Lancaster 4-H Announcements for 4-H’ers and Leaders, March 2012

This is a printer-friendly version of the 4-H announcements emailed to Lancaster County 4-H’ers and leaders.

These announcements are compiled from The Nebline and 4-H Web site. Check the Lancaster County 4-H website at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h for additional resources.

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4-H ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. 4-H Enrollment Forms Due!
   Attention 4-H club leaders and independent members -- your fall enrollment forms MUST be updated with member and volunteer information, and returned to the extension office in order to be enrolled for the 2012 year. Project information can be updated until June 15.

2. ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT RESULTS ONLINE
   4-H Achievement Night results and photos have been posted online at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/programs/achievementnight.shtml. Lancaster County 4-H congratulates all 4-H youth who commit themselves to excellence! We also thank all 4-H volunteers who donate their time and talents to youth!

3. FAIR BOOKS NOW ONLINE, DUE TO BE MAILED MARCH 5
   The 2012 4-H/FFA Fair Books are now online at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/ and due to be mailed March 5. Helpful handouts and entry forms will be posted soon. Some of the new opportunities this year include:
   * Entomology display, club project (county only)
   * Home Environment - Design Decision new classes
   * Clothing - Decorate Your Duds “Embellished garment using technology” class
   * Science, Technology & Engineering - Geospacial (GPS) new classes
   * Livestock Judging Contest on Sunday, August 5, 1-4 p.m.
   * Swine club or chapter group entry
   * Horse All-Around Ranch Horse Award and Ranch Horse Pleasure Horses and Ranch Trail classes
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   * Horse Western Dressage classes

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The Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards scholarships include:
* One $1,000 scholarship at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) or in the College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS) for an incoming student (freshmen or transfer student)
* One $500 scholarship for a current student (sophomore or higher) enrolled in CASNR or CEHS.
Application and details are http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Programs/award.shtml

5. JAMMIE JAMBOREE, MARCH 17
Practice basic sewing skills as part of the 4-H Clothing Level 1 project and make jammie bottoms at the “Jammie Jamboree” sewing workshop on Saturday, March 17, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherry creek Road, Lincoln. Open to all youth (need not be in 4-H). No cost to attend. Adults are welcome to help. Bring your sewing machine, basic sewing equipment (scissors, pins, measuring tape, etc.), pull-on pajama bottom pattern (one simple pattern is Simplicity 3553), prewashed flannel or 100% cotton fabric (no one-way design fabrics or plaids) 1 yard ½-inch elastic, and matching thread. Also bring a sack lunch. Sign up by March 14 by calling 402-441-7180. 4-H'ers may enter jammie bottoms at the county fair and styled in Style Revue under Clothing Level 1.

6. PAINTING BARRELS FOR EVENT CENTER, MARCH 18
It has been ten years since Lancaster County 4-H’ers painted trash barrels for the Lancaster Event Center and county fair. All 4-H families are invited to participate in this group community service project on Sunday, March 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center-Pavilion 4 - Amy Countryman Arena. All paint and brushes will be supplied. To help plan supplies, please let us know if you are planning to attend by calling 402-441-7180.

7. SPRING RABBIT SHOW, MARCH 24
All youth ages 8-18 are invited to learn and practice showing their rabbits at the Spring Rabbit Show on Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Registrations 7:30-8:30 a.m. Awards will be given! Classes: Fancy Rabbits, Commercial Rabbits, Pet Class and Pee Wee Class. Registration Fees: $2.50 per rabbit or cavy, $1 fur class, $1 Showmanship. Free Contests: Rabbit Quiz & Breed ID! Raffle for many prizes! Tickets 3 for $1 or 20 for $5. Please bring an item for raffle. 4-H Rabbit VIPs will have a concession stand on site. All rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear (available at the show 7:30-8:30 a.m. -- $1 per rabbit). All rabbits must be brought in carriers with leak-proof bottoms. For more information, go to http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/documents/RabbitShowSpring12.pdf

8. SPEECH & PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT WORKSHOP, MARCH 29
Learn more at a Speech/PSA workshop on Thursday, March 29, 6 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Out of ideas? We will help you get started. Already started? Bring your completed speech/PSA's to practice or get suggestions. This is also a good time to record your PSA. We will teach you Audacity basics so you can add sound effects and edit to make your final PSA perfect. There will be computers available to work with, or bring your own.

9. SPEECH & PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTTESTS
The Speech and Public Service Announcement (PSA) contests are open to all 4-H’ers ages 8-18 -- need not be enrolled in a specific project. Youth may choose to participate in either or both the Speech and PSA contests. For resources, guidelines, and examples go to http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Contest/speech.shtml
If questions, contact Cole Meador at cmeador2@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.
* 4-H Speech Contest will be Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherry creek Road, Lincoln. Register by April 13 by calling 402-441-7180 or emailing cmeador2@unl.edu with your name, speech title, and your age division.
* In the Public Service Announcement (PSA) Contest, 4-H’ers submit a 60-second “radio commercial” promoting 4-H. The PSA contest will be held via audio only (not in person). Submit a PSA via CD playable on any standard stereo equipment to extension by Friday, April 13. If you do not have the capabilities to record a PSA, contact Cole to set up a recording time.

10. DOG SKILL-A-THON, APRIL 10
Want to test your dog knowledge? Come to the third annual 4-H Dog Skill-A-Thon Tuesday, April 10, 3-7 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherry creek Road. Youth do not need to be present the entire time. Just come at your convenience -- it usually takes one to two hours. Open to all youth ages 8-18 (need not show a dog in 4-H). Non-4-H members are invited to participate and enroll in 4-H at the contest. There will be a variety of topics including: parts, parasites, breeds, confirmation, and more. Preregister by March 30 by calling 402-441-7180.

11. 4-H CLUBS NEEDED TO HELP PROVIDE BOOTH AT KIWANIS KARNIVAL, APRIL 14
The annual Kiwanis Karnival, a FREE family event, is sponsored by the Lincoln Center Kiwanis. This year, it will be held Saturday, April 14, 6-8 p.m. at Elliott Elementary School, 225 S. 26th St., Lincoln. The Karnival features carnival type games for the kids, bingo for adults, prizes, snacks, fun, and fellowship. Lincoln Center Kiwanis has sponsored this event for over 50 years -- providing prizes and snacks. 4-H clubs are needed to provide carnival-type booths. This is a great community service and leadership activity for clubs. If your 4-H club or family would like to have a booth or for more information, contact Lorene at lbartos1@unl.edu or 402-441-7180. Come join the fun!

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12. WIN AWESOME PRIZES IN HORSE INCENTIVE PROGRAM
The 2012 Lancaster County 4-H Horse Incentive Program began Jan. 16 and runs through June 30. 4-H'ers can log hours they spend on horse-related activities and win awesome prizes. Forms are available online at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/horsenews.shtml or they can be picked up at the extension office. This year there are new ways to earn incentive points along with activity spent directly with the horse. Points can be earned by turning in horse course quizzes to Marty. Points can be earned by asking pre-set questions of vets and farriers. Hours and points earned must be logged on an official log sheet (two options this year). It’s not too late to get started. If you have any questions, contact Marty at 402-441-7180 or mcruckshank2@unl.edu.

13. 4-H SPRING TACK SWAP, MARCH 31-APRIL 1
Come and shop the 1st Annual “4-H Spring Tack Swap,” Saturday, March 31-Sunday, April 1 at the Lancaster Event Center held in conjunction with the Shaggy Horse Dressage Schooling Show sponsored by the Hunter’s Pride 4-H club and Cornhusker Pony Club. The swap will include leather goods, riding attire, books, and everything horse-y you can think of! A portion of all proceeds will support Lancaster County Horse VIPS Committee fundraising efforts. Items will be accepted day of, so dust off unused items in your closets, garages, and barns for a good cause and some extra cash! Unsold items can be donated or picked up Sunday at 2 p.m. For more information about the tack swap, contact Jennifer Cusick-Rawlinson, 402-488-7879 (home); 402-560-3319 (cell). For more information about the show, contact Becky Robinett at 402-202-2363.

14. HORSEMANSHIP LEVEL TESTING DATES
Mark your calendars! The 2012 group testing will be held at the Lancaster Event Center on the following dates:
* Tuesday, April 17, 5:30 p.m.
* Tuesday, May 1, 5:30 p.m.
* Monday, June 18, 5:30 p.m.
* Tuesday, June 26, 5:30 p.m.
* Tuesday, July 3, 5:30 p.m.
Please RSVP at least by one week in advance with Marty at mcruckshank2@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.

15. HORSE VIPS DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOW, APRIL 28
The 4-H Horse VIPS Committee is hosting a Middle Cross Dressage Schooling Show on Saturday, April 28 at Middle Cross Stables (Lowell Boomer’s historic facility, 500 Sprague Road, Roca). The show is a fundraiser for Horse VIPS and funds support the 4-H Horse program. We will be applying for NDA-recognized show status so you can count these scores toward the end-of-year championship. Open to all youth and adults (need not be in 4-H). Watch for more details.

16. HORSE VIPS PRE-DISTRICTS CLINIC-SHOW, JUNE 2
This year’s Pre-districts Clinic/Show hosted by the 4-H Horse VIPS Committee will be Saturday, June 2 at the Lancaster Event Center - Pavilion 3. We’re hoping Wranglers will be able to host a show in the same arena the next day, so the goal is a fun two-day show experience!

17. FURNITURE PAINTING WORKSHOP, MAY 12
Mark your calendars for the upcoming “Junque to Jewels” furniture painting workshop on Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Open to all youth ages 8-18. Check upcoming Neblines for more information.

18. SPOTLIGHT ON 4-H NEWSLETTER ONLINE
The February “Spotlight on 4-H Newsletter” is now online. Topics include:
* Innovative Youth Corn Challenge contest
* Choose MyPlate!
* Digging Up Roots! [Genealogy]
* Wind Energy is For Everyone!
* Creativity in the Home
The newsletter is written by extension staff for 4-H volunteers during the months of January through July. It is packed with information and resources to educate, inform and motivate 4-H members and families. This newsletter is mailed to organizational leaders and is available online at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Spotlight.shtml for all 4-H volunteers and families.

19. CLOVER COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
4-H Clover College will be held June 12-15 at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Clover College is four days of fun-filled, hands-on workshops for youth ages 6 and up. If you have workshop topic ideas, or if you would like to teach a workshop or volunteer to help, please contact Tracy at tanderson14@unl.edu or 402-441-7180. All help is very much appreciated!

20. LANCASTER COUNTY 4-H ON FACEBOOK
Lancaster County 4-H is on Facebook! It’s a great place to get news, updates, learn about helpful resources, share ideas, and join in on discussions with other 4-H members and volunteers. The Lancaster County 4-H Facebook page is a closed group so when you log in, you’ll need to ask to join. Parents and 4-H alumni are also invited to join. Go to https://www.facebook.com/groups/220534921335797 to get started.

21. DO YOU TWEET? 4-H TWITTERS!
LancasterCo_4H is using Twitter. Twitter is a free service that lets you keep in touch with people through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What are you doing? Join at http://twitter.com/LancasterCo_4H to start receiving LancasterCo_4H’s updates.

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22. WATCH CHICKS HATCH ONLINE WITH EGG CAM!
This year’s first batch of eggs have been set and are due to hatch about March 6. Lancaster County 4-H embryology resources include incubation, candling, and more at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Embryology. Follow us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/4HEGGCam.

23. APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 4-H CAMP STAFF
The three 4-H Camps in Nebraska are currently accepting applications for summer staff. All positions provide endless opportunities for growth in a fun, fast-paced outdoor atmosphere. Need not be in 4-H to apply. You may apply for a variety of positions:
* CABIN MENTORS -- Ages 17 and up who provide cabin supervision and assist in leading camp programs. Mentors receive an honorarium for their service and are scheduled according to their availability. Mentor for a few days or for the entire summer -- the choice is yours! Deadline is April 1.
* CAMP COUNSELORS -- Ages 15 and up who assist with cabin supervision and leading of camp programs. Join over 150 volunteer teens in providing valuable leadership to a group of campers by day and assist with cabin supervision at night. Camp counselors are scheduled according to their availability and counseling is a fantastic leadership experience for any young person. Minimum three days over the summer. Deadline is May 1.

More information and applications are online at http://4h.unl.edu/web/4hcamps/summercampemployment.

24. DISCOVER, LEARN, AND GROW AT 4-H SUMMER CAMPS
2012 4-H Summer Camp brochures are now available online at http://4h.unl.edu/camp and at the extension office. Camps are open to all youth ages 5-18 (need not be in 4-H). With three unique Nebraska locations at Halsey, Gretna, and Alma, there are more than 40 camps ranging from half day to seven days/six nights! Save 10% by registering before April 15!

25. EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS AT BIG RED ACADEMIC CAMPS
The Big Red Summer Academic Camps are a chance for youth grades 10-12 to spend time investigating an interest or potential career, explore the UNL campus, meet people from across the state and have lots of fun. Held in June, Big Red Summer Academic Camps features nine career exploration camps hosted by Nebraska 4-H and University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty members. The camps are residence camps held on UNL campus. Housing and food are provided. Brochures and registration forms are available at http://bigredcamps.unl.edu or at the extension office. Limited scholarships are available. For more information, call 402-472-2805. Save $50 by registering before April 1!

24. UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN SPRING OPEN HOUSE EVENTS
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln offers a variety of unique campus visit options throughout the year.
* JUNIOR WEDNESDAYS -- Wednesdays March 7, 14, 28 and April 4, 11, 18, 25 -- a Husker Weekday visit specifically for juniors.
* BIG RED OPEN HOUSE -- March 12, April 6 or April 20 -- an on campus experience for high school and transfer students to learn about the BIG things happening on the UNL campus.
* HUSKER WEEKDAYS -- This is Nebraska’s most versatile half-day campus visit option. You can schedule a visit for any weekday and select Saturdays throughout the year.

For more information or to register, see http://admissions.unl.edu/visit