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## Resources and Opportunities

# Regional Connections



P R O F E S S I O N A L  
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### Spring 2024 Meeting Dates

April 4: Crete  
April 5: Lexington

**April 11: Norfolk**  
**April 12: Alliance**

Beyond School Bells, NDE 21st CCLC and Nebraska Extension are partnering to provide FREE regional professional development to afterschool providers. The in-person and virtual professional development and networking sessions will be held across the state in four regional hubs during April. Click below to get more information and meeting details.

Regional Connections Information

### Conservation Management Summer Internship

Share this opportunity with a high school student interested in conservation!



We are excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for the 2024 Conservation Management Summer Internship program. Designed to introduce high school students to conservation work and careers across our state, Beyond School Bells is offering the internship to inspire high school students to become environmental stewards and explore local career paths in

conservation.

Through a two-week traveling internship from **June 2 - 14**, high school students will have the opportunity to connect with conservation professionals, participate in hands-on activities, and develop valuable skills that will benefit them both personally and professionally. From wildlife conservation to sustainable agriculture, these experiences will provide students with a deeper understanding of our state's rich natural resources, the importance of conservation and the role they can play in protecting our planet. BSB will coordinate support for two small groups (3 students and 1 mentor) of high school students to travel to conservation experiences this summer. Interested programs and students can reach out to Dakota Staggs ([dstaggs@nebraskachildren.org](mailto:dstaggs@nebraskachildren.org)) with questions. [Students can apply here.](#) Applications are due ASAP, but won't be accepted after May 6.

Please share this information with your students and help us spread the word about this exciting opportunity! Together, we can empower the next generation of environmental leaders and make a positive impact on Nebraska's environment.

Student Application

### 4H Camp Scholarships Available!

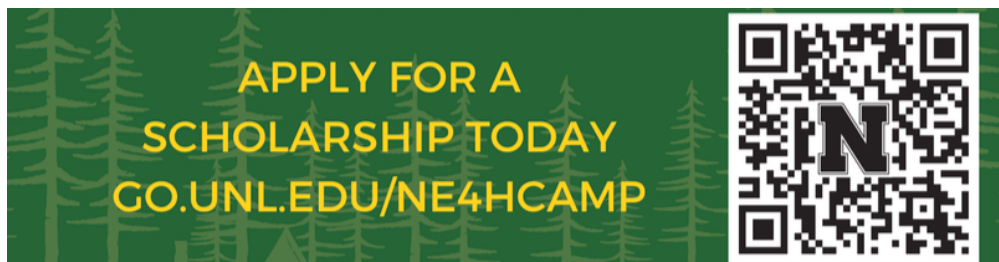


Speaking of summer, BSB is once again partnering up with UNL Extension 4H to offer partial and full scholarships to [summer camps](#) across the state. 4H summer camps offer an array of unique and immersive experiences for students and provide all youth a place to discover, learn, and grow. Youth do not have to be a member of 4-H to attend one of the many summer camps. Camps will help young people explore science in their everyday lives, grow leadership and citizenship skills, explore future career opportunities, and make healthier decisions.

Nebraska 4-H Camps are American Camp Association (ACA) accredited, requiring a thorough review of over 300 standards related to operations, staffing, and emergency management. 4H recruits an experienced and caring staff that receives training in first-aid/CPR, water safety,

camping skills, and positive youth development. Directors share more than 50 years of combined experience in working with youth and continue to be leaders among our peers in the youth development field. Campers' safety, security, health, and growth are our primary concerns. Nebraska 4-H Camps' unparalleled, experienced leadership provides a well-supervised and supportive environment. We believe there is no better investment than your child attending camp! 4-H camp is a great place to meet new friends, try something for the first time, and to build cherished memories to last a lifetime!

Please share the below QR code with parents and caregivers to spread the word about scholarship availability. Camp dates, locations, and details can be found at [Summer Camps | Nebraska 4-H \(unl.edu\)](https://www.unl.edu/summer-camps).



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### April Million Girls Moonshot Resources



**Virtual PD: Click2Engineering's Including All Learners in Engineering**  
Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 Noon-1:00 pm ET; 9:00 am-10:00 am PST

How do we create program spaces that help young people feel like engineering is a discipline in which they can succeed and thrive? Join this FREE virtual workshop to develop strategies for creating engineering experiences that are engaging for all youth.

[Register Today!](#)



### Student Activity: How to Make Seed Bombs

Kick off your [spring science](#) with an Earth Day activity and **make seed bombs with your kids!** Super easy and fun to make, start a new tradition to celebrate Earth Day and learn how to make seed bombs or seed balls. A flower seed bomb is also a fun gift! Use this DIY seed bomb recipe and make them for mom for Mother's Day too!

[Access the Free Lesson!](#)

## TMC News



### TMC Idaho: STEM Week with Lemhi County 4-H

In November 2023 the small, rural towns of Salmon and Leadore, Idaho lit-up (literally!) with STEM education, thanks to Taylor Smith and Shannon Williams of University of Idaho Extension 4-H of

Lemhi County. They reached almost every kid in the county with STEM lessons during STEM Week. They modeled the week of education after Ag Week, a 4-H tradition. Using their TMC Lab and community partners, they presented 1-hour STEM lessons at every public school in their county, did STEM activities with homeschool students at the local library, and distributed STEM kits to preschool children.

During STEM week, 4th-6th graders made paper circuit cards and learned about alternative energy sources with the 4-H curriculum "Power Protectors." Fernwaters Charter School students worked on robotics at the Salmon Public Library. Parents also stopped by the library to pick up pinwheel kits for their preschool-aged children. K-3rd grade students made copper tape flashlights with folks from Idaho Power and the Idaho STEM Ecosystem. Middle and high school students learned about circuits using Makey Makeys with Steve Dahl of Computer Zen, a local technology company. They also learned about technology used in the medical field by using a Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS) unit. Students controlled the movement of Steve's arm by entering code into a TENS unit hooked up to his body!

Taylor said that many of the students she worked with were excited to go home and share their STEM learning with their parents. Teachers appreciated the lessons and the supplies the TMC Lab provided. Best of all, Taylor has seen an increase in community interest in STEM learning since they put on STEM Week. She's already scheduling more STEM events with local schools for next year!

~Amy Post, TMC Labs Project Coordinator, Idaho Out-of-School Network



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