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Seward County 4-H

March 2024 Newsletter

Enroll in 4-H!

Visit v2.4honline.com to enroll in 4-H today. Call the Extension Office at (402) 643-2981 with any questions on how to join 4-H!

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

Follow us on Social Media!

Facebook: Nebraska Extension-Seward County

Instagram: @seward.county4h

An Overview from the January 4-H Council Meeting

At the January 9th, 2024 4-H Council meeting there were 10 members as well as two extension staff present. The Secretary's minutes of the last meeting, 11/13/23, were looked over and approved by the council. There were no bills to be paid or requests for funds. It was the first meeting of the new year so officer elections were held. Anyone was allowed to nominate themselves or others they believed fit for the position. The results of the election were as follows:

- President: Sabryn Maloy
- Vice President: Courtney Kossow
- Secretary: Ella Kossow
- Treasurer: Jamie Nelson

A motion was passed to remove all current signers and approve the new officers to sign checks. Another motion was made to update the EIN for the council's bank account. The budget was looked over and approved. All the committees met and discussed upcoming plans. The next meeting will be on March 4th at 6:30 p.m.

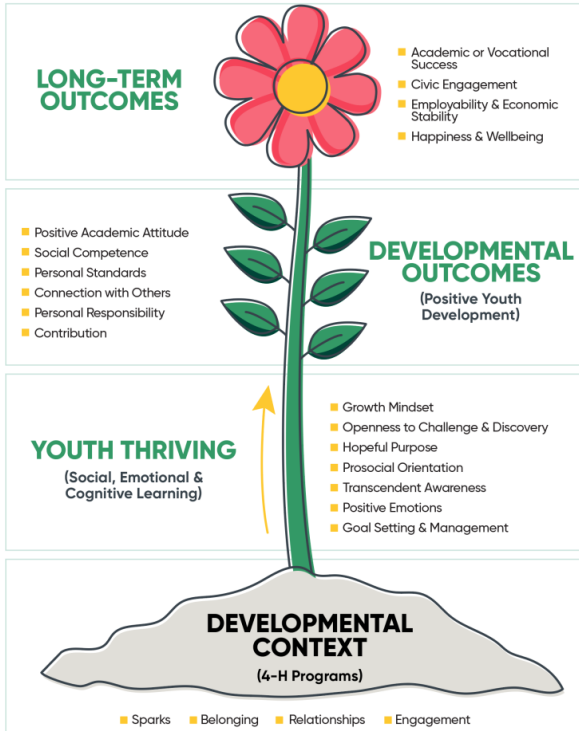
REMINDER:
Late Fee Policy

In 2019, 4-H Council enacted a late fee of \$15 per member for those who 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 ACCEPTED AFTER THIS 7 DAY PERIOD. If you are late with identification forms for Horse District/State show and Livestock State Fair, you will be ineligible to exhibit.

Thriving in 4-H



Why do we have 4-H? What are 4-H experiences intended to accomplish? The goal of the 4-H program is to provide a positive youth development experience for our youth so that young people may eventually achieve success in their chosen profession or vocation, contribute to their communities, and experience happiness and well-being.

Over the last several years the 4-H Thriving Model has been developed to illustrate the components of high-quality youth development programs.

At the base of the model is the soil or the context. Ideally 4-H programs:

- Provide a place for youth to explore and engage with their interests and passions – their sparks!
- Foster positive relationships with youth and adults.
- Provide a place where youth belong and matter.

Over the next year, we will explore the 4-H Thriving Model and how all of us (youth, parents & caring adults, volunteers) can create positive developmental experiences for youth.

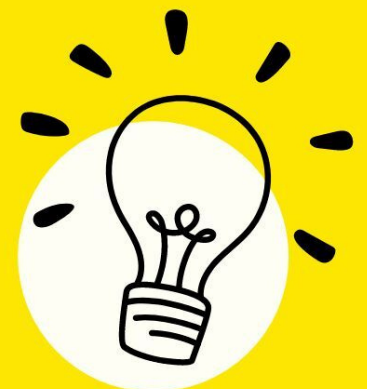
PICK YOUR PROJECT

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>

DID YOU KNOW?

4-H EMAILS COME FROM "RegMax"



Most emailed 4-H communications from our office do not show up as from Seward County 4-H. Instead, they will be from "RegMax". Please check your spam folders to ensure you are receiving our emails from this source. Call the office at 402-643-2981 if you have questions!



Sign Up for the Seward County 4-H Communication Event!

The Seward County 4-H Communication Event will be held on March 10th at the Extension Office. The contest will begin at 4 p.m.

Please sign up using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/fJffbG19Gq>

- Prepared Speech
 - Length:
 - Junior Division (ages 8-10): 2-3 minutes
 - Intermediate Division (ages 11-13): 3-5 minutes
 - Senior Division (ages 14-18): 5-8 minutes
- PSA
 - Length: 60 seconds
 - Theme: 4-H is a Feeling
- Illustrated Presentation
 - Length
 - Individual - Junior Division: 3-5 minutes
 - Individual - Intermediate and Senior Divisions: 6-8 minutes
 - Team - Junior Division: 5-7 minutes
 - Team - Intermediate and Senior Divisions: 8-10 minutes
- Video Communication
 - Length: 60-90 seconds
 - Videos will be submitted electronically as MP4 files.

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SIGN UP FOR THE 4-H PERFORMING ARTS CONTEST!

We want your talent!

Seward County 4-H Performing Arts will be held on March 17th at the Seward Methodist Church starting at 3 p.m. Sign up in Solo or Duet/Group categories of dance, vocal, instrumental, or theater arts!

SIGN UP USING THE LINK:

<https://forms.office.com/r/j4L1mztXrX>



Diamond Clover Awards Program - Achievable for all 4-H'ers

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>



Summer 2024 CAMP
The power of being green

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
BURIWELL JULY 17-19 JULY 20-24	8-10 YEARS 10-14 YEARS

REGISTER TODAY
4H.UNL.EDU/CAMPS-REGISTER

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Camp Scholarships - Due March 15th

Thinking about spending time at 4-H or Big Red camps this summer? Let us help you pay for it! Scholarship applications are available on our website seward.unl.edu or at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/seward/4-h-resources/> and must be submitted by March 15th.

Membership Options for 4-H include Independent Membership

As you evaluate your membership needs for 2024, the following are options for enrolling in the 4-H program in Seward County.

- 1) 4-H Clubs – an organized group of at least five youth from three different families who meet regularly with adult volunteers or 4-H staff. The purpose of a 4-H club is to provide positive youth development and foster educational opportunities to meet the needs of young people.
 - 2) Independent Membership is now available as a membership option in Seward County. Families and independent members may participate in planned learning that occurs independently of a formal group setting. This may be an individual, paired, or family learning effort. While 4-H encourages participation in club settings to promote friendship and interaction with other youth and adults, for some youth, this is not always possible. Families and independent members are welcome to participate in the 4-H experience.
- 4-H membership is open to all youth between the ages of 8 and 18 as of January 1 of the current year. Youth ages 5 to 7 may also participate as Clover Kids. Members are required to officially enroll in 4-H annually. Many youth participate in 4-H through other experiences including camps, school enrichment, afterschool clubs and programs, and special interest programs (workshops, daycamps, clinics). If you have questions on these membership options, please contact us.

4-H'er Opportunities



4-H HORSE STAMPEDE

Saturday, March 23, 2024 8:00am Lincoln, NE

The Nebraska 4-H Horse Stampede offers a variety of 4-H horse contests that do not require live animals, including public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, two art divisions (2D/3D), and photography contests. Youth between the ages of 10-18 have the opportunity to display their equine knowledge through these contests both as an individual and as part of a team. Online entries will also be allowed this year!

The 4-H Horse Stampede is held annually at the Animal Science Complex at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln.

There is a \$10 entry fee per participant. Event shirts are also available for pre-order.

Nebraska 4-H Horse show dress code is required for all in-person contests. Please see the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide for details. Exception: No hats or headgear are permitted.

For More
Information
Contact
Lena Luck
lena.luck@unl.edu

Online Entries Due
March 4th

Contest rules and entry forms are available at
4h.unl.edu/horse/stampede

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CLOVER COLLEGE POLL

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

Summer Clover College Poll



SNAP A PHOTO OF THIS QR CODE TO VOTE!
TAKES ONE MINUTE!

Nebraska 4-H Horse Stampede

The Nebraska 4-H Horse Stampede will be held Saturday, March 23, in Lincoln. This event features a variety of horse contests that do not require live animals, including public speaking, demonstration, quiz bowl, art, and photography. Registration is due by Monday, March 4. Learn more at 4h.unl.edu/horse-stampede

Livestock Clover Kids Information

Please review the rules concerning the Clover Kids Livestock showmanship class. Nothing is new, however, rules will be enforced for the 2024 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.**



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.

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402-643-2981

cynthia.wolverton@unl.edu

Make Payment to:

Seward County 4-H



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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
Cow 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 Registration Papers EID 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



4-H members ages 8-18 as of Jan.1, 2024 who exhibit beef, goats, sheep, swine, rabbits and poultry **MUST** complete YQCA training (each year) to exhibit at the county fair and state fair. Clover kids ages 5-7 do not need to complete YQCA training.

SEWARD COUNTY INSTRUCTOR-LED TRAINING

- ~~January 3~~ 10:00 a.m.
- April 4 7:00 p.m.
- June 6 10:00 a.m. / 7:00 p.m.

All Instructor Led Trainings will be held at the Seward County Extension Office

How to complete your Instructor - Led training registration:

1. 4-H members need to be enrolled in 4-H for 2024 before you can register for YQCA.
 - a. Use this link to enroll in Seward County 4-H: <https://v2.4honline.com/> (type this link into your browser).
2. Create a YQCA account if you do not have one. Remember your password! See Attached PDF
3. Once you have created a YQCA account, register for the training and pay online (\$3/youth) at: <https://yqcaprogram.org>.
 - a. See attached PDF for how to register for a Instructor Led Training
 - b. First choose your age group
 - c. Choose 'Instructor Led' training for the date you want to attend.
 - d. Choose Seward County
 - e. Follow the screen prompts for payment information.

Instructor Led Training Cost
\$6.00/youth
\$3.00/youth at online registration + \$3.00/youth collected at the time of the training.

How to complete your Web-Based training registration:

1. 4-H members need to be enrolled in 4-H for 2024 before you can register for YQCA.
 - a. Use this link to enroll in Seward County 4-H: <https://v2.4honline.com/> (type this link into your browser).
2. Create a YQCA account if you do not have one. Remember your password! See Attached PDF
3. Once you have created a YQCA account, register for the training and pay online (\$12/youth) at: <https://yqcaprogram.org>.
 - a. See attached PDF for how to register for a Web-Based Training
 - b. First choose your age group
 - c. Choose Web-Based training.
 - d. Follow the screen prompts for payment information.
 - e. Complete the course online.

Web-Based Training Cost
\$12.00/youth
Payment online

YQCA completion deadline is June 15

YQCA certificate of completion must be printed and mailed or brought into the Extension Office, or a PDF file emailed to cwolverton3@unl.edu. No phone screenshots will be accepted.



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>