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For Your Newsletters: 2004 4-H Academic Camps for Youth

Note: Nebraska 4-H is working with several UNL academic departments to host career development camps again this summer. We'll send you promotional brochures in January and wanted to provide this article for your next newsletter. Thanks!

Encourage your son or daughter to have fun this summer exploring a career field alongside faculty at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Several academic departments across campus are teaming up with University of Nebraska 4-H to host a series of career exploration camps in 2004 open to all junior and senior high youth.

“These three-to-five day camps are designed to provide students with an introduction to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) as well as exposure to a future career field,” explains Dr. Kathleen Lodl, 4-H youth development specialist.

Camp participants will have the opportunity to explore UNL and campus life, develop friendships with peers who have similar interests, interact with faculty members, and have fun!

The 2004 camps are scheduled during June and July.

Youth can choose from topics such as computers, golf, movie-making, horse, culinology, theatre, fashion design, modern languages, pizza-making and more! Each camp will have a culminating event to allow campers to demonstrate their new knowledge and skills to parents and others.

Last year was the first year for the **Get a New Life** camps, and feedback shows they are making a difference: Sixty-four percent of participants said they felt better prepared for the future. Eighty-four percent said they worked with experts in their fields.

One participant said, “The movie-making camp was a great experience for me. Actually being on campus for a week and working with instructors helped me decide UNL is the college for me!”

Encourage the young people in your life to explore a career and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus next summer at the Nebraska 4-H **Get a New Life** camps!

For more information about dates and 2004 opportunities, visit newlife.unl.edu or contact Kathleen Lodl in the State 4-H Office at (402) 472-9012 or klodl1@unl.edu. Nebraska 4-H also has a variety of fun, outdoor camps for children, ages 5 to 19. Information about these camps is available at 4h.unl.edu.

Source: Kathleen Lodl

Update on Communications Associate Position

As many of you know, Trish Spencer's last day in the State 4-H Office will be Friday, Dec. 12. We thank Trish for her work on behalf of Nebraska 4-H and wish her well in South Dakota. We have hired a new communications associate who will begin Jan. 5. Her name is Tracy Pracheil. Tracy was an intern in the State 4-H Office while an undergraduate and will bring many talents to the position. More information about Tracy will be forthcoming. We thank the search committee, headed by Dr. Patricia Fairchild, for its time and effort in selecting our candidate.

Source: State 4-H Office

4-H Scholarships Available

Thanks to the work of the Nebraska 4-H Foundation, 4-H scholarships are available. Information can be found on the 4-H website under "4-Kids."

Source: State 4-H Office

Update on 4-H Foundation's Unicameral Day

Thanks to all of you who encouraged young people from your areas to submit applications for 4-H Foundation's Unicameral Day, to be held Tuesday, Feb. 17 in Lincoln. A list of participants will be available later this week under the "database" link on the "4-Staff" page. Please note that youth and chaperones should also receive their participation packets this week. Youth must send a \$20 registration fee to the State 4-H Office by January 12 to be eligible to participate. Thanks again.

Source: 4-H Foundation's Unicameral Day Team, Bob Meduna, Chair

Chase County 4-H'ers Fare Well at National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

November 18 brought a climax to the year for the four youth representing Nebraska at the 2003 National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest. Brandon Kuenning, Kory Kuenning, Jacob Rundback and Chance Thayer competed at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky.

Under the guidance of Justin Ellicott, team coach, they earned 13th place out of 34 teams in the overall competition. They also placed 6th in sheep and 10th in beef as a team. High individual honors also came home with team. Brandon Kuenning placed 17th individually and 6th in swine. Brandon's belt buckle for the overall placing was sponsored by The Hartford and United Producers Livestock Association. In swine, Brandon received a ribbon and plaque sponsored by the North American International Livestock Exposition and the National Swine Registry - "Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace and Yorkshire."

Kory Kuenning earned top honors in sheep placing 4th and also earned the 5th spot in the performance beef cattle. Kory received a ribbon and plaque for her sheep honors sponsored by

the North American International Livestock Exposition, Mid-States Wool Growers, Montadale Sheep Breeder's Association, Sheepman Supply. Her high honors in performance beef cattle earned her a plaque sponsored by Accelerated Genetics.

The contestants judged classes in performance Duroc gilts, performance commercial gilts, market hogs, market steers, performance Angus bulls, performance Chianina-Angus heifers, performance Limousin heifers, performance Montadale Ewes, performance Hampshire ewes, and market lambs. Each contestant also gave four sets of reasons and answered questions on two classes.

The National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest has become one of the nation's most challenging competitions for livestock industry youth, attracting top young people from throughout the United States each year. A highly competitive event for young people ages 14-18, the contest provides participants with an opportunity to develop skills in evaluation, decision-making, communications, self-discipline and responsibility.

The Chase County team earned the eligibility to compete in the national contest by winning the state competition in July of 2003.

Youth events such as the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest are prestigious activities that livestock industry organizations sponsor to develop future leaders. The team would like to thank everyone who helped them on their way to the national contest.

Source: Marjean Deines

Membership Recruitment Brochures – Pre-Press Orders Being Taken

Through the financial support of Extension Administration, we have been able to lower the cost of the membership recruitment brochures from \$1 to \$.50 cents each. We are thrilled about this adjustment and hope it will enable many more of you to purchase brochures. You'll remember this brochure is really three pieces in one: a poster, a hands-on activity, and information about 4-H along with a return postcard. We think it would be ideal to distribute in schools, if possible. CIT is developing an accompaniment parent piece that will be posted on the web for everyone to download.

Because of the change in price, we would like everyone to re-submit orders. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we know you will want the lower price. Please place your new pre-press orders by January 15. The order form is available on the web at:
<http://4h.unl.edu/discover4horder.htm>

Once the brochures are printed, they will be housed in the Warehouse. The Warehouse will send you your original quantity and will have more on-hand for later orders. We expect to use these brochures for at least two, possibly three years. Thanks for helping 4-H develop a consistent look and message across the state!

Source: Theme 3 Marketing Workgroup