

Meet 4-H Teen Council



On Jan. 25, nearly 30 4-H Teen Council members organized and led the 4-H Overnight Lock-In for more than 80 fourth & fifth graders.

The Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council is a leadership organization for youth in grades 7–12. Members are involved in several leadership activities such as organizing the annual 4th & 5th Grade Lock-In and the Ice Cream Social at the Lancaster County Fair. Teens also participate in community service projects.

More than 40 Lancaster County 4-H youth are part of 4-H Teen Council this year.

Officers are:

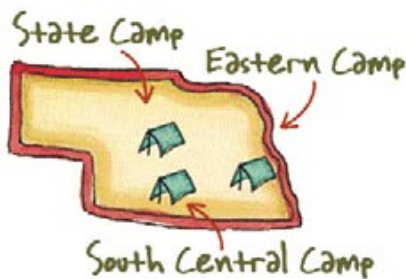
- **President** — Grace Farley
- **Vice President** — Marian Hanigan
- **Secretary** — Christina Mayer
- **Treasurer** — Brad Morgan
- **Historians** — Britini Waller and Ellen Muehling
- **Adult Advisor** — Marilyn Schepers

Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. New members are always welcome! For more information or to join, contact Tracy Kulm at tkulm1@unl.edu or 441-7180.

Save 10% on 4-H Camps by Registering Before April 1!



Open to all youth ages 5–19!



4-H Summer Camps & Trips are open to all youth ages 5–19 — need not be in 4-H. Specializing in leadership development and team building, 4-H summer camps create positive memories which last a lifetime.

With three unique Nebraska locations at Halsey, Gretna and Alma, there are more than 40 camps ranging from half day to four days/three nights. Some camp sessions offer a range of activities while others focus on a specific theme. Most camps include one to four overnight stays in comfortable cabins. Six camps aimed at youth ages 5–8 are one-day camps and adult chaperones are invited!

UNL Extension, through its 4-H Youth Development Program, has been operating 4-H Camps for over 40 years. The 4-H camps and centers all meet over 300 standards established by the American Camping Association.

Since the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camp near Gretna is closest to Lincoln, many Lancaster County youth attend camps there, however local youth also attend camps at the other two locations.

2007 4-H Summer Camp brochures have complete information and registration forms — available online at <http://4h.unl.edu/camp> or at the extension office.

Camp Counselors Needed

Youth ages 15–19 years are needed to volunteer to help children have the best summer of their lives while camping at Nebraska 4-H Camps and Centers. Camp Counselors develop leadership skills, self-confidence and independence! They meet friends which will last a lifetime, experience excitement, challenges and have FUN! You may apply to be a counselor at a variety of camps offered during the months of June, July and August. Information and application are available online at <http://4h.unl.edu/camp/staff/counseling.htm> or contact Tracy at 441-7180. Applications are due March 15. Applications received after the deadline may be accepted until all positions are filled. 4-H Council will reimburse Lancaster County youth the cost of the training. For LPS students who are still in school during the training, camps will work around your school schedule.

Cabin Mentors Needed

Cabin Mentors age 17 and older are needed at the 4-H Camps. Mentors have the opportunity to gain the skills and experience necessary for a future 4-H summer program staff position and provide overall night time cabin supervision. They support and mentor camp counselors and campers in meeting their responsibilities. They help develop a “team” atmosphere in their cabin and program group. Information and application are available online at <http://4h.unl.edu/camp/staff/mentors.htm> or contact Tracy at 441-7180. Applications are due March 15. Applications received after the deadline may be accepted until all positions are filled.

Can You Guess It?



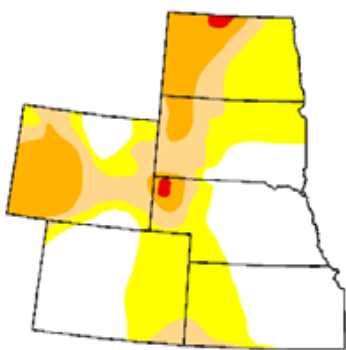
Photo by Vicki Jedicicka, UNL Extension in Lancaster County

Did you guess it? Find out at <http://lanaster.unl.edu>
Did you guess it from the February NEBLINE? The answer was a cardinal.

U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of Feb. 5, Lancaster County was not in drought conditions.

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)	Weeks				
	03-04	01-04	03-04	05-04	04
Current	40.1	59.9	29.5	14.6	0.6
Last Week (11/13/2007 map)	43.4	56.6	29.5	14.6	0.6
3 Months Ago (11/13/2007 map)	52.4	47.6	28.3	11.1	0.3
Start of Calendar Year (1/1/1/2008 map)	46.8	53.2	29.4	11.8	0.3
Start of Water Year (10/1/2007 map)	55.8	44.2	23.3	10.8	1.0
One Year Ago (10/1/2007 map)	31.1	68.9	52.4	32.8	16.8



Intensity:
 D0 Abnormally Dry
 D1 Drought - Moderate
 D2 Drought - Severe
 D3 Drought - Extreme
 D4 Drought - Exceptional

For the most recent map, visit <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Source: National Drought Mitigation Center, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Explore Career Options at Big Red Academic Camps

The 2008 Big Red Summer Academic Camps are a chance for high school youth to spend time investigating an interest or potential career, explore the UNL campus, meet people from across the state and have lots of fun. Held in June, Big Red Summer Academic Camps features 12 career exploration camps hosted by Nebraska 4-H and UNL faculty members. The camps are residence camps held on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln campus. Housing and food are provided.

After spending several fun-filled days exploring a specific topic such as movie-making or food molecular biology, youth showcase their work at a special “capstone event” which family members are invited to attend. Brochures and registration forms are available at <http://bigredcamps.unl.edu> or at the extension office. For more information, call 472-2805. 4-H members are encouraged to apply for a scholarship — application is on the Web site.



Save by registering before April 1!

Camp	Dates	Grade**
Child Development	June 15-20	9-12
Culinary Arts	June 15-20	9-12
Culinology®	June 15-20	10-12
Dance*	June 15-20	9-12
Food Molecular Biology	June 15-20	9-12
Landscape Design*	June 15-20	9-12
Movie-Making	June 15-20	10-12
Quilt Design*	June 15-20	9-12
Spiders*	June 15-20	9-12
Theatre	June 15-20	9-12
Web Design and Animation	June 15-20	9-12
Unicameral Youth Conference	June 8-11	9-12

* New camp for 2008

**Grade for Fall '08. Students who graduate in May '08 are welcome to attend.