

2009

LANCASTER COUNTY FAIR

AUGUST 5-9

LANCASTER EVENT CENTER • 8⁴TH & HAVELOCK • LINCOLN

The Lancaster County Fair Book has complete information about entering exhibits or participating in contests. Fair Books are available at the extension office and online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>. Most of the following information is compiled from the Fair Book.

Change in Premium Payouts Procedure

All 4-H & FFA animal exhibitors will receive premium payouts as they exit the show arena. Participants in 4-H contests held DURING the county fair will receive their premium payout at the contest.

Premium payouts for all static exhibits and 4-H contests held PRIOR to the fair (such as Speech or Bicycle Safety) must be picked up on Sunday, Aug. 9, Noon-4 p.m. in the Fair Board Office. Premiums will not be paid out after 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug 9. With proper identification, parents, guardians, 4-H club leaders, FFA chapter advisors will also be permitted to pick up and sign for exhibitor premiums. No checks will be issued! No changes or corrections will be made on premium amounts after 14 days.

NEW! New this year, gate admission tickets will be required at the Lancaster County Fair. The extension office will have gate admission tickets FREE, available July-Aug. 9.

Contest Information

Junior Life Challenge Contest, July 11

The junior division Life Challenge will be held Saturday, July 11 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: Youth in Motion, Sewing for Fun, Road to Good Cooking, The Sitter, Becoming Money Wise and ESI (EntrepreneurShip Investigation): Discover the E-Scene. Review packets are available at the extension office. Preregister by July 10 by calling 441-7180.

Presentations Contest, July 18

This year's presentation contest will be Saturday, July 18 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Open to all 4-H'ers ages 8-18. There are three methods in which 4-H'ers may present: 1) presentation using LCD 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 10.

Horticulture Judging Contest, July 23

The Horticulture Judging Contest will be held Thursday, 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.

Style Revue Judging, July 29 Public Style Revue, Aug. 5

Style Revue judging will be Wednesday, July 29 starting at 8 a.m. The public Style Revue is Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. (both revues will be held at the Lancaster Event Center, Exhibit Hall). A handout and entry forms are available at the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>. Must submit entry forms by July 20.

Table Setting Contest, Aug. 6

Table Setting Contest will be Thursday, Aug. 6, 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 20 by contacting the extension office (there is no entry form).

"How to" Handouts

Handouts detailing how to exhibit in 4-H at the Lancaster County Fair are available at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and extension office:

- Overview of Exhibiting in 4-H at Lancaster County Fair
- How to Enter 4-H Contests at Lancaster County Fair
- How to Enter 4-H Static Exhibits at Lancaster County Fair
- Animal Requirements for County Fair, State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben



New in 4-H at County Fair

See the Fair Book for detailed information about each of the following:

- Entrepreneurship has been replaced with **ESI: EntrepreneurShip Investigation** classes (see p. 40) based on the new curriculums developed by Nebraska 4-H:
 - Unit 1—ESI: Discover the E-Scene
 - Unit 2—ESI: The Case of ME
 - Unit 3—ESI: Your Business Inspection
- **Style Revue** has added a Clothing Level 2 class for robes, pajamas, etc. (see p. 36)
- **Clothing** now has a class for aprons (see p. 45).
- **Llama/Alpaca Show** after being on hold for two years, the llama show is back as a Llama/Alpaca show with separate classes for llamas and alpacas. Pack classes also have been added (see p. 61).
- **Swine Show** now includes a Breeding Gilt class and a Babe Contest. Breeding Gilt classes will be broken into divisions by size. Babe Contest is a fun class where exhibitor and hog may dress in costume or show off tricks or abilities, etc. (see p. 61).
- There is now a **Meat Goat Show** in addition to the Dairy Goat Show (see p. 60).
- **Horse Hunter Show**—Hunter is a term used for the controlled, balanced, rhythmic manner in which the horse completes the course of jumps (see p. 63).
- The former Horse and Pony Halter Show in the Western Horse Show is now divided into two shows: **Hunter/Saddleseat Horse Halter Show** in the English Show for Hunter/Saddleseat horse type and Horse and Pony Halter Show in Western Horse Show for stock type horses and ponies. A horse may be entered in only one halter class.

Changes for Horticulture Exhibits

Changes have been made in the Horticulture area. Please keep these changes in mind when you are preparing your exhibits for the Lancaster County Fair.

1. Containers for flower exhibits will not be provided. Exhibitor must provide own container. Please have containers be the appropriate size for your flower exhibit. Make sure the container will not tip over when the flowers are put inside. The container will not be judged.
2. Paper plates for vegetables and fruit exhibits will not be provided. Exhibitor must provide sturdy, white paper plates.
3. Exhibits need to be ready to enter when you arrive at the fair. There will not be a preparation area to prepare your exhibits.
4. Entry cards must be completely filled out before arriving at the fair.

Entomology

4-H Entomology should have been included in the Fair Book. A Fair Book Entomology Addition is available at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and the extension office.

Photography Forms Online

4-H County Fair photography data tag forms parts A & B are now available as a fill-in PDFs online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>

Animal Entries Due July 8

All 4-H & FFA county fair animal entry forms are due to extension by Wednesday, July 8 4:30 p.m. or post-marked by July 8. 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. Entry forms are available at the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>

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 30 at 6:30 p.m. (pizza will be served) and Saturday, Aug. 1 at 8 a.m. (doughnuts will be served) in the Lincoln Room
- **During judging of static exhibits** on Tuesday, Aug. 4 in Lincoln Room
- **Teen tour guides are needed for Fair Fun Day** for child care groups on Friday, Aug. 7 at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- **Lil' Green** mascot and escorts on Friday, Aug. 7 for 1 or 2 hours shifts between 5:30-9 p.m. To be inside, should be age 14+, 5'3"-6'3" and waistline 38" or less.

Food Booth Training, July 30

The 4-H food booth at the county fair is the primary fundraiser for Lancaster County 4-H Council. **New this year, 4-H Clover Kitchen will be located in the Exhibit Hall (see back page).** 4-H Council asks clubs to help by staffing a 3-4 hour shift at the Clover Kitchen. At any given time, 3-5 youth (age 9 & up) are needed with 2 adults supervising. Youth gain practical experience handling food safely and counting change. They also gain life skills, such as responsibility, critical thinking and social skills. For more information, call Robin Ambroz-Hollman at 540-2736. ALL food booth volunteers are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to attend the training on Thursday, July 30, 6-7 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center, Exhibit Hall. Learn about food safety, customer service and volunteer responsibilities.

Static Exhibit Check-In Monday, Aug. 3, 4-8 p.m.

Static exhibits do not preregister, but MUST be physically checked in during Static Exhibit Check-in on Monday, Aug. 3 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. 4

Interview judging is Tuesday, Aug. 4 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 37 of the Fair Book for project areas which have interview judging. 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 6 and 31.** If slots are still available, may sign up during Static Exhibit Check-in on Monday, Aug. 3, 4-8 p.m.

Clover Kids Show & Tell, Aug. 8

All Clover Kids, youth age 5-7 by January 1, 2009, are invited to show & tell their 4-H exhibits at the Lancaster County Fair, Saturday, Aug. 8, 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 July 31, or sign up at the static exhibit area Monday, Aug. 3, 4-8 p.m.