



Wayne County 4-H

April 2024

The Public Speaking and Presentation Contests:

The Public Speaking and Presentation Contests are scheduled for **3:00 p.m. on April 14, 2024**, at the Wayne County Courthouse. Registration for the event is due on **April 10**. These contests help youth develop skills for communicating about current issues to real audiences, learn how to organize and prepare a speech, develop speech delivery skills, learn how to present themselves to others, and develop self-confidence. The top five contestants in each of the junior (new for 2024), intermediate, and senior divisions of each category (Prepared Speech, PSA, and Illustrated Presentation) are eligible to represent Wayne County at the Premier Communication Event, **June 17-18, 2024** in Lincoln. All enrolled 4-H youth are eligible to participate in Impromptu Speech and Video Communication categories at the Premier Communications event in Lincoln on **June 17 & 18**. More information at <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event>.



Updated Fair Policy:

The following rule (Letter E, pg. 59 in the 2023 Fair Book) has been updated and will be in effect starting with the 2024 Wayne County Fair: No animal or exhibit shall be removed from the grounds, prior to the predetermined release time, without consent of the superintendent of each department, Ag Society President, and 4-H Educator/FFA Advisor. Any violation of this rule will act as a forfeiture of any and all premiums (including Bonus Auction and Pool Money), awards (including high point awards and State Fair qualified exhibits), and recognition for that exhibitor. Exceptions: Horses may leave at 4:00 p.m. Friday night for the Tractor Pull, but must be back by 8:00 a.m. Saturday. The Champion and Reserve Champion Cow/Calf Jr. and Sr. pairs are required to stay. Cow/calf pairs exhibited by 4-H/FFA exhibitors with no other livestock at the fair must also stay (does not include feeder calf). All other cow/calf pairs may be dismissed at the discretion of the superintendent. Cows that leave early must leave between 8:00 p.m. Friday evening and 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning.



Fair Book Updates:

The following changes will be in effect for the 2024 Wayne County Fair:

- **Swine** – A breeding gilt class has been added. Gilts will be weighed and divided into classes based on weight. A 4-H member may exhibit up to 4 hogs total between the market and breeding classes.
- **Horticulture** – A 4-H member may continue to make one entry per class. The number of vegetables, herbs, and fruits exhibited will follow the amounts listed in 4-H 226 (the same amounts as State Fair).
- **Photography** – Level 1 Print is an 8 x 10 (instead of 4 x 6) mounted in an appropriately sized matting (no frames) with a sandwich mat-board backing; rectangular or oval inside mat opening. No foam board should be used for matting or backing.
- **Visual Arts** - Please visit this link to see the changes made to the Visual Arts, Static Exhibit area:
<https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/exhibits/57>.

The Wayne County Fairbook will be available soon.



Market Sheep and Market Meat Goat Weigh-in:

Market Meat Goats will be weighed at 5:30 p.m. and Market Sheep at 6:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on **May 17th**. ID's are due for Rate-of-Gain.

T-Shirt Design Contest (Deadline Extended):

We are looking for a new design for our countywide 4-H T-shirt and we NEED your help! It's time to update our grey 4-H T-shirts which have the green, silver and white writing on them. We are hosting a contest looking for new designs! The chosen design will be on our next 4-H T-shirt (talk about bragging rights)! All you have to do is submit a design by **April 19th, 2024** to the Extension Office to be considered. Rules for the design contest are as follows:

- Wayne County 4-H MUST be included in the design.
- A 4-H Clover MUST be included in the design.
- You must follow ALL the rules about proper use of the 4-H Clover.
- Your design cannot be a trademarked image or image found from another source and copied.
- Your design can only consist of three colors.

Be creative and have fun! We can't wait to see your designs!

Extra Take Home Projects Available:

- One Silicone Bead Key Chain (colors - black, orange, and green).
- 12 Paracord Bracelets (two of each of the following colors - red, green, yellow, black, white, orange).

First-call first-served by calling the Extension Office. Each project is \$5.

April Happenings



National Volunteer Week (April 21-27):

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.

Madison County 4-H Cat Showmanship Workshop:

Madison County is hosting a free 4-H Cat Showmanship Workshop on **April 13, 2024, at 10 a.m.** at the Madison County Vet Clinic. Please register at <https://forms.gle/YZ9Vo3EpQNU8GjXs7>

Nebraska Agriculture Youth Institute (NAYI):

Reminder applications must be postmarked by **April 15**. The selection of delegates to the institute is based on an application form that is available at: <https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi/>

4-H Dog Project Informational Meeting:

Dixon County is hosting an informational meeting about the 4-H Dog Project on **Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to Noon**, at the Haskell Ag Lab. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about your 4-H Dog Project. This is just for the humans - please leave your pooches at home. Please contact the Dixon County Extension Office by **April 16th** at 402-584-2234 or dixon-county@unl.edu to sign up.

4-H Rocketry Building Class:

A 4-H Rocketry Building Class will be held **April 27th, 10 a.m. - Noon** at Haskell Ag Lab, in Concord, NE. Volunteers from the THOR Rocketry Club will be helping youth build and launch a rocket at the event. Registration is due **April 18th**, with a \$10 cost per Rocket Kit. Register using the QR Code on the right.



Upcoming

Next Chapter:

Next Chapter Levels 3 & 4 are scheduled for **May 30**. Registration is due **May 24** to the Extension Office.



Livestock Achievement Program:

The Livestock Achievement Program is an advanced opportunity for youth interested in diving deeper into and expanding upon their current livestock project and establishing themselves as leaders in their project area. The program encourages youth to engage in a variety of activities related to their project and recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas. Applications are due **June 15**. Learn more at: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-achievement>.



Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit:

The Great Plains Livestock Judging Circuit is a lineup of contests held throughout the state giving youth the opportunity to perfect their skills in preparation for the [Nebraska 4-H Premier Animal Science Event \(PASE\)](#). Qualifying youth must attend a minimum of two contests in addition to the [PASE livestock judging contest](#) in order to be eligible for awards and scholarships. The schedule can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/great-plains-livestock-judging-circuit>.

YQCA:

Those planning to exhibit beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, and poultry need to complete Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training. Face-to-face (Instructor-Led) YQCA trainings are scheduled for **May 29 (1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.)** at the Wayne County Fairgrounds and **June 11 (1:00 and 6:00 p.m.)** at the Pierce County Pavilion, Pierce. If you are interested in completing the online (Web Based) YQCA course, now is a good time. Instructions are available at <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca> and at yqcaprogram.org | More Info | Youth and Parents (scroll down the page for help videos).

Big Red Camps:

Registration for Big Red Camps is now open, visit our website <https://4h.unl.edu/big-red-camps> or contact us at BigRedCamps@unl.edu. The camps are scheduled for **June 9-14, 2024** at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Horse Reminders:

- The State Horse Show in Grand Island is scheduled for **July 13-17th**. More information at <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-expo>.
- The deadline for entries, ID's, and level testing documentation is **June 1, at 5 PM**.
- County Fair: Horse exhibitors have until **June 15** to pass Horse Level 1, but all other levels must be passed by **June 1** to count for classes entered in 2024. ID sheets are due June 15 as well.
- Advancement Level Study Guides and Resources are available at: <https://4h.unl.edu/horse-advacement-levels>. **Now is a good time to take written tests for Horse Levels. Please call the office to set up a time so a test can be ready for you.**
- A letter will be mailed soon to youth and volunteers enrolled in the Horse Project that will contain more information.

Nebraska Summer Camps 2024:

Registration for Nebraska 4-H Camps is open at <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-summer>. Check out the 4 and 5 day overnight camp offerings at locations around Nebraska. All over night camps are open to youth ages 8-14. Scholarships are available.

- Power of Being Green 4-H Camp at Chadron - June 1 to June 5 (Open to 8-14 year olds)
- Power of Being Green 4-H Camp at Cozad - June 16 to June 20 (Open to 10-14 year olds)
- 4-H Camp 101 at Cozad - July 1 to July 3 (Open to 8-10 year olds)
- 4-H Camp 101 at Burwell - July 17 to July 19 (Open to 8-10 year olds)
- Power of Being Green 4-H Camp at Burwell - July 20 to July 24 (Open to 10-14 year olds)



The 4-H Council offers camp scholarships for 4-H Camps. Click on the 4-H Council Camp Scholarship Application link at <https://wayne.unl.edu/4-h-camps>. Applications accepted until **May 1**.

Tractor and Equipment Safety Training:

Tractor and farm equipment safety courses are now open for registration! Teens ages 14-15 who work on farms, or others who are interested in learning about tractor and farm equipment safety practices, can register for a safety training course offered at seven locations across Nebraska from **May 21 through June 13**. Learn more at

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/tractor-safety-training-2024/>.



Animal Science Discover Day:

An Animal Science Discover Day is being held at the NCTA Campus, Ag Education Center in Curtis, NE on **May 29, 2024**. Youth ages 8-18 will interact with Animal Science faculty and educators, gain knowledge of the livestock industry, and explore careers in animal science. Register by **May 22, 2024**, at: <https://cvent.me/mNXrmy>. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch.

4-H Horse Camp:

The 50th annual Ft. Robinson 4-H Horse Camp will be held **June 6-8, 2024** at the Ft. Robinson State Park in Crawford, NE. Registration forms and scholarship applications are now available. Youth can create a t-shirt design for the 2025 Fort Robinson Horse Camp. If their shirt design is selected they will be reimbursed for their camp fee. For more information reach out to the Dawes Country Extension Office at 308-432-3373.

Show Opportunities

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Cuming County Cream of the Crop Dairy Show:

The 25th annual Cream of the Crop Dairy Show is scheduled for **Saturday, June 15th** at the Cuming County fairgrounds in West Point. There will also be a fitting contest held on **June 14**. For more information, please check out their Facebook page: [Cream of the Crop Dairy Show](#)

Seward Calf Classic:

The 24th Annual Seward Calf Classic is scheduled for **April 27, 2024**, at the Seward County Fairgrounds. Pre-registration forms are due **April 24** and are \$30 per head, day of show entries are \$40 per head. For more information please contact Devin Korana at 402-641-5467 or ginnykoranda@gmail.com.

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Clover Kid Reg. DUE		Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update and Intial Reg. DUE ***** Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun and Air Rifle Championships Reg. DUE			Clover Kid Meeting (9-10 AM)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Pick up March Take Home Projects	Public Speaking and Presentations Contest Reg. DUE ***** Pick up March Take Home Projects	Pick up March Take Home Projects	Pick up March Take Home Projects	Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Update and Intial ***** Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun and Air Rifle Championships ***** Madison County 4-H Cat Showmanship Workshop
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Intial ***** Public Speaking and Presentations Contests (3 PM)	NAYI Applications DUE	4-H Dog Project, Informational Meeting Reg. DUE		4-H Rocketry Building Class Reg. DUE ***** 4-H Council (7 PM)	4-H T-Shirt Designs DUE	Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun and Air Rifle Championships ***** 4-H Dog Project, Informational Meeting (10 AM-Noon)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Nebraska State 4-H BB Gun and Air Rifle Championships ***** National Volunteer Week	National Volunteer Week	National Volunteer Week	National Volunteer Week	April Take Home Project Reg. DUE ***** National Volunteer Week	Arbor Day (Office Closed) ***** National Volunteer Week	4-H Rocketry Building Class (10 AM - Noon) ***** National Volunteer Week
28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
	Clover Kid Reg. DUE		4-H Council Camp Scholarship Application DUE			Clover Kid Meeting (9-10 AM)

May:

- 1: 4-H Council Camp Scholarship Application DUE
- 4: Clover Kid Meeting (9 AM)
- 6-10: Pick up April Take Home Project
- 16: 4-H Council (7 PM)
- 17: Market Meat Goat Weigh-in, Fairgrounds, 5:30 PM - Market Meat Goat ID's DUE (ROG)
- 17: Market Sheep Weigh-in, Fairgrounds, 6:00 PM - Market Sheep ID's DUE (ROG)
- 27: Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- 29: YQCA (Quality Assurance), Wayne County Fairgrounds, 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM
- 30: Next Chapter 3 & 4, Wayne County Courthouse (Reg. DUE May 24)