



4-H & Youth

4-H Bulletin Board

• Teen Council meeting is Sunday, November 12, 3 to 5 p.m. All teens interested in joining Teen Council are invited to attend, or call Tracy at 441-7180. See you there! (TK)

Holiday Gifts



Holiday gifts needed. There is always a need for helping the less fortunate, especially around the holiday season. Lincoln Public School Headstart Program is in need of over 300 gifts for three and four year old children. New, handmade, or purchased

items such as books, stuffed toys, dolls, cars, trucks, markers, puzzles, etc., are needed.

If gifts are wrapped, please indicate what the item is, the cost (\$3 to \$4 recommended) and if the gift is for a boy or girl. Bring gifts to the extension office by December 1.

For more information, contact Lorene at 441-7180. This is an excellent community service program for 4-H, FCE, and other community clubs. Individuals are welcome to participate. (LB)

4-H Volunteer Forum

The Nebraska State 4-H Volunteer Forum will be held February 2 to 3, 2001 in North Platte and March 30 to 31, 2001 in Columbus. This forum is a conference developed by a committee of 4-H volunteers from across the state. Network with other 4-H leaders, exchange successful 4-H programs among 4-H leaders, and be introduced to new areas and projects. There will be numerous workshops, hands-on learning experiences, and new ideas and programs designed to enhance your club. Anyone interested in 4-H is welcome to attend. Scholarships are available through the 4-H Council. For more information, please contact Tracy at 441-7180. (TK)

Are We Producing "Champion" Boys and Girls?



Are we 4-H leaders, producing just "champion" livestock and prize-winning projects? Or are we producing "champion" boys and girls? Have we forgotten 4-H's purpose: developing better youth through heart, head, hands and health? Maybe some of us are straying a bit, forgetting that projects, records, fairs, and demonstrations are just means to an end, not the end itself.

During this decade, we should pull our programs into perspective and change emphasis from commodity production to youth developing behavioral sciences. Young people today are vitally concerned with world situations and their environment—their quality of living. We can capitalize on this interest and make 4-H relevant to them by encouraging them to examine, for instance, how we can treat waste products to protect our soil, air, and water from further pollution—they're the ones who'll eventually have to find answers to problems like these. But they need your leadership now.

What is leadership? Well, maybe it's working with people, helping them help themselves to reach further maturity. Let's examine "leadership" a letter at a time.

L-OVE—of doing something for others. Through animal projects you can help 4-H'ers develop this emotion. For instance, some clubs are raising puppies that will later become guide dogs for the blind. Not all dogs make the grade, because they require lots of love. But three of every four puppies started by 4-H'ers develop into guide dogs—the highest success percentage of any group in the country.

E-MPATHY—imaginative projection of your consciousness into your 4-H'ers. A true leader can see another's point of view.

A-TTITUDES—act as you believe, encourage 4-H'ers to explore, to move up. Help them set goals, but don't stifle them.

D-IRECTION—help them find direction with obtainable goals. Help them gain new experiences each of their years in 4-H. This doesn't mean one year's experience repeated over and over.

E-NTHUSIASM—yours is contagious and transfers quickly to 4-H'ers who eagerly enter activities.

R-ESPONSIBILITY—to realize boys and girls need to be recognized with responsibilities of their own. Relinquish some of your authority to the kids—they can handle it. Why not start by letting older 4-H'ers teach the young ones?

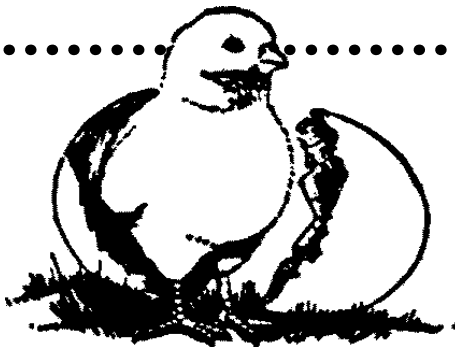
S-ELF DISCIPLINE—carry out your job the best way you know how.

H-APPINESS—true happiness is relevant to kids—they're constantly searching for it. As a successful leader, you can help develop their own set of values that will help them find satisfaction and happiness.

I-NSPIRATION—You don't have to be an authority on all topics to inspire your 4-H'ers to explore.

P-URPOSE—to perpetuate leadership itself.

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Free Chicks!

We will be hatching baby chickens in Lancaster County third grade classrooms the weeks of February 13, March 20 and May 22. If you would like to receive some of these free chicks please call our office at 441-7180 and ask for Ellen. (EK)

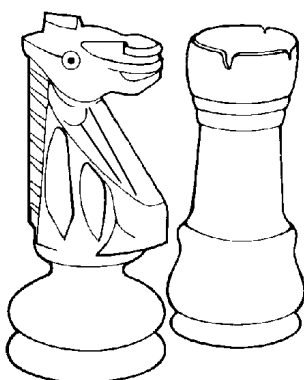
4-H Teens Offering Help

Do you have questions about 4-H projects or subject matter? Do you need some help with demonstrations, judging, and other 4-H events and activities? The 4-H Teen Council and 4-H Ambassadors would like to help you. These teenage youth have been involved in 4-H for a number of years and through their 4-H experiences have gained valuable knowledge they would like to share with others. If you would like to have a Teen Council member or ambassador come to your 4-H meeting, call the extension office and we will help you make arrangements. (TK)

Help Families—Save Pop Tabs

Nebraska 4-H Youth Council is again collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. The Ronald McDonald House in Omaha was opened in 1994. It provides a home to families whose children, 18 years and younger, are receiving medical care in the Omaha area. The families are asked to pay just \$7.50 per night. This fee, however, does not pay for all of the operating costs of the house, therefore, the Ronald McDonald House recycles pop tabs and the proceeds are used to offset operating costs.

To be a part of this on-going community service project, bring your pop tabs to the Lancaster County Extension Office. (TK)



Interested in Chess?

Interest has been expressed in starting a 4-H Chess Club. Playing chess helps develop critical thinking and organizational skills. If you are inter-

ested, please call Lorene at 441-7180. With enough interest, a project will be developed and a club organized. (LB)