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### **Save the Dates**



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1-4-H Small Animal Progress
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15-4-H Enrollment Due
15- County ID's, YQCA, DNA,
and NE State Fair Livestock
Nominations Due:

### **2024 Save the Dates**

- 4-H Enrollment Due: June 15
- County ID's, YQCA, DNA, and NE State Fair Livestock Nominations Due: June 15
- County Showorks Due July 5
- Phelps/Gosper 4-H Fashion Show: July 15
- Phelps County Aerospace Launch: July 15
- Phelps/Gosper 4-H Horse Show: July 20
- Phelps County 4-H Fair: July 21 25
- Gosper County 4-H Fair: July 23 27
- Nebraska State Fair: August 23 September 2

### **Remind App!**

#### Sign Up for Gosper County 4-H Remind!

Gosper County 4-H is going to be trying out a new reminder system with more direct push notifications. We will be using this app to



send out reminders for upcoming events, deadlines, and announcements... Like this Newsletter! In the app you are able to turn on App Notifications, Email and Browser Pop Ups, and even Text

#### Sign Up

You can sign up in multiple ways. Choose whichever seems the best for you.

Tap this link to sign up and join. Link: <u>remind.com/join/gosper4-h</u>

Or you can use the following on screen instructions or open the pdf file.

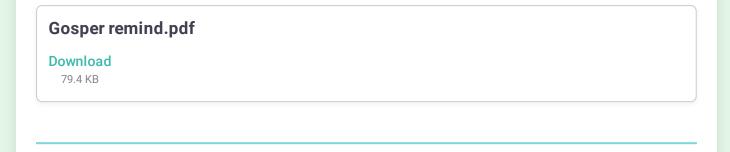
Remind	

## Sign up for important updates from Phelps-Gosper 4-H.

Get Information for Gosper County 4-H right on your phone-not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for Gosper County 4-H:		
<ul> <li>If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.</li> <li>On your IPhone or Android phone,</li> </ul>	·	
open your web browser and go to the following link:	Join Gosper County 4-H	
Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.	Full Name First and Last Name Phone Number or Email Address	
~	(555) 555-5555	
B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.		
Text the message @gosper4-h to the number 81010.	™ 81010	
If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @gosper4-h to (484) 241-4261.	Message	
" Standard text message rates apply.	@gosper4-h	

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to md.at/gosper4-h on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.





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#### Hello everyone! My name is Lori Swanson, and I am serving as the new Phelps and Gosper 4-H Assistant.

Many of you know me from my work as the Phelps County 4-H Assistant. I have worked in Extension for the past nine years. In this time, I have helped both counties as the needs have changed.

My husband Darrin and I live on a farm south of Holdrege. I was raised on a ranch in southwest Nebraska and earned my animal science degree at UNL. I am a past 4-H member.

We have raised our three boys in 4-H. I can be reached at <u>lori.swanson@unl.edu</u>. I am looking forward to making a positive difference in the lives of 4-H youth and 4-H volunteers.

### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA EXTENSION GOSPER COUNTY

# Office Hours TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 8:30 - 4:30

When the office is closed utilize the secure drop box located in the hall by the office door! Livestock affidavits and eartags are available as well. We're here to support you!



### Office: 308-785-2390

Calvin DeVries, Phelps-Gosper Extension Educator Lori Swanson, Phelps-Gosper Extension Assistant Sandy Dannehl, Gosper County Office Manager

### **4-H Volunteer Screening**

All 4-H volunteers and staff are required to complete the Nebraska 4-H volunteer screening process outlined below. Volunteer screening is done in order to assure a safe, positive, and nurturing environment for all youth involved with the Nebraska 4-H programs and provide protection for the child, the volunteer, the educator, the 4-H Council, the Extension Board, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension.

## The Following 3 steps must be completed by all 4-H volunteers serving as a Direct Volunteer before performing your role. All steps need to be completed prior to your volunteer service.

1.) 4-H Online Enrollment: https://v2.4honline.com

- Step by Step Instructions: <u>https://4h.unl.edu/enroll</u>
- 2.) DHHS Volunteer Screening (must use this link).
  - <u>https://ecmp.nebraska.gov/DHHS-CR/CheckRequest/BeginOrgCheck/81102416</u>
  - \$5 Fee associated with screening.
- 3.) Volunteer Orientation
  - https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation
  - Estimated time of completion: 40 Minutes.

Additional volunteer resources can be found at https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer.

**Direct volunteers** are those working directly with youth, such as club leaders and workshop facilitators. Direct volunteers will be asked to complete the following screening process and repeat screening as scheduled.

Please note that direct volunteers are responsible for covering a screening fee. Currently, the cost of the screening is \$5.00. This fee must be paid at the time of screening and re-screening.

#### **Re-Screening Process**

Volunteer screening is repeated every five years based on geographic location regardless of when the original screening was completed. When it is time for re-screening, volunteers will be prompted with instructions for completing the online re-screening process. See <u>Volunteer Screening</u> <u>Schedule</u>.

2024: Adams, Arthur, Buffalo, Chase, Custer, Dawson, Dundy, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Hall, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Kearney, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Perkins, Phelps, Red Willow, Webster.

## County News

### Summer 2024 4-H Workshops

#### Building A Better Baby- May 28,29,30

A class for youth 10-14. Learn the basics of child development, safety, nutrition and more. Become a trusted babysitter that parents respect and children enjoy. Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H to attend. This class is in conjunction with the Don Sjogren Community YMCA. Enrollment is through the Y. Please contact the Y at 308-995-4050.

## Other 4-H Summer Workshop details will be provided soon! Be watching!

Clover Kid Class Exploring 4-H for Juniors 4-H Aerospace- Rockets Outdoor Adventures And more!!



DON SJOGREN COMMUNITY YMCA 1415 Broadway, Holdrege | 308.995.4050 | www.ymcaoftheprairie.org

### 4-H Grab and Go Activity Bags 🏶

#### The Phelps-Gosper 4-H Team has created three DIY activities for April.

April is known for Earth Day and Arbor Day. April Grab and Go bags will explore the 4-H Projects of **4-H Gardening, 4-H Entomology, and 4-H Forestry**. Youth will receive everything needed to create the project or projects of their choice. These may be exhibited at the 2024 County Fair. Please call the office to reserve your kit by April 15th for a guaranteed pick-up by April 26.

The activities are FREE thanks to grant funding from Phelps County 4-H Foundation.



**Pollinator Water Station** 



Special Garden Project-Edible Flowers

#### **Bonus Grab and Go Activity**

Special Agronomy Project-Sugar Beets

The Special Agronomy Project gives 4-H members the opportunity to experience a crop that is grown, was grown, or has the potential to be grown in Nebraska. The project allows 4-H members interested in agronomy to grow something fun, new, and different.



Grow sugar beets and make your own SUGAR! This is a sweet project!!

### PHELPS-GOSPER 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

**BE BOLD. BE HEARD.** 

April 18 Holdrege at 6:00 PM Register by calling the Extension Office by April 17 Clover Kid- under 3 minutes Novice-3 minutes or less (A 4-H member may participate in *either* Novice or Junior, but not both.) Jr. Division – 1-3 minutes

Intermediate Division - 3-5 minutes

Senior Division – 5-8 minutes

Public Service Announcements Rules and Regulations;

\* All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.

\* The state theme for the 2024 Public Service Announcement (PSA) is "**4-H is a Feeling**." Complete details can be found in the March newsletter at <u>https://www.smore.com/n/thw0m-phelps-county-march-2024#bwlcnc42o6</u>





Explore 4-H Forestry

### **4-H Presentation and Culinary Contest May 23**

Phelps County will host an invitational 4-H Presentation Contest with 4-H'ers from other counties being invited to participate. Call the office to register!

#### Two ways to Participate!

**4-H Presentation** Youth, ages 8-18 by Dec. 31, 2023, have an opportunity to teach others about the skills they have learned in 4-H by developing and delivering a "show and tell" presentation. Youth may use computer slide show or posters to assist in their demonstration.

**The 4-H Culinary Challenge Contest** will require a youth team of two, to demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, food preparation, menu planning, and food safety; utilizing a foods and nutrition curriculum. **The 2024 challenge ingredient is soy**.

More information about the culinary contest can be found at

https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/22

Our 4-H Team is excited to help you organize and practice for these events. Let us know you need help and we will set-up a time to get together! Register by May 22!

### **Premier Communication Event**

The Nebraska 4-H Premier Communication Event features a variety of state-level communication contests. The two-day event is held at the on the <u>University of Nebraska-Lincoln</u> East Campus in Lincoln. June 17 and June 18, 2024

4-H Age participants who receive a purple at county contests may advance to the Premier Communication Event. **Nebraska 4-H Foundation supports the top winners with cash prizes and scholarship funding.** 

Register for a county communication event to be eligible.

### **Find Us On Facebook**

The Phelps-Gosper 4-H Team has so much to share! Not everything can fit in the Newsletter. Like and follow our Facebook page for the most current information. <u>https://www.facebook.com/PhelpsGosperExtension</u>

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#### **Premier Animal Science Event (PASE)**

Phelps and Gosper County 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the Premier Animal Science Event (PASE). PASE is a 4-H statewide competition where youth compete in Livestock Judging, Poultry Judging, Livestock Quiz-Bowl, Livestock Skill-a-thon, and Meats Judging. Meetings have started and Tigh Renken is coaching our 4-H members who are interested in Livestock Judging! Practices are hosted on Thursday's in Bertrand, NE at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 7:00 PM. **To learn more about this program or to RSVP** 

for a future practice, please contact 4-H Educator Calvin DeVries at 308-995-4222 or <u>calvin.devries@unl.edu</u>.

To sign up for PASE, please contact the Phelps or Gosper County offices no later than Tuesday, May 28. <u>The 4-H Phelps/Gosper 4-H team will be responsible for submitting 4-H youth team</u> <u>registrations</u>. Additional information and full contest descriptions on the PASE program can be found at <u>https://4h.unl.edu/pase.</u>

## Livestock News





Nebraska 4-H **requires** all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance certification through <u>Youth for</u> <u>the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)</u>. YQCA is a national multispecies quality assurance program focused on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. Requirements

YQCA certification is required for all 4-H members enrolled in any of the following projects:

- · Beef (bucket calf, feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef)
- · Dairy Cattle
- Goat (breeding meat goat, dairy goat, meat goat)
- · Poultry
- · Rabbit
- · Sheep (breeding sheep, market sheep)
- Swine (breeding swine, market swine

YQCA is required annually.

**Face-to Face Training** In-person YQCA training courses cost **\$3 per individual** regardless of age. Dates to be determined. Be watching your 4-H Newsletter!

**Web-based Training** at <u>https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login</u>. The online YQCA course costs **\$12 per individual** regardless of age.

**Test-out options** are only available to youth in the first year of Intermediate (age 12) and Senior (age 15) age levels. There is no test-out option for Juniors. Participants will have <u>only one chance</u> to take the test-out option. If youth fail, they will not be provided another opportunity to test out of that age level.

Test-out costs are:

**Intermediate:** \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) **Senior:** \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification). **YQCA TIPS** 

Þ 4-H Families will register and pay online

https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login

Þ 4-H'ers use their 4-H Online Account

Þ Phelps and Gosper counties will offer a number of in-person training this spring.

### YQCA – Coupon Codes Available!



Two Phelps-Gosper In Person YQCA training dates remain for 2024!

This training is required by all 4-H youth enrolled in Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine and is due **June 15**.

Gosper County 4-H Council and the Phelps County 4-H Foundation are sponsoring \$3 coupon codes to provide free in person YQCA trainings this year! This will cover the complete registration cost for trainings in person. Coupon codes can also be used to complete YQCA online to support the \$12 online course fee (\$9 when using coupon). Our goal is to see high attendance at our inperson trainings this year!

#### **Phelps County 4-H Families**

Contact the Phelps County Extension Office for Coupon Codes.

#### **Gosper County 4-H Families**

Contact the Gosper County Extension Office for Coupon Codes.

- Thursday, May 16 @ 6:00 pm at the Elwood Civic Center
- Sunday, June 2nd @ 2pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bertrand, NE

#### Online Registration: https://yqcaprogram.org/.

Instructions: <u>https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA\_HelpDoc\_GettingILTCertification\_2023.pdf</u>. <u>Please note that a pre-test and post-test need to be completed by each youth before certificates</u> <u>will be made available</u>. (Pre-test and Post-test are just surveys) Once both are completed, please email Certificates of Completion to <u>cdevries2@unl.edu</u> or provide a printed copy to the Phelps or Gosper County Extension Office by **June 15.** Unfortunately, certificates do not automatically populate on our end after the training is completed.

### 2024 Hy-Line Beef, Sheep, & Goat Progress Show 🥁 🦙 🧺

2024 HyLine Beef, Sheep & Goat			
Progress Show			
At the Phelps County Fair Ground in Holdrege, NE 68949			
Open to all FFA and 4-H'ers			
Saturday, June	1, 2024	Cattle Registration from 7:30am-8:30am	
Sheep and Goat Registration at 10:00am- 11:00am			
Show time Starts at 10:00 am with Cattle. Sheep & Goat will start following the Cattle Show!			
Entry Fees: Cattle Show Order: Pee Wee Class Ages 3-7			
(Per Animal)	Bucket Calf- Born in 2023		
\$ 10.00- Bucket Calf	Showmanship – Age Division Jr. 8-10, Inte. 11-13, Sr. 14 +		
\$ 30.00 Per Animal	Breeding Heifer – E	Breeding Heifer – Born September 2022 through December 2023	
"Blow and Go "Rules Apply	Go "Rules Apply Market Heifer- Shown by Weight and Breed		
Market Steer – Shown by Weight, and Breed			
Sheep Show Order: with 20 Minute Intermission			
Pee Wee Class Ages 3-7		For Questions Please Contact:	
Showmanship – Age Division Jr. 8-10, Inte. 11-13, Sr. 14 +		4 + Kathy Wilkins 308-991-8961	
Breeding Ewes – Born 2023 yearling or 2024 Lamb		Chris Schoff 308-991-8705	
Market Lambs – Shown by Weight         Perry Anderson 308-991-1596		Perry Anderson 308-991-1596	
All sheep must be sheared.			
Goat Show Order: with 20 Minute Intermission			
Pee Wee Class Ages 3-7			
Showmanship – Age Division Jr. 8-10, Inte. 11-13, Sr. 14 +			
Market Goats – Shown by weight			
Breeding Goats – Born 2023 yearlings and 2024 Goat			
Early registration is available. If registering early cost will be \$25.00 per animal until May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024, by contacting Kathy at the email below.			
Email address is HyLine.Progress.Show@gmail.com Not Responsible for Accidents!			
Barn Housing is First come first serve or can stall out of your trailer. If you bring bedding, you are responsible for cleaning up that bedding.			

## Companion Animal News



### SAVE THE DATE PHELPS SMALL ANIMAL PROGRESS SHOW



### 🐾 Barking Good Times with your 4-H Dog 🐼



#### **Dog Achievement Program**

The Nebraska 4-H Dog Achievement Program encourages youth to engage in a variety of companion animal opportunities, events, and contests. The program is designed to equip youth with a variety of skills and abilities and prepare them for success in the future. The Dog Achievement Program is open to enrolled 4-H members ages 8-18.

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#### **Dog Achievement Program**

The program consists of 4 levels that require youth to plan and report a broad range of ageappropriate accomplishments. For each level, the Dog Achievement program provides a list of recommended accomplishments from which 4-H youth choose their goals. At each level, youth must choose a specific number of recommended accomplishments they plan to achieve. Each level also has a certain number of required accomplishments that youth must complete in order to pass the level. The accomplishments increase in quantity and difficulty for each level. At the beginning of the level, participants plan what to accomplish and at the end, they report on their completed accomplishments. Successful completion of a level's Plan & Report form results in a 4-H youth earning that level of the Dog Achievement program. For more information <u>https://4h.unl.edu/dog-achievement-program</u> or contact the Extension Office.

## Statewide Opportunities

MONDAY,

**APRIL 29** 

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### 🏹 4-H Shooting Sports 🎯





### Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun & Air Rifle Championships

Date: Apr. 20, 2024 – Apr. 21, 2024 Time: 8:00 am – 8:00 am Aurora Cooperative Pavilion, Fonner Park 540 E Stolley Park Rd Grand Island NE 68801 Target Audiences: <u>Public</u> Contact: Steve Pritchard, (402) 395-2158, <u>spritchard1@unl.edu</u> Nebraska State BB Gun Competition - <u>https://go.unl.edu/orp8</u> Nebraska State Sporter Air Rifle Competition - <u>https://go.unl.edu/iuf8</u> Nebraska State Precision Air Rifle Competition - <u>https://go.unl.edu/hozd</u>

Registration: State BB gun Registration - <u>https://forms.gle/KGWmabJH2U4DGQBfA</u> State Sporter Air Rifle Registration - <u>https://forms.gle/YKwXCxTsyMxm4qdr5</u> State Precision Air Rifle Registration - <u>https://forms.gle/tvzXqorDn27wWvcF6</u> The Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Store is open and set to close on Thursday, April 4th at 10AM! Here is a link to order your 2024 apparel: <u>https://nebraska4-hshootingsports24.itemorder.com/</u>

#### Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification

Volunteers are welcome! 4-H Shooting Sports requires certified leaders. New leader training dates can be found below. If you are interested in becoming a certified shooting sports leader, please let the Extension Office know. Funds are available!





### Nebraska 4-H Camps



Our promise at Nebraska 4-H Camps is to offer unique, hands-on experiences where youth, with the guidance of supportive role models, have the opportunity to develop themselves in programs that encourage positive relationships and healthy living, emphasize community building, shape individual leadership, and build an awareness for the natural world in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment. We accomplish this in cooperation with the mission, vision, and program priorities of Nebraska 4-H.

\* Phelps County 4-H Foundation will reimburse 75% of the camp registration fee to enrolled 4-H

\* Gosper County 4-H Council will provide assistance with camp registration fees. Contact the Gosper County Extension office with questions or click on the attachment for details. (308)785-2390.

#### Gosper County 4H Camp reimbursement form .pdf

Download 163.8 KB

### 💩 🛛 Summer Camp 2024 🔥





#### Registration for the Nebraska 4-H Summer Camp Program is Now Open!

The summer 2024 theme is **The Power of Being**  Green. Youth will get to explore and interact with their natural world in six different sessions. Youth will learn how they can use their head, heart, hands, and health to make our natural world a better place for all. The 2024 sessions offer tailored age cohorts, providing sessions for younger campers between the ages of 8-10, and an older cohort for ages 10-14.

Dates, session summaries, and registration information can be found by visiting <u>https://4h.unl.edu/camps-register</u>.

### 4-H Photo Contest-Hit Me With Your Best Shot 6

Minnesota 4-H Photography is excited to offer another multi-state photography contest open to youth in grades K-13! Select your best photo (with no or minimal editing) and submit it with up to two sentences that explains why it's special to you! More information and rules for the challenge can be found at: <u>4-H</u> <u>Hit Me with Your Best Shot Photo Contest | UMN Extension</u> with rules available <u>here</u>. Submit one (1) jpg or jpeg image and statement to <u>fourhphoto@umn.edu</u> by 11:59 p.m. (CST) on May 1, 2024. Volunteer 4-H photography judges will provide feedback via a slideshow. Top photos will be recognized with a prize and random prize drawing winners will also receive a gift. Register at: <u>https://z.umn.edu/2024BestShot4HPhotoContest</u> Questions? Email <u>fourhphoto@umn.edu</u>.

### Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program

Through the Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement program, youth can receive recognition as Members of Excellence for engaging in various project-related activities. NEW in 2024: Members as young as eight will be able to participate. Applications are due June 15, but why wait? Visit <u>4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement</u> to get started. The requirements for Senior level applications are shown below. Please contact the Extension office for more information.



# SAVE THE DATE

ANIMAL SCIENCE

**DISCOVERY DAYS** 

MAY 29, 2024

### NCTA, CURTIS, NE

Animal Science Discover Day is a hands-on educational program designed to engage youth in Animal Science topics and Agricultural Careers.

Registration information will be available after February 1st.

#### **Contact Information**

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#### **Phelps County Extension Office**

1308 2nd St Holdrege, NE 68949 (308) 995-4222 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

#### **Gosper County Extension Office**

Location: 507 Smith Ave, Elwood, NE 68937 Mailing Address: PO Box 146, Elwood, NE 68937 (308) 785-2390 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. WEBSITE

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/phelps-gosper/

