

Animal science field day planned

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By Robert Tigner

Extension Educator

Activities on Thursday, May 30 at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture campus in Curtis will focus on the many different aspects of livestock production, said Robert Tigner, extension educator.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's West Central District Youth Animal Science Field Day will begin with registration at 8:45 a.m. with ending by 3:30 p.m. will involve young people from the 24-county West Central district area and beyond.

Preregistration is due Wednesday, May 22 by calling the Chase County Extension Office at 308-882-4731. "There is a \$5 registration fee and lunch will be provided," Robert Tigner said.

"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 and they will be encouraged to work together throughout the day as they rotate through seven stations," said Robert Tigner.

Station topics include: Understanding the Importance of Live Meat Animal Evaluation and Marketing; Acquire Hands-on Beef Reproductive Management and knowledge; Experience Unusual Small Animals and Explore Vet Science; Learn about Ruminant Nutrition and different feed stuffs; Discover the World of Entomology as it relates to Animal Science; Study Horse Behavior and Anatomy; Hear about Innovation in Animal Science and Take a Virtual Tour. "The stations are designed to be learning experiences in a fun, relaxed atmosphere," said Rob "Although the event is not a competition, it will help youth prepare to participate in various 4-H and FFA competitions. Youth not involved in animal projects will have an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Animal Science industry," Robert Tigner explained.

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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 and be able to apply science, and technology skills to their 4-H projects plus explore careers relate to Animal Science.

“The Youth Animal Science Field Day provides an excellent educational experience. Parents and other adults interested in the livestock industry and in educating youth are encouraged to attend and participate,” Robert Tigner said.

The field day is sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln West Central Research and Extension District, the Frontier County Extension Office, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) and the UNL Animal Science Department.

For more information or to register for the field day, call the Chase County Extension Office at 308-882-4731 by Wednesday, May 22.