



Lancaster 4-H Announcements for 4-H'ers and Leaders, February 2012

This is a printer-friendly version of the 4-H announcements emailed to Lancaster County 4-H'ers and leaders.

These announcements are compiled from The Nebline and 4-H Web site. Check the Lancaster County 4-H Web site at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h> for additional resources.

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1. 4-H ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE!

Attention 4-H club leaders and independent members -- your fall enrollment forms **MUST** be updated with member and volunteer information, and returned to the extension office in order to be enrolled for the 2012 year. Project information can be updated until June 15.

2. 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT, FEB. 2

Lancaster County 4-H and 4-H Council invite ALL 4-H'ers, 4-H families and volunteers to 4-H Achievement Night on Thursday, Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Evening starts with a dessert potluck. Please bring a finger food dessert to share. A "2011 4-H Year in Review" video will be presented! Lancaster County 4-H congratulates all 4-H youth who commit themselves to excellence! We also thank the 4-H leaders who volunteer their time and talents to youth! 4-H members, clubs and volunteers receiving awards, scholarships, or pins will be mailed detailed information. <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/AchievementNight12.pdf>

3. NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO CHOOSE DIAMOND CLOVER GOALS

The Nebraska 4-H Diamond Clover Program is designed to encourage 4-H youth to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable members to acquire the life skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring, and contributing citizens. Find out more about the Diamond Clover by reading the February Nebline's feature <http://lancaster.unl.edu/nebline/2012/feb12>. Near the beginning of the year, a 4-H member completes the "Plan" portion of the Plan & Report form, setting goals for the year. The plan is saved and at the end of the year, the "Report" portion of the form is completed. Both parts of the form are due to the extension office by Dec. 31. For forms and additional information, go to <http://4h.unl.edu/diamondclover> or call 402-441-7180.

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4. PICK-A-PIG INFORMATIONAL MEETING, FEB. 7

Youth wanting to participate in this year's Pick-a-Pig program will need to attend an orientation meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. At this meeting we will discuss what is involved with the project and what is expected of the members. The Pick-a-Pig project gives urban youth the opportunity to participate in a 4-H livestock project. There is a minimal cost to participate in the program and 4-H members will be required to attend weekly meetings and training sessions at a local farm. For more information about this program, contact Cole Meador at cmeador2@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.

5. MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN, FEB. 9

4-H and FFA exhibitors showing market steers or heifers at the Lancaster County Super Fair, Nebraska State Fair, and/or Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show must identify and weigh in their projects on Thursday, Feb. 9, 6-8 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 2. 4-H'ers planning on exhibiting market beef at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben must have DNA sampled. There is a \$6 per head charge. It is encouraged to have DNA pulled at the time of weigh-in. Exhibitors have until April 1 to identify, weigh, and pull DNA on any market beef that may go to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. Please note all other market livestock possibly going to Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben will need to be DNA sampled by June 15. For more information, contact Cole at cmeador2@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.

6. CROCHETING WORKSHOP, FEB. 11

4-H youth ages 10 and up are invited to learn how to crochet a washcloth utilizing the single crochet stitch at the "Basic Crocheting" workshop on Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road. No cost -- all supplies will be provided. Must preregister by Feb. 8 by calling 402-441-7180. 4-H'ers may enter washcloths at the Lancaster County Super Fair under 4-H Clothing -- Level 1 Crochet.

7. HORSE STAMPEDE, FEB. 18

The annual 4-H Horse Stampede will be held Saturday, Feb. 18 on UNL East Campus at the Animal Science Building. Stampede is a state 4-H Horse competition. These are contests which do not require a horse: Horse Bowl, Public Speaking, Demonstration, and Art. Lancaster County has several horse 4-H'ers competing this year. Those who aren't familiar with Stampede are highly encouraged to stop in and see what it is all about. Support our county 4-H'ers and see if the contests might be something you would enjoy doing in the future. No cost to attend. Free parking in the lot south of the Animal Science Building. Schedule is online at <http://animalscience.unl.edu/web/anisci/ANSCStampedeSchedule>

8. PILLOW PARTY, FEB. 25

All youth ages 8 and up (need not be enrolled in 4-H) are invited to learn beginning sewing skills and make a pillow at the "Pillow Party" sewing workshop on Saturday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. No cost to attend. Adults are welcome to help. Bring your sewing machine, basic sewing equipment (scissors, pins, measuring tape), etc. Also bring 1/3 yard and 2/3 yard contrasting fabrics, pre-washed, 100% cotton (no plaids, no knits) and matching thread. Pillow forms provided. Sign up by Feb. 23 by calling 402-441-7180. 4-H'ers may enter pillows at the county fair under 4-H Clothing - Sewing for Fun.

9. NEBRASKA 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE MARCH 1

There are several statewide Nebraska 4-H scholarships: Orschlen Industries Foundation (4 x \$1,000 each), Horse-Grand Island Saddle Club (4 x \$1,000 each) and R. B. Warren 4-H Horse Educational (1 x \$500) scholarships. For scholarship guidelines and application, go to <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/resources/scholarships-and-awards>. The horse scholarships are also posted <http://animalscience.unl.edu/web/anisci/ANSC4HHorseProgramScholarshipInformation>.

10. EXTENSION BOARDS SCHOLARSHIP DUE MARCH 15

The Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards scholarships include:

- One \$1,000 scholarship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) or in the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) for an incoming student (freshmen or transfer student)
- One \$500 scholarship for a current student (sophomore or higher) enrolled in CASNR or CEHS.

Application and details are <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Programs/award.shtml>

11. COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS DUE MARCH 2

The Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards are sponsored by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) in cooperation with the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. These awards recognize 25 4-H clubs each year for the work of the individuals in the club and the community service work of the entire club. Recognition is in the form of \$500 checks issued to the club's treasury to be used as described in the award application form completed by the club. Forms are due by March 2 (email to 4hfoundation@unlnotes.unl.edu) and the awards will be presented at UNL's East Campus on June 25. For more information, go to <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/resources/scholarships-and-awards/governors-ag-excellence-awards>.

12. JAMMIE JAMBOREE, MARCH 17

Practice basic sewing skills as part of the 4-H Clothing Level 1 project and make jammie bottoms at the "Jammie Jamboree" sewing workshop on Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Open to all youth (need not be in 4-H). No cost to attend. Adults are welcome to help. Bring your sewing machine, basic sewing equipment (scissors, pins, measuring tape, etc.), pull-on pajama bottom pattern (one simple pattern is Simplicity 3553), prewashed flannel or 100% cotton fabric (no one-way design fabrics or plaids) 1 yard ½-inch elastic, and matching thread. Also bring a sack lunch. Sign up by March 14 by calling 402-441-7180. 4-H'ers may enter jammie bottoms at the county fair and styled in Style Revue under Clothing Level 1.

13. PAINTING BARRELS FOR EVENT CENTER, MARCH 18

It has been ten years since Lancaster County 4-H'ers painted trash barrels for the Lancaster Event Center and county fair. All 4-H families are invited to participate in this group community service project on Sunday, March 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center (room to be announced). All paint and brushes will be supplied. To help plan supplies, please let us know if you are planning to attend by calling 402-441-7180.

14. SPRING RABBIT SHOW, MARCH 24

All youth ages 8-18 are invited to learn and practice showing their rabbits at the Spring Rabbit Show on Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Registrations 7:30-8:30 a.m. Awards will be given! Classes: Fancy Rabbits, Commercial Rabbits, Pet Class and Pee Wee Class. Registration Fees: \$2.50 per rabbit or cavy, \$1 fur class, \$1 Showmanship. Free Contests: Rabbit Quiz & Breed ID! Raffle for many prizes! Tickets 3 for \$1 or 20 for \$5. Please bring an item for raffle. 4-H Rabbit VIPS will have a concession stand on-site. All rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear (available at the show 7:30-8:30 a.m. -- \$1 per rabbit). All rabbits must be brought in carriers with leak-proof bottoms. For more information, go to <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/documents/RabbitShowSpring12.pdf>

15. 4-H CLUBS NEEDED TO HELP PROVIDE BOOTHS AT KIWANIS KARNIVAL, APRIL 14

The annual Kiwanis Karnival, a FREE family event, is sponsored by the Lincoln Center Kiwanis. This year, it will be held Saturday, April 14, 6-8 p.m. at Elliott Elementary School, 225 S. 26th St., Lincoln. The Karnival features carnival type games for the kids, bingo for adults, prizes, snacks, fun, and fellowship. Lincoln Center Kiwanis has sponsored this event for over 50 years -- providing prizes and snacks. 4-H clubs are needed to provide carnival-type booths. This is a great community service and leadership activity for clubs. If your 4-H club or family would like to have a booth or for more information, call Lorene at 402-441-7180. Come join the fun!

16. HORSEMANSHIP LEVEL TESTING DATES

Mark your calendars! The 2012 group testings will be held at the Lancaster Event Center on the following dates:

- Tuesday, April 17, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 1, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 18, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 26, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 3, 5:30 p.m.

Please RSVP at least by one week in advance with Marty at mcruckshank2@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.

17. SPEECH & PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTESTS

The Speech and Public Service Announcement (PSA) contests are open to all 4-H'ers ages 8-18 -- need not be enrolled in a specific project. Youth may choose to participate in either or both the Speech and PSA contests. For resources, guidelines, and examples go to <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Contest/speech.shtml>. If questions, contact Cole Meador at cmeador2@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.

- 4-H Speech Contest will be Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Register by April 13 by calling 402-441-7180 or emailing cmeador2@unl.edu with your name, speech title, and your age division.
 - In the Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest, 4-H'ers submit a 60-second "radio commercial" promoting 4-H. The PSA contest will be held via audio only (not in person). Submit a PSA via CD playable on any standard stereo equipment to extension by Friday, April 13. If you do not have the capabilities to record a PSA, contact Cole to set up a recording time.
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18. PHOTOGRAPHY NEBRASKA THEMES

- Unit II Nebraska photography exhibit print -- Explore a career as a Nebraska photo journalist. The goal of a photo journalist is to tell a story through their work. Capture a photo of a newsworthy event in your Nebraska community.
 - Unit III Nebraska photography exhibit print -- Explore a career as a Nebraska artistic photographer. The goal of an artistic photographer is to portray a unique or interesting image through their work. Capture photos of Nebraska landscapes where creative composition is the goal.
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19. GET INVOLVED IN DOG PROGRAM!

The 4-H dog project is open to all youth ages 8-18. Lancaster County Super Fair dog shows include: Obedience, Agility (obstacle course), and Showmanship. The Dog VIPS Committee is asking all dog exhibitors to come up with a theme for this year's Creative Kennel contest at the Lancaster County Super Fair. This year's Super Fair theme is "Super Fun!" For more information about the 4-H dog program, Dog VIPS Committee, or to send Creative Kennel theme ideas, contact Cole Meador at cmeador2@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.

20. SPOTLIGHT ON 4-H NEWSLETTER ONLINE

The January "Spotlight on 4-H Newsletter" is now online.

Topics include:

- Fast Track Volunteer Training
- "Case by Case" 4-H Citizenship Project
- Add Some 4-H Science to Projects
- Simple Sewing Projects

The newsletter is written by extension staff for 4-H volunteers during the months of January through July. It is packed with information and resources to educate, inform and motivate 4-H members and families. This newsletter is mailed to organizational leaders and is available online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Spotlight.shtml> for all 4-H volunteers and families.

21. CLOVER COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

4-H Clover College will be held June 12-15 at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Clover College is four days of fun-filled, hands-on workshops for youth ages 6 and up. If you have workshop topic ideas, or if you would like to teach a workshop or volunteer to help, please contact Tracy at tanderson14@unl.edu or 402-441-7180. All help is very much appreciated!

22. WATCH CHICKS HATCH ONLINE WITH EGG CAM!

This year's first batch of eggs have been set and are due to hatch about Jan. 30. Lancaster County 4-H embryology resources include incubation, candling, and more at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Embryology>. Follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/4HEGGCam>.

23. 4-H COUNCIL SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS - PREFERENCE TO APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY MARCH 1

Lancaster County 4-H Council is offering two full scholarships to attend a 4-H summer camp at any of the three Nebraska 4-H Camp locations: Gretna, Halsey, and Alma. Applicants must be age 9 or older and currently enrolled in Lancaster County 4-H. Application deadline is May 1 -- preference given to applications submitted by March 1. Applications are available at the extension office and at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Programs/4HCouncilCampScholarship.pdf>

24. APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 4-H CAMP STAFF

The three 4-H Camps in Nebraska are currently accepting applications for summer staff. All positions provide endless opportunities for growth in a fun, fast-paced outdoor atmosphere. Need not be in 4-H to apply. You may apply for a variety of positions:

- CAMP STAFF -- Ages 18 and older who lead camp programs. Spend mid-May to early August working full time to provide day to day leadership of camp activities and teaching groups of all ages. Salaried position. Deadline is Feb. 15.
 - CABIN MENTORS -- Ages 17 and up who provide cabin supervision and assist in leading camp programs. Mentors receive an honorarium for their service and are scheduled according to their availability. Mentor for a few days or for the entire summer -- the choice is yours! Deadline is April 1.
 - CAMP COUNSELORS -- Ages 15 and up who assist with cabin supervision and leading of camp programs. Join over 150 volunteer teens in providing valuable leadership to a group of campers by day and assist with cabin supervision at night. Camp counselors are scheduled according to their availability and counseling is a fantastic leadership experience for any young person. Minimum three days over the summer. Deadline is May 1.
- More information and applications are online at <http://4h.unl.edu/web/4hcamps/summercampemployment>.
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25. DISCOVER, LEARN, AND GROW AT 4-H SUMMER CAMPS

2012 4-H Summer Camp brochures are now available online at <http://4h.unl.edu/camp> and at the extension office. Camps are open to all youth ages 5-18 (need not be in 4-H). With three unique Nebraska locations at Halsey, Gretna, and Alma, there are more than 40 camps ranging from half day to seven days/six nights! Save 10% by registering before April 15!

26. EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS AT BIG RED ACADEMIC CAMPS

The Big Red Summer Academic Camps are a chance for youth grades 10-12• to spend time investigating an interest or potential career, explore the UNL campus, meet people from across the state and have lots of fun. Held in June, Big Red Summer Academic Camps features nine career exploration camps hosted by Nebraska 4-H and University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty members. The camps are residence camps held on UNL campus. Housing and food are provided. Brochures and registration forms are available at <http://bigredcamps.unl.edu> or at the extension office. Limited scholarships are available. For more information, call 402-472-2805. Save \$50 by registering before April 1!

27. UNL “SUNDAY WITH A SCIENTIST”

University of Nebraska State Museum’s “Sunday with a Scientist” is a series of presentations highlighting the work of scientists. It educates kids and families on a variety of topics related to science and natural history. Presenters share science in a fun informal way through demonstrations, activities, or by conducting it on site. Hours are 1:30-4:30 p.m. every third Sunday of the month. Location is Morrill Hall which is south of 14 and Vine street on UNL campus. There is a cost to enter the museum. For more information, go to <http://www.museum.unl.edu/sundaywithascientist> or call 402-472-3779.

- Feb. 19 - Snakes (Past and Present)
 - March 18 - Ashfall Fossil Beds
 - April 15 - Food Science
 - May 20 - Bees
 - June 17 - DNA
 - July 15 - TBA
 - Aug. 19 - Plants
 - Sept. 16 - Biofuel
 - Oct. 21 - Ogallala Aquifer
 - Nov. 18 - Birds
 - Dec. 16 - Platte River Time Lapse Project
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28. UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN SPRING OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln offers a variety of unique campus visit options throughout the year.

- RED LETTER DAY -- Monday, Feb. 20 -- an all-day open house experience for high school seniors!
- JUNIOR WEDNESDAYS -- Wednesdays March 7, 14, 28 and April 4, 11, 18, 25 -- a Husker Weekday visit specifically for juniors.
- BIG RED OPEN HOUSE -- March 12, April 6 or April 20 -- an on campus experience for high school and transfer students to learn about the BIG things happening on the UNL campus.
- HUSKER WEEKDAYS -- This is Nebraska’s most versatile half-day campus visit option. You can schedule a visit for any weekday and select Saturdays throughout the year.

For more information or to register, see <http://admissions.unl.edu/visit>