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## What Your 4-H Staff Can Do for You



As a leader, parent or 4-Her, do you know the valuable resources available to you through your University of Nevada Cooperative Extension 4-H staff? Directing and guiding programs through "making the best better" is the highest priority of 4-H. As each club develops a vision of success, staff assist and guide them to create and reach their goals. The tools 4-H staff use to "make the best better" take a variety of forms.

Just as youth development is a step-by-step process, so is building healthy 4-H clubs. 4-H promises to give members a safe environment and access to healthy adult/youth partnerships in order to get the most out of their projects. Research in youth development tells us that youth benefit from three to five additional adult role models outside their family unit. Staff work to locate adult volunteers to fill this need.

Staff are responsible for recruiting, interviewing and training volunteer leaders. This process includes fingerprinting, building an awareness of

ages and stages of youth development, training in recognizing and reporting child abuse, emphasizing the importance of youth/adult partnership. Staff help new leaders understand the policies and procedures of Cooperative Extension and 4-H. Staff assist leaders with fliers and media releases, enrolling new members and obtaining club charters. Staff can help locate places for clubs to meet, exciting project materials, stimulating field trips and guest speakers. Clubs benefit from staff knowledge of faculty and other agency personnel or area professionals who are happy to serve as guest speakers for clubs.

As clubs grow and develop under adult leadership, 4-H staff help leaders and members decide on the direction the club wants to take, the skills they want to develop and where they will put their energy. The possibilities include:

- ✎ Putting on a county show, qualifier or fair
- ✎ Facilitating a community service project
- ✎ Offering workshops in a project area
- ✎ Sponsoring a guest speaker on a topic of local interest
- ✎ Assisting with Nevada State Fair or Expo
- ✎ Selecting State and County Ambassadors
- ✎ Participating in National 4-H contests or competitions
- ✎ Doing short-term projects, such

- ✎ as "Speaking With Confidence"
- ✎ Building a club history through a PowerPoint or DVD
- ✎ Doing self-determined projects

At times a particular project is not available or is a branch of the 4-Hers project area. In this instance, 4-H staff will work with the 4-Her on a self-determined project, which is designed by the 4-Her with staff assistance and includes focus, timelines to help achieve desired goals and a contractual agreement. These individualized projects can be very exciting and often assist a 4-Her in deciding a college or career path.

Leaders, parents or 4-Hers can make appointments with staff to discuss issues related to their project areas or concerns they might have regarding their club's direction. Clubs can invite 4-H staff to visit and share information on opportunities in 4-H within the state and nationally. Staff also serve in an advisory capacity with county 4-H councils.

Communication and cooperation are key to the success of how 4-H staff can best assist your club. Making use of these skills will help reduce frustration, as well as keep everyone informed and focused on their goals. Building on the vision of shared ownership, goals and responsibilities, 4-H staff, leaders, parents and 4-Hers can be assured of "making the best better" for our youth and our communities.

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## **DO YOU WANT TO BE A PART OF CAMP?**

Western Area 4-H Camp is July 6-12, 2008. Plans are underway for a very exciting camp! Camper applications for current 4-H members will be available May 1 and open to the general public May 15.

Teens, ages 14 – 19, are encouraged to apply to be teen counselors. Applications will be available by April 1 and will be due May 1. Teens who will be returning for at least their third year have the opportunity to be automatically selected, and will serve on the selection committee for other teen counselors. In addition to the regular application, the returning teen applicants will also need to submit a letter of intent outlining why they feel they should be automatically selected as a teen counselor.

Adult chaperones are also needed for a successful camp. Applications for adults will be available by April 1.

Planning meetings will start soon. Check your county calendar for dates. Meanwhile, recruit adult volunteers and write your résumé for your application as a teen counselor!



# **Nevada 4-H Leaders' Update 2008**

Don't forget there is statewide 4-H leader training at Redfield Campus, Feb. 21 and 22. There will be workshops on animal science, effective club meetings, horse, sewing, rockets, public speaking, shooting sports, working with Cloverbuds, Health Rocks, Energy and the new mobile technology lab. You will have a chance to meet with leaders from around the state. The cost is just \$25, and registration packets are available at your local 4-H office.

## **FARM CITY FESTIVAL**



Washoe County 4-H members and their animals are needed to help with the Farm City Festival March 19 & 20 at the Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion. 4-H members need to plan to be there for the whole day (8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.) and can volunteer one or both days. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. 4-H members are asked to wear official 4-H dress or a club t-shirt.

Farm City Festival is a Washoe County School District sanctioned event and is counted as an excused absence from school by the superintendent of schools. This event is an excellent community service project. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Washoe County Cooperative Extension office, (775) 784-4848.

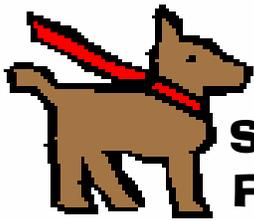


## **FROM THE GROUND UP**

Washoe County 4-H Horse Leaders are offering a mounted horse clinic on Feb. 9 at the Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion. This clinic will be divided into a morning session, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and an afternoon session, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Topics to be offered are Levels Prep, Winter Grooming, Flexing, Stretching, Warm Up, and Showmanship. Weather permitting, skills practice for levels will also be offered. 4-H dress and appropriate equestrian helmets are required.

The morning session will be for Silver Knolls Spurs, High Sierra Riders, Mountain Mustangs and Horse Feathers. The afternoon session will be for Spanish Springs Trail Blazers, Diamonds in the Hooves, Washoe Valley Desert Riders and other counties.

Watch your mail for fliers and remember the annual tack sale on Feb. 10!



## Pups Spruce Up Fun Match

4 Paws 4-H Dog Club is making plans for their 2008 All Breed Conformation and Obedience Fun Match. The event takes place March 15 at Fuji Park Exhibit Hall in Carson City. Registration is 8 – 9:30 a.m., and judging begins at 9:30 a.m.

Classes include a Conformation Fun Match, Obedience and Junior Showmanship. Entry forms are available at the Carson City Cooperative Extension office. For more information, contact the Carson City/Storey County Cooperative Extension office, (775) 887-2252.



Douglas County High School Seniors are eligible to apply for two scholarships: Carson Valley Kiwanis /4-H Scholarship and Norm Sharkey Memorial Scholarship. Scholarship applications will be mailed to eligible seniors or available for pick-up on Feb. 1, at the Douglas County Cooperative Extension office. Both scholarships are due at 4 p.m., April 11.

For more information, call Shannon Montana, (775)782-9960.



## State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training

Adults interested in leading a 4-H shooting sports club can start making plans to attend the Spring 2008 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training & Certification, April 25 – 27 in Eureka. Instruction begins 7 – 10 p.m., April 25, and concludes 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., April 27. Offered only twice a year, the training includes both classroom and hands-on instruction at the range.

Potential leaders can choose from one of the five shooting sports disciplines: air pistol, air rifle (includes .22 rifle), muzzleloader, shotgun or archery. Following certification at their county level, they can lead a club in that discipline. Make plans now to get involved in this rapidly growing 4-H project area. Contact your local Cooperative Extension office for more information and application packets.



## Portfolio Record Book Workshop

Learn how to complete a high-quality portfolio record book at the Spring Workshop, 4 – 5:30 p.m., March 27, at the Douglas County Cooperative Extension office. Completing a portfolio record book is essential to receiving a year-end project medal. Parents should attend with their child and bring portfolio items with them.

Contact Shannon Montana, (775) 782-9960, for more information.



## DUTCH GARDEN BULBS FUNDRAISER

It is time for the annual Douglas County 4-H Dutch Garden Bulbs Spring Fundraiser! You must pick up your fundraising packets from your project leader at your February meeting. Funds go to your 4-H Leaders' Council to provide member scholarships for county and state activities, Awards Night, parade and party supplies and more. Participation in a fundraiser is essential to receive your year pin. Each family is asked to sell at least five items.

There are prizes... The member who sells the most items will receive matinee tickets to Ironwood Cinema and an ice cream party at Cold Stone Creamery for four people!

Packets are due to the Douglas County Cooperative Extension by 4 p.m., April 17. No exceptions. These bulbs are planted in late spring and bloom in mid-to-late summer. Ask your leader for your packet and start your fundraising today!

Contact Shannon Montana, (775)782-9960, for more information.



## Western Area



### February Dates to Remember

- Feb. 1 – 5* **Las Vegas Shot Show  
4-H Shooting Sports**
- Feb. 8 – 10* **Carson City/Storey County  
Fabric & Rummage Sale  
Fuji Park Exhibit Hall**
- Feb. 18* **Presidents' Day – Offices Closed**
- Feb. 22 – 23* **Nevada 4-H Leaders' Update  
Redfield Campus Reno**



## Web Resource Corner

Through the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension website, you will find information on upcoming 4-H events and activities. Follow these steps to find the 2007 Year-end Horse Awards.

1. Our home page website address is <http://www.unce.unr.edu/>.
2. Put your cursor over Locations.
3. Then put your cursor over the drop-down Western Area.
4. Click on Washoe County – Reno.
5. Click on Calendar of Events.
6. Select 2007 Year-end Horse Awards (Feb. 29).

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call your local Cooperative Extension office.

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### WESTERN AREA OFFICES

**Carson City/  
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**Washoe County**  
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# 4-H Events Calendar February 2008



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY	
1	Las Vegas Shot Show 4-H Shooting Sports		Senior scholarships mailed today  Dutch Garden Bulbs spring fundraiser packets available		
2					
3					
4				Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m.	
5					
6		Nevada Junior Livestock Show Mtg. Nevada Dept. of Agriculture 1 p.m.			
7					
8		Carson City/Storey County 4-H Fabric & Rummage Sale Fuji Park Exhibit Hall  Donation Drop-off 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Feb. 8  Sale 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Feb. 9  Sale 9 a.m. – noon Feb. 10		Small Animal Show Reno Livestock Events Center Exhibit Hall 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.  Horse Clinic Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion 8 a.m.	
9					
10				Annual 4-H Tack Sale Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion	
11		4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 – 8 p.m.	Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m.		
12				Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.	
13					
14					
15					
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17					
18	<b>PRESIDENTS' DAY – OFFICES CLOSED</b>				
19					
20				Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.	
21					
22	State 4-H Leader Training Redfield Campus Reno 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	4-H Shooting Sports Rocky Mountain Elk Reno Convention Center			
23					
24				Sheep/Swine Weight Day Reno Livestock Events Center 10 a.m.	
25			Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m. Leaders' Council Mtg. 7 p.m.		
26					
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# Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar

## March 2008 and April 2008



<b>MARCH 2008</b>				
DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1			Sheep and Swine Weigh-in for Nevada Junior Livestock Show Nita's House 9 a.m.	Horse Clinic Reno Livestock Events Center 8 a.m.
3			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m.	
8		Carson City Dairy Judging Carson Prison Dairy Farm 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.		
10		4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 – 8 p.m.	Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.. Speaking with Confidence 4 – 5 p.m.	
11				Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.
12		State Shooting Sports Committee Videoconference 6 – 8 p.m.		
15		4 Paws Fun Match Fuji Park Exhibit Hall Registration 8 – 9:30 a.m.		Dog Skillathon Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
16		7 a.m. – 5 p.m.		
17			Spring Break begins Teen Institute cancelled Speaking With Confidence cancelled	
19				Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.
24			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.. Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m. Leaders' Council 7 p.m.	
27			Portfolio/Record Book Workshop 4 p.m.	
29		Carson City Livestock Judging Silver Saddle Ranch 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.		
31			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.. Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m.	
<b>APRIL 2008</b>				
1		Arrowhead Livestock Clinic Silver Saddle Ranch 5 – 8 p.m.	NJLS/AJLS entries due to County 4 p.m.	
5			Happy Heelers Dog Fun Match	
7			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.. Speaking With Confidence 4 – 5 p.m.	
8		Arrowhead Livestock Clinic Silver Saddle Ranch 5 – 8 p.m.		Horse Leaders' Mtg. 6 p.m.
11			Scholarship applications due for Kiwans & Norm Sharkey 4 p.m.	
12		Carson City Livestock Qualifier Silver Saddle Ranch 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Area Junior Livestock Show Silver Saddle Ranch Carson City 7:30 a.m.	
14		4-H Council Mtg. 6:30 – 8 p.m.	Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.	
15		Arrowhead Livestock Clinic Silver Saddle Ranch 5 – 8 p.m.		
16				Livestock Leaders' Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.
17			Dutch Garden Bulb fundraiser packets due 4 p.m.	
18			Livestock record books due to County 4 p.m.	
21			Community Club Carson Valley Methodist Church 7 p.m.	
22		Arrowhead Livestock Clinic Silver Saddle Ranch 5 – 8 p.m.		
23		set up for Capital City Farm Days Fuji Park Exhibit Hall 5 – 8 p.m.		
24		Capital City Farm Days Fuji Park Exhibit Hall		
25		7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.		
26	State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training & Certification Eureka			Washoe County Livestock Show Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion setup 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
27				Washoe County Livestock Show Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
28			Leaders' Council 7 p.m.	