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# Wayne County 4-H



*Welcome!*

WELCOME NEW 4-H MEMBERS AND FAMILIES TO THE 4-H PROGRAM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO KNOWING AND WORKING WITH EACH OF YOU!

## Reminders

- THE 4-H COUNCIL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AND RENEE FELT SCHULTE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED UNTIL MARCH 15.
- SENIORS WHO RECEIVED A 27 OR HIGHER ON THEIR ACT AND ARE INTERESTED IN A MAJOR AT CASNR (COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN, CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY.
- INNOVATIVE YOUTH CORN CHALLENGE ENTRIES DUE TO THE FILLMORE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE BY MARCH 15. GO TO [CROPWATCH.UNL.EDU/YOUTH/CORNCHALLENGE](http://CROPWATCH.UNL.EDU/YOUTH/CORNCHALLENGE) FOR INFORMATION.
- NEW VOLUNTEERS AND THOSE WHO DIDN'T COMPLETE THE SCREENING PROCESS LAST YEAR MUST BE SCREENED THIS YEAR. SEE LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PRESENTATION CONTESTS

New for 2023, the Public Speaking and Presentation Contests will be held on the same day. They are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on April 16, 2023 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 intermediate and senior divisions of each category (Speech, PSA, and Illustrated Presentation) are eligible to represent Wayne County at the Premier Communication Event on June 23 in Lincoln. All enrolled 4-H youth are eligible to participate in Impromptu Speech and Video Communication at the Premier Communications event in Lincoln on June 23. Information is enclosed. <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event>

## LEADER INFORMATION

- Thank you for your assistance in getting your club members enrolled, completing your volunteer screening, turning in the Club Treasurer Report, and collecting the fees for your volunteers. **Please turn in volunteer insurance fees as soon as possible.**
- The Extension Office will file E-postcards for clubs. Contact the Extension Office if you have questions.
- 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.
- Club Leader Training is scheduled for March 30th at 7:00 p.m.

## Beef Weigh-in Day

MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 5, 2023 FROM 1 - 2:30 PM AT THE WAYNE VETERINARY CLINIC. MARKET BEEF ID'S WILL BE DUE AT THIS TIME FOR RATE-OF-GAIN.

SNOW DATE IS MARCH 12, 2023.



# Other Information

## ATTENTION SUPERINTENDENTS & ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

In accordance with the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Youth Activity Safety Policy, we must ensure that 4-H volunteers do not have a criminal background that would disqualify the individual from serving. All volunteers who support 4-H programs and events are required to complete an annual youth activity worker application. You do not have to enroll in 4-HOnline, but please complete either the online application at [go.unl.edu/eaai](http://go.unl.edu/eaai) OR the printed version at [go.unl.edu/paai](http://go.unl.edu/paai).

We will receive notification if you complete the online version. Printed versions - please bring signed to the Extension Office.

## ATTENTION EIGHTH GRADE, FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR STUDENTS

Next Chapter at Nebraska, a partnership between Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development and the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Offices of Admissions, is a college readiness program offered to enrolled 4-H members in their eighth grade year; however we are offering the program to freshman, sophomores, and junior students as well. Throughout high school, Next Chapter scholars engage in a variety of events, activities, and curriculum where they will participate in career exploration, and experience a variety of learning methods that will help them transition to and succeed in college. An invitation will be mailed to enrolled 4-H members in these grades. Local programs are scheduled for:

Chapter 1 - April 7, 9 AM - 12 PM, Wayne County Courthouse. Reg Due April 3

Chapter 2 - April 7, 1PM - 4PM, Wayne County Courthouse. Reg Due April 3

Chapter 3 - May 25, 9AM - 12PM, Wayne County Courthouse. Reg Due May 22

Chapter 4 - May 25, 1PM - 4PM, Wayne County Courthouse. Reg Due May 22

## NEBRASKA AGRICULTURAL YOUTH INSTITUTE (NAYI)

Interested in Agriculture? Consider attending NAYI. NAYI 2023 will be held in Lincoln. The Nebraska Agriculture Youth Institute is a weeklong experience for high school juniors and seniors from across Nebraska to learn more about career opportunities within agriculture. This conference features speakers, workshops, agricultural education, networking with peers and industry leaders, professional development, leadership experience, fun and new friends!

The NAYI event will be held at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln's East Campus July 10-14, 2023. This year's theme is "For the Future". Applications are due by April 15!

More information and the 2023 NAYI Application can be found at:

<https://nda.nebraska.gov/nayi>

## 4-H CAMP INFORMATION

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.

- Adventure Together 4-H Camp at Chadron! - June 5 to June 9 (Open to 8-14 year olds)
- Adventure Together 4-H Camp at Cozad! - June 16 to June 20 (Open to 8-14 year olds)
- Adventure Together 4-H Camp at Ashland! - June 26 to June 29 (Open to 10-14 year olds)
- Adventure Together 4-H Camp at Burwell! - July 16 to July 20 (Open to 8-14 year olds)
- Adventure Together 4-H Camp at Louisville! - July 27 to July 30 (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.

There are openings for summer staff including Program Staff (ages 18+), Program Assistants (ages 16-18) and Junior Counselors (ages 14-18). For more information, go to: <https://4h.unl.edu/camps-centers/summer-jobs>.

## GOVERNOR'S AG EXCELLENCE AWARD

Sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, the purpose of the award is to recognize 4-H clubs for the work of the individuals in the club and the community service work of the entire club. Applications are due April 1. Check <https://www.ne4hfoundation.org/governors-ag-excellence-award/> for more information.



# March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
	Reg. for Clover Kid Meeting Due	Pick up Gnome Flower Pot Projects	Pick up Gnome Flower Pot Projects	Pick up Gnome Flower Pot Projects	Pick up Gnome Flower Pot Projects  Reg. for Horse Stampede Due	Clover Kid Meeting (9 - 10 AM)  Teen Supremes (10 - 11 AM)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Market Beef Weigh-in Day (1 - 2:30 PM) - Wayne Vet Clinic						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Market Beef Weigh-in Snow Day (1 - 2:30 PM) - Wayne Vet Clinic			4-H Council Senior Scholarship/Renee Felt Schulte Scholarship Applications Due	4-H Council (7 PM)	<i>Saint Patrick's Day</i>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						Bake and Take Day Horse Stampede
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Reg. for April 1 Clover Kid Meeting Due			Club Leader Training (7 PM), Extension Office		Clover Kid Meeting (9 - 10 AM)  Teen Supremes (10 - 11 AM)

## APRIL 2023

- 1: CLOVER KIDS (9AM) AND TEEN SUPREME (10AM) MEETINGS
- 7: NEXT CHAPTER LEVELS 1&2 (REG DUE APR 3)
- 10: PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PRESENTATION CONTESTS REGISTRATION DUE
- 16: PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PRESENTATION CONTESTS 3:00PM
- 16-22: NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
- 20: 4-H COUNCIL MEETING
- 28: ARBOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)

## MAY 2023

- 1: CLOVER KID REGISTRATION DUE
- 1: 4-H COUNCIL CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE
- 6: CLOVER KID (9AM) AND TEEN SUPREME (10AM) MEETINGS
- 18: 4-H COUNCIL MEETING
- 19: MARKET GOAT WEIGH IN (5:30-6:30), FAIRGROUNDS
- 19: MARKET SHEEP WEIGH IN (6:30-7:30), FAIRGROUNDS
- 25: NEXT CHAPTER LEVELS 3&4 (REG DUE MAY 23)
- 26: CLOVER KID CAMP REGISTRATION DUE
- 29: MEMORIAL DAY (CLOSED)
- 31: YQCA TRAINING (1PM & 6PM)





## 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING AND PRESENTATION CONTESTS

April 16, 2023

3:00 p.m.

Wayne County Courthouse Courtroom, 510 N Pearl St, Wayne, NE 68787

Register by April 10 by calling 402-375-3310 or emailing [wayne-county@unl.edu](mailto:wayne-county@unl.edu) with your name, whether doing a speech, PSA, or Illustrated Presentation, the title of the speech or presentation, and age division.

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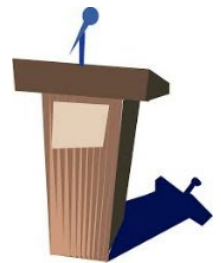
The *Guide to Making Great Speeches* and *How to Prepare a 4-H Radio Public Service Announcement* manuals, and Judging Criteria for each category are available at: <https://4h.unl.edu/premier-communication-event> under **Resources** of each tab and at the Extension Office.

### Age Divisions (all ages as of December 31, 2022)

- Clover Kids - 4-Hers 5-7 years.
- Novice - 4-Hers 9 years and younger who have never competed in a speech or presentation contest before.
- Junior - 4-Hers 8-9 years.
- Intermediate - 4-Hers 10-13 years.
- Senior - 4-Hers 14 years and older.



*Turn over for guidelines for each category*



## Speech Category Guidelines:

- Length:
  - Junior Division (ages 8-9): 1-3 minutes
  - Intermediate Division (ages 10-13): 3-5 minutes
  - Senior Division (ages 14-18): 5-8 minutes
    - For Senior Division only, judges will deduct three points from the score for every 30 seconds under or over the time limit.
- Only individuals may compete in this class; no team entries are allowed.
- All speeches must be original and include 4-H as the major component of the speech.
- 4-H public speakers may not use the old speech written by a sibling, another 4-H member, or anyone else.
- 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.
- The use of visual aids and props is not allowed.
- Dress appropriately. Do not wear costumes or special effects clothing.
- **Clover Kids** - 4-Hers 5-7 years. May read a poem or story, or talk to the audience about any topic they choose. May be written by 4-Her or someone else. Suggested length: under 2 minutes.
- **Non-competitive**
  - **Novice** - May read a poem or story, or talk to the audience about any topic they choose...4-H or otherwise. May be written by 4-Her or someone else. (4-Hers eligible for novice age division may compete in the junior age division if they choose, but cannot compete in both.)

## Public Service Announcement (PSA) Category Guidelines:

- Length:
  - Novice and Junior - 30 Seconds
  - Intermediate and Senior - 60 seconds
- Only individuals may compete in this class; no team entries are allowed.
- Youth will prepare a PSA around the theme: **Discover Your Spark in Nebraska 4-H!**
- All radio 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 tagline within the last 10 seconds of the PSA: "Learn more about the Nebraska Extension 4-H Youth Development Program at 4h.unl.edu." The tagline is included in the 60-second time limit.
- Sound effects and public-domain music may be used. Copyrighted material may not be used.
- All PSA's must be the original work of the presenter. Contestants may not use PSA's written and provided by the state or national staff.
- PSA entries may be presented live at the contest or submitted electronically in a .wav or .mp3 audio format along with the registration form.

### Giving Your Speech

- When introduced, walk briskly to the area where speech will be given.
- Pause, smile, and look at everyone before starting.
- Stand tall.
- Be confident.
- Speak loud and clear.
- Speak normally, don't rush.
- Don't read your speech off your cards.
- Look at your audience like you are talking to each of them.  
Have good eye contact.

### **Show and Tell Presentation Category Guidelines (County only):**

- Length is 1-5 minutes long.
- Age 9 years old or younger.
- Show and Tell relates to a 4-H project the 4-er is enrolled in.
- Never previously given a presentation at a county contest.
- May give show and tell OR regular presentation, not both.
- May be given only one year.
- 4-er brings one item they have made themselves, along with a poster explaining how item was made, or material needed, or recipe.
- Nothing actually demonstrated.
- Ribbons and premiums are given same as a regular presentation, but not eligible for special awards.
- Comments made by a judge.

### **Illustrated Presentation Category Guidelines:**

- Length
  - Individual (all age divisions): 6-8 minutes
  - Team (all age divisions): 8-10 minutes
  - Participants will be penalized if their presentation exceeds the time limit
- An Illustrated Presentation may be given by one (1) individual or a team of two (2) individuals. If team members are not in the same age division, they must compete in the age division of the oldest team member.
- All presentation topics should be related to what the 4-H youth is learning through 4-H educational experiences.
- 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).
- The check-in area will contain temporary storage space for presentation supplies. Only presenters and contest officials will be permitted in the designated preparation areas; no relatives or friends, please. Presenters are expected to clean up the areas in which they work.
- Equipment provided includes two (2) tables, one (1) easel, PC compatible computer (including Microsoft PowerPoint) with a WiFi internet connection, and a projector or television screen.
- 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 computers to an HDMI cord.
- Live animals may be used in the presentation. Presenters are responsible for all stalling arrangements, care, and handling of animals. Animals can only remain in the presentation area while the owner is present.

# Paracord Bracelet

## MARCH TAKE HOME PROJECT



**Sign-up by**

**3/24/23**

**Pick up projects**

**4/3/23 - 4/7/23**

**\$10 per project**

**Enter your project in the 2023 Wayne County Fair!**

**Beyond the Needle: C221007 - Beginning Fashion Accessory**

**Includes: 10 feet of paracord and buckle**

**Questions? Call the Extension Office at 402-375-3310 or email me at [ekrysl3@unl.edu](mailto:ekrysl3@unl.edu)**