb Weitzenkamp, UNL Extension Educator, Savannah Schafer, Intern and Lauren Hull, Intern

4-H Projects: Electricity Excitement 1 and 2

Class Fee: Free!

Registration Deadline: Monday, June 6. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

12. Explore the 4-H Heritage Project

What: Learn how to start in the 4-H Heritage project area - learn how to prepare your heritage entries, including but not limited to family heirlooms, family tree, and family history scrapbook. Create a 3-generation family tree to enter at fair!

Who: Boys and girls enrolled in the 4-H Heritage project, ages 8 and older

When: Wednesday, June 8, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

What to Bring: 1) Information on yourself, your parents, and your grandparents - when and where they were born, the dates of their marriage, etc. 2) An adult, like a parent or grandparent, who would like to help you!

Instructor: Carla Clymer, Otoe County 4-H Leader

Cost: \$5.00 for supplies and snack

4-H Project: Heritage

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 7. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.



13. Code Camp

What: Learn introductory computer science by coding in this game environment!

Who: Boys and girls entering the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

When: Thursday, June 9 AND Friday, June 10, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Hayward Elementary School in Nebraska City

What to Bring: Your curiosity and exploring mind!

Instructors: Deb Weitzenkamp, UNL Extension Educator, Savannah Schafer, Intern and Lauren Hull, Intern

4-H Projects: Computer Mysteries 1, 2, and 3

Class Fee: Free!

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 7. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

14. Pillowcase Fever

What: Make a standard size pillowcase and learn basic sewing skills, plus learn how to use a serger.

Who: Boys and girls, ages 9 through 13

When: Thursday, June 9, 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

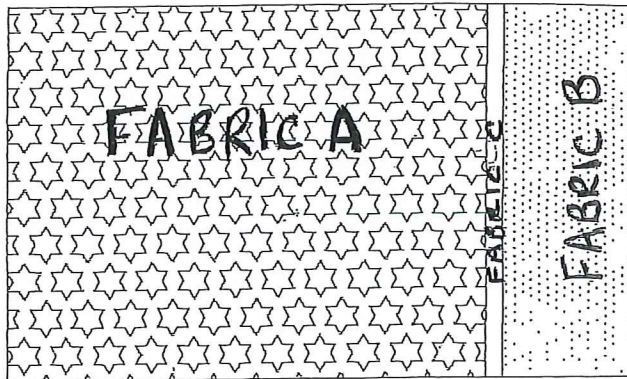
What to Bring: 7/8's yard for the body of the pillowcase (Fabric A), $\frac{1}{2}$ yard for the cuff (Fabric B), 1/8 yard for the trim band (Fabric C). See pillowcase diagram below. Please select good quality **100% cotton** fabric. **Required sewing tools** ... matching thread, pins, seam ripper, and scissors. Preshrink your fabrics by washing them in washing machine and drying them in the dryer. Remove from dryer, straighten and press. 4-H'ers can use the 4-H Council sewing machines.

Instructors: Sarah Purcell, UNL Extension Educator and Jan Mueller, 4-H Leader

4-H Project: STEAM Clothing 1

Class Fee: \$5.00 for program supplies and snack

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 8. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. Maximum 4 4-H'ers.



15. Honeybee Challenge

What: Discover the importance of honeybees to the food we love to eat.
Make a bee-bot, which you can enter at the county fair.

Who: Boys and girls, ages 8 to 14

When: Monday, June 27, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - **NEW DATE!**

Where: Otoe County Fair Center in Syracuse

What to Bring: Your curiosity and exploring mind!

Instructor: Maddie Werner, Nebraska 4-H Teen Innovator

and Otoe County 4-H'er and Sarah Purcell, UNL Extension Educator

4-H Project: National 4-H Council Special Project

Class Fee: Free! All materials and snacks, including honey, will be provided!

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 24. Call the Extension Office at

402-269-2301. Maximum 15 participants. Enroll now!



16. Junk Drawer Robotics

What: Learn how to build mechanical devices like marshmallow shooters and trebuchets from everyday household items, which will give you a better understanding of how mechanical things work.

Who: Boys and girls entering the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

When: Monday, June 13, Tuesday, June 14,
Wednesday, June 15, **AND** Thursday, June 16, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Hayward Elementary School in Nebraska City

What to Bring: Your curiosity and exploring mind!

Instructors: Deb Weitzenkamp, UNL Extension Educator, Savannah Schafer, Intern
and Lauren Hull, Intern

4-H Project: Junk Drawer Robotics - Level 1

Class Fee: Free!

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 10. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

17. Flannel Rag Quilt

What: Create a lap size (60" x 84") flannel rag quilt. You will quilt as you go and no need to bind!

Who: Boys and girls with advanced beginning, intermediate and advanced sewing skills!

When: Tuesday, June 14 **AND** Wednesday, June 15, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

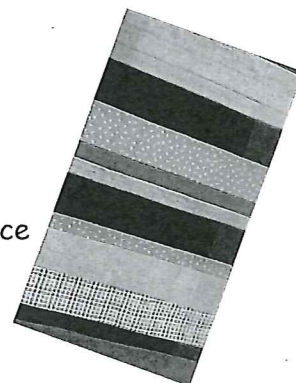
What to Bring: A complete list of supplies will be given after June 3, but 4-H'er will need about 6 yards of coordinating flannels for the front and back, 2½ yards of flannel for the batting, and coordinating thread. 4-H'ers can use the 4-H Council sewing machines.

Instructors: Karen Windhorst and LaShelle Zimmer,
4-H Volunteers

4-H Projects: Design Decisions and Quilt Quest

Class Fee: \$10.00, which includes all supplies and snack.

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 3. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. Minimum 3 4-H'ers - Maximum 4 4-H'ers.



18. 4-H Photography Workshop #1 - Reviewing, Editing & Critiquing Photos

What: Bring your favorite photos to review. You'll receive feedback on your photos as well as tips on picking out your best shots. Ideally bring actual prints, flash drive, or a computer with the digital images. Discover how to learn from your own photos and by looking at other photos.

Who: 4-H members enrolled in 4-H Photography Unit 1, Unit 2, and Unit 3

When: Wednesday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

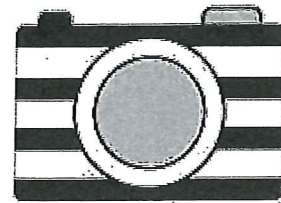
What to Bring: Your actual pictures or a computer, flash drive, or with the digital images and your camera!

Instructor: Marcus Scheer, Professional Photographer, Otoe County 4-H Alumni, and a 4-H Photography judge.

4-H Projects: Focus on Photography-Unit 1, Controlling the Image-Unit 2, and Mastering Photography-Unit 3

Class Fee: \$10.00

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 14. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.



19. Stepping Stones and Paint Yourself Pottery

What: Create a unique stepping stone to display in your yard and paint yourself a unique pottery piece.

Who: Boys and girls, ages 8 to 18

When: Thursday, June 16, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Otoe County Fair Center in Syracuse

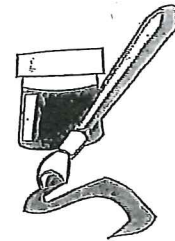
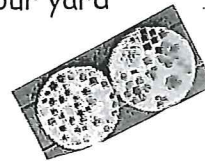
What to Bring: Items to decorate your stepping stone - polished stones, marbles, bottle caps, sea shells, scrabble tiles, etc. **Please note:** If you use recycled items, this can be entered to possibly go to the Nebraska State Fair.

Instructor: Carla Clymer, Otoe County 4-H Leader and Sam Parde, 4-H Summer Aide

Cost: \$10.00 for supplies and snack

4-H Project: Any Horticulture 4-H project, Design My Place and Design Decisions

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 14. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.



20. Diagonal Pillow Power

What: Make a diagonal patchwork pillow to keep or give as a present!

Who: Boys and girls ages 9 through 13

When: Friday, June 17, 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

What to Bring: 5/8's yard each of 2 contrasting fabrics and matching thread (fabric should be good quality 100% cotton), pins, seam ripper, and sewing shears. 4-H'ers can use the 4-H Council sewing machines. Preshrink your fabrics by washing them in the washing machine and drying in the dryer. Remove from dryer, straighten, and press.

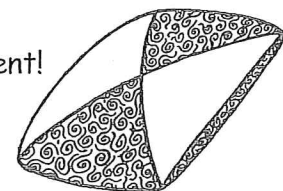
Instructors: Sarah Purcell, UNL Extension Educator and Jan Mueller, 4-H Leader

Class Fee: \$10.00, which includes pillow form and snack

4-H Project: STEAM Clothing 1

Registration Deadline: Thursday, June 16. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

Maximum 4 4-H'ers.



21. Learn to Paint

What: Learn to paint using a step-by-step painting method with acrylic paints. Leave with a finished painting.

Who: Boys and girls ages 8 to 18

When: Tuesday, June 21, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

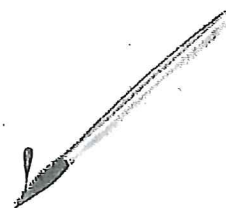
Where: Fair Center on the Otoe County Fairgrounds in Syracuse

Instructor: Connie Buskohl from Let's Paint Runaways

Class Fee: \$10.00 - includes instruction, acrylic paints, brushes, canvas boards, frame, and snacks

4-H Project: Portfolio Pathways

Registration Deadline: Monday, June 20. Minimum class size is 12 and maximum class size is 25 - register early to reserve your seat! Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.



22. Community Service Quilt of Valor

What: Make a quilt to donate to a United States soldier

Who: Boys and girls, 10 and older, with at least advanced beginner sewing skills - must know how to operate a sewing machine and sew a 1/4 inch seam for quilting

When: Wednesday, June 22, 9:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

What to Bring: A seam ripper and a sack lunch too! 4-H'ers can use the 4-H Council sewing machines!

Instructors: Sarah Purcell, UNL Extension Educator and Jan Mueller, 4-H Leader

Adult Helpers: We would like 1 adult for every 2 youth, if a mother or grandmother would like to join in the fun!

Class Fee: \$5.00, includes materials and snacks

4-H Projects: Quilt Quest or Citizenship Community Service project

Registration Deadline: Monday, June 20. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. Maximum 5 4-H'ers.

23. Fabric Bowl

What: Create a fabric bowl for your dresser to hold jewelry or your desk to hold paper clips or just for decoration!

Who: Boys and girls ages 9 through 13

When: Friday, June 24, 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

What to Bring: $\frac{1}{2}$ yard of good quality 100% cotton fabric **OR**

$\frac{1}{2}$ yard of two contrasting fabrics if you want the inside and the outside of your bowl to be different; matching thread, pins, seam ripper, and scissors. 4-H'ers can use the 4-H Council sewing machines.

Instructors: Sarah Purcell, UNL Extension Educator and Jan Mueller, 4-H Leader

Class Fee: \$5.00, which includes snack

4-H Project: STEAM Clothing 1

Registration Deadline: Thursday, June 23. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. Maximum 4 4-H'ers.



24. 4-H Photography Workshop #2 - Planning Your Attack

What: Plan your attack for your photo adventure/shoot. Learn how to control your settings, your environment, time of day, position of subject, background, etc.

Who: Boys and girls enrolled in 4-H Photography Unit 1, Unit 2, and Unit 3

When: Sunday, June 26, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

What to Bring: Your camera!

Instructor: Marcus Scheer, Professional Photographer, Otoe County 4-H Alumni, and a 4-H Photography judge.

4-H Projects: Focus on Photography-Unit 1, Controlling the Image-Unit 2, and Mastering Photography-Unit 3

Class Fee: \$10.00

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 24. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.



25. 4-H Clover Kid Day Camp

What: Create a U.S. flag, a firefly, a seed medallion, a table setting poster, plus decorate a grey or white T-shirt, and ride the blender bike!

Who: 4-H Clover Kids - boys and girls ages 5, 6 and 7 by December 31, 2015

When: Thursday, June 30, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Where: Kimmel Event Center in Syracuse

Instructors: Sam Parde, 4-H Summer Aide, Carla Clymer, 4-H Leader, 4-H Council members, and Sarah Purcell, UNL Extension Educator

Camp Fee: \$10.00, which includes all program supplies including T-shirt and snack

Clover Kid Projects: Clover Kids: Beyond the Needle, Family Celebrations Around the World, Just Outside the Door, and Making Foods for Me

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, June 28. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301 to register and to let us know the T-shirt color and size.

26. Rail Fence Pillow

What: Make a rail fence pillow to keep or give as a present!

Who: Boys and girls ages 9 through 13

When: Tuesday, July 5, 9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

What to Bring: 1/4 yard of 2 contrasting fabrics and 5/8 yard of a 3rd contrasting fabric, which will also be the back. One fabric should be light, another medium and another dark (fabric should be good quality 100% cotton), matching thread, pins, seam ripper, and scissors. **Please bring a sack lunch!** 4-H'ers can use the 4-H Council sewing machines. Preshrink your fabrics by washing in the washing machine and drying in the dryer. Remove from dryer, straighten, and press.

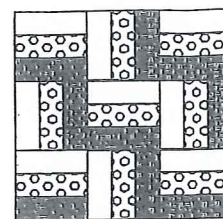
Instructors: Sarah Purcell, UNL Extension Educator and Jan Mueller, 4-H Leader

Class Fee: \$10.00, which includes pillow form and snack

4-H Project: STEAM Clothing 1

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 1. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

Maximum 4 4-H'ers.



27. Fishing

What: Learn how to tie a knot, cast and to fish with night crawlers and corn. We will meet at the Fair Center, but we will drive 3 miles to go fishing at Peterson Dam.

Who: Boys and girls, ages 8 to 18

When: Wednesday, July 6, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Where: Otoe County Fair Center in Syracuse and then Peterson's Dam near Syracuse

What to Bring: Your curiosity and exploring mind!

Instructor: John Wright, Nebraska Game and Parks Volunteer

4-H Project: Fishing - Ask about making a fishing target too for \$5.00 more!

Class Fee: \$5.00 - includes materials and snacks!

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 1. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

Maximum 10 participants. Enroll now!



28. Exploring Vegetable Families

What: Discover different vegetable families! Attend this workshop to learn about the members of each family and why it's important to rotate *families* in your vegetable garden, not just individual vegetable crops. By the end of the workshop you will have a "Vegetable Seed Display" to enter at the county fair. Feel free to bring seeds in seed packets you have left over from planting your garden to use in your display.

Who: Boys and girls, ages 8 to 18

When: Thursday, July 7, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Otoe County Fair Center in Syracuse

What to Bring: Any leftover vegetable seeds you want to use in your display - you'll need to be able to provide their common and scientific names, so please bring them in their original seed packets! If you don't have any, no worries, we will provide seeds!

Instructor: Connie Fisk, UNL Extension Educator from Cass County

4-H Projects: Everyone a Gardener - Units 1 - 4

Class Fee: \$7.00 - includes materials and snack!

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, July 6. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.



29. Fun with Electricity

What: Learn about electricity - make two electricity posters and a simple circuit.

Who: Boys and girls, ages 8 to 12

When: Friday, July 8, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

What to Bring: Your curiosity and exploring mind!

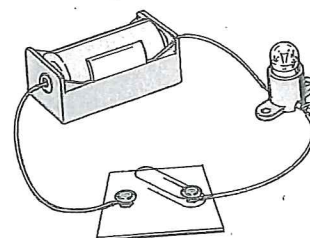
Instructor: Grant Moles, 4-H Jr. Leader

4-H Projects: Electricity Unit 1 and Electricity Unit 2

Class Fee: \$7.00 - includes materials and snack!

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, July 6. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301.

Maximum 12 participants. Enroll now!



30. Pajama Party

What: Make a simple pair of pajama pants!

Who: Boys and girls in STEAM Clothing 1 or 2 - must already have some beginning sewing skills - for example have sewn pillows before.

When: Wednesday, July 13, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Sewing Day. Call the Extension Office when you have your fabric to set date to cut out fabric before July 13!

Where: Otoe County Extension Office in Syracuse

What to Bring: You will need to purchase an easy pajama pants pattern with an elastic waistband and the fabric before the date of the workshop. Contact Sarah to set up the date to cut out your pattern. You will need to pre-shrink your fabric before we cut out the pajama pants. Please purchase your elastic also.

Purchase the amount of fabric as indicated on your pattern envelope. Please select good quality 100% cotton or flannel fabric and thread to match. NO plaids or stripes.

Required sewing tools . . . pins and matching thread. 4-H'ers can use a 4-H Council sewing machine. Please bring a **sack lunch**.

Instructors: Sarah Purcell, UNL Extension Educator and Jan Mueller, 4-H Leader

Cost: \$10.00 - includes materials and snacks

Registration Deadline: Monday, July 11. Call the Extension Office at 402-269-2301. Maximum 4 4-H'ers.

Check out the samples at the Extension Office!
All checks payable to the: University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Hope you can join in the fun and learning!



May 2016

*Congratulations to all our
2016 4-H Graduates!*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 4-H Enrollments Due Today! 	2	3	4	5	6	7 Livestock Judging Clinic, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. @ Cass Co. Fairgrounds
8	9	10	11	12	13 Horse ID's and District Entries Due	14
15	16 Ag Society 8:00 a.m.	17 4-H Council 7:00 p.m.	18	19 District 4-H Speech Contest @ UNL East Campus	20	21 Lamb Weigh-In, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. @ Kimmel 4-H Ranch Horse Pleasure Clinic - 9:00 a.m. @ Arena
22	23 Quality Assurance Training @ Cass County Ext. Office, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	24 *String Art Senior Life Challenge & Pizza Party, 7:00 p.m. @ Fair Center QA Training @ Otoe County Ext. Office 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	25 *Pillow Power Rabbit Tattoo Day 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. @ Arbor Valley Animal Clinic	26 *Animal Science Day Camp, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. @ Fair Center	27	28
29	30 OFFICE CLOSED  MEMORIAL DAY	31 *Arm Knitted Scarf *ATV Rider- Course Training Extension Board 8:00 p.m.		* 4-H Summer Workshop - See enclosed flyer		