Lancaster 4-H Announcements for 4-H’ers and Leaders, May 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.

1. CELL PHONE RECYCLING PROJECT IN APRIL
   Do you or anyone you know have any cell phones to dispose of? If so, please drop them off at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, anytime during the month of April. The Hickman Voice offices in Bennet and Hickman are also drop off locations. We are able to take any make and model of cell phone. This is a fund-raiser for Lancaster County 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus group. Thanks for helping 4-H Keep it Green!

2. CLOVER COLLEGE SIGN UP BEGINS APRIL 26 FOR 4-H’ERS
   4-H Clover College will be held June 16-19 at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Clover College is four days of fun-filled, hands-on workshops for youth ages 6 and up. Registration opens April 26 for currently enrolled 4-H members and May 3 for non-4-H members. Clover College information and registration form will be in the May Nebline (due to be mailed to subscribers April 21 or 22) and will be posted on the 4-H web site at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/programs/clovercollege on April 21. Early registrations will NOT be accepted! Telephone registration not accepted. After April 26, the web site will be frequently updated with current class availability.

3. CLOVER COLLEGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
   If you would like to volunteer to help at 4-H Clover College during June 16-19 at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, please contact Tracy at 441-7180 or tkulm1@unl.edu. All help is very much appreciated!
4. 4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS DUE MAY 1
The following scholarships go towards attending Nebraska 4-H summer camp(s). Application deadline is May 1. Applications are available at the extension office and at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Programs/award.shtml
* Windstream 4-H Camp Scholarship -- Thanks to the generosity of Windstream Communications, two Lancaster County 4-H members will receive full scholarships to attend a 4-H summer camp at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camp near Gretna! Applicants must be 9 or older and currently enrolled in 4-H. Scholarship is based on need.
* Joyce Vahle Memorial Scholarship -- $100 scholarship is awarded to a 4-H’er between the ages of 8-14 to be used towards attending 4-H camp. Applicants should be currently, or have had at some point been, enrolled in at least one sewing project.

5. RIDING SKILLS LEVEL TESTINGS ON MAY 4, JUNE 22, AND JUNE 29
Upcoming 4-H riding skills level testings will be held on Tuesday, May 4; Tuesday, June 22; and Tuesday, June 29, all starting at 6 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 3. Anyone wishing to be tested must sign up at least one week in advance of the test day by contacting Marty at mcruickshank2@unl.edu or 441-7180. Reminder: As of March 18, 2006 all Lancaster County riding skills level tests must be done in group testings. Individual tests done by leaders are no longer accepted.

6. DISTRICT/STATE HORSE SHOW ENTRIES, IDS, LEVELS DUE MAY 10
4-H’ers competing in district and state horse shows must be 12 years of age and have at least a level II. Exhibitors must pass riding skills level tests for many classes at districts/state horse. All Lancaster County 4-H’ers participating in district/state horse shows must submit entries, horse identifications and levels to the UNL Extension in Lancaster County office at 444 Cherrycreek Road by Monday, May 10. No late entries will be accepted! Anyone planning on going to state must have ALL horsemanship level requirements passed and submitted to the extension office by Monday, May 10. Entry forms, entry guidelines, entry procedures and the 2 & 3 year old western pleasure affidavits are available at http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H/districtstateshows.html and the extension office.

7. SHEEP WEIGH-IN, MAY 6
4-H/FFA members planning to exhibit market sheep need to have their lambs officially tagged and weighed by June 15. A county-wide sheep weigh-in date has been set for Thursday, May 6, 6-8 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 2. Due to time constrains and budget, Deanna will no longer be able to come to each farm individually.

8. LIVESTOCK CLINIC, MAY 8
All 4-H & FFA livestock exhibitors are invited to attend the free 2010 Livestock Show Training Clinic on Saturday, May 8, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 1 (note this new time). Experts in the field will be giving live animal demonstrations and will focus in on showing, fitting, nutrition and management of cattle, sheep, swine and goats. A free lunch will be sponsored by Southeast Nebraska ADM Dealers. Pre-registration is required. To sign up, contact Deanna at 441-7180 or dkarmazin2@unl.edu by May 3. This event is sponsored by Lancaster County 4-H and ADM Alliance Nutrition.

9. LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING, MAY 11
All 4-H and FFA members wanting to exhibit market animals at the county or state fair must be quality assurance certified. Our county training will be held on Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. To register, please call Deanna at 441-7180 by Friday, May 7.

10. PRE-FAIR 4-H LEADER TRAINING, MAY 13
New leaders, experienced leaders, 4-H members, and parents are invited to this leader training on Thursday, May 13, 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 completing entry tags, the in and out’s of interview judging, Life Challenge, presentations contest, and other important county fair information. Also, get tips and ideas for your club through sharing with other 4-H volunteers. MUST preregister by May 11 by calling 441-7180.

11. REGISTER FOR QUILT DETECTIVE DAY BY MAY 15
A state workshop for 4-H’ers ages 12 & up, Quilt Detective Day, will be Tuesday, June 15, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the International Quilt Study Center at 33rd and Holdrege streets in Lincoln. The day will include:
* Tours of the galleries
* Artifact Analysis Workshop
* Care and Conservation of Quilts
* Photoshop and Making Fabric
* Special presentation of the student designs from the 2010 Project Runway
Cost is $25 for 4-H members and adult leaders and includes admission to the IQSC, workshops, and pizza party lunch buffet. Enrollment is limited. Contact Tracy at 441-7180 or tkulm1@unl.edu by May 15.

12. FURNITURE PAINTING TRAINING, MAY 20
All 4-H volunteers are invited to participate in a furniture painting training on Thursday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Bring a small piece of furniture to repaint red, white, and blue. Lunch will be provided. Mail $20 registration by May 14 to Janet Hanna at University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Garfield, Loop & Wheeler County, PO 638, Burwell, NE 68823.
13. FURNITURE PAINTING WORKSHOP, JUNE 5 — CANCELED
The 4-H furniture workshop aimed at 4-H’ers on Saturday, June 5, is canceled. The 4-H furniture painting training aimed at 4-H volunteers on Thursday, May 20 is still scheduled. If you have any questions, contact Tracy at 441-7180 or tkulm1@unl.edu.

14. LIFE CHALLENGE CONTESTS
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 Tracy at 441-7180 or tkulm1@unl.edu for more information.
* County-level Senior Life Challenge (for ages 12 and up) is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Preregister by May 21 by calling 441-7180. Contest questions will be based on the following 4-H curriculum areas: food and nutrition, child development, design and wardrobe.
* Statewide FCS Life Challenge (for ages 12 and up) will be held Monday, June 28 and Tuesday, June 29 on UNL East Campus. To participate, please contact Tracy at 441-7180 by June 7. Information is on line at http://pase.unl.edu.
* County-level Junior Life Challenge (for ages 8-11) will be held Saturday, July 10 at 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Preregister by July 9 by calling 441-7180. Contact Karen Clinch for study packet.

15. WATCH CHICKS HATCH ONLINE WITH EGG CAM!
Your family can watch eggs hatch online with EGG Cam at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Embryology/EggCamera.shtml! Egg Cam will feature poultry hatching through the end of May. Now with streaming video in near real time! Become a Facebook Fan of EGG Cam!

16. HORSE SEMINAR, MAY 25
A 4-H Horse Seminar will be presented on Tuesday, May 25, 6:30-9 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road. Topics include worming, rabies, body condition, and feeding. More information will be e-mailed to 4-H horse families.

17. COUNTY FAIR HORSE IDS DUE JUNE 1
4-H horse identification forms for the Lancaster County Super Fair are due in the extension office by June 1. Late ID forms WILL NOT be accepted. Take the time to fill forms out completely and thoroughly. Draw your horse’s markings on the picture as accurately as you can. Also, be sure to indicate the horse’s color on the drawing. (Please do not use the online horse identification form -- use the carbon copy form available at the extension office.)

18. 4-H CLOVER CHALLENGE, JUNE 2
Sign up now for the 2010 Clover Challenge! This head-to-head competition with 4-H’ers ages 12 to 18 from across the state is similar to a quiz bowl. The challenge consists of a series of multiple choice questions based on family finance, health, foods, clothing, and home environment. If you would like to participate in the contest on Wednesday, June 2 at 10 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, contact Tracy at 441-7180 by May 14.

19. LANCASTER COUNTY HORSE VIPS PRE-DISTRICT SHOW/CLINIC/FUNDRAISER, JUNE 5
To help everyone prepare for districts and state, the Lancaster County 4-H Horse VIPS Committee is hosting a special pre-districts show/clinic/fundraiser on Saturday, June 5 at the Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 3, beginning at 9 a.m. All counties are welcome. The show will follow the district format and all age groups -- elementary, junior and senior -- can participate in the English Pleasure and Equitation, the Western Pleasure and Horsemanship. All age groups can compete for prizes in a Hippology Contest. 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 there is time, the judge will be able to do a little teaching/comments at the end of each class. Reining, poles, and barrels are included in the show but are available to junior and seniors only. Horses may be shown off the trailer. Stalls are also available. Anyone wishing to use a stall will need to call the Lancaster Event Center at 441-6545 to make arrangements before the show. This is also a fundraiser for Horse VIPS 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. Concessions will be available onsite. Show flyer is available at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h and at the extension office. For more information call Marty a 441-7180.

20. ANIMAL ID’S AND DNA DUE JUNE 15
All identifications for 4-H/FFA sheep, goats, swine, breeding beef, bucket calves, feeder calves, dairy cattle, and rabbits which will be entered in the 4-H or FFA this year are due to extension by June 15. Animal ID forms are available online at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair/ (Llama and Alpaca Identification Certificate is http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair/documents/LlamaAlpacaID.pdf) and the extension office. If you plan on showing market sheep, market hogs, or feeder calves at state fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, you will need to have DNA collected by this deadline also.
21. WILDLIFE HABITAT EVALUATION PROGRAM, JUNE 20-22

The Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program is a fun and challenging outdoor adventure where youth age 8-18 learn about wildlife, conservation, and management. The statewide contest will be held June 20-22 at Fort Robinson State Park, Crawford. Junior (age 12-13) and senior (age 14-18) division teams (individual participation possible) compete in the contest. The novice group (ages 8-11) does not compete, but learns about wildlife through fun educational activities and games. Please indicate intention to participate by May 28. June 10 is the last day to register by mail. Cost is $17.50 for participants and $42.50 for non-participants. For more information, go to http://4h.unl.edu/whep or contact Gary at 441-7180.

22. BICYCLE SAFETY CONTEST, JUNE 26

This year’s 4-H Bicycle Safety Contest will be held BEFORE the county fair on Saturday, June 26, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. MUST preregister by June 22 by calling 441-7180 (there is no entry form). Late registrations not accepted. See Fair Book p. 12 -- Fair Book is online at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/.