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# Extension Calendar

All programs and events will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center unless otherwise noted.

## APRIL

- 13 Dine Out for 4-H CWF, *Don & Millie's, 5200 S. 56th Street* ..... 11 a.m.—4 p.m.
- 13 4-H Teen Council Meeting ..... 3 p.m.
- 14 4-H Horse VIPS Committee Meeting, *Lancaster Event Center* ..... 7 p.m.
- 15 4-H Leader Training ..... 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- 15 Composting Workshop, *Belmont Recreation Center, 1234 Judson St.* ..... 7–8 p.m.
- 17 Composting Workshop, *Calvert Recreation Center, 4500 Stockwell St.* ..... 7–8 p.m.
- 22 Composting Workshop, *Easterday Recreation Center, 6130 Adams St.* ..... 7–8 p.m.
- 24 Composting Workshop, *Irving Recreation Center, 2010 Van Dorn St.* ..... 7–8 p.m.
- 26 Child Care Providers Conference ..... 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

## MAY

- 3 4-H Chess Tournament ..... 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
- 4 4-H Camp Open House, *Eastern Nebraska 4-H Center near Gretna* ..... 1–4 p.m.
- 5–9 Grantsmanship Training Program
- 6 4-H Council Meeting ..... 7 p.m.
- 9 Lancaster Extension Board Meeting ..... 8 a.m.
- 11 Dine Out for 4-H CWF, *Don & Millie's, 5200 S. 56th Street* ..... 11 a.m.—4 p.m.
- 12 4-H Horse VIPS Committee Meeting, *Lancaster Event Center* ..... 7 p.m.
- 15 4-H Rabbit VIPS Committee Meeting, *Lancaster Event Center* ..... 7 p.m.
- 16 Deadline for 4-H District/State Horse Show Entries — I.D.'s & Level Tests
- 16 Household Hazardous Waste Collection, *Hickman, 2nd & Main St.* ..... 3–6 p.m.
- 17 Household Hazardous Waste Collection, *Pfizer Inc, 601 W. Cornhusker Hwy* 9 a.m.—3 p.m.
- 17 Composting Demonstration, *City Yard Waste Composting Demonstration Site, 50th & Colby* ..... 8:30 a.m.
- 20 4-H Leader Training ..... 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- 22 Everything Homeowners Need to Know about Termites & Termite Control . 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- 24 Walk for Birds, *Pioneers Park Nature Center* ..... 8 a.m.

## ewf Teaches Fifth Graders About Land, Water, Air and Living Resources

Nearly 3,000 Lancaster County fifth graders from 47 schools attended the ninth annual **earth wellness festival** on March 21 at Southeast Community College, Lincoln. Students discovered and explored the relationships and interdependency of land, water, air and living resources through hands-on activities. Classrooms attending the festival received pre-festival learning kits in October. New this year were several classroom sessions.

Hundreds of volunteers, area educators, environmentalists, government representatives, as well as donations from local businesses, make this educational experience possible. The **earth wellness festival** steering committee is comprised of ten local educational resource agencies, including University of Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County.



In "Whale of a Tale," students discovered first hand the insulating effects of whale blubber by covering one hand in lard to simulate whale blubber and then dipping both hands in cold water.



Students got a close look at various animals that can help break down decaying material in "Decomposers!"



Estella Wolfe from the Folsom Children's Zoo brought in live animals for the students to see and feel in "Furs, Feathers and Scales!"



In "Trees to the Rescue!" staff from the USDA National Agroforestry Center demonstrated the benefits of windbreaks, including their effect on soil temperature.



In 4-H Fiber Fun, students turned pulp from used office paper into a new piece of paper they took home.



Students tried to separate oil from water in "Making Drinking Water," a new session by Olsson Associates.