

Animal science field day planned

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Agriculture is a big part of Nebraska and Nebraska 4-H. On Thursday, May 26, 2011 at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) campus in Curtis youth will have the opportunity to learn many different aspects of agriculture in livestock production. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's West Central District Youth Animal Science Field Day will begin at 9 a.m. CT with activities wrapping up by 3:30 p.m. CT.

The day will involve young people from the 20-county West Central District. Pre-registration is due by May 20. There is a \$5 registration fee and lunch will be provided.

Youth between the ages of 8 and 18 are the targeted age group for the field day. Organizers will combine youth into smaller age groups/teams. They will be encouraged to work together throughout the day as they rotate through seven stations. Station topics include Beef Quality Assurance; Beef Reproductive Management; Ruminant Nutrition and Feed ID; Animal Advocacy; Companion Animals; In It to Win It with Careers in Animal Science and What's Inside the Leg of a Horse. The stations are designed to be learning experiences in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

Although the event will help prepare youth to participate in various 4-H competitions, even those not involved in livestock contests will have an opportunity to learn more about the Animal Science industry.

Participants will gain important life skills such as communication, critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork. Youth will also increase their basic understanding of science and technology. They will be able to apply Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) skills to their 4-H projects and explore careers related to Animal Science .

The Youth Animal Science Field Day provides experience, but is not a competition. Parents and other adults interested in the livestock industry and in educating youth are encouraged to attend and participate.

The field day is sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln West Central Research and Extension District, the Frontier County Extension Office, NCTA, Nebraska 4-H and the UNL

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For more information or to register for the field day, call your local University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Office Chase 308.882.4731, Dundy 308.423.2021, Hayes 308.286.3312, Hitchcock 308.334.5666 or email Kimberly Cook, UNL Extension Educator atkcook2@unl.edu by Friday, May 20.