



COUNTY FAIR 4-H/FFA NEWS

2008

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 6-10

LANCASTER EVENT CENTER • 84TH & HAVELOCK • LINCOLN

Animal Entries Due July 7

All 4-H & FFA county fair animal (except horse) entry forms are due to extension by Monday, July 7 4:30 p.m. or postmarked by July 7. No late entries will be accepted! **One Livestock Entry Form MUST be completed for each exhibitor** entering livestock (beef, dairy, bucket calf, goats, sheep, swine). Bedding fees (\$6/head) for beef, dairy and bucket calves are being collected with entry forms — bedding for other animals must be purchased at the fair. All entry forms are available at the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>

Livestock Changes

There have been several changes to the Fair Book for livestock exhibitors. Here are some of the changes, please check Fair Books for more details.

All Species: Number of entries allowed per exhibitor has increased. Please check each species for more complete details.

Beef: For safety reasons, there will be no tie-outs this year due to construction at the Lancaster Event Center. Thanks for your understanding on this issue.

Blow and Go Rule: All beef exhibitors will be allowed only to wash, blowout and/or comb their animals. Any use of adhesives is prohibited. Exhibitors will be allowed to use coat dressings, conditioners and shaving creams only. No use of products containing color additives or color transfer allowed.

Swine: No feeding allowed in wash rack area to help eliminate clogging of the drain.

Dog: There has been a pet class added to this year's fair. Please check page 63 of the fair book for more info.

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 3-4 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.

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 between July 7 and 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.

Contest Information

Horticulture Judging Contest, July 23

The Horticulture Judging Contest will be held Wednesday, July 23, 10 a.m.-Noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Open to all 4-H'ers ages 8-18 — 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. Preregistration is not required—enter the day of contest.

Junior Life Challenge Contest, July 12

The junior division Life Challenge will be held Saturday, July 12 at 9:30 a.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: Six Easy Bites, Road to Good Cooking, Home Building Blocks, The Sitter, Growing on My Own, Step Up to Leadership, Sewing for Fun, Becoming Money Wise. Preregistration is not required—enter the day of contest.

Presentations Contest, July 19

This year's presentation contest will be Saturday, July 19 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Open to all 4-H'ers ages 8-18. 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. See Fair Book page 35 for complete contest information. A handout is available at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and the extension office. All participants are strongly encouraged to read the handout. Must preregister by July 11.

Style Revue Judging, July 30 Public Style Revue, Aug. 6

Style Revue judging will be Wednesday, July 30 starting at 8 a.m. The public Style Revue is Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. (both revues will be held at the Lancaster Event Center, Exhibit Hall). A handout and entry forms are available from the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>. Must submit entry forms by July 21.

Cattle Fitting Contest, Aug. 6

The Team Cattle Fitting Contest will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. in Pavilion 1 - East Arena. Teams of two 4-H/FFA members will have 30 minutes to blow dry, 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.

Table Setting Contest, Aug. 7

Table Setting Contest will be Thursday, Aug. 7, 5 p.m. at Lancaster Event Center, Exhibit Hall. Open to all 4-H'ers ages 8-18. 4-H'ers use their creativity to plan a healthy menu, set a table and present their table setting to a judge. A handout is available from the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>. All participants are strongly encouraged to read the handout. Must preregister by July 21 by contacting the extension office (there is no entry form).

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>

Animal Entries Due Aug. 10

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. 10 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 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>. For more information, contact Doug Swanson at 472-2805.