Interview Judging, July 29

Interview judging is Wednesday, July 29 starting at 9 a.m. in the Lincoln Room. 4-H'ers have the opportunity to take part in judged activities of their fair static exhibits and share their trials and lessons they learned. 4-H'ers also learn what judges look for and how to improve skills. 4-H members may interview judge ONE exhibit from each project area. Refer to page 14 of the Fair Book for project areas which have interview judging. Judges will be available to answer questions or discuss their experiences.

Table Setting Contest, July 31

The Table Setting Contest will be held during the Lancaster County Super Fair on Friday, July 30, 6 p.m. in the Livestock Office at the fair. 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.

Lancaster County 4-H is Now on Instagram!

If you are on Instagram, follow us and tag your photos related to 4-H at the Lancaster County Super Fair with lancastercounty4h. In the photo caption, include the hashtag #2015LancasterCounty4HFair (please add a description of your photo so we know what is going on).

Support 4-H by Supporting 4-H Food Booth

The 4-H Corner Stop food booth at the Lancaster County Super Fair is Lancaster County 4-H Council’s primary fundraiser. This year’s 4-H Corner Stop food booth will be open on Thursday, July 30 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday, August 1 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Local food vendors will provide the menu. (Do not bring/prepare food.)

4-H Volunteers Needed

Adults and youth are needed to help 4-H during the Lancaster County Super Fair. In the 4-H Corner Stop food booth (ages 8 and up) Friday, July 31, 5:30–7:30 p.m. at the Exhibit Hall – Room B during the 4-H Table Setting Contest. Dinner features Raising Cane’s chicken fingers hot off their food truck! This is a fundraiser for the Lancaster County 4-H Council to help support 4-H youth programs, activities and scholarships. Advance sale tickets can be purchased for $6 at the Extension office before the Super Fair or at the 4-H Corner Stop during the fair. Tickets at the door are $7.

Livestock Judging Contest, Aug. 2

Now in its third year, a 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest will be held Sunday, Aug. 2, 12 noon-2 p.m. in Pavilion 1. Preregister by Thursday, July 30, 6 p.m. in the Livestock Office at the fair. 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.

4-H & FFA static exhibits do not preregister, but MUST be physically checked in during Static Exhibit Check-in on Tuesday, July 28 between 4-8 p.m. at the Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln Room. An adult — such as a club leader or parent(s) — should assist 4-H members in entering exhibits. All entry tags, additional information, recipe cards, data tags, etc. MUST be attached at this time. In the Lincoln Room, exhibits are grouped into the following areas designated by signage: Clover Kids; General Areas; Photography; Home Environment; Clothing; Food & Nutrition; Horticulture; Science, Engineering & Technology. A registration table is set up for each of the above areas — please take project(s) to the appropriate area(s). Static exhibits will be released on Monday, Aug. 3 from 7-11 a.m. Please pick up project(s) at each of the area(s) you have exhibits.

Static Exhibits

At the Super Fair, 4-H static exhibits will be selected for the Nebraska State Fair by the judges in the respective areas. A state fair sticker will be placed on all exhibits selected for the fair. 4-H members with qualifying static exhibits will receive information in the mail after Super Fair about entering at the State Fair.

Join the Fun as a Volunteer!

The Nebraska 4-H program is looking for volunteers to help with exhibit entry, entry judging and serving as 4-H exhibit building hosts. Volunteers will be needed for assisting with all 4-H static exhibits and events throughout the fair. State Fair 4-H volunteers will receive a fair pass for the day(s) they volunteer. A complete list of 4-H volunteer opportunities and sign up information is online at http://4h.unl.edu/becomevolunteer. If you have questions, call 402-472-1762.

State Fair 4-H & FFA Animal Entries Due Aug. 9

4-H & FFA animal exhibitors ages 10–18 are eligible to participate at the Nebraska State Fair regardless of county fair placing. Again this year, 4-H/FFA youth and their families will be responsible for making their own livestock, companion animal, and small dog entries online for the Nebraska State Fair. This means Lancaster County Extension staff will NOT be collecting State Fair entries or entry fees during Super Fair. Entries will be due Aug. 9. Instructions and link to register are at www.statefair.org/p/getinvolved/4h/4f. For more information, contact Cole Meador at 402-441-7180.

State Fair 4-H & FFA Exhibits & Events July 30–Aug. 2

4-H Horse Show July 26–Aug. 2

Lancaster County Super Fair

Lancaster Event Center

July 30–Aug. 8, 2015

For a schedule of 4-H activities at the state fair and more, go to http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefair

Fun is in the fair

Get ready for fun at the 2015 Nebraska State Fair, Friday, Aug. 28 through Monday, Sept. 7 at Fonner Park in Grand Island! For a schedule of 4-H activities at the state fair and more, go to http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefair

Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Show

Entries Due Aug. 2

The Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show will be held Sept. 24-27 at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha. Categories of this 4-H only competition are feeder calf, breeding beef, market beef, dairy, dairy steers, meat goat, market lamb, market swine and rabbit. Stock Show exhibitors must be at least 10 years of age by Jan. 1. The Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Horse Show will be held Sept. 19–20 at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln. Horse exhibitors must be 12 years of age or older by Jan. 1.

All Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Stock Show and Horse Show entries are due to Extension offices later than Sunday, Aug. 2 at the Extension office or at the Super Fair. Forms will be available online, at the Extension office, at participating livestock and horse offices at the fair. Registration fees must be included with the entries.

For more information, entry forms and tentative schedule, go to www.rivervalleyрид.com.