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Behind The Scenes of 4-H Youth Development



The 4-H program has many friends, sponsors and collaborations with other agencies. Without this behind-the-scenes support, 4-H could not reach the youth it does today. Many 4-H programs around the country have foundations and programs that provide funds and supplies for 4-H programs.

Many 4-H friends and past leaders of 4-H volunteer their time. For example, they may judge fair entries or mentor new leaders. Friends of 4-H also donate equipment or materials for 4-H clubs or after school programs, such as donating the use of an arena for a club to practice horsemanship. Without these donations of time and materials, these programs would not exist. People who care make a difference.

Volunteer leaders are 4-H's greatest assets. Leaders teach positive values to our youth, guide youth to a feeling of belonging, and help build self confidence in our youth. The time that our volunteers give to the 4-H program is priceless.

Sponsors of the 4-H program give both locally and nationally. They may sponsor an event, such as 4-H Congress or National Shooting Sports Training. It takes major sponsors, and in some cases big money, to pay for the facilities and needs of a national event. Locally, businesses and supporters may sponsor a trophy at the fair, buy a market animal, or donate milk to an after-school club. All donations, big and small, are important to keep the program going.

The 4-H program also partners with other agencies to make an event possible. For example, the Nevada State 4-H Expo is possible because all Nevada counties pull together under the direction of the State 4-H office to put on the event. We have 4-H after-school programs not only because we obtain grants, but also because of 21st Century Learning Center Programs, Reno Housing and other local agencies

who help with supplies, staff, and facilities. Here in the Western area, the State Fair is a strong partner. Because there is limited money for county events, we utilize the State Fair as a qualifying show for the State 4-H Expo.

Just as 4-H benefits from others, others also benefit from their relationship with the 4-H program. For example, 4-H clubs may plan a golf tournament or poker trail ride, with the proceeds being donated to cancer research, Boys and Girls Clubs or food drives. 4-H programs also volunteer their time helping at events such as the Humane Society Dog Bath, Hot August Nights, or public fund drives.

Many 4-H programs would not be possible if we couldn't work together with other agencies, or if we didn't have volunteers and businesses that support our 4-H Youth Development Programs.

Remember to thank those people and agencies who donate time, money and materials to our programs. We couldn't do it without them.



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



EXPO 2007

Expo 2007 is Oct. 12-14 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Those exhibiting have qualified to do so, with blue ribbon items or performances at their county events. There is no charge to view the best of the best and meet 4-Hers from around the state. Schedules of shows and check-in times are available at your local 4-H office.



WASHOE COUNTY RECORD BOOKS

All Washoe County 4-H Record Books are due to the county office by 5 p.m., Oct. 29. The only way you can be recognized for your project work is by turning in a current summary of this year's work. Guidelines for completing a book are available, and now is the time to finish up that story and develop your photo pages. This is also time to turn in any level work you've earned this year, and don't forget the star rank form. Call the office if you have any questions, (775) 784-4848. An awards ceremony is planned for early 2008 to acknowledge the hard work done by all Washoe County youth.

SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING



If you're looking at starting a Shooting Sports Club, you must first attend a mandatory training and receive the certification you need in order to lead a club and instruct youth. You also must be 21 years old and be fingerprinted by your local 4-H office. Instruction will be offered in five disciplines: archery, shotgun, rifle, muzzle loader and pistol.

The three-day training will be held Nov. 9-11 in Pahrump. The fee is \$90. Pick up registration forms at your local 4-H office.



2008 NEVADA LEADERS' FORUM



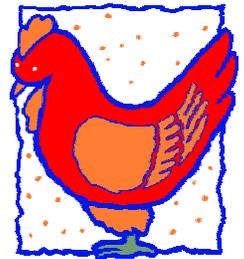
Planning is underway for Nevada Leaders' Forum to be held in Reno, Feb. 22 - 24! This is a rare opportunity to meet leaders from across the state, become reenergized, and learn the latest information and newest rules and regulations across the state. This is not always available in our backyard, so mark the date on your calendar. Registration packets will be out in November. Meanwhile, a survey will be out soon to ask you for ideas for forum workshops, a key-note speaker, etc. These surveys will also be available at the Nevada State 4-H Expo.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

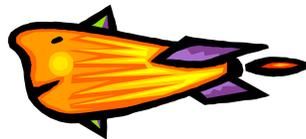
Applications for National 4-H Conference for youth 14 to 19 years old, are available at your local 4-H office. Applications are due at the State 4-H office on Oct. 15. Interviews for candidates turning in applications will take place Nov. 6 and 7, via interactive compressed video. Those chosen to attend the conference will leave for Washington, D.C. on March 29 and return April 3, 2008.

Really Big Bird Show

Storey County Psychedelic 4-H Poultry Club and Feathered Friends 4-H Club, in partnership with the Northern Nevada Poultry Fanciers Association, is hosting a 4-H Youth and Open Poultry Show, Nov. 16 - 18 at Fuji Park Exhibit Hall in Carson City. Poultry fanciers can enjoy the sights and sounds of an outstanding array of birds.



Bird check-in is 4 - 9 p.m., Nov. 16, and 7 - 8:30 a.m., Nov. 17. Showmanship begins at 9 a.m., Nov. 17, with quality judging to follow. For more information, call the Carson City/Storey County Cooperative Extension office, (775) 847-0382.



Blast Off!

Washoe County Home Arts Leaders are sponsoring a Nov. 3 rocket launch at the Washoe County 4-H office. Youth will build and launch their own rockets, learn to emboss homemade cards with rubber stamps, and judge the best turkey stuffing in a consumer-judging contest. This event is open to all. The deadline (no trick) is Oct. 31. Registration forms are available at the Washoe County office. The cost is \$5 per youth, and participation is limited to 30 youth. If you have any questions, call Cindy Smullen, (775) 784-4848.



4-H MILITARY PROGRAM

4-H is looking for youth who have a parent or guardian in the Nevada Guard, Reserves, or on active duty. If these youth are members of your club, please have them check 'yes' on the military line of their enrollment form. We're also looking to find other military (non-4-H) youth to encourage them to join a 4-H club or to create a club that meets their interests. If you know any young person who fits in this category, please have them contact Sarah Chvilicek, chviliceks@unce.unr.edu or (775) 784-4848.



4 PAWS HOSTS "YOUR AGING PET"



Humans aren't the only species living longer lives. Due to advances in veterinary medicine, better food products, and supplemental vitamins, many families are sharing longer lives with their pets.

4 Paws 4-H Dog Club invites Carson-area residents to an information-packed presentation on "Your Aging Pet," 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Nov. 1, at the Carson City Cooperative Extension conference room, 2621 Northgate Lane. Ron Sandoval, DVM, and friends will talk about the latest advances in veterinary medicine and how our pets can live happier lives as they mature. Call Sandy Wallin, (775) 887-2252, for more information.

PUMPKIN PATCH AND FALL FESTIVAL



Pick a pumpkin at the 4-H Pumpkin Patch and enjoy a family-style carnival event, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Oct. 6 at Lampe Park Pavilion, 1329 Waterloo Lane in Gardnerville. Activities include a Fun Run relay race, raffle, car seat safety inspections, silent auction, face painting, petting zoo, cupcake walk, pumpkin decorating, food and carnival games. A youth costume contest will be held at noon with prizes for the winners! We will be raising our new 4-H flag at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Douglas County Cooperative Extension office prior to the festival, in honor of National 4-H Week. Everyone is invited! Contact Shannon Montana, (775) 782-9960, for more information. To register for the Fun Run, call Douglas County Parks and Recreation, (775) 782-9828.



PORTFOLIOS DUE NOV. 19

Douglas County 4-H members who wish to qualify for an end-of-the-year medal for their projects should turn in their completed portfolios by 7 p.m., Nov. 19, during Community Club at the Carson Valley Methodist Church. Your project leader must sign off on all project records *before* you turn them in. Late entries will not be accepted. Portfolios will be returned to you at the Dec. 17 Community Club and Awards Night/Holiday Party. Best of luck on your portfolio this year! If you have any questions about completing your portfolio, please contact Shannon Montana prior to Nov. 6, (775) 782-9960.



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB SHOOTING FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Carson City/Storey County 4-H Photography Club is seeking members. Start the new 4-H year by joining a new club! Members will learn about every form of photography. Any camera is acceptable. Members will learn how all cameras work, how lighting affects the picture and the importance of correct composition.

4-H leaders in Carson City/Storey County are urged to contact the Cooperative Extension office to set up visits by the photography leader to tutor your club members in how to document their projects with photographs. This will be especially useful for record book and portfolio documentation.

The next Photography Club meeting is Nov. 6. To learn more about photography club opportunities or to enroll, call Jim Barcellos at the Carson City/Storey County Extension office, (775) 887-2252.



BIRD DOG OFFERED AT SILENT AUCTION

Here's your chance to take home an FDSB English pointer hunter puppy to raise as a hunting companion and family member. Bidding will take place 10 a.m. – 1:45 p.m., Oct. 6, at the Douglas County 4-H Fall Festival and Pumpkin Patch, 1329 Waterloo Lane in Gardnerville (Lampe Park Pavilion).

The puppy is a female, 18 weeks old and FDSB registered. She has had all her shots, and her dew claws are removed. The owner and puppy will be on hand for the event. Approximate value of the puppy is \$500, and minimum bidding will be set at \$150, with \$25 increments of bids allowed. Proceeds will benefit our 4-H programs. Other items for bid include: a full window tinting for a vehicle valued at \$200; a spa package for two at David Walley's Hot Springs Resort; dinners for two at J.T. Basque Restaurant, Wasabi's Sushi and Japanese Bistro, and Michael's at the Inn; and gift certificates for tools, tanning, salon services, gourmet gift baskets and much more! Also, look for the Youth Mountain Bike Raffle (\$125 value) with tickets for only \$1 each. Contact Shannon Montana, (775) 782-9960, for information or to place a bid.

**WESTERN AREA
OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER**

OCT. 7-13 National 4-H Week

OCT. 12-14 2007 Nevada State Expo
Douglas County Fairgrounds

OCT. 15 National 4-H Conference applications due to State 4-H office

OCT. 26 Nevada Day - Offices Closed

OCT. 31 Halloween 



National 4-H Week

October 7 – 13 is National 4-H Week. There's still time to plan a celebration! Dress in green for the week. Get together with other club members and find a yard that needs some leaves raked. (This would be such a kind act for someone who is elderly or ill.) Share the history of the 4-H program at your next meeting. Post the 4-H Clover in your window. Bake some cookies for your leader. Let's celebrate 105 years of 4-H Making the Best Better!

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4-H Events Calendar October 2007



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY	
1			New 4-H Year! Member and Leader Enrollment Cards Due Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. Beef, Sheep & Swine Projects Mtg. 5:30 p.m.		
2			Cool Science Mtg. Zephyr Cove 5 p.m. Rabbit, Cavy & Chicken Projects Mtg. 6:30 p.m.		
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5			Kids Helping Kids Mtg. Lambin Insurance 2:30 p.m.		
6		Storey County Sports Safety Training/Range Shoot Virginia City Senior Center 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Pumpkin Patch & Fall Family Festival Flag Raising 8:30 a.m.		
7	National 4-H Week Oct. 7 – 13 2007 Nevada State 4-H Exposition Douglas County Fairgrounds Oct. 12 – 14	National 4-H Week Window Displays & Poster Contests	Shooting Sports Safety Mtg. & Practice Douglas County Fairgrounds 10 a.m.	Tahoe Rim Riders Open House 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call Washoe County office for directions and information	
8		4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 – 8 p.m.	Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. Home Arts Mtg. 6:30 p.m.		
9			Cooking It Up Project Mtg. 3:30 p.m. Happy Heelers Dog Project Mtg. Douglas County Fairgrounds 6:30 p.m.	Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.	
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12					
13			Storey County Shooting Sports Safety Training/Range Shoot Virginia City Senior Center 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.		Silver Knolls Spurs Autumn Antics Horse Show Play Day Lemmon Valley Arena 9 a.m.
14					
15		Applications for 4-H Conference due to State 4-H office		Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. Community Club Night Carson Valley Methodist Church 7 p.m.	
16					
17	State Shooting Sports Committee Mtg. Videoconference Carson 6 – 8:30 p.m.			Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 7 – 8 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg. 7 – 8 p.m. Leaders' Council Mtg. 8 – 9 p.m.	
18					
19					
20				Silver Knolls Spurs Annual Endurance Ride Lemmon Valley Arena 8:30 a.m.	
21					
22			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. Leaders' Council Mtg. 7 p.m.		
23					
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25					
26	Nevada Day - Offices Closed				
27		Nevada Day Parade			
28					
29			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.	4-H Record Books due to office for year-end awards	
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Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar November and December 2007



November 2007				
DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
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3		Storey County Shooting Sports Safety Training/Range Shoot Virginia City Senior Center 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.		Home Arts Leaders' Blast Off Event 8:30 a.m. - noon
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5			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.	Livestock Leaders Kickoff Event Mini Skillathon 6 – 8:30 p.m.
6			Last day to contact Douglas County office for assistance completing portfolios	Conference Delegate interviews 5 – 7 p.m.
7				
9		State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training & Certification Pahrump		
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11				
12	Veterans' Day - Offices Closed			
13				Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.
14		State Shooting Sports Committee Videoconference 6 – 8:30 p.m.		
16		4-H & Open Poultry Show Fuji Park Exhibit Hall		
17				
18				
19			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. Portfolios Due! Community Club Night Carson Valley Methodist Church 7 p.m.	
22	Thanksgiving Day - Offices Closed			
23	Family Day - Offices Closed			
26			Leaders' Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	
December 2007				
1			Beef Weigh-in at the Gansberg's Holiday Caroling Parade of Lights Float Decorating & Pizza Party 3:30 p.m.	All Market Beef going to NJLS Show must be ear-tagged and weighed
3			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.	
7				
10		4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 – 8 p.m.	Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.	
11				Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.
17			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. Community Club Night & County Awards Night/Holiday Party Carson Valley Methodist Church 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	
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25	Christmas Day - Offices Closed			
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