



Life Challenge Contests

4-H Life Challenge judging contests help youth learn more about issues related to family and consumer science (FCS). Contests are open to all 4-H'ers, need not be enrolled in a specific project. Contact Jami at 441-7180 for more information.

County-level Senior Life Challenge (for ages 12 and up) is scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 9:30 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Preregister by May 28 by calling 441-7180. Contest questions will be based on the following 4-H manuals: Fast Foods, You're the Chef, Foodworks, Youth in Motion, Design Decisions, Furnishings on a Shoestring, Shopping in Style, Attention Shoppers, ESI 1, 2 and 3. They may be checked out prior to the contest for studying.

Statewide FCS Life Challenge (for ages 12 and up) will be held Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30 on UNL East Campus. To participate, please contact Jami at 441-7180 by June 8. Information is on line at <http://4h.unl.edu/programs>

County-level Junior Life Challenge (for ages 8-11) will be held Saturday, July 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Preregister by July 9 by calling 441-7180. Contact Jami for study packet.

Pre-Fair 4-H Leader Training, June 4

New leaders, experienced leaders, 4-H members and parents are invited to this leader training on Thursday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. (you choose which time to attend) at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Come and receive information on how to fill out the entry tags, the in and out's of interview judging, Life Challenge, presentations contest and other important county fair information. MUST preregister by June 2 by calling 441-7180.

4-H/FFA Animal ID's Due June 15

All identifications for 4-H/FFA sheep, goats, swine, breeding beef, bucket calves, feeder calves, dairy cattle and rabbits which will be entered in the 4-H or FFA this year are due to extension by June 15. This year animal ID forms are available online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and the extension office.

4-H Presentations Workshop, June 25

There will be a 4-H Presentations Contest workshop on Thursday, June 25, 6 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Attend this workshop to prepare for the Presentations Contest held Saturday, July 18 and is open to all 4-H'ers 8-18. This workshop will teach youth and volunteers about the three presentation classes, give tips on how to be a great presenter and help with presentation ideas! Must preregister by calling 441-7180 by June 28. Note: a new handout, "4-H Presentations Contest—Procedures and Guidelines" has been developed and is available at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and at the extension office.

4-H Teen Council Won't Meet in June

The next meeting will be Sunday, July 12 at 3 p.m.

4-H Bicycle Safety Contest, June 27

This year's 4-H Bicycle Safety Contest will be held BEFORE the county fair on Saturday, June 27, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Contest is open to all 4-H'ers — need not be enrolled in a bicycle project. **This year, only 4-H youth ages 8 and up (by January 1) may enter.**

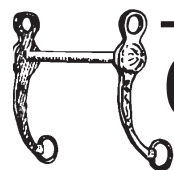
MUST preregister by June 22 by calling 441-7180 (there is no entry form). Late registrations not accepted. See Fair Book p. 34. Participants must provide their own bicycle and must wear a helmet (some helmets may be available at the contest).

There are two parts of the contest. In the bicycle skills events, 4-H'ers maneuver through several designated courses to test their riding skills and safety. A bicycle inspection reinforces the importance of bicycle maintenance and safety features.

Changes for Horticulture Exhibits at County Fair

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.



HORSE BITS

Lancaster County 4-H Horse VIPS Pre-Districts Format Clinic/Show/Fundraiser

June 6, 2009 • 9 a.m. Start
Lancaster Event Center Pavilion 3
(84th & Havelock, Lincoln, NE)

The Lancaster County Horse VIPS committee is hosting a very special clinic/show to help everyone prepare for Districts and State!

8:00 a.m. Registration & Warm-up for all entered in English classes

8:50 a.m. Posting of Colors and National Anthem

9:00 a.m. Individual class workouts on the rail for English classes

Please listen to announcer for instructions

1. English Pleasure/Equitation (seniors)
2. English Pleasure/Equitation (juniors)
3. English Pleasure/Equitation (elementary)

Warm-up for all entered in Western classes

Individual class workouts on the rail for Western classes

Please listen to announcer for instructions

4. Western Pleasure Ponies (all ages)
5. Western Pleasure/Horsemanship (seniors)
6. Western Pleasure/Horsemanship (juniors)
7. Western Pleasure/Horsemanship (elementary)

Warm-up for all entered in Reining & Games

8. Reining (seniors)
9. Reining (juniors)

Break, arena worked, and set up for Games

10. Pole Bending (seniors)
11. Pole Bending (juniors)
12. Barrel Racing (seniors)
13. Barrel Racing (juniors)

Something For Everyone!

The show will be set up in the district format and *all 4-H age* groups can participate in English Pleasure and Equitation and Western Pleasure and Horsemanship. This will be a great opportunity for elementary age riders to experience the district format even if they aren't yet old enough for State. Plus, you can compete for prizes in a Hippology Contest.

Learn About Districts & Showing

Depending on size of the classes and show . . . if the judge has time, he will be able to do a little teaching/comments at the end of the classes. Stay and watch the Juniors and Seniors participate in Reining, Poles and Barrels.

What You Need to Know

There will be a one time office charge of \$5 and a \$3 charge per class. Proceeds support the Horse 4-H Program in Lancaster County. Concessions will be available on-site. 4-H attire and armbands are required. Armbands will be available for purchase.



I hear there will be lots of prizes and fun, so let's go!

4-H Horse ID's Due June 1

4-H horse identification forms for the Lancaster County Fair are due in the extension office by Friday, June 1. Late ID forms WILL NOT be accepted. Please take the time to fill forms out completely and thoroughly. Draw your horse's markings on the picture as accurately as you can. Also, be sure to indicate the horse's color on the drawing. ID forms can be picked up at the extension office.

State 4-H Hippology and Judging Forms Due June 1

Hippology and judging entry forms for the State 4-H Horse Exposition at Fonner Park are due to the extension office on Monday, June 1. Contest entry forms are available at the extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>. All entry fees will be paid by the 4-H Council. For more information and contest rules go to <http://www.animalscience.unl.edu/extension/equine/4H/districtstateshows/state.html>

2009 4-H Judging Clinics

There are two upcoming horse judging contests:

- Pitzer Ranch, Ericson, NE, May 27, 8:30 a.m. Contact Steve Niemeyer at 308-346-4200 for more information.
- Pine Ridge Stables, Ashland, NE, June 24, 8:30 a.m. Contact Monte Stauffer at 402-444-7804 for more information.

4-H Riding Skills Level Testings, June 23 and July 7

Group level testings for 4-H Horse Advancement Levels will be held Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, July 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 3. Please RSVP at least one week in advance of the test to Marty at 441-7180 or mcruckshank2@unl.edu