

Experience the Power of Red

An open house for high school students and their families
Sponsored by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources

Saturday, Oct. 10
9 a.m.–2 p.m. • Nebraska East Union



- Learn more about how we prepare students for careers in everything from animals to plants, soil to climate, golf to business, mechanization to leadership, food to forensic science
 - Meet current students, faculty and staff
 - Experience East Campus
- Register for a scholarship and other cool prizes

To register or more information,
(800) 742-8800, ext. 2541 or go to www.casnr.unl.edu

Registration deadline: Oct. 2
There is no charge to attend this event



Help Start a 4-H Club!

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension 4-H Youth Development Program is open to all youth ages 5–18. Through learning-by-doing, youth gain practical skills and develop life skills.

Currently, there are far more youth wanting to be in 4-H clubs than there are clubs. Families are encouraged to help organize a new club — which is a lot easier than you may think! Starting a 4-H club now gives plenty of time for members to work on projects for next year's county and state fairs.

Club Organization

Clubs range from 5 to 60 members and are led (or co-led) by club leaders — often club members' parents. Parents are encouraged to attend meetings.

Volunteers are the heart of 4-H. Adult leaders partner with youth members to complete projects.

Club leaders — Also known as organizational leaders, club leaders coordinate meeting times and agendas. They also are responsible for club enrollment information.

Project leaders — Clubs may or may not have project leaders who provide leadership for specific projects.

Parent Volunteers — Also known as assistant leaders, provide valuable guidance to youth.

Club officers — Youth members choose officers to run their meetings.



The Helping Hearts 4-H club was formed this year.

Over 150 Projects

Nebraska 4-H has more than 150 project areas. Age-appropriate project manuals are written by university experts. Most project manuals have accompanying leader guides.

In most clubs, members complete several projects a year. Some 4-H clubs focus on one particular project area, such as rabbits. Many youth exhibit their projects at the county and state fairs.

4-H Staff Guidance

4-H staff provides guidance and resources to club leaders. Here's a look at Lancaster County 4-H staff and their areas of responsibilities:

- Tracy Kulm manages all non-animal project areas. This includes clothing, food, home environment, engineering and general areas.
- Deanna Karmazin runs the 4-H livestock and dog project areas.

- Marty Cruickshank manages the 4-H horse, poultry and rabbit project areas.
- Mary Jane Frogge runs the horticulture and conservation project areas.
- Teri Hlava oversees the 4-H after-school program.
- Karen Evasco provides support to all 4-H areas.

Other Resources

- Resource materials available to leaders include:
- Regularly-scheduled leader trainings
 - The Nebline monthly newsletter 4-H pages
 - Lancaster County 4-H Web site at <http://lanaster.unl.edu>
 - Nebraska 4-H Web site at <http://4h.unl.edu>
 - Mailings to club leaders
 - County and State Fair can provide numerous ideas and inspirations for projects!

To Get Started

If you would like to help start a 4-H club, call Lancaster County 4-H at 441-7180.

Can You Guess It?



Vicki Jedlicka, UNL Extension in Lancaster County

Did you guess it? Find out at
<http://lanaster.unl.edu>

Did you guess it from the September NEBLINE?
Damage from Twig Girdlers

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Learn about 4-H!



4-H Kick Off

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Q & A!

4-H'ers will share completed projects!

6 p.m.

Prizes!

Lancaster Extension Education Center
444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln

Come Find Out How to Join 4-H!

- ◆ Help form a new 4-H club
- ◆ Be an independent member
- ◆ Join an existing 4-H club (limited availability)
- ◆ Participate in 4-H activities such as camps



Part of National 4-H Week, Oct. 4–10

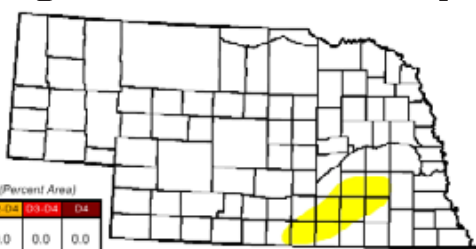
4-H is a learn-by-doing program with many exciting projects to choose from. Youth learn practical skills and develop life skills!



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U.S. Drought Monitor Map

As of Sept. 8, Lancaster County was not in drought conditions.



	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)						
	Total	D0-D1	D1-D2	D2-D3	D3-D4	D4	D4+
Current	95.3	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Last Week (09/01/2009 map)	95.3	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3 Months Ago (06/16/2009 map)	79.6	20.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2009 map)	89.8	10.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Start of Water Year (10/01/2008 map)	83.0	17.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
One Year Ago (09/08/2008 map)	67.3	32.7	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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