



# Lancaster 4-H Announcements for 4-H'ers and Leaders, Jan. 2010

*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. HORSE JUDGING CLINIC, DEC. 30

All 4-H'ers are invited to a Horse Judging Clinic on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Please sign up by Dec. 22 with Marty at [mcruckshank2@unl.edu](mailto:mcruckshank2@unl.edu) or 441-7180.

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## 2. APPLICATION FOR 4-H CLUBS OF EXCELLENCE DUE JAN. 2

Leaders: Don't forget to complete your Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence application! All leaders received an application form in their October reorganizational packet. All clubs meeting the requirements and sending in the application form will be recognized at Achievement Night and will receive a Nebraska 4-H Club of Excellence certificate. Seals will be awarded in subsequent years. Applications are due to the office by Jan. 2. Contact Tracy at 441-7180 if you have questions.

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## 3. 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.

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Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

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

**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-H'ers 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 4-H Scholarships** — there are several statewide Nebraska 4-H scholarships. Go to <http://www.ne4hfoundation.org/scholarships.htm> for more information. Deadline is March 2.

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#### **4. MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN, JAN. 7**

4-H and FFA exhibitors showing market steers or heifers at the Lancaster County Fair, Nebraska State Fair, and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must identify and weigh in their projects on Thursday, Jan. 7, 6-8 p.m. in at the Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 2. 4-H'ers planning on exhibiting at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben must have beef DNA sampled. There is a \$6 per head charge and it will be pulled at the time of weigh-in. Exhibitors do have until April 1 to identify, weigh and pull DNA on any market beef animal that may go to State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. Please note that all other market livestock that may go to Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben will need to be DNA sampled this year, with a later due date to be announced.

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#### **5. HORSE STAMPEDE ENTRIES DUE JAN. 8**

The 8th annual 4-H Horse Stampede will be held Saturday, Feb. 20 on UNL East Campus at the Animal Science Building. The Stampede consists of the 4-H state horse-related competitions:

- Horse Bowl
- Public Speaking
- Demonstration
- Art Contest

To compete in the Stampede, 4-H'ers must be enrolled in a 4-H horse project with the exception of the art contest. Contestants choose which Stampede contests they wish to participate in and may compete in all four contests. Senior division is ages 14-18, junior division is 12-13. Teams are to consist of three to five youth. Nebraska 4-H Horse dress code will be required. Exception: NO hats or headgear permitted. Stampede T-shirts will be available to participating youth. You must pre-order your T-shirt, the cost is \$8. Lancaster County 4-H Council will pay the entry fees for the contests! Brown bag lunches are available for \$7 each. Entry forms along with T-shirt orders are due by Jan. 8 to the UNL Extension in Lancaster County office. Additional information is online at <http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H/stampede.html>. For more information, contact Marty Cruickshank at 441-7180. Lancaster County 4-H'ers -- please use the forms at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/horse/Stampede10Forms.pdf>, not the forms on the state Web site!

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#### **6. DOG VIPS MEETING, JAN. 12**

The Lancaster County 4-H Dog VIPS Committee will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. All interested 4-H dog members, families and volunteers are invited.

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## **7. PICK-A-PIG MEETING, JAN. 19**

Youth wanting to participate in this years Pick-a-Pig program will need to attend an orientation meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m. in the at the Lancaster Event Center - 4-H office (near Pavilion 3). At this meeting we will evaluate last year's program, make modifications and discuss potential donors to support the project. The Pick-a-Pig project is designed to give 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. Those participating will learn about swine production, nutrition and management, learn how to keep records and will get the experience of showing swine at the Lancaster County Fair. For more detailed information about this program, call Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180 or e-mail [dkarmazin2@unl.edu](mailto:dkarmazin2@unl.edu).

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## **8. OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN FOR 4TH & 5TH GRADERS, JAN. 22-23**

Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council presents its annual Overnight Lock-In for 4th & 5th graders (need not be enrolled in 4-H) Friday, Jan. 22, 8 p.m. to Saturday, Jan. 23, 8 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. This year's theme is Juke Box Hero! Bring your sleeping bag, pillow, toothbrush, toothpaste, active wear, sleepwear (sweats) and a friend interested in 4-H. Cost \$15/ person, registrations due by Jan. 20. Sponsored by University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Lancaster County. Registration form is online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/LockIn10.pdf> . For more information, contact Tracy Kulm at [tkulm1@unl.edu](mailto:tkulm1@unl.edu) or 441-7180.

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## **9. 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT, JAN. 28**

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, Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Evening starts with a potluck dessert bar! Please bring a dessert to share (plates and utensils provided). New this year, a "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.

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## **10. CROCHETING WORKSHOP, FEB. 6**

Save the date to attend a basic crocheting workshop and learn how to crochet a washcloth on Saturday, Feb. 6, 9 a.m. There will be additional information in the next "Nepline" newsletter.

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## **11. 2010 PHOTOGRAPHY THEMES**

Photography themes have been announced for county fairs and the Nebraska State Fair:

Unit 2 -- A Season of Change

Unit 3 -- Head, Hands and Health in the Heartland

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## **12. WASHINGTON D.C. GROUP HAS FIVE OPENINGS**

Five 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](mailto:dkarmazin2@unl.edu)

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## **13. DO YOU TWEET? 4-H TWITTERS!**

LancasterCo\_4H is using Twitter. Twitter is a free service that lets you keep in touch with people through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What are you doing? Join at [http://twitter.com/LancasterCo\\_4H](http://twitter.com/LancasterCo_4H) to start receiving LancasterCo\_4H's updates.