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Happy New Year

Wayne County 4-H

4-H Enrollment is Open!



Go to <https://v2.4honline.com>

Please do not create a new profile if you have previously enrolled in 4-H, even in a different county or state.



A mailing was sent to all 4-H families with instructions on enrolling.

Enrollment fees

4-Hers and Clover Kids will continue to pay an enrollment fee of \$5.00 per 4-Her. The fee includes the 4-H insurance fee and will be collected when 4-Hers enroll in 4-HOnline or fees may also be brought to the office. Enrollments will be accepted when fees are received. Volunteers that choose to purchase insurance will need to give their \$2.00 to their Organizational Leader or bring it to the office.

Volunteer Screening

All new and those that did not complete the process in 2021, 2022, or 2023 must be screened this year. It continues to be an online process and volunteers will go directly to the Department of Health and Human Services website. There is a \$5.00/person fee that will be paid online during the screening process.

Passwords

If you have forgotten your password, use the "reset password?" option or contact the Extension Office. DO NOT set up a new profile.



Please enroll on or before February 1, to ensure you get all County Fair updates.

Reminders:

- Livestock Pool Money and Bonus Auction Checks were void December 31, 2023.
- County Fair Premium Checks will void February 1, 2024.

Nebraska 4-H Month:

Nebraska 4-H month is coming up in February. Mark your calendars to make plans to celebrate with us. Themes will be shared in the near future!

4-H Club Treasurer's Report:

The year end 4-H Treasurer's Report is due to the Extension Office by **February 1, 2024**. Any questions do not hesitate to call!

Scholarships

<https://Wayne.unl.edu/senior-scholarships/>

Other Scholarship Opportunities

4-H Council Senior Scholarship
Renee Felt Scholarship



Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Due January 5, 2024 - Multiple Scholarships for graduating seniors are available to you: Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply Scholarship, The 4-H Legacy Scholarship, Rose and Guy Richard McDonald Scholarship, Joe Cittra, Jr. Scholarship for Outdoor Stewardship, Horse Scholarship - Grand Island Saddle Club, R. B. Warren 4-H Horse Educational Scholarship, Women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Jarvis Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is intended for female 4-H High School Seniors that wish to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is due March 15, 2024.



4-H Youth Leadership Experience Ambassadors:

Are you interested in becoming a part of the Nebraska 4-H Youth Leadership Experience Ambassador Team? As a part of this group, we hope you can be a voice on the youth perspective, develop & practice leadership skills that you can take back to your communities, and collaborate with Extension Staff and 4-Hers across the state to plan & implement 4-H Youth Leadership Experiences! The deadline for applications for the Ambassador team is **Friday, January 5, 2024!** From there we'll meet monthly to create an amazing experience for you and other high schoolers across the state! The 4-H Youth Leadership Experiences will be a combination of working with state level 4-H events and contributing with your own leadership ideas across the state.

Visit <https://go.unl.edu/2024yleamb> to apply.



New Volunteer Orientation:

Nebraska 4-H is implementing a new 4-H Volunteer Orientation, which is part of the volunteer screening process. Direct volunteers are required to complete the 4-H Volunteer Orientation during enrollment as a new volunteer and/or during the re-screening process every five years. The volunteer orientation link is located in the direct volunteer screening information in 4-HOnline or at <https://4h.unl.edu/volunteer-orientation>. Upon completion, the volunteer will receive a confirmation email along with the county office the volunteer selected during the orientation. The online orientation will take approximately 45 minutes to complete and does not have to be completed in one session.

4-H Volunteer Impact Study – You May Be Contacted:

What you do makes a difference! We are excited to share that our state will be participating in the 4-H Volunteer Impact Study of volunteers in the North Central Region. This survey is being conducted as a part of 12 state effort to document the impact of volunteering.

It will focus on three areas:

- the personal benefits of your volunteer experience;
- the impact you have on the organization by volunteering; and
- how your volunteer efforts contribute to your community in which you live and work.



A random sample of volunteers of 1000 volunteers from each state will be surveyed. This study will be conducted through an electronic survey. If you are selected you will receive an email to let you know you have been selected to participate. You may be picked!!! If you are, please respond. We want to hear from you and learn from your volunteer experiences. Your comments will be used to quantify the personal, organizational and public impacts of volunteers involved with 4-H Youth Development Programs in our twelve-state region. Your impact is great and we want to hear from you!!! There will be a random sample of 1000 volunteers from our state that will be selected to participate. The survey will be distributed on **January 15** and close on **February 15**.

The 2024 Special Garden Project:

The Victorian-era heirloom flower, Princess of India Nasturtium can be grown in a variety of ways, including in containers. It provides a splash of color from its scarlet flowers and much of the plant can be eaten. Youth are encouraged to enroll in Horticulture through 4-HOnline **and** then call the Extension Office to sign-up by **February 15th!** More information at: <https://4h.unl.edu/special-garden-project>



Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort:

The Nebraska 4-H Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort is an opportunity for 4-H members interested in learning more about the swine industry. Participants engage in learning opportunities throughout the year, gain knowledge related to their 4-H swine project, practice good record-keeping related to swine management and basic care, and exhibit their farrowed and owned swine project animal at the Nebraska State Fair. Applications for the 2024 Cohort are open now through February 1st. Learn more at: <https://4h.unl.edu/farrowed-owned>

Nebraska 4-H Summer Camps:

Summer camp registration is open for 2024 sessions, visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-summer> to see a list of sessions and to sign up. Nebraska 4-H camps have several exciting youth programs available for summer 2024. The camp sessions are located in various Nebraska locations. Nebraska 4-H offers 4 to 5 day residential camps to youth 8-18.

Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Livestock Judging Contest:






The contest will be held in Kearney on Saturday, Feb. 17th with the entry deadline being Feb. 5th.

All details and entry information can be found using the following link

<https://nebraskaclassic.org/winter-edition/judging-contest.php>. We look forward to another great contest this year with an outstanding dinner and set of awards to follow.



January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	New Years Day (Office Closed) <i>Happy New Year</i>	Office reopens for the New Year			4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications DUE Achievement Applications DUE Youth Leadership Experience Ambassador Applications DUE	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Office Closed)			4-H Council (7 PM)		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						
28	29	30	31	Feb. 1	2	3
	Clover Kid Reg. DUE			Priority Enrollment Deadline Year-end Treasurer's Report DUE Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort Applications DUE		Clover Kid Meeting (9-10 AM) Wayne County Air Gun Match, Carroll Auditorium

February (Nebraska 4-H Month):

- 1: 4-H Priority Enrollment Deadline
- 1: Year-End Club Treasurer's Reports Due
- 1: Farrowed and Owned Swine Cohort Applications Due
- 3: Wayne County Air Gun Match, Carroll Auditorium
- 3: Clover Kid Meeting (9AM)
- 15: Special Garden Project Registration Due
- 15: 4-H Council Meeting
- 19: Office Closed - President's Day
- 24: Pierce County Shooting Sports Invite, Pierce County Fairgrounds
- 26: Clover Kid Meeting Registration Due