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## 4-H CLUB OFFICERS



Elected officers are an important part of the leadership team in local 4-H clubs. Serving as officers helps members develop leadership skills as they perform the duties required.

### Club Officers

Successful club meetings depend on leadership from effective officers. 4-H club officers are usually elected each year near the beginning of the club's program year. Allowing 4-H groups to elect their own officers serves several purposes.

Members:

- learn about and participate in elections.
- learn to be responsible to their group, develop leadership skills, and practice basic parliamentary procedure.
- establish ownership in their club meetings.

Before elections take place, an advisor or teen leader should explain the duties of each office; discuss the need to elect members for their abilities rather than for their popularity; and discuss the procedures to be followed in the election.

4-H clubs usually elect the following officers:

**President** - Prepares an agenda and presides at all meetings. Understands and follows basic parliamentary procedure. Appoints

committees. Works with advisors to ensure that each meeting runs effectively.

**Vice President** - Presides over the meeting in the absence of the president. Serves as chairman of the program planning committee. Coordinates the work of committees.

**Secretary** - Keeps complete and accurate minutes of each business meeting. Writes club correspondence. Records attendance of members and advisors.

**Treasurer** - Handles club money. Maintains accurate and current financial records.

Other officers that clubs may want to consider are News Reporter, Recreation Leader, Health and/or Safety Leaders.

As one of the goals of 4-H is to develop leadership skills, it is a good idea to pass jobs around so members gain different experiences. This usually means that a member should not hold the same office in successive years. A variety of experiences will help members grow in leadership and develop new skills.

One common problem in clubs of mixed ages is the tendency to elect the youngest members in the club to one of the three following jobs - Recreation, Health, and/or Safety. A club may want to elect both an older and a younger member to these offices. This can help meet the needs and interests of the different age groups.

### Election of Officers

Time is needed for members to become acquainted with potential officers. It may be best to elect officers at the second or third meeting of the year, after members have had a chance to get to know each other. Clubs that meet throughout the year may elect officers at any time during the

year. There are several acceptable methods for electing officers.

One method often used in larger clubs is using a nominating committee. This committee of three to five members is usually appointed by the president. The committee meets with the organizational advisor prior to the club meeting when the election of officers is to take place. Two persons are usually nominated for each office. Each prospective officer is asked if they will serve prior to completing the slate of officers. The slate of officers is then presented at the club meeting as a committee report. It is always acceptable to nominate others from the floor.

A second method is to have members at one meeting sign up for the offices for which they would like to be elected. At the next meeting, these members give a short statement as to why they should be elected to the office.

For all methods, voting should be by secret ballot with members writing the name of their choice on a slip of paper. One by one, each office is filled by members elected by the majority of votes cast.

Any member not voted into an office can be nominated for another office from the floor. Candidates may be given the opportunity to address the club about why they wish to be elected.

### Installation of Officers

An installation ceremony is one way to stress the importance of officers and their contribution to the club. Plus, it informs the members of the officer roles. Being chosen as a 4-H club officer is an honor that deserves recognition.

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



# RETURN OF THE CLOVER - WESTERN AREA 4-H CAMP



Western Area 4-H Camp for youth ages 9-12 is scheduled on the shores of Lake Tahoe July 8 - 14. This year's theme is Return of The Clover, with some great super hero surprises planned. Registration forms have been sent and are due back, with camper fee of \$190, by June 20. The camp is limited to 135 campers registration will close if that number is reached before June 20.

We are short on adult chaperones. This means some youth are on a waiting list unless more adults come forth. If you know of anyone interested in a week at Lake Tahoe free of charge (college students can earn class credits!), have them contact your local Cooperative Extension office.

Each county will hold separate precamp meetings to answer any questions for both parents and campers. Douglas County will meet June 28 in Gardnerville. Washoe County will meet June 28 in Reno. Carson/Story County will meet June 28 in Carson City. If you have any questions call your local 4-H office.



## Sierra Riders Open Horse Show

Practice your horsemanship skills at the Sierra Riders Open Horse Show, at 9 a.m., June 23 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Pre-entry fees are \$4 per class. Fees are \$6 per class the day of the show. Enter by email or regular mail. Pre-entries close three days prior to the show, no exceptions. Age categories are lead-line ages 6 and under, walk/jog ages 10 and under, 11 to 18-year-olds, and open.

Day-end awards will be given for each age group. Western riders must enter Showmanship; Stock Seat Equitation, Western Pleasure, and Trail. English riders must enter Showmanship, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunt Seat Pleasure, and English Riding Skills. Halter, Driving, and Gymkhana classes are also offered. Anyone age 17 or under must wear an ASTM-approved riding helmet in all classes. Additional upcoming shows are Aug. 18, Sept. 22, and Oct. 13. The 4-H cook shack will be open at all shows. For information, call the Douglas County Cooperative Extension office, (775) 782-9960.



## Hello Shutterbugs

Carson City/Storey County 4-H is looking for youth to join the new photography club coming soon. Club leaders hope to have their first meeting in June.

Composition, lighting and color will be stressed, along with general information on traditional and digital photography. Youth already enrolled in area 4-H clubs are especially invited to join and use their new skills to document their other 4-H projects.

To enroll in the club or for more information, call Jim Barcellos, (775) 887-2252, at the Carson City/Storey County office.

## Get into SUMMER FUN!

All 4-H members, their families and friends are invited to ride on the Carson Valley Days 4-H parade float. You can roller-skate, decorate and pull a wagon, or drive a tractor, but you must get it preapproved. Meet at 7:30 a.m., June 9 at the Douglas County High School parking lot.



Wear your 4-H T-shirts if you have them. You may want to bring a hat and snack, and wear sunscreen. A release waiver must be signed by a parent and will be available at the Douglas County Cooperative Extension office or at the float.

To preregister for the parade float, call Shannon Montana, (775) 782-9960. Remember to bring all of your friends and a lot of hard candy (not chocolate, it melts) to throw from the float!

## Storey County Hot Shots Host County Qualifier

Rich Knight is making plans for the first Storey County 4-H Shooting Sports Qualifier, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., June 16 at the Ice House Range in Gold Hill. This event will include qualifying events in air pistol, air rifle, .22 rifle, muzzleloader, archery, and shotgun. Rich urges Storey County Hot Shots parents to spend the day and assist with this event.



4-Hers who qualify in their discipline (or disciplines) are eligible to participate in that discipline only at the State 4-H Shooting Sports Match in Ely, Nevada, Sept. 15. Show your support and plan to enter.



## Relay For Life

The Carson City /Storey County community service 4-H club, The Musketeers, is seeking 4-H members to join them in the Relay for Life, July 21 at Carson High School. This fundraiser will benefit the American Cancer Society.

The club's sponsor has pledged to pay for each lap walked in this all-night event. Team members can pledge to spend the whole night or just a few hours as part of the relay. Call the Carson City/Storey County Cooperative Extension office, (775) 887-2252, for more information.

### Last Community Club of the Season

Join your friends for our final Community Club until October, 6:30 p.m., June 11, at Carson Valley Methodist Church, Centerville Lane. Wear your 4-H T-shirts and enjoy a fun club demonstration by Carson Valley Shepherds 4-H Club. Look forward to playing games and winning giveaways!

Community Club is held the second Monday of the month October to June. Please bring \$1 donation per family to help pay for Community Club snacks.

### SHOOTING SPORTS FUNDRAISER



Capitol City Gun Club has partnered with Carson City 4-H Hot Shots to bring an exciting shooting fundraiser to the western Nevada area. The First Annual Poker Run, 100-target sporting clay event will take place June 30 at Capitol City Gun Club, 3590 Arrowhead Drive, Carson City. Registration is at 9 a.m., with the competition starting at 10 a.m.

The event includes a fantastic Tri Tip barbeque lunch and the chance to win outstanding prizes. Proceeds will help purchase needed equipment for the new Carson City 4-H Hot Shots shotgun club and help them represent Carson City at the State 4-H Shooting Sports Match in Ely this September.

Carson City Hot Shots, ages 9 – 19, develop safe gun handling practices as they participate in a first-rate clay target shooting experience. You can register for this event by contacting Sandy Wallin, (775) 887-2252.

There was a great response to Operation: Postcard. For all the leaders and youth who participated in making these very important cards, a big

**THANK YOU!** They mean a lot.



### 4-H Archery Club Takes Aim

Geoff Landry, Carson 4-H Shooting Sports Archery leader, has set the first meeting for 6:30 p.m., June 4 at the Clear Creek Archery Range, off U.S. Highway 50, just east of the public golf course. Area youth, ages 9 – 19, are invited to attend and get on board with this exciting new club.

Clear Creek Archery Range is a first-rate facility where 4-Hers can learn and increase their shooting skills. Youth who join now still have time to host a 4-H archery qualifier in order to get to the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Match in September. All equipment is provided by 4-H Shooting Sports. Call Sandy Wallin, (775) 887-2252, to sign up.

### Carson Valley Days Snow Cone Zone



Following the parade, get frosty at our annual 4-H snow cone booth at the Carson Valley Days Celebration, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., June 9, Lampe Park, 1329 Waterloo Lane in Gardnerville. This family celebration will feature food, crafts, live music and lots of fun! Youth can compete for cash prizes at the greased pole climb.

The snow cone booth will be run by 4-H youth to raise funds for their Leaders' Council, which provides scholarships and supplies for events throughout the year. Each 4-H club will be responsible for one shift in the booth. See the list below for your club's shift.

#### Snow Cone Booth Shifts

- Opening - 12:30 p.m.: Livestock clubs
- 12:30-2:30 p.m.: Sierra Riders, Happy Heelers, Scrapbook, Dragon
- 2:30-4:30 p.m.: Rabbits, Cavy, Crafts, Chickens
- 4:30-6:30 p.m.: Cooking, Kids Helping Kids, Shooting Sports, Speaking With Confidence

For further information, call Shannon Montana, (775) 782-9960. Visit the event online at [carsonvalleydays.com](http://carsonvalleydays.com).

## Western Area - June Dates to Remember

- June 10** Western Area Camp Counselor/Chaperone Training - Carson Senior Center
- June 11** Teen Presentations for Camp
- June 17** Father's Day
- June 23** 4-H Camp Teen Training - Washoe County office
- June 27** Precamp Meeting for Teen Counselors & Adult Chaperones - Carson City
- June 28** 4-H Camper/Parent Orientation  
Reno/Carson City/Gardnerville



## Web Resource Corner

### Clover Corner News

Everyone is encouraged to review Clover Corner News, 4-H's national online newsletter. Enter your email to subscribe to the Clover Corner News list serve, which notifies you when Clover Corner News is published. We welcome your story ideas. Please email them to [clovercornernews@fourhcouncil.edu](mailto:clovercornernews@fourhcouncil.edu).

### 4-HMall.org

There are many great ideas for you to review at [4-HMall.org](http://4-HMall.org), including 4-H supplies, gift ideas, club materials, guides, special thank you certificates, etc.

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# 4-H Events Calendar June 2007



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1		4-H Camp Adult Chaperone Applications Due	Sierra Riders' Horse Clinic	
2				Summer Reruns Horse Show Lemmon Valley Arena 8 a.m.
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4		Carson City Archery Club Clear Creek Archery Range 6:30 - 8 p.m.	Teen Institute Parade Float Building 2:30 p.m.	
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9			Carson Valley Days Parade and Snow Cone Booth	
10	Western Area 4-H Camp Counselor/Chaperone Training Carson Senior Center 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.		4-H Camp Teen Selection Carson City 8 a.m.  Carson Valley Days Ranch Rodeo	
11	Teen Presentations for Camp 5 - 8 p.m. appointments to be assigned	4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 - 8 p.m.	Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.  Community Club Carson Valley Methodist Church 6:30 p.m.	
12				Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.
13				
14				
15				
16		Carson City Hot Shots County Qualifier Ice House Range 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.		
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19				
20		4-H Shooting Sports State Committee Mtg. Carson Video Conference 6 - 9 p.m.		Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.
21				
22				
23	4-H Camp Teen Training Washoe County office Time TBA		Sierra Riders' Open Horse Show Douglas County Fairgrounds	Gymkhana Clinic Golden Valley Arena 8:30 a.m.
24				
25			Leaders' Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	
26				
27	PreCamp Mtg. for Teen Counselors & Adult Chaperones Carson City office 6 - 8 p.m.			
28	National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition South Dakota June 25-28	4-H Camper/Parent Orientation 6 - 8 p.m.	4-H Camper/Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.	4-H Camper/Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.
29				
30		Carson City Hot Shots Fundraiser Capitol City Gun Club 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.		Washoe County Horse Judging Contest Rockin' LJ Ranch 8 a.m.
31				

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

# Upcoming 4-H Events 2 - Month Calendar July 2007



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
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4	<b>4th of July Holiday - Offices Closed</b>			
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8	Western Area 4-H Camp Lake Tahoe			
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12				Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.
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18				Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m. Leaders' Council Mtg. 7 - 8 p.m.
19				
20		Carson City/Storey County 4-H & Youth Fair Fuji Park		Washoe County 4-H Horse Qualifying Show Rockin' LJ Ranch July 20 - 22
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22				
23			Leaders' Council 7 p.m.	
24			County Qualifier Master Showmanship	
26			County Qualifier Public Speaking	
27			County Qualifier Dog/Rabbit	
28	Leadership Laboratory Stead Base	Carson City Hot Shots Qualifier Capitol City Gun Club 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	County Qualifier Horse/Rabbit/Static	
29			Douglas Livestock Clubs Open Show	
<b>August 2007</b>				
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13		4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 - 8 p.m.		
15				Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.
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18	Western States Wild Horse & Burro Expo Reno Livestock Events Center		Sierra Riders' Open Horse Show Douglas County Fairgrounds 9 a.m.	
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22	Nevada State Fair			
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27			Leaders' Council 7 p.m.	