

**Nebraska 4-H Alerts**  
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**1) 2005 State Fair 4-H Pin Orders – Due May 27, 2005**

Source: State 4-H Office

The 2005 State Fair 4-H graphic has been designed by two talented Nebraska 4-H youth. This graphic will be used on the State Fair 4-H pins and t-shirts. Once again this year, the State 4-H Office would like to make these pins available for counties to purchase for use at their county fair (some counties have denoted an interest in purchasing extra pins so that they can place them on or by the exhibits that have been selected to advance to State Fair).

The cost of the pins is approximately \$.59/each, plus postage. This cost may be lowered, depending on how many pins are ordered by counties and by the state. A sample of what the pin will look like will be shared during tomorrow's State Fair Satellite; the sample will also be e-mailed out to the Nebraska 4-H Listserv.

2005 State Fair pins can be ordered by calling Peggy Jeffries at (402) 472-9017 or by e-mail at [pjeffries1@unl.edu](mailto:pjeffries1@unl.edu). Orders must be placed by Friday, May 27, 2005. When placing your order, please be sure to mention the county you are from and the quantity of pins you would like to order. This early order deadline will ensure that the pins will be back in time for the 2005 county fairs.

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**2) 4-H Be Tobacco Free Education for Out of School Programs!**

Source: Kristin Warner and Kathleen Lodi

Nebraska 4-H is excited to announce that we have received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Nebraska Health and Human Services to educate Nebraska's 4-H'ers on the dangers of tobacco. Nebraska 4-H continues to be very concerned about the high rate of tobacco use among Nebraska's youth. The goal of the **4-H - Be Tobacco Free Program** is to educate young people, who might otherwise not receive tobacco-free information, as to the ills of tobacco and empower older teens to teach others. The project will focus on bringing tobacco education programs to three target areas: 4-H clubs, 4-H after-school programs, and 4-H camps.

To support this effort, Nebraska 4-H has resources available to support your efforts to offer out-of-school programs including a \$200 stipend and Be Tobacco Free resources. An application form for the \$200 stipend is available on the 4-H website. Applications are due **June 1, 2005**. For downloadable ideas of programs/activities that you can use and resources that are available from the State 4-H Office, please visit our website at <http://4h.unl.edu/tobacco.htm>. You can also view the recorded NUSkills presentation for the 4-H Be Tobacco Free program at <http://4h.unl.edu/staff/nuskills.htm> for more detailed information about the project.

If you have any questions, contact Kristin Warner, 4-H Be Tobacco Free Program Coordinator, at [kwerner2@unl.edu](mailto:kwerner2@unl.edu) or (402)472-9023; or Kathleen Lodl at [klodl@unl.edu](mailto:klodl@unl.edu) or (402) 472-9012. We look forward to working with you in creating tobacco-free programs!

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### 3) Payments to American Income life Insurance Company

Source: Beth Birstihl

As a Cooperative Extension staff member, you are most likely familiar with the American Income Life Insurance Company and how it has been serving the Nebraska 4-H Program by providing blanket accident and illness insurances for 4-H Clubs and other Cooperative Extension-sponsored youth activities for many years. Their service of providing coverage for individual or multiple events without having to pay a premium up front is extremely valuable to the programming conducted in our state.

Because American Income Life Insurance is a true asset to the Nebraska 4-H Program, we would like to remind you about their *self-billing policy*, meaning that the insured party must calculate the premium due and must mail the payment without prompting from the company. When using Special Activities Coverage, please mail the payment or complete the internal check request *immediately* (within 10 days) after your insured activity is over. Please do not wait to receive a past due notice from American Income Life Insurance before paying the premium.

I encourage you to review your insurance file for unpaid coverage costs if you do not already have a system established that initiates on-time premium payment. While late or non-payments are most likely honest oversights, we hope to remain on positive terms with American Income Life Insurance Company.

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### 4) Nebraska State Fair Open Class Photography

Source: State 4-H Office

4-H youth interested in Photography might be interested in another opportunity at the Nebraska State Fair. The Nebraska State Fair Open Class Photography Department is once again offering a class "Best in County". This competition is open to all winners of the "Best of Show" Award from each 2004 County Fair and is shown in Lot 7, Class 731, "Best in County". Further information can be attained via the internet at [www.statefair.org](http://www.statefair.org) or call Yvonne E. Nelson at (402) 488-3126. Photographs will be accepted via US Mail or UPS, as well as in person.

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### 5) 4-H Afterschool Journal Debuts

Source: Clover Corner News

Check out the first edition of the **4-H Afterschool Journal**, the national online newsletter for 4-H Afterschool at: <http://www.4hafterschool.org/>.

This is the new and exciting way to find out what is going on with 4-H Afterschool today. The Journal features news, success stories and methods from 4-H Afterschool programs across the country. All ideas are welcome--share them by e-mailing the 4 H Afterschool Journal at: [4-hafterschool@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:4-hafterschool@fourhcouncil.edu).