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# Seward County 4-H

December 2021 Newsletter



## Holiday Maker Day!

When: Saturday, December 11

Time: 11am-2pm

Where: Harvest Hall, Seward County Fairgrounds

Registration required.

### Maker Day Volunteers Needed

We welcome teens and adults:

1. Lead a station – we already have plans made, but we need volunteers to lead each of the day's activities.
2. Station Helpers – assist the main maker station leader
3. Serve Hot Cocoa
4. Host the waffle iron cinnamon roll station
5. Registration Table
6. Prep work - Cutting wood pieces, Cutting fabric, Organizing ingredients

Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in helping out!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 11 Holiday Maker Day 11am-2pm

Dec. 24 - Office Closed in observance of Christmas Eve

Dec. 31 - Office Closed in observance of New Years

Dec. 31 - End of Year Treasurer Reports due

Dec. 31 - Leader Changes & Club Meeting Minutes due

### SAVE THE DATE!

**STEM CHALLENGE: GALACTIC QUEST IS COMING TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT THE END OF DECEMBER/BEGINNING OF JANUARY! MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON. STAY TUNED ON FACEBOOK.**

## Achievement

### Applications & Prizes

On Sunday November 7th, 84 youth were recognized for their accomplishments throughout the 2020-2021 4-H year. Many pins and prizes were awarded. If you completed your Achievement Application but couldn't attend the party, please come in to pick your application up now. **Any applications that received prizes that have not been picked up by December 31 will forfeit their gifts!**

## Premium Checks, State & County..

If you have not picked up your County or State fair premium checks, please come in! **Any checks not picked up by December 31 will be forfeited.**

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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# Volunteer/Event Spotlight



Our volunteer/event spotlight this month features our annual Achievement Day and all of the volunteers that helped make it possible. This year, we recognized many youth and adults for their excellence in 4-H. As always, a big event cannot happen without the help of wonderful volunteers. A big thank you goes out to the 4-H Council and Junior Leaders for preparing the meal, leading the ceremony, and cleaning up afterwards. We also would like to thank all of the families who brought in delicious desserts for the day. This event is an important way to recognize our youth for their hard work throughout the entire year. Without volunteer help, the event would not succeed. Thank you all for your wonderful help in hosting this annual event. If you want to see a volunteer or event featured in the newsletter, contact Rebecca McKay at the Extension Office.

## Last Chance! Club information due

### Year End Treasurer's Report Due December 31

As we reach the end of the 2021 4-H year, 4-H clubs will need to prepare a Year Ending 4-H Club Treasurer's report. Even if your club does not have a treasury and does not have an EIN number, please complete the Year Ending 4-H Club Treasurer's Report and submit it to the Extension Office. Extension staff will then forward the information to the IRS for the Form 990 or Form 990 EZ. This is important so that Seward County 4-H and the Nebraska 4-H Foundation can maintain their tax exempt status.

## Best Wishes, Kara!

Kara Kohel, our Early Childhood Educator, has made the wonderful decision to step away from her extension role to dedicate her time to raising her children. Her last day at the office will be



December 30th. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her all the best in this exciting next chapter of her life. Kara, we are so thankful for the time you have invested in Seward County and with us here at the office. We will miss you so much! Best of luck on your future! Enjoy the kiddos!

## Enrollment is open NOW for the 2021-22 4-H year!

It is time to re-enroll in 4-H for 2022. **All 4-H'ers and volunteers need to re-enroll each year.** Following are a few updates about enrollment this year.

1) *4-Honline* - Nebraska is migrating to 4Honline 2.0 (a more mobile friendly site). You will still be able to login with your previous email and password. **The new website is: [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com).** See more information about the website below.

2) *Enrollment fee* - Seward County 4-H Council has decided to implement a small enrollment fee. This is common in many counties statewide and will help supplement 4-H program expenses. The fee will be \$5.00 for each 4-H member and can be paid when you enroll online. If you have difficulties with this fee (either paying online or affordability), please visit with Extension staff. **NOTE: The credit card ability is not approved for 4honline yet. Please watch for an announcement when it is!**

3) *Early enrollment date* - **April 1** - We strongly encourage all 4-H families to enroll as soon as possible. Re-enrolling helps ensure that you are on our mailing list (both email and address). New enrollments and changes to projects will be accepted up to June 15 for fair participation. Please let us know if you have any questions or need help. You are welcome to set up a time to come to the office to enroll. We are here to help! Thank you!

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## Questions on how to Enroll using the new website? Here's how.

New technology and updates can be confusing for a lot of people. If you find yourself in that position, no need to worry! We have you covered. Go visit our website and find the category that fits you. Click on the red link needed and you will find the instructions on how to become enrolled. The instructions are step-by-step and have pictures showing how and where to go to ensure everything is done correctly! Still have questions? Give us a call at 402-643-2981 or stop into the Extension Office.

Visit now! <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/seward/enrollment-youth-volunteers/>

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## Clover Kid Livestock Review for 2022

Please review the rules concerning the Clover Kids Livestock showmanship class. Nothing is new, however, rules will be enforced for the 2022 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-H'ers 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:

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



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### Important 4-H Club Information

**Volunteer Enrollment:** All 4-H volunteers need to re-enroll in 4honline every year. Please make sure that your club organizational leaders, as well as anyone who helps in any way with your club, is enrolled. Go to <https://ne.4honline.com/>  
**Leadership Changes?** Let us know if your club will be changing organizational leaders as soon as possible, so we can update our address lists. Thank you to all of the 4-H club leaders who do the important work of positive youth development.

**Resources for Club Leaders:** Looking for ideas? Check out Nebraska 4-H's Resources for Club Leaders for leader, officer, meeting, and teaching resources. <https://4h.unl.edu/resources/club-leaders>