

Horse Project Member,

It is that time of the year already! **State Horse Show Entry opened this morning!** This year the State Horse Show (remember there are again no District Shows in 2024), for 4-H members **age 8 and up**, (a change from past years) will be held the week of July 13-17, 2024. State Horse Show with dates and events found at the following website: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>. All other information including the online entry link can be found on this website.

AGAIN, THIS YEAR - Entry is online at <https://nhorse.fairwire.com/> by Thursday, June 1st @ 5 p.m.

REMINDERS:

- All Horse I.D. sheets to be used at State Competitions are to be completed by June 1st and returned to the Extension Office. Here is the link to the Horse ID sheet, you may fill it in or print and write it in; <https://4h.unl.edu/documents/Horse/F29777%20Horse%20ID%20new.pdf>
- All Horse level changes need to be completed and turned into the office by **June 1st**. Because this date falls on a Saturday, it must be either dropped off on May 31st in our office or put in the Drop Box on the North Side of the Courthouse by the time the courthouse opens on June 3rd. This includes all the written paperwork along with the riding test. Please refer to the bottom of this email with more information on completing advancement levels or contact your Club Leader as they are very knowledgeable about the process.
- All information and the link to the online entry can be found at this website link. <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo-show-entry> Please call our office if you have any questions or stop in if you need us to print copies for you!
- **Please refer to 2023 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide for rules.** We have a few left in our office that you can purchase from us.
- You can also purchase one from <https://marketplace.unl.edu/extension/nebraska-4-h/4-h-curriculum> The following website has the most current information on the Nebraska 4-H Horse Program <http://4h.unl.edu/horse>. You will also find the links to State Horse Show information, level testing, and other resources for exhibitors.
- If anyone is interested in the additional contests: Horse judging, or Hippology contest, please contact me. The deadline for those contests is June 15th.
- Please note that you must pass your Horse Levels using someone who is certified for Levels I, II, and/or III. Please check with your leader to make sure they have completed the certification process before completing your advancement levels or it will not be valid this year. Barb Mentink and Torie Jelinek are certified to complete level I & II but Barb Mentink is the only leader Certified to complete Level III advancement level in Polk County. Feel free to call Barb at 402-366-5934 If you are interested in having her help you complete Level III. There are others that you can contact using this website: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-advancement>. If you do not remember what level you have completed, please feel free to contact our office and myself and we can let you know we will share it with you.

If you need to purchase an official 4-H Arm Band, they are available in our office for a small cost.

Good Luck! Please call or email if you have any questions!

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