



How to Enter 4-H Contests at the Lancaster County Super Fair

The information below is condensed from the 2017 Lancaster County Super Fair Book, pages 14–17 and 46. See Fair Book for information about Speech & Public Service Announcement, Shooting Sports, Rabbit Judging, Poultry Judging, Horse Judging and Elite Showmanship contests.

4-H contests are open to 4-H members ages 8–18. Premium payouts for all contests held before and during the fair must be picked up on Monday, August 7, 7–11 a.m. in the Lincoln Room (except livestock judging and rabbit contests).

Life Challenge

4-H Life Challenge judging contests help youth learn more about issues related to family and consumer science (FCS) and entrepreneurship. Contests are open to all 4-H'ers — need not be enrolled in a specific project. Contact Kristin at 402-441-7180 for more information.

- **Junior and County-Level Senior Life Challenge** — Junior and senior contests are held the same day. Held before the fair, this contest will be Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Preregister by June 1 by calling 402-441-7180 (there is no entry form). Contact Kristin for a study packet.
- **Statewide FCS Life Challenge** (for ages 12 and up) (*note: this is not a Lancaster County Super Fair contest*) — Will be held June 26–27 on UNL East Campus, Lincoln. To participate, contact Kristin at 402-441-7180. Information is online at <http://4h.unl.edu/life-challenge>.

Bicycle Safety Contest

Contest is open to all 4-H'ers — need not be enrolled in a bicycle project. This contest will be held before the fair on Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Must preregister by June 12 by calling the Extension office at 402-441-7180 (there is no entry form). 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 — 4-H'ers also take a multiple choice quiz. A bicycle inspection reinforces the importance of bicycle maintenance and safety features. This is a county contest only — there is no state contest.

Plant Science Contest

Contest is open to all 4-H'ers — need not be enrolled in a horticulture project. Held before the fair, this contest will be on Wednesday, June 14, 10 a.m.–Noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. New in 2017: Preregistration is required. Preregister by Monday, June 12. Also new: Open to 4-H'ers from all counties. Premiums paid by the county where the youth is enrolled. Youth choose which portions of the contest to participate in.

- **Tree Identification** (see 4H332, Tree ID manual, for list of trees that will be used) — identify tree samples with proper name and spelling.
- **Grass-Weed Identification** — identify grass and weed samples with proper name and spelling.
- **Horticulture Contest** — identify samples of vegetables, fruits, nuts, herbs and landscape ornamentals. The plant list contains plants that are commonly used or sold in Nebraska. Top placers qualify to go to state contest.

HELPFUL RESOURCES



A compiled list of plant lists/photos and resources are available online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/hort/youth/fair.shtml>.

Presentations Contest

Presentations provide 4-H'ers the opportunity to learn to express themselves clearly and convincingly, organize their ideas and present them in logical order, research subjects, have confidence in themselves and emphasize the major points through the use of visuals or examples. Contest is open to all 4-H'ers — need not be enrolled in a specific project.

Contest will be held before the fair on Saturday, July 15 beginning at 9 a.m. at Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Must preregister by July 10. Presentations may be called in to 402-441-7180 or use the entry form (one form may be filled out per club).

In each presentation class, a 4-H'er may compete as an individual and part of a team.

New in 2017 are the following classes:

- Illustrated Presentation, Special Topic: Nebraska Agriculture, Food Preparation
- Teaching Presentation, Special Topic: Science
- Teaching Presentation, Special Topic: Nebraska Agriculture

Top presenters at the county contest will be selected to participate in the state contest held during the Nebraska State Fair.

Fair Book Clarification: Illustrated Presentation should say, "The State Fair top six outstanding presenters will be given a \$50 cash award." Cash awards are not given at the county level.

HELPFUL RESOURCES



A how-to handout, "4-H Presentations Contest — Procedures and Guidelines," is available online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and at the Extension office. All participants are strongly encouraged to read the handout.



Two YouTube video examples, "4-H Presentations: Presentation Using LCD Projector - Example 1," and "4-H Presentations: Presentation Using LCD Projector - Example 2" is online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>.

Fashion Show

4-H'ers learn how to present themselves and gain confidence as they model their clothing projects and show proper fit of their clothing. 4-H members enrolled in clothing projects are eligible to model their garment (this includes Beyond the Needle, Steam Clothing 1 non-wearables, and Knitting or Crocheting).

Contest consists of two parts:

- Judging — which is held before the fair on Tuesday, July 25 at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Participants will be assigned a specific time(s).
- Public Fashion Show — which is held during the fair on Thursday, August 3 at 7 p.m. at Lancaster Event Center (Exhibit Hall).

Preregister by July 17. New in 2017, registration forms MUST be emailed. Participants need to fill out one of the following entry forms for EACH entry:

- Attention Shoppers — purchased item(s); ages 9 & under.
- Shopping in Style — purchased item(s); ages 10 & over.
- Fashion Show Narration — sewn item(s); all ages.

For each entry, 4-H'ers write the narration which will be read as they model their clothes.

New in 2017, classes for Garment Made for Others.

Top models at the county contest will be selected to participate in the State Fashion Show held during the Nebraska State Fair.

HELPFUL RESOURCES



A how-to handout, "4-H Fashion Show — Procedures and Information," is available online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and at the Extension office. All participants are strongly encouraged to read the handout.



A YouTube video, "4-H Style Revue" (now called Fashion Show) is online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>.

Table Setting Contest

4-H'ers use their creativity to plan a healthy menu, set a table and present their table setting to a judge. Contest is open to all 4-H'ers — need not be enrolled in a specific project. This contest will be held during the fair on Friday, August 4, 5 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln (Exhibit Hall). Preregister by July 24 by calling the Extension office at 402-441-1780 (there is no entry form).

Participants select a theme and display one place setting, including table covering, dishes, glassware, silverware, centerpiece and menu. Members MUST bring a card table for the display (except for the picnic category, in which an appropriate blanket or other covering is placed on the floor). Members may enter only one category: Birthday, Casual, Formal, or Picnic.

There is a State Fair 4-H Culinary Challenge Contest for teams of two members who are at least 10 years of age by January 1 of the current calendar year. For more information, see <http://food.unl.edu/4-h-food-projects>. A themed table, a menu including a challenge ingredient and a technology presentation are exhibited during a live judge interview. To sign up, contact the Extension office by July 28 (there is no entry form). Email questions to kristin.geisert@unl.edu

HELPFUL RESOURCES



A how-to handout, "4-H Table Setting Contest Procedures and Guidelines," is available online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair> and at the Extension office. All participants are strongly encouraged to read the handout.



A YouTube video judging example is online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Fair>.

Livestock Judging Contest

Come join the fun judging livestock and bring your parents! There will be a short orientation before the contest, outlining how to fill out the judging cards and where to answer questions for those who have never judged before.

Contest will be Sunday, August 6, Noon–2 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center (Pavilion 1). Preregister by August 3, 6 p.m. in the fair livestock office.

Youth may judge as individuals or teams. Teams will consist of 4 youth and 1 adult.

Seven classes shall consist of two beef, two sheep, two swine, one meat goat. Classes will be decided day of contest and could consist of market and/or breeding animals. Contestants will have 12 minutes to judge each class. No reasons will be given, however questions will be asked on three classes.