

4-H Family Newsletter - April 2024

Month Events/Deadlines

- April 1
Growing Clovers Club Mtg.
6 pm @ Extension Office
- April 6
Jr. Leaders Mtg. 10:00 am
@ Extension Office
- April 7
Communication Event 4 pm
@ CCC
- April 10
Camp Scholarship Deadline
- April 15
4-H Council Mtg. 8 pm @
Extension Office
- April 22
YQCA Training 6:30 pm @
Extension Office
- April 26
Arbor Day – Office Closed
- May 1
County Fair Information
Night 5:15 pm @ Extension
Office
- May 3
Diamond Clover Goal
Submission Form, Jr. Camp
Registration and Jr. Camp
Counselor Application
Deadline
- May 5
Trap Club County Fair
Contest @ Izaak Walton
- May 6
Growing Clovers Club Mtg.
6 pm @ Extension Office
- May 11
County & State Fair Goat,
Sheep, Swine ID/DNA Day

TIME TO ENROLL IN 4-H BEFORE TOO LATE

Don't want to miss out on the 2024 4-H year! To participate in some great programs, summer workshops, livestock clinics, camps, and the Platte County Fair, you must be enrolled in 4-H. So, let's get to it at <https://v2.4honline.com>.

The \$5 enrollment fee is due at the time of enrollment, payable online. 4-H leaders (organizational and project leaders) are required to do their registrations online and choose Volunteer projects (not member projects). No fee for leaders to register.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION MEETING

A leader and parent meeting (open to everyone) will be held on **Wednesday, May 1st at 5:15 p.m. at the Extension Office, Columbus** to go over what's new, schedule changes, location, forms, and other relevant information regarding the 2024 fair.

Everyone is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** to attend this meeting to get fair updates, sign up for pop stand shift, pick up necessary forms, and ask questions.

The meeting will last one hour. It is important for someone from each club attend and new and/or independent families are especially encouraged to attend.

COMMUNICATION EVENT



Join us for the Butler, Colfax, Platte County 4-H Communication Event on Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 pm at the West Education Center, Central Community College, Columbus.

Clover Kids and 4-H'ers will be competing in Speech, Impromptu Speech, PSA, Presentation & Video Contests.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS SHOWS, ANIMAL SHOWS & CLINICS

Check out our website for a listing of Nebraska 4-H/Extension livestock progress shows, animal shows and clinics. This includes horse, rabbit, poultry, small pet, beef, swine, sheep and goat. Will post to the website progress shows, camps, clinics and other shows sponsored by Nebraska Extension and 4-H clubs.

Bookmark this link

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/platte/4-hextension-livestock-progress-shows-and-clinics/> as it will be updated often as information is made available.

4-H PROJECT vs. FAIR EXHIBIT

A *project* is centered around a topic of interest to 4-H members. Members can choose one or more topics to learn about. There is a whole range of projects for 4-H'ers, everything from animals to gardening, to safety and more! A project should include a series of learning experiences related to that topic. When you enroll in 4HOnline, you sign up for projects.

An *exhibit* is the specific item or animal 4-H'ers bring to the fair. There is a separate online registration process for the Platte County Fair with a deadline in June. More information will be made available in a future newsletter.

Congratulations to Code Huskers for winning first place in robot design at Nebraska FIRST LEGO League Robotics Championships on March 16 at UNL!!!



Arbor Day - Friday, April 26
Office Closed

DIAMOND CLOVER PROGRAM

The 4-H Diamond Clover Recognition Program is designed to complement our dynamic 4-H tradition in a noncompetitive way and recognize the accomplishments of 4-H members from 8-19 years of age.

To learn more about the program or to obtain a level form on-line, go to <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>.

4-H'ers are required to turn in their goal/accomplishment plan sheet by Friday, May 3rd. Final reports are due October 4, 2024, after the 4-H fiscal year. Only 4-H'ers who meet BOTH deadlines will be considered for their level award.

JR. 4-H CAMP ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Jr. Camp is scheduled for June 5 – 7, 2024, at Whispering Cedars near Genoa. 4-H'ers from Platte, Antelope, Boone, Merrick, Nance, Polk, Hamilton, and York counties are welcome to attend. Jr. Camp is for 4-H'ers age 8 – 11 and the cost is \$110.00 per camper.

See camp flyer included in this newsletter for all registration requirements including registering on-line, completing 4-H Participant Permission and Health form in their 4HOnline account and payment information. Jr. Camp registration deadline is Wednesday, May 1st!

2024 SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT – PRINCESS INDIA NASTURTIUM

The Special Garden Project (SPG) is a way for 4-H'ers to grow unusual and fun projects in their gardens. This year the SPG is focused on Princess India Nasturtium. This is an heirloom annual flower whose leaves and blossoms are edible.

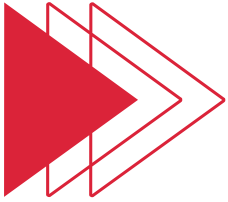
To participate in the SPG, 4-H'er must

enroll in a horticulture project in 4HOnline, complete and return form along with project fee to the Platte County 4-H Office by the April 10, 2024 deadline.

Flyer and form were in January's 4-H family newsletter or can be found on our website at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/platte/2024-platte-county-4-h-special-garden-project-princess-india-nasturtium/>



Photo: Johnny's Select Seed



Junior 4-H Camp

Whispering Cedars Camp, Genoa NE



June 5th-7th



Registration Deadline: May 1, 2024

Camp begins at 1 p.m. on June 5th and Ends at 11:30 a.m. on June 7th, 2024.

2024 Fee Schedule

Now until May 1st at 4 pm
Early Bird \$110

May 2nd- 8th at 4 pm - \$135

May 9th - Registration Closed

2024 Refund Schedule

Until May 1st at 4 pm -100%

May 8th – 50%

After May 9th – No refunds

Junior 4-H Camp counties involved are:

Polk, York, Platte, Merrick, Antelope,

Boone and Nance.

“Junior” Camp is open to ALL youth, 4-H ages 8-11. 12-year-old campers will be placed on a waiting list if registered and paid. If space allows after the deadline, they will be notified if they can attend. Final instructions will be sent after all registrations are collected.

Complete the on-line form using the link below and turn in the payment as soon as possible. If fee(s) are not received by the deadline, camper(s) registration will be canceled.

All participants must complete the 4-H Participant Permission and Health Form in their 4hOnline 2.0 enrollment.

Complete the Online Google Registration Form and return the form below along with PAYMENT to:

Nebraska Extension – Platte County, 2715 13th Street, Columbus NE 68601-4916



Name(s): _____

HAVE YOU COMPLETED :

<https://go.unl.edu/2024jrcamp>



The Google Form? YES NO

4-H Participant Permission and Health Form? YES NO

\$110 / \$135 Fee

_____ Cash _____ Check Number



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PLATTE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL



CHALLENGE PRODUCT:
WOOD PALLET

2024 Platte County Fair Challenge Project

In order to qualify for this year's Challenge Fair Project, 50% of your project must be made from a wood pallet. Please contact the office if you would like to participate in the Challenge Fair Project, so we can keep track of the projects. This project can be submitted into any class in which you can make your project fit and that is where it will be judged. It will be displayed in a special recognition Challenge Project space. You may use your own pallet or you may contact the office and we will provide one for you. Please contact Sheila or Kimberly if you have questions.

402-563-4901 or shoppe3@unl.edu

Are you up for
the Platte County
Fair Challenge
Project?



Don't
just sit there,
take the
challenge!



Think OUTSIDE
the BOX!



Take the
challenge and
grow!

CHALLENGE PROJECT Q&A SESSION

REMINDER
MAKE SURE TO ADD
APPROPRIATE
PROJECT IN YOUR
4H ONLINE PROJECT
LIST!

Q: DO I HAVE TO PUT MY CHALLENGE PROJECT IN A WOOD WORKING CLASS?

A: NO, YOUR PROJECT CAN BE IN ANY CLASS THAT YOU CAN MAKE IT FIT. THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY A WOODWORKING PROJECT.

Q: HOW DOES THIS FIT INTO ANY CLASS I WANT TO MAKE IT WORK FOR?

A: SOME EXAMPLES COULD BE... A WOOD RECIPE BOX THAT HOLDS RECIPES (FOOD & NUTRITION), SHADOW BOX OF FAMILY HEIRLOOMS (HERITAGE), A FRAME (HERITAGE, DESIGN DECISIONS), DESIGN BOARD OR ACCESSORY (DESIGN DECISIONS), FURNITURE DESIGN (WOODWORKING), TOY (HUMAN DEV.), LAMP (ELECTRICITY), AND OF COURSE WOODWORKING PROJECTS.

Q: DO I HAVE TO HAVE A LARGE PROJECT AND USE 50% (1/2) OF A PALLET?

A: NO, YOUR PROJECT DOES NOT NEED TO BE 50% OF A PALLET. YOU ONLY NEED TO USE THE WOOD FROM THE PALLET AS 1/2 OF YOUR PROJECT. IT CAN BE ANY SIZE, BUT 50% OF IT MADE FROM THE WOOD OF THE PALLET.

4-H Animal Talk



YQCA Training - There are still some YQCA trainings available this year. The face-to-face sessions cost \$3 and online sessions cost \$12. This is paid online when you register. Youth will need to register online prior to coming to the face-to-face sessions and take the pre-test. Face-to-face sessions will last right at one hour.

Monday, April 22nd 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Monday, May 13th 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Friday, May 24th 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

****After you complete the YQCA training, please either email the certificate to Blake at bwert3@unl.edu or bring a copy into the office.****

State Fair Nominations - Will be online again this year via www.showstockmgr.com. State fair tags and DNA envelopes are available at the Extension Office. The deadline for ALL nominations, including Market Beef is **Friday, June 14.**

Livestock Judging and Skill-a-thon - If you are interested in livestock judging or quiz bowl, please let Blake know at bwert3@unl.edu or 402-563-4901 so you can be put on the email list. *Livestock Judging* will begin once we have a list of those interested. *Skill-a-thon* is a state contest. Those interested would practice at the Extension Office and would compete on June 20th and 21st in Lincoln. At least 4 members are needed for a team! The minimum age for a team member is 10 as of January 1. Blake will be emailing practice dates and times out in April!

Market Animal DNA Day - Again this year, we are pulling DNA on every market animal that is identified on your ID sheet, with the only exception being the Pen of 3 cattle. Market cattle DNA was pulled at the weigh-in in February. Market goat, sheep, and swine DNA will be pulled on **Saturday, May 11th from 8 am – 10 am at Ag Park**. If you are unable to make it on Saturday, you can schedule a time with Blake during the week of May 6th – 10th.

Dates to Remember:

April 22nd: Quality Assurance Training at the Platte County Extension Office (6:30 pm – 7:30 pm)

May 11th: County Fair Goat, Sheep, and Swine DNA Day at Ag Park (8 am – 10 am)

May 13th: Quality Assurance Training at the Platte County Extension Office (6:30 pm – 7:30 pm)

May 15th: County Fair Animal ID Deadline

May 23rd: Butler, Colfax, and Platte County Livestock Judging Contest in Leigh- more information to come!

May 24th: Quality Assurance at the Platte County Extension Office (3 pm - 4 pm)

May 31st: Quality Assurance Deadline

**JOIN US!
COME BE A
JUNIOR CAMP
COUNSELOR!**

Deadline: Tuesday, April 30
Junior Camp Dates: June 5 - 7
Whispering Cedars,
Genoa, NE
Must be aged 16-18

Lead groups of youth with other
counselors through various outdoor
activities and crafts assisted by staff.
Have fun with others while being a
youth leader!



**JR. REGIONAL
4-H CAMP**

For Platte County online
camp counselor application
and registration form, go to
[https://extension.unl.edu/stat
ewide/platte/platte-county-4-
h-jr-camp/](https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/platte/platte-county-4-h-jr-camp/)



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