YOUTH AND ADULTS IN ACTION (YAA) focuses on developing leadership and life skills in Nebraska City youth. Our goal is to help youth work in partnership with adults to improve their own lives and the community in which they live.

In March of 2006, Scotts Bluff County youth leaders and UNL Extension Staff provided YAA members with six hours of training. The training centered on ways that youth and adults can work together. The youth learned how to conduct a community forum and then practiced their new skills.

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Another key element of the program involved gathering ideas from people within the Nebraska City community. In May of 2006, YAA conducted a community forum that generated four main ideas for improving the area:

1. Setting up a community youth center;
2. Getting high school students involved with middle school students as mentors;
3. Focusing on cross-generational activities; and
4. Implementing multi-cultural programs.

The group determined they would have various activities to raise awareness, build a broader base and see if a community youth center could be sustained.

The core group of YAA consists of 21 youth and 10 adults. The youth are a mix of boys and girls from Nebraska City, ranging from 8th graders to seniors. Four of the 10 adults have children who participate in YAA.

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

- **TREES:** Planted three trees at the Nebraska City Skate Park and another three at the Nebraska City Softball Complex.
- **MOVIES:** Organized a Drive-In Movie Night at Woodmen of the World in Nebraska City, which was enjoyed by more than 60 youth.
- **YOUTH FUN:** Sponsored a 5th Quarter Party at the Big Apple Family Fun Center in Nebraska City with over 75 people in attendance.
- **CLEAN-UP:** Picked up trash around Arbor Lodge and Arbor Day Farm prior to the AppleJack festivities.
- **DANCE:** Collaborated with Nebraska City PRiDE to host a Halloween Dance.