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2005
LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR
AUGUST 3–7
Lancaster Event Center
FREE ADMISSION!
FREE PARKING!



**People's Choice
4-H Awards**
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4-H Food Booth at County Fair Volunteers Have Fun, Rewarding Experience

The 4-H food booth at the Lancaster County Fair is a long-standing tradition. In the 1960s, 4-H Council operated the *Snack Shack* in the 4-H Building on the State Fair grounds. In 1992, when the Youth Complex was built, 4-H Council then also operated a full-service *Rock Cafe*. In 2001, when the county fair moved to the Lancaster Event Center, the 4-H food booth became the *4-H Corner Stop*.

All proceeds from the food booth go to 4-H Council. “The 4-H food booth has always been a positive experience for 4-H’ers and public alike,” says Cindy Fiala, current president of 4-H Council. “The youth have a blast.”

More than 130 youth and adults volunteer at the 4-H food booth during county fair, totalling more than 360 hours!

At any given time, three to four youth are needed with one or two adults supervising. Most shifts are filled by clubs. “Sometimes the large clubs have so many people in the booth they are on top of each other,” laughs Fiala, “But they have fun.”

4-H member Nathan Smith says, “Working in the food booth at the county fair is a great opportunity to get better acquainted with the members of your club. Older members display their leadership skills while assisting younger members. It is most entertaining when there is an abun-



Staffing the 4-H Food Booth is usually a club activity

dance of business, though it can be hectic.”

“This is a good opportunity for youth to learn new skills,” says Tracy Kulm, 4-H staff member.

Youth gain practical experience handling food safely and counting change. They also gain life skills, such as responsibility, critical thinking and social skills.

Laura Cassel, a 4-H youth, says, “Working the food booth at the fair has really helped give me a feel for what it’s like to work in a customer service type of job. By volunteering at the food booth I’m not only helping hungry individuals at the fair, but also myself and

the entire 4-H community.”

The food booth has to follow health standards, and a certified food manager must oversee operations. Volunteers are trained in safe food handling procedures such as checking food tempera-

tures and keeping the booth clean. The Health Department gives an unannounced inspection at each fair.

A 4-H Council member is at or near the food booth at all times during the fair. Council members also volunteer time before the fair on preparations, such as purchasing food and supplies.

The 4-H food booth is a large undertaking, but 4-H Council members and countless volunteers work hard to make it successful!

Volunteers Still Needed

There are still some food booth shifts open for this year’s fair:

- Friday, 7:30–11:30 a.m.
- Saturday, 7:30–11:30 a.m. & 6–9 p.m.
- Sunday, 7:30–11:30 a.m.

If your 4-H club is interested in helping, please call Jean Pedersen at 420-0573.

Food Booth Training

All volunteers are encouraged to attend the Food Booth Training on Thursday, July 28 from 6–7 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center.



Council member Jo Fujan bakes homemade cinnamon rolls to sell at the food booth.

Support 4-H by Supporting the 4-H Corner Stop

The *4-H Corner Stop* at the Lancaster County Fair is located near the main entrance of the Lancaster Event Center. Orders can be taken from the Lincoln Room or the Multipurpose Arena.



**New this year —
COTTON
CLOVER
CANDY**
with 2 great
flavors:
silly nilly
pink and
blue
raspberry.

**Also new —
SHAVED ICE**
in a variety
of flavors!

The 4-H Corner Stop features a variety of snacks and beverages, including:

- Cotton Clover Candy
- Shaved Ice
- Homemade Cinnamon Rolls
- Walking Tacos
- Nachos
- Popped Corn (plain or caramel)
- Candy
- Fresh Fruit
- Milk (white or chocolate)
- Pop
- Ice Tea
- Lemonade
- Gatorade
- Bottled Water

HOURS:

- Monday 3:30 p.m.–8 p.m.
- Tuesday 7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
- Wed–Sat 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m.
- Sunday 7:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Booth Funds 4-H Council Activities

The 4-H food booth at the county fair is Lancaster County 4-H Council’s primary fundraiser. A non-profit organization, 4-H Council currently consists of eight adults and seven youth. The council is responsible for determining long- and short-term goals and policy for Lancaster County 4-H. Members also put in countless volunteer hours at 4-H events.

4-H council financially supports several 4-H programs, activities and scholarships. Here is a partial list:

- Achievement Night
- Kick Off/Open House
- College and Camp Scholarships
- Support for Citizenship Washington Focus
- Support for Contest Registrations
- Volunteer Recognition
- 4-H Promotional Items
- Support for **earth wellness festival**



4-H Council provides \$20 Activity Certificates to youth recognized for community service (above). Council members work with 4-H staff to present the Kick Off (at left).

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