

Trip of a Lifetime



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4-H Member

Friendship, good times, education and laughter. All are true of the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip. Everyone had such a good time! Thirty-two teens, five sponsors and one bus driver departed on June 10, not to return for 15 days. We traveled by bus to Chicago; Ontario, Canada; Niagara Falls; Corning, New York; New York City; Philadelphia; Valley Forge; Gettysburg; Washington, DC; Mount Vernon; Monticello and the Indianapolis Speedway. We also drove through the Appalachian, Pocono, Allegheny and the Blue Ridge Mountains, which was a real plus. They were beautiful! By the end of the trip, we had all developed new friendships because we had so much time to chat on the bus. Movies, cards and hairstyling helped pass the time, too. This was the trip of a lifetime.



32 Lancaster County 4-H teens participated in this year's Citizen Washington Focus trip.

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We spent five days with delegations from other states at the National 4-H Center near Washington, DC. There we held mock congressional sessions where we followed legislation through the process of becoming a law. It's great to learn by doing. Each day we traveled into the city to tour important sites like the Capitol, the Smithsonian,

the Holocaust Museum, Arlington Cemetery and all of the memorials. Wednesday, at the Nebraska breakfast, we were excited to meet all five of our Congressmen and Senators.

Sometimes we walked around as one big group. Then we'd have to count off like toddlers to make sure no one had wandered off. We even got all 37 of us safely on and off the metro! Wow, was that a chore! Other times we got to follow our own interests in small groups.

Hey, not everything was serious, though. At the 4-H talent show we did a "synchronized swimming" routine (on a dry stage) that was good for lots of laughs. We also had a fun day of games that involved getting dirty and wet.

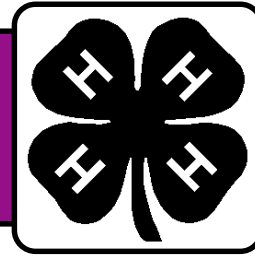
This trip was a great opportunity to have fun while learning about citizenship and our country's history. We're looking forward to picture-swapping and reminiscing at a reunion in the near future. When it's your turn, go for it!



Taryn (far right) with friends she made on the trip.



The Liberty Bell in Philadelphia was one of the stops on the way to D.C.



4-H & Youth

The Nebraska State Fair



Aug. 24-Sept. 2
www.statefair.org

Partial 4-H Schedule

For complete 4-H schedule visit online at <http://4h.unl.edu/fair/2002/02schedule.htm>

Aug. 24	10 a.m.	4-H Exhibit Hall Open (new hours 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m.-9p.m. weekends including Labor Day)
	10 a.m.	Presentations, Youth Complex Demo Rooms
	7 p.m.	Dairy Goat Showmanship
Aug. 25	8 a.m.	Dairy Goat Show
Aug. 31	8 a.m.	Presentations continued
	10 a.m.	Shopping in Style Show, Devaney Sports Center
	2 p.m.	Fashion Show, Devaney Sports Center
	3 p.m.	Sheep Lead Show
	5 p.m.	Breeding Sheep Show
	7:30 p.m.	Sheep Showmanship
Sept. 1	8 a.m.	Presentations continued
	8 a.m.	Market Steer and Heifer Show
	8 a.m.	Sheep Show
	8 p.m.	Swine Showmanship
Sept. 2	8 a.m.	Presentations continued thru morning
	8 a.m.	Dairy Cattle Show
	8 a.m.	Breeding Heifer Show, followed by Market Finals
	8 a.m.	Breeding Gilts, followed by Market Barrows
	9 a.m.	Music Contest, Open Air Auditorium

4-H Alumni Reunion Aug. 31

Connect and reconnect with 4-H friends at the 4-H Alumni Reunion and Breakfast held Saturday, Aug. 31, 8-11 a.m. at the Nebraska State Fair in the indoor arena attached to the 4-H Exhibit Hall! The event is in honor of the 4-H Centennial.

The breakfast will feature pancakes and sausage. You'll find entertainment for the whole family, 4-H memorabilia, a chance to recognize four- and five-generation 4-H families, and honored 4-H alumni.

Check out the 4-H Vintage Fashion Show at 11-11:30 a.m. in the Open-air Auditorium.

Everyone is invited to the FREE Ice Cream Social with 4-H Clover Mint flavor developed by NU's Dairy Store. Ice Cream Social is at the 4-H Exhibit Hall from 3 p.m. until the ice cream runs out!

Tickets are \$5 in advance at local Cooperative Extension offices. There is no charge for children age 5 and under. People purchasing their tickets by Aug. 20 will receive half-off the \$6 State Fair gate fee from 8-10 a.m. on Aug. 31. Breakfast tickets will be sold at the door for \$7.

Questions? Contact Trish Spencer at 472-9016.

Community Service Corner

State Fair Volunteers Needed!

4-H EXHIBIT HALL — Volunteers are needed in EVERY area of 4-H-related activities and events at the fair. People interested in helping can contact Janet Fox at 472-9582.

4-H HOME ENVIRONMENT AREAS — Volunteers are needed in foods, home environment, clothing and child development areas on Aug. 21, Aug. 22, Sept. 2 (evening) and Sept. 3. Please contact Angie Rushman at 483-2592.

4-H ALUMNI REUNION — If you're planning to attend the 4-H Alumni Reunion and Breakfast, please consider volunteering and helping to make this event extra special. Call Trish Spencer at 472-9016.

4-H CYBER FAIR — The Cyber Fair Committee would like to have at least 20 youth volunteers this year as well as volunteers who speak Spanish. Visit Web site: <http://4h.unl.edu/cyberfair>.

STATE FAIR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM — The Nebraska State Fair is in the process of creating a volunteer program. Interested? Questions? Contact Connie Decker, Volunteer Coordinator, at 473-4104 or e-mail cdecker@statefair.org.

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MY COUNTRY AND
MY WORLD



Bid On Nebraska's Limited Edition 4-H Garfield Print

Purchase a limited edition Garfield print and help Nebraska 4-H at the same time! In honor of the national centennial, Garfield creator and 4-H alum Jim Davis has created an acrylic Garfield print on canvas, which has been made into 54 high-quality, signed prints. One print is being auctioned off each week on e-bay through Nov. 23. Each week, one state 4-H Foundation receives half of the selling price (highest bid) of the print. **Nebraska's week to receive half of the proceeds is Sept. 1-7.** Bidding is open to anyone 18 years and older; the minimum opening bid is \$250. View the print at: www.4-hmall.org/garfieldprint.htm