



April 4-H News

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REMINDERS

- Next Chapter (chapters 1 & 2) are scheduled for April 15. Registration due **April 11** to the Extension Office.
- Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) Applications must be postmarked by **April 15**. The selection of delegates to this Institute is based on an application form that is available at nda.nebraska.gov/nayi.
- Registration is open for Nebraska 4-H Camps at 4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-camp/ and the 4-H Council offers camp scholarships for them. Scholarship applications are due **May 2**. Click on the 4-H Council Camp Scholarship Application link at wayne.unl.edu/4-h-camps.
- Now is a good time to complete to take written tests for Horse Levels. Please call the office to set up a time for the Horse Level tests so one can be ready for you.

CLOVER KID MEETING

Clover Kids will meet on **May 7**, 9:00—10:00 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. Registration is due **May 2**.

TEEN SUPREMES

Teen Supremes will meet **May 7**, 10:00 –10:45 a.m. at the Wayne County Courthouse. We will finalize our summer schedule.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Volunteers are an essential part of our 4-H program. They don't expect to be rewarded for their efforts, so it is especially gratifying when we are able to reward them with recognition. National Volunteer Week is an excellent time to recognize our 4-H volunteers! It is also a chance for the community to become aware of the value and dedication of 4-H volunteers to our program. Please consider doing something for your volunteer leaders during the week of **April 17-23**.

The **STATE FAIR BOOK** is available at <https://wayne.unl.edu/county-and-state-fair-information>. Click the Fair Book-State 4-H Section-2022 link at the bottom of the page. Please note beginning level projects are not listed in the State Fair Book because they are not eligible for State Fair. We will make the online county Fair Book available as soon as possible.

The 4-H Newsletter
can be found on the
Wayne County website.



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LEADER/VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

- The Week of the Volunteer is April 17-23, and we're looking forward to celebrating our amazing 4-H volunteers! To celebrate we're hosting daily Lunch & Learn sessions from Monday, April 18 through Friday, April 22, each from 12:00 -1:00 pm CST. Session topics include: 4-H Club Meeting 101, Youth Voice in Planning Your 4-H Year, Volunteer Role in Youth Spark, Connecting Youth to New Opportunities, and QPR Suicide Prevention Training. The sessions are intended to enhance existing 4-H volunteer training and provide networking opportunities. The sessions will be recorded and made available for on-demand viewing after the event. More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-lunch-learn>
- Discounted tickets to the Wayne County Fair will be sold to volunteers at the Extension Office during office hours beginning on April 1. Volunteers that have completed their screening process will receive a postcard allowing them to purchase a discounted pass to the Fair. Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions.
- Please turn in volunteer insurance fees if you intend to take it out.
- Remember to send a list of your club officers and the date your club meets to the Extension Office.
- Please have the club secretary send a copy of the club minutes to the Extension Office after each meeting.

CURRICULUM (4-H MANUAL) ORDERS

Club leaders and members will order their own materials again in 2022. Go to <https://4hcurriculum.unl.edu> and search for your project. Click the *more...* link and you will find a list of curriculum for that project under the Resources heading. Clicking the name of the manual will take you directly to the website where you can learn more about the content and to purchase it. The Extension Office has file copies if you would like to look at a manual. We also have a limited amount of inventory, so please check with us before you order.

Websites:

National 4-H: <https://shop4-h.org> (choose curriculum)
There is a discount on curriculum at this time.

Nebraska 4-H: <https://marketplace.unl.edu>
(choose 4-H Youth Development, then curriculum)

AWARD SPONSORS NEEDED

The following awards are available for sponsorship. Please contact the Extension Office if you or someone you know is interested. Cost is \$20.

*Champion Senior Ag Miscellaneous

*Champion Consumer Management

ATTENTION SENIORS

Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation (NCCEF) will provide 11 scholarships for the 2022/23 academic year to students attending CASNR, NCTA, or UNK. Applications are due April 15. Go to nebr.coop/foundation/scholarships for more information.

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LUNCH & LEARN

4h.unl.edu/volunteer-lunch-learn

MONDAY, APRIL 18

4-H Club Meeting 101

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Youth Voice in Planning Your 4-H Year

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Volunteer Role in Youth Spark

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Connecting Youth to New Opportunities

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

QPR Suicide Prevention Training





YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

June 24-26, 2022

State 4-H Camp, Halsey, NE

4h.unl.edu/leadership-conference



Tractor and Equipment Safety Certification Course & Hands-On Safety Days

Annual "tractor safety" training courses are scheduled at 6 sites across Nebraska, May 25 through June 10, 2022. This certification course is designed to train students how to avoid common tractor and equipment related hazards.

Federal law prohibits children under 16 years of age from using certain equipment on a farm unless their parents or legal guardians own the farm. However, certification received through the course grants an exemption to the law allowing 14- and 15-year-olds to drive a tractor and to do field work with certain mechanized equipment.

Teens 14 or 15 years of age who work on farms, or others who are interested in learning about safe farming practices, are encouraged to register for the course.

Students will:

- Register for their driving exam date (Tractor and Equipment Safety Course for Young and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers), which costs \$25, and
 - May 25—North Platte
 - June 6—O'Neill
 - June 7—Gering
 - June 8—Broken Bow
 - June 9—Hastings
 - June 10—Weeping Water
- Register to complete the Hands-On Safety Day (or opt to complete the Online Module) prior to completing the driving exam. Individuals can opt to attend just the Hands-On Safety Day but will not receive certification.
 - May 24—North Platte
 - May 26—Grand Island

Once a student is registered, they will be sent the course materials and online module link (if applicable). The \$25 fee for the driving exam will be collected on site the day of the exam.

The onsite driving training and exam will include a driving test and equipment operation and ATV safety lessons. Students must demonstrate competence in hitching and unhitching equipment and driving a tractor and trailer through a standardized course. Instructors will also offer education about safe behaviors and laws for ATVs, utility-task vehicles (UTVs), and other off-road vehicles (ORVs).

Go to: go.unl.edu/tractorsafety for more information and to register.

These trainings are sponsored by Nebraska Extension and the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health.

2022 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (YLC)

Youth Leadership Conference registration is now open! This is a great opportunity for all youth ages 14-18 (not just 4-H members) to discover, practice, and develop the skills necessary to be good leaders now and in the future! Conference attendees also engage in team building, community service, and traditional camp activities while at the beautiful Nebraska State 4-H Camp near Halsey. The Conference will be held June 24-26. Learn more and register at 4h.unl.edu/leadership-conference. Registration is \$200 and covers all room, board, and materials.



Registration for Big Red Camps is open! Big Red Camps are residential, career exploration camps held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. By participating in a camp, youth get the opportunity to explore the Nebraska campus, meet people from across the country, spend time investigating an interest or potential career, and have a lot of fun! During the week-long camps, participants will work with our university faculty to explore the topic of their particular camp.

After spending several fun-filled days on campus, participants' families are invited to attend a special capstone event where youth showcase their achievements. Big Red Camps will take place the week of June 12-17, 2022. Camp Sessions include: *Discover Acting for the Camera*, *Discover Ag & Natural Resources*, *Discover Animation 1.0*, *Discover Animation 2.0*, *Discover Digital Media*, *Discover Engineering*, *Discover Filmmaking*, *Discover STEM*, *Discover Sustainable Fashion*, *Discover Weather & Climate Science*, *Discover Veterinary Science*, *Discover Unicameral Youth Legislature*. **Early Bird registration ends April 11.** Go to 4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps for more information.

The 4-H Council camp scholarships can be used for Big Red Camps. Scholarship applications are due **May 2**. Click on the 4-H Council Camp Scholarship Application link at wayne.unl.edu/4-h-camps.



ANIMAL NEWS

Animal ID Forms

All animal identification forms are available online at <https://wayne.unl.edu/4hanimalaffidavits> or at the Extension Office. You will need Adobe PDF Reader to open the files. There is a free download link available on the same site.

Market Beef Weigh-in was held Sunday, February 27 at the Wayne Veterinary Clinic. Seventeen head were weighed and tagged. Reminder to families that identified State Fair animals to input their animal information into the Showstock Manager database and pay the nomination fee by June 15. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped!

State Fair Changes/Additions

Beef

- Exhibitors are allowed to show up to 5 beef. No longer a certain combination of breeding, market, or feeder calves. Example: Youth can now enter and exhibit 5 feeder calves or 5 market beef, etc.
- The Breeding Heifer show schedule will now follow a breed order that will no longer rotate each year. The breed list order is found in the Fairbook, but the show will start with Angus and end with AOB and Commercial.
- There will be the opportunity for registered market beef to show in their own class, but breeds must have at least three registered steers to have their own class. Classes included registered steers, crossbred steers, & market heifers.

Meat Goats

- Exhibitors are allowed to show up to 5 goats. No longer a certain combination of breeding and market.

Sheep

- Exhibitors are allowed to show up to 5 sheep. No longer a certain combination of breeding and market.

Swine

- Exhibitors are allowed to show up to 5 hogs. No longer a certain combination of breeding and market. Example: Youth can now enter and exhibit 5 market swine.

Poultry & Rabbit

- Exhibitors can now bring up to 6 birds or rabbits (previously 5)

Grooming/Toweling

- **Grooming:** Nebraska 4-H will remain a Blow & Go show. All animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products. This guideline is for Showmanship, Breeding, & Market shows.
- **Toweling:** A toweling inspection will be incorporated for all 1st and 2nd place class winners (showmanship, breeding, market). The 3rd place class winner may be requested back if the 1st or 2nd place class winners do not pass inspection. If, after inspection, the animal is found to have adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products applied, it will be disqualified from competition.

Refer to <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/live-animal-exhibitor> for Fairbook, ID requirements, Entry Items, Schedules, Rules, Exhibitor Letters, and Show Programs.

YQCA

Face-to-Face YQCA trainings are scheduled for May 25 (1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.) at the Wayne County Fairgrounds and June 1 (1:00 and 6:00 p.m.) at the Pierce County Fairgrounds. If you are interested in completing the online YQCA course, now is a good time. **Remember the YQCA website has moved.** Everyone will need to create a new account. Instructions are available at 4h.unl.edu/yqca (YQCA Help Document in the blue box) and at yqcaprogram.org | More Info | Youth and Parents.

Horse Reminders

District & State Horse Show Webinar—**April 11, 6:00 PM.** Register at 4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series

District and Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Expo Horse ID's & Entries Due: **May 6**

Horse Advancement Levels completed to exhibit at District & Fonner Park State Horse Shows: **May 6**

County Fair: **June 15**—Horse exhibitors have until June 15 to pass Horse Level 1, but all other levels must be passed by May 6 to count for classes entered in 2022. ID's are due June 15 as well.

Advancement Level Study Guides and Resources are available at 4h.unl.edu/horse/advancement-levels

A letter was mailed to families and volunteers enrolled in the Horse project that contains more information.

Check out the **UPCOMING EVENTS** on the back of the April calendar page.

If more information is needed about any of these events, please contact the Extension Office.

April 2022

Turn the page for
Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Public Speaking Contest Reg. DUE	2 Clover Kid Meeting, 9:00—10:00 AM Wayne County Courthouse
3	4 Public Speaking Contest, 6:30 PM	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Next Chapter Meetings Reg. DUE Early Bird Registration for Big Red Camps DUE Equine Webinar, 6 :00 PM	12	13 Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop & Leader Update Reg. DUE	14	15 Next Chapter Meetings Chapter 1: 9:00 —11:45 AM Chapter 2: 1:00—4:45 PM NAYI Applications DUE	16
17 National	18 — Volunteer Lunch & Learn Webinar, Noon 4-H Council, 6:30 PM Wayne County Courthouse	19 — Volunteer Lunch & Learn Webinar, Noon	20 Volunteer Volunteer Lunch & Learn Webinar, Noon	21 — Volunteer Lunch & Learn Webinar, Noon	22 — Volunteer Lunch & Learn Webinar, Noon Shooting Sports Leader Update, Benkelman	23 Week Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop, Benkelman
24 Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop, Benkelman	25	26	27	28	29 Arbor Day Observed, Extension Office Closed	30

May 2022		
2	Clover Kid Meeting Reg. Due	20
2	4-H Council Camp Scholarship Applications DUE	20
6	District & State Horse Show Horse ID's & Entries DUE	23
6	Horse Levels completed to exhibit at District & State Horse Shows	25
16	4-H Council	26
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		Market Meat Goat Weigh-in, ROG ID's DUE
		Market Sheep Weigh-in, ROG ID's DUE
		Next Chapter Meeting Reg. DUE
		YQCA (Quality Assurance), Wayne, 1:00 & 6:00 PM
		Next Chapter Meetings (Chapter 3, 9:00-11:45 AM) (Chapter 4, 1:00-3:45 PM)
		Memorial Day Observed, Extension Office Closed

UPCOMING EVENTS

Go to wayne.unl.edu/upcoming-animal-events for more details on the following events. This includes camps, shows, judging competitions, etc. Check back often—we post to the page as information is received.

BEEF/GOAT/SHEEP/SWINE

- Prime Time Preview—April 8-9, Kimmel Ag Expo Center, Syracuse
- Saunders County Beef Progress Show—April 16, Saunders County Fairgrounds, Wahoo
- Loup River Beef Preview—April 23, Howard County Fairgrounds, St. Paul
- Seward Calf Classic—April 30, Seward County Fairgrounds, Seward
- Cattle Battle—May 21, Platte County Ag Park, Columbus

COMPANION ANIMALS

- Companion Cat Science Online Course—4h.unl.edu/companion-cat-science
- The 4-H Dog Achievement Program consists of levels that require a young person to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. This program is similar to the Diamond Clover Program. Check 4h.unl.edu/dog-achievement-program for more information and if interested you are encouraged to begin setting your goals.

HORSE

- Equine Webinar—April 11, 6:00 PM—4h.unl.edu/horse/webinar-series
- Loup Valley Horse Conference—May 22, Boone County Fairgrounds, Albion
- 4-H Horse Judging Contest—May 25, Pitzer Ranch Arena, Ericson
- Loup Valley Horse Conference—May 28, Valley County Fairgrounds, Ord
- 4-H Horse Camp—June 9-11, Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford. Registration due May 13.
- Lincoln County 4-H Horse Show—June 12, North Platte
- Boots 'N Spurs 4-H Club Horse Show—June 26, Lexington

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

- Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit is open to current 4-H and FFA members ages 10-18. Visit 4h.unl.edu/livestock-judging-circuit to learn more.
- Nuckolls-Thayer Livestock Judging Contest—May 23, Nuckolls County Fairgrounds, Nelson
- South Central Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest—June 2, Webster County Fairgrounds, Bladen
- UNL Livestock Judging Camp—June 8-10, UNL East Campus, Lincoln. Registration deadline May 23. More information at go.unl.edu/judging-camp

RABBIT

- Companion Rabbit Science—4h.unl.edu/companion-rabbit-science

SHOOTING SPORTS—4h.unl.edu/shooting-sports#calendar1

- Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Leader Update, April 22, Dundy County Fairgrounds, Benkelman
- Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Leader Workshop, April 23-25, Dundy County Fairgrounds, Benkelman
Registration for either event is due April 13

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