



# Volunteer Insider January 2026



## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT



### COLLEEN GNEWUCH

- **How many years have you been a volunteer?**

Currently, I have volunteered four years and anticipate that I will for many years to come.

- **What is your favorite volunteer position?**

I believe I would say my favorite position is volunteering in the First Aid Station.

- **Why do you volunteer?**

I volunteer to support our State Fair and contribute to our community by giving back. A bonus is that you genuinely feel appreciated and get to meet other fine volunteers.

- **What is the best fair food?**

It's a toss up between Cactus Jack and the Nebraska Cattleman Beef Pit.

- **What were you most excited about for the 2025 State Fair?**

Every year I look forward to viewing the 4-H exhibits from the various Nebraska counties and admire the creativity of our youth.

## NEW EVENTS!

The Nebraska State Fair is introducing several new interactive events that fairgoers can register to participate in!

- Arm Wrestling Competition at the Pump & Pantry Party Pit on September 5th with time TBD (open to all with multiple weight classes and youth divisions)
- Sunrise Yoga on September 2nd and 5th at 8:30 AM at the Kramers Sustainability Pavilion
- Chicken Calling & Rooster Crowing Contest on September 6th at the Earl May Stage with time TBD.

Registration for all events will open mid-January.

## IAFE GRADUATES

We're excited to celebrate two new IAFE graduates at the NSF office!

Tyler Griffeth, Livestock Manager, has earned his Institute of Fair Management (IFMG) Certificate, and Karli Bartz, Entertainment and Events Director, has completed the IFM Management Grad Track Program.

Congratulations to Tyler and Karli on these outstanding achievements!