

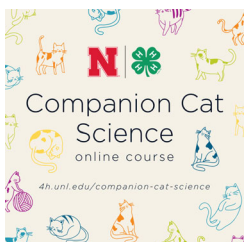


Reminders

- **Virtual Activities** 4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning
- **Online Livestock Judging** 4h.unl.edu/livestock or 4h.unl.edu/self-paced-videos.
- **Virtual Dog Club** <https://4h.unl.edu/virtual-dog-club>
- **Nebraska 4-H Evaluate My Ride** <https://4h.unl.edu/evaluate-my-ride>
- **4-H Cat Club**-Check out <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-club> to join this month's lesson.
- **Equine webinars** -Go to <https://4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series> to register or view recorded webinars.
- **Remind Text Messaging**-Text the message @3864fg to the number 81010 to join Pierce County 4-H text messaging.



The Nebraska 4-H Companion Animal Webinar Series is a great way for 4-H leaders, parents, and senior aged youth to gain knowledge in various companion animal-related topic areas. Each session, a new topic will be covered with various experts joining to share their experience and expertise. Webinars will be hosted live on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM CT/5:00 PM MT. Learn more at 4h.unl.edu/companion-animal-webinar-series.



Ever wonder how cats became domesticated? Interested in learning more about caring for a feline friend? How about showing a cat in 4-H or exploring careers related to cats? We've got answers to all these questions

and more in our NEW Companion Cat Science online course! The course is free and open to all youth, parents, and leaders interested in advancing their knowledge of cats and the 4-H cat project. Youth do not need to be enrolled 4-H members to participate. Learn more at 4h.unl.edu/companion-cat-science.

4-H Online is Open!

New for the 2020/2021 Pierce County 4-H:

*County 4-H dues will be paid on 4-H Online. Dues, 4-H and Clover Bud dues will now both be \$5.

*The deadline to enroll in 4-H, and be eligible for county and state fair, is now June 15th, 2021. This is just the deadline for being able to show at the county and state fair. Shooting sports, horse, and other club members will need to be enrolled before they are allowed to participate in club activities.

Go to <https://ne.4honline.com> to enroll for the 2020/2021 4-H year! Instructions for new and returning members can be found here <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/join-4-h/>.

Passwords: If you have forgotten your password, use the "I forgot my password" option or contact the Extension Office. **DO NOT** set up a new profile.

Projects will need to be added back into profiles as they were cleared at the state level.

Please contact the Extension Office if you have any question or concerns.

Animal Science Scholarship Contest

Animal Science: Inspiring Your Future Scholarship Competition

Is there an individual or an animal that has inspired you to pursue an education and career in animal science?

Contest Details:

1. Tell us who (animal or person) has inspired you to pursue an animal science degree through a digital story. Examples to create your submission include video, infographic, pictures, essay, or any other mediums that allows you to express yourself. All digital stories are accepted. Be creative!
2. Your submission may utilize any production techniques and artistic composition as long as it on topic, complies to the rules, and is appropriate. A submission may not contain offensive, libelous, sexually explicit, disparaging or altogether inappropriate content and may not defame or otherwise violate the rights, copyrights, trademarks, or rights of publicity, privacy, or reputation of any third party. A submission may not contain any material to promote sale of a product or service.
3. Maximum video length should be no more than 3 minutes and recommended length of essays is 2 pages.
4. Entrants must complete the online entry form and upload their digital story at the end of the form.

See eligibility and contest details at <https://animalscience.unl.edu/scholarship-competition>.

Entries are due by Noon on February 15th!

4-H Friday posted projects for November

November 6th– Care Package Display
November 20th-Family Food Traditions

The posts can be found at:

Facebook-<https://www.facebook.com/UNLPierceCounty/>

OR

Webpage-<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/pierce/4-h-friday/>



Did you know?

PIONEERING THE FRONTIERS OF KNOWLEDGE

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION DRIVE DISCOVERIES, SCHOLARSHIP, AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY THAT EXPAND BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND SOLVE REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS. OUR GROWING RESEARCH ENTERPRISE HELPS FUEL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR NEBRASKA AND ADDRESSES MAJOR CHALLENGES FACING OUR STATE, OUR NATION, AND THE WORLD.

CHECK OUT [ADMISSIONS.UNL.EDU](https://admissions.unl.edu)



Whether it's your favorite photo you've taken this fall or one you took to the county fair, we want to see it! Submit your favorite photo for a chance to be showcased. The 4-H photography showcase offers members a project exhibition opportunity beyond traditional print media. 4-H'ers are invited to submit

their favorite photo they've taken for a chance to have it showcased online for thousands of 4-H fans to admire. Learn more and submit a photo at 4h.unl.edu/photography-showcase.

NCTA Discovery Days

These days allows students to meet with faculty, tour campus and meet with student clubs and organizations.

- Tuesday, March 2, 2021
- Monday, April 12, 2021 -Junior Day

For more information see ncta.unl.edu or call 1-800-3Curtis



Special Agronomy Project

The Nebraska Extension [Special Agronomy Project](#) gives 4-H members an opportunity to experience a crop that is grown, was grown or has the potential to be grown in Nebraska. Youth participate by receiving seed and resources to grow the crop, research traits of the crop and determine the viability of that crop in the part of the state they live. The project allows 4-H members interested in agronomy to grow something fun, new, and different.

To kick-off the inaugural year of the special agronomy project, youth will explore teosinte. The plant looks and is very similar to corn, in fact it is believed to be the wild ancestor of today's corn!

Teosinte produces stalks that produce several small ears with a cob and hard, trapezoidal kernels. Being related to corn, the care is very similar so we will plant and fertilize like corn. Plant the seeds 1-2 inches deep, 8 to 12 inches apart. Teosinte is a tropical grass, so wait till soils are warm before planting. Teosinte can take up to 180 days to mature but we can still admire it's similarities to corn! For more information, go to <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/special-agronomy-project>.

Contact Brandy VanDeWalle at brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu or 402.759.3712 or Aaron Nygren at anygren2@unl.edu or 402.352.3821.

December

24th-Open until noon
25th-Christmas-Office Closed

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January 2021

1st-Closed for New Year's Day

18th-Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day