

Friends of Nebraska 4-H Shooting Sports

Nebraska is hosting the 2008 National 4-H Invitational Shooting Sports Match at the Heartland Public Shooting Park and Events center in Grand Island on June 23-26.

This event will involve 4-H youth from across the nation competing in Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzleloading, and Hunting Skills. Nebraska will also have teams competing in this national event.

It will require the help of many volunteers to make this event happen. The 2008 National Invitational takes place over a 6 day period, June 22-27, including setup, practice, shooting and tear down. Help will be required on all days in many different ways:

Saturday and Sunday will be setup of all contest ranges. Monday will be registration and equipment check along with practice rounds for participants.

Tuesday and Wednesday will be shooting in the morning and practice for the next day's competition in the afternoon. Thursday is shooting in the morning, teardown in the afternoon and awards in the evening. Teardown will continue into Friday if necessary.

We would like to enlist the assistance of 4-H volunteers who could contribute some time to help make the 2008 National Invitational Event a success. We need the help of volunteers each day. If we can get enough help, each volunteer will not have to donate as much time.

Your information will be forwarded to one of the Nebraska Event Range Officers. They in turn will contact you if your assistance is needed. To help us gather the needed information and available times, please fill out the attached Volunteer Sign-up form and return to me.

Your help is needed and will be greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact me at (402)395-2158 or (308)536-2691 if you have questions. Thank you for supporting the Nebraska 4-H Program.

2008 Dodge County Fair Information

4-H Council Awards Committee Asks for Donations

It is the season for requesting assistance in providing awards and scholarship dollars for the 2008 Dodge County Fair. The fair is scheduled for July 31- Aug 3 at the Dodge County Fairgrounds in Scribner. Without asking you for assistance we would not be able to reward their efforts. The Dodge County 4-H Council is asking for your donation of \$25.00 or more to help cover the costs of the awards and scholarships to be given. They have designated different levels of financial commitment:

Contributions of \$175 and more

will be designated as "Supreme Champion" Donors

Contributions of \$100-\$174

will be designated as "Grand Champion" Donors

Contributions of \$25-\$99

will be designated as "Purple Ribbon" Donors

The names of all donors will be posted in various locations throughout the fairgrounds. In addition, announcements of contributors will be included in the programs at the various 4-H/FFA events as well as in the Dodge County 4-H Newsletter. Please keep in mind these awards become a lasting reminder of an important learning experience for 4-H and FFA members and their

families. If you would like to contribute, please make your contribution payable to the Dodge 4-H Council and send to UNL Extension Office in Dodge County, 1206 W 23rd Street, Fremont, NE 68025-2504.

Helped Needed by Livestock Project Members

Mitch Miller, Dodge County Fair Board member has been assigned to provide leadership and support to the livestock show during the Dodge County Fair. He is asking for livestock exhibitors to assist with facility set-up the week prior to the Dodge County Fair. Please contact Mitch at 981-6420 for more information. This is a great way to assist the fair board with their volunteer efforts to make the fair a great experience for our youth and their parents!

Community Service Ideas for 4-H Clubs

The Dodge County Fair Board is looking for volunteers to assist with clean-up and beautification of the fairgrounds. If you are interested as a group or as individuals or help with general clean up set-up contact Mark Langemeier at 568-2522. There is plenty of painting to be done during the summer months as well as trimming weeds just before the fair begins. This is something good to add to your career portfolio!

4-H Exhibit Booth Request Forms Due, July 18

All 4-H clubs are REQUIRED to put up a club fair booth to exhibit their 4-H project exhibits at the 2008 Dodge County Fair during July 30-August 3. The Dodge County Fair Board provides a special award for 4-H club booths at the Dodge County fair; \$15.00 to the first place booth, \$10.00 to the second place booth, and \$5.00 to all other 4-H club booths. The following information is provided in the 2008 Dodge County Fair Exhibitor Guide:

PRE-ENTRY:

- 4-H clubs must submit the Club Booth Request Form to the Dodge County Extension Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 18, 2008.

SET-UP:

- 4-H clubs must set up their booth on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 from 5:00-9:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 30, 2008 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. and/or Thursday, July 31, 2007 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
- **4-H club members and leaders are not allowed to set up their 4-H club booths during static exhibit judging on Wednesday, July 30 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**
- 4-H Clubs are to enter from south doors so they don't interfere with static exhibit entry on Tuesday.
- 4-H Clubs are encouraged to use the glass display cases for breakables.

DIMENSIONS:

- 8 feet by 10 feet. Booth space and arrangements will be similar to last year's Dodge County Fair.

THEME:

- There will be no designated booth theme. Suggested Theme: It's a family a-fair.

JUDGING:

- 4-H club booths will be judged on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

JUDGING CRITERIA/SCORE SHEET

Effectiveness	50 points
A definite 4-H message geared to a particular audience	15 points
Attracts & hold attention & causes action	15 points
Conveys a single thought or idea	10 points
Message is brief yet clear to viewer	10 points
Design.....	50 points
Arranged in pleasing and logical manner	15 points
Lettering easy to read and draws attention	15 points
Color used effectively	10 points
Educational value	10 points

Total possible points awarded 100 points

TAKE DOWN:

4-H clubs can NOT take down their booths until Sunday, August 3 between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Questions concerning the 4-H Club Booths should be directed to the Dodge County Extension Office, (402)727-2775.

Get your 4-H T-shirt!

Don't forget to purchase your Dodge County 4-H t-shirt for exhibiting at the Dodge County Fair. They are available in the Dodge County Extension Office. The t-shirts are on sale for \$10 each. The t-shirts are gray with green and purple print. The design is personalized with Dodge County 4-H.

Enter Favorite Foods Day Contest

Favorite Foods Day is a 4-H contest that allows 4-H members to be creative. Contestants coordinate several aspects of the meal planning process. The contestants are evaluated on their ability to plan a nutritious menu that is appealing in its color, texture and flavor combinations. Consideration is given to the use of linens, centerpieces and table appointments to create an appetizing atmosphere for the meal. Finally, the serving of one food from the menu allows the 4-H members to demonstrate his or her food preparation skills. Pre-entry deadline is Friday, July 18. Table display and set up Wednesday, August 1. For your table setting you will need :

- ONE place setting with appropriate tableware
- Card Table
- Table Covering
- Centerpiece
- Recipe Card and Menu Card

Fairbook on the web

The Dodge County Exhibitor Guide will be on the web by mid May@

<http://dodge.unl.edu/4H/dodgecountyfair/dcexhibitorguide.htm>

Due to lack of sponsorship and printing costs, a minimal amount of the Dodge County 4-H & FFA Exhibitor Guides will be available for sale at the UNL Extension In Dodge County Office 1206 W. 23rd Street, Fremont, Nebraska