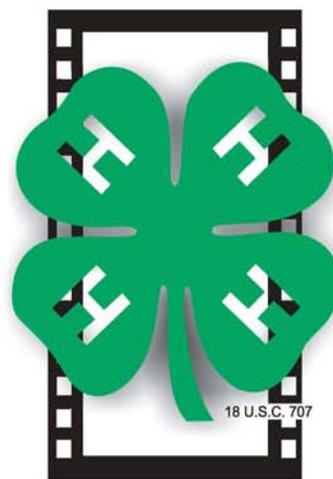




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4-H – A Vibrant Part of Cooperative Extension Programming In Our State



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In our state, UNCE stands as its own college of the University of Nevada, Reno, with its own dean and director. UNCE has campus-based faculty involved with research and teaching, along with area specialists across the entire state dedicated to bringing the latest research to Nevada's citizens across a wide range of initiatives. UNCE faculty and staff conduct assessments to determine the needs of communities and then manage programs based on those needs.

Cooperative Extension staff in our state is bolstering families through health, literacy and economic programs. UNCE is working on improving water quality and quantity, helping people cope with the threat of wildfires, and training horticulture workers and child care staffers. Cooperative Extension is bringing people together around community and organizational development.

4-H is the youth development program of UNCE and is part of its human and family development mission. 4-H has a long history with Cooperative Extension. 4-H grew out of Cooperative Extension's formation of boys and girls clubs at the turn of the last century. These clubs originally taught youth farming, canning and gardening skills. 4-H has grown and changed with the needs of our country's youth.

To help meet those changing needs of 4-H in our state, UNCE established the Nevada 4-H Program Office, located on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno, which houses the State 4-H Development Specialist and the State 4-H Program Director. These positions work closely with county staff and the Administrative office of the UNCE Dean. The Nevada 4-H Program Office sponsors events such as Capital Days, EXPO, Leaders Forum and State Ambassadors, to name a few. The State Program Office also works with county and Cooperative Extension administrative staff on 4-H's portion of UNCE's website. If you have not visited the website, go to www.unce.unr.edu to find UNCE programming in your county and follow the 4-H link to find news, events and a calendar, all pertaining to 4-H in particular.

UNCE's mission statement, "to discover, develop, disseminate, preserve and use knowledge to strengthen the social, economic and environmental well-being of people," fits nicely with the 4-H motto, "to make the best better." Cooperative Extension and 4-H hold to a philosophy of shared ownership, they believe that 4-H, UNCE faculty and staff, and the youth and adult volunteers in their programming share vision, ideas and responsibilities that will develop successful communities and young people across our state.

As 4-H members, leaders and parents, many of us have spent time at our local Cooperative Extension office, but we might not all understand how 4-H is linked to Cooperative Extension and what its mission is here in our state.

Cooperative Extension was established in 1914 as part of the land-grant university system. In our state, that means Cooperative Extension is part of the University of Nevada, Reno. Nationally, Cooperative Extension was originally established to help farmers increase productivity. Today, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) has offices in every county of Nevada and serves as the outreach arm of the university, bringing research and information to the citizens of our state.

UNCE is a three-way partnership of the federal government, through the United States Department of Agriculture; the state land-grant university; and your local county governments. In our area, this includes Washoe, Storey and Douglas counties and Carson City. UNCE faculty and staff provide educational resources and programs in the areas of:



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4-H and Employer Identification Numbers



Many club leaders have received notification from the IRS regarding their new Employer Identification Number (EIN) and are wondering what to do with it! This EIN replaces any other number that 4-H clubs and affiliated groups may have been using for bank accounts or to give to donors. Please begin using this number immediately, and if your club/council has a bank account, you will need to change its information to include your new EIN.

4-H clubs come under the control of Cooperative Extension and are eligible for inclusion as a subsidiary of National 4-H special tax exemption from federal income tax. Previously, there was a single exemption for all of 4-H, but recent changes have facilitated the need for each club/affiliate to have its own number.

Your county 4-H staff person is available to answer any questions you may have regarding tax exemption and your EIN. You can also review the fact sheets on the National 4-H Headquarters website: www.national4-hheadquarters.gov. On the side menu, there is a toggle for "tax exempt fact sheets."

Additionally, after the first of the year each club and/or affiliate will be receiving a letter from National 4-H Headquarters/USDA giving further details about tax exemptions and Employer Identification Numbers.



Washoe County 4-H Awards Night



Washoe County 4-H Leaders' Council invites all youth (and their families) who submitted a 4-H record book to the Awards Night, 7 p.m., Jan. 25, Lazy 5 Regional Park, 7100 Pyramid Lake Highway. Youth and volunteer leaders will be recognized for their achievements in the 4-H Program.

The event is a potluck dessert. Families are asked to bring a dessert to serve eight (along with appropriate serving utensils). The Council will supply beverages and paper products.

Fliers for the awards celebration will be mailed later. Washoe County 4-H Leaders' Council is also accepting nominations for Outstanding 4-H Leader, 4-H Project Leader, New Leader of Merit, Friend of 4-H, and 4-H Partner. Forms are available at the Washoe County Cooperative Extension office. Consider nominating your 4-H leader!



SHOOTING SPORTS AT CABELA'S GRAND OPENING

Rich Knight is hosting the new Storey County 4-H Shooting Sports Trailer, Jan. 25 – 27 at Cabela's Grand Opening, 8650 Boomtown Road, Reno. This new equipment allows youth and adults unfamiliar with rifle target shooting some hands-on experience within a safe and confined space. The trailer, one of three in Nevada, will be available as a 4-H outreach tool for fairs, 4-H events and 4-H Shooting Sports matches. Everyone is invited to drop by and try rifle target shooting. Come visit with Rich and Storey County 4-Hers at this event.

FABULOUS 4-H FABRIC SALE

The Carson City/Storey County 4-H Council is hard at work planning their major fundraiser of the year, the Fabulous 4-H Fabric Sale. The event takes place at Fuji Park Exhibit Hall, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Feb. 8, 9, and 10. Feb. 8 is set aside to accept donations of fabric, sewing items and craft items for resale to the public. The sale begins Feb. 9 and continues throughout the day on Feb. 10. The Council requests all donations be clean and ready for resale. Monies earned from this sale go toward Carson City/Storey County scholarships for 4-H youth to further their educations following high school graduation. For more information, contact Sandy Wallin or Jim Barcellos, (775) 887-2252.

Carson City/Storey County 4-H Awards Night

Carson City/Storey County 4-Hers and their families are gathering 5 – 9 p.m., Jan. 5, at the Carson City Senior Center, 901 Beverly Drive, for the annual Carson City/Storey County 4-H Awards. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share for the potluck supper and their favorite ice cream topping for the traditional ice cream social. Clubs are invited to set up displays of club activities or events to share. Be sure to mark your calendar. This year's awards committee has come up with a visual treat for everyone who attends. For information on this event, contact Jim Barcellos or Sandy Wallin, (775) 887-2252.

Silver Saddle Gang

The new 4-H Horse Club in Carson City has chosen a name and is setting up its calendar for business meetings and workshops. The club plans to hold business meetings the first Thursday of each month and workshops on the second and fourth Saturdays, 10 a.m. – noon at Silver Saddle Ranch, weather permitting. Area youth, 9 – 19 years old, are invited to attend business meetings and help set the calendar for future field trips, guest speakers and workshops. You do not have to own a horse to be part of this group. For more information, contact Sandy Wallin, (775) 887-2252.



Douglas County 4-H members, don't forget to reserve your time slot for a portfolio interview by Jan. 16!

Speaking With Confidence



4-H has a history of developing outstanding public speakers. Public speaking is a skill that individuals find very useful throughout their lives. Speaking With Confidence is an eight-week project that helps youth learn to speak to an audience with confidence. The project meets each Monday, 4 – 5 p.m., beginning Jan. 28 (holidays excluded) at the Douglas Cooperative Extension office.

Topics to be discussed include controlling nervousness, body language, interview tips and using audiovisuals. Youth also learn the importance of practicing and setting goals. Suited for ages 9 and older. Please RSVP to Shannon Montana, (775) 782-9960.



National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop will be held April 13 – 18, 2008, in Kerrville, Texas (45 minutes outside of San Antonio). Registration deadlines and fees are as follows:

before Jan. 30	\$375 per person
Jan. 31 – March 15	\$425 per person
after March 15	\$475 per person

In order for a participant to attend, he or she must also have a state-level certification in that same discipline and have previous experience teaching youth. Also, if you are lucky enough to participate at the national event, you must promise to assist in at least one state-level training in the future. Disciplines offered are archery, rifle, pistol, shotgun and black powder. Contact your local Cooperative Extension office for registration information and forms.

NEW SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB!



Washoe County has a new shooting sports club starting up. The first project will be rifle, hopefully expanding to shotgun in the near future. If you are interested, please call the Washoe County Cooperative Extension office for more information, (775) 784-4848 .

Meetings will start the first of the new year!

Teen Institute Winter Break

Members of Teen Institute will meet only on Jan. 14 at 2:30 p.m., to plan their end-of-the-year party to Lake Tahoe or another "exotic" destination and to wrap up winter activities.

Teens will not meet on the following dates:

- Jan. 7, 21, 28
- February, the entire month

Regular meetings will resume at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3. Have a great break, and we'll see you on Jan. 14!

Western Area January Dates to Remember

- Jan. 1** New Year's Day - Offices Closed
- Jan. 5** Carson/Storey County 4-H Awards Night
Carson City Senior Center
- Jan. 18** Year-end Horse Awards
Reno Livestock Events Center
- Jan. 21** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Offices Closed



ATTENTION ALL LEADERS!



In January 2008, the 4-H Nevada State office will be making a choice of how and where we will have an Expo or Expo-like event. They are asking for your input. Please look over the following versions and call or email your local Cooperative Extension office with your comments and ideas.

CHOICE A. Use the "Winnemucca" model, but rotate it around the state every four or five years.

CHOICE B. Have each part of Expo held in a part of the state permanently, with locations scattered throughout the state.

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4-H Events Calendar January 2008



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1	NEW YEAR'S DAY - OFFICES CLOSED			
2				
3				
4				
5		Carson/Storey Awards Night Carson City Senior Center 5 – 9 p.m.		
6				
7			Teen Institute Winter Break January and February, except Jan. 14	
8				Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.
9				
10				
11				
12		Silver Saddle Work Shop Silver Saddle Ranch 10 a.m. – noon In case of bad weather, the workshop will relocate to the Coop- erative Extension Conference Room (and will be held Jan. 12).		
13				
14		4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 - 8 p.m.	Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.	
15				
16				Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Small Animals Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m. Dog Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m. Leaders' Council Mtg. 8 p.m.
17				
18				Year-end Horse Awards Lazy 5 Regional Park 7 p.m.
19				Horse Clinic Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion 8 a.m.
20				
21	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - OFFICES CLOSED			
22				
23				
24			Portfolio Interviews 2:30 – 6 p.m.	
25		Silver Saddle Work Shop Silver Saddle Ranch 10 a.m. — noon Jan. 26 In case of bad weather, the workshop will relocate to the Coop- erative Extension Conference Room (and will be held on Jan. 26).	Portfolio Interviews 2:30 – 6 p.m.	2007 Washoe County Year-end 4-H Awards Lazy 5 Regional Park 7 p.m.
26		Cabela's Grand Opening Shooting Sports Trailer Jan. 25 – 27		
27				
28			Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m. Leaders' Council 7 p.m.	
29				
30				
31				

Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar February 2008 and March 2008



FEBRUARY 2008

DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1		Shot Show Las Vegas		
2				
3				
4				Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m.
5				
6				
7				
8				
9		Carson City/Storey County 4-H Fabric Sale Fuji Park Exhibit Hall Fabric Drop-off 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Feb. 8		Small Animal Show Reno Livestock Events Center Exhibit Hall 9 a.m. Horse Clinic Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion 8 a.m.
10		Fabric Sale 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Feb. 9 & 10		Annual 4-H Tack Sale Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion
11		4-H Council 6:30 – 8 p.m.	Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m.	
12				Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.
18	PRESIDENTS' DAY - OFFICES CLOSED			
19				
20				Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.
21				
22				State 4-H Leader Training Redfield Campus 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
23				
24				Sheep/Swine Weight Day Reno Livestock Events Center 10 a.m.
25			Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m. Leaders' Council 7 p.m.	
28				

MARCH 2008

1			Sheep and Swine Weigh-in for NJLS 9 a.m.	
2				
3			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m.	
4				
8				
9				
10		4-H Council 6:30 – 8 p.m.	Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m.	
11				
12		State Shooting Sports Committee Videoconference 6 – 8 p.m.		
15		4 Paws Fun Match Fuji Park Exhibit Hall		
16		7 a.m. – 8 p.m.		
17			Spring Break begins Speaking With Confidence Cancelled	
24			Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m. Leaders' Council 7 p.m.	
25				
31			Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m.	