

# 2023 Platte County 4-H Calendar



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# What is 4-H?

4-H is an informal, practical, learn-by-doing educational program for rural and urban youth, ages 9 to 19. To be in 4-H, youth should turn 9 during the calendar year. Clover Kids is a 4-H program for youth turning the age of 6 during the calendar year through age 8. 4-H is the youth education program of Nebraska Extension.

## Emblem

The 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with an “H” on each leaf. The letters of the emblem stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health - the foundation of all 4-H programs.

## Pledge

I pledge: My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service, and My Health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

## Colors

Green – nature’s most common color; symbolizes springtime, life, and youth.  
White - symbolizes purity and high ideals.

## Slogan

Learn by doing.

## Motto

To make the best better.

## Mascot

Lil’ Green



## 4-H Clubs

The 4-H Club is one of the major methods of involving boys and girls in the 4-H program. The 4-H Club meeting is an important way to help members learn to make decisions, develop skills in group discussions, try new ideas, develop citizenship and leadership skills, acquire new knowledge, develop confidence, gain a sense of group pride, and form a cooperative attitude. In Nebraska, the 4-H Club enrollment reporting year is October 1 - September 30. A club may organize at any time during the year. However, enrollment of 4-H members, clubs, and volunteers are due by June 15 of the current year utilizing an internet-based database.

## Learning Through 4-H is a Family Affair

4-H centers in the home and family. Members and parents often attend meetings together. Working on projects takes place at home, in the yard, or around the kitchen table with guidance from mom or dad, an older brother or sister, a grandparent, or a neighbor. 4-H members need the support and encouragement of their families. Growing together through 4-H enhances family strength.

# JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day Holiday – Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8 Jr. Leaders Club Meeting 4:00 pm @ Extension Office	9 Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office	10	11	12	13	14 FLL Robotics Regional Qualifier @ CMS
15	16 MLK Day – Office Closed	17	18	19	20 Leader Training Registration Deadline	21
22	23 Leader Training 5:15 pm and 4-H Council Mtg. 7:30 pm	24	25	26	27 State Indoor 4-H Archery Championship	28
29	30	31				



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# FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> County Fair Market Cattle Weigh-In 10:00 am-Noon @ Columbus Sale Barn
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Recruitment & Family Night 5-7:30 pm @ Runza	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4-H Kick-Off Party Registration Deadline	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 4-H Kick-Off Party	<b>20</b> Presidents' Day – Office Closed	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Nebraska 4-H Month</b>			

# Policies of the 4-H Program

- 1) All 4-H club members must be enrolled in their 4-H project by June 15 in order to exhibit at the County Fair. Enrollment is completed on-line at <https://ne.4honline.com>.
- 2) The enrollment fee for Clover Kids and 4-H'ers is \$5.00 per member per year.
- 3) Clover Kids may only enroll in Clover Kid projects and all activities are non-competitive.
- 4) Age requirement:
  - \* Any youth who turns 6, 7 or 8 during the calendar year may enroll as a Clover Kid.
  - \* Any youth who turns 9 to 19 during the calendar year may enroll as a 4-H'er.
  - \* The year a 4-H'er turns 19 is the last year they can enroll in 4-H.
- 5) Clubs must receive authorization to use the 4-H emblem for promotion or to use for sale items. Contact Extension Office for more information.
- 6) Local 4-H clubs finance themselves by their own fundraising projects. Before starting any fundraisers, check with the Extension Office to comply with regulations.



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# MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Speech & Presentation Contest Registration Deadline	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Rural Recognition Banquet	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Speech & Presentation Contests 4:00 p.m. @ CCC	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> School Enrichment Event: Life On The Farm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Camp Scholarship Deadline <hr/> County Fair Broiler Order Deadline	

# APRIL 2023

unday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	<b>3</b> Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office <hr/> 4-H Council Meeting 8:00 pm @ Ext. Office	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	8
9  Easter	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	15
16	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	22
23	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Arbor Day – Office Closed	29
30						



# MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> County Fair Information Night 5:15 pm @ Extension Office	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Diamond Clover Goal Submission, Jr. Camp Registration & Jr. Camp Counselor Application Deadline	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> County & State Fair Goat, Sheep & Swine Tagging, ID Sheet & DNA Day 8-10 am @ Ag Park
<b>14</b> Mother's Day	<b>15</b> County Fair Animal ID Deadline	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Livestock Judging Contest @ Leigh	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Memorial Day – Office Closed	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Regional Jr. Camp May 31 – June 2</b>		

# JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Horse ID, Horse Level Testing, State Horse Entry Form June 1 <sup>st</sup> Deadline →	1  <b>Regional Jr. Camp</b> May 31 – June 2	2	3
4	5  Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15  <b>County Fair Entry                      &amp; State Fair                      ID/DNA Deadline</b>	16	17
18  Father's Day	19  Juneteenth Day – Office Closed  4-H Council Meeting 8:00 pm @ Ext. Office	20	21  Fair Superintendent Meeting 8 pm @ Ag Park  PASE Events @ UNL East Campus	22	23  State 4-H Premier Communication Event @ Lincoln	24
25	26  Pen of 3 Weigh-In 7 – 8:30 pm @ Sale Barn	27  Pen of 3 Show 9 am @ Sale Barn  Archery Show 6 pm @ Ag Park	28  Horse Show 9 am @ Ag Park	29  Dog Show @ Ag Park  Plant Science & Entomology Contests 12:15 – 4:45	30	

# JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	<b>3</b> <small>Pre-Fair Entries Begin ————— Check Fair Book for Schedule</small>	<b>4</b> <small>Independence Day – Office Closed</small>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	8
<b>Platte County Fair</b> <b>July 3 – 9</b>						
9	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	15
16	<b>17</b> <small>Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo July 15 - 19</small>	<b>18</b> <small>Robotics Camp @ Extension Office</small>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	22
23	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	29
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# AUGUST 2023

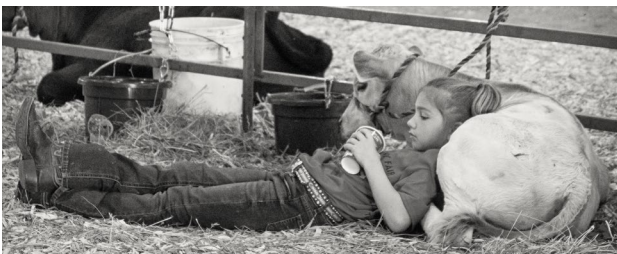
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 <small>Growing Clovers Club Mtg 6:00 pm @ Extension Office</small> <hr/> <small>4-H Council Meeting 8:00 pm @ Ext. Office</small>	8	9	10 <b>State Fair Livestock &amp; Contest On-Line Entry Deadline</b>	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>State Fair Static Exhibits due to office by 5 pm</b>	19
20	21	22	23 <b>State Fair Perishable Exhibits due to office by 8 am</b>	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	<p style="margin: 0;"><b>Nebraska State Fair @ Grand Island</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>August 25 – September 4</b></p> <p style="margin: 0;"><small>4-H Weekend – August 25 – 27/FFA Weekend – September 2 - 4</small></p>	

# SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Labor Day - Office Closed	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  State Fair Static exhibits available for pick-up at Extension Office	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Husker Harvest Days</b> <b>September 12 - 14</b>						
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



# Platte County Fair





# OCTOBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>National 4-H Week</b> October 1 - 7					Diamond Clover Program Deadline	
8	9 Columbus Day – Office Closed	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# 4-H Council Role & Responsibility

The Platte County 4-H Council is comprised of adults and youth representing all parts of the county. There are five districts and an at-large district with three adults and one youth serving on the 4-H Council from each district. Their term expires at the end of the year designated after their names.

The duties and responsibilities of the 4-H Council include:

- \* Help plan a sound county 4-H program.
- \* Help determine policies for the county 4-H program.
- \* Serve as a sounding board for ideas and programs.
- \* Assist in carrying out 4-H events and activities.

The following are members of the 4-H Council:



## **DISTRICT I** - Walker, Woodville, St. Bernard, Granville, Joliet and Burrows

Townships

Angie Reardon - 2023	402-750-7364
Shelley Reichmuth - 2024 (District Rep.)	402-920-2382
Eric Reichmuth - 2025	402-920-2498
Callista Reichmuth - 2023 (Youth)	

## **DISTRICT II** - Humphrey, Creston, Grand Prairie & Sherman Townships

Logan Went - 2023	402-270-3657
Travis Dicke - 2024 (District & Extension Board Rep.)	402-270-0728
Brandon Groteluschen - 2025	402-920-2024
Adyson Groteluschen - 2023 (Youth)	

## **DISTRICT III** - Monroe, Lost Creek, Oconee, Loup & Butler Townships

Kim Went - 2023 (Treasurer & District Rep.)	402-380-3726
Travis Schultz - 2024	402-750-9693
Stephanie Schmidt - 2025	402-270-4315
Lindy Schmidt - 2023 (Youth)	

## **DISTRICT IV** - Shell Creek, Bismark and Columbus Townships

Crystal Klug - 2023	308-830-3100
Jenny Meyer - 2024	402-910-0621
Cory Osten - 2025 (Vice President & District Rep.)	402-910-8579
Whitney Klug - 2023 (Youth)	

## **DISTRICT V** - City of Columbus

Sandi Seckel - 2023	402-276-0005
Brigen Kinnison - 2024	402-910-2129
Kristy Spawn - 2025 (Secretary & District Rep.)	402-276-4779
Amber Spawn - 2023 (Youth)	

## **AT-LARGE** - Persons not represented in other Districts.

Jared Sweeter - 2023 (President & District Rep.)	605-957-5251
Julie Kreikemeier - 2024	402-367-8800
Gina Renner - 2025	402-910-4351
Eli Kreikemeier - 2023 (Youth)	

# NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
5	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Office Closed in observance of Veterans Day	11  Veterans Day
12	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	18
19	<b>20</b>  4-H Council Meeting 7:00 pm @ Extension Office	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed	<b>24</b>  Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed	25
26	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

# 2023 Platte County 4-H Committees

The following 4-H Committees are comprised of members of the Platte County 4-H Council to carry out the many activities of the 4-H Program. Along with the Extension Staff, the committees will meet to carry out their duties. A Council Representative is listed on each committee to help report back to the 4-H Council.

## **Beef Efficiency**

This committee will assist with identifying and weighing all market beef and Pen of 3 animals twice a year.

Travis Dicke - Council Rep.	Adyson Groteluschen
Travis Schultz	Whitney Klug
Jared Sweeter	Eli Kreikemeier

## **Livestock Sale**

This committee is to plan, prepare and conduct the County Fair Livestock Sale. There is another group of volunteers who assist with livestock sale donations.

Travis Dicke	Logan Went
Brandon Groteluschen	Adyson Groteluschen
Cory Osten - Council Rep.	Eli Kreikemeier
Travis Schultz	

## **Recognition**

This committee will solicit donors for trophies and awards for the 4-H Program.

Julie Kreikemeier	Eric Reichmuth
Jenny Meyer	Jared Sweeter
Angie Reardon - Council Rep.	

## **Scholarship/Award**

This committee will review and award 4-H Council scholarships and camp scholarships.

Julie Kreikemeier	Shelley Reichmuth
Jenny Meyer	Stephanie Schmidt
Gina Renner	Kim Went - Council Rep.
	Lindy Schmidt

## **Pop & Food Stand**

This committee will plan pop stand, food menus and prices for the County Fair. They will obtain the necessary food & supplies and partake as a coordinator during shifts throughout the fair.

Brigen Kinnison	Shelley Reichmuth
Angie Reardon	Sandi Seckel
Gina Renner	Kristy Spawn - Council Rep
	Callista Reichmuth

## **Promotion**

This committee will assist with 4-H Kick-Off Party in February, the Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Drive in the Spring and Fall, and the 4-H Float in the Columbus Days Parade.

Crystal Klug - Council Rep.	Amber Spawn
Julie Kreikemeier	
Kristy Spawn	

## **4-H Executive Committee** (Budget & Nominating)

Travis Dicke	Kristy Spawn
Crystal Klug	Jared Sweeter - Council Rep.
Cory Osten	Kim Went
Angie Reardon	



# DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas – Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31						

# Platte County 4-H Clubs & Organizational Leaders

Platte County 4-H Clubs & Organizational Leaders				Leadership & Citizenship	Heritage	Photography	Human Development	Clothing/Textiles	Consumer Management	Home Environment	Food & Nutrition	Safety	Plant Science	Environment & Earth Science	Entomology	Livestock	Horse	Companion Animal/Rabbit	Dog	Science, Engineering & Technology	Clover Kids
4-H Dairy Kids	Cheryl Mueller	kids_express88@yahoo.com	402-562-3965			X					X	X				X		X			X
4-H Superstars	Melissa Kosch	melissakosch@cccneb.edu	402-270-2701	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	
6-Pack	Cecilia Stenzel	cecstenzel@frontier.com	402-495-4475			X		X	X	X	X		X	X						X	X
Backyard Buddies	Samantha Clark	sam_mueller90@yahoo.com	402-270-4560	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X								X
Baker Makers	Julie Wilke	julie_wilke@yahoo.com	402-564-5651	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									X
Bullseye Archery	Laura Urkoski	laurasettje@yahoo.com	402-942-5118	Archery Only																	
	Abbey Wright	awright13@outlook.com	402276-1130																		
Busy Beavers	Nancy Wiese	nlwiese@telebeep.com	402-428-9037													X					
Dandy Bakers	Sandi Seckel	cseckel@neb.rr.com	402-276-0005	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X			X
Fantastic 4-H'ers	Nila Novotny	nilanovotny@neb.rr.com	402-910-4091																		
	Kristy Spawn	kristyspawn@gmail.com	402-276-4779	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X
Growing Clovers	Kimberly Johnson	kjohnson26@unl.edu	402-563-4901																		X
Just Kids	Gina Blaser	ginablaser@hotmail.com	402-276-0312	X		X				X	X	X	X	X		X	X			X	X
K-9 Commanders	Rena Beran	renaberan@hotmail.com	402-270-1617																X		

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Lindsay Leaders	Laura Wiese	stoverlj@hotmail.com	402-920-0034	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X
Little Leprechauns	Renee DeLaCruz	rmdelacruz5@gmail.com	402-750-2715	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X		X	X
Lucky Clovers	Sandra Swanson	jswanee@outlook.com	402-276-4116	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X		X	X
Northern Lites	Tricia Kersting	kersting.td@gmail.com	402-270-0829	X									X			X					X
Platte County Robotics	Michelle Preister	mapreister@telebeep.com	402-923-0241																		
Rising Stars	Mikayla Martensen	mikaylam4201@gmail.com	402-270-7117	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
Rosenborg 4-H	Kayla Berkeland	kviessman@yahoo.com	402-606-9349	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X				X		X	X
	Krynn Larsen	klarsen@cccneb.edu	402-649-5026																		
Silver Star	Beau Klug	bcklug@frontier.com	402-910-2217	X												X					
	Crystal Klug	crystallynn84@hotmail.com	308-830-3100																		
Soaring Eagles	Susan Littlefield	slittlefield@ruralradio.com	402-270-5267	X	X	X		X		X	X					X		X	X	X	X
The Wranglers	Holly Schultz	schultz071983@gmail.com	402-564-1277			X		X		X	X					X	X	X			X
	Tanya Niedbalski	tniedbalski@stfrancis.esu7.org	402-563-2457																		
This 'N That	Robin Coan	rcoan@frontiernet.net	402-246-2303	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X

# 4-H Diamond Clover Program



The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover program encourages 4-H youth to engage in a variety of programs, projects, and activities that will enable youth to acquire skills and abilities that will prepare them for success in the future. The program is designed to reach and recognize all youth engaged in 4-H, from club members and campers to school enrichment, afterschool, and special interest program participants.

The program consists of six levels that require a young person to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. For each level, the Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H youth choose their goals. The accomplishments increase in quantity and difficulty for each level. At the beginning of the 4-H year, participants plan what to accomplish and at the end of the 4-H year, 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 Diamond Clover program.

<https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>



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