Discover, Learn and Grow at 4-H Summer Camps

Furniture Painting Workshop, April 18

4-H youth ages 8 and up are invited to participate in a furniture painting workshop on Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherry Street Road. Bring a small piece of unpainted furniture, such as a shelf, stool or chair. These items can be found around your house, at craigslist or sales and thrift stores. Learn how to prepare and use wood furniture by sanding, sealing, painting and finishing. All paints and supplies are provided. No cost to attend. Adults are welcome to attend to help youth. Register by April 15 by calling 402-441-7180.

2015 4-H Special Garden Project, White Satin Carrot

4-H families are invited to participate in a special garden project: growing White Satin Carrot. Ten seed packets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, starting April 13. The cost is 50 cents for one seed packet per family. Each participating family will receive a packet of seeds and a newsletter of growing tips. Please stop by the Extension office to register, pay for and pick up your seed packet. Office hours are 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. We are unable to take orders over the phone or reserve seeds in advance.

4-H Member Online Enrollment

Nebraska 4-H has introduced a new online enrollment system, called “4-H Online.” Paper enrollment is no longer an option. Members and fair projects may be updated through June 15. The website to enroll is https://ne.4honline.com. The procedure is easy and takes a few minutes per member. The help information is found there!

4-H Volunteers Enrollment Forms

For now, volunteers and leaders must still enroll using the form at http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/Club/enrollformleader.pdf by June 15. Mail or bring to the Extension office.

4-H Clubs Needed to Help Provide Booths at Kiwanis Karnival, April 10

The annual Kiwanis Karnival, a FREE family event, is sponsored by the Lincoln Center Kiwanis. This year, it will be held Friday, April 10, 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Elloit Elementary School, 225 S. 23rd St., Lincoln (note change from a Saturday to Friday). 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 be invited to participate in a furniture workshop on Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Event Center. Anyone wishing to be invited to participate in a furniture painting workshop on Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherry Street Road. Bring a small piece of unpainted furniture, such as a shelf, stool or chair. These items can be found around your house, at craigslist or sales and thrift stores. Learn how to prepare and use wood furniture by sanding, sealing, painting and finishing. All paints and supplies are provided. No cost to attend. Adults are welcome to attend to help youth. Register by April 15 by calling 402-441-7180.

Youth Ag Conference Deadline April 15

Youth Ag Conference Nebraska Agriculture Youth Institute (NXI) is a five day summer conference for high school juniors and seniors held July 6–10 at UNL East Campus. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture will provide the cost of meals, lodging and conference fees. Applications are due on April 15. Information and application forms are available at www.nda.nebraska.gov/nxi and the Extension office.

Horse Bits

4-H Horsemanship Level Testings, April 14 & 28

The first 2015 riding skills level testing will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 5:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center in the Amy Countryman Arena. Anyone wishing to be tested must sign up by April 7. Contact Marty at mcrickham@2x.unl.edu or 402-441-7180.

A second testing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 5:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center in the Amy Countryman Arena. Sign-up deadline for the April 22 testing is April 21.

Remember, all other horsemanship level requirements must be completed and handed in to Marty before the riding portion can be done.

It is important to note 4-H’ers need to be testing with their own 4-H projects. The horse being tested (and acclimated) also. In addition, youth testing for level II must have their horses gowned/dressed for show readiness. This is part of the level II test. If youth/horse do not pass this portion, they will need to come back and retake.

Notice from Horse VIPS About ‘No Shows’ at Level Testings

In the past, there has been a problem with 4-H’ers signing up to test and then not showing up for the testing. A lot of work/time goes into preparing for the testings. If those signed up don’t show, the testers are giving their time, talent and gas money for nothing.

4-H’ers must notify Marty (mcrickham@2x.unl.edu) or call Rachel Carlson at 402-413-9676. before April 15!

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