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Know Your Heritage : Extension Circular 23-21-71

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KNOW YOUR HERITAGE

Extension Service, University of Nebraska College of Agriculture Cooperating with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the College of Home Economics

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J. L. Adams, Director
If possible have your picture taken in a costume of long ago.
Name ____________________________ Age (Jan. 1, 196_) ________

Address ____________________________ Town ____________________________

Name of Club ____________________ Years in 4-H ________ School ________

Organizational Leader ________________________________

Project Leader ________________________________

Date Started ______________________ Date Completed ______________________
          Month   Day   Year                                   Month   Day   Year
WHY?

This project has been developed so that 4-H boys and girls might share and learn the heritage of Nebraska.

The following objectives are listed so you may better understand the purpose of this project.

1. To help you become familiar with your family history and traditions.
2. To stimulate your interest in the local history of your county and the history of Nebraska.
3. To help you develop a sense of responsibility for preservation, conservation and restoration of our heritage.
4. To help you be a better and more informed citizen through appreciation of history.
5. To help you honor the history and heritage of Nebraska.

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PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Everyone:

1. Trace your family tree .................................................................
   a. Collect photographs of as many ancestors as possible and identify. You might enjoy making a collection of photographs of your relatives.

2. Plan to take a special interest in something historical in your county. It could be a museum, historical society, sod house, cemetery, Oregon Trail, etc. Plan to beautify, restore or publicize in some way ..............................................

3. Complete your record book ............................................................

Check here when done

If you are 9-12 years old, choose three of the following and complete.

1. Learn at least one tradition of the past ...........................................

2. Read a book about Nebraska or one written by a Nebraska author ................................

3. Tour a museum or visit an historical point ......................................

4. Make a Nebraska Memory Book ....................................................

Check here when done

If you are 13-19 years old, choose three of the following and complete.

1. Learn traditions of the past in each area: Cooking, Holidays, Recreation, Entertainment ..............................................................

2. Read two books about Nebraska or two books written by a Nebraska author .................................................................

3. Prepare an historical map ..................................................................

4. Make a Nebraska Memory Book .......................................................

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Suggested Club Activities:

1. Have a dress revue of clothing worn by early Nebraskans.
2. Plan a party or give a demonstration of Nebraska traditions.

County Fair Activities:

1. Exhibit your Nebraska Memory Book or an historical map if there is a division for these at your County Fair.
2. Make and exhibit a sampler of your family tree.

Other Activities:

The birthday of Nebraska offers many opportunities for other 4-H activities. You or your club may like to do some of the following:

Demonstrations

You might use topics concerning Nebraska heritage. Remember demonstrations "show" as well as "tell."

Public speaking

Nebraska history and heritage offer many ideas for topics.

Club Activities

1. Visit or tour historical points of interest.
2. Prepare an exhibit of old times, relics, collections, such as pioneer or Indian relics.
3. Take a hike to an historical place.
4. Prepare a club Nebraska Memory Book.
5. Sing songs about Nebraska.
6. Answer roll call with something interesting about Nebraska.
Fill in this information:

**Important Dates and Places:**

**Birth Date**

Father:__________________ Place:__________________

Grandfather:______________

Grandmother:______________

Mother:__________________ Place:__________________

Grandfather:______________

Grandmother:______________

**Anniversary Dates and Places:**

Parents Wedding Date:__________________ Place:__________________

Grandparents Wedding Date and Place:

(Father's parents) Date:__________________ Place:__________________

(Mother's parents) Date:__________________ Place:__________________
Complete your "Family Tree"

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(Parents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins)
TRADITIONS OF THE PAST

If you are 9-12 year olds -- fill in one of the following sections.

If you are 13-19 year olds -- complete all three sections.

Write "I remember when" stories here with the signature of the relative who told you the experience. Ask them about what holiday customs your parents or grandparents recall. (If grandparents are not here, visit with someone who lived about the same time they did.)

List "Family Heirlooms or Treasures" with short history or write about the recreation or entertainment of the days when there was no television and radio. (hobbies, trips, games, etc.)
Food habits and customs vary through the years. They also vary among different families.

Ask about interesting food combinations, cooking habits, or recipes that your family used to use. Describe them here.
The moods, the history and the life of Nebraska can be found on the pages of books.

Read books about Nebraska or written by a Nebraska Author. See book list Nebraska Bibliography for suggestions. Visit your library for other suggestions.

If you are 9-12, read one book, list it and briefly tell about it.

If you are 13-19, read two books, list both books and briefly tell about one of them.

What book or books did you read?

Title

Author

Title

Author

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Tell about your book:
NEBRASKA BIBLIOGRAPHY

Age Group
(9-12)

Non-Fiction

Sheldon, Addison Erwin - Nebraska Civil Government

Adams, Samuel Hopkins - Riders of the Pony Express

Nathan, Adele (Gutzman) - Building of the First Transcontinental Railroad

Aulaire, Ingri'd - Buffalo Bill

Garst, Shannon - Buffalo Bill

Dorian, Edith - Hokahey! American Indians, Then and Now

American Heritage - Indians of the Plains

Bleeker, Sonia - Sioux Indians

Hofsinde, Robert - Indian Fishing and Camping; Indian Warriors and Weapons

Brown, Dee - Showdown at Little Big Horn

Gorham, Michael - Real Book about Cowboys

McCall, Edith - Heroes of the Western Outposts

Bailey, Bernadine - Nebraska

Condra, George - Nebraska Story

Nicolll, Bruce H. - Know Nebraska

Olson, James C. - Nebraska is My Home

Nebraska Atlas
NEBRASKA BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- Bothwell, Jean: *Tree House at Silver Oaks; Wishing Apple Tree*
- Bulla, Clyde Robert: *Riding the Pony Express*
- Dick, Trella Lamson: *Tornado Jones*
- Franchere, Ruth: *Willa*
- Gendron, Val: *Fork in the Trail*
- Halladay, Anne M.: *Davy of the Sandhills*
- Kroll, Francis Lynde: *Top Hand; Young Crow Raider; Young Medicine Man; Young Sand Hills Cowboy*
- Lampman, Evelyn (Sibley): *Tree Wagon*
- Sandoz, Mari: *Horse Catcher; Story Catcher*
- Sperry, Armstrong: *Wagons Westward*
- Wilder, Laura Ingalls: *Little House on the Prairie*
NEBRASKA BIBLIOGRAPHY

Age Group
(13 & over)

Non-Fiction

Pound, Louise - Nebraska Folklore
Sandoz, Marie - Hostiles and Friendlies
Neihardt, John G. - Cycle of the West
Federal Writer's Project - Nebraska, a Guide to the Cornhusker State
O'Kieffe, Charles - Western Story
Bratt, John - Trails of Yesterday
Burt, Andrew Sherman - Indians, Infants and Infantry
Jackson, Charles Tenny - Buffalo Wallow
Moody, Ralph - Little Britches
Sandoz, Mari - Old Jules
Snyder, Grace - No Time on My Hands
Doane, Gilbert H. - Searching for your Ancestors
McLeod, Robert - Medicine Bull
Sandoz, Mari - Crazy Horse
Sandoz, Mari - Cheyenne Autumn
Dick, Everett - Sod House Frontier; Tales of the Frontier; Vanguard of the Frontier
Sandoz, Mari - Buffalo Hunters; Cattlemen; Love Song to the Plains; Old Jules Country
Faulkner, Virginia - Round-up; A Nebraska Reader
Morton, J. Sterling - History of Nebraska
Olson, James C. - History of Nebraska
Sheldon, Addison Erwin - Semi Centennial History of Nebraska
Shumway, Grant L. - History of Western Nebraska Nebraskans
W are, Eugene F. - Indian War of 1864

Nebraska Place Names

Nebraska State Historical Society - Quarterly Magazine

Nebraska Atlas

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MY TOUR TO A NEBRASKA MUSEUM OR VISIT OF HISTORICAL POINT

On my visit I went to ________________________________


Describe the most interesting thing ________________________________


If you visited an historical point, what was the history and why is it important to Nebraska?


Do you or your club members know of a place that has historical value which could be improved? (If so, where?) ________________________________


Does your club plan to do anything to restore it? ________________________________
MY NEBRASKA MEMORY BOOK

A scrapbook is defined as "a book of pages for pasted clippings, pictures and souvenirs; a memory book."

First, decide what you would like your 'Nebraska Memory Book' to record; then enjoy collecting 'goodies' and putting them together in your book.

Here are some ideas you might consider:

- Local Area History
- Your County History
- Nebraska History
- Nebraska Birds
- Trees of Nebraska
- Indians and Nebraska
- Nebraska Towns
- Nebraska Grasses
- Weeds of Nebraska
- Historical Places in Nebraska
- Many Others

(Please do not clip from valuable books, magazines or library materials)

My Nebraska Memory Book is about ____________________________________________

I chose this because __________________________________________________________

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Where are the interesting historical points in your county? Many small points of history are not known to residents of your county. By making a map you can help people know where history has been made.

Perhaps you want to trace the old trails across Nebraska.

There are many things and ideas you can work into a map. Use your ideas and suggestions to make your map interesting.

Tell about your map.
YOUR COUNTY

(Name)

In the space below draw the size of your county and mark the county seat. After you have done this, fill out the following:

1. Length of county
2. Width of county
3. Number of square miles
4. Year your county was formed
5. Which tribe of Indians formerly lived there?
6. Locate historical sites.
MY 4-H ACTIVITIES RECORD

Club office I held

Club committee I served on

Other offices or committees

My club held meetings, I attended

I participated in activities below:

- 4-H Camp
- Club tour
- 4-H Picnic
- List other

I took part in demonstrations, judging, song contest, public speaking and other contests as listed below:

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MY EXHIBITION RECORD
(Include showmanship and dress revue)

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I have read this report:

__________________________
Parent

__________________________
Leader

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CAREERS

If you enjoyed learning more about your family heritage and Nebraska in this project you may want to think about a career in which you will do more things like this. You will need to take as many history and literature classes as you can in school or register for a correspondence course at the University of Nebraska Extension Division. You could become a history teacher in high school or college.

You should talk to the people who work at the historical society or museum. There are many different phases of that type of work -- from director to curator to artists who paint background scenes for displays, to those who are in charge of displays and to others who go out and help explore and dig and restore fossils for the museum.

An interest in history could help you get a part time job while you are going to college. Guides are needed at the State Capitol, at museums and similar places of interest. To better prepare yourself for any of the above-mentioned careers, 4-H members will profit by taking part in 4-H public speaking, demonstrations and judging. These activities train you to think on your feet and help you learn how to communicate with others.