

**Register for State Life Challenge by May 27**

The statewide 4-H FCS Life Challenge (for ages 12 and up) will be held June 27–June 28 on UNL East Campus. Information is online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/paselc/>. To participate, please call Tracy at 441-7180 by May 27.

**COUNTY FAIR 4-H & FFA NEWS****Senior Life Challenge Contest, May 25**

A county-level Senior Life Challenge (for ages 12 and up) is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Preregistration is not needed. Contest questions will be based on the following 4-H manuals: Financial Champions "Money Moves" Book 2, Clothing Level 1, The Sitter, Youth in Motion and Fast Foods. Books may be checked out prior to the contest for studying purposes.

**Animal ID's Due June 15**

All identifications for 4-H/FFA sheep, goats, swine, breeding beef, bucket calves, dairy cattle and rabbits which will be entered in the Lancaster County Fair or Nebraska State Fair are due to extension Wednesday, June 15.

**Horticulture Judging Contest, July 6**

The 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, July 6, 10 a.m.–noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Open to all 4-H'ers ages 8-19 — need not be enrolled in a horticulture project. Preregistration not required — enter day of contest.

The contest consists of three events: tree identification, grass/weed identification and horticulture judging. 4-H'ers choose which event(s) they want to participate in. Study material is available at the extension office.

**Junior Life Challenge Contest, July 6**

Mark your calendars to attend the Junior FCS Life Challenge contest for 4-H'ers 8–11 years old (need not be enrolled in a Family and Consumer Science project). The contest will be held July 6, 1:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Stop by the office to pick up a packet to help you prepare for the contest.

**Presentations Contest, July 15**

Last year the Demonstration Contest received a makeover beginning with changing the name of the contest to Presentation Contest and changing the classes from being subject area oriented, to method of presentation. The three classes include 1) presentation using LCD, slide, video or overhead projector; 2) presentation using posters; 3) multimedia presentation. You choose which presentation contest date works for you: July 15, beginning at 1 p.m. or Aug. 6, beginning at 8 a.m. Preregister by Friday, July 8. See Fair Book for complete information.

**Correction to Fair Book: GIS/GPS**

The rules for the 4-H GIS/GPS category should state "Each individual is limited to only one entry per class number" instead of "Limit one exhibit per individual."

**Herdsmanship Judges Needed**

Herdsmanship judges are responsible for checking the youth's stalls twice a day between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Judges look for cleanliness of both the animals and stalls. 4-H and FFA members are also judged on courtesy and conduct shown to judges, other exhibitors and the public. The judges will determine the top club deserving herdsmanship honors. If you are interested in volunteering as a livestock herdsmanship judge during county fair, please call Deanna at 441-7180.

**Online Volunteer Training**

Leader support and resources are available online to all 4-H volunteers. This online leader training gives volunteers the ability to learn at your own pace and when it is convenient for you. The training uses ten modules to take leaders through a variety of 4-H information. In addition to each lesson the site features a discussion board, chat room and resources such as handouts, forms and more. To gain access to this exciting new way of learning, users must have an e-mail address and access to the Internet. If you are interested in registering, please send an e-mail to Lisa Kaslon, Platte County extension educator at [LKASLON2@UNL.EDU](mailto:LKASLON2@UNL.EDU) and instructions as well as your password and username will be sent to you.

**4-H Dog Obedience Workshop, June 14**

Are you interested in learning the basics of dog obedience or like to freshen up your skills for the county fair? If your answer is yes, I hope to see you at this workshop. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, June 14, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Lancaster County Extension Education Center. If you have any questions or need more information call Deanna or Debi at 441-7180. (DK)

**4-H Presentations Workshop, June 15**

There will be a Presentations (formerly Demonstrations) workshop on Tuesday, June 14, 1:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Attend this workshop to learn more about the three presentation classes, presentation ideas, as well as tips on how to be a great presenter!

**Poultry Judging Clinic and Contest, June 16**

Nuckolls County Extension is presenting an excellent opportunity to learn about poultry judging! A Poultry Judging Clinic and Contest will be held Thursday, June 16 at the Nuckolls County Fairgrounds in Nelson. Registration starts at 10 a.m., clinic starts at 10:15 a.m. and contest starts after lunch.

Divisions: Junior — ages 11 and under; Intermediate — age 12-13; Senior — ages 14 and over. Registration fee: \$3 (without lunch), \$5 with lunch. For more information call 402-225-2381 or email [cfangmeier2@unl.edu](mailto:cfangmeier2@unl.edu).

**4-H Sewing Fun Class, June 22**

The Bernina shop at Hancock Fabrics will teach a Crazy Quilt Block class Wednesday, June 22. There will be two sessions: 1-4 p.m. or 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for the class and \$5 for materials. Participants must be 4-H members enrolled in Clothing Level II or higher.

Learn about foundation piecing, decorative stitching, couching and decorative threads. The block you will work on could be used as part of a wall hanging or pillow for home environment or a Decorate Your Duds project.

Register by June 17 by calling 464-0505. Please indicate at registration if you will bring your own machine or will use one provided by Bernina. Special arrangements could be made for a club.

**Premier Animal Science Events, June 27–28**

The Premier Animal Science Events (PASE) will be held Monday, June 27 and Tuesday, June 28 on UNL East Campus, Animal Science Complex. 4-H youth ages 12 and above will have the opportunity to compete on a livestock, dairy, poultry or meats judging team. Youth will also have the opportunity to attend informational workshops on a variety of agricultural topics and get a close-up look at UNL Animal Science Department. Information is online at <http://pase.unl.edu/>. If you are interested on being placed on a Lancaster County Judging Team, please call Deanna at 441-7180 by June 1 to register.

**Tree ID Class, June 28–30**

4-H leader Marcia Claesson is presenting upcoming hands-on Tree Identification classes for youth ages 8 and up. There will be two 3-day sessions offered (register for one session only):

- June 14–16 from 10 a.m. to noon (rain date June 17). Register by June 6.
- June 28–30 from 10 a.m. to noon (rain date July 1). Register by June 20.

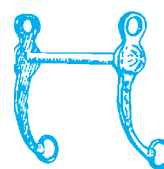
Each day will include walking tours of East Campus, including the Maxwell Arboretum. Cost is \$15 per student and includes two tree identification guides — one created by the instructor. Parents are invited to join class at no cost.

To register, contact Marcia at [marciaclaesson@yahoo.com](mailto:marciaclaesson@yahoo.com) or 466-0974.

**Denim Daze: Train the Trainers, June 29**

Denim Daze: Train the Trainers, will be held on Wednesday, June 29 at the Textiles, Clothing & Design Department on UNL east campus. Please watch the July NEBLINE for more information or call Tracy at 441-7180.

This youth and adult partnership education program with a clothing and textile focus would like teams of at least one adult and one youth who plan to learn skills and take the information back to their areas to share with other teen/adult teams. Teams will recycling jeans into new garments. Information will also be given on general sewing tips, fabric manipulation techniques, bleaching and dyeing fabric and fabric embellishment.

**HORSE BITS****County Fair Horse ID's Due June 1**

4-H horse identifications for the Lancaster County Fair are due in the extension office on Wednesday, June 1. Late ID forms **WILL NOT** be accepted.

Please take the time to fill forms out completely and thoroughly. Draw your horse's makings on the picture as accurately as you can. Also, be sure and indicate the horse's color on the drawing. ID forms can be picked up at the extension office.

**State Hippology & Judging Forms Due June 1**

Hippology and judging entry forms for the State 4-H Horse Exposition at Fonner Park are due to the Extension office on June 1. You still have time to enter!

**Salt Creek Wranglers Hold Pre-Districts Practice, June 12**

The Salt Creek Wranglers are providing a chance to practice for districts within their 4-H Silver Dollar Series. The show on Sunday, June 12, will highlight the Western Pleasure and Horsemanship classes using the district format. Registration starts at 8 a.m. on the Wranglers grounds. For more information, call Tausha Dybdal at 761-2070. Showbills on these and other horse shows are online at [lancaster.unl.edu/4h/news.htm](http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/news.htm).

**Cornhusker State Games Horse Schedule**

The 2005 Cornhusker State Games will take place July 9–17, with 57 sports at more than 75 locations in and around Lincoln. Equestrian events will be held at the State Fair Park Youth Arena.

- Early Deadline: June 20
- Late Deadline: June 27 (w/\$5 late fee)
- Saturday, July 9, 11 a.m. — Team Penning
- Sunday, July 10, 8 a.m. — Western
- Saturday, July 16, 11 a.m. — Hunter/Jumper
- Sunday, July 17, 8 a.m. — Dressage

For more information, go to <http://cornhusker-stategames.com> or call equestrian director Sandy Reiber at 402-483-5696.