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STATE FAIR FLASH MOB

Light up the Night Sat., Sept. 1 at 8:45 & 9:15 p.m. join the Junior Leaders for a flash mob routine at the State Fair! The first 25 4-H members who register will receive free admission. Practice will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thurs., August 2 and Tues., August 14, at the Extension Office. RSVP to Christy at 308-385-5088 or cburnett2@unl.edu.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR UPDATE

Two 4-H contests will be piloted at the 2012 Nebraska State Fair: a career development interview contest and an entrepreneurship "Great Question Challenge" contest. Info at http://ianrhome.unl.edu/web/hall/hallcounty4h. Pre-registration required.

Volunteer Opportunities:
►**Join the Fun!** Volunteer to help with 4-H entry day, serve as a 4-H exhibit building greeter or host, help with educational activities/contests or wear the the Lil' Green Mascot costume. Volunteers will receive a fair pass for the day(s) they volunteer. Sign-up by visiting http://4h.unl.edu/becomevolunteer or contact Cathy Johnston at 402-472-1762 with questions.
►Volunteers are needed in the State Fair 4-H Livestock Office the second weekend from Thursday through Monday. Free entry into the Fair the day you volunteer! Contact Ashley to pick a time.

Important Date:
►Beef, sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry, goat, presentations, fashion shows, companion animal, dog **State Fair entries due Wed., August 1.**

Admission Passes:
►4-H livestock exhibitors (beef, sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry, meat goat) will receive one exhibitor badge (use for entire fair – pick up at livestock trailer).
►4-H fashion show, companion animal, dog, presentation and contest participants will receive one single-day admission.
►4-H judges and volunteers will receive one single-day admission for each day they assist with a show.
► 4-H families may purchase a $20 exhibitor badge (use for entire fair – pick up at livestock trailer).
►Sponsors will NOT receive a free admission pass.

Discount Tickets:
►Reduced price ($4) tickets are available to **4-H exhibitor families**. Contact the office with your order by 5 p.m. Aug. 1 (ready to pick up Aug. 6) – no late orders. Regular outside gate admission is $10 ($5 on 8/27, 8/29). Children 6-12 are $3 and under age 5 are free.

Other Pass Information:
►A $15 vehicle permit is available for exhibitors who want to park in the lot west of the swine barn. General parking is free.

►**CHANGE** – The State Fair announced there will be no charge to park a trailer in the Brunks Lot (south of swine barn) or the Luebbe Lot (Stuhr Road) on the second weekend. No parking permit is needed to unload animals but you must exit the fairgrounds after unloading.

Free BBQ Pork Lunch for 4-H & FFA members and their families: Let the office know by August 6 how many tickets you will need for this lunch on Sunday, Sept. 2, 11 a.m – 1:30 p.m. in the 4-H Café (east of Market Place).

Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.

AKSARBEN

The Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H **Horse Show** will be held Sept. 15 and 16 at the Lancaster Events Center in Lincoln. The 4-H Stock Show will be held Sept. 27-30 at CenturyLink Center Omaha. **Pre-entries for both shows are due at the Extension Office by August 1.**

HALL COUNTY FAIR REVIEW

Sponsor Recognition – Many businesses contribute to the success of the Fair and support 4-H members through trophies, donations and the livestock sale. Your thanks may make the difference of whether or not that business continues to support Hall County 4-H. Thanks to:

►Sponsors and buyers
►Farm Bureau (2118 Kent Ave., GI 68803) – 4-H member t-shirts and livestock bedding
►Krueger Seed and Stoltenberg Irrigation - Saturday 4-H breakfast
►Cargill, Roberts Dairy and SuperSaver - Saturday 4-H Family luncheon
►Pathway Bank - Sunday Fun Event luncheon
►Greenline Equipment, Inc. – Sunday livestock sale meal
►Tom and Chuck Wieck and staff – auctioneers for the 4-H sale animals
►Bruce Swihart, Kiley Thompson and the Fonner Park Staff for all they do for 4-H

4-H COUNCIL

Achievement Committee meeting August 13 at 7 p.m. The next regular 4-H Council meeting is set for Sept. 17.

CLUB LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

The **North Central Region Volunteer Forum** will be held in Wichita, Kansas, Oct. 11 – 14. More information at http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=314. The 4-H Council budgets dollars for volunteer development. If you have an interest in attending, please contact D'Ette.

SMALL ANIMALS

The **Canine Companions for Life 4-H Dog Expo** will be held October 13-14 at the Adams County Fairgrounds. There will be educational workshops, hands-on clinics, and multiple show rings operating on both days. Visit companionanimal.unl.edu.

ON THE CALENDAR

August

1 State Fair/ Aksarben advanced entries due
1 Deadline to purchase SF $4 discount tickets

September

11-13 Husker Harvest Days

October

6 Harvest of Harmony Parade