

CONTESTS

Age Divisions- Thayer & Nuckolls Divisions (some contest age divisions are different: Junior (ages 12 & under) and Senior (ages 13 & over. All age divisions determined beginning January 1 of current year.

PRESENTATIONS CONTEST

Scoresheet SF65

Premium Code: CONTESTS

A presentation, given by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals, is 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. Presentations are given on a stage/platform. Judge views the entire presentation and engages in a question-and-answer session following presentation.

Participant General Requirements:

1. All participants must be 10 years old on January 1 to compete at the State Fair. Youth ages 8 & 9 are county only.
2. The class requires the presence of the contestant(s).
3. A team presentation, consisting of two individuals, may be given for any class; there is no separate class for team presentations.
4. Each participant is required to wear one of the following: the 4-H chevron, 4-H emblem, or 4-H shirt during their presentation.
5. Enrollment in the project area in which the participant is making a presentation is not required.

Presentation Topic:

1. All 4-H Presentations topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences focused on the priorities of career and college readiness, community development, entrepreneurship, food supply confidence, healthy living, leadership development, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).
2. 4-H Presentations should include an introduction (the “why” portion of the topic), a body (the “show and tell” portion of the topic), and a conclusion/summary (the “what” portion of the topic).

Contest Information:

1. Equipment provided includes 2 tables, one easel, PC Compatible Computer (including the following software: Apple QuickTime Player, Microsoft Windows Media Player, and Microsoft PowerPoint 2019) with Wi-Fi internet connectivity, projector or television screen and hands-free microphone, if needed.
2. Presenters using computer-based visuals may bring files on a USB drive that is PC formatted. Participants may also provide

their own computer or other equipment as needed; however, participants must be able to connect their computer to a HDMI plug on the television screens.

3. Live animals may be used in the presentation. All Livestock Health Requirements must be followed. Presenters are responsible for all stalling arrangement, care and handling of animal(s). Animal(s) can only remain in the presentation area while the owner is present.
4. Time Limits: Individual 6-8 Minutes; Teams- 8-10 minutes

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Class

113 Illustrated Presentation

SPEECH CONTEST

Scoresheet: 2015 Speech Scoresheet

Premium Code: CONTESTS

New resources may be downloaded at

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/southernplains/contests-0/> 4-Hers may participate in both the PSA and Speech divisions. All speeches must be original in include 4-H as the major component of the speech. An old speech written by a sibling, other 4-H member, or anyone else is not permitted. 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. Use of visual aids is not allowed. Dress business professional. Do not wear costumes or special effect clothing. No team speeches are allowed.

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Classes

- 10 Novice-** (10 & under) 4-Her has never competed in a speech contest before. May recite a poem, read or tell a story. Under 3 minutes in length. Not eligible for state competition.
- 1 Junior-** (8 - 10)- Must be an original speech relating to 4-H. Under 3 minutes in length. Not eligible for state competition.
- 2 Intermediate-** (11-13)- Must be original speech relating to 4-H. 3-5 minutes in length.
- 3 Senior-** (14 - 18)- Must be an original speech relating to 4-H. 5-8 minutes in length.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT (PSA)

Premium Code: STATIC ITEMS

For the PSA division of public speaking, 4-Hers must create and present a 60 second PSA which theme is **Opportunity 4 All** and should be incorporated in the PSA. All PSA's must promote 4-H and be general enough to be used anywhere in Nebraska at any time 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.** This 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 PSAs must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSAs written and provided by the state or national staff. NO TEAMS. PSAs must be submitted electronically as a .wav or mp3 format.

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Classes

- 6 **Junior (10 & under)**
- 7 **Intermediate (11 to 13)**
- 8 **Senior (14 -18)**

MUSIC/PERFORMING ARTS CONTEST

Premium Code: STATIC ITEMS

Rules:

1. **Entries-** All participants must be 4-H members, with the exception of the Inter-generational class. Each participant is limited to one entry per class not exceeding a total of 2 classes.
Each entry must have a completed form turned into the extension office along with other pre-entries. This form is available at the extension office. Forms are also available at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/southernplains/contests-0/>
2. **Dress-** The performers may not use identification of a specific club, county, or organization other than 4-H.
3. **Time-** Each performance is allowed 2 minutes after the cue from the announcer to arrange themselves on stage before their performance. Props are not encouraged, but if used, must be in place within the time limit. At that point, all acts will have a 6-minute time limit to complete their performance.
4. **Selection- Any number of songs may be performed within the 6-minute time limit.** Groups may sing selections of their choice. You should choose appropriate music and lyrics.
5. **Accompaniment-** Recorded background music may be used only in Class 1 - Drill or Dance Routine. In Classes 2 and 3 - Vocal Solo and Duet or Song Group, only recorded instrumental background music may be used. Performing groups must bring their own stereo if recorded accompaniment is used. A 4-H member, leader, or parent may accompany any entry on any instrument desired. Check with the

Extension office on the availability of a piano. Not more than one adult may accompany an entry.

6. **Age Divisions-** Junior - 12 & under, Senior - 13 & up
7. **Director-** A group may appear with or without a director. The director of a group must be a 4-H member.
8. **A copy of the music** must be provided for the Judge and is due with pre-entries.

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Classes

- 1* **Drill or Dance Routines-** Scoresheet C017- May be a drill, square or folk dance, tap dance or any routine done as a group. Groups should be prepared to perform on a stage approximately 20 ft. square.
- 2* **Vocal Solo** – Scoresheet C016
- 3* **Vocal Song Duet** – Scoresheet C016
- 4* **Vocal Song Group** - Scoresheet C016
- 5* **Instrumental Solo** – Scoresheet C015
- 6* **Instrumental Duet** – Scoresheet C015
- 7* **Instrumental Group** – Scoresheet C015
- 8* **Other Performing Arts-** Scoresheet C018 - Poetry, Magic, Mime, etc.
- 9* **Inter-Generational-** Scoresheet C018 - For those who wish to perform with the help of someone from a different generation (older or younger). Each performer must have an equal part in the performance. In the Inter-Generational class all performers between the ages of 8 and 19 must be registered in 4-H.

HORSE---LIVESTOCK --- POULTRY

JUDGING CONTESTS

Premium Code: CONTESTS

Any 4H'er may participate in the Horse Judging, Livestock Judging and/or Poultry Judging contests. These contests are held outside of the county fair dates as regional/unit contests. Check the Pre-Fair and or Fair schedules in the front of this fairbook for date, time and locations. You may also contact the local extension office or newsletters for more current information.

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Classes

- 32 **Horse Judging Contest**
- 90 **Livestock Judging Contest**
- 94 **Poultry Judging Contest**

BROILER CONTEST

Premium Code: CONTESTS

Rules:

1. **Birds-** will be ordered through the Extension Office. Birds must be ordered in groups of 25. Contact the office for more information.
2. **Exhibit must be clean & healthy-** or they will be dusted upon arrival. DO NOT leave a wet bird in cage to dry. This is not good for the bird and looks bad for the public to see a shivering bird!
3. **Exhibit-** will consist of one pen of 3 birds. Each pen will be weighed at entry time. Birds will be judged on weight, conformation, fleshing, pigmentation, and uniformity. Each exhibitor can show up to 2 individual broilers that are NOT included in the pen of three.

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Classes

50* Pen of Broilers

51* Individual Broiler- Cannot be birds used in Pen Broilers

ICE CREAM CONTEST

Scoresheet: Ice Cream Contest Scoresheet

Premium Code: CONTESTS

This contest is open to all 4-H members. Entry must be a team consisting of at **least one 4-H member**. Second team member may be another 4-Her, brother, sister, grandparent, etc. **Must use official 4-H recipe**. Participants are to provide all the ingredients. Ice will be provided. 4-H team members will earn a ribbon and a premium. Non-4-H members will earn ribbon only. Get contest rules and basic recipe online

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/southernplains/contests-0/>

or from the Extension office. 4-H'ers make their own ice cream using the 4-H Recipe & add ingredients that will make the ice cream unique or stick with vanilla. A Clover Kid Recipe that uses two zip lock bags instead of cans is available online. Metal cans or Mega Balls are permissible.

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Class

23* Ice Cream Contest

FAVORITE FOODS REVIEW- Nuckolls County ONLY

Scoresheet: CF020

Premium Code: CONTESTS

Note: If you do want to compete as an individual and NOT give a multimedia presentation, choose the Favorite Foods Review. If you want to compete as a team, make a multimedia presentation, and have the option to go to state fair, choose culinary challenge (see below).

1. Plan a menu suitable for an indoor or outdoor meal. Participants will need to prepare at home one food described in their menu and bring it along with a selected table service, two display cards (see #3) and card table. During judging, 4H members may choose to dress in appropriate clothing, costume, or accessories

- relevant to the theme.
2. The food may be an individual serving or family service. Recipes may be from any source. Food should be served as it would be for a meal. The table service will include dishes, flatware, & table linens for one place setting, and centerpiece. Paper plates are acceptable.
 3. The display cards should be approximately 4" x 6". Print the situation (i.e. lunch for bike hike) and complete menu on one card and the recipe on another.
 4. Displays will be set up independent of adults. Members will be asked questions concerning the preparation according to method, time management, the menu, or their choice of table service.

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Class

28* Favorite Foods Review Contest

CULINARY CHALLENGE CONTEST- Nuckolls County ONLY

Scoresheet: CF020

Premium Code: CONTESTS

The 4-H Culinary Challenge Contest will require youth to demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, food preparation, menu planning, and food safety, utilizing a foods and nutrition curriculum. They will apply healthy living knowledge and skills by planning a nutritious menu, demonstrating their understanding of time management skills in the kitchen, and expressing their originality and creativity through an appropriate themed and properly set table. To showcase these skills, youth will create a menu, prepare a food item, and choose an appropriate theme for their occasion while expressing their food, nutrition, and food safety knowledge during a live interview with a judge at the contest. In order to highlight knowledge and skills acquired during pre-contest preparation, youth will utilize technology as part of their interview.

Criteria:

1. **The challenge ingredient for 2024 is Soy** to highlight a Nebraska commodity food product. Please keep food safety in mind when selecting the recipe used for the Challenge. Foods must be able to be kept chilled during transport to the contest, then be able to be re-heated in a microwave. Each team must incorporate the challenge ingredient into their food item they will be presenting during the contest. This may require altering a recipe or creatively incorporating an item into their overall table theme. The challenge ingredient must also be included in the interview presentation, demonstrating youth knowledge of the ingredient, such as nutritional value, a farm-to-fork concept, or how to adapt a recipe to include the ingredient.
2. The team should view themselves as the hosts, welcoming the judge, cooperatively presenting the table to the judge, incorporating multi-media resources, and answering any questions from the judge. Teams must be prepared to present to

the judge utilizing technology, such as PowerPoint, picture story, or other multi-media resource. Presentations may include photos, clip art, animation, video or audio sound. The 4-H members should cooperatively present a verbal presentation to the judge that is highlighted by their multi-media presentation via computer or tablet. Participants must provide their own computer or other equipment needed for their 4-H Foods Event judging interview. Presentations will occur at participants' tables. Please do not bring projectors or other equipment which will require extra space.

3. Considerations should be given to creatively include the following items through the multi-media presentation: nutritional facts of their menu; food safety; time management; choice of menu; food preparation; cost of item per serving; food handling techniques; recipe of the food item shared with the judge; challenge ingredient (nutritional value, farm-to-fork, recipe revision, etc.)

Rules:

1. A team will consist of two members to be eligible to compete. Exhibitors must both be 8 years old as of January 1 to compete at the State Fair.
2. All team members must be enrolled in a 4-H Foods and Nutrition project during the current 4-H year.
3. The judging interviews will be approximately 12-15 minutes. This time includes a short presentation by the teams, as well as questions from the judge.
4. Teams should arrive at least 15 minutes prior to contest time to set up their table.
5. Only contestants will be allowed to set up or arrange table settings and are responsible for items placed on the table.
6. During judging, 4H members may choose to dress in appropriate clothing, costume, or accessories relevant to the theme.

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Class

97 Culinary Challenge

**THAYER COUNTY CULINARY CHALLENGE
Formerly Favorite Foods Contest**

Rules:

1. Plan a menu suitable for an indoor or outdoor meal. Participants will need to prepare at home one food described in their menu and bring it along with a selected table service, two display cards (see #3) and card table. During judging, 4H members may choose to dress in appropriate clothing, costume, or accessories relevant to the theme.
2. The food may be an individual serving or family service. Recipes may be from any source. Food should be served as it would be

for a meal. The table service will include dishes, flatware, & table linens for one place setting, and centerpiece. Paper plates are acceptable.

3. The display cards should be approximately 4" x 6". Print the situation (i.e. lunch for bike hike) and complete menu on one card and the recipe on another.
4. Displays will be set up independent of adults. Members will be asked questions concerning the preparation according to method, time management, the menu, or their choice of table service.

General Rules: A challenge ingredient will be selected each year.

The 2024 challenge ingredient is Soy. Each participant **MUST** incorporate the challenge ingredient into recipe or creatively incorporating an item into their overall table theme. Participants may plan an event using any theme for any occasion (i.e. themselves, a family member, a pet etc.

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55 Culinary Challenge- Thayer County ONLY

SHOOTING SPORTS CONTESTS

Premium Code: CONTESTS

General Shooting Sports Contest Rules:

1. Each 4-H member must attend a required six practices in each discipline with a certified instructor to compete in that discipline at the county level. County contest archery target distances and current county Shooting Sports Contest Rules that are updated according to Nebraska State 4-H Shooting Sports rules after this book was printed can be found at <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/southernplains/contests-0/> When county rules are inadequate, State 4-H Shooting Sports rules will be followed.
2. **DRESS CODE** for all shooting sports: All youth and volunteers must wear long pants, closed toe shoes, long hair pulled back, and no dangly jewelry for practices and competition. Shirt with the 4-H clover must be worn for county fair competitions.
3. All firearms will be clean and in good working condition. Each firearm will be marked with the member's name with tape on the stock. Shooters are responsible for and must wear ear protection. Safety glasses must be worn for all firearms events. Clear barrel indicators must be used. All ammunition must be separate from the firearm.
4. Age Divisions are 4-H age (before January 1 of current year).

Outdoor Archery

Novice Outdoor Archery (First year archers ONLY)

Dept. F Division 501

Class

- 1* Freestyle (FS)
- 2* Bow Hunter Freestyle (BHFS)
- 3* Freestyle Limited (FSL)
- 4* Basic Bow (BB)
- 5* (Freestyle Limited Recurve (FSLR))

Junior Outdoor Archery (8-11 years)

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Class

- 16 Freestyle (FS)
- 17 Bow Hunter Freestyle (BHFS)
- 18 Freestyle Limited (FSL)
- 19 Basic Bow (BB)
- 20 Freestyle Limited Recurve (FSLR)

Intermediate Outdoor Archery (12-14 years)

Dept. F Division 501

Class

- 21 Freestyle (FS)
- 22 Bow Hunter Freestyle (BHFS)
- 23 Freestyle Limited (FSL)
- 24 Basic Bow (BB)
- 25 Freestyle Limited Recurve (FSLR)

Senior Outdoor Archery (15-18 years)

Dept. F Division 501

Class

- 26 Freestyle (FS)
- 27 Bow Hunter Freestyle (BHFS)
- 28 Freestyle Limited (FSL)
- 29 Basic Bow (BB)
- 30 Freestyle Limited Recurve (FSLR)

BB Gun

General Rules: 4-H members will shoot twelve (12) BB's in each position. (Prone, Standing, Sitting, and Kneeling). Two BB's will be considered practice shots and 10 will be scored for a total of 48 BB's.

BB Gun General Classes

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Class

- 38 Junior – 8-9 years
- 39 Intermediate – 10-11 years
- 40 Senior – 12-15 years