

Cherry County 4-H Alert

Summer Edition 2022



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Calendar of Events

UPCOMING DUE DATES (Bold=Local)

June 1 - Livestock ID's

June 1 - Nebraska State 4-H Youth Leadership Conference (high school) Registration

June 3 - State Public Speaking Contest Entries

June 3 - PASE Entries

June 3 - Clover Kid College (June 6) Registration

June 10 - Cherry Co. 4-H Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest Registration

June 10 - Thedford Photography & Sewing Camp Registration

June 13 - Pathfinder/Entrepreneurship Camp Registration

June 14 - Clover Kid College (June 15) Registration

June 15 - Enrollment Deadline for County & State Fair Eligibility

June 15 - State Fair Livestock Nominations

June 15 - Nebraska State 4-H Livestock Achievement Program Applications

June 17 - Crafts & Co. Sign Workshop, Plein Air Painting Registration, STEAM 1 PJ/Skirt Workshop Registration

June 24 - Brenda Aufdenkamp Food Workshops Registrations

June 24 - Clothing Day & Special Foods Contest Entry Forms

June 27 - Clover Kid College (June 28) Registration

June 30 - Agronomy Youth Field Day Registration

July 1 - Cherry Co. 4-H T-Shirt Design Vote Due

July 15 - Pre-Fair Entry Forms, YQCA, Horse Levels Due

July 15 - STEM & Robotics Days Registration

July 19 - Clover Kid Day (July 20) Registration

LOCAL EVENTS

May 29 - CWF Fundraiser Food Booth HS Rodeo @Fairgrounds all day

May 31 - 4-H at Valentine Community Schools Summer School, 9:30 am

June 1 - Valentine Summer Reading Program begins @Valentine Public Library, 9:30 am & 11:00 am (weekly throughout June)

June 1-2 - LOG-N Leadership Camp for Middle Schoolers @Halsey, NE

June 2 - Horse Practice, @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm

June 3 - 4-H at Valentine Community Schools Summer School, 9:30 am

June 6 - Clover Kid College @Ext. Office, 2:00-5:00 pm

June 6-7 - Camp for grades K-1 with Niobrara Council, 9:00 am-12:30 pm

June 7 - 4-H Council @Kilgore Community Center, 6:00 pm MT/7:00 pm CT

June 7-8 - Barn Quilt Work Days @Ext. Office, 1:00 pm

June 8 - Camp for Pre-K with Niobrara Council, 1:00-5:00 pm

June 8 - Dog Practice @Cody Park, 5:30 pm MT

June 8 - BB Gun Practice @Cody, 6:30 pm MT

June 9 - Horse Practice, @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm

June 9-10 - Design Camp on the Niobrara

June 10-11 - Heart City Cattle Battle with Showmanship & Fitting Clinic (not a 4-H event)

June 11-13 - Camp for grades 6-8 with Niobrara Council

June 13 - Photography Workshop @Thedford, morning time TBD (carpool available)

June 13 - Sewing Machine Camp (small items) @Thedford, 1:00-4:00 pm (carpool available)

June 14 - Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest, @Cherry Co. Fairgrounds, 9:00 am

June 14 - In-Person YQCA, @Cherry Co. Fairgrounds, approx. 1:00 pm CT following Livestock Judging

June 14 - Dog Practice @Fairgrounds, 4:00 pm

June 15 - Summer Reading 4-H Day @Valentine Public Library, 9:30 am & 11:00 am

June 15 - Clover Kid College @Ext. Office, 1:00-4:00 pm

June 15 - .22 Rifle Practice @Cody, 6:30 pm MT

June 16 - Horse Practice @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm

June 16-17 - Camp for grades 2-3 with Niobrara Council

June 20 - Plein Air Painting Workshop (meet @Ext. Office), 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

June 21 - PJ Pants/Skirt STEAM 1 Workshop & Intro to Barn Quilt @Kilgore Community Center, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm MT

June 21 - Archery Practice @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm

June 22 - Trap & Archery Practice @Cody, 6:30 PM MT

June 22 & 23 - Barn Quilt Work Days @Ext. Office, 1:00 pm

June 23 - Sign Workshop with Crafts & Co. @Ext. Office, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

June 23 - Horse Practice @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm

June 24-26 - Youth Leadership Conference for High Schoolers @Halsey, NE

June 26 - NVOEP Fishing Clinic in Valentine, TBD

June 27 - Intro to Knitting & Crocheting @Ext. Office, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

June 28 - Cookie Colleege w/ Brenda Aufdenkamp @Kilgore Community Center, 9:00 am-11:00 am MT

June 28 - YQCA @Kilgore Community Center 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm MT
June 28 - Clover Kid College @ Kilgore Community Center, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm MT
June 29 - Trap @Cody, 6:30 pm MT
June 29 - .22 @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
June 29-30 - Camp for grades 4-5 with Niobrara Council
June 30 - Dog Practice @Fairgrounds, 5:30 pm
June 30 - Horse Practice @TBD, 6:30 pm
July 6 - Trap @Cody, 6:30 pm MT
July 6-7 - Pathfinder/Entrepreneurship Camp, @Valentine City Park (8th & 9th grade)
July 7 - Clothing Day @Ext. Office, TBD
July 7 - Dog Practice @Cody Park, 5:30 pm MT
July 7 - Horse Practice @TBD, 6:30 pm
July 11 - Sewing Machine Camp (pillowcases) @Thedford, 1:00-4:00 pm (carpool available)
July 12 - Bread Making w/ Brenda Aufdenkamp @Our Savior Lutheran Church in Valentine, 10:00 am-1:00 pm
July 12 - Cake Decorating w/ Brenda Aufdenkamp @Our Savior Lutheran Church in Valentine, 2:00-5:00 pm
July 12 - BB @Cody, 6:30 pm MT
July 12 - Archery @Valentine, 6:30 pm
July 13 - Trap & Archery @Cody, 6:30 pm MT
July 13 - BB @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
July 14 - Special Foods Competition, TBD
July 14 - Dog Practice @Fairgrounds, 4:00 pm
July 14 - Horse Practice @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
July 18 - STEM/Robotics Day @Ext. Office, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
July 18 - Quilts of Valor pre-view for Quilt Guild, @Valentine Baptist Church, 7:00 pm
July 19 - .22 @Cody, 6:30 pm MT
July 20 - Clover Kid College 9:00 am-12:00 pm MT, STEM/Robotics Day 12:30-2:30 pm MT @Cody, site TBD
July 20 - Trap @Cody, 6:30 pm MT
July 20 - .22 @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
July 21 - Horse Practice @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
July 21 - Trap @Cody, 6:30 pm MT
July 24 - NVOEP Fishing Clinic @Cub Creek, TBD
July 26 - Archery @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
July 27 - Dog Practice @Fairgrounds, 5:30 pm
July 27 - Trap & Archery @Cody, 6:30 pm MT
July 27 - BB @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
July 28 - Horse Practice @Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm
August 1 - Small Animal Showmanship Workshop @Cherry Co. Fairgrounds, 3:00 pm
August 5-14 - Cherry Co. Fair 4-H Activities (see [schedule](#))

HIGHLIGHTED REGIONAL/STATE/NATIONAL EVENTS

May-June - Tractor Safety Training Courses, various sites
June 3-20 - State Horticulture Judging Contest (Online)
June 8-10 - UNL Livestock Judging Camp @Lincoln, NE
June 12-17 - Big Red Academic Summer Camps for High Schoolers @Lincoln, NE
June 22-23 - PASE Competition @Lincoln, NE
June 24 - State Public Speaking Competition @Lincoln, NE
June 26-July 1 - National Shooting Sports Competition @Grand Island, NE
July 6 - Agronomy Youth Field Day @Curtis, NE
July 9-13 - State 4-H Horse Show @Grand Island, NE

August 26 - State Fair Begins

September 17 - State Outdoor Archery Championships @Grand Island, NE

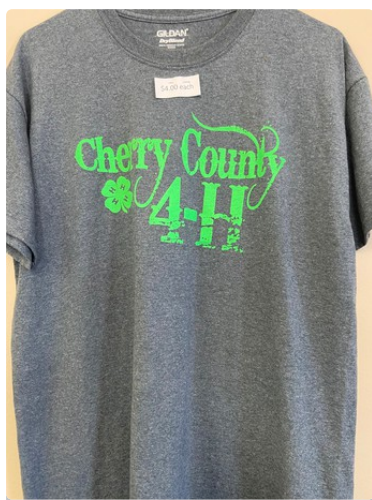
2021-2022 4-H Enrollment Closes June 15

Online enrollment is open on an upgraded 4-H online system. NOTE THE NEW URL: v2.4honline.com! Enrollment stays open through June 15 and you can add and drop projects during that open time. Don't forget that you must pay your \$5 enrollment fee to the Extension Office for the process to be complete. Plus, it's always best to work on your projects year-round, so don't hesitate to get started! **If you need or want enrollment help, please set up an appointment with Michelle.** **Volunteers - don't forget to re-enroll each year!**



NEW Cherry County 4-H Remind App

Coming soon! If you would like to receive text messages for event reminders or other 4-H communications, please e-mail Andrea with your name and cell number and put "Join Remind" in the subject line of your e-mail.



Vote for Cherry County 4-H T-Shirt Design

We have received some fun entries for our 4-H t-shirt design contest. There will be a couple of options for voting - you can vote on our [Google Form](#), or at any 4-H event you attend up until July 1. The winner will receive \$50 to use toward a 4-H project or camp and will be recognized at Fair and Achievement Night. Youth are only allowed to vote once.

Cherry County Fair Premium Book & Fair Schedule

The 2022 Cherry County Fair Premium Book is available [online](#) or you can get a hard copy upon request at the Extension Office! For those new to 4-H, this contains all of the guidelines and project entries for Fair and pre-Fair competitions. It is critical to read each section carefully as many projects require special write-ups, have size restrictions, etc.

NEW projects for 2022!

- Expanded Conservation & Wildlife Section (including new hiking and camping projects in Outdoor Adventures Levels 1-3)
- Leatherwork - local only
- Knot Tying - local only
- Models (including Lego) - local only

Several other projects have small changes and additions - read carefully!

The [2022 Cherry County Fair Schedule](#) is also available! ****Note two important changes!****

- Dog Show will now be held on Monday of Fair Week - August 8 at 6:30 pm
- The Bucket Calf Show will be held FIRST on Thursday afternoon of Fair (before small animals) at 1:00 pm CT



Enroll for CWF 2023 OR 2025!

The Cherry Co. Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip scheduled to depart in the summer of 2022 has been postponed until the summer of 2023 due to complex COVID regulations. That means, registration for CWF is opening up NOW in 2 WAYS:

- 1) Any youth who will be at least 14 years old by approximately June 1, 2023, is welcome to register for the 2023 trip.
- 2) We are sticking to our regular future schedule, so the next cohort will still start forming for 2025 this spring/summer. Any youth who will be at least 14 years of age by approximately June 1, 2025, may register for that trip and start fundraising now.

Cost of the trip is approximately \$3,000 and several fundraising opportunities are offered each year. To read more and download a registration form, visit: [Citizenship Washington Focus & 4-H Camps | Nebraska Extension \(unl.edu\)](https://unl.edu/Citizenship-Washington-Focus-4-H-Camps)

Good luck at National 4-H Shooting Sports Dylan Naslund!

Cherry County 4-H is proud to announce that Dylan Naslund will be representing us at the 4-H National Shooting Sports Competition in Recurve Archery June 26-July 1 in Grand Island, NE! We wish him the best of luck and we will keep you up-to-date with results and photos.



Clover Kid Colleges & Activities

There will be several ways to engage as a Clover Kid in summer activities! Here are select events from our calendar that youth ages 5-7 are encouraged to attend. Unless noted below, see additional articles for registration deadlines, details, and other info.



Wednesdays in June - Valentine Public Library Summer Reading Program (4-H Day is June 15)

June 6-7 Niobrara Council K-1 Camp

June 6 - Clover Kid College at Extension Office (register by June 3)

Topics: Aerospace Galaxy Jar, Theater Arts, & Bicycle Safety

June 8 - Niobrara Council Pre-K Camp

June 14 - Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest

June 15 - Clover Kid College at Extension Office (register by June 14)

Topics: Cultural Celebrations & Animal Caretaker

June 23 - Sign Making Workshop with Crafts & Co.

June 28 - Clover Kid College Kilgore Community Center (register by June 27)

Topics: Aerospace Galaxy Jar, Theater Arts, & Bicycle Safety

July 12 - Bread & Cake Decorating Workshops

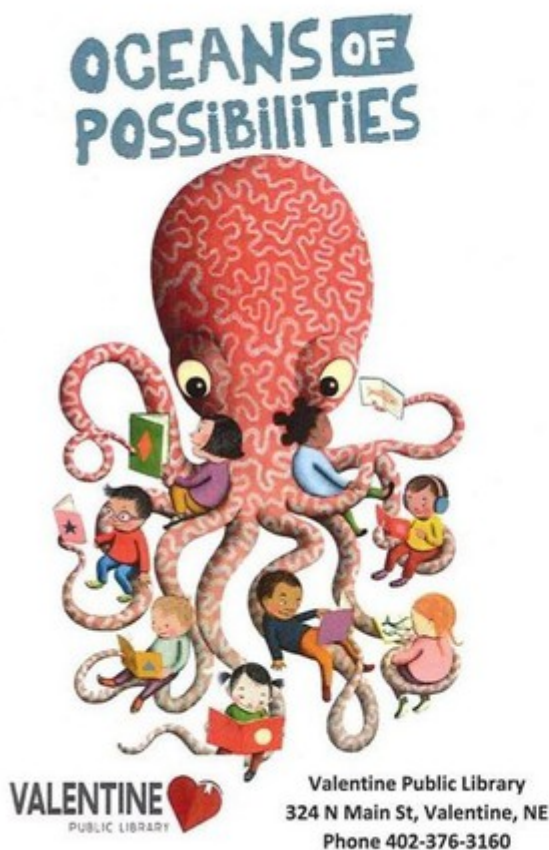
July 14 - Cupcake Wars (Special Foods Day)

July 18 - Robotics/STEM Day Valentine

July 20 - Robotics/STEM Day Kilgore & Clover Kid College Kilgore (register by July 15)

Topics for Clover Kid College: Cultural Celebrations & Animal Caretaker

August 1 - Small Animal Showmanship Workshop Valentine



2022 Summer Reading Schedule

June 1 - Kickoff Sessions

June 8 - Watersheds & Aquifers at new location: Girl Scout Cabin in City Park

June 15 - Dolphin Tail Design

June 22 - Friendship is a Treasure

June 29 - Last Day Sessions

Reading Challenges will end on August 1st.

1st session is 9:30 a.m.

2nd session is 11:00 a.m.

Programming is for ages Pre-K-5th Graders. Limit of 30 kids per session. Sessions will last about 45 minutes.

Please call the library to pre-register.

All events will be held the Valentine Public Library meeting room except June 8 which is at the Girl Scout Cabin in Valentine City Park.

Cherry County 4-H partners with the Valentine Public Library Summer Reading Program each year! 4-H day is June 15. We will have fun with science and engineering while learning about dolphins and diving!



Summer Dog Practices

We are excited to welcome Jamie Seipel to our Cherry Co. 4-H volunteer team. She will be leading summer dog practices! Please be sure to bring proof of vaccination to your first practice. During the summer, we will meet at the Cody Park when we meet in Cody, and the Fairgrounds when we meet in Valentine. Be sure to bring a carrier for your dog, leashes, water/bowl, and treats. Dog practice dates and locations:

June 8 @ 5:30 pm MT/6:30 pm CT in Cody Park

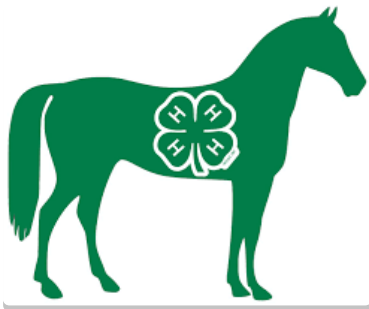
June 14 @ 4:00 pm CT at Cherry County Fairgrounds

June 30 @ 5:30 pm CT at Cherry County Fairgrounds

July 7 @ 5:30 pm MT/6:30 pm CT in Cody Park

July 14 @ 4:00 pm CT at Cherry County Fairgrounds

July 27 @ 5:30 pm CT at Cherry County Fairgrounds



Horse Practices

Horse practice will be held at the Cherry County Fairgrounds arena every Thursday June 2 through July 28. (There is a back-up location for the week prior and the week after July 4 if the arena is being worked for the demolition derby.) Practice will begin at 6:30 pm CT. Please call or text Eve Millar at 402-389-0119 by at least noon the day of practice to let her know you plan to attend. All youth MUST be enrolled in v2.4honline.com with a signed waiver prior to practice!

If you are returning youth to the horse project, and you missed the May 1 ID deadline, you have until June 15 to submit those forms to the Extension Office with a \$10 late fee. All youth who are new to project have until June 15 to submit ID forms.

Levels testing is due July 15!

Livestock Requirements & Deadlines

Please carefully read the livestock section of the 2022 Premium book!

Important deadlines and events:

June 1 - ALL LIVESTOCK ID FORMS due to Extension Office. Please upload [here](#) or drop off in-person. (We are trying to move away from receiving these via e-mail, FB messenger or texting, please.) Also, for MARKET BEEF, MARKET SHEEP, MARKET GOATS, AND MARKET SWINE, we need to receive a photo of each animal on your ID sheet that clearly shows the 4-H tag number in the animal's ear. (Stocker Feeder photos are not due until the last Friday in July, use ranch numbers on ID forms.) The photos should be uploaded to the same site as the I.D. forms. *There is a grace period until June 15, but a \$10 late fee per ID form will be charged.*

June 10-11 - Heart City Cattle Battle with showmanship & fitting clinics (not a 4-H sponsored event)



June 15 - Final day to enroll in 4-H and drop/add projects to be eligible for 2022 County and State Fairs.

June 15 - State Fair Livestock Nominations due. It is highly recommended to nominate prior to the due date in case you encounter technical difficulties!!!

July 15 - Proof of YQCA completion due (online or in-person) along with all pre-fair entry forms.

Heart City Cattle Battle June 10-11 & Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest June 14

Two great opportunities to learn about livestock locally!



The Heart City Cattle Battle is not sponsored by 4-H, but is a top-notch event where you can hone your skills by showing and participating in the fitting and showmanship clinics. This event will be held June 10-11. See their [Facebook page](#) for more details.

Doug Smith from NCTA will once again be leading the annual Cherry County 4-H Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest at the Cherry County Fairgrounds on June 14. Classes to be judged include breeding beef, market beef, goats, sheep, and hogs. There will be a reasons class for intermediates and seniors. Clover Kids are welcome to attend with an adult/teen helper. Adults are also encouraged to judge! Please **pre-register by June 10**.



NEW Platform for YQCA in 2022

Every year, youth enrolled in livestock projects (including rabbit and poultry) must complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training. In March, the training moved to a new platform. If you plan to complete YQCA training online, go to YQCAProgram.org.

Learn more about Nebraska 4-H quality assurance requirements and find help documents for accessing the new system at 4h.unl.edu/yqca.

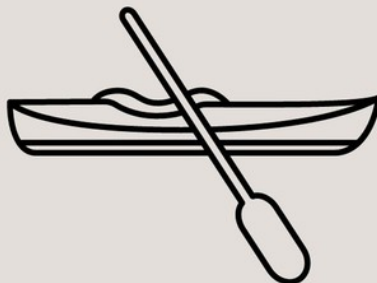
There will also be opportunities to take YQCA in-person:

- June 14 in Valentine following Livestock Judging (approx. 1:00 pm CT)
- June 28 from 12-1 pm MT in Cody/Kilgore, site TBD



NEBRASKA 4-H

PATHFINDER



July 6-7
Valentine NE &
Niobrara River
Cost: \$50
8th & 9th Grade Youth

Spend a couple days listening to the song of nature and learning about your niche in life.



**Register at: go.unl.edu/pathfinder22
Deadline to Register is June 13**

The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based on any protected status. For more information please visit: go.unl.edu/nondiscrimination



Shooting Sports Practices

If you are new to a discipline, you are **REQUIRED** to attend at least one practice to be eligible for the county shoot-off!

Please bring your own gun, bow, ammo, arrows, safety equipment (ear plugs, safety glasses, etc.), and mats. Please note that boots are not allowed for gun competitions, so practice accordingly. We do have some BB guns, air rifles, and bows/arrows available for use. Youth must complete Hunt Safe before Fair to be eligible for the Trap competition. Part of this class is online and the in-person section is offered at the end of July (TBA).

Practices in Cody are held at the Cody Trap Club field, just east of the football field on the far east side of town. Practices in Valentine are held at the Fairgrounds.

All youth MUST be enrolled in v2.4honline.com with a signed waiver prior to practice!

2022 Shooting Sports Schedule

All times are 6:30 pm. If in Valentine, 6:30 pm CT, if in Cody, 6:30 pm MT

Wed. June 8 BB in Cody

Wed. June 15 .22 in Cody

Tues. June 21 Archery in Valentine

Wed. June 22 Trap & Archery in Cody

Wed. June 29 Trap in Cody, .22 in Valentine

Wed. July 6 Trap in Cody

Tues. July 12 BB in Cody, Archery in Valentine

Wed. July 13 Trap & Archery in Cody, BB in Valentine

Tues. July 19 .22 in Cody

Wed. July 20 Trap in Cody, .22 in Valentine

Thurs. July 21 Trap in Cody

Tues. July 26 Archery in Valentine

Wed. July 27 Trap & Archery in Cody, BB in Valentine



June 23 Sign Workshop with Crafts & Co.

You have probably seen the awesome projects from Crafts and Co. by Joanna Connot! Maybe you have even taken one of her classes. Joanna is going to do a class especially for 4-H youth this summer. This will be a great opportunity to complete a Home Environment project, so if this sounds like fun to you, enroll your 4-H member in Design Decisions or Design My Space before June 15 so they can take their sign to Fair! The workshop will be held on June 23 from 9:00-11:00 at the Extension Office. Cost will be \$35 per youth. Please contact the Extension Office for registration instructions **by June 17**.

Plein Air Painting Workshop June 20

Do you love the outdoors and painting? Then this workshop is for you! Be sure to enroll in Portfolio Pathways by June 15 to be able to take your finished painting to Fair. You must be 4th grade and up to attend and there will be just 10 spots available in this class. Meet at the Extension Office at 9:00 am CT, then travel to a near-by outdoor location and paint the day away with local art teacher, Joan Swim. Bring a picnic lunch, snacks, bug spray, sunscreen, and a camp chair. We will be back to the Extension Office by 4:00 pm for dismissal. Art supplies will be provided. Cost of this workshop is \$10 and youth **must pre-register by June 17**.





STEAM 1 PJ Pant/Skirt Workshop & Barn Quilt Intro June 21

Come to the Kilgore Community Center from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm MT and create a pair of PJ pants or a skirt with sewing leader, Rhonda Cherry! Be sure to enroll in STEAM 1 Clothing before June 15 to be able to exhibit at Fair. You will need to stop into the Extension Office by June 17 to register and try on a sample for pattern sizing purposes. If you have your own machine, please bring one with you that day, along with basic sewing supplies (pins, scissors, measuring tape, etc.). Adult/teen helpers are welcome and needed, but we will have a few available if you do not have a sewing buddy for that day. There will also be a repeat of the May 26 Intro to Barn Quilt session that day. Pick out a pattern and colors and learn how to get started on this project. You will want to be enrolled in Quilt Quest or Design Decisions by June 15 to enter your Barn Quilt in the Fair.



Intro to Knitting and Crocheting June 27

Want to learn more about starting a knitting or crochet project? Local leader, Lolita Schubert, will introduce you to the basics and there will be discussion about future work times/workshops based on interest and ability levels. Held at the Extension Office from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm on June 27. Bring any tools you have, but we will also have some available.

Workshops with Sandhills Friends!

This year, we are partnering more with our friends in Central Sandhills to provide a wider variety of workshops over the summer! Did you know that Michelle has Blaine, Thomas, Hooker, and Grant counties in her Accountability Region for her job? She has met so many wonderful families and volunteers working there and she would love to see more opportunities for youth all over the Sandhills to get together, make friendships, and build new skills. Carpools will be organized to help youth attend the following events in Thedford this summer:

June 13 Photography Workshop

Time: morning, TBD

With Love Co. will be doing an intro to photography workshop. Bring a camera with you if you have one! **Pre-registration required by June 10 by contacting the Cherry Co. Extension Office.**

June 13 Beginners Sewing Machine Camp

Cost: \$10

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm CT (meet at Ext. Office at 11:45 am)

Youth will be getting familiar with the sewing machine and practice running their machines. They will be sewing a felt needle book, hair scrunchies, cord keepers, tote bags and ice pop cozies. Class size is limited to 10. Ages 8 and up. If you have a sewing machine, please plan to bring it. **Pre-registration required by June 10 by contacting the Cherry Co. Extension Office.**

July 11 Beginners Sewing Machine Camp Continued

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm CT (meet at Ext. Office at 11:45 am)

For ages 8 and up. We will be sewing a pillowcase and possibly pajama shorts. Youth should be familiar with a sewing machine if planning to attend.

Pre-registration required by June 10 by contacting the Cherry Co. Extension Office.



Clothing Day & Special Foods Day - Registration DUE June 24

For all youth completing quilting, barn quilts, STEAM Clothing projects, Beyond the Needle, crocheting, knitting, and other textile projects, Clothing Day participation on July 7 is required. This is when youth complete interview judging prior to the fair and are also judged on modeling for the Fashion Show. Right after the registration deadline, a schedule will be made for Clothing Day and will be sent out to participating families. Forms are available on our website or at the Extension Office.

The Special Foods Contest on July 14 is a comprehensive challenge of nutrition, design, cooking, and public speaking expertise. There are a variety of ways to participate: Cupcake War, Table Setting/Menu only, Special Foods beginner, and Special Foods Advanced (2022 Challenge Ingredient for the Advanced class will be ground beef). For those new to the competition, youth plan a menu, cook one of the menu items in front of the judge, set a table, and answer nutrition questions. There is a handbook with all the rules and steps for preparing for competition available on the Cherry Co. 4-H website. The schedule for the day will be determined after registrations are received.

Registration for both events is required and is due June 24.

Summer Foods Workshops with Brenda

Register by June 24 for all workshops by contacting the Extension Office. Carpooling options will be available. No payment due until workshop time.



Join UNL Extension Nutrition Educator, Brenda Aufdenkamp, for fun and learning in the kitchen this summer!

Cookie College

Become an expert at baking and selecting the “best” cookies. Students will learn baking fundamentals, explore the science behind baking temperatures, how to safely store cookies, and evaluate 5 different cookie recipes with samples to take home. Cookies to be sampled: cosmic, painted, refrigerator, whole grain, and frosting decorated.

Ages: 8 and up

Cost: \$15.00

Date: June 28, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Site: Kilgore Community Center

Objectives:

1. Students will learn fundamentals of baking cookies
2. Students will explore the science behind baking temperatures
3. Students will learn how to safely store cookies
4. Students will evaluate different cookie recipes.

Let's Make Bread

What's your favorite bread? Explore quick, yeast, focaccia and tortillas all in this day-long workshop. Learn the function of each ingredient and understand how to adapt your bread to fit your family. Participants will make their lunch while exploring the world of bread.

Cost: \$20.00 lunch will be provided (lunch will be tacos on homemade tortilla bread)

Date: July 12, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Site: Our Savior Lutheran Church, 130 E 3rd St. Valentine

Objectives:

1. Students will explore what their favorite type of bread is.
2. Students will learn the function of each ingredient and how to adapt your bread for preference.
3. Students will explore bread from around the world.

Beginning Cake Decorating

Youth will learn cake decorating skills using butter cream frosting and introductory decorating techniques. Youth will be prepared to decorate a cake to exhibit at the county fair. Youth need to bring at least one of each decorator tips to the workshop along with an 8-inch round cake. Star tips #18, #21, #32 – Line Tips #7, #8 #10 – Leaf Tips #352, #366

Cost: \$15.00 each

Date: July 12, 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Site: Our Savior Lutheran Church, 130 E 3rd St. Valentine

Objectives:

1. Identify primary and secondary colors.
2. Learn to properly cover cake boards.
3. Practice decorating tips using frosting boards.
4. Practice smoothing techniques
5. Practice frosting skills using cupcakes.
6. Create an 8" or 9" round cake using smoothing technique, star tip, leaf tip and writing tip.

Niobrara Summer Camps & New Outdoor 4-H Projects

Once again this summer, 4-H is assisting Niobrara Council and the Niobrara Valley Outdoor Education Partnership (NVOEP) to deliver outdoor summer camps for Pre-K through 8th grade. (High school volunteers are welcome!) Please see the calendar at the top of this newsletter for all of the dates. Contact the Niobrara Council at 402-472-2793 to register.



In addition, Nebraska 4-H launched NEW outdoor education projects for 2022, so check out the Premium Book for new projects you can take to Fair! Talk to Michelle about curriculum options to support your projects. Participating in Niobrara Council summer camps will help you complete several experiences you can turn into posters for Fair, and even some items you can exhibit at Fair.

Don't forget, we have a special NIOBRARA CONNECTIONS option in our Premium Book, for a variety of projects that can be related to the River Valley. Special prizes are awarded by the National Park Service



STEM & Robotics Days

Set up in a fun and interactive format, these days will be a way to explore what you can do in STEM projects in 4-H. Work through stations at your own pace on topics such as aerospace, electricity, energy and more. Then everyone will come together for an intro to the 2022-2023 robotics season. If you want to know more about participating in our school-year robotics program with competitive and non-competitive tracks, you will want to attend this meeting. We will also preview the robotics theme for this year! There are two options to participate:

Extension Office on July 18 from 1:00-3:00 pm CT

Cody (site TBD) on July 20 from 12:30-2:30 pm MT

Please register by July 15.

Small Animal Showmanship Workshop August 1

This is a great opportunity to "warm up" right before Fair and give your pet a little experience with the show atmosphere prior to competition.

This is open to Clover Kids and regular 4-Hers. Bring your rabbits, cats, poultry, and companion animals in the appropriate cages and carriers with plenty of water. There will be demonstrations, sample judging questions, and a chance for you to practice and receive feedback. No pre-registration required, simply arrive at the Fairgrounds by 3:00 pm.



Tractor Safety Courses 2022

New!! Hands-On Safety Day: Tractor and Equipment Safety for Young and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

Young and beginning farmers, ages 13 and older are invited for a day of hands-on equipment demonstrations and tractor driving (14 years of age and over to drive).

May 24, 2022 – West Central Research and Education Center in North Platte

May 26, 2022 – Raising Nebraska in Grand Island

Annual Tractor and Equipment Safety Certification Training Course for students 14 years of age and older

Successful completion of a one-day in-person training (driving exam) paired with an online learning module will result in certification for 14 and 15 year old youth to be employed on farms and ranches.

May 25, 2022 – North Platte

June 6, 2022 – O'Neill

June 7, 2022 – Gering

June 8, 2022 – Broken Bow

June 9, 2022 – Hastings

June 10, 2022 – Weeping Water

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

June 24-26, 2022

State 4-H Camp, Halsey, NE

4h.unl.edu/leadership-conference



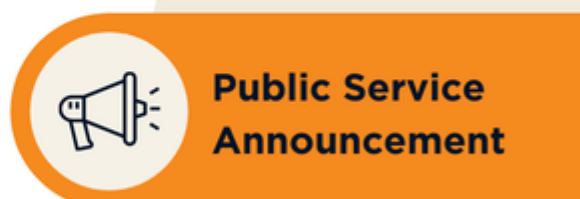
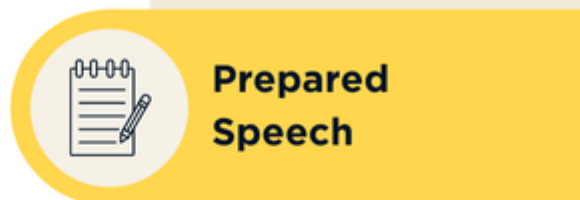
If you qualified for the State Public Speaking Contest (speeches & PSA's), visit with the Extension Office to complete entries by June 3! The NEW contests below are open to all!



STATE 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTESTS

June 24, 2022 | Lincoln, NE

4h.unl.edu/public-speaking



Nebraska 4-H Livestock Achievement Program

This additional opportunity for enrolled livestock project youth is designed to promote all educational aspects of the 4-H livestock projects. This includes selection, production, leadership, and exhibition by recognizing youth striving to improve in their livestock project knowledge and leadership.

The program recognizes Members of Excellence across all 4-H livestock project areas, including: beef, sheep, meat goat, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goat, rabbit, and poultry.

The program consists of two levels that require 4-H members to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate and project-related accomplishments. For each level, the Livestock Achievement Program provides a list of accomplishments from which 4-H members choose their goals. Each accomplishment is worth a specific number of points. Intermediates, ages 10-13, must complete 100 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Intermediate Member of Excellence. Seniors, ages 14-18, must complete 150 points worth of activities to receive the distinction of Senior Member of Excellence. The Plan and Reports, linked on the webpage, show examples of the project related accomplishments they can choose, or they can identify their own with approval of their local educator.

Applications are due June 15th through the application form link on the website. Plans, reports and project records will be due August 10 via the completion form on the website. Youth completing the achievement program and receiving member of excellence recognition in the various species will be recognized during the Parade of Champions, 4-H weekend at the Nebraska State Fair.

For more information or to apply, go to: [Livestock Achievement Program | Nebraska 4-H \(unl.edu\)](https://www.unl.edu/livestock-achievement-program)

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UNL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

JUNE 8-10 | LINCOLN, NE

The UNL Livestock Judging Camp is designed for 4-H and FFA members looking to improve their livestock evaluation and oral reason skills. Activities will focus on proper evaluation with an emphasis on reasons format, terminology, and presentation.



Registration is \$300 per person and includes all meals, lodging, and materials. The registration deadline is May 23.



[GO.UNL.EDU/JUDGING-CAMP](https://go.unl.edu/judging-camp)

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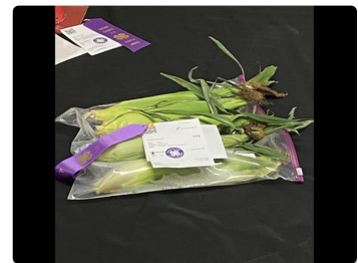


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State Horticulture Judging Contest (Online) June 3-20

Do you know what it takes to pick the best fruit and vegetables out at the grocery store? Do you know what judges are looking for when they judge your plants at the county fair? Have you ever wondered, what plant is that!?! We are excited to offer the opportunity to learn these and other important horticulture skills through the Online Horticulture Contest. The contest will be available June 3-20, 2022 at: <https://go.unl.edu/online4hhortcontest>



Horticulture judging contest consists of three parts. The first is identification of plant material. Participants identify the plants by common name from a plant list. Specimens may be alive or preserved plant parts like stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers, or plant products.

The second is a knowledge portion, usually in the form of a true/false or multiple choice quiz.

Questions will test the contestant's knowledge of cultural practices for horticultural crops, plant science, pesticides, horticultural careers and other topics related to the production, processing and consumption of horticultural crops.

The last portion is judging or placings. This is where four different plants, plates of vegetables, or containers flowers are ranked from best to worst based on a set of criteria. Classes are judged on the basis of condition, quality, uniformity, true-to-type, and size.

More details at: <https://4h.unl.edu/online-horticulture-judging-contest>

More information about the Nebraska State contest can be found in the Fairbook <https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/45>.



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**6th Annual
Agronomy Youth
Field Day**



Wednesday, July 6th, 2022
9:00 am—3:00 pm
Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA)
Educational Center in Curtis, NE

See crop irrigation management using drones & sensors!
Learn about crop nutrients & tools! Discover the fun of seed corn production & hybrids! ID various weeds and understand herbicides! Learn about plant growth stage! Inspect a field for insect damage!

Hands on activities for both younger & older youth—focusing on weed ID, herbicides, crop nutrients, insect & irrigation management.

Open statewide to ALL youth ages 9 to 18 years old (as of 1/1/2022).

Two different age tracts. Parents/Adults are welcome!

FREE event with lunch provided by Ag Valley Coop

Nebraska Extension Cropping & Water Systems Educators, along with NCTA Agronomy & Bayer Crop Science scientists will help youth get excited about careers in Agronomy, Weed Science, Irrigation, Mechanized Agriculture & STEM for producing Nebraska Crops!



Register TODAY online: <https://go.unl.edu/agronomy-youth-field-day>
(or by scanning the code) by **June 30, 2022.**

For more information - contact Nebraska Extension Frontier County at

308-367-4424 or email 4-H Educator Kathy.Burr@unl.edu

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- ☑ Keep it clean. Wash your hands and wear clean clothes.
- ☑ Disinfect equipment, tools and shoes.
- ☑ Isolate new and “show” birds for 30 days before they join or rejoin the flock.
- ☑ Restrict access to your property and poultry.
- ☑ Know the warning signs of avian influenza. Report unusual poultry deaths or sick birds to NDA at 402-471-2351.

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