



4-H & Youth

4-H Bulletin Board

- 4-H animal fair entries are due to the extension office by 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 9. (DK)
- **No late animal entries will be accepted** for the 1999 Lancaster County Fair. *Register by July 9!* Registration forms for county fair are available at the extension office. (DK)
- Remember to sign up to help at the fair if you are 12 years old or older. We need help on entry day from 4-8 p.m. and on judging day, all day. Call the extension office to sign up! (LB)
- Teen Council is Sunday, July 11 at the Schepers' home. Watch your mail for more information. (TK)
- Lancaster County Fair is August 4-8. (LB)
- There is still time to register for 4-H camp at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center. Call the extension office for more information. (TK)
- Fair books have been mailed. Make sure you have yours and that you refer to it for information about the fair. (LB)
- A handout on "How to Exhibit at the Fair" is available at the extension office. (TK)

County fair contests and interview judging

Lifetime Skills (Home Economics) Judging
Wednesday, July 14, 1 p.m., registration at 12:45 p.m. 4-H members will use their decision making skills in the junior division (8-12 years old) or senior division (12 years old and older as of January 1). See related article for topics and resources.

Demonstrations
The Demonstration Contest is one of the best ways to share your expertise and ideas with others. Demonstrations can be done as an individual or as a team. There will be two demonstration contests: Friday, July 16, 2:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center and Saturday, August 7 at the county fair. See page 9 of the fair book for categories.

Table Setting
Thursday, August 5, 8:30 a.m. in Ag Hall at State Fair Park. This contest gives you a chance to choose a theme category, (holiday, formal, picnic, birthday or casual) plan a menu, centerpiece and place setting to coordinate with your theme. Each 4-H member will have a 5-minute interview with the judge. A table setting contest booklet and information sheet is available from the office.

Style Revue
Style Revue Judging, Wednesday, July 21, First Lutheran Church, 1551 S 70th Street. 4-H members should sign up, for a block of time to be judged, by calling the extension office.

Public show, Wednesday, August 4, 7 p.m. at the 4-H Building Arena, State Fair Park.

The public is invited to the style revue to see the 4-H members show off their outfits.

Bicycle Safety
Saturday, August 7, 9 a.m., at the county fair. 4-H members do not need to be enrolled in the bicycle project to enter this contest. Check the fair book for contest rules.

Interview Judging
Wednesday, August 4, check pages 5-6 of the fair book for project areas that will have interview judging. Sign up for a 5-minute time lot by calling the extension office. If you have more than one item in a project area, sign up for 5 minutes per item. Talk to the judge about your fair exhibits, share the trials and lessons of your exhibits. Interview judging is a great way for 4-H members to learn what the judge looks for and how to improve their skills.

Shooting Sports
Must be enrolled in a shooting sports project under the direction of a certified 4-H shooting sports instructor to participate. See pages 13, 14 and 15 of the fair book for categories and rules.

Horticulture
The 4-H Horticulture Contest is Wednesday, July 14, 10 a.m. Study material for the contest is available at the extension office.

Registration forms for demonstration contests are available at the extension office. Call the office at 441-7180 by July 9 to register for the contests. No preregistration is needed for the Lifetime Skills Contest. (LB/TK)

Needed: 4-H Ambassadors

4-H members who will be in grades 9-12 in the fall are eligible to apply. Ambassadors will be selected through an application and interview process. Six positions are open.

- 4-H Ambassadors
- promote 4-H through PSA's and displays
 - serve as master/mistress of ceremonies at events
 - develop marketing skills through selling ads for the fair flyer
 - provide leadership for 4-H activities

To apply, send a letter on why you would like to be an ambassador and resume of your 4-H, school and community activities to Lorene Bartos, University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln, NE 68528-1507. Call Lorene if you have questions. (LB)



Members of Lancaster County 4-H Shooting Sports Club receiving academic excellence awards at the Eastern Cornhusker Trapshooting Conference are: (front row) Eric Timperly, (back row) Nate Buhman, Brent Timperly, Jason Hardnock and Zack Marshall. Students receiving this award need to carry a grade point average of 3.5 or better.



Winning the senior 4-H division trophy at the state trapshooting tournament May 7 and 8 held in Doniphan, Nebraska are members of the Lancaster 4-H team. Front row: Eric Whitefoot, David Staley. Back row: Nate Buhman, Jason Hardnock and Vernon Blackwell.

Teen leadership opportunities

Throughout the summer, numerous opportunities will be made available for teens ages 15-18 to enhance their leadership skills as well as their character. During events such as youth day camps and county fair, teen leaders will be needed to aid in youth development and other teaching activities.

Teens completing the "Choices for Character" training workshop on June 11 can use these newly acquired skills and continue their character enrichment process through leading and teaching others. This process will include extended training in career development areas such as career shadowing, resume and portfolio building, and interviewing. These additional workshops will be held throughout the summer at the extension office. Also, involvement in Character Counts! youth day camps will help to achieve your enrichment goals.

Those wishing to participate in these teen and career events can contact Tim Vaughn or LaDeane Jha at 441-7180, or inquire at the teen training workshop on June 11. (TV)

Showmanship workshops to be offered

If you would like to learn or better your showmanship skills, plan on attending the 1999 4-H and FFA Showmanship Workshops July 21 and 22 at State Fair Park.

During these workshops, the youth will learn proper show techniques such as setting animals up, grooming and much more. We will also discuss possible questions showmanship judges may ask and review the parts of an animal.

Day 1
Beef Workshop, July 21, 9 a.m. to noon, East Arena and Beef Barn
Swine Workshop, July 21, 1-3 p.m., Swine Barn

Day 2
Sheep Workshop, July 22, 9 a.m. to noon, Sheep Barn
Goat Workshop, July 22, 1 to 3 p.m., Goat Barn

Youth are encouraged to bring their animals with them. You may attend one or all of the workshops. No registration is required. All youth are welcome to attend. If you are not enrolled in a livestock project and would still like to learn, bring yourself and a friend. If you have any questions, call Deanna or Tim at 441-7180. (DK/TV)

Fair Fun Day volunteers needed!

When? Friday, August 6
Where? Lancaster County Fair
Time? 9:30-11:30 a.m. and/or 1-3 p.m.
Activity? Leading tours around the fair for kindergarten through 4th grade children
Helping with registration, snacks or activities
Who? Teens or interested adults
Training? Will be provided the day of the activity

Call 441-7180 to volunteer. You may sign up for all day or for either time slot. Please indicate whether you would like to be a tour guide or other helper. If you have any questions, contact Tim Vaughn, Fair Fun Day coordinator. (TV)



Mark your calendar

Wednesday, June 23 is the date 4-H members can practice for the Life Skills Judging Contest and receive help with their demonstrations. Learn judging techniques and decision making skills for the Life Skills Judging Contest from 1-2:30 p.m. At 2:30 p.m., 4-H members can learn what a demonstration is and how to present it at the fair. If your demonstration is ready, present it and receive help, if needed. Preregistration is not necessary. Contact Tracy if you have any questions. (TK)