

2011 Outstanding 4-H Club Awards

The Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club presents Outstanding 4-H Club Awards to the top 4-H clubs participating in the Lancaster County Super Fair. There are three categories based on number of club members. One category winner is awarded the Wayne C. Farmer memorial cup as the overall Outstanding 4-H Club for the year. Clubs receive points based on all members' total county fair exhibit and contest placings. The following clubs were recognized at a recent Lincoln Center Kiwanis meeting and also will be recognized at 4-H Achievement Night on Thursday, Feb. 2.



Fantastic 4 4-H Club of Lincoln is the winner of Category I (5–7 members) — and winner of the Wayne C. Farmer trophy as overall Outstanding 4-H Club for the year. The club's 6 members were enrolled in approximately 65 projects and entered 92 total exhibits at the fair — including photography, clothing, foods, home environment, child development, citizenship, horticulture, household pets, dog, sheep, and swine. This is their third year as an outstanding club and third year as overall club. Jennifer Smith is club leader, and Sarah Lanik Frain is assistant leader.



Salt Valley 4-H Club of the Lincoln area is the winner of Category II (8–13 members). The club's 11 members were enrolled in 7 projects and entered approximately 80 total exhibits at the fair, including horse, rabbit, swine, photography, woodworking, foods, and citizenship. Horse is the club's major project. Members participated in the Horse Course Challenge and horse judging contest. Riding classes included English, reining, working pleasure, western, trail, dressage, and jumping. The club is winning this award for the first time. Maralee Sobotka is club leader.



South Prairie Wranglers 4-H Club of the Hickman area is the winner of Category III (13 or more members). The club's 67 members were enrolled in more than 25 projects and entered approximately 220 total exhibits at the fair — including horse, rabbit, bucket calf, dog, photography, clothing, horticulture, foods, child development, woodworking, and engineering. Members participated in many fair contests including horse/rabbit judging, rabbit breed identification, rabbit quiz bowl, speech/public service announcement, presentations, table setting, and style revue. Several members are Clover Kids (ages 5–7). The club is winning this award for the fourth year. Kendra Ronnau is club leader and there are seven assistant or project leaders.

Lancaster County 4-H Livestock Judging Team at Nationals



Livestock Judging team members included Rachel Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Chandler Kramer, and Grant Rathje. They were accompanied by coach Roger Bell (right) and Extension Assistant Cole Meador (left).

In November, the Lancaster County Livestock Judging team represented Nebraska at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest which was part of the 2011 North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY. Team members were Rachel Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Chandler Kramer, and Grant Rathje. The team was coached by Roger Bell. Judging classes included cattle, swine, sheep, and goats.

Grant placed fifth high individual in swine and 13th high individual overall, earning him Livestock Judging All-American honors (which goes to the top 20 individuals). Grant says, "The national contest was a great growing experience for me as an individual and for our team. The things that we were able to do there will help all of us later in life. It wasn't just about the judging, but about developing life skills. Judging teaches you to perform under pressure, think critically, make decisions, and communicate those decisions to others effectively. The trip to Louisville is one that I will remember for the rest of my life."

During their trip, team members were able to watch several cattle and sheep shows. They also saw the University of Kentucky livestock facilities, horse farms, Churchill Downs, the St. Louis Gateway Arch, Truman Presidential Library & Museum, and the American Angus Hall of Fame.

The team qualified for nationals by winning state champion at the Nebraska 4-H Premiere Animal Science Events (PASE) in June at University of Nebraska–Lincoln East Campus.

Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council
presents its annual...

Overnight Lock-In

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS...
Journey Through Time

for 4th & 5th graders
(need not be enrolled in 4-H)

**Fri. Jan. 20, 8 p.m. –
Sat. Jan. 21, 8 a.m.**

**Lancaster Extension Education Center,
444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln**

Bring your sleeping bag, pillow, toothbrush,
toothpaste, active wear, sleepwear (sweats)
and a friend interested in 4-H!

**Cost \$15/person
Registrations due by Jan. 18**

For more information, call 402-441-7180 and ask for Tracy Anderson

Sleep Over!
Fun Projects!
Games!
Snacks!
Movies!

Watch Chicks Hatch
Online with EGG Cam!

lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Embryology

Embryology resources include incubation, candling, and more!

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LOCK-IN REGISTRATION FORM

Make check payable (\$15/participant) to Lancaster County 4-H Teen Council
and mail with registration form **BY JAN. 18** to:
Tracy Anderson, UNL Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Rd, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528

Name of participant(s) _____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Parent or Guardian _____

Special Needs or Other Information (such as food allergies) _____

I give permission to use my child's image in photographs taken at the Lock-In in publications, news articles, advertisements or Web sites pertaining to 4-H. yes no

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____