



COUNTY FAIR 4-H/FFA NEWS

2007 LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 1-5

Party with the Animals!

LANCASTER EVENT CENTER • 84TH & HAVELOCK • LINCOLN

Animal Entries Due July 6

All 4-H & FFA county fair animal entry forms are due to extension by Friday, July 6, 4:30 p.m. or postmarked by July 6. No late entries will be accepted! All entry forms are available at the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>.

One Livestock Entry Form MUST be completed for each exhibitor entering livestock (beef, dairy, bucket calf, goats, sheep, swine). Bedding fees (\$6/bag) for beef, dairy and bucket calves are being collected with entry forms — bedding for other animals must be purchased at the fair.

Volunteers Needed

Adults and youth are needed to help during County Fair. Help is especially needed in the following areas:

- **Static exhibit set-up days** on Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. (pizza will be served) and Saturday, July 28 at 8 a.m. (doughnuts will be served) in the Lincoln Room
 - **Livestock set-up day** on Saturday, July 29 at 1 p.m. in Pavilion 1 (refreshments and Dairy Queen ice cream will be served)
 - **Horse set-up days**, Sunday, July 29–Tuesday, July 31 in Pavilion 2
 - **During judging of static exhibits** on Tuesday, July 31 in Lincoln Room
 - **Teen tour guides are needed for Fair Fun Day** for child care groups on Friday, Aug. 3 at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- If you can help, please contact the extension office at 441-7180.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Contest Information

Preregistration is required for the Presentations, Style Revue, Table Setting and Bicycle Safety contests by July 6 (entry forms are available at the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>). For the other County Fair contests, enter day of contest.

Horticulture Judging Contest, July 12

The Horticulture Judging Contest will be held Thursday, July 12, 10 a.m.–Noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Contest is open to all 4-H'ers — need not be enrolled in a horticulture project. Study material is available from extension. Youth choose which of the following portions of the contest to participate in: Tree Identification, Grass & Weed Identification and Horticulture Judging Contest..

Junior Life Challenge Contest, July 12

The junior division Life Challenge will be held Thursday, July 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Open to all 4-H'ers ages 8–11 (need not be enrolled in a specific project). Contest questions will be based on the following 4-H manuals: Citizen Safety, Youth in Motion, Growing on My Own, Attention Shoppers, Road to Good Cooking and Fast Foods.

Presentations Contest, July 20 or Aug. 4

Choose between three classes, all based on method of presentation. There are three methods in which 4-H'ers may present: 1) presentation using LCD, slide, video or overhead projector; 2) presentation using posters; or 3) multimedia presentation. You choose which date works for you: Friday, July 20 beginning at 1:30 p.m. or Saturday, Aug. 4 beginning at 8 a.m. See Fair Book page 35 for complete contest information. Must submit entry form by Friday, July 6. A handout is available at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and the extension office.

Style Revue Judging, July 25 Public Style Revue, Aug. 2

Style Revue judging will be Wednesday, July 25 starting at 8:30 a.m. The public Style Revue is Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 7 p.m. (both revues will be held at the Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 3–Exhibit Hall). A handout is available from the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>. Must submit entry forms by July 6.

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. Start putting your team together now!

Table Setting Contest, Aug. 2

Contest will be Thursday, Aug. 2, 5 p.m. at Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 3 – Exhibit Hall. A handout is available from the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>. Must preregister by July 6 by contacting the extension office (there is no entry form).

Bicycle Safety Contest, Aug. 4

This contest will be held on Saturday, Aug. 4, 10 a.m. at the Lancaster Event Center, south parking lot. 4-H members do not need to be enrolled in the bicycle project to enter this contest. See Fair Book page 34 for rules. Must preregister by July 6 by contacting the extension office (there is no entry form).

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 with qualifying static exhibits will receive information in the mail after County Fair about entering at the State Fair.

State Fair Gate & Parking Passes

State Fair gate passes and seasonal parking passes may be purchased and picked up at the extension office AFTER County Fair. These passes are for 4-H members and their immediate family only.

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.