



COUNTY FAIR 4-H/FFA NEWS

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4-H Dog Club Receives Governor's Ag Excellence Award

The Lancaster County 4-H dog club, Canine Companions, was one of the recipients of the 2008 Governor's Agricultural Excellence Awards. Each year the Nebraska 4-H Foundation, the Governor and the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority honors and financially rewards 4-H clubs for outstanding performance. The funds awarded are intended to aid in improving the quality of the 4-H program and help prepare youth for careers in agriculture. The dog club plans on purchasing dog agility equipment for the Lancaster County Fair.

4-H Leader Update, Oct. 2

Leaders, parents and interested volunteers are encouraged to attend a 4-H Leader Update on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. Discover all the opportunities available for your 4-H members and prepare for the next 4-H year. Awards, project completion/selection, club reorganization, the Diamond Clover Program and Career Portfolio will be covered. Bring your questions and ideas! You must RSVP by calling 441-7180 by Sept. 30.

Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Expo, Sept. 23-28

The 81st Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Youth Livestock Exposition will be held Sept. 23-28 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, market swine and breeding 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. 10

Entries from Lancaster County 4-H members are due to extension staff no later than Sunday, Aug. 10 (may give to them at the Lancaster County Fair). 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

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.

Horse Course Challenge, July 29

The first ever 4-H Horse Course Challenge will be part of the Lancaster County Fair! It will be held Tuesday, July 29, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. There will be three age divisions: elementary, junior and senior. The Horse Course Challenge will cover material from lessons 1-15 and 17-25 of the e-mail Horse Course. The testing will include identification stations and a written test. Premiums and ribbons will be awarded at the fair. Top 10 ribbon placings, Reserve and Grand Champion Trophies will be awarded at the 4-H Horse Awards Night.

Volunteers Needed

Adults and youth are needed to help during the Lancaster County Fair. If you can help, please contact the extension office at 441-7180. Help is especially needed in the following areas:

- **Static exhibit set-up days** on Thursday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m. (pizza will be served) and Saturday, Aug. 2 at 8 a.m. (doughnuts will be served) in the Lincoln Room
- **Livestock set-up day** on Sunday, Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. in Pavilion 1 (refreshments will be served)
- **During judging of static exhibits** on Tuesday, Aug. 5 in Lincoln Room
- **Teen tour guides are needed for Fair Fun Day** for child care groups on Friday, Aug. 8 at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Food Booth Training, July 31

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 to 4 hour shifts from Tuesday, Aug. 5 through Sunday, Aug. 10. For more information, contact Jean Pedersen at 730-6276 (call after 6 p.m.) or e-mail jean.pedersen@mac.com

ALL food booth volunteers are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to attend the training on Thursday, July 31, 6-7 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center. Learn about food safety, customer service and volunteer responsibilities.

Results Posted on 4-H Web Site

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

Static Exhibit Check-In Monday, Aug. 4, 4-8 p.m.

Static exhibits do not preregister, but MUST be physically checked in during Static Exhibit Check-in on Monday, Aug. 4 between 4-8 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, Aug. 5

Interview judging is Tuesday, Aug. 5 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. Refer to page 38 of the Fair Book for project areas which have interview judging (note: there will be no Forestry interview judging this year). Members, parents or leaders can call the extension office at 441-7180 to sign up members for a five-minute time slot—preregister before Aug. 1. If slots are still available, may sign up during Static Exhibit Check-in on Monday, Aug. 4, 4-8 p.m.

Clover Kids Show & Tell, Aug. 9

All Clover Kids, youth age 5-7 by January 1, 2008, are invited to show & tell their 4-H exhibits at the Lancaster County Fair, Saturday, Aug. 9, 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, Aug. 1, or sign up at the static exhibit area Monday, July 30, 4-8 p.m.

Static Exhibit Release Time Sunday, Aug. 10, Noon-2 p.m.

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

Premiums Must Be Picked Up Sunday, Aug. 10, Noon-4 p.m.

Premium payouts to 4-H & FFA exhibitors will be paid in cash on Sunday, Aug. 10, 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 2008 Nebraska State Fair Friday, Aug. 22 through Monday, Sept. 1! For a schedule of 4-H at the state fair and more, go to <http://4h.unl.edu/programs/statefair>

NOTE: DEADLINE CHANGE! Animal Entries Due Aug. 1

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 animal entry forms are due to Lancaster County 4-H staff no later than Friday, Aug. 1. Forms are available online or at the extension office. 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 2008 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.