



HEART OF 4-H VOLUNTEER AWARD

Kelsey Ebke

Lancaster County 4-H is proud to announce Kelsey Ebke of Lincoln as winner of the October "Heart of 4-H Award" in recognition of outstanding volunteer service.

Kelsey has volunteered with 4-H in Lancaster County for four years and before then, in Buffalo County for eight years. In Lancaster County, she started the Tails N' Trails 4-H horse club which gets together for riding meetings, horse shows, community service projects and fundraising. A certified 4-H Horse Judge, Kelsey conducts showmanship, reining and other clinics in Lancaster County and across the state.

"I like being a 4-H volunteer because it gives me a chance to share my passion of showing horses with youth," Kelsey says. "I want to show the kids that the skills they learn in 4-H and showing go way beyond the show pen. I enjoy seeing the friendships gained and the growth that my 4-H'ers make each year. My favorite experience was coaching a youth to the state championship in 4-H horse judging. It has been so rewarding working with young students and watching them grow up into leaders."

Lancaster County 4-H thanks Kelsey for donating her time and talents. People like her are indeed the heart of 4-H!



4-H Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Sept. 29

A 4-H Council Golf Tournament Fundraiser will be held Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Woodland Hills Golf Course, 6000 Woodland Hills Drive, Eagle with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. This tournament is a four-person scramble and costs \$75 per golfer or \$300 per team. It includes:

- 18 holes, cart and range balls
- Snacks and one meal
- Random flight prizes of \$150 each
- Beverage cart available
- Raffle prizes

To reserve your team of four, call Woodland Hills at 402-475-4653.

For hole, other sponsorships or prize donations, contact Mitch Sump at 402-432-1031 or mitchsump1996@gmail.com or Jerry Morris at 402-261-9861 or packmn69@yahoo.com. Tournament sponsor is The Duffers Golf League.

4-H Council Alumni Scholarship

Lancaster County 4-H Council sponsors a \$500 4-H alumni scholarship. Must be a Lancaster County 4-H alumni at least one year post-high school and has continued involvement in 4-H program as a leader or volunteer. Application form is available at <http://go.unl.edu/4has> and at the Extension office. Deadline is Sept. 30.

Horse Awards Night, Oct. 3

The annual Lancaster County 4-H Horse Awards Night will be Thursday, Oct. 3, 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. The Horse VIPS Committee will provide snacks. Awards presentation includes Incentive Awards, Horsemanship Levels, All-Around Awards, Herdsmanship, Top Judging buckles and ribbons, as well as a few surprise awards! Come help celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of the 2019 Lancaster County 4-H equestrians!

4-H Leader Update, Oct. 24

All 4-H leaders and volunteers helping with clubs and independent members are encouraged to attend the Fall 4-H Leader Update on Thursday, Oct. 24 at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. Attend either the 9 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. session. Training will focus on 4-H club organization, static exhibits, leadership, opportunities for your 4-H members and more. This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents and leaders. You MUST preregister by Tuesday, Oct. 22 by calling 402-441-7180 or emailing kristin.geisert@unl.edu.

4-H Council Seeks New Members

Serving on Lancaster County 4-H Council is a great opportunity to support 4-H, help provide leadership and work with a great group of people! Lancaster County 4-H Council is composed of youth (9th grade or higher) and adults working together in the interest of promoting activities of Lancaster County 4-H. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center. Terms are three years for adults and two years for youth. Each may serve two terms. If interested, please complete the "Lancaster County 4-H Council Application for New Members" available online at <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h/council.shtml> and at the Extension office.

4-H Achievement Application Replaces Career Portfolio

This year, the Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application replaces Nebraska 4-H Career Portfolios. The Achievement Application has two versions: junior for ages 8-14 (county only) and senior for ages 15-18 (county and state).

Nebraska 4-H utilizes the senior application to select delegates for National 4-H Conference (info at <https://4h.unl.edu/conference>) and 4-H Congress (info at <https://4h.unl.edu/congress>). The Nebraska 4-H Foundation utilizes the senior application for awarding scholarships (info at <http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition>).

4-H members record their significant accomplishments in four areas; 4-H Experiences, Leadership Experiences, Community Involvement/Service Learning Experiences and Career Spark. For more information, go to <https://4h.unl.edu/annual-achievement-application>.

Lancaster County 4-H'ers who complete an Achievement Application and submit it to heather.odoski@unl.edu by Dec. 31, 2019 will be recognized at Lancaster County 4-H Achievement Celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020. State-level applications must be emailed to 4HAchieves@unl.edu by Jan. 15.

Many 4-H Awards Due Dec. 31

Many Lancaster County 4-H award forms and college scholarship applications are due Dec. 31. Recipients will be announced at Lancaster County 4-H Achievement Celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020. Forms are available at <http://go.unl.edu/4has> and the Extension office.

This year, families and club leaders are encouraged to submit photos related to award application accomplishments to kpulec3@unl.edu by Dec. 31. These photos may be used in the Year in Review video and multimedia presentation at Achievement Celebration.

4-H Specialty Clubs Invite New Members

Several Lancaster County specialty 4-H clubs are looking for new 4-H members. For more information about these clubs, call the Extension office at 402-441-7180 or go to <http://lancaster.unl.edu/4h>.

4-H TEEN COUNCIL

Youth in 7th-12th grade — want to have so much fun making new friends, doing community service projects and other activities that you won't realize you are learning important leadership skills? Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month, September through April, at 3 p.m. at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln.

HORTICULTURE CLUB

A new Horticulture 4-H Club is starting this fall. Open to all youth ages 8-18. Meetings will be held at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln.

LINCOLN SHOOTING STARS

Come check out shooting sports with the Lincoln Shooting Stars 4-H Club. Club meetings are Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Nebraska Game & Parks Outdoor Education Center, 4703 N. 44th St., Lincoln. Open to all youth ages 8-18. Clover Kids ages 5-7 are welcome, but can't shoot.

4 ON THE FLOOR DOG CLUB

The 4 On The Floor dog 4-H club for youth ages 9-18 will start its second year on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 at the Lancaster Event Center — 4-H office located by Pavilion 3. Meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and last about an hour, generally held every Thursday. Summer schedule (after May) to be determined. The club will focus on obedience through May. Through the summer months, obedience will

be reinforced and reviewed with the addition of showmanship. Youth should be able to maintain general control of their dog and their dog should not show aggressive behaviors before joining this club.

CAT CLUB

Nebraska 4-H's online Cat Club, open to all youth regardless of age or enrollment status, will be self-paced this year. Youth will now have access to monthly lessons and activities they can complete on their own time.

PET PALS

Want to learn more about your pet? Or get acquainted with new ones? Join the Pet Pals 4-H club for youth ages 8-18 and their small animals! Hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, mice, snakes, turtles, fish, reptiles, amphibians, caged birds and any animal small enough to put in your pocket is invited.

RABBITS R US & SOUTH PRAIRIE RABBIT CLUBS

Two Lancaster County 4-H clubs open to all youth ages 8-18 focus on rabbits, as well as a variety of other projects. Rabbits R Us 4-H club usually meets monthly. South Prairie 4-H club's meetings are to be arranged.

STAR CITY LLAMA & ALPACA

The Star City Llama and Alpaca 4-H club focuses on the care and maintenance of llamas and alpacas. In order to join this club, new members must supply their own animals. Open to all youth ages 5-18.

PICK-A-PIG

The Pick-A-Pig 4-H club is open to all city and rural youth ages 8-18. The club reorganizes in late winter with a strict deadline to join by March 15.



Paper Basket Workshop, Nov. 9

4-H youth ages 8 and up are invited to a "Design My Place" workshop to engineer and construct a woven paper basket using recycled newspapers and wire on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Lancaster Extension Education Center, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Lincoln. No cost to attend.

Learn paper weaving techniques to make a home décor basket. Adults are encouraged to attend to help, especially if their child is 8 or 9 years old. Register by Oct. 27 by calling 402-441-7180. Bring a needle nose wire cutter for cutting wire. All other supplies will be provided.

Super Fair 4-H Cat Show Superintendent Needed!

The Lancaster County 4-H program is seeking a Superintendent for the 2020 Cat show! Responsibilities include managing show registration and check-in and assisting with ribbon and award distribution. Are you or someone you know passionate about cats and looking to get involved with the Super Fair? Consider co-superintending the cat show!

To learn more, please contact Morgan Battes at mbattes@unl.edu or 402-441-7180.