

May 2008

Dear 4-H Organizational Leaders and Independent Members:

It's time to start gearing up for the Lancaster County Fair! For 4-H members, that means working on projects to enter. For leaders and parents, that means helping members keep track of entry forms and deadlines.

This packet includes helpful information about exhibiting in 4-H at the county fair. Please read the packet and return needed information by the deadlines indicated. The following enclosures are included:

• **LEADER'S CHECKLIST FOR COUNTY FAIR** (on back)

• **CLUB ENROLLMENT SHEET**

Two copies of the club enrollment sheet are provided. One copy is for the extension office and one copy is for your records. **Please make the following changes and return one copy by June 15:**

- 1) Cross off leaders or youth no longer participating in 4-H. Please use the extra enrollment forms to add leaders or youth not listed.
- 2) Add project(s) not listed and/or cross off project(s) not taking this year. *Note: MUST list project area(s) each member plans to enter at the county fair (specific classes within each project area not needed).*

• **COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION**

- Overview of Exhibiting in 4-H at Lancaster County Fair
- How to Enter 4-H Contests at Lancaster County Fair
- How to Enter 4-H Static Exhibits at Lancaster County Fair
- Animal Requirements for County Fair, State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben
- How 4-H Clover Kids May Participate in the County Fair
- Presentation Contest Guidelines
- Call for Volunteers at 4-H Corner Stop Food Booth

Thanks for all that you do for 4-H! We appreciate your dedication to serving the youth in Lancaster County. You do make a difference. We'll see you at the fair!

Sincerely,



Tracy Kulm



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Marty Cruickshank

# 4-H Leader's Checklist For County Fair

Check when done:

- Remind horse exhibitors to submit **horse identification certificates** to extension by June 1.
- Return complete **club enrollment form** by June 15. *MUST list project area(s) each member plans to enter at the county fair (specific classes within each project area not needed)!*
- Give each 4-H member their **exhibitor number** (found on club enrollment sheet).
- Stop by the office and pick up **County Fair entry forms/tags**.
- Remind animal exhibitors to submit **animal identification forms** (carbon copies) to extension by June 15 and **animal entry forms** to extension by July 7.
- Remind horse exhibitors to submit all **horse entry form & stall reservations** to extension by July 14.
- Remind 4-H'ers to preregister for the **4-H Bicycle Contest** by June 23. Enrollment in Bicycle project not required to participate in contest. New this year, contest is held *before the County Fair* on Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m. at Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Rd., Lincoln.
- Remind 4-H'ers to preregister for **4-H Presentation Contest** by Friday, July 11. Only ONE contest will be held this year *before the County Fair*. Presentation Contest is Saturday, July 19, 9 a.m. at Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Rd., Lincoln.
- Remind 4-H'ers to preregister for the **4-H Table Setting Contest** and **Style Revue Contest** by July 21 (Table Setting preregistrations may be called in, Style Revue has entry forms which must be submitted).
- Remind 4-H'ers to call between July 7 and July 31 to sign up for a **static exhibit Interview Judging** time slot. *See Fair Book page 38 for more information. Note: correction to Fair Book—there is NO Forestry Interview Judging.*
- Remind 4-H Clover Kids' parents to call between July 7 and July 31 to sign up for a **Clover Kids Show and Tell** time slot. *See Fair Book page 33 for more information.*
- Sign up club members for a shift at the **4-H Corner Stop food booth**. *(This is 4-H Council's primary fundraiser. Funds raised support 4-H scholarships, trainings, promotional activities, etc.)*
- Remind animal exhibitors to submit **State Fair** and **Ak-Sar-Ben animal entry forms** to extension staff by last day of county fair (August 10).
- Remind all exhibitors to pick up their **premium payouts** on Sunday, August 10, Noon–4 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center Fair Board Office (subject to identification, parents, guardians and club leaders are permitted to pick up and sign for premiums).

## Nebraska State Fair

The 2008 Nebraska State 4-H Fairbook is available online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/fairbook.htm>

State fair day passes and seasonal parking passes may be purchased and picked up at the extension office AFTER County Fair. These passes are for 4-H members and their immediate family only.

### 4-H Project Completion Certificates

4-H Certificates of Achievement are available for leaders to present to members at the conclusion of the 4-H year (usually after county or state fair). The certificates are designed to be used one per 4-H member.

For your convenience, you may pick up these in conjunction with county fair entry forms/tags.

