



Lancaster 4-H Announcements for 4-H'ers and Leaders, October 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. COUNTY FAIR RESULTS, PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Lancaster County Fair 4-H results and most photos are online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/>. A few more photos and videos will be added soon.

2. STATE FAIR RESULTS AND PHOTOS

Nebraska State Fair 4-H results and some photos are online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair/results/>

3. RSVP BY SEPT. 18 FOR SEPT. 26 HORSE LEVEL TESTING

The final 2009 4-H group level testing will be held Saturday, Sept. 26 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Event Center. Please RSVP at least by Sept. 18 with Marty at mcruckshank2@unl.edu or 441-7180.

4. SEPTEMBER TEEN COUNCIL MEETING, SEPT. 20

The September 4-H Teen Council Meeting is being changed to Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3 p.m.

5. AK-SAR-BEN 4-H YOUTH EXPO, SEPT. 22-27 – WATCH SHOWS LIVE ON INTERNET

The 82nd Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition will be held Sept. 22-27 at the Qwest Center in Omaha. More than 2,000 4-H families from an eight-state area participate in the Expo. Categories of this 4-H only competition are dairy, feeder calf & breeding beef, horse, market beef, market broilers, meat goats, market lamb, market swine and breeding swine. For more information, go to http://www.rivercityroundup.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=51&Itemid=152

New this year, watch Ak-Sar-Ben's livestock shows live online at <http://www.dvauction.com/>. DVAuction is an Internet broadcasting company specializing in live real-time auction and special event broadcasts. Once you complete a easy and free registration process, you can see and hear what is happening.

Know how. Know now.



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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.

6. HORSE AWARDS NIGHT, OCT. 1

The annual Lancaster County 4-H Horse Awards Night will be Thursday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Rd. Awards presentation includes Incentive Awards, Horsemanship Levels, Horse Course Challenge, All-Around Awards, Herdsmanship, Top County Fair Judging buckles and ribbons, and a few surprise awards! The evening includes a pot luck dinner. Please bring a meat dish and either a salad or dessert and your own table service. Drinks will be provided. Come help celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of the 2009 Lancaster County 4-H Horsemen!

7. VOLUNTEER FORUM OCT. 1-4

The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum will be held Oct. 1-4 at the downtown Holiday Inn in Lincoln. For a schedule, go to <http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm>

8. 4-H KICK OFF, OCT. 6

Do you know youth who would like to join 4-H? Encourage them to attend the 4-H Kick Off on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. This is the perfect opportunity to learn about 4-H! Additional information is online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/4hkickofflyer09.pdf>

9. MONEY SMART NEBRASKA - 4-H CONTESTS, DEADLINE OCT. 15

Money Smart Week is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. A series of events is planned throughout Nebraska Nov. 9-15 with that goal in mind. Learn more at <http://www.moneysmartnebraska.org>. This year, 4-H'ers are encouraged to participate in three contests:

* a piggy bank pageant

* Lil' Green page

*developing a savings power point

Top entry in each contest receives a savings bond. Details for are found at <http://4h.unl.edu/kids/moneysmart.html>. Entries are due by Oct. 15 via e-mail to lmanning1@unl.edu. For more information, call Leanne Manning at (402) 821-2151.

10. 4-H LEADER TRAINING, OCT. 22

All 4-H leaders and 4-H volunteers helping with clubs are encouraged to attend the fall 4-H Update on Thursday, Oct. 22. Attend either the 9:30 a.m. or the 6:30 p.m. update at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Learn about new 4-H curriculum, opportunities for your 4-H members and more. Also, get tips and ideas for your club through sharing with other 4-H volunteers. You must RSVP by calling 441-7180 by Oct. 20.

11. LIVESTOCK & DOG COUNTY FAIR REVIEW, NOV. 10

All beef, dairy, sheep, swine, goat, dog and llama 4-H families and volunteers are invited to a fair review session on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. We will discuss the new plans for the 2010 Super Fair and will work together to come up with the new livestock show schedule. We will also be reviewing the Fair Book -- changes and suggestions will be discussed at this time. Please RSVP to Deanna Karmazin by Nov. 6 (call 441-7180 or e-mail dkarmazin2@unl.edu)

12. SPECIALTY 4-H CLUBS INVITE NEW MEMBERS

Current 4-H members and those interested in joining 4-H are invited to join these clubs:

4-H TEEN COUNCIL LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION

The Lancaster 4-H Teen Council is a leadership organization for youth in grades 7-12. Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln.

4-H Teen Council members:

- participate in several community service activities
- organize the Ice Cream Social and Cookie Eating Contest at the Lancaster County Fair
- plan, set up and facilitate the annual 4th & 5th grade Lock-In
- are involved in other leadership activities

Contact Tracy Kulm at 441-7180 or tkulm1@unl.edu for more information or to join!

HOUSEHOLD PETS

Want to learn more about your pet? Or get acquainted with new ones? Join the 4-H Household Pets club for youth ages 8-18 and their small animals! Hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, mice, snakes, turtles, fish, reptiles, amphibians, caged birds and any animal small enough to put in your pocket is invited. The club meets monthly. For more information, call 441-7180.

RABBITS 'R US

If you like rabbits, hop to it! The Rabbits 'R Us 4-H club helps youth learn all about rabbits! They usually meet on the last Monday of each month (evenings). They also run a dunk tank at the Lancaster County Fair to raise funds to promote 4-H and for county-wide service projects. For more information, contact leader Kirk Gunnerson at 470-0440.

STAR CITY LLAMAS

Do you want to learn about llamas and alpacas? This club focuses on the care and maintenance of these animals, and is heavily involved in community service projects. 4-H'ers take their llamas to parades, nursing homes and schools to educate the public. The club also teaches youth entrepreneurship skills by creating products from the wool and marketing them. You do not have to own a llama or alpaca, you can borrow or lease one. For more information, contact Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180 or dkarmazin2@unl.edu

13. WASHINGTON D.C. GROUP HAS FIVE OPENINGS

Five more spots have opened up for the June 2010 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) group. Any Lancaster County youth age 14-18 can join CWF, a summer citizenship program which culminates in a nine-day, intensive trip to Washington D.C. and New York. CWF delegates learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens. Youth who sign up now are able to start earning funds through organized fund-raising. A \$100 deposit is needed to reserve your spot. For more information, contact Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180 or dkarmazin2@unl.edu

14. 4-H AWARD & SCHOLARSHIP FORMS DUE JAN. 2

Lancaster County 4-H award forms and college scholarship applications are due by Jan. 2. Recipients will be announced at Lancaster County Achievement Night (usually held in February). Forms are available at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Programs/award.shtml> and the extension office. The online forms are provided as fill-in pdfs, which anyone with Adobe Reader 7 or 8 can fill in, save and print. Note: Deadline for Lancaster County 4-H camp scholarships is May 1 – preference given to applications submitted by March 1.

AWARDS

Community Service Awards -- all Lancaster County 4-H members are eligible to apply for this award which is based on the number of hours of community service through 4-H. There will be two categories: Five winners in the 14 years of age and over category and 10 winners in the 13 and under.

I Dare You Leadership Award -- The award recognizes youth who strive to be their personal best and make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs and communities. Anyone can make nominations.

Outstanding 4-H Member Award -- presented to an individual 14 years of age or older who has excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program. The basis for selection appraises the variety and depth of 4-H activities. Anyone can make nominations.

Meritorious Service Award -- presented to individuals or organizations who have exhibited consistent and strong support of the Lancaster County 4-H program. 4-H members are not eligible. Anyone can make nominations.

Nebraska 4-H Career Portfolios -- are a record of a 4-Hers career. Portfolios include a listing of personal growth and leadership experiences related to the knowledge learned, skills gained and community service/volunteer activities experienced through 4-H.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS for graduating high school seniors enrolled in the Lancaster County 4-H program

4-H Council -- six \$500 scholarships to active Lancaster County 4-H members who have excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program.

4-H Teen Council -- two \$250 scholarships to 4-H'ers who are active in 4-H Teen Council.

Lincoln Center Kiwanis -- two \$1,000 scholarships to active Lancaster County 4-H'ers.

Nebraska Association of Fair Managers -- \$500 statewide scholarships: Martha & Don Romeo Scholarship to two 4-H'ers and Staats Custom Awards to one 4-H and/or FFA senior. Each applicant must have exhibited his/her projects in a County Fair or at the State Fair within the last four years. Lancaster County 4-H selects county finalists. Note: Deadline is Dec. 1.

Nebraska 4-H Scholarships -- there are several statewide Nebraska 4-H scholarships. Go to <http://4h.unl.edu> for more information. Deadline is March 1.

15. UNL EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF RED OPEN HOUSE, OCT. 10

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is presenting an open house for high school students and their families on Saturday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Nebraska East Union.

- Learn more about how we prepare students for careers in everything from animals to plants, soil to climate, golf to business, mechanization to leadership, food to forensic science
 - Meet current students, faculty and staff
 - Experience East Campus
 - Register for a scholarship and other cool prizes.
- To register or more information, (800) 742-8800, ext. 2541 or go to <http://casnr.unl.edu/openhouse>. Registration deadline is Oct. 2
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16. 4-H TRAIL RIDE NEAR HALSEY, OCT 10-11

Nebraskans can ride horseback through some of Nebraska's most scenic country during the 2009 4-H Trail Ride at the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey Oct. 10-11. Registration deadline for the 11th annual ride is Sept. 25. The weekend includes four trail rides through the hills and trees, craft making, cowboy breakfast and a fund-raising auction. The Baker Family of Ord will provide cowboy music and entertainment after the Saturday evening steak fry and inspirational services on Sunday morning. Participants have several choices for lodging that include camping at the trailhead, staying in cabins at the Nebraska 4-H Camp, camping in nearby campgrounds or staying in local motels.

For the non-horseback riders, wagons pulled by teams are available. Wagon riders will enjoy riding along many trails through the trees and hills as well. Proceeds from the trail ride go to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation to help support many 4-H activities and events. Complete information can also be found online at <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/trailridebenefit.htm>. For more information and registration information, call Sinda Dux at (402) 472-1178 or Marty at 441-7180.

17. MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONTEST, DEADLINE OCT. 24

The Make It With Wool contest offers both youth and adults the opportunity to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabric and yarn. Personal creations in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving of wool fabric, yarn is encouraged. Categories and ages for this contest are: Preteen, 12 & under; Junior, 13-16; Senior, 17-24; Adult, 25 & over; Home Accessories (any age). The District III contest will be held in Lincoln on Saturday, Nov. 7, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Entry deadline is Oct. 24. You may enter any district contest. For more information, call Tracy at 441-7180.

18. HOLIDAY GIFTS NEEDED FOR LPS HEADSTART

A good community service project for the holidays is helping the less fortunate by providing gifts for the Lincoln Public Schools Headstart Program. This program is in need of over 500 gifts for children birth to 5-years old. Literacy is being emphasized again this year, so books and items to encourage reading are suggested (such as puppets, puzzles, small toys, etc. relating to story books). The goal is to give each child a book. Gifts should be unwrapped and recommended cost is up to \$5. Bring gifts to the extension office by Dec. 1. For more information, contact Lorene at lbartos1@unl.edu or 441-7180. This is an excellent project for 4-H clubs. Individuals are welcome to participate.