



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

*The information below is from the 2023 Lancaster County Super Fair Book, pages 14–18 and 62. See Fair Book for information about Prepared Speech & Public Service Announcement, Illustrated Presentation, 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).

EACH INDIVIDUAL IS LIMITED TO ONLY ONE ENTRY PER CLASS NUMBER unless indicated otherwise. A specific project can only be entered in one category or class except Fashion Show garments must also be entered in the Static Exhibit clothing.

## Life Challenge

The 4-H Life Challenge judging contest helps youth learn more about issues related to family and consumer science (FCS). Contest is open to all 4-H'ers ages 8–18 (by January 1 of the current year) — need not be enrolled in a specific project. Held before the fair, this contest will be **Friday, June 2, 8:30 a.m.** at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln. **Register by Thursday, May 25** by calling 402-441-7180 (there is no entry form). Contest information and study materials are available from the Extension office.

## Dog Virtual Trivia

The 4-H Dog Virtual Trivia Contest tests youth's knowledge of dog science and skills in working with dogs while providing an opportunity to expand their knowledge in this area. Contest is open to 4-H'ers ages 8–18 (by January 1 of the current year) — need not be enrolled in a specific project.

Held before the fair, this contest will be available: **Wednesday, May 10, Noon through Wednesday, May 17, 11:59 p.m. Registration is not required.**

The contest consists of questions including, but not limited to, breed identification, dog body language, grooming, parasites and nutrition/feed (age/stage). This year's contest will focus on Non-sporting and Foundation Stock Service/Miscellaneous dog breeds.

Contest links for each age division, as well as study resources, will be posted at <https://lanaster.unl.edu/4h/fair/>

*virtualanimals*. No study resources are to be used online while participating in this 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 Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln. **Register by Monday, June 12** by calling 402-441-7180. Open to 4-H'ers from all counties. Youth choose which contest(s) to participate in.

- **Tree Identification** — identify tree samples. See “Tree Identification Manual” (4H332) for list of trees that will be used.
- **Grass-Weed Identification** — identify grass and weed samples.
- **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.



### RESOURCES: STUDY RESOURCES

A compiled list of study resources, including plant lists, publications and PowerPoints with photos, are available online at <http://lanaster.unl.edu/hort-fair>

## Fashion Show

Fashion Show is open to 4-H'ers ages 5–18. 4-H members must be enrolled in the respective project unless otherwise stated.

**Judging and a Clover Kids optional modeling practice session will be held before the fair on Tuesday, July 18, any time after 8 a.m. in the morning** at the Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County conference rooms and lobby, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln.

**The public Fashion Show will be Thursday, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m.** at the Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds (Exhibit Hall).

Fashion Show garments must also be entered in the Static Exhibit clothing area. Garments should be age appropriate. Clothing garments to be modeled shall display tasteful design and modestly cover the body. Examples of design features to avoid include but are not limited to: revealing low-cut necklines, extremely short hemlines, extremely short shorts and swimwear with minimal body coverage.

If a 4-H'er sewed a garment(s) for someone else to wear, garment(s) may be modeled by the individual it was sewn for.

Participants need to fill out one of the following entry forms for EACH entry:

- Attention Shoppers — purchased item(s); age 8
- Shopping in Style — purchased item(s); ages 9 & over
- Fashion Show Narration — sewn item(s); all ages

**Forms MUST be emailed by Monday, July 10** and are available online as fill-in PDFs at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#contest>. Email forms to [kristin.geisert@unl.edu](mailto:kristin.geisert@unl.edu). For sewn garments, a printed copy of the completed Fashion Show Narration form including a fabric sample and sketch/picture of pattern **MUST** also be mailed or delivered to: Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln NE 68528. If computer submission is not possible, mail or deliver handwritten entries.

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

#### RESOURCES: HANDOUTS & VIDEO



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

Two YouTube videos, "4-H Fashion Show at 2021 Lancaster County Super Fair" and "4-H Fashion Show at 2022 Lancaster County Super Fair" are at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#contest>

## Table Setting Contest

Contest is open to all 4-H'ers ages 8–18 (by January 1 of the current year) need not be enrolled in a specific project. Members may enter only one category and must bring a card table for the display (except for the picnic category, in which an appropriate blanket or other covering may be placed on the floor). **Contest will be Friday, Aug. 4** at the Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds (Exhibit Hall). **Register by Tuesday, July 18** by calling the Extension office at 402-441-7180 (there is no entry form). Time slots are assigned at 5 p.m., 6 p.m. or 7 p.m.

Participants are to display one place setting — include table coverings, dishes, glassware, silverware, centerpiece and menu. **DO NOT PREPARE FOOD.** Participant's attire should correspond with the theme/occasion of their table setting.

Why participate in the Table Setting Contest? It is a fun way to learn how to: properly set a table, plan nutritious meals, express originality and creativity in choosing a theme, present to a judge and express knowledge of food, nutrition and food safety.

#### RESOURCES: HANDOUTS & VIDEO



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

A YouTube video example, "4-H Table Setting Judging Example (Re-enactment)" is online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#contest>

## Livestock Judging Contest

Open to 4-H and FFA members. 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, Aug. 6, Noon–2 p.m.** at the Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds (Pavilion 1 - Arena). **Preregister by Thursday, Aug., 3, 6 p.m.** in the 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.



#### RESOURCE: VIDEO

A YouTube video, "4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Contest - Judge's Comments," is online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/fair#livestock>