TO:        Friends of 4-H, 4-H Project Leaders  
FROM:    Larry Barker & Christine Whiting  
          UNHCE, Coös County Extension 4-H Staff     
DATE:  July, 2017        
SUBJECT:  2017 Lancaster Fair 

The 2017 Lancaster Fair will be here before you know it. August 31-September 4.

In many ways, the fair is the high point of the year for our 4-H members. It provides them with a way to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and hard work of the past year. Of course, everyone who participates in the fair seems to have a great time. 

The purpose of this communication is to recruit adult volunteers to help with the many 4-H activities at the Fair. Volunteerism is what makes 4-H possible! We have enclosed a list of the volunteer opportunities at the fair as well as a copy of the 4-H schedule of major events. Please give us a call to find out more about these opportunities and/or to sign up. We hope that you will consider lending 4-H a hand.

A link to the 4-H information for the Lancaster Fair (including the premium list) can be found on the UNH Cooperative Extension, Coös County 4-H Fair Website - http://tinyurl.com/4H-Lancaster-Fair

* Project Leaders, please remind your Organizational Leaders -  
- Year-End Reports  - all member records due September 30
Volunteer 4-H Opportunities at the 2017 Lancaster Fair

1. **VOLUNTEER WORK DAY/NIGHT**
   Join us on Wednesday, August 23, 4:00pm as we dust off the cobwebs and get things set up. Call the Coös County Extension Office (788-4961) to sign-up. It promises to be fun and rewarding. **After cleanup is done, we will have a Coös/Essex 4-H Family BBQ for those who have helped to spruce up the 4-H grounds/facilities.**

2. **JUDGES**
   We are searching for folks who are interested in judging items in the 4-H Exhibition Hall. Take a look at the 4-H Premium List for the various categories/subject areas available. Most of the judging in the 4-H Hall will begin at 9:00am on Wednesday, August 31. Any 4-H leader or capable adult is invited to serve as a judge. We are also looking for a few judges for Tuesday, August 30, 3-7pm as we will judge the items that will hang on the walls before the clubs setup. As well as judges for the Style Show modeling.

3. **4-H EXHIBITION HALL - MONITORS**
   Members 12 years and older, as well as parents and leaders, are encouraged to assist with the supervision of the 4-H Hall. For your watchful supervision, you will receive a free full day fair pass. Call the office for available shifts -- 1st come, 1st serve.

4. **4-H DAIRY BAR**
   In case you are unaware, we operate a dairy bar at the fair to help promote dairy products and to raise funds for the Coös County and Essex County 4-H Advisory Councils.
   Coös and Essex will split Dairy Bar and 4-H Hall duties. However, with many schools starting before Labor Day, we will try to be flexible with the scheduling. To sign up for a shift, simply call the office to see which shifts are available. Again, 1st come, 1st serve. **We require a minimum** of 2 responsible adults and 3-4 youngsters per shift -- more folks are advisable during peak time slots. Daily passes provided for all Dairy Bar help.
   The 4-H Dairy Bar provides non-livestock 4-H members with a great opportunity to shoulder some important responsibilities at the fair. Further, they have fun in the process!

5. **HERDSMANKSHIP Coordinator & Judges**
   We are searching for a volunteer to coordinate the 4-H herdsmanship judging which takes place throughout the fair. We're also looking for volunteers to judge during the Fair. Give us a call if you would like to volunteer or know of a suitable candidate(s).

6. **SHOW SUPERINTENDENTS**
   We are still trying to recruit more volunteers to help coordinate the various livestock shows. We would like to solicit volunteers. These include dairy, beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit, goat, horse and working steer. Please give us a call if you or someone you know is interested.

See you at the Lancaster Fair!
4-H at the Lancaster Fair - Volunteers Needed
We need your help for the following items.
Please email, call or return this form to volunteer. Thank you!

Email: carolyn.mcquiston@unh.edu, call 788-4961, snail mail to the office at 629A Main St, Lancaster, NH 03584

Work Day and/or Night - Wednesday, August 23, 4:00pm - until we're finished?
Preparing the 4-H area of the Fair grounds: 4-H Hall, Barns, Dairy Bar
Name(s), how many helps, how would you like to help (ideas: clean hall, clean barn, paint, carpentry, build pens, etc.)

Judges - 4-H Exhibition Hall - Tuesday, August 29 (3-7pm) or Wednesday, August 30 (9am-1pm) -
(let us know your area of interest - cooking, crafts, gardens, natural resources, photos, sewing, woodworking, etc...)

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4H Exhibition Hall Monitors - indicate shift (9am-12:30pm) (12:30-4pm) (4-7:30pm)

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Volunteer to help with one of the Livestock Shows -

- Dairy - Beef - Sheep - Rabbit - Goat - Horse - Working Steer

Herdsmanship is done twice daily -

Thursday AM - Friday AM - Saturday AM - Sunday AM - Monday AM
Thursday PM - Friday PM - Saturday PM - Sunday PM - Surprise (date TBD)
Lancaster Fair
4-H Schedule of Events
2017

August 10  - All Entries DUE
???  - Volunteer Work Day/Night, 2:00pm - until finished?

Tuesday, August 29
• Items 4-H Exhibition Hall must arrive between 3:00pm - 7:00pm
• 4-H Style Show Judging, 6:00pm, 4-H Hall

Wednesday, August 30
• 4-H Exhibition Hall judging:
  a) Club Exhibits 8:00am
  b) all other exhibits 9:00am

Thursday, August 31
• Fair opens to the public, 8:00am
• 4-H Dairy Bar opens, 8:00am
• 4-H Exhibition Hall open 9:00am-7:30pm
• 4-H Working Steer Show, 9:00am
• Judging of 4-H Poultry
• 4-H Horse Show, 10:00am (horse must arrive by 9:00am)
• All Livestock must arrive by noon.
• MANDATORY 4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR'S MEETING - At the Show Ring - behind the Livestock Office - 7:30pm

Friday, September 1
• 4-H Exhibition Hall open 9:00am-7:30pm
• Open Dairy Show
• 4-H Swine Judging, 1:00pm
• 4-H Goat Show, 6:00pm

Saturday, September 2
• 4-H Exhibition Hall open 9:00am-7:30pm
• 4-H Dairy Show, 9:00am, Livestock Ring
• 4-H Rabbit Show, 3:00pm, Rabbit Area
• 4-H Style Show, 6:00pm, Livestock Ring
• 4-H Sheep Lead Line Contest, 7:00pm, Livestock Ring

Sunday, September 3
• 4-H Exhibition Hall open 10:00am-7:30pm
• 4-H Beef Show, 9:30am
• Kow Kostume Kontest, 1:30pm
• 4-H Sheep Show, 3:00pm
• 4-H Goat Trail Activity, 5:30pm, Livestock Ring
• 4-H Livestock Exhibitor's pizza party, 7:30pm

Monday, September 4
• 4-H Exhibition Hall open 9:00am-4:00pm
• 4-H Grilled Cheese Contest, 10:00am, 4-H Exhibition Hall
• Sheep Block & Trim Contest, 2:00pm, Livestock Ring
• 4-H Rabbit Hurdling Demonstration, 1:00pm, Rabbit Area
• Livestock can depart when released by Livestock Director.
• 4-H Exhibition Hall exhibits MUST be picked up between 4:00pm-6:00pm