



Sport a Winning Attitude in 4-H

It's fair time! Good sportsmanship is an expectation. Competitive programs abound with "teachable moments." It's important that children (and adults) learn to be fair and generous competitors and realize the fair is only one piece of the educational experience.



The six pillars of Character Counts! and sportsmanship go hand-in-hand. We hope you will promote good sportsmanship at the fair and all competitive and non-competitive events.

- **Trustworthiness**—a good sport has integrity, is honest, loyal to friends and keeps their promises.
- **Respect**—a good sport treats others the way they want to be treated, shows respect for judges and officials.
- **Responsibility**—a good sport is accountable for their actions and shows self-restraint.
- **Fairness**—a good sport treats people fairly and plays by the rules.
- **Caring**—a good sport shows concern and compassion for others.
- **Citizenship**—a good sport gives service to their community.

Sportsmanship is everyone's responsibility. To become contributing adults, youth must develop sportsmanship skills with the help of caring, supportive adults who set a good example. We hope you take time to recognize and congratulate other competitors. Winning begins in the heart. Have fun!

Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Expo, Sept. 25–30

The 80th Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition will be held Sept. 25–30 at the Qwest Center in Omaha. More than 2,000 4-H families from an eight-state area participate in the Expo. Categories of this 4-H only competition are Dairy, Feeder Calf & Breeding Beef, Horse, Market Beef, Market Broilers, Meat Goats, Market Lamb and Market Swine. Livestock exhibitors must be at least 10 years of age as of January 1. For more information, entry forms and tentative schedule, go to <http://aksarben.org/4-H>

Entries Due Aug. 5

Entries from Lancaster County 4-H members are due to extension staff no later than Sunday, Aug. 5. Please make sure to include all entry fees, chutes and parking fees. Ak-Sar-Ben will require 15-day health certificates for livestock and horses! *Note: Horses do not require an EIA (coggins) test.* Please call Deanna or Marty if you have questions.

Horse Exhibitor Eligibility

New this year, horse exhibitors do not need to have qualified at districts to enter the Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Horse Show! Horse exhibitors MUST be 12 years of age as of January 1 AND have passed Level 2 for English and Western Pleasure, English Equitation, Western Horsemanship, Reining, Barrel Racing and Pole Bending. Level 3 must have been passed to enter Hunter Hack and all the Advanced classes.

COUNTY FAIR 4-H/FFA NEWS

2007

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 1–5

Party with the Animals!

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Food Booth Training, July 26

The 4-H Corner Stop food booth at the county fair is Lancaster County 4-H Council's primary fundraiser. Volunteers are needed to staff 3–4 hour shifts from Tuesday, July 31 through Sunday, Aug. 5. For more information, contact Jean Pedersen at 420-0573 (call after 6 p.m.) or e-mail jean.pedersen@mac.com

ALL food booth volunteers are encouraged to attend a training on Thursday, July 26, 6–7 p.m. at the Event Center. Learn about food safety, customer service and volunteer responsibilities.

Static Exhibit Check-In Monday, July 30, 4–8 p.m.

Static exhibits do not preregister, but MUST be physically checked in during Static Exhibit Check-in on Monday, July 30 between 4 to 8 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln Room. An adult — such as a club leader or parent(s) — should assist 4-H members in entering exhibits. All entry tags, additional information, recipe cards, data tags, etc. MUST be attached at this time.

Interview Judging, July 31

Interview judging is Tuesday, July 31 starting at 9 a.m. in the Lincoln Room. 4-H'ers have the opportunity to talk to judges about their fair exhibits and share their trials and lessons they learned. 4-H'ers also learn what the judge looks for and how to improve skills. 4-H'ers may interview judge ONE exhibit from each project area (for example: one item from Celebrate Art, one item from Design Decisions and one item from Tasty Tidbits). Refer to page 38 of the Fair Book for project areas which have interview judging. Call the office at 441-7180 after July 4 to sign up for a five-minute time slot.

Results Posted on 4-H Web Site

4-H results and photos will be posted online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>

Animal Bedding

Absolutely no outside bedding or straw is allowed. All exhibitors must use bedding provided by Event Center (\$6 per bag). All exhibitors must pick up bedding from the farrier office (located in Pavilion 2, enter from courtyard). Office hours:

- Monday, July 31 — 3–8 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 1 — 7 a.m.-Noon & 6–9 p.m.
- Wed., Aug. 2 — 7 a.m.-2 p.m. & 5–10 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 3 — 7–9 a.m. & 5–7 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 4 — 7–9 a.m. & 5–7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 5 — 7–9 a.m.

Cattle Fitting Contest, Aug. 1

The Team Cattle Fitting Contest will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 6 p.m. Teams of two 4-H/FFA members will have 30 minutes to blow, groom and prepare an animal for show. At the completion of the 30 minutes, one team member will compete in the showmanship phase while the other team member is available for questions. See Fair Book page 34 for complete contest information. Teams must preregister the day of the contest by noon.

Clover Kids Show & Tell, Aug. 4

All Clover Kids, youth age 5-7 by January 1, 2007, are invited to show & tell their 4-H exhibits at the Lancaster County Fair, Saturday, Aug. 4, starting at 1 p.m.

Clover Kids Show & Tell is held in the Lincoln Room at the Lancaster Event Center. Youth are also invited to do a skit or song at this time. See page 33 of the Fair Book for more information. To register, call 441-7180 by Friday, July 27, or sign up at the static exhibit area Monday, July 30, 4-8 p.m.

Static Exhibit Release Time Sunday, Aug. 5, Noon–2 p.m.

All static exhibits will be released on Sunday, Aug. 5 between 12 noon and 2 p.m. This includes both 4-H and Open Class static exhibits.

Premium Payouts Must Be Picked Up During County Fair, Sunday, Aug. 5

Premium payouts to 4-H & FFA exhibitors will be paid in cash on Sunday, Aug. 5, Noon–4 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center Fair Board Office. Subject to identification, parents, guardians, 4-H club leaders, FFA chapter advisors will be permitted to pick up and sign for exhibitor premiums. **NO CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED THIS YEAR!** No changes or corrections will be made on premium amounts after 14 days.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR 4-H/FFA NEWS



Get ready for fun at the 2007 Nebraska State Fair Friday, Aug. 24 through Monday, Sept. 3! For a schedule of 4-H at the state fair and more, go to <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair>

Animal Entries Due Aug. 5

4-H & FFA animal exhibitors ages 10–18 are eligible to participate at the Nebraska State Fair regardless of county fair placing. **State Fair 4-H & FFA animal entry forms are due to Lancaster County 4-H staff no later than Sunday, Aug. 5 at the county fair.** Forms will be available online or at the livestock office at fair. Registration fees must be included with entries.

Static Exhibits

At the county fair, 4-H static exhibits will be selected for the Nebraska State Fair by the judges in the respective areas. A state fair sticker will be placed on all exhibits selected for state fair. 4-H members will receive information in the mail after county fair about entering at the State Fair.

State Fair Exhibitor Tickets

State Fair exhibitor tickets may be purchased and picked up at the extension office AFTER county fair. These are for 4-H members and their immediate family ONLY. Cost is \$3.25 for one-day exhibitor tickets. New this year are exhibitors multi-day wristbands (Aug. 24–29 or Aug. 20–Sep. 3) which cost \$20. Parking is FREE this year.

Volunteer at the 2007 Nebraska State Fair!

Hundreds of people volunteer their time and energy in making the 4-H section at the Nebraska State Fair incredibly successful. Along with the opportunity to participate in this great event, meet new people and provide assistance to fairgoers, each volunteer will receive a free parking pass and gate entrance pass to the State Fair for the day(s) they volunteer.

A schedule of events and volunteer times, as well as a volunteer interest form are online at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair>. **Please mail form no later than Aug. 6.** For more information, contact Doug Swanson at 472-2805.