

4-H Summer Camps

It is not too late to sign up for 4-H Summer Camps which are offered through Aug. 7. With locations at Gretna and Halsey, there are over 45 camps ranging



from half day to five days/four nights. Many camps still have openings! Open to all youth ages 5–18 (need not be in 4-H).

A wide variety of programs are offered including:

- team-building challenge courses — low initiatives, high initiatives, zip lines
- shooting sports — archery, air rifles, shot gun, .22 rifle, muzzleloader
- aquatics — canoeing, fishing, tubing, kayaking, tanking, swimming
- nature programing and GPS
- arts, crafts, exploration, campfires, games, songs and fun!

More information is at <http://4h.unl.edu/camp-centers> and the Extension office.

All Lancaster County 4-H Volunteers Must be Rescreened in 2017

Every four years, all Nebraska 4-H volunteers must be rescreened through the 4-H Youth Protection Volunteer Screening. This year, 2017, is the year our district must be rescreened.

The form is available at the Extension office or online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/club>. Volunteers will need to verify their identity by completing section A (have a notary public sign, then mail the form to Kim Novotny, State 4-H Office, 114 Ag Hall, Lincoln, NE 68583) or section B (have an Extension staff member sign). Must show photo ID for either option.

The screening ensures a safe, positive and nurturing environment for all youth involved with the Nebraska Youth Development program. If you have questions, please contact the Extension office at 402-441-7180.

State Fair 4-H & FFA Animal Entries Due Aug. 10

4-H & FFA animal exhibitors' ages 10–18 are eligible to participate at the Nebraska State Fair regardless of county fair placing. The 2017 State Fair will be Aug. 25–Sept. 4 at Fonner Park in Grand Island.

Again this year, 4-H/FFA youth and their families will be responsible for making their own livestock, rabbit and dog entries online for the Nebraska State Fair. Lancaster County Extension staff will NOT be collecting State Fair entries or entry fees during Super Fair. Entries will be due Thursday, Aug. 10. Instructions and link to register are at <http://nebr.fairwire.com>. For more information, contact Cole Meador at 402-441-7180.

This only applies to livestock — static exhibit entries will still be taken care of by Extension staff.

AKSARBEN 4-H Show Entries Due Aug. 10

More than 2,000 4-H families from a 10-state area participate in the AKSARBEN 4-H Show.

The AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show will be held Sept. 28–Oct. 1 at the Nebraska State Fair Grounds (Fonner Park) in Grand Island. Categories of this 4-H-only competition are dairy, feeder calf & breeding beef, market beef, market broilers, meat goats, market lamb, market swine and dairy steer. Exhibitors must be 10 years of age by Jan. 1.

The AKSARBEN 4-H Horse Show will be held Sept. 23–24 at the Nebraska State Fair Grounds – Thompson Foods 4-H Arena (Fonner Park) in Grand Island. Horse exhibitors must be 12 years of age by Jan. 1.

New for 2017: AKSARBEN will be utilizing an all online entry process. More information regarding the entry process will be made available as it comes available.

Extension staff will NOT be accepting entries at the Super Fair as in previous years. Online entries will be due Thursday, Aug. 10, except the Market Broiler Request & Entry Form is due July 8. For more information and tentative schedule, go to www.aksarbenstockshow.com.

4-H/FFA Showmanship and Fitting Clinic, June 29

All 4-H and FFA members are invited to participate in a free Beef, Sheep, Meat Goat and Swine Showmanship and Fitting Clinic on Thursday, June 29, 6–8 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center Pavilion 1 - East end. Topics to be covering include showmanship techniques, fitting and basic feeding. All participants are encouraged to bring their animals with them (NO swine please).

There will be experienced instructors to help answer any questions you may have heading into fair. Presenters include members of the Happy Go Lucky 4-H Club, the Cooper family and others. Actual ring experience will take place. Pens and stalls will not be available. Plan accordingly.

Please RSVP by calling 402-441-7180 — register for which species you will participate with.

4-H Rabbit Tattooing Opportunity, July 8

There will be a 4-H rabbit tattooing opportunity provided by the Rabbit VIPS Committee on Saturday, July 8, 9–11 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road. Cost is \$1 per rabbit. Rabbits must have permanent tattoo in left ear before coming to the Lancaster County Super Fair. No tattooing allowed on fairgrounds. The tattoo must be on the completed affidavit (due by June 15) and fair registration form (due by July 1).

4-H Sewing Help Sessions in July

Kath Conroy, a 4-H clothing superintendent, is offering to help 4-H youth with their sewing projects again this year. Four help sessions will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln on Thursday, July 6, Friday, July 7, Wednesday, July 12 and Thursday, July 13. All sessions will be held from 12–4 p.m. 4-H'ers may attend some or all sessions. There is no cost and registration is not required.

Bring your sewing machine, sewing supplies and project. A few office sewing machines are available for use upon request. Kath will be available to help with fitting, cutting fabric, zipper or anything else needed. This exceptional seamstress has many years of experience helping 4-H'ers.

4-H Clover Chase Ends Aug. 15

Nebraska 4-H, in partnership with the Nebraska 4-H Foundation, is celebrating the Nebraska Statehood 150 with a 4-H Clover Chase. This photo scavenger hunt runs through Aug. 15. Participants use an app to complete challenges and submit photo entries on social media using #NE4HChase. After submitting photos and earning 150 points, participants will be eligible to receive a commemorative water bottle and entered in a drawing for a drone with video capability. Complete details are at <http://4h.unl.edu/clover-chase>.

4-H Council Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Oct. 1

Save the date — a 4-H Council Golf Tournament Fundraiser will be held Sunday, Oct. 1 at the Woodland Hills Golf Course, Eagle. 1 p.m. shotgun start. This tournament is four-person scramble and costs \$80 per golfer or \$320 per team. It includes:

- 18 holes, cart and range balls
- Snack and one meal
- Random flight prizes of \$160 each
- Beverage cart available
- Raffle prizes

For reservations, call Woodland Hills at 402-475-4653. For hole, other sponsorships or prize donations, contact Mitch Sump at 402-432-1031 or mitchsump1996@gmail.com or Jerry Morris at 402-261-9861 or packmn69@yahoo.com. Tournament sponsor is The Duffers Golf League.

Community Service Opportunity

Community improvement grants of \$500 are available through the Keep Lincoln & Lancaster County Beautiful (KLLCB) Program. 4-H clubs or groups who conduct litter cleanup projects in public areas — along streets, alleys, at schools, parks, etc. — may apply for funding grants. Projects must be completed by Oct. 31. KLLCB can provide trash and recycling bags, safety equipment and other helpful tools. Guidelines and application form are at www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/health/environment/waste/kllcb.htm.

HORSE BITS

Super Fair 4-H Horse Entry Forms Due July 1

All Lancaster County Super Fair 4-H horse entry forms are due to the Extension office or postmarked by Friday, July 1. **No late entries will be accepted.** Entry forms are available online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and at the Extension office. Reminder — you must have passed all Walk-Trot or Level I Horsemanship requirements and have all forms turned into the Extension

office before July 1 to show at the fair. All who participate in the live cattle events must have a Level II in horsemanship. All who participate in any jumping class must have a Level II. Bareback Equitation requires passing a Level III. Extreme Versatility is open to all riders with a Level IV and seniors with a Level III. Discipline Rail requires a Level III or IV — junior and senior participants only.

State 4-H Horse Show

The Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Exposition will be held July 16–20 at Fonner Park in Grand Island. Information is at <http://4h.unl.edu/horse/state-expo>.

Health Papers

A 14-day health certificate and a negative Coggins Test will be required for a horse to be shown at the State 4-H Horse Expo in Grand Island.

Notice to Exhibitors

No 4-H horse exhibitors and/or owner shall exhibit a horse at the Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Exposition that has been given in any manner whatsoever, internally or externally, a narcotic, stimulant, depressant, analgesic, local anesthetic or drug of any kind within 24 hours before the first scheduled event of each show day at 8 a.m. Horses on prescribed treatment of phenylbutazone and/or aspirin-like products, must file a statement

in the 4-H Horse Show office before the horse can be shown. This statement must describe the treatment reason and be signed by an accredited D.V.M. Show staff reserves the right to drug test any horse in any class at any given time.

The Nebraska 4-H District Horse Shows and Fonner Park State 4-H Horse Exposition are held for Nebraska 4-H horse exhibitors. Your parents, leaders, friends, Fonner Park and Nebraska Extension congratulate your efforts in qualifying and participating in these great horse shows. If 4-H exhibitors are physically able to exhibit their horses, they also are expected to prepare their horses for all events. Family and/or friend assistance is welcomed and expected, BUT warm-up riding, etc., by persons other than the exhibitor may require immediate and appropriate action by the show superintendent and the Nebraska 4-H Horse Advisory Committee.