

IMPORTANT DATES

July		30	SF Ticket Orders DUE by 3 PM
17	4-H Council	31	Extension Office re-opens 1:30 PM
18	Dog Workout	31	Post-Fair Clean-up, 6 PM
20	Contest Day - information sent in separate mailing		
		August	
20	Fashion Show Narrations DUE	10	On-line State Fair Animal Entries due
20	Fashion Show Fabric Swatches DUE	10	On-line Ak-Sar-Ben Entries Due
22	Cat, Dog & Household Pet Shows	19-20	Loup Valley Livestock Show
24	Pre-Fair Clean-up, 6 PM	22	State Fair exhibits DUE to Extension Office by NOON
25	Extension Office closes at noon		Norfolk Show Entries DUE to Extension Office
26	4-H Building Exhibits Judged	24	NEBRASKA STATE FAIR
26-30	WAYNE COUNTY FAIR		4-H Council
30	All State Fair Fashion Show, 4-H Culinary Challenge, and Contest Participants contact the Extension Office by 3 PM	25-Sept. 4 TBA	

NEW for 2017 – The Fairboard will provide one bag of bedding. Additional bedding will need to be purchased by the families. Bedding will be available at Bomgaars at a discount for 4-H members.

4-H T-shirts are available at the Extension Office. We have some extras in a few sizes so contact the Extension Office if interested. They are \$10 - \$12 each.

4-H CLOVER KIDS – Each Clover Kid may exhibit in any of the classes listed in the Clover Kids section of the Fairbook (pages 61-62) with a maximum of 12 entries per exhibitor.

- Please bring your projects (except animals) to the 4-H Building on Wednesday, July 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. No pre-entry is required. Entry tags will be available at check in. All Clover Kids' projects will be evaluated, receive a participation ribbon, and a \$1.50 premium. We will bring items that members left at the meetings, but you can bring the rest of the projects that you took home after each meeting. Projects will remain on display during the fair and will be released to you at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, July 30.
- Those exhibiting animals must have signed up at the Extension Office by July 6 and should follow the animal exhibitor dress code (see below). Clover Kids will visit with the judge at each respective animal show. You are welcome to make a poster of your animal to display in the 4-H Building. Poster size is 8 ½ by 11 inches and can include a picture of your animal, its name and the name of the Clover Kid. Please bring the poster to the Companion Animal /Cat Show on Sat., July 22 or to the 4-H Building on Wed., July 26.

4-H ANIMAL EXHIBITOR DRESS CODE

Wayne County 4-H T-shirt **OR** white shirt (or blouse) with the official 4-H Chevron attached and dark blue jeans with a belt. No capris or shorts. Dairy and Dairy Goat exhibitors may wear white pants.

- Sturdy shoes to protect feet - small animal exhibitors may wear tennis shoes, but no flip flops or sandals are allowed.
- Horse exhibitors are an exception - check the Fairbook for additional information.

ATTENTION 4-H CAT, DOG & HOUSEHOLD PET EXHIBITORS

- The shows are scheduled for July 22 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds

8:30 a.m.	Household Pet and Cat check-in, Commercial Building
8:30 a.m.	Dog check-in, Kaden Schmale Arena (swine arena)
9:00 a.m.	4-H Household Pet Show, 4-H Cat Show, and Clover Kids to follow, Commercial Building
9:00 a.m.	4-H Dog Show, Kaden Schmale Arena (swine arena)
- Make a poster of your pet to display in the 4-H Building and give to the Show Superintendent when you check in at your show. Poster size is 8½" X 11" - include a picture of the pet, name of the pet & the exhibitor.

**PRE-FAIR CLEAN-UP NIGHT IS JULY 24 BEGINNING AT 6 PM
SEE THE ENCLOSED SCHEDULE**

4-H FOOD STAND INFORMATION

- The schedule was included with last month's newsletter. Make sure you are aware of the time you work.
- Parents are expected to work with their 4-Her.
- Sanitation is very important! Please be sure to be clean and have your hands washed when working in the Food Stand.
- Be sure to wear a hat or a visor.
- We are still looking for a day managers for Thursday night (3:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.) and all day Sunday. Please contact the Extension Office if interested.

JUDGING DAY - JULY 26

All entries in the 4-H Exhibit Hall are judged. Entry procedures and interview schedules are included with this mailing. Check the classes you are entering for exhibit requirements!

THEME BOOTH INFORMATION

Theme Booths may be set up on July 26 from 4:30-7:30 PM and 8 AM - noon on July 27. Judging will take place in the afternoon of July 27.

ANIMAL EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

- **Exhibitor Parking Passes** - Two passes are included for each family exhibiting animals at the fair. Please display from rear view mirror inside vehicle.
- **NEW for 2017 - Bedding** – The Fairboard will provide one bag of bedding. Additional bedding will need to be purchased by the families. Bedding will be available at Bomgaars at a discount for 4-H members.
- Please bring **water buckets**. It is not healthy for animals to drink out of a common water tank.
- **4-H Champion Picture Schedule** - All pictures will be taken following each show. All persons getting their pictures taken should be in their show clothes. Exhibitors who have received Champion or Reserve Champion honors (trophies and rosettes) are to be present for pictures. Award winners within species will be grouped as much as possible. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be sure they are present in their show clothes.
- **4-H Bonus Auction Information** - A 4-H exhibitor of a market animal may participate in only one market species in the Bonus Auction. A list of Bonus Auction participants will be posted on the bulletin board near the 4-H Fair Office, corrections need to be made by **5 PM** on Friday, **July 28**. 4-Hers must be present at the Bonus Auction on **July 30, 3:00 PM** and be dressed in their show clothes. 4-Hers will be sent a check following the Bonus Auction.
- **Beef Exhibitors** – Scanning of market beef animals will take place Wednesday, July 26, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Leland Herman Memorial Arena.
- **Sheep & Swine Exhibitors** – Nebraska SPF will be scanning hogs and sheep again this year. All swine & sheep will be weighed and scanned on **Wednesday, July 26 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All entries in place by 6:00 p.m.** All exhibitors planning to market their hogs at the fair must have a premise ID. Please bring your completed Exhibitor Swine Affidavit to the 4-H Office on **Friday** following the swine show. Only hogs that will be sold to Hormel need to be listed on the affidavit. You may enter through the Grainland Road entrance on Wednesday evening.
Note: Hormel will not accept hogs weighing less than 215 lbs. or greater than 330 lbs.
- **Horse Exhibitors** - Horse check-in is **6:00-8:00 PM, Wednesday, July 26**. The superintendents will be at the horse barns with ID forms and a list of your entries and the horse you are using - please check it and make sure all information is correct. Your entry forms will be available to check if discrepancies occur. No additional entries are allowed. Horses must be brought Wednesday evening during check-in. If you are showing additional horses, they may be brought directly to the show on Thursday to be checked in by a member of the horse committee. Each exhibitor must keep one horse at the Fair that they exhibited.
- **Poultry & Rabbit Exhibitors** –All animals will be inspected at check-in by a veterinarian. You may enter through the Grainland Road entrance on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.
- In today's world it is very important that we are aware of the risks of spreading any disease from animal to animal or animal to human. Please be aware that the health of your animals is very important to the 4-H Program. Be sure to review the Animal Health Requirements on pages 132-133 of the Fair Book.

EXHIBIT RELEASE TIME – All exhibits will be released at **3:00 PM**, Sunday July 30.

STATE FAIR INFORMATION



The State Fair is scheduled for Aug. 25 – Sep. 4. Advance State Fair entries are due to the Extension Office **by 3 PM, Sunday, July 30**. Entries needed include:

Grass, Forb, Crop & Weed ID Contest	Horticulture ID Contest	Insect ID Contest	Tree ID Contest
Fashion Show	4-H Culinary Challenge		Presentation Contest
Shopping in Style Fashion Show			

- State Fair premium books are available at <http://4h.unl.edu> or at the Extension Office.
- State Fair ticket information: Discount tickets are \$5.00/each (one day admission). Tickets can be purchased at the Extension Office up until **3 p.m. on Sunday, July 30**. All animal exhibitors will order their tickets when making online entries (see below). 4-H livestock exhibitors will receive one (1) exhibitor badge. Families wishing to purchase badges may do so at \$25 each. If the exhibitor badge is lost or stolen, a new one must be purchased for \$25. The badge will allow entry to the entire 11 days of the State Fair. 4-Hers who participate in the fashion show, dog show, presentations, events and contests will receive one single-day admission ticket for each day in which they participate. **No sponsor passes will be distributed**. Daily gate admission will be \$12.00, with \$5.00 days on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday will be \$2.00 and Thursday will be \$3.00 gate admission. Tickets for children 6-12 years of age are \$3.00 every day and children 5 years of age and younger will be free every day.
- 4-H and FFA are sharing an online entry system and are allowing exhibitors/parents to make the entries. Families will find a link to the State Fair Livestock entry website at <http://nebr.fairwire.com>. Instructions for entry are available at <http://go.unl.edu/waynecountyandstatefairinfo>, <http://www.statefair.org/p/getinvolved/4h-ffa>, and at the Extension Office. Registration opened **July 10**. All animal entries must be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. Central Time August 10**. A credit or debit card is required to submit entries.
- 4-H and FFA exhibitors and their families are responsible for submitting **all animal entries, parking passes and tickets online**. This includes: 4-H and FFA Livestock and Dairy, 4-H Dog & 4-H Dog Skill-a-thon, & 4-H and FFA Premier Exhibitor entries.
- **Animal Health Requirements**
 - Beef – Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) with official ID listed issued within 30 days of the exhibition. In addition, all cattle must be tested negative for Bovine Virus Diarrhea (BVD) persistently infected (PI) status prior to arrival at the State Fair. Please allow 3-4 weeks for the test.
 - Sheep and Goats – A CVI must be issued within ten (15) days of exhibition for all shorn sheep, carcass contest lambs, and meat goats. All intact sheep and goats, and wethers 18 months and older must have USDA Official Scrapies Identification and must be listed on the CVI. All sheep and meat goats must be shorn prior to being examined by a veterinarian.
 - Swine – Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) with official ID listed issued within 30 days of the exhibition. Each CVI must contain the statement: “To the best of my knowledge, swine represented on the certificate have not been exposed to, infected with or originated from premises know to be infected by Swine Enteric Corona Disease (SECD) or Seneca Valley Virus (SVV) in the last thirty (30) days.”
 - Dogs must have a Nebraska 4-H Certificate of Vaccination signed by their veterinarian. Certificates are due to Lincoln on or before August 10. Forms are available at <http://4h.unl.edu/fairbook/animal-science> under the Dog link or the Extension Office.
- **4-H Building Exhibits chosen for State Fair will have a purple instruction sheet attached**. Read carefully for information on how to prepare the exhibit for State Fair. The Extension Office is not responsible for missing information or improper labeling.

A 4-H VIDEO CAT SHOWMANSIP CONTEST has replaced the cat show at the State Fair. A video recording of a youth sharing their cat showmanship talk will be done by the Extension Office will be submitted as the entry to be judged. Youth will be judged on their cat showmanship presentation and cat knowledge. The contest is open to youth 10 years of age as of December 31, 2016 and older. More information is available at <http://4h.unl.edu/companion-animal/cat-showmanship-contest>. Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in participating.

REQUESTING POINT-OF-VIEW VIDEOS FROM 4-H YOUTH FOR NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

Showing a rabbit. Interview judging. Zooming down the zipline. Aiming for the archery target. Jumping into the saddle. Riding a bike. Baking muffins. Programming a robot. Nebraska 4-H youth from across the state are learning by doing – and we want to share *your* #NE4H view with others! The #NE4H Video View Wall that features 12 large televisions will once again be used at the 2017 Nebraska State Fair as a way of telling the Nebraska 4-H story through point-of-view, highlight reel, and narrative videos taken by Nebraska 4-H'ers, like you. Using a GoPro camera or by creating your own using a mobile device, record your 4-H experience (either completing a 4-H project or participating in a 4-H event). Then edit the footage, upload it to a cloud storage system, and share it for display on the #NE4H Video Wall. Complete details can be found at <http://4h.unl.edu/video-view>.

Shooting a rocket. Searching for insects. Sewing a dress. Drilling a hole. Shearing a sheep. We want to see *your* #NE4H view and share it with others at the 2017 Nebraska State Fair!

4-H CLOVER CHASE – The 4-H Clover chase will continue through August 15! Photos that have been submitted through the app will be shared at the Nebraska State Fair. Check out the Clover Chase webpage for information: <http://4h.unl.edu/clover-chase>.

THE NORFOLK BEEF EXPOSITION AND SALE is scheduled for Sunday, September 10 at the Northeast Community College Ag Complex. Entries are due in the Extension office by **5 p.m. on Thursday, August 24**. Contact the Extension Office for entry forms.

AK-SAR-BEN - The 4-H Livestock Exposition will be held on September 28-October 1 Fonner Park/State Fairgrounds in Grand Island. The Horse Show will be held September 23-24 at Fonner Park (Thompson Arena) in Grand Island.

- Horse exhibitors do not have to qualify for the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Horse Show. However, youth must be 12 years of age and have passed a minimum of Level 2 to enter.
- Entries will be made online by families. Information will be forwarded when available.
- Ak-Sar-Ben premium books are available online at <http://www.aksarbenrodeo.com/p/events/375> or at the Extension Office.

4-H CAREER PORTFOLIO & RECORD BOOKS

The focus on record keeping will be the 4-H Career Portfolio, not individual project records. Project record books can be used at the club level; however, premiums will only be paid on completed 4-H Career Portfolios. Contact your club leader for club requirements and when they are due for your club. Record books and the Career Portfolio are on-line at <http://wayne.unl.edu/county4h>. A \$3.00 premium will be paid on the Career Portfolio. Final enrollments, award applications and a list of members that have completed the Career Portfolio are due to the Extension Office on or before Wednesday, September 20. Please contact Amy if you would like assistance or help getting started with your Career Portfolio.

A NOTE FROM AMY: Congratulations on all the hard work in preparing for the fair. The 4-H program values your good character when participating in events and thanks you for volunteering at the fair and throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you and your projects at the Fair.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Topp, Extension Educator

FAIR CLEAN-UP NIGHT

July 24, 2017 6:00 p.m.

☞ THANK YOU for all your efforts in helping get the 4-H barns and buildings ready for fair. Please be sure to show extra caution when working at the fairgrounds.

☞ SAFETY FIRST!

- Only licensed drivers can operate skidloaders and tractors due to safety and liability (no individuals are to ride in the loader buckets of skidloaders or tractors).
- Only Food Stand Managers or licensed drivers who are appointed by the managers are allowed to operate the Gator at the 4-H Food Stand (no individuals riding in the back).

Thank you for practicing responsibility and safety!!

☞ CLUB BANNERS - Each club should bring their banner so it can be displayed in the 4-H Building. Please make sure they are in good repair.

☞ 4-H CLUBS are assigned specific areas to work - each club will need to bring brooms, cleaners, buckets, rags, tools and supplies to clean the areas assigned. We stress that parents need to make sure their kids are supervised and kept busy. *Clubs working in the livestock barns* - Make sure bedding is in stalls and pens so they are ready for entry day. Be sure to check with the Superintendent before you leave to see if anything else can be done.

- *American Country 4-Hers & Wayne First Lego League* - Wipe down tables (these are now cafeteria tables). Some members may wish to clean livestock areas they exhibit in. Help set up building displays. Move benches and picnic tables to the outside of the 4-H Building.
- *Bits & Spurs, Blue Ribbon Winners, Coon Creek Clovers, Hi-Raters & Spring Branch* - Livestock barns and small animal barn.
- *Combination Kids & Country Classics* - Wipe down display booths, hang club banners and help set up building displays. Some members may wish to clean livestock areas they exhibit in.
- *Sharp Shooters/Independent Members* - Help in areas that you are exhibiting in.

4-H BUILDING EXHIBITS
JUDGING INFORMATION & INTERVIEW JUDGING SCHEDULE
July 26, 2017
4-H Building - Wayne County Fairgrounds

☞ EXHIBITORS WILL NEED TO CHECK IN AND PICK UP THEIR ENTRY TAGS AT A TABLE NEAR THE 4-H FAIR OFFICE (Enter through the large door on the east). Once entry tags are attached, exhibits can be taken back to the appropriate department. Be sure to let the check-in people know if you DID NOT bring some of the exhibits you pre-entered. Be sure to have your supporting information attached, if required. Please check the Fair Book to see what is needed for your exhibit.

☞ HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE ENTRIES: Exhibits will be entered and judged in the Foodstand lean-to. A green Horticulture/Floriculture entry form was included with entry forms. Please bring the completed form (be sure to list the cultivar (variety) name!) to check-in at the Food Stand lean-to on July 26. Entry tags will be printed for you at that time. Allow time for entry tags to be printed before you go to interview judge. Please refer to the publication *Selecting and Preparing Vegetables, Herbs and Fruits for Exhibit* when preparing your horticulture exhibits. Those exhibiting flowers & houseplants should refer to publication *Preparing Cut Flowers for Exhibit*. Copies are available online at <http://nebraska4hprojects.com/?menu=detail&id=117> and at the Extension Office.

☞ ENTRIES UNABLE TO INTERVIEW JUDGE: (7:30 - 8:30 a.m.) - 4-Hers who are not able to interview judge are required to enter them in the morning. **No entries will be accepted after 8:30 a.m. unless they are interview judged. Exception:** if a family has both interviewing and non-interviewing family members, all exhibits can be brought during the interview judging time frame to save multiple trips to the Fairgrounds. **Check in your entry and take it to the respective department.** Be sure to have your supporting information attached, if required. Please check the Fair Book to see what is needed for your exhibit.

☞ INTERVIEW JUDGING - Interview judging allows for a better learning experience. We recommend all 4-Hers interview judge projects, but it is not required. A parent or leader may sit with the 4-Her during the interview and listen only. Bring your projects with you at the scheduled interview time. **Home Environment Area:** We ask that you limit items you interview to 3. You can pick which three items you want to interview. Be sure to check in at the check-in area to receive your entry tags **before** you go to interview judge.

4-Hers will interview in these time blocks according to last name.

K thru Z will interview judge	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Noon Break	11:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
A thru J will interview judge	12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Interview judging will conclude at 2:15 p.m. Please realize this is an approximate time schedule. Expect to wait in line at the judging areas.

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INTERVIEW JUDGING STEPS AND SAMPLE QUESTIONS

1. The judge will help the 4-Her feel at ease by greeting him/her warmly and conversing in a friendly manner---

- a. "I'm glad you're here. Won't you sit down so we can look at it together?"
- b. "I really like your selection of..." (color, fabric, wood finish, display, etc.).
- c. "Is this your first time to interview judge in...?"
- d. "If you have any questions while we look over your exhibit, please just ask."

2. The judge will encourage the 4-Her to talk about his/her project

- a. "Why did you select this exhibit/project?"
- b. "What did you expect to learn in this project?"
- c. "Did you enjoy making this exhibit?"
- d. "What was the most fun about making this exhibit?"
- e. "Where did you have the most problems?"
- f. "If you had a chance to do this over again, what would you do differently?"
- g. "What new things did you learn doing this project?"

3. The judge will help the 4-Her discover what could be done to improve the exhibit. The judge shares what could be improved---

- a. "How do you feel your exhibit could be improved?"
- b. "Did your project turn out as you had planned?"
- c. "Why did you choose to use this technique?"
- d. "Might there be another way to do this?"
- e. "You will want to check in your 4-H manual for tips on how to do this differently."
- f. "This wood finish is very sticky, to improve this you might..."
- g. "You've done a good job here, but you might improve this area by..."