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Seward County 4-H

May 2024 Newsletter

DON'T FORGET TO ENROLL IN 4-H!

Visit the new 4-H Online website and Enroll Today!
DEADLINE TO ENROLL IS JUNE 15.

v2.4honline.com

Please call the Extension Office at 402-643-2981 with any questions.



Fair Camping Spots

Beginning June 1st, call Jen Nantkes to reserve your spot! If payment is made before Fair Clean Up Night (July 31st), spots will only be \$200. All payments made after July 31st will be \$300. There are only 32 spots available. Don't miss out!

Jen Nantkes
(402) 641-1573

Congratulations Jeff Krivohlavek!

Jeff has led the 10x shooting sports club in Seward County for many years and has gone above and beyond his duty as a club leader and 4-H volunteer. He has been in a mentoring position for over 30 years and has shared his knowledge at the county, state and national level. He is more than deserving of this year's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award. Jeff and several 4-H volunteers from across the state will be honored at the 2024 Nebraska State Fair!

Summer Clover College
Brochure is available now!

Register today!

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!

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The Good Life in Early Life Podcast: Farm to Early Care and Education



In this episode, we explore a listener requested topic—Farm to Early Care and Education. Farm to School Specialist Sarah Meyer and Kurious Kiddo's Childcare owner and director Kyleen Miller join Emily to discuss what is already happening in Farm to ECE in Nebraska, successes and challenges with implementing Farm to ECE, and exciting new opportunities that are available. Sarah sheds light on existing resources and upcoming developments slated for release in fall 2024, while Kyleen shares the delightful experiences she and the children at Kurious Kiddos are enjoying as they discover local Nebraska products and foods. Listen now on Apple, Spotify, or MediaHub!

Club Contest for Fair-Scavenger Hunt!

The Seward County 4-H Council has chosen to have a Fair Scavenger Hunt for this year's Club Contest! More information will be available as we move closer to the fair season but get ready for lots of fun with everyone in your club involved!



Teens Needed for Help with Annual Day Camp

The annual 4-H Day Camp is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25. Jr. Leaders are looking for 4-H'ers ages 13-18 to volunteer as Day Camp Counselors. Volunteers need to be available for training on June 24 from 9:00 am-12:00pm and from 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on June 25.

If you enjoy working with children and being part of a fun team, this opportunity is for you! Counselor responsibilities range from leading groups, teaching at stations, and helping with other responsibilities during the day to ensure a safe and happy camping experience for the campers. Call the Extension Office or email Brittney (bemerson4@unl.edu) to sign up to help with this year's Day Camp.



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:

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

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

SEWARD COUNTY
Midwest JACKPOT 4-H Swine Progress Show

SATURDAY
JUNE 22,
2024

Check In: 8:00 am -9:00 am
Show Starts: 10:00 am

SEWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
SEWARD, NE

www.facebook.com/midwestjackpotshow



Brought to you by
Seward County 4-H Council & Local Sponsors
Show committee is not responsible for any accidents.

Open to all 4-H & FFA members.

Join us for our Next Junior Leader Meeting!

The Seward County Junior Leader's will be meeting on May 19th at 3:30 for a short meeting to discuss Day Camp in June and then heading out to clean their adopted Abandoned Cemetery as a community service. If you are 13 years old or older, think about joining the Junior Leaders on May 19th!



spark  **CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY NEBRASKA** Sponsored by: **JonesBank**

IGNITE YOUR PASSION, DETERMINE HIS CALLING
CONCORDIA NEBRASKA SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 4-6
RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP, ENTERING 6TH-9TH GRADE IN FALL,
7:30 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.
RESIDENT CHECK-IN ON THE JUNE 3, COMMUTERS ON THE JUNE 4
not a school sponsored event

SESSION TOPICS

BANKING BASICS: MONEY SKILLS FOR LIFE	MODEL ROCKETS
BEEKEEPING 101	IMPROV!
DNA: GOD'S MOLECULE OF LIFE	LEARNING TO CODE WITH SCRATCH
LOW CHALLENGE ELEMENTS	FLYING HIGH WITH DRONES
GET GRAPHIC!: THE ART OF READING AND CREATING GRAPHIC NOVELS	DIRT TO DINNER, RECYCLING IN AGRICULTURE
MATHEMATICAL MODELING WITH EXCEL	

GO TO CUNE.EDU/SPARK
OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER.



Thriving in 4-H--Helping Youth Explore their Sparks

In 4-H, you may hear us talk about providing a place where youth can explore their spark. What is a "spark"? Youth sparks are a key element to thriving. A spark is an interest, but it's more than that. A spark leads to actions that can benefit a young person. Sparks provide energy, joy, purpose, and direction in one's life. A spark can help a young person connect with others with similar interests.

Sparks can also help prevent young people from trouble because they provide something positive to focus on and can provide motivation to succeed.

In 4-H, there are numerous possibilities for youth to explore their sparks, whether it's projects, leadership, service, or a cause.

How can you help youth identify their spark?

- Watch for the moments when you see the light bulb go off. Discuss these with youth.
- Ask questions, listen, provide encouragement.
- Model your own sparks so youth can see your passion and excitement.
- Identify opportunities for youth to express their sparks. Help them find ways to explore their interests even further

Volunteers, caring adults or teens, parents and family members can all become Spark Champions by supporting youth as they focus on something that brings them joy and provides motivation to grow and learn.

2024 FAIR PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 15

5:00 p.m. Animal ID Sheets Due (beef, sheep, swine, dairy, meat goats, dairy goats)
T-shirt orders due
11:59 p.m. 4-H Enrollment for the year is due. Sign up at v2.4honline.com

Wednesday, July 10

5:00 p.m. Horsemanship level testing due—Extension Office
11:59 p.m. **4-H Entries Due in seward.fairwire.com (except Horticulture, Poultry, Rabbits)**

- Hard Copy to Extension Office (use drop-box in middle door)
- Online —seward.fairwire.com

Saturday, July 20

Culinary Challenge

Tuesday, July 23

1:00 p.m. Bucket Calf, Beef Production & 4-H Partners record books due in Extension Office

Thursday, July 25

6:30 p.m. 4-H Static Superintendent meetings—Extension Office
7:30 p.m. 4-H Livestock Superintendent meetings—Extension Office

Sunday, July 28

1:30 p.m. Air Pistol – 4-H Center
BB Gun Contest – 4-H Center
Air Rifle Contest – 4-H Center

Tuesday, July 30

Bucket Calf, Beef Production, & 4-H Partners Interviews—Extension Office

Wednesday, July 31

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Family Packet Pick-up – 4-H Center
6:00 p.m. Fair Clean-up Night (all buildings and grounds)
7:00 p.m. Livestock Exhibitor and Family Meeting –Livestock Center
11:59 p.m. Horticulture/Floriculture, Poultry/Rabbits online pre-entry deadline for seward.fairwire.com

Saturday, August 3

10:00 a.m. Archery –Reunion Center
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fashion Show Judging —Harvest Hall
7:00 p.m. Public Fashion Show —Harvest Hall

Sunday, August 4

1:00 p.m. Trap Shooting Contest —Isaac Walton Cabin

Monday, August 5

7:00 a.m. Day 1 of 4-H Horse Show – Horse check-in east side of arena
8:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show: Showmanship, Halter, English Pleasure, English Equitation, Western Pleasure, Horsemanship, Ranch Rail Pleasure

5:00-8:00 p.m. Check-in all Static Exhibits (except decorated cakes)—4-H Center
5:00–8:00 p.m. Clover Kid Interview Judging

Tuesday, August 6

7:00 a.m. Day 2 of 4-H Horse Show – Horse check-in east side of arena
8:00 a.m. 4-H Static, Foods & Horticulture interviews, and judging– 4-H Center
8:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show: Trail, Barrels, Poles, Keyhole, Break-Away Roping, Dummy Roping, Ground Roping

Wednesday, August 7

8:00 a.m. 4-H Dog Show – Reunion Center
12:00 p.m. Cake Decorating check-in and interview judging—4-H Center
6:30 p.m. All sheep in place, weigh-in, and breeding check-in
7:00 p.m. All meat goats in place, weigh-in, and breeding check-in
8:00 p.m. All livestock, rabbit, poultry, and horses in place

Thursday, August 8

8:00 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Show —Small Animal Barn
2:00 p.m. 4-H Small Animal Show —Ag Pavilion
3:00 p.m. 4-H Cat Show —Ag Pavilion
4:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show –Livestock Center
7:00 p.m. (or 30 min. following previous show) 4-H & FFA Sheep Show –Livestock Center

Friday, August 9

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Wash racks open to Dairy Exhibitors ONLY
8:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry Show –Small Animal Barn
9:00 a.m. 4-H & FFA Dairy Cattle Show –Livestock Arena
1:30 p.m. (or 30 min. after dairy cattle show) 4-H & FFA Dairy Goat Show –Livestock Arena
4:00 p.m. Beef Production Show –Livestock Arena
4:30 p.m. 4-H & FFA Beef Show –Livestock Arena
5:00-7:00 p.m. 4-H Foundation Hamburger Feed; east side of 4-H Center

Saturday, August 10

8:00 a.m. 4-H & FFA Hog Show –Livestock Arena
1:30 p.m. 4-H Awards Program —4-H Center
3:00 p.m. Overall Showmanship Written Test –4-H Office
4:00 p.m. Overall Showmanship Contest –Livestock Arena

Sunday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Exhibitor Breakfast –4-H Center
11:15 a.m. Clover Kid Pet Show –Ag Pavilion
12:00 p.m. Ag Society Livestock Subsidy Auction –Livestock Center
Livestock Exhibits released following subsidy auction
2:00 p.m. 4-H Static Exhibits released

4-H ROPING CLINIC REGISTRATION

FRIDAY JUNE 7TH
6:00 P.M.
SEWARD COUNTY
HORSE ARENA

- NAME: _____
- AGE: _____
- PHONE #: _____
- EMAIL: _____
- \$20 FEE/YOUTH. PAYMENT TO UNL

Contact the following for more information:

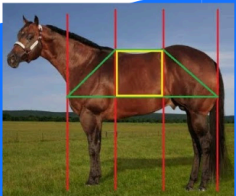
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SEWARD COUNTY 4-H
HORSE JUDGING



- Learn how to evaluate a horse's confirmation.
- Study correct movement
- Become knowledgeable about different horse classes
- Become skilled in decision making and communication.



Contact Cindy for more information
402-643-2981 / 402-641-4490
cwolverton3@unl.edu

BECOME A TEAM MEMBER NOW

4-H Horse Show Walk-Trot Exhibitors

Walk-Trot classes:

- Are for youth who are not ready to enter classes requiring or assuming a lope.
- Walk-Trot exhibitors may enter walk-trot classes, showmanship and halter classes only.
- NEW: Walk-trot exhibitors may exhibit as a walk-trot exhibitor for 2 consecutive years.



NEW 4-H ROPING FOR THE 2024 SEWARD COUNTY FAIR HORSE SHOW

Breakway

- Must have at least 5 entries
- Cattle fees will be collected at the event.

Dummy Roping

- Exhibitors will rope a fake calf pulled behind a 4-wheeler.

Ground Roping

- No horse, exhibitors will stand behind a line and rope a dummy calf.

Rules will be available on the Seward County 4-H web site
and at the Seward County Extension Office
More information will be provided in the prefair entry mailing.



Small Animal Updates for 2024

4-H staff and Small Animal superintendents have made the decision to no longer supply and feed rabbits at the fair. This will now become the responsibility of the individual 4-H'er and their family to supply and feed their rabbits.

Additionally, to mirror State Fair rules, we are no longer requiring a rabbit ID sheet to be filled out and turned in to the office. Ear tattoos will still be required.

If you have any questions about the changes being implemented, please direct your questions to Brittney (bemerson4@unl.edu) or Ann (ann.dobesh@unl.edu).

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.showstockmtr.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	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	Tattoo, matching Reg. Papers, DNA Tattoo or EID Tag, DNA
Includes cow/calf Bulls		Bull: Registered: Tattoo, Reg Papers & ID Sheet Bull: Commercial: Tattoo or EID Tag & ID Sheet	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
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	Ear Tattoo	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/photos or drawings of markings	ID Sheet w/drawing or photos



4-H JR. LEADERS 2024 DAY CAMP

Tuesday, June 25th 9:00 a.m-12:00 p.m



Under the Sea



Dear Parents,

Who can attend?

Incoming K-3

Where?

Seward Country Harvest
Hall

Cost?

\$15 Camp Fee
(Scholarships Available)

Checks can be made payable to:
Seward County Junior Leaders

The Jr. Leaders would like to invite your child to participate in a morning of learning and fun at the 2024 “Under the Sea” 4-H Day Camp. This year’s camp is focused on hands-on learning throughout the ocean and sea life. We will explore sea creatures, the water cycle, & play numerous interactive games.

The Jr. Leaders are teen leaders who are growing & learning leadership skills. These leaders are actively supporting the community and encouraging youth. We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have your child join in on the fun **June 25th, 2024.**

We are limited to the # of registrants for the day camp, so please send in registration/fee today! If you have any questions, please call-(402)-643-2981.

2024 4-H Day Camp Registration

June 25th from 9:00 a.m-12:00 p.m Seward County Harvest Hall Fee: \$15

Camper's Name: _____

Parent's Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Street/PO box

City

Zip

Phone: _____

Parent's Contact # for during Day Camp

Health Statement

- | | | |
|---|-----|----|
| 1.Is the camper subject to attacks of any kind? | Yes | No |
| 2.Does the camper have allergies or dietary restrictions? | Yes | No |
| 3.Is the camper currently under any type of medical treatment? | Yes | No |
| 4.Is there any medical or behavioral conditions existing that may require treatment or affect camper's participation in this program? | Yes | No |
| 5.If answered yes to any of the above please explain: | | |

I give permission for my child's photo to be taken: Yes No

I give permission for my child's photo or photos to be used on the 4-H website or newsletter: Yes No

In a 4-H Club?:	Y	N	Grade	K	1st	2nd	3rd	Gender:	M	F
Ethnicity:	Hispanic		Non-Hispanic							
Race: (Circle)										
<input type="checkbox"/> White (only)			<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander				<input type="checkbox"/> White & Asian			
<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American (only)			<input type="checkbox"/> White & Black (or African American)				<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native (only)			<input type="checkbox"/> White & Am. Indian or Alaskan Native							
			<input type="checkbox"/> Black & Am. Indian or Alaskan Native							
Residence: (Circle)										
Acreage	Farm			Town						

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Registrations are to be sent to:

Seward County Extension Office 332 S 14th St Seward, NE 68434



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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>