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# Seward County 4-H

April 2023 Newsletter

## Pick Your Project

Not sure what projects to enroll in for County Fair? Pick Your Project is an online database and selection guide for finding 4-H projects and their resources. Users can search for projects by keywords or browse by curriculum area, knowledge level, and geographic level. Check it out! <https://4h.unl.edu/news/pick-your-project>

## DIAMOND CLOVER AWARD APPLICATION

All 4-H'ers are invited to fill out an application for the Diamond Clover Awards program. It truly is an achievable goal-setting and application process.

There are six levels. Youth can start at the beginning or at the age level associated with the award. For each level, there is a list of possible 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. In Seward County, goal sheets are due **April 1** and reports are due **October 1**. Successful completion of a level's Plan & Report form results in a 4-H youth earning that level of the Diamond Clover program. In Seward County youth receive a pin, a certificate, and a prize. These are awarded at the annual 4-H Achievement Party. More information on the Diamond Clover Program is at: <https://4h.unl.edu/diamond-clover>

SEWARD COUNTY FAIR

### FAIR T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

- Any 4-H'er 8 and up may submit a design.
- Submit your design by May 1 to the Extension Office.
- Must include the official 4-H clover and FFA emblem.
- Computer generated or hand drawn on a 8 1/2"x11" piece of paper.
- Design must be one color.

Call the Extension Office with Questions 402-643-2981

## Be on the look out for our upcoming Clover Colleges! The brochure is on its way!

4-H Family Handbooks are available at the Extension Office. Please make sure you have one for your family. Information on deadlines and procedures are included!

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## 4-H 101

Calling all first and second year 4-H families! We will be hosting a 4-H 101 class to teach the ins and outs of 4-H and what you need to know so that you and your 4-H'er gets the most out of the 4-H experience. Meet us at the Extension Office on April 18 starting at 7:00 p.m. This class is for any family that wants a little extra help or wants to brush up on their knowledge of 4-H. We hope to see you there!

## Our "How to" Video

Head to the Seward County Extension website or use this QR code for a video on how to navigate t-shirts on 4-H Online.



## Performing Arts Contest

Our Performing Arts Contest is right around the corner! Sign up under the appropriate links:

Solo Performances:

<https://forms.gle/i3JMV5syD4HxWtMQ6>

Duets and Group Performances:

<https://forms.gle/mG2WV9XvzYxGxNLk9>

## 4-H Dog Project Classes

4 H Dog project classes will begin around the middle of May. If you are signed up for the dog project you will receive an email in April. If you are not signed up for the dog project or have questions you may contact Ann Schlueter at [schlueters@windstream.net](mailto:schlueters@windstream.net) or let the Extension office know and they will get me your information. These classes include: showmanship, obedience, agility and rally and are held at the Seward County Fairgrounds.



**New for 2023**  
**All Fair t-shirts will be**  
**ordered via 4-H Online**  
**v2.4honline.com**

- If you are currently enrolled, log into your 4-H online account
- Check to see if you completed your t-shirt size
- If you are not currently enrolled please do so ASAP and include your t-shirt size.
- Orders are due June 15th
- All other t-shirt orders (adult/parents/other) will be placed at the Extension Office. Payment must be made at time of order. No shirts will be ordered unless payment has been received.



**SHOW OFF YOUR TALENT!**

WANT TO SHOW OFF YOUR DANCE ROUTINE OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? WANT TO SING A SONG OR PERFORM A PLAY FOR AN AUDIENCE? SIGN UP FOR THE 4-H PERFORMING ARTS CONTEST!



**MONDAY**  
**APRIL 17**  
 STARTING AT 5:30  
 AT THE CIVIC  
 CENTER AUDITORIUM



## Communication Event

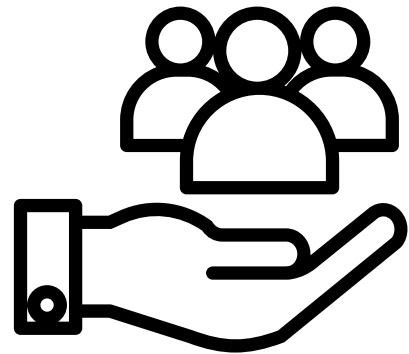
Check out the Communication Event file for information on our 2023 Communication Event. This event will be when we host our Speech, PSA, Presentation and Video Communication Contests! This event will be held May 9th at 5:00. Register at <https://forms.gle/C31UZHZNrL5f9Uh6>

## Communications Contest--Who, Me?! Pop Up Clover College

Join Julie and Hannah Roebke on April 24th at 6 p.m. for speech and presentation prep! With our county communication event fast approaching, come learn how to write your speech so you can take part in the contests! Ages 5-18 are welcome. This event will be held at the Extension Office and cost \$5 to participate. To register, call the office at (402) 643-2981 or email us at [seward-county@unl.edu](mailto:seward-county@unl.edu)

## Show Off your Club's Service Project

Did you or your club complete a service project for 4-H Month? We want to hear all about it! Submit your project at [4h.unl.edu/csps](http://4h.unl.edu/csps) for a chance to see it showcased!



## Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award



The Nebraska 4-H Foundation's Governor's Agricultural Excellence Award is a prestigious award designed to recognize 4-H Clubs for their efforts to serve their communities. This award provides funding for 4-H Clubs to complete projects that will have a lasting impact on their communities. Projects should be intentional and impactful, growing club members as leaders and fulfilling a need in their community. Applications are due April 1. Learn more at [ne4hfoundation.org/governors-ag-excellence-award](http://ne4hfoundation.org/governors-ag-excellence-award).

# 2023 COMMUNICATION EVENT

Contests: Speech, PSA, Presentation, Video

Event Date & Time: Tuesday, May 9, 2023; 5:00 p.m.

Location: Civic Center Auditorium

Pre-Registration required. Deadline April 30

## SPEECH CONTEST

### Age Categories, Time Limits, Topics:

- Clover Kid (ages 5-7 on Jan. 1, 2023): 3 minutes or less. Talk about anything! You may read a poem, a favorite story or do the 4-H Pledge.
- Novice (ages 8-9 on Jan. 1, 2023): 3 minutes or less. Talk about anything! You may read a poem or a favorite story. Should only be 1st or 2nd year speakers.
- Junior (ages 8-9 on Jan. 1, 2023): 1-3 minutes. Must be an original speech relating to 4-H.
- Intermediate (ages 10-13 on Jan. 1, 2023): 3-5 minutes. Must be an original speech relating to 4-H. (State Event Qualifier)
- Senior (ages 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2023): 5-8 minutes. Must be an original speech relating to 4-H. (State Event Qualifier)

### Contest Guidelines:

- All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.
  - Many speakers in the Public Speaking Contest have given speeches in other contests. This is fine; however, previous speeches may not be used verbatim for the 4-H contest. It is okay to use the same ideas from a speech previously delivered in competition, but it must be 4-H related. Enough changes should be made to make that speech new to the speaker and the audience. 4-H public speakers may not use an old speech written by a sibling, other 4-H members or anyone else.
  - Acknowledge the source of information used in the speech. For example, an article from a magazine may be used for reference but should not be quoted directly unless you tell the audience your source.
- Organization: Introduction, body and conclusion.
  - Use of visual aids and props are not allowed. Notes may be used for Clover Kid & Novice categories.
- Delivery: Eye contact, timing, gestures and posture.
- Voice: Clear tones, correct volume and good pronunciation.
  - Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes or special effect clothing. 4-H Chevron required.
- No team speeches are allowed.
  - 4-H'ers who are 10 years old and older as of Jan. 1, 2023 will be eligible for Premier Communication Event (State Contest). Youth must be selected at County Contest to compete in the Premier Communication Event.

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (PSA) CONTEST

### Age Categories, Time Limits, Topics:

- Clover Kid (ages 5-7 on Jan. 1, 2023): 3 minutes or less
- Novice (ages 8-9 on Jan. 1, 2023): 3 minutes or less. 1st or 2nd year speakers.
- Junior (ages 8-9 on Jan. 1, 2023): 1-3 minutes.
- Intermediate (ages 10-13 on Jan. 1, 2023): 3-5 minutes. (State Event Qualifier)
- Senior (ages 14-18 on Jan. 1, 2023): 5-8 minutes. (State Event Qualifier)

### Contest Guidelines:

- All PSA's are 60 seconds in length.
- The state theme for the 2023 Public Service Announcement is "**Discover Your Spark in Nebraska 4-H**" and should be incorporated in the PSA.
  - All radio PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at anytime of the year.
- All 4-H PSA's must include the following tag line within the last ten seconds of the PSA: "**Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu.**" The tag line is included in the 60 second time limit.
- Sound effects and public domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used.
- All PSA's must be the original work of the presenter. contestants may not use PSA's written and provided by the state or national staff.
- No team PSA's are allowed.
- Scoring is based on the content of the material and delivery.
- Appearance and gestures are not judged.
  - County Contest Only: Participants may read their PSA at the contest or submit a flash/jump drive to be played at the contest.
- If selected to go onto Premier Communication Event (State Contest), radio PSA's will be submitted electronically as a .wav or .mp3 audio format. No CDs accepted.

### Contest Resources:

The following resources can be found online at: <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/speech>

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Location: Civic Center Auditorium

Pre-Registration required. Deadline April 30

## PRESENTATION CONTEST

### Categories:

#### Show 'n Tell (County Only)

- Description: A live presentation with a formal talk where youth will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something.
- Age: Clover Kids Only
- Time Limit: up to 5 minutes individual, no team presentations

#### Illustrated Presentation (Premier Communication Event Eligible)

- Description: An illustrated Presentation involves one or two 4-H'ers giving a live presentation with a formal talk where the presenter(s) will use visual aids (such as props, posters, computer-based visuals, handouts, video, etc.) to show and tell others how to do something. All presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences.
- Age: 9-18 as of Jan. 1, 2023
- Time Limit: 6-8 minutes individual, 8-10 minutes team

#### Contest Guidelines:

- All 4-H Presentations should be related to how the 4-H youth is learning about through their 4-H education experiences, focused on the priorities of college and career readiness, community development, and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).
- Presentations must include an introduction, a body, and a conclusion.
- Each participant is required to wear the 4-H chevron, 4-H emblem or 4-H shirt.
- All categories require the presence of the contestant.
- The judge views the entire presentation and engages in a question-answer session following the presentation.
- 4-H'ers who are 10 years old and older as of Jan. 1, 2023 will be eligible for Premier Communication Event (State Contest). Youth must be selected at County Contest to compete in Premier Communication Event.

## VIDEO COMMUNICATION CONTEST

#### Video Communication (Premier Communication Event Eligible)

- Description: The video communication contest allows youth to create a multi-media video around a theme related to 4-H. Judges will be evaluating on both the organization of information as well as the audio and video production.
- Age: 9-18 as of Jan. 1, 2023
- Time Limit: 60-90 seconds individual only

#### Contest Guidelines:

- Youth may use a phone, laptop or tablet to create a multi-media piece around the theme: "Discover Your Spark in Nebraska 4-H!"
- Sound effects, public-domain music, and graphics can be used. Copyrighted materials may not be used.
- For county contest only, the 4-H'er must be present to play video. If selected to go onto Premier Communication Event (State Contest), the video will be electronically submitted as MP4 files.

#### Contest Resources:

The following resources can be found online at: <https://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/speech>

## REMINDER: LATE FEE POLICY

In 2019, 4-H Council enacted a late fee of \$15 per member for those that are late with animal ID sheets and county fair pre-entry. Identification forms and /or entries may be submitted up to 7 days past the specified due date (County Fair Only) and are subject to this late fee. ID Forms and entries will not be excepted after this 7 day period. If you are late with ID forms for District, State horse show and State Fair Livestock, you will be ineligible to exhibit.



Contact Seward County Extension Office with questions  
402-643-2981



### 2023 YQCA Trainer Led Trainings

|| February 9th ||  
★ April 13 ★  
|| June 8th ||

All YQCA Trainer Led Trainings will be held at the  
Seward County Extension Office  
7:00 p.m.

Enroll via [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)

There will be a \$3.00 YQCA fee and an additional  
\$3.00 collected the night of the training.

Contact Cindy Wolverton with questions.  
402-643-2981  
[cwolverton3@unl.edu](mailto:cwolverton3@unl.edu)



## Livestock Information for Clover Kids

Please review the rules concerning the Clover Kids Livestock showmanship class. Nothing is new, however, rules will be enforced for the 2023 Seward County Fair.

- Clover Kid Showmanship Class Pre-fair entry is required.
- Clover Kid must ID animal with own Animal ID sheet or include their name on the ID sheet of the animal owned by another 4-H/FFA exhibitor.
- Each member may bring one animal (or use another 4-H/FFA member's animal) in this division to the county fair.
- The animal may be stalled during the fair or be brought the day of the show.
- If exhibiting their own animal, a stall will be needed and must be indicated on 4-Her's entry form.
- The animal needs to be an animal the youth has cared for.
- An adult is required to be with the Clover Kid when working with or showing their animal.
- The Clover Kid will lead the animal in the show ring or be placed in a holding pen (according to the superintendent's discretion).
- The youth will discuss their knowledge of care and raising of the animal with the official.
- Age, size and temperament of the animal project must be appropriate for the exhibitor's age and size.

### Rules that must be followed include:

- The show will be non-competitive.
- There will be one adult/teen volunteer per Clover Kid assisting when the animal is being handled.
- The animal must be 6 months of age or younger the day of show.
- The animal must be **less than 350 pounds the day of the show.**



**All livestock, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors: read entire contents to be sure you know how to complete your YQCA Certification.**

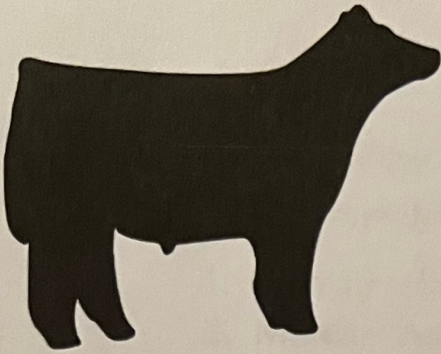
All livestock, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors must pass YQCA yearly to be eligible to exhibit at the Seward County Fair and NE State Fair shows. Youth may enroll in online classes or attend a trainer-led class. Please contact Cindy at the Extension Office if you have any questions.

YQCA login and Course Completion Instructions may be found here: [www.YQCAprogram.org](http://www.YQCAprogram.org)

1. Go to [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org)
2. Log into your existing Account or:
3. Create a new YQCA account. You can now create a family account and pay for your family at one time.
4. Complete registration information for the owner of the account.
  - a. **Remember your Username and Password**
5. Validate your account registration.
6. Once an account has been created then you can add more than one child. Select Add Child.
7. Complete the registration for your child. Select "submit" to move on or "Submit and Add Another Child" to add additional children.
8. Complete "Data sharing Consent" to verify their certification with the listed third parties.
9. View the child dashboard to edit child profiles, you can add and delete youth here.
10. For online and trainer led trainings youth must complete a pre and post test prior to gaining access to their YQCA Certificate of Completion.
11. Follow this link for help guides to enter trainings:  
[https://yqcaprogram.org/local/youth\\_parents.php](https://yqcaprogram.org/local/youth_parents.php)
12. YQCA help video for Web Based Training: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC5n5YWx1rI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC5n5YWx1rI)
13. YQCA help video for Trainer Led Training: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZHW2qtMIO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZHW2qtMIO)

Printing your Certification

1. Log into your account.
2. Be sure you have completed the pre and posttest.
3. Access your certificate using the dropdown menu under "Course Certificates." Select the "+" to see dropdown on completed courses.
4. Select the blue button to download certificate.
5. Print the certificate or save it to your device.
6. Make sure the Extension Office has a copy of your certificate of completion by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Print and drop off a copy your Certificate of Completion to the Extension Office or
  - b. Email a PDF of the YQCA Certificate of Completion to [cwolverton3@unl.edu](mailto:cwolverton3@unl.edu).



# 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seward Calf Classic

April 29, 2023  
Seward County Fairgrounds  
7:30 – 8:30am ~ Check-in  
10:30am ~ Show

**Sanctioned by the Junior Nebraska Cattlemen  
Sponsored by Staplehurst Livestock 4-H Club**

Cash paybacks:  
Champion & Reserve Champion Market Animal  
Breed Champions  
Supreme & Reserve Supreme Breeding Heifer  
Showmanship: Junior ~ Intermediate ~ Senior

Pre-entries ~ \$30.00 per head

Show Day ~ \$40.00 per head

Fairgrounds will be available Friday, April 28, 2023  
Lunch Stand and *Final Drive Supplies* on grounds Saturday.

For more information contact:  
Ginny Koranda @ 402.646.0816 or [ginnykoranda@gmail.com](mailto:ginnykoranda@gmail.com)

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## PRE-REGISTRATION FORM (due by April 26)

Name of Exhibitor: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeding Heifer	Market Heifer	Market Steer	Breed	<p><b>Make check payable to:</b> <i>Staplehurst Livestock 4-H Club</i></p> <p><b>Mail to:</b> <i>Staplehurst Livestock 4-H Club c/o Ginny Koranda 2010 N. Hwy. 15 Seward, NE 68434</i></p> <p><b>Total Head</b> _____ <b>@ \$30/head</b></p> <p><b>Total Enclosed: \$</b> _____</p>



# SHOW ORDER

## A. Breeding Heifers

All registered heifers will show in their respective breed class. Heifers without papers will show in the commercial breed class. Classes are divided as follows:

1. January – February
2. March – April
3. May – June
4. July – August
5. September – October
6. November – December

Breeding Heifer Champions will be selected as each breed is shown. Supreme Heifer will be selected at the conclusion of the Breeding Heifer show.

## B. Senior Showmanship (16-21 years of age on January 1)

## C. Intermediate Showmanship (12-15 years of age on January 1)

## D. Junior Showmanship (8-11 years of age on January 1)

Showmanship exhibitors must use animals entered in their own name at this show.

## E. Market Heifers

1. Shown by weight
2. Selection of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Heifer

## F. Market Steers

1. Shown by weight
2. Selection of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Steer
3. Selection of Overall Champion Market Beef

No bedding will be provided. Wood products and shavings are permitted. **NO STRAW!!!** Exhibitors are required to dispose of all bedding at the end of the show.

Staplehurst Livestock 4-H Club, Seward County Ag Society, or any of the representatives of those groups, are not responsible for any loss or injuries.

**This show will be managed under the rules of the  
Junior Nebraska Cattlemen and Staplehurst Livestock 4-H Club**

## 2023 Seward County 4-H and FFA Livestock Identification Guidelines

Market Animals	Date Due	County Fair Only	State Fair online nomination, \$7 DNA
Beef	June 15	EID Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag and DNA & online nomination
Swine	June 15	EID Tag, ID Sheet & Ear Notch	EID Tag and DNA & online nomination
Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag and DNA & online nomination
Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag and DNA & online nomination

All Livestock with an EID tag must have a Premise ID on record at the Extension Office

**State Fair:** Animal Information must be nominated, paid for, and submitted via [www.showstockmgr.com](http://www.showstockmgr.com) by the exhibitor family on or before the due date listed. NE State Fair entries can be made at [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org). Due date August 10<sup>th</sup>.  
**Aksarben:** All ID & entry information can be found at [www.aksarbenstockshow.com](http://www.aksarbenstockshow.com).

Breeding Animals	Date Due	County Fair Only	State Fair online nomination, \$7 DNA
Cow Includes cow/calf Bulls	June 15	Cow: Registered: Tattoo, Reg papers & ID Sheet Cow: Commercial: 4-H Tag/EID Tag or Tattoo, ID Sheet Calf: EID Tag & ID Sheet Bull: Registered: Tattoo, Reg Papers & ID Sheet Bull: Commercial: Tattoo or EID Tag & ID Sheet	Tattoo, matching Reg. Papers, DNA Tattoo or EID Tag, DNA No 4-H Bulls
Swine	June 15	Reg: EID Tag + Reg Papers + ID sheet + Ear Notch Cross Bred/Commercial: EID Tag & ID sheet + Ear Notch	EID Tag, DNA Registration Papers EID Tag, DNA
Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA
Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>County Fair Only</b>	<b>State Fair</b>
Dairy Cattle	June 15	ID Sheet w/drawing or pictures of left & right sides and head	ID Sheet w/drawing or photos
Dairy Goat	June 15	Commercial Breeding: Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet Registered: Tattoo, Reg #, ID Sheet, Scrapie tag	N/A
Rabbit	June 15	ID Sheet Registered: Tattoo & ID Sheet	Ear Tattoo
Poultry	June 15	N/A	N/A
Feeder Calf	June 15	EID Tag & ID Sheet	EID Tag, DNA
Bucket Calf	June 15	EID Tag & ID Sheet	N/A
Horse	June 15	ID Sheet w/picture	ID Sheet w/drawing or photos

# Livestock Information

**FOR 2023 SEWARD COUNTY FAIR**

**HOG SHOW**  
**PROSPECT CLASS FOR ALL HOGS**  
**WEIGHING LESS THAN 230LB**

- **Barrow and Gilt classes**
- **Division Champions**
- **Overall Grand Champion**
- **Overall Reserve Grand Champion**



Contact the Extension office  
 with any questions  
 402-643-2981



**PARTNERS**  
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**We are looking for 2 Sheep Mentors  
 for the 4-H Partners Program.**

4- Partners is a livestock mentoring program for youth that are not ready to own their own animals but would like to learn about them and have some hands on experience. Adult/young adult Mentors provide a animal for the partner, teach lessons that are provided by the Extension Office and help the with their animal at the County Fair.

Please contact Cindy if you are interested in being a Mentor and or if you have any questions about the program. 402-643-2981

If you are interested in attending the Pitzer Ranch Horse Judging Contest and would like to learn about horse judging please contact Cindy Wolverton as soon as possible. The contest will be held in Ericson, NE on Wednesday, May 24 starting at 8:30 a.m.

**4-H Horse Judging Contest**  
**WEDNESDAY -May 24, 2023**  
**Pitzer Ranch Arena**  
**Ericson, NE**





Club and County teams will consist of 3 or 4 individuals with top three scores. Please have teams formed before registration. Register only once - team members will automatically be entered as individuals.

**DIVISIONS ARE:**  
 Jr. Individual, Jr. Team - 8-11 years of age by January 1, 2023  
 Sr. Individual, Sr. Team - 12-18 years of age by January 1, 2023

<u>Pitzer Ranch</u> Central Time	<u>Registration</u>
8:30 a.m.	Pitzer Ranch - \$5.00
9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Orientation
9:15 a.m.	4 Halter Classes 3 Performance Classes 4 Sets of Questions 2 Sets of Oral Reasons (Sr. Division)
	Lunch - Available on Grounds
1:30 p.m.	Oral Reasons (Sr. Division)
3:00 p.m.	Presentation of Awards

**CONTESTS SPONSORED BY:**

UN-L Extension in G-L-W  
 Steve Niemeyer, Extension Educator  
 Burwell, NE 68823  
 308-346-4200





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# Seward County 4-H Partners



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## What are 4-H Partners?

4-H Partners is a livestock mentoring program. It is for youth who would like to learn about animals but are not ready to own one. They are matched up with a mentor and learn how to care for that animal, how to raise it and how to show it.

## Who Are the Mentors?

Mentors are volunteers who want to share their knowledge & skills with a young person. A mentor can be an older 4-H'er, a college student, a 4-H leader, a parent, or grandparent who has experience with 4-H and an animal project. You might have a mentor in mind, or you will be assigned one.

## What Will I do as a 4-H Partner?

- Attend orientation on April 27 at 6:00 p.m.
- Make regular (minimum of 6) visits to your mentor's farm, do chores, and help take care of the animal and learn from your mentor.
- Attend a workshop or a field trip.
- Complete assignments and keep a journal about what you learn each time you go out to your mentor's farm.
- Enter and bring your animal to the county fair and participate in showmanship.
- Take care of your animal at the county fair with your mentor.
- Enter your journal as an exhibit at the county fair and participate in an interview.

**Enrollment in 4-H Partners will be based on availability of mentors.**

**The first to sign up will be matched with a mentor first.**

**If a mentor is not available, the fee will be returned.**

## 4-H Partners Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to enroll in the 4-H Partners Project

In the area of: (check one)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Beef (\$40)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dairy (\$40)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Horse (\$40)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sheep (\$40)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Swine (\$40)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Goat (\$40)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Poultry (\$40)

Return this form with \$40 due by **\*March 31** to:

Seward County Extension Office

322 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St.

Seward, NE 68434

402-643-2981

[cynthia.wolverton@unl.edu](mailto:cynthia.wolverton@unl.edu)

Make Payment to:

Seward County 4-H



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## Fort Robinson Horse Camp

Set in the beautiful Pine Ridge region of Western Nebraska, Fort Robinson provides the ideal setting to enjoy one of the greatest outdoor experiences of a lifetime – horseback riding! Youth ages 8+ are invited to join us for the Fort Robinson 4-H

Horse Camp from June 8-10 to enhance their expertise as horse enthusiasts, practice their horsemanship skills, and build a greater bond with their horses. For more information, visit [go.unl.edu/4h-horse-camp](https://go.unl.edu/4h-horse-camp).



## COME LEARN WITH CARLA

JUNE 2 - CENTRAL CITY  
JUNE 3 - LINCOLN  
JUNE 4 - ALBION

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## Come Learn with Carla!

We're excited to offer a new 4-H horsemanship clinic series! Come learn with Carla Wenburg – an experienced horseman, clinician, and judge. These clinics will give youth an opportunity to work on horsemanship and training maneuvers – great practice for the State 4-H Horse Show! Registration fees must be sent by Friday, May 5. Register now at [go.unl.edu/carlaclinics](https://go.unl.edu/carlaclinics).

## Youth Leadership Conference

**Register for the 2022 4-H Youth Leadership Conference (YLC)** High School students (ages 14-18)! We are inviting you to join us for the **4-H Youth Leadership Conference, June 19-21, 2023**, at Camp Comeca in Cozad, NE. Learn more and register at [4h.unl.edu/leadership-conference](https://4h.unl.edu/leadership-conference) by June 4th to claim your spot in this amazing experience. The cost for YLC will be \$250. We'll be taking advantage of some traditional camp activities while integrating leadership workshops, speakers, and an overall topic of influencing the future through leadership to bring together and develop the leaders of Nebraska 4-H!



## Apply for NAYI!



Looking for something awesome to do this summer? Look no more! NAYI is a five-day FREE conference that allows you to learn about career opportunities within agriculture. Mark your calendars for July 10-14th to spend time on University of Nebraska-Lincoln's East Campus. This year's NAYI 52nd anniversary theme is "For the Future" and will feature motivational speakers, discussions on agricultural issues and career options, a farm management game, awards presentations, and creative opportunities to interact with other participants. To learn more and to apply, check out <https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/> Apply by April 15th!

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## Tractor and Farm Equipment Safety Course

Tractor and farm equipment safety courses are now open for registration! Teens ages 14- 15 who work on farms, or others who are interested in learning about tractor and farm equipment safety practices, can register for a safety training course offered at seven locations across Nebraska from May 22 through June 8. Learn more at [go.unl.edu/2023tractorsafety](http://go.unl.edu/2023tractorsafety).



## 4-H Summer Camp

Looking for a way to fit a break into your summer? At our Adventure Together 4-H Summer Camps, youth will disconnect from technology, develop social skills and friendships, learn new things, get active, and create lifelong memories in safe, structured, and supervised environments. Sessions are filling up! Register now at [4h.unl.edu/camps-summer](http://4h.unl.edu/camps-summer).