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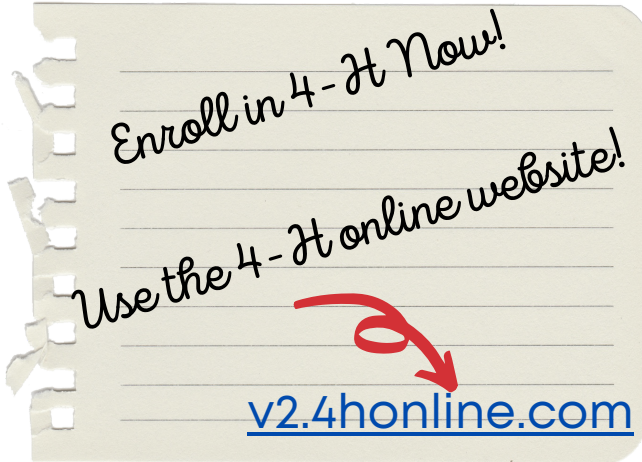
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Seward County 4-H

February 2024 Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb. 1 - 4-H Spirit Day! Wear a green or 4-H Shirt
- Feb. 3 - Volunteer Brunch & Learn 9:30-11am
- Feb. 5-9 - Make a Valentine's Card at the Extension Office
- Feb. 12 - Phone-a-thon 6-8pm
- Feb. 20 - President's Day, Office Closed
- Feb. 25 - 4-H Carnival 2-4 pm



4-H Community Service Showcase

What has your club been up to? Share your community service projects with us and check out what other chapters are doing! Follow the link below for more information.

<https://4h.unl.edu/community-service-showcase>

4-H Month Photography Contest

Photo entries will be weekly opportunities for 4-H members to showcase their photography skills based on different categories. Entries will be uploaded to the Nebraska 4-H Website link (4h.unl.edu/photography-showcase) by midnight on Sundays starting on February 11th. Watch the Nebraska 4-H Facebook and Instagram pages for the weekly theme categories. Winners will be announced later in the week with their photo on social media. There will be 4-H Swag prizes given to all category winners.



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4-H'er Opportunities

Join us for the 4-H Carnival!

The Seward County Jr. Leaders are inviting all youth to the 4-H Carnival. Try your luck at earning prizes with Plinko, ring toss, musical chairs and much more! Invite a friend who is not in 4-H to join you!



4-H MONTH FEBRUARY 2024 **SWEET FRIDAYS** **4-H MONTH FEBRUARY 2024**

CHECK OUT THE SWEET DEALS IN FEBRUARY!

-  **February 2**
SIX COUNT CUPCAKES
BUY ONE PACKAGE, GET ONE PACKAGE HALF OFF!
-  **February 9**
SIX COUNT GLAZED DONUTS
\$3.99
-  **February 16**
TEN COUNT FROSTED SUGAR COOKIES
\$4.99
-  **February 23**
TWELVE COUNT MINI CUPCAKES
BUY ONE AT \$4.99 - GET ONE FREE!

Thank you Pac n Save for Partnering with Seward County 4-H!

Communication Event and Performing Arts Contest

More information on the Communications Event and Performing Arts contest to come so be on the look out! We would love to help you grow your communication skills and confidence in front of a crowd!

Save The Dates:
March 10th at 4 p.m- 4-H Communication Event
March 17th at 3 p.m- 4-H Performing Arts Contest



NEBRASKA STATE 4-H CAMP
Discover. Learn. Grow.

CHADRON JUNE 1-5 JUNE 6-8	10-14 YEARS 8-10 YEARS
COZAD JUNE 16-20 JULY 1-3	10-14 YEARS 8-10 YEARS
BURWELL JULY 17-19 JULY 20-24	8-10 YEARS 10-14 YEARS

Summer 2024 CAMP
The power of being  green

REGISTER TODAY
4H.UNLEDU/CAMPS-REGISTER

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Apply for a 4-H Camp Scholarship Sponsored by the Seward County 4-H Council

4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FORM

DUE MARCH 15, 2024



Mail or Email to:

322 S. 14th, Seward, NE 68434
seward-county@unl.edu

To be used at any "The Power of Being 4-H Green" camps and/or the Big Red Camps held at UNL.
*Reminder, you must have submitted your Career Portfolio by October 1, 2023 to be eligible for 2024 camp scholarships (unless this is your first year as a 4-H'er or Clover Kid)

Registration Form

Full Name:

4-H Club:

Age :

Camp Date :

Email :

Early Bird Rate

Phone :

Ever been to
a 4-H Camp?

Years in 4-H :

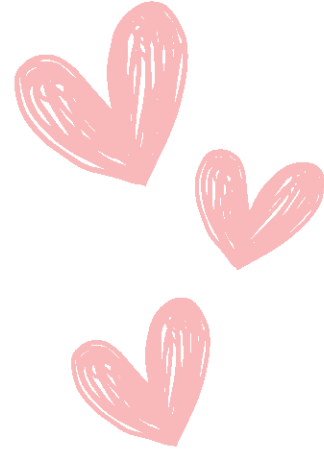
Camp Name :

Camp Location:

Write a paragraph about why you want to go to a 4-H Camp, and how it will help you as a 4-H Member.

February

Pop-up Clover College



Thursday, February 22

Learn to make a door hanging made of polar fleece! Choose your color and add ribbon and other embellishments to make it your own!

Age: 10+

Cost: \$15

4:00-5:00 Seward County Extension Office



Child Name:

Parent's Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

4-H Age:

(as of 1/1/2024)

**Registration Form
and Payment Due:
February 12th**

Choose your

Color: Red

Yellow

Pink

Blue

Green

I give permission for my child's photo to be used for promotion. By signing below, I give my child permission to attend the Seward County 4-H Clover College.



PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO UNL. PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, BUT CAN BE CREDITED TOWARDS ANOTHER CLOVER COLLEGE IN 2024.



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
SEWARD COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
322 S. 14TH
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Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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SPECIAL AGRONOMY PROJECT

go.unl.edu/specialagronomy

Enroll by contacting your local extension office.

2024: Sugarbeets

Please contact the Extension Office if you would like to participate in the Special Garden or the Agronomy projects before March 1st!



PRINCESS INDIA NASTURTIUM

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SPECIAL GARDEN PROJECT
4h.unl.edu/special-gardening-project

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:

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.

SAVE THE DATE

4-H HORSE CAMP

1974 **50 YEARS** 2024

FT. ROBINSON, NE

Brochure & Registration Forms Available March 22!

"Through These Doors Have Walked Some of the World's Finest Horsemen"

June 6-8, 2024
Ft. Robinson State Park
Crawford, NE

For More Information:
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(308)432-3373

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250 MAIN ST. STE. 8, CHADRON, NE 69337

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YQCA
YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

YQCA TRAINER LED TRAININGS

JANUARY 3
• 10:00 A.M.

APRIL 4
• 7:00 P.M.

JUNE 6
• 10:00 A.M.
• 7:00 P.M.

All Trainings will be held at the Seward County Extension Office

Please have the following completed prior to attending.

- Enrolled via online and made online payment.
- Completed YQCA Pretest
- Prepared for \$3/youth fee collected the night of the training.

Cindy Wolverton
402-643-2981
402-641-4490
cwolverton3@unl.edu

NEBRASKA EXTENSION

**Seward County
Market Beef Weigh Day
February 10th
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
3527 Holdrege Rd, Seward**



- EID Tags: \$3.00/tag Payment to Seward 4-H Council
- DNA Envelopes will be provided
- Animals need to be weighed to be eligible for the Rate of Gain Contest at the county fair.



RSVP

402-643-2981

Contact Cindy at 402-643-2981 or 402-641-4490 or cwolverton3@unl.edu with any questions.



HAPPY NEBRASKA 4-H MONTH!

FEB 1-29

BAGELS & JOE

10 % OF ALL KARMA-LATTE (CARAMEL LATTE) SALES WILL BE DONATED TO THE NEBRASKA EXTENSION-SEWARD COUNTY 4-H!

*IN STORE ONLY, REGULAR SIZES

@BAGELSANDJOE
@NEBRASKAEXTENSION-SEWARDCOUNTY

2024 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 by the exhibitor family on or before June 15th. NE State Fair entries can be made at www.statefair.org. Due date August 10th.

Aksarben: All ID & entry information can be found at www.aksarbenstockshow.com.

Breeding Animals	Date Due	County Fair Only	State Fair online nomination, \$7 DNA
Includes cow/calf Bulls	June 15	Cow: Reg: Tattoo, Reg Papers & ID Sheet Cow: Commercial: 4-H Tag/EID Tag or Tattoo, & ID Sheet Calf: EID Tag & ID Sheet	Tattoo, matching Reg. Papers, DNA Tattoo or EID Tag, DNA
	June 15	Bull: Registered: Tattoo, Reg Papers & ID Sheet Bull: Commercial: Tattoo or EID Tag & ID Sheet	No 4-H Bulls
Sheep	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA
Goat	June 15	Scrapie Tag & ID Sheet	Scrapie Tag, DNA
OTHER	Date Due	County Fair Only	State Fair
Dairy Cattle	June 15	ID Sheet with tattoo # and or 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/pictures or drawings of markings	ID Sheet w/drawing or photos



Seward County 4-H Partners



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 25 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. 14th St.

Seward, NE 68434

402-643-2981

cynthia.wolverton@unl.edu

Make Payment to:

Seward County 4-H



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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

1. Go to 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
12. YQCA help video for Web Based Training: www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC5n5YWx1rl
13. YQCA help video for Trainer Led Training: 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 15th.
 - 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.



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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>