



Lancaster County 4-H and 4-H Council invite 4-H'ers and their families to

4-H Achievement Night

Tuesday, Feb. 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Part of
Nebraska
State 4-H
Month!

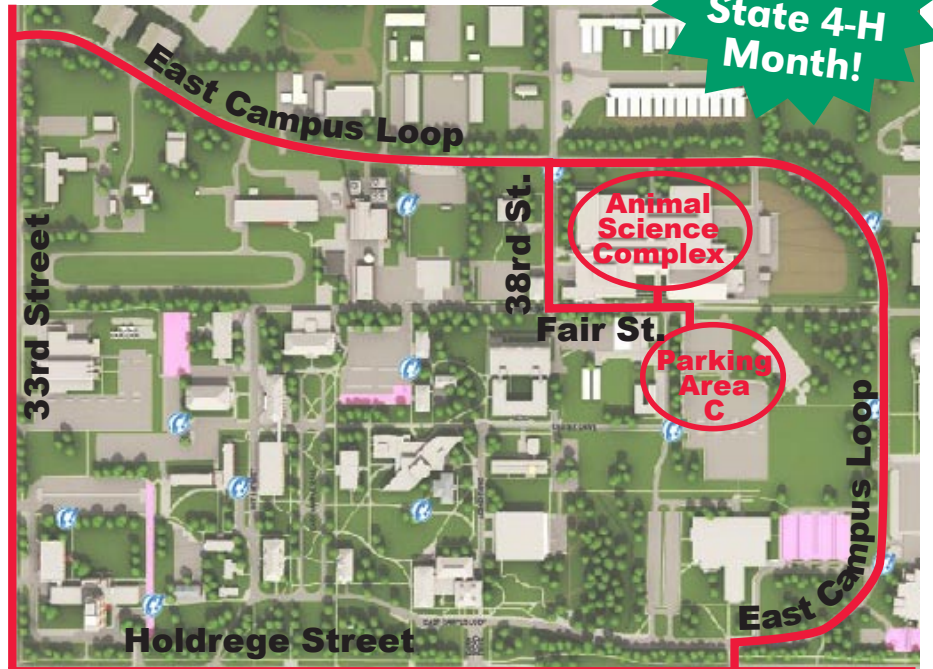
**University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Animal Science Complex, East Campus**



EVENING INCLUDES:

- 4-H Awards Presentation
- Fun, educational presentations by UNL Animal Science Professors
- Optional tour includes a behind-the-scenes look at animal science/vet science teaching labs, research facilities and projects (for example, see "fistulated" cattle used in ruminant research)

4-H members, 4-H clubs and 4-H leaders will be recognized for their 2007 achievements. Lancaster County 4-H congratulates all 4-H youth who work throughout the year on their 4-H projects and commit themselves to excellence! We also thank the 4-H leaders who volunteer their time and talents to youth!



Directions and parking:

From either 33rd Street or Holdrege Street, follow East Campus Loop to N. 38th Street. Turn south on 38rd Street to Fair Street. Front entrance of Animal Science Complex is at corner of 39th and Fair Streets. Park in parking lot south of Animal Science Complex, with signage "Area C—Commuter Student Parking" (non-metered spaces)(no cost for 4-H families to park during event)

4-H Speech Contest

The 2008 4-H Speech Contest will be held Sunday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. The Speech Contest provides 4-H'ers the opportunity to learn to express themselves clearly, organize their ideas and have confidence. Register by April 14 by calling 441-7180 or e-mailing dkarmazin2@unl.edu with name, speech title and age division.

Contest divisions and requirements:

- **Clover Kid:** 5-7 years old, read or recite any short story, nursery rhyme, poem, pledge, etc..
- **Novice:** 8-9 years old, 2 minutes in length, any topic related to 4-H.
- **Junior:** 10-11 years old, 2-3 minutes in length, any topic about a 4-H experience.
- **Intermediate:** 12-13 years old, 3-5 minutes in length, encouraged to talk about a 4-H project you would like others to enroll in.
- **Senior:** 14-19, 5-8 minutes in length, a timely topic related to 4-H.

For speech resources check out our Web site at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/Contest/speech.shtml>

New Clover Kid Speech Division!

This year we have added a new age division for our Clover Kids. Any youth ages 5-7 enrolled in 4-H can participate in the speech contest. Clover Kids are encouraged to read or recite a favorite short story, poem, nursery rhyme, pledge, etc. This is a non-competitive event! Participation ribbons will be awarded to all youth who try their hand at public speaking. For more information contact Deanna at 441-7180 or email her at dkarmazin2@unl.edu.

New PSA Contest Guidelines

This year the 4-H Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest will not be held face to face. The contest will be held via audio only. Any 4-H member ages 8-18 can submit a PSA via cassette tape or CD playable on any standard stereo equipment to Deanna by Monday, April 14. Awards and comment sheets will be announced and handed out at the Speech Contest on Sunday, April 20. As always, sound effects and background noises are encouraged. If you do not have the capabilities to record a PSA, contact Deanna to set up a recording time. Additional contest information, PSA guidelines and examples can be found online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/Contest/speech.shtml>

New 22 Silhouette Shooting Sports Discipline

A new 22 silhouette shooting sports discipline will be available to 4-H youth this spring! Mark your calendars to attend the first organizational meeting on Monday, May 5, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Interested youth must be at least 12 years old and not older than 18 by January 1, 2008. More information will be in upcoming Neblines issues.

4-H Clubs Needed to Help Provide Booths at Kiwanis Carnival

The annual Kiwanis Carnival, a FREE family event is sponsored by the Lincoln Center Kiwanis. This year, it will be held Saturday, April 12, 7-9 p.m. at Elliott Elementary School, 225 S. 26 Street, Lincoln. 4-H clubs are needed to provide carnival-type booths. For more information, call Lorene at 441-7180.

Clover College Instructors and Volunteers Needed

The 2008 4-H Clover College will be Tuesday, June 17-Friday, June 20 at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Clover College is four days of fun-filled, hands-on workshops for youth ages 6 and up. If you have workshop topic ideas, or if you would like to teach a workshop or volunteer to help, please contact Tracy at 441-7180. All help is very much appreciated!

January



Amber Nore

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Amber Nore as winner of February's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Amber has been a 4-H volunteer for three years. She began as an independent leader for her daughter, Chloe. Two years ago, as the leader for the Everett After School program sponsored by the Everett Community Learning Center and Lincoln Parks & Recreation, Amber formed a 4-H club for the after school youth. "Everett 4-H Kids" meet every week and completes 4-H projects such as Trash to Treasure, Snack & Healthy and Theatre Arts. Amber is also the leader for the McPhee After School program and is in the process of forming a 4-H club there.

"I like being a 4-H volunteer because I get to spend time with my daughter, Chloe, and help her and her friends learn about all the fascinating things that can be done with 4-H," says Amber. "My favorite experience as a 4-H volunteer was getting ready for our first county fair entries!"

In addition to volunteering for 4-H, Amber volunteers in her daughter's classroom which is part of Everett's Montessori program and is active in Everett Elementary School's PTA. She also teaches Sunday school at her church and volunteers for several women's organizations. She is an AmericaCorps member serving at the Eiseley Branch Library.

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

