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## Learning in Your Slippers

In today's fast-paced world, it is difficult to get daily tasks done, let alone carve out time for learning! Therefore, in the spirit of resolutions for the new year, we offer some learning opportunities for you to take advantage of in your own home, and even in your cozy slippers!

Distance learning is not a new concept. Many universities use distance learning for Web-based classes where students never see the classroom and complete all their course work from their computer. This type of learning takes discipline on the part of the student, but is often an attractive alternative to going to campus to take the class.

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension is embracing this digital learning method by providing multiple opportunities for 4-H volunteers to learn about 4-H youth development.

The state 4-H office, under the leadership of Carol Benesh, through the Western Region Program Leaders, has joined with Washington State University (WSU) Extension, to offer online learning modules for 4-H volunteer leaders. The link is <http://ext.wsu.edu>. Once there, select 4-H from the pull-down menu, which will take you to the 4-H home page for WSU. Once there, click on the link for volunteers, and then click on the link for 4-H Volunteer Training Modules. Once there, you will be able to learn about the following:

- Positive youth development
- Leadership
- Risk management
- All about finance
- Ways to participate
- Ongoing volunteer leader training

In addition to the Washington State Extension training site, National 4-H Headquarters has partnered with the School of Family and Consumer Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Arizona to provide a program planning tool on the 4-H Essential Elements. The planning tool helps 4-H volunteer leaders assess their current understanding of the 4-H essential elements, and then provides resources for them to enhance their youth development programs. That link is <http://4htools.cals.arizona.edu/assessmentTool.cfm>.

Another link that may be helpful is <http://cecp-online.org> – the Cooperative Extension Curriculum Project hosted by the Southern Region Extension Directors. From this link, an online campus ID can be created and many online courses can be accessed. Sample topics are:

- 4-H organizational systems
- Partnerships
- Volunteerism
- Youth development

- Youth program development

So, grab that cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate, put on those slippers, and start learning! If further assistance is needed, call your local 4-H staff member and they can guide you. Share your experiences with other 4-H volunteers, and do your part to build the 4-H youth development program and ascribe to your own personal volunteer pledge.

### VOLUNTEERS' 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my Head to give children the information I can, to help them see things clearly and to make wise decisions.

I pledge my Heart to encourage and support children no matter whether they have success or disappointments.

I pledge my Hands to help children's groups; if I cannot be a leader, I can help in many equally important ways.

I pledge my Health to keep children strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for children's groups, our community, our country, and our world.



*4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.*



## Teen Snowshoeing Excursion to Hope Valley

Join your friends for a “teens only” snowshoeing and snow play day after school on Feb. 26. Snowshoeing requires no previous experience and is a lot of fun. Transportation from area middle and high schools to the departure site is available with preregistration. Teens will be transported to Hope Valley for a 45-minute beginner-level snowshoeing excursion followed by a 30-minute snow play session with sledding and fort building. The excursion will be led by an experienced mountaineering guide.

Teens need to bring a water bottle, a small backpack, sunglasses, snow boots, gloves, a hat, snow pants, and a jacket. All other equipment and a snack will be provided. Teens will depart at 3 p.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person and must be paid in advance to the Parks and Recreation Department. Teen Excursions are a cooperative effort of Douglas County 4-H and Parks and Recreation and Great Basin Outdoor School. For more information, contact Shannon Montana, 782-9960. To register, call the Parks and Recreation Department, 782-9828.



## Small Animal Show



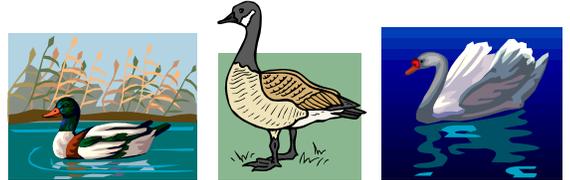
Washoe County Small Animal Leaders will present a small animal show and clinic Feb. 24 at the Reno Livestock Events Center. Classes in poultry, cavy and rabbits will be available. There will be a fun family raffle to benefit the small animal program, a hurdle race, squeak-a-thon, and costume contests. Educational activities will include a poster contest, breed I.D. and a showmanship contest. Come learn about these fascinating projects or enter your own animal. Entries are available at your county office, and the entry deadline is Feb. 14. If you have any questions, call Cindy Smullen at the Washoe County office, 784-4848.

## 4-H in Your Future

Be a part of Douglas County’s Expansion and Review Panel at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 22. This group annually explores the long-term vision for 4-H, increasing member diversity and expansion of club demographics. Please RSVP with Shannon Montana, 782-9960.

## Scholarships for Seniors

Douglas County High School Seniors are eligible to apply for two scholarships: Carson Valley Kiwanis/4-H Scholarship and Norm Sharkey Memorial Scholarship. Scholarship applications will be mailed to eligible seniors and will also be available for pick up on Feb. 1 at the Douglas County Cooperative Extension office. Both scholarships are due by 4 p.m., April 20. Contact Shannon Montana, 782-9960.



## Nevada Student Artists Needed!

Information on the 2007 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation & Design Contest is now available. The contest is open to all students attending public, private, or home schools in kindergarten through 12th grades.

Entry requirements include:

- Must be hand-created artwork (not computer-generated)
- Must be original (not copies of previous duck stamp contest winners or published pictures)
- Must depict live North American ducks, geese, or swans

The entries are first judged at the state level. The Nevada Best of Show entry will be submitted to the National Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest to be judged with the Best of Show entries from all other participating states.

The first place design will be used to create the 2008 Duck Stamp. The artist will win \$5,000 and a free trip to Washington D.C., along with his/her art teacher and one parent, to attend the First Day of Sales Ceremony for the Federal Duck Stamp Contest. Second place wins \$3,000, and third place wins \$2,000. New in 2007, Bass Pro Shops will provide \$100 to each State Best of Show artist.

Guidelines and entry forms for the contest can be obtained by calling Donna Withers, Nevada Junior Duck Stamp Coordinator, Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge in Fallon, (775) 423-5128, ext. 231, or by visiting the Junior Duck Stamp Web site, <http://fws.gov/juniorduck>. Information packets are also available at your local Cooperative Extension office. The deadline for entry submission is March 15. Judging will take place by the end of March.

## Portfolio Record Book Workshop

A three-part Portfolio Record Book Workshop will be presented by our Teen Institute members during three consecutive Community Club meetings this year, beginning this month! If you want to learn how to complete a high-quality Portfolio Record Book, this is the only way to go! Completing a Portfolio Record Book is essential to receiving a year-end Project Medal.

Community Club is held the second Monday of the month. See you on Feb. 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m., at Pau Wa Lu Middle School, Long Valley Road, Gardnerville Ranchos.

Demonstrations will be presented by the Beef Club and Wicked Chickens. There will also be games, giveaways and fun!

Please bring a \$1 donation per family to help pay for Community Club snacks.



*Get Ready to Ride!*

Washoe County 4-H Horse Leaders are pleased to announce the first mounted clinic of the 2007 4-H year, Feb. 10, at the Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion. Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the clinic starting at 9 a.m. Stations to be offered are: practice rides Levels I, II, and III; showmanship; ring etiquette; ground work and stretching exercises for your horse; trail obstacles; and introducing your horse to flags. 4-H members who would like to attempt any of the levels' written tests can do so throughout the day. A snack bar coordinated by the Washoe Valley Desert Riders will be available all day. 4-H dress and proper ASTM-SEI equestrian helmets are required. 4-H members without proper equestrian helmets will not be allowed to ride. Bike helmets are not allowed for horse events.

Flag and Drill Team tryouts will be held at the end of the clinic, and don't forget the annual 4-H tack sale on Feb. 11!

## FABULOUS 4-H FABRIC SALE

It's time for the annual Fabulous 4-H Fabric Sale benefiting scholarship programs of the Carson City/Storey County 4-H Leaders Council. The fifth annual sale will be held 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Feb. 10, and 9 a.m. - noon, Feb. 11 at Fuji Park Exhibit Hall in Carson City (across from Costco on Old Clear Creek Road). Most fabric will be sold for \$1 per yard. Donated fabric or craft items for the sale can be dropped off at the Exhibit Hall on Feb. 9. Donation letters for tax purposes will be available.

Help us sustain the fabric of the community by coming to the sale for great bargains and a chance to contribute to local scholarship efforts. For more information, call Sandy Wallin or Jim Barcellos, 887-2252.

## Soda Pull Tabs No More

A big thank you to all of you who have saved the tabs from soda cans. We have recently learned that recycling plants can no longer accept just the tabs. We are now asking you to leave the tabs on the cans and recycle your cans with your regular recycling program at home.

The plants cannot bale just the tabs, so charity groups have stopped collecting them. The state 4-H ambassadors are looking for other projects, and once we have something for you, we will pass it along. Thanks again for all your efforts!



## Dutch Garden Bulbs Spring Fundraiser

It is time for the annual Douglas County Dutch Garden Bulbs Spring Fundraiser! These are bulbs that are planted in late spring and bloom in mid-to late summer. You must pick up your fundraising packets at the Community Club on Feb. 12 or from your project leader at your club meeting.

Funds go to our Leaders' Council to provide member scholarships for county and state activities, Awards' Night and more! Participation in a fundraiser is essential to receive your year pin! Each family is asked to sell at least five items. Packets are due to the Douglas County Cooperative Extension office by 4 p.m., April 19. No exceptions!

The member that sells the most items will receive: movie matinee tickets for four to Ironwood Cinemas and an ice cream sundae party at Baskin Robbins! For information, contact Shannon Montana, 782-9960.



## WESTERN AREA



### FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- FEB. 9-11** Fabulous 4-H Fabric Sale  
Fuji Park, Carson City
- FEB. 18** NJLS Livestock Clinic  
Reno Livestock Events Center
- FEB. 19** President's Day  
Offices Closed
- FEB. 24** Small Animal Show & Clinic  
Reno Livestock Events Center
- FEB. 26** Teen Snowshoe Excursion  
Hope Valley, Douglas County



## Web Resource Corner

The National 4-H Council's mission is to advance the 4-H youth development movement to build a world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.

National 4-H Council is the national, private sector non-profit partner of 4-H and the Cooperative Extension System. National 4-H Council manages the National 4-H Conference Center, a full-service conference facility in Chevy Chase, Md., and the National 4-H Supply Service, the authorized agent for items bearing the 4-H name and emblem. National 4-H Council partners with 4-H at all levels – national, state and local – providing training and support, curriculum development, fostering innovative programming, and facilitating meetings and connections within the 4-H partnership. For more information, visit <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu>.

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# 4-H Events Calendar

## February 2007



| Date | Western Area                                       | Carson City/Storey County  | Douglas County  | Washoe County  |
|------|--|--|---|--|
| 1    |  |  | Scholarships for Kiwanis and Norm Sharkey Memorial available  |  |
| 2    |  |  |   |  |
| 3    |  |  |   |  |
| 4    |  |  |   |  |
| 5    |  |  |   |  |
| 6    | Capital Days Planning Mtg.<br>5 - 7 p.m.           |  |   |  |
| 7    |  |  |   |  |
| 8    |  |  |   |  |
| 9    |  | Set up 4-H Fabric Sale<br>Fuji Park Exhibit Hall<br>All Day              |   |  |
| 10   |  | Fabulous 4-H Fabric Sale<br>Fuji Park Exhibit Hall<br>8 a.m. - 6 p.m.    |   | Horse Clinic<br>Reno Livestock Events Center 8 a.m.                                |
| 11   |  |  |   |  |
| 12   |  | Carson/Storey 4-H Council Mtg.<br>6 - 8:30 p.m.                          | Community Club<br>Beef & Chicken Club Demos<br>Pau Wa Lu Middle School<br>6:30 - 8 p.m.<br><br>Dutch Bulb Fundraiser<br>packets available             |  |
| 13   | Capital Days Mandatory<br>Training 6 p.m.          |  |   | Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.   |
| 14   |  |  |   | Deadline for Small Animal Show Entries   |
| 15   |  |  |   |  |
| 16   |  |  |   |  |
| 17   |  |  |   |  |
| 18   |  | Nevada Junior Livestock Show<br>Workshop<br>Reno Livestock Events Center |   | Nevada Junior Livestock Show Clinic<br>Reno Livestock Events Center                |
| 19   | <b>President's Day - Offices Closed</b>            |  |   |  |
| 20   |  |  |   |  |
| 21   |  |  |   | Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 6:30 p.m.<br>Small Animal Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.             |
| 22   |  |  | Expansion & Review Panel<br>4:30 p.m.   |  |
| 23   |  |  |   |  |
| 24   |  |  |   | Small Animal Show and Clinic<br>Reno Livestock Events Center<br>7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
| 25   |  |  |   | Swine, Goat, & Sheep Weight Day<br>Time TBA  |
| 26   |  |  | Teen Institute<br>Snowshoe Excursion<br>Hope Valley 3 - 6:30 p.m.<br>RSVP with Douglas County<br>Cooperative Extension<br><br>Leaders' Council 7 p.m. |  |
| 27   | 4-H Camp Planning Mtg.<br>Carson-Reno Video 6 p.m. |  |   |  |
| 28   | Capital Days Mandatory<br>Training 6 p.m.          |  |   |  |
| 29   |  |  |   |  |
| 30   |  |  |   |  |
| 31   |  |  |   |  |

# Upcoming 4-H Events 2 - Month Calendar

## March 2007



Unless stated differently, all meetings are held at your local Cooperative Extension office.

| DATE              | WESTERN AREA   | CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY  | DOUGLAS COUNTY   | WASHOE COUNTY   |
|-------------------|--|--|--|---|
| 1                 |  |  | Swine/Sheep ownership deadline for Nevada Junior Livestock Show        |   |
| 4                 | Capital Days<br>Carson City                                  |  |  |   |
| 5                 |  |  |  |   |
| 6                 |  |  |  |   |
| 12                |  |  | Community Club<br>Happy Heelers Demo<br>6 - 8:30 p.m.                  |   |
| 13                |  |  |  | Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.  |
| 17                |  |  |  | Washoe County Dog Affair<br>Reno Livestock Events Center<br>9 a.m. - 3 p.m.                           |
| 18                |  | Horse Judging<br>Fuji Park Exhibit Hall<br>8 a.m. - 5 p.m.                       |  |   |
| 21                |  |  |  | Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.<br>Small Animal Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.<br>Dog Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.       |
| 23                |  | Paws Fun Match<br>Fuji Park Exhibit Hall<br>Friday Evening &<br>All Day Saturday |  |   |
| 24                |  |  |  |   |
| 26                |  |  | Leaders' Council 7 p.m.  |   |
| 31                |  |  | Dog Fun Match 8 a.m.<br>Douglas County Fairgrounds                     | Horse Clinic<br>Reno Livestock Events Center<br>8 a.m. - 4 p.m.                                       |
| <b>April 2007</b> |  |  |  |   |
| 9                 |  | Carson/Storey 4-H Council Mtg.<br>6 - 8:30 p.m.                                  | Community Club<br>Location TBA 6 - 8:30 p.m.                           | NJLS entries and NJLS contest books<br>due to Washoe office   |
| 10                |  |  |  | 4-H Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.  |
| 11                | NJLS entries due to<br>NJLS office                           |  |  |   |
| 13                |  | Arrowhead Livestock Qualifier<br>Silver Saddle Ranch                             | Dutch Garden Bulbs<br>orders available for pick up<br>this week        |   |
| 14                | Area Livestock Show<br>Carson City                           |  | Area Livestock Show<br>Carson City                                     |   |
| 18                |  |  |  | Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 6:30 p.m.<br>Small Animal Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.<br>4-H Leaders' Council 8 p.m. |
| 19                |  | Capital City Farm Days<br>Fuji Park  | Dutch Bulb Fundraiser<br>packets due 4 p.m.                            | County NJLS Record Book Interviews<br>4 - 7 p.m.  |
| 20                | State Shooting Sports<br>Training & Certification<br>Tonopah |  | Scholarship applications due<br>for Kiwanis and Norm Sharkey<br>4 p.m. |   |
| 22                |  |  |  |   |
| 23                |  |  | Leaders' Council 7 p.m.  |   |
| 28                |  |  |  | Set Up of County Livestock Show   |
| 29                |  |  |  | Washoe County Livestock Show<br>Reno Livestock Events Center<br>8 a.m. - 5 p.m.                       |
| 31                |  |  |  |   |