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SPEECHES AND DEMONSTRATIONS

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A Public Presentation is a Talk Given by a 4-H Member in Front of a Group

Presentations are an outgrowth of 4-H emphasis on members teaching others what they know. One of the best ways to teach is to demonstrate how something is done. For this reason, presentations are sometimes referred to as demonstrations. A demonstration has action and visuals to reinforce what is being said. Here are four types of presentations that will effectively communicate a member's thoughts and ideas.

Demonstrations: Show how a task is done or a product is made. For example, show how to make a milkshake or how to groom a rabbit.

Illustrated Talk: Present information with the aid of pictures, videotapes, models, charts, or other reference materials.

Formal Speech: This may be a speech or poem written by the member who gives it, or a selection from the work of a well-known person.

Performing Arts: Includes dramatics, oral interpretation of literature, creative movement and dance, musical performance, puppetry, etc.

Benefits of Public Presentations Given by 4-H Members

1. Presentations make club meetings

more interesting and informative.

2. 4-H members have the opportunity to teach what they know and to be recognized for their efforts. Presentations reinforce what has been learned.
3. Planning a presentation is an incentive to learn more about a topic.
4. Presentation experience helps 4-H members gain poise and self-confidence over time, with practice.

Evaluating Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks

Members are judged according to a standard, not by comparing 4-H members to each other.

Presence, Poise, Personality

1. Appearance

Presenter should be neatly groomed. Accessories should not detract from the presentation or cause a safety hazard. Appropriate dress is important to any type of presentation.

2. Voice Projection

Voice should be clear and audible. Attention to vocabulary is also important.

3. Eye Contact

Presenter should look at the audience, moving naturally from face to face, and smile in a friendly way.

4. Attitude

Presenter should be enthusiastic and make the audience feel their attendance was worthwhile. A positive approach to the audience and the subject matter should be evident.

Presentation

1. Introduction

This should be an explanation of purpose and the importance of the information.

What should the audience know when the presentation is finished?

2. Organization

The outline of the topic should carry a thought logically from one point to completion. The audience should sense this progression or pattern of organization.

3. Use of Visual Aids

Visual aids should be used to help explain the subject and to highlight the presenter's objectives. They must be easily seen or heard. If well managed, visual aids will be an integral part of the presentation.

4. Coordination of Speech and Action

With adequate preparation and practice, actions and speech should be complementary. As the speech moves from one thought to another, body movements, gestures, and actions should look natural.

5. Summary

The important points of the presentation should be briefly reviewed, and a conclusion should be given that relates to the purpose given in the introduction. A summary chart is not always necessary.

Content

1. Knowledge of Subject

Presenter should be judged on the knowledge of the subject as it pertains to the presentation.

2. Accurate, Current Information

Information must be accurate and up to date. Use of old references and outdated materials is not recommended, unless the topic is historical in nature.

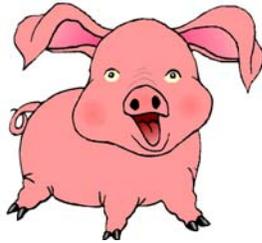
3. Results or Finished Product/ Lesson Taught

After the presentation is done, the results should be of good quality, whether a lesson was taught or a product was made.

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



Before



After

Washoe County Livestock Show

Washoe County youth from 4-H and FFA, will qualify their animals April 29 at Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion, for the Nevada Junior Livestock Show to be held the following weekend. Youth will show in market, breeding and showmanship in Swine, Sheep and Beef. All market animals have already been tagged and weighed, to determine a beginning weight. It is difficult to do, but the market animals must meet minimum weight and ideal conditioning to make the state show and do well. The showmanship classes are judged on how well youth present the animal in the ring, not on the quality of the animal.

The Washoe County show will also feature a dairy goat show, where animals will be judged on quality of animal and youth on showmanship skills. The public is welcome to attend. There is no admission fee and the snack bar and silent auction will be open to all. Come down and find out if your next project might be in livestock!



Carson City Hot Shots Archery Begins

Geoff Landry, Carson City Hot Shots archery leader, invites Carson City 4-H'ers and their families to sign up for archery safety training and shoots beginning in May. The group shoots will be held at the Carson Archery range on the east end of Carson City, off U.S. Highway 50. This group will partner with Storey County Hot Shots for field trips, special events, range shoots, and the June Storey County/Carson City 4-H Shooting Sports Qualifier. Contact Sandy Wallin at the Carson office, 887-2252, for information.

Carson City/Storey County 4-H Council Rummage Sale Fundraiser



Carson City/Storey County 4-H Council set May 26, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., for their first Gigantic Spring Rummage Sale Fundraiser at Fuji Park Exhibit Hall. The Council urges Western Area 4-H families to get the jump on spring and clean out their closets, garages, basements and attics. Funds raised help Carson/Storey youth by providing scholarships for continuing education and attendance at national events. Those who want to donate should contact Sandy Wallin or Jim Barcellos at the Carson City Cooperative Extension office, 887-2252, to arrange pickup of clean, usable items for the sale.



Don't Forget your Dutch Garden flower bulb orders over Spring Break! All orders and money are due to Douglas County Cooperative Extension by 4 p.m., April 19.

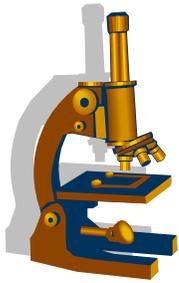
Capital City Farm Days

Area elementary school children will soon descend on Fuji Park in Carson City for the annual Capital City Farm Days. This year's event will be held April 19 and 20. Capital City Farm Days is sponsored by the Carson City/Storey County office of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension and celebrates the area's agricultural legacy through educational exhibits and interactive presentations.



Presentations and exhibits are geared for students in kindergarten through fifth grades. Simple talks and interactive demonstrations at each station will explain where and how we get our food and clothing, along with showcase environmental issues and protections.

Capital City Farm Days is open to all area elementary school students and home-schooled children. However, reservations must be made by classroom and home school teachers. For more information, please call Jim Barcellos or Sandy Wallin, 887-2252.



Carson City/Storey County 4-H Brings Science Lessons to After School

Carson City/Storey County 4-H After School is cooperating with the National Department of Energy to bring science lessons to 40 fourth- and fifth-graders each week in an after school setting.

Students from Bordewich/Bray Elementary School in Carson City gather in the school's library to don their thinking caps and white lab coats and explore the renewable energy concepts of heat and light. Through hands-on activities, students are experimenting with chemical reactions, heat-inducing or heat-reducing activities, making predictions and writing observations.

Students are also introduced to the 4-H experiential learning model. What they learn and observe each week can be used in the students' daily lives. Students practice the 4-H pledge each week and are asked how each "H" of the pledge can be expressed in their school and home lives. Carson City/Storey County 4-H has had a long-term relationship with Bordewich/Bray's after school program as an enrichment partner.

For more information on after school programming, call Jim Barcellos at the Carson City/Storey County office of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 887-2252.



ARE YOU ON TRACK WITH YOUR RECORD BOOK?

We are half way through the 4-H year. Now is the time to check your record book. Is it only half done? Record books can be easy if you keep them current. Are you up to date logging inventory, feed purchased and other expenses? Have you written down new committee activity, workshops attended and talks you have given in the permanent record? The photo pages are usually left for last, but they can also be done now. It's best to take a few photos each month so you have a lot of photos to choose from in the fall. If you have any questions, now is the time to call your local Cooperative Extension office, so we can help.



Spring Rides



Two Washoe County 4-H Horse Clubs are offering spring rides to help area equine enthusiasts prepare for the riding season ahead.

High Sierra Riders invite you to their 10th annual Poker Ride on April 14 at the Washoe Lake State Park, South Shore Equestrian Facility. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the ride starts at 10 a.m. Cost of the event is \$5 per hand with unlimited hands. Riders 19 and under are required to wear ASM-SEI equestrian helmets, and helmets are recommended for riders 20 and up. There will be a food booth and prizes. Contact the Washoe County Cooperative Extension, (775) 784-4848, for further information.

Silver Knolls Spurs are again offering their Diamond in the Rough horse show for the novice rider and/or green horse on April 21 at Lemmon Valley Arena at 9 a.m. Cost is \$4 per class, and entries must be received by April 19. Contact the Washoe County Cooperative Extension, (775) 784-4848, for further information. This show is only open to the novice rider and helmets are required.

HOME ARTS KNOWLEDGE FAIR

Spring into action as Washoe County 4-H Home Arts Leaders sponsor a fun, information-filled morning April 21, at the Washoe office, 5305 Mill Street in Reno. Cost is \$5 per youth or adult, and RSVP must be received by Kathy Burnett no later than April 17. Registration forms are available at the Washoe County office, but all youth registered in home arts projects will receive a registration form and flyer in the mail. Subjects covered will be needle felting, rubber stamping, indoor gardens and consumer judging. This event will be limited to the first 30 participants. For more information, call Cindy Smullen, 784 4848.



More Hot Shots



The Carson City branch of Hot Shots Shooting Sports invites 4-H'ers, ages 9 – 19, and their parents, to join in Friday evening shoots from 5 – 8 p.m. at Capital City Gun Club in the clubhouse. Leaders Greg Wright and Rusty Wolbers will work with members on the line to increase skills with sporting clays in the gun club's first rate facilities. Members may arrive 5 – 6:30 p.m. for informal talks and classes on safe shotgun handling. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. with range shoots planned throughout the month.

Rich Knight, Storey County Hot Shots, invites Carson members who cannot make Carson meetings to attend shoots at the Ice House Range in Virginia City. Rich asks that members call first if they plan to attend an Ice House Shoot. Contact Sandy at the Carson Cooperative Extension office, 887-2252, for dates, times, and lesson plans.



Web Resource Corner

Western Area April Dates to Remember

April 1	April Fools' Day
April 14	Area Livestock Show Carson City
April 19-20	Capital City Farm Days Fuji Park, Carson City
April 20-22	State Shooting Sports Training & Certification Tonopah

4-H Brand Network

At <http://www.4-hbrandnetwork.org>, you can learn about the 4-H brand, share tips and ideas, and apply what you've learned using ready-made resources to help promote 4-H throughout your community.

The 4-H Brand Network's promotional kits provide ready-to-use materials, including media relations templates, print materials such as posters and letterhead templates, ads for both print and Web use, tip sheets and more.

To access the kit you are looking for; view the list on the right hand side of the Web page. Kits will continually be added over the next year, so come back to find more tools and templates to use year-round.

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4-H Events Calendar

April 2007



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1	Deadline for Youth Advisory applications to NJLS office			
2			NJLS entries due to County 4 p.m.	
3				
4				
5	Western Area Camp Mtg. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Video Mtg. Carson, Reno, Douglas, & Pyramid Lake			
6				
7				
8				
9		4-H Council Mtg. 6 - 8:30 p.m.	NO Community Club Due to Spring Break	NJLS entries due to Washoe office Sponsor names for program and record books being judged for NJLS contest due to Washoe office
10				Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.
11	NJLS entries due to NJLS office			
12				
13				
14		Arrowhead Livestock Qualifier Silver Saddle Ranch 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Area Junior Livestock Show Silver Saddle Ranch, Carson City	Horse Poker Ride Washoe State Park 9 a.m.
15				
16			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 - 8 p.m.	
17				
18				Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 5:45 p.m. All Livestock books due for youth showing in NJLS Small Animal Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m. Washoe Dog Leaders Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Leaders' Council Mtg. 8 p.m.
19			Dutch Bulb Fundraiser packets due 4 p.m.	Livestock Record Book Interviews for top 3 books in each species entered in NJLS Contest 4 - 7 p.m.
20	State Shooting Sports Training & Certification Tonopah	Capital City Farm Days Fuji Park & Exhibit Hall 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Daily	Scholarship applications due for Kiwanis and Norm Sharkey, 4 p.m. Livestock Record Books due to County 4 p.m.	
21				Spring Home Arts Knowledge Fair 8:30 a.m. - noon Novice Horse Show Lemmon Valley Arena 9 a.m.
22				
23			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. 4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Leaders' Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	
24				
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28				Setup of County Livestock Show Reno Livestock Events Center 10 a.m. - noon
29				Washoe County Livestock Show Reno Livestock Events Center 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
30			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. Dutch Garden Bulbs orders available for pickup this week	
31				

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Upcoming 4-H Events 2 - Month Calendar May 2007



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1				
2				
3	Nevada Junior Livestock Show & Auction Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily			
4				
5				Spring Fling Horse Show Lemmon Valley Arena 8 a.m.
6				
7			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.	
8		Wyoming Horsemanhip Levels Certification Elko		Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.
9				
10				
12			Teen Institute Fun Run for Breast Cancer Awareness	
13			Community Club 6:30 - 8 p.m.	
14		4-H Council Mtg. 6 - 8:30 p.m.	Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. Community Club 6:30 p.m. Location TBA	
16				Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Small Animals Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.
21			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.	
25		4 Paws Good Citizens Test Fuji Park & Exhibit Hall 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.		
26		4-H Council Rummage Sale Fundraiser Fuji Park 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.		

28 Memorial Day - Offices Closed

June 2007

1				
2			Sierra Rider's Horse Clinic	Summer Reruns Horse Show Lemmon Valley Arena 8 a.m.
4			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.	
9		Shooting Sports Qualifier Ice House Range 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Carson Valley Days Parade and Snow Cone Booth	
10	Western Area 4-H Camp Training Carson Senior Center 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.		Carson Valley Days Ranch Rodeo	
11		4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 - 8 p.m.	Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. Community Club	
12				Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.
19			4-H Camper/Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.	
20				Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Small Animals Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.
23	4-H Camp Teen Training Washoe County office Time TBA		Sierra Riders' Open Horse Show	Gymkhana Clinic Golden Valley Arena 8:30 a.m.
26			Leaders' Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	
27	4-H Camp Mtg. Carson City office 6 p.m.			