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### **Livestock camp, animal science field day May 22-23**

CURTIS, Neb. – Youth can triple-dip on science, livestock and fun May 22-23 in Curtis, and stay overnight at a college campus, to boot.

Best to wear the boots, actually, and toss in a bed roll, pillow and overnight supplies as youth ages 8 to 18 can attend an overnight livestock camp and animal science field day with hands-on training in evaluating livestock.

Register by 5 p.m. on May 10 at  
<https://go.unl.edu/camp-ncta>.

On Wednesday, May 22, the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture will host the “Standard of Excellence Livestock Judging Camp.” Judges can stay overnight at the NCTA residence hall, and join in the annual “Youth Animal Science Field Day” on Thursday, May 23.

From 9:30-3:30 on Thursday, young animal scientists can attend six different sessions taught by Nebraska Extension educators and NCTA livestock judging members, faculty and staff.



*Dr. Doug Smith explains sheep judging at the Standard of Excellence Livestock Judging Camp at NCTA. (File Photo)*

Topics will include animal science careers, horse hippology, dog care/stock dogs, beef reproduction, animal management, poultry judging and more, said West Central District 4-H Coordinator Ashley Benes.

The Livestock Camp includes animal evaluation techniques, terminology, note taking skills, proper handling of contest animals, and developing confidence to deliver oral reasons on placings, said Dr. Doug Smith, NCTA livestock judging coach.

Schedules and other details are at <https://go.unl.edu/camp-ncta>. The fee for Thursday is \$10.

Questions about judging camp should be directed to Coach Doug Smith at 308-367-5286.

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