



4-H Family Newsletter  
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March 2023



## Pierce County 4-H Week



Pierce County 4-H Week will be held on March 5-11. Wear your 4-H shirt Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Clubs If you plan on having a display in a business window, please have it up on March 6th. Clubs please let the extension office know the location of your window display.

### 4-H Online is Open

Go to <https://v2.4HONLINE.com>



*Please do not create a new profile if you have previously enrolled in 4-H, even a different county or state.*

Find instructions for returning families can be found at

<https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/returning-member>

For new families, find instructions here: <https://4h.unl.edu/enroll/new-member>

Before your enrollment can be accepted, dues must be paid. You can either pay the Extension Office with cash or check or pay online with credit card.

\*Enrollment Fees: 4-Hers and Clover Kids will continue to pay an fee of \$5.00 per 4-Her and Clover kid.

Contact Brittany for help enrolling by calling 402-329-4821

## 4-H Leader Training

Join us Monday, March 6 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Pierce County Extension Office meeting room for the latest news, updates, materials, and more!

Please contact Pierce County Extension Office at (402) 392-4821 or [Pierce-County@unl.edu](mailto:Pierce-County@unl.edu) if unable to attend.

I pledge my



head

to clearer thinking



heart

to greater loyalty



hands

to larger service



health

to better living

for my club, my community, my country, and my world.



## Diamond Clover

It's time to work on those Diamond Clover plans! This program encourages youth to engage in a variety of age-appropriate experiences and rewards youth for trying new things, setting goals, and keeping records. Learn more and find planning forms at [4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover](https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover).

# Pierce County Speech Contest

The Public Speaking Contest will be held at 7 p.m. on March 21, 2023 at the Pierce County Extension Meeting Room. Registration for the event is due on March 17, 2023 by calling (402) 329-4821 or emailing [Pierce-County@unl.edu](mailto:Pierce-County@unl.edu) with your name, whether doing a speech or Illustrated Presentation or PSA or both, the title of the speech and age division. The top five contestants in each of the intermediate and senior divisions of each category (Speech & PSA & Illustrated Presentation) are eligible to represent Pierce County at the state-level communication contests on June 23, 2023 in Lincoln.

## Speech Category Guidelines:

- Length :
  - Junior Division (age 8-9): 1-3 minutes
  - Intermediate Division (ages 10-13): 3-5 minutes
  - Senior Division (age 14-18): 5-8 minutes
    - For Senior Division only, judges will deduct three points from the score for every 30 seconds under or over the time limit.
- Only individuals may compete in this class; no team entries are allowed
- All speeches may not be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.
- Clover Buds - 4-Hers 5-7 years. May read a poem or story, or talk to the audience about any topic they choose. May be written by 4-Her or someone else. Suggested length: under 2 minutes.

## Illustrated Presentation Category Guidelines:

- Length
  - Individual (all age divisions): 6- 8 minutes
  - Team (all age divisions): 8-10 minutes
  - Participants will be penalized if their presentation exceeds the time limit
- An Illustrated Presentation may be given by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals. If team members are not in the same age division, they must complete in the age division of the oldest team member.
- All presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences.



## 4-H Camp Registration

Nebraska Adventure Together 4-H Summer Camps registration is open for 2023 sessions. Nebraska Adventure Together 4-H Camps have several exciting youth programs available for summer 2023 all over the state of Nebraska. For more information please visit <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-summer>



# 4-H Livestock News

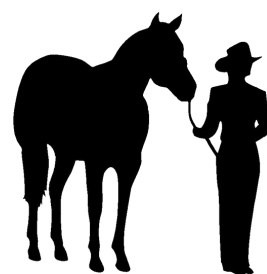
## 4-H Horse

### 4-H Horse Stampede Contest:

- March 25, 2023 at the Animal Science Complex UNL. Does not require live animals. Includes public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, two art divisions (2D/3D), and photography contests. Online entries due March 6, 2023. <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-stampede>

### Come Learn with Carla Clinics:

- Come learn with clinician & judge Carla Wenburg! Youth will have the opportunity to work on horsemanship and training maneuvers with Carla in separate sessions with other riders. Registration deadline is May 5, 2023. For more information visit: <https://go.unl.edu/carlaclinics>
- June 2nd - Central City, Nebraska
- June 3rd - Lincoln, Nebraska at Lancaster Event Center
- June 4th - Albion, NE at Boone County Fairgrounds



### 4-H State Horse Show:

- July 15-19, 2023 at Fonner Park in Grand Island, NE
- Online entry deadline June 1, 2023 (Includes hippology and horse judging entries), Horses ID forms and Advancement level deadlines to hand into county offices also due June 1, 2023. <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>

## Livestock Premises ID

All 4-H and FFA market animals with an EID tag are required to have a Premises ID. A Premises ID can be obtained through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture and should correlate to the location in which livestock are kept/housed permanently.

- Only one Premises ID is necessary for a family with multiple exhibitors (provided livestock are housed at the same location).
- Only one Premises ID is necessary for an exhibitor that shows multiple species (provided livestock is housed at the same location).
- Any exhibitor that has completed Quality Assurance or YQCA and exhibited an animal with an EID tag at the Pierce County Fair will have a Premises ID.

## State Fair Age Change

With each new State Fair season, brings new possibilities and opportunities for 4-H families in Nebraska. The opportunity for 4-H to continue having its own weekend allows more flexibility for new events, entry limits, schedules, and space. We want to continue to take advantage of that!

As part of that process, we continue to explore age eligibility requirements for State Fair participation. After garnering user input, researching data from other events/shows/states, and looking at that overall impact on youth development, the decision has been made to change the **age of eligibility in 2023 to be 9 years of age before January 1 (of the current year) for all in-person events (livestock, contests, fashion shows).**



## Virtual 4-H Companion Animal Challenge:

Mark your calendars! The Nebraska 4-H Virtual Companion Animal Challenge entries are due by Saturday, April 1. Essay, art, photography, and demonstration entries must be submitted digitally within the entry form, and the online trivia contest will be open from Monday, April 10, through Sunday, April 16. Learn more at <https://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal-challenge>.

## Livestock Quality Assurance 2023

All youth planning to show beef, bucket calf, dairy, goats, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine at the Pierce County Fair, Nebraska State Fair, or Ak-Sar-Ben must complete YQCA training. This can be completed at a Face-to-Face training or online. Face-to-Face trainings are scheduled for May 31 (1 p.m. and 6 p.m.) at the Wayne County Fairgrounds and June 6 (1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.) at the Pierce County Fairgrounds. If you are interested in completing the online YQCA course, now is a good time. The YQCA website is [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org). More Information will be coming in the future.



## Special Garden Project

The cost to enroll in the project will be \$0.50/youth. The 2023 Special Garden Project will work with the Mrs. Burns' Lemon Basil, a versatile plant that can add a lemony flavor to any recipe or a fresh scent to floral arrangements. Visit <https://4h.unl.edu/special-garden-project> to learn more about the Special Garden Project and how to get started.

## Special Agronomy Project

The cost to enroll in the project will be \$1.00/youth. This year's Special Agronomy Project will have members working with Tepary Beans, which are among the most drought-tolerant legume crops in the world. At one point, they were also nearly an. Learn more at <https://4h.unl.edu/special-agronomy-project>. Be sure to let us know if you plan to participate.



## Attention 4-H Families

We still have some County Fair and State Fair exhibits here in the office if you could please pick up as soon as possible.



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## 2023 4-H State Fair Animal Nomination/Identification Requirements

Project Area	Nomination Requirements	Due Date	Show Entry Deadline
Market Beef	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Registered Breeding Beef	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Commercial Breeding Beef	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Feeder Calf	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Market Swine	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Breeding Swine	EID Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database.	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Market Sheep	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Breeding Sheep	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Market Goats	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Breeding Goats	Scrapie Tag, DNA Envelope & animal information submitted online via Show Stock Manager database	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Dairy Cattle	ID Sheet Drawing	June 15	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Rabbits & Poultry	No nomination required. Rabbits will be required to have an ear tattoo by the show entry deadline.	-----	August 10 8:00 PM CST
Horse	Horse Identification Certification	June 1	June 1 11:59 PM CST

\*4-H Bucket Calf and Dairy Goat projects do not have a class option at the Nebraska State Fair



# March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
		4-H Professionals Appreciation Day  Pick up Gnome Flower Pot	Pick up Gnome Flower Pot	Pick up Gnome Flower Pot	Pick up Gnome Flower Pot	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Window Display Done		Pierce 4-H Week				
	Horse Stampede Registration DUE 4-H Leaders Training at 6:30 pm 4-H Council Meeting at 7:30 pm		Wear your 4-H shirt	Ignite by 4-H	Ignite by 4-H	Ignite by 4-H
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Ignite by 4-H					Register for Pierce County Speech Contest DUE  	State 4-H BB & Air Rifle Contest Beatrice High School at 8am  Spring Rabbit Show Lancaster Event Center, 9 am
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
State 4-H BB & Air Rifle Contest Beatrice High School at 8am		4-H Pierce County Communication Contest at 7pm			Take Home Kit Paracord Bracelet Registration DUE	Horse Stampede in Lincoln, NE  UNL Chick Day, Animal Science Building, UNL, - Lincoln, NE
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

## April 2023

- 1: 4-H Virtual Companion Animal Entries are DUE
- 3-7: Pick Up Paracord Bracelet Take Home Kit
- 4: 4-H Council Meeting 7:30
- 10-16: 4-H Virtual Companion Animal Challenge
- 28: Arbor Day Extension Observed - Office Closed



## May 2023

- 5: Registration DUE for Come learn with Carla Clinics
- 29: Memorial Day Extension Observance - Office Closed
- 31: Wayne County Face-to-Face training 1 p.m and 6 p.m. at Wayne Fairgrounds



## **Paracord Bracelet**

### **MARCH TAKE HOME PROJECT**



**Sign-up by**  
**3/24/23**

**Pick up projects**  
**4/3/23 - 4/7/23**

**\$10 per project**

**Enter your project in the 2023 Pierce County Fair!**  
**Beyond the Needle: C221007 - Beginning Fashion Accessory**

**Includes: 10 feet of paracord and buckle**

**Questions? Call the Pierce County Extension Office at (402) 392-4821  
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