



## Specialty 4-H Clubs Invite New Members

Current 4-H members and those interested in joining 4-H are invited to join these clubs



### 4-H Teen Council Leadership Organization

The Lancaster 4-H Teen Council is a leadership organization for youth in grades 7–12. Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center.

4-H Teen Council members:

- participate in several community service activities
- organize the Ice Cream Social and Cookie Eating Contest at the Lancaster County Fair
- plan, set up and facilitate the annual 4th & 5th grade Lock-In (pictured above)
- are involved in other leadership activities

Call Tracy Kulm at 441-7180 for more information or to join!

### Household Pets

Want to learn more about your pet? Or get acquainted with new ones? Join the 4-H Household Pets club for youth ages 8–18 and their small animals! Hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, mice, snakes, turtles, fish, reptiles, amphibians, caged birds and any animal small enough to put in your pocket is invited. The club will have a reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Sheri Ramirez and Shirley Condon are club co-leaders.

### Chess Club

Join the Checkmates 4-H club and learn basic tactics of chess and the secrets of good positional play, improve your game and learn new strategies. Players of all levels are welcome. Checkmates leader is James Walla. The club's first meeting for the 2007–08 4-H year is Sunday, Oct. 14, 3–5 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. For more information, call 441-7180.

### Classic Cars R Us

Do you like cars, especially older ones? Share your interest with other like-minded 4-H'ers! Classic Cars R Us 4-H Club explores various eras and aspects of the automobile. Club activities range from tracing the history of the automobile, building and/or restoring models, and attending car shows. The club usually meets on Friday evenings or Saturdays. For more information, contact club leaders Myron or Barb Smith at 475-5563 or mbsmith@radiks.net

### Rabbits 'R Us

If you like rabbits, hop to it! The Rabbits 'R Us 4-H club helps youth learn all about rabbits! They usually meet on the third Monday (evenings) of each month. The club co-sponsors one or two rabbit clinics and shows each year. They also run a dunk tank at the Lancaster County Fair to raise funds for landscaping at the Lancaster Event Center. For more information, contact leader Kirk Gunnerson at 470-0440.

### "Fair's Over, Now What?" Volunteer Training, Sept. 27

Leaders, parents and interested volunteers are invited to attend this 4-H training Thursday, Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. Discover how to complete the current 4-H year and how to prepare for the next 4-H year. Awards, project completion/selection and club reorganization will be covered. Bring your questions and ideas! You must RSVP by calling 441-7180 by Sept. 25.

### 4-H Rabbit Clinic, Oct. 20

All youth ages 8–18 and their families are invited to attend a free 4-H Rabbit Clinic on Thursday, Oct. 20, 9:30 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln.

Sessions include:

- Selection & care of the rabbit
- Information on rabbit breeds
- Showmanship (judges a 4-H member's ability to handle and show their animal)

This clinic will be beneficial to families considering buying a rabbit and those who have rabbits but want to learn more.

## October

### Kristy Hattan

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Kristy Hattan as winner of October's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

She has volunteered for 4-H for 18 years in a variety of roles:

- leader for the 4-H Sew & Dough Club (3 years)
- volunteer during judging of static exhibits at Lancaster County Fair (3 years) and Nebraska State Fair (4 years)
- Superintendent of Home Environment areas at county fair (14 years)

"I like watching the joy of accomplishment by the 4-H'ers," says Kristy. "4-H offers a great learning experience for the kids to improve their life skills. 4-H has given me a great opportunity to spend time with my daughters and now my grandson, learning and improving skills while working on a project. I enjoy the County Fair. I love seeing all the final projects by the 4-H'ers. There are a lot of talented and creative young people. Judging day is always busy but very rewarding."

Kristy is a member of the East Campus Starrs group, which sponsors the four plaques awarded in the Home Environment and Child Development areas at county fair. She is also active in her church, Indian Hills Community Church.

Congratulations to Kristy. Volunteers like her are indeed the heart of 4-H!



### Award Nominations Due Jan. 1

Nominations are being taken for the following Lancaster County 4-H awards. Deadline is Jan. 1. Information and applications are available at the extension office or online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h>

#### Community Service Awards—

presented to 4-H'ers who have completed the most hours of community service. Award recipients receive a \$30 activity certificate redeemable towards 4-H activities & supplies. Five winners in age 14 & over division and ten winners age 13 & under.

#### 4-H Meritorious Service—

presented to individuals or organizations which have exhibited consistent and strong support of the 4-H program. 4-H members are not eligible.

#### Outstanding 4-H Member—

presented to an individual who has excelled in their involvement with the 4-H program and are 14 years of age or older. The basis for selection appraises the variety and depth of 4-H activities.

#### I Dare You Youth Leadership Award—

awarded on behalf of the American Youth Foundation to high school juniors or seniors who strive to achieve their personal best and make a positive difference in their community. Two 4-H members will be selected from Lancaster County.

### 4-H Scholarships Due Jan. 1

The Lancaster County 4-H program offers a variety of scholarships. Deadline is Jan. 1. Information and application forms are available at the extension office or online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h>

#### COLLEGE

The following college scholarships are available to high school seniors active in 4-H:

**4-H Council**—awards six \$500 scholarships.

**Lincoln Center Kiwanis**—awards two \$1,000 scholarships.

**Teen Council**—awards two scholarships to 4-H'ers who are active in Teen Council and help with at least one major fundraiser.

**Lane Scholarship**—awards one \$200 scholarship to a 4-H'er attending Raymond Central High School.

#### 4-H CAMP

The following scholarship goes toward attending 4-H summer camp(s):

**Joyce Vahle Memorial Scholarship**—awards one \$100 scholarship to a youth age 8–14. Applicants should currently be, or have been, enrolled in at least one sewing project.

### Nominate Your Favorite 4-H Volunteer!

A "Heart of 4-H Award" is awarded to a Lancaster County 4-H volunteer each month! Nominate your favorite 4-H volunteer or leader by submitting the following form (also available online at [lanaster.unl.edu](http://lanaster.unl.edu)). *Nominations of co-volunteers accepted.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why you are nominating person(s) (use additional paper if needed)

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