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CLOVERBUDS NATIONAL 4-H POLICY

Special Membership Category for 4-H: Kindergarteners through Third-graders



The following is a synopsis of the national policy regarding 4-H Cloverbuds. Please review and contact your local 4-H Youth Development staff member for further discussion or assistance in ensuring that your

club program meets this criterion. The full policy is available at www.unce.unr.edu/4H/. Additionally, if there is enough interest, we may also be able to facilitate a statewide discussion on this policy as it applies to 4-H leaders, clubs, members, and families.

It is neither the intent nor the objective of the 4-H Cloverbuds program to duplicate the 4-H member experiences that are designed for older youth, nor is the intent to create a “mini-4-H” concept. While the 4-H Cloverbuds program is a part of the overall 4-H Youth Development program and 4-H Cloverbuds members are recognized as 4-H members for the purposes of enrollment, they are considered to be in a special membership category with regard to program and policy.

Chartering 4-H Cloverbuds, or Similar Primary-grade Programs

No matter what a state or county 4-H program chooses to use as the name for members in this age group, the 4-H program must still follow the national policies established for this special membership category, and these groups must still be chartered to recognize their program and enable them to use the 4-H name and emblem.

Purpose of Kindergarten Through Third-grade Programs

The overall purpose of the 4-H Cloverbuds

program is to foster the development of life skills that are essential for the cognitive, social, emotional and physical maturation of kindergarten through third graders.

Participation, safety, personal development, learning and fun are the highest priorities in providing 4-H Cloverbuds programs. State and county programs that offer the 4-H Cloverbuds program are expected to utilize age-appropriate programmatic goals, policies, curriculum and cooperation-based methods to give feedback and recognition.

Policies and Guidelines

The 4-H Youth Development program is committed to experiential education, supporting the development of life skills and meeting developmental needs in positive, productive ways. 4-H accomplishes this through three major mission areas: Science, Engineering & Technology, Healthy Lifestyles, and Citizenship. Based on the needs, interests and developmental tasks of children in grades K-3, the following policies and guidelines were established with the initial recognition of the 4-H Cloverbuds program and subsequently supported by the National 5-8 Curriculum Task Force in 1992. It is understood that policies that affect different age groups and settings will vary, and state and county programs may add additional policies and guidelines to direct their programs. However, these policies define the minimum standards for 4-H programming with the K-3 audience.

4-H Cloverbuds programs follow a set of program guidelines based on developmental appropriateness. A “developmentally

appropriate” program is one that is based on the general characteristics of an age group and adapts to meet the individual needs of each child.

Requirements of the 4-H Cloverbuds program include:

1. Activity-focused, Rather Than Project-Focused

The educational component of a 4-H Cloverbuds program consists of activities rather than projects. A 4-H Cloverbuds activity focuses on developing a single concept and/or skill rather than focusing on a project over time. It is **not appropriate** for K-3 youth to participate in an ongoing, planned series of activities as a member, whether it is a 4-H shooting sports program, or an animal project. 4-H Cloverbuds members participate in occasional, non-competitive, sampler-type, age-appropriate, properly supervised events or activities sponsored or conducted by 4-H groups.

2. Cooperative vs. Competitive Activities

4-H Cloverbuds programs do not conduct or participate in competitive activities. Research indicates that participation in competitive activities is developmentally inappropriate for 4-H Cloverbuds members. 4-H Cloverbuds activities should be conducted in a positive environment that focuses on the members’ strengths rather than analyzing their deficiencies. 4-H Cloverbuds members need opportunities to practice skills, discover talents and learn about fairness in a nonjudgmental environment.

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3. 4-H Cloverbuds Members and Exhibition at Fairs

4-H Cloverbuds members are encouraged to *exhibit* activity-related items from their clubs at appropriate venues. 4-H Exhibitions should be open to participation by 4-H Cloverbuds as noncompetitive exhibitors. 4-H Cloverbuds members are not eligible to receive premium funds as a result of exhibition. 4-H Cloverbuds members should not have animal projects (as described under item #1), nor should they participate as competitive exhibitors with animals. To exhibit animals in a noncompetitive event as a 4-H Cloverbuds member, youth must be in at least third grade during the current 4-H year, and there must be increased adult supervision with a one-to-one ratio with the child.

4. Adult Supervision of 4-H Cloverbuds Programs

4-H Cloverbuds clubs do not conduct formal business meetings or elect officers. A structured routine is important to this age group.

A minimum of two adult leaders is required to start a 4-H club, and at least two adults (leaders, parents or others) must be present at every 4-H meeting and activity. For groups of 5-to-6-year-olds, the group should not exceed 12 children. For groups of 7-to-8-year-olds, a third adult is required if the group exceeds 12 children and the group size should not exceed 16 children.

An adult or older teen leader will be with the 4-H Cloverbuds member at all times when in the presence of an animal or when using equipment that is potentially dangerous, including scissors, saws, knives, needles, rockets, and kitchen appliances. 4-H Cloverbuds members should not operate power-driven equipment as a part of activities. 4-H Cloverbuds members should wear appropriate safety helmets or other safety equipment, such as life vests, when engaged in activities such as riding horses, bicycling, skateboarding, canoeing, or taking part in some other activities.

Management of K-3 Programs

Those leading a K-3 special membership category program should be sensitive to risk management issues. Many providers insure "4-H participants," which is defined as fourth-graders and up and may not cover K-3 participants.

Resources

It is important that children in grades K-3 be involved in activities where the risk of failure is minimized and the opportunity to experience success is maximized. The most reliable way to find activities that are based on the general characteristics of the age group is to select from the many 4-H Cloverbuds resources that are available throughout the 4-H system and referenced on the National 4-H Headquarters website.

Change Happens!



Washoe County 4-H Horse program announces changes in its July Qualifying Show. Due to the uncertainty of a 4-H Exposition for 2007, Washoe County has changed the format of the July horse show from a qualifying event to an open horse show.

The show will be held July 21, at the Rockin' LJ Arena, 3185 Lake Shore Drive, in Washoe Valley. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the show starts at 9 a.m. Costs are \$6/class if entered by July 19. Day-of-show entries will be accepted at \$8/class. There will also be a \$2 charge for every change of class. Appropriate attire is a long-sleeved shirt, belt, and pants. Boots are required. All riders 19 and younger are required to wear an approved ASM-SEI equine helmet. Riders older than 19 are encouraged to wear helmets.

Entry information is available from Sarah Chvilicek, Washoe County Cooperative Extension office, (775) 784-4848. A snack bar will be available during the show.



SUMMER CLINICS



Washoe County 4-H Horse Program is presenting two summer clinic opportunities for area 4-H youth. The first is 9 a.m. – noon, July 7, at the Bridle Path Arena in the Bridle Path Subdivision, 420 Bridle Path Terrace, Spanish Springs.

Showmanship skills training will be offered by Saunya Bolton. Bolton will be working with small groups to ensure lots of hands on experience for each horse and handler.

Barbara Boatman will be offering a courtesy tack check for all riders to ensure that proper and allowed tack is being used, according to the state 4-H horse rules. Participants are asked to bring all the tack that they would be using at a 4-H horse show, both English and western. Don't forget those bits so they can be checked for you as well! This is a great opportunity to learn what is and isn't allowed!

On Aug. 4, 9 a.m. – noon, at the arena of Barbara Boatman. Boatman will be giving a Dressage demonstration. Please leave your horse at home.

Come to learn about the exciting world of dressage as an Olympic sport and learn about all the differences in movements, such as the difference between a leg yield and a half-pass – yes there is a difference!

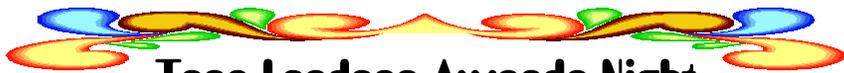
For more information, contact Sarah Chvilicek, (775) 784-4848 or chviliceks@unce.unr.edu.

Your Internet Place in the 4-H Community

There are more than a half a million caring adults and youth across America helping young people learn leadership, citizenship and life skills through 4-H. Volunteers are the heart of 4-H. Now, there is a place where 4-H volunteers can connect with each other and find 4-H resources to help youth in their community.

Visit www.4hvolunteersusa.org today!





Teen Leaders Awards Night

Carson City/Storey County 4-H teen leaders are invited to the first Awards Night planning, July 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Carson City Cooperative Extension office. Teens will develop their plans for the 2006 – 2007 Awards Ceremony scheduled for Jan. 2008. Last year, teens discussed ideas for a new, more technologically focused ceremony. Bring your imagination and help make this year's Awards Ceremony the best one yet! Call (775) 887-2252 for more information.



Douglas County Livestock Open Show



Youth may show sheep, beef, and goats in this show, and gain experience in preparation for the State Fair.

The weigh-in is at 7:30 a.m., July 28 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The market entry fee is \$10 and showmanship is free!

Ribbons will be awarded, and a Master Showmanship Competition is planned. The snack bar will be open, with proceeds to benefit the Douglas County Cooking Club. For more information, contact the Douglas 4-H office, (775) 782-9960.



Carson City Hot Shots Hosts Their First Qualifier



The Carson City Hot Shots Shooting Sports Shotgun Club is planning their first shotgun qualifier for 9 a.m. - noon, July 28, at Capitol City Gun Club, 3590 Arrowhead Drive in Carson City. This event is for 4-H shotgun only. Youth who qualify at this event are eligible to participate in the shotgun discipline at the State 4-H Shooting Sports Match in September.

Club leaders Greg Wright and Rusty Wolbers encourage parents to spend the morning assisting with this event. Let's make sure Carson City/Storey County 4-H Shooting Sports is well represented by participating in this important shotgun qualifier! Call Sandy Wallin, (775) 887-2252, for more information.



New 4-H Photography Club to Begin in August



Attention area shutterbugs: 4-H Photography leaders are planning meetings for the first Tuesday of each month at the Carson City/Storey County Cooperative Extension office.

The club will concentrate on classic and digital photography with an emphasis on composition, setting, and color. Fun field trips are planned. Area youth already enrolled in 4-H are urged to join in order to document their projects.

For more information on the club or to enroll, contact Jim Barcellos, (775) 887-2252, at the Carson City/Storey County office.

4-H and Youth Fair

The 4-H and Youth Fair will be held July 20 - 22 at Fuji Park Exhibition Hall in Carson City, 601 Old Clear Creek Road. This year's fair will highlight 4-H exhibits, along with shows and qualifying events in dogs, rabbits, cavy, and poultry. Area shooting sports clubs will offer speeches and demonstrations.

Youth not enrolled in 4-H are welcome to enter the fair with an art project or home-made creation in the Home Arts and Static Exhibits. All youth are urged to enter their pets in the Pets On Parade.

Show books will be available the first week of July at the Carson City/Storey County office of the Cooperative Extension. For more information, call (775) 887-2252.



JULY 17 - 28 DOUGLAS COUNTY YOUTH FAIR & COUNTY QUALIFIER

All of Douglas County youth (including non-4-H members) are invited to exhibit in gardening, cooking, crafts, speeches, and demonstrations. 4-H youth can also exhibit in dog, horse, poultry, rabbit, cavy, reptiles and livestock. Win ribbons, prizes, and have fun with your friends! The entry deadline is 4 p.m. on July 11. A snack bar will be open, with the proceeds benefiting the Douglas County Cooking Club. To register or for more information, contact Shannon Montana, (775) 782-9960.

- July 17** Cooking Qualifier at Lori Baxter's House, 3 p.m.
- July 21** Chicken, Cavy and Rabbit Qualifier at Fuji Park in Carson City
- July 24** Master Showmanship Demo at Douglas County Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
- July 26** Public Speaking Qualifier, 10 a.m.
- July 27** Dog Qualifier, 6 p.m.
- July 28** Horse, Static, Livestock Open Show



Western Area
July Dates to Remember



- July 4** Independence Day - Offices Closed
- July 8-14** Western Area 4-H Camp, Lake Tahoe
- July 17-28** Youth Fair & County Qualifier
Douglas County Fairgrounds
- July 20-22** 4-H & Youth Fair, Fuji Park
Carson City
- July 21** July Jubilee Open Horse Show
Rockin' LJ Arena, Washoe Valley
- July 27-29** Leadership Laboratory, Stead Base



SAVE THE DATE TO IDAHO

Save the date - March 6-9, 2008 is the Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum.

Don't miss this opportunity to have fun and meet leaders from around the Western United States. Awesome side trips are planned, including swimming in alligator hot springs, touring local wineries, learning Basque dancing and cooking, and visiting a working horse ranch. Cost for rooms should be about \$85 per night, and airfare should be under a \$100 round-trip to Boise, Idaho.

Check the Web site for registration forms and updates at <http://www.4h.uidaho.edu/WRLF/index1.htm>.

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

4-H Events Calendar July 2007



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1				
2		4-H Council 6:30 - 8 p.m.		
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4	4th of July Holiday - Offices Closed			
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7				Tack Check & Showmanship Clinic Lemmon Valley Arena 9 a.m. - noon
8	Western Area 4-H Camp Lake Tahoe	Wild Horse Workshop Silver Saddle Ranch 9 a.m. - noon		
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10				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. 8 p.m.
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21	Parelli Clinic Reno Livestock Events Center 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily	Carson/Storey County 4-H & Youth Fair Fuji Park	Rabbit/Cavy/Chicken Qualifier Fuji Park	July Jubilee Open Horse Show Rockin' LJ Ranch
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23			Leaders' Council 7 p.m.	
24			County Qualifier Master Showmanship	
25				
26			County Qualifier Public Speaking	
27	Leadership Laboratory Stead Base	Teens Award Ceremony Planning Mtg. 6:30 - 8 p.m.	County Qualifier Dog	
28		Carson City Hot Shots Qualifier Capitol City Gun Club 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	County Qualifier Horse/Rabbit/Static Douglas Livestock Clubs Open Show	
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Upcoming 4-H Events 2 - Month Calendar

August 2007



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1		4-H Photography Club Mtg. 6:30 - 8 p.m.		
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4				Dressage Demo Clinic Barbara Boatman's Arena 9 a.m. - noon
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13		4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 - 8 p.m.		
14				Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 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	State Shooting Sports Committee Mtg. video conference Carson 6.p.m.	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 Mtg. 7 p.m.	
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September 2007				
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8			Sierra Riders' Horse Camp	
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10		4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 - 8 p.m.		
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12		State Shooting Sports Committee Mtg. Videoconference Carson 6 p.m.		
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15	State Shooting Sports Match Ely 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.			
22			Sierra Riders' Open Horse Show Douglas County Fairgrounds 9 a.m.	
30				