



# Lancaster 4-H General Announcements for 4-H'ers and Leaders, June 2009

*This is a printer-friendly version of the 4-H announcements e-mailed 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 NOW HAS A YOUTUBE CHANNEL

UNL Extension in Lancaster County 4-H currently has 26 videos on YouTube so you can watch, learn and enjoy at your convenience! Videos include Lancaster County Fair, 4-H Clover College, Raising Rabbits and 4-H Embryology. For a list of Lancaster County 4-H's videos on YouTube, go to <http://www.youtube.com/user/4HLancasterNE>

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## 2. CLOVER COLLEGE STILL HAS OPENINGS

Clover College is four days fun-filled, hands-on workshops open to youth ages 6 and up. It will be held June 16-19 at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. 22 workshops have openings left! Current class availability and information is online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/programs/clovercollege>

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## 3. CLOVER COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

4-H Clover College will be held June 16-19 at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Tracy at 441-7180. All help is very much appreciated!

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## 4. SHEEP WEIGH-IN, MAY 21

4-H/FFA members planning to exhibit market lambs at the Lancaster County Fair in the Sheep Performance contest will need to have their lambs officially tagged and weighed on Thursday, May 21, 6-8 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 2. Due to time constraints and budget, Deanna will no longer be able to come to each farm individually.

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The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska—Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

## 5. 2009 4-H HORSE JUDGING CLINICS

There are two upcoming horse judging contests:

\* Pitzer Ranch, Ericson, NE, May 27, 8:30 a.m. Contact Steve Niemeyer at 308-346-4200 for more information.

\* Pine Ridge Stables, Ashland, NE, June 24, 8:30 a.m. Contact Monte Stauffer at 402-444-7804 for more information.

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## 6. HORSE IDENTIFICATIONS DUE JUNE 1

4-H Horse Identification Sheets are due to extension by June 1. Sketch markings showing both sides and face on the form are preferred instead of photos.

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## 7. STATE 4-H HORSE HIPPOLOGY AND JUDGING FORMS DUE JUNE 1

Hippology and judging entry forms for the State 4-H Horse Exposition at Fonner Park are due to the extension office on Monday, June 1. Contest entry forms are available at the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>. All entry fees will be paid by the 4-H Council. For more information and contest rules go to <http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H/districtstateshows/state.html>

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## 8. LANCASTER COUNTY HORSE VIPS TO HOST PRE-DISTRICTS SHOW, JUNE 6

The Lancaster County Horse VIPS will host a pre-districts show/fundraiser on Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 3. The show will follow the district format and all age groups — elementary, junior and senior — can participate. All counties are welcome. This will be an excellent opportunity for all 4-H riders to practice for districts. It will also be a great opportunity for elementary age riders to experience the district format even if they aren't yet old enough for state. Depending on size of the classes and show, if the judge has time he will do some teaching/comments at the end of the class. We are also using this as a fundraiser, so there will be a one time office charge of \$5 and a \$3 charge per class. Pre-registration is not required. Riders must be in 4-H attire. Show flyer is at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/horse/HorseVIPSPreDistrict09.pdf>. For more information, call Marty at 441-7180 or e-mail [mcruickshank2@unl.edu](mailto:mcruickshank2@unl.edu)

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## 9. HORSE RIDING SKILLS LEVEL TESTINGS, JUNE 23 AND JULY 7

Group level testings for 4-H Horse Advancement Levels will be held Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, July 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 3. Please RSVP at least one week in advance of the test to Marty at 441-7180 or [mcruickshank2@unl.edu](mailto:mcruickshank2@unl.edu)

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## 10. ATV TRAINING

If you are interested in attending an all terrain vehicle (ATV) safety training, please contact Tracy at 441-7180 by June 15.

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## 11. LIFE CHALLENGE CONTESTS — COUNTY-LEVEL SENIOR DIVISION, MAY 30

4-H Life Challenge judging contests help youth learn more about issues related to family and consumer science (FCS). Contests are open to all 4-H'ers, need not be enrolled in a specific project. Contact Jami at 441-7180 for more information.

- **County-level Senior Life Challenge** (for ages 12 and up) is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 9:30 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Preregister by May 28 by calling 441-7180. Contest questions will be based on the following 4-H manuals: Fast Foods, You're the Chef, Foodworks, Youth in Motion, Design Decisions, Furnishings on a Shoestring, Shopping in Style, Attention Shoppers, ESI 1, 2 and 3. They may be checked out prior to the contest for studying.
  - **Statewide FCS Life Challenge** (for ages 12 and up) will be held Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30 on UNL East Campus. To participate, please contact Jami at 441-7180 by June 8. Information is on line at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs>
  - **County-level Junior Life Challenge** (for ages 8-11) will be held Saturday, July 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Preregister by July 9 by calling 441-7180. Contact Jami for study packet.
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## 12. PRE-FAIR 4-H LEADER TRAINING, JUNE 4

New leaders, experienced leaders, 4-H members and parents are invited to this leader training on Thursday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. (you choose which time to attend) at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Come and receive information on how to fill out the entry tags, the in and out's of interview judging, Life Challenge, presentations contest and other important county fair information. MUST preregister by June 2 by calling 441-7180.

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## 13. 4-H TEEN COUNCIL WON'T MEET IN JUNE

The next meeting will be Sunday, July 12 at 3 p.m.

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## 14. 4-H/FFA ANIMAL ID'S DUE JUNE 15

All identifications for 4-H/FFA sheep, goats, swine, breeding beef, bucket calves, feeder calves, dairy cattle, llama and rabbits which will be entered in the 4-H or FFA this year are due to extension by June 15. This year animal ID forms are available online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/anisci/affidavits.htm> and the extension office.

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## 15. PRESENTATIONS WORKSHOP, JUNE 25

There will be a 4-H Presentations Contest workshop on Thursday, June 25, 6 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Attend this workshop to prepare for the Presentations Contest held Saturday, July 18 and is open to all 4-H'ers 8-18. This workshop will teach youth and volunteers about the three presentation classes, give tips on how to be a great presenter and help with presentation ideas! Must preregister by calling 441-7180 by June 28. Note: a new handout, "4-H Presentations Contest—Procedures and Guidelines" has been developed and is available at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and at the extension office.

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## **16. BICYCLE SAFETY CONTEST, JUNE 27**

This year's 4-H Bicycle Safety Contest will be held BEFORE the county fair on Saturday, June 27, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Contest is open to all 4-H'ers — need not be enrolled in a bicycle project. This year, only 4-H youth ages 8 and up (by January 1) may enter. MUST preregister by June 22 by calling 441-7180 (there is no entry form). Late registrations not accepted. See Fair Book p. 34. Participants must provide their own bicycle and must wear a helmet (some helmets may be available at the contest). There are two parts of the contest. In the bicycle skills events, 4-H'ers maneuver through several designated courses to test their riding skills and safety. A bicycle inspection reinforces the importance of bicycle maintenance and safety features.

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## **17. CHANGES FOR HORTICULTURE EXHIBITS AT COUNTY FAIR**

Changes have been made in the Horticulture area. Please keep these changes in mind when you are preparing your exhibits for the Lancaster County Fair.

1. Containers for flower exhibits will not be provided. Exhibitor must provide own container. Please have containers be the appropriate size for your flower exhibit. Make sure the container will not tip over when the flowers are put inside. The container will not be judged.
  2. Paper plates for vegetables and fruit exhibits will not be provided. Exhibitor must provide sturdy, white paper plates.
  3. Exhibits need to be ready to enter when you arrive at the fair. There will not be a preparation area to prepare your exhibits.
  4. Entry cards must be completely filled out before arriving at the fair.
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## **18. CLOTHING LEVEL 2 REMINDER**

Difficult, challenging fabrics should NOT be used for Clothing Level 2 projects.

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## **19. DONATED SEWING MACHINE TO GO TO A 4-H'ER**

Kath Conroy, a 4-H clothing superintendent, is graciously donating a brand new Bernette sewing machine to one Lancaster County 4-H youth. All 4-H youth who would like to be considered to receive this brand new sewing machine should submit a paper describing the clothing projects they have done in the past and plan to do in the future as well as why they think they should be the one youth to receive it. All papers should be sent to Tracy Kulm, Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road., Ste. A, Lincoln, NE 68528 by June 29.

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## **20. SPOTLIGHT ON 4-H NEWSLETTER ONLINE**

Nebraska's "Spotlight on 4-H Newsletter" received a 2009 team Communicator Award for Periodical Publication by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents NAE4-HA. It 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/news.shtml#Volunteer> for all 4-H volunteers and families.

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## **21. VOLUNTEER FORUM OCT 1-4 1-4**

The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum is a conference to enhance 4-H volunteer education and to promote adult-youth partnership in the 4-H program. The forum will be held Oct. 1-4 in Lincoln. Educational sessions will focus on activities which can be used in clubs. There will also be keynote speakers, tours, networking and entertainment. Lancaster County 4-H Council is graciously providing scholarships to the first 11 Lancaster County 4-H volunteers to register for this forum. Registration opens June 1. Contact Tracy for more information. For a tentative schedule, go to <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm>

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## **22. STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR 4-H SUMMER CAMPS!**

2009 4-H Summer Camp brochures are available online at <http://4h.unl.edu/camp/youth> or 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 four days/three nights! UNL Extension, through its 4-H Youth Development Program, has been operating 4-H Camps for over 40 years. The 4-H camps and centers all meet over 300 standards established by the American Camping Association. Brochures have complete information about all camps. Discover the adventure!

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## **23. EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS AT BIG RED ACADEMIC CAMPS**

The 2009 Big Red Summer Academic Camps are a chance for high school youth 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 12 career exploration camps hosted by Nebraska 4-H and UNL faculty members. The camps are residence camps held on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. Housing and food are provided. After spending several fun-filled days exploring a specific topic such as movie-making or food molecular biology, youth showcase their work at a special "capstone event" which family members are invited to attend. Brochures and registration forms are available at <http://bigredcamps.unl.edu> or at the extension office. For more information, call 472-2805.

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