



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. 21, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Sheri Ramirez and Shirley Condon are club co-leaders.

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. For more information, contact club leaders Myron or Barb Smith at 475-5563 or myronsmith@windstream.net

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 next meetings are Sunday, Oct. 12, 3-5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 9, 3-5 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. For more information, call 441-7180.

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. They also run a dunk tank at the Lancaster County Fair to raise funds to promote 4-H and for county-wide service projects. For more information, contact leader Kirk Gunnerson at 470-0440.

Star City Llamas

Do you want to learn about llamas and alpacas? This club focuses on the care and maintenance of these animals, and is heavily involved in community service projects. 4-H'ers take their llamas to parades, nursing homes and schools to educate the public. The club also teaches youth entrepreneurship skills by creating products from the wool and marketing them. You do not have to own a llama or alpaca, you can borrow or lease one. For more information, call Deanna Karmazin at 441-7180.

4-H Leader Update, Oct. 2 & Nov. 20

A representative(s) from each club is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend the 4-H Leader Update on Thursday, Oct. 2 or Thursday, Nov. 20 at 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Rd. New Nebraska 4-H Policy and Procedures will be introduced and **required** for all clubs and members. Additional information on 4-H programs and sharing of ideas will be included. You must RSVP by calling 441-7180 by Sept. 30 for the Oct. 2 training and by Nov. 18 for the Nov. 20 training.

Heritage 4-H Day at Stuhr Museum, Oct. 11

Experience 4-H at the Stuhr Museum of the Pioneer in Grand Island on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 9:45 a.m. with hands-on activities for youth ages 12-19. Morning sessions are photography preservation, tinwork and hat making. Afternoon sessions are family tree, newspaper creation and hitching the horse to the plow. Fee is \$20 for all day and lunch or \$12 for morning or afternoon with no lunch. Reservations due by Oct. 3. Call 308-385-5088 to register and for more information.

October

Martin Dye

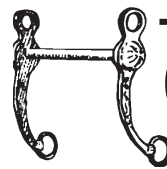
Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Martin Dye as winner of October's "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

He has volunteered with 4-H for approximately 10 years. He is a member of the Lancaster County Horse VIPS Committee and helps at the Lancaster County Fair and State 4-H Horse Shows. At the Lancaster County Fair, he is in charge of arena preparation for the horse shows.

Martin says, "I like being a 4-H volunteer because it's a way to share some of your life experiences with youth, to help them grow in their experiences. I would like to see more fathers, brothers, uncles and grandfathers volunteer in all areas of 4-H. The time spent pays great dividends helping youth gain a solid foundation in life. My favorite experience as a 4-H volunteer was to witness the growth and success of each rider each year as they improve their skill levels and to help them to learn how to accomplish new skills, no matter which club they belong to."

Martin also volunteers for the Central Plains Reining Horse Association. His two daughters grew up in the 4-H Horse program and have competed in AQHA, NRHA and CPRHA. Congratulations to Martin. Volunteers like him are indeed the heart of 4-H!

Nominate your favorite 4-H volunteer by submitting the form available online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu> or at the extension office. Nominations of co-volunteers welcome.



HORSE BITS

Final 2008 Group Testing, Sept. 27

There will be one final 2008 group testing for horse levels on Saturday, Sept. 27. The testing will begin at 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Event Center in the Pavilion 2 warm-up arena. Anyone wishing to test please contact Marty at mcruckshank2@unl.edu or 441-7180 as soon as possible. Cut off date for signing up is Sept. 22. If you are testing, you will receive a letter later that week with your "guesstimated" ride time.

Horse Awards Night, Oct 7

The annual Lancaster County 4-H Horse Awards Night will be Tuesday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Rd. Awards presentation includes Incentive Awards, Horsemanship Levels, Horse Course Challenge, All-Around Awards, Herdsmanship, Top County Fair Judging buckles and ribbons, and a few surprise awards!

The evening includes a pot luck dinner. Please bring a meat dish and either a salad or dessert and your own table service. Drinks will be provided. Come help celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of the 2008 Lancaster County 4-H Horsemen!

Roping and Goat Tying Clinic, Nov. 2

A free fall clinic will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2 beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center, Pavilion 3. Clinicians are Jim Berry (the 2008 county fair judge) and Justy Hagan.

The roping portion will cover basic roping fundamentals that should be good for the very beginning roper and also help advanced ropers improve their skills. You do not need to bring a horse.

The goat tying portion will cover the basic fundamentals on how to tie a goat and how to dismount while your horse is moving. You will need to bring a horse.

This is open to all Lancaster 4-H horse youth, their families and leaders. If you've never tried either of these events, feel free to come and try it. Ropes will be provided for those who don't have their own. This should be both an educational and fun afternoon! Please RSVP by Oct. 22 to Marty at mcruckshank2@unl.edu or 441-7180.