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Pathways to Fairs and Expositions

Going to 4-H fairs and expositions is fun! Generally, they are geared for youth ages 9 and older, with some special "Cloverbud or PeeWee" categories for members ages 8 and under.

In 2008, Nevada 4-H will hold the State 4-H Exposition (State Expo) concurrently with the Nevada State Fair, Aug. 20-24 at the Livestock Events Center in Reno. In the past, our State Expo was held in September or October and was hosted by different counties around the state. The new permanent location and dates at the State Fair will make it easier for families to plan to attend the event each year. Also, to help as many youth as possible have the opportunity to participate in the State 4-H Expo, many counties across Nevada are forgoing all or parts of their County Qualifiers, where youth must attain a blue ribbon before they are eligible to participate in State Expo. See the partial list of counties at the end of this article but be sure to check with your county office for further details.

For most 4-H families, summer includes participating in at least one fair. This long-standing tradition of fair-going in many 4-H programs consumes a great deal of time and energy, and sometimes leaves families and 4-H staff wondering if their time would be better spent doing other youth development programming. Take heart that recent studies have shown that along with the fun of fairs, two

of the main goals of the 4-H program, building life skills and increasing developmental outcomes in youth, are greatly enhanced through fair and exposition participation.

These studies, in fact, also outline increases in youths' levels of confidence, caring, connection, character and competence (often referred to as the five "Cs" of positive youth development). All of



these increase a young person's thriving, which in turn leads to positive development to adulthood. So going to the fair is good for the whole community!

Please visit the Nevada State Fair website at <http://www.nvstatefair.com> to get acquainted with the guidelines and application processes. Here are a few excerpts from the Competition Guidelines page that may be useful to everyone, regardless of their project area:

★**ATTENTION:** *Written entry forms must be postmarked by July 25, 2008. Online entries are due by midnight Aug. 4, 2008.*

★**ATTENTION:** *We have received several calls regarding the open livestock shows. Open Junior and Senior livestock shows are open to the world. 4-H/FFA youth shows and market shows are open to all residents of Nevada, as well as the surrounding California counties of: Alpine, Inyo, Lassen, Mono, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas and Sierra. Once again, all open Junior and Senior livestock shows are open to the world.*

★*The Nevada State Fair is proud to offer the 2008 Competition Handbook online. It will also be available at Scolari's and Sak N Save stores.*

Here is a list of County Qualifiers in the Western Area 4-H counties. Please note that you should check with your county 4-H staff to verify items listed, in case there are changes in your county after this publication date. Also check for actual dates and locations of your qualifying events.

Carson City - County Qualifier required for Shooting Sports, Rabbit, Cavy, Photography and Dog.

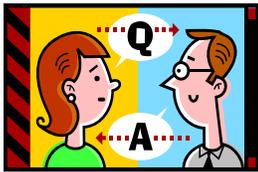
Douglas - County Qualifier required for Shooting Sports and Horse.

Storey - County Qualifier required for Shooting Sports, Rabbit, Cavy, Photography and Dog.

Washoe - County Qualifier required for Shooting Sports and Horse.

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

4-H Skillathons: A Vital Part of Learning By Doing



4-H Skillathons are an excellent way to involve 4-H project members in a challenging, fun, noncompetitive learn-by-doing activity. Skillathons revolve around learning stations where teams or individuals are given real-world situa-

tions and tasks that relate to project knowledge. Skillathons not only expand on basic project knowledge, but strengthen communication, decision-making and management skills.

At each learning station, a facilitator provides youth with a real-world scenario that allows the youth to demonstrate their project knowledge and exemplifies the 4-H "learn-by-doing" experiential learning model. This enhanced learning method could involve project identification, application, selection, terminology or a combination of all of these.

Recent studies show that Skillathons are a vital part of 4-H positive youth development. In a 2004 study, 91 percent of 4-H youth who had participated in a Skillathon felt they had gained critical thinking skills, 90 percent felt they had gained communication skills, and 90 percent felt the process helped them complete a project and feel confident of their abilities.

Skillathons can be part of a project or club meeting, and are an excellent way to prepare youth for state events. For more information on Skillathons and how to set one up for your club, contact your local 4-H personnel.

Forest to Surf

4-H leaders and teen leaders are invited to join California Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Training, Oct. 3-5, 2008, Bodega Marine Lab and Walker Creek Ranch.

The registration deadline is Aug. 15, and the cost is \$200 per person. This is a great opportunity to gain more "green" knowledge and promote environmental education. For more information, contact Mary Engebret at 707-996-2981 or maryengebret@comcast.net



And The Winner Is...

Congratulations to our winner of the Dutch Flower Bulb fundraiser, Marshall McKown, of the Douglas County 4-H Wicked Chickens Project, who sold the most items to win tickets for four to Ironwood Cinemas and an ice cream sundae party at Baskin-Robbins. Way to go Marshall! Thanks to all who supported this fundraiser to help raise \$1,050 for the Douglas County 4-H Leaders' Council.

STATE 4-H LEADERS FORUM

March 13-14, 2009, are the dates for next year's Leaders' Forum to be held in Fallon, Nevada. The Leaders' Forum Committee is now looking for workshop proposals and ideas for the Share Fair. Proposal forms are available at your county office or by emailing Jill Tingey at tingeyj@unce.unr.edu. Forms are due by June 16, 2008. For anyone interested in serving on the committee, we meet by videoconference at each Cooperative Extension office on the second Thursday of each month. Newcomers are welcome to join. The next meeting is at 6 p.m. on June 12, 2008

See You at the Fair!

Mark your calendars! The Nevada State Fair will be Aug. 20-24, 2008. Competition Guides will be out soon, and now is the time to start planning. Check out which project classes you might want to enter and take a look at some of the daily contests! You can enter by mailing in an entry form or you can enter online. If you have any questions about the fair or need some guidance, call the fair office at 775-688-5767 or www.nvstatefair.com.

Carson Valley Days Parade - 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! Meet at 7:30 a.m. on June 14 in the Douglas County High School parking lot. You can also roller-skate, decorate and pull a wagon, drive a tractor or?!?! But you must get your participation pre-approved! Wear your 4-H t-shirts! Bring a snack, and wear a hat and sunscreen. A release waiver for each participant must be signed by a parent and will be available at the Douglas County Cooperative Extension office and/or at the float on the day of the parade. We have a big trailer this year and want to fill it up, so bring your friends, family and enormous amounts of hard candy (no chocolate, it melts) to throw from the float! All youth must be picked up at the high school parking lot immediately following the parade.



SUMMER RIDES

Washoe County 4-H Horse Leaders are offering two events in June for 4-H youth to hone their riding skills. June 14 is the Summer ReRuns Horse Show, an open horse show for all horses and riders. The show begins at 9 a.m., at the Lemmon Valley Horsemen's Arena. This show is open to all exhibitors at \$6 per class, with pre-registration due by June 12, or \$8 per class on the day of show. There is also a \$2 charge for every class change after registering. USEF rules will be used as guidelines for this show. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. at the event.

ASM-SEI helmets are required for all youth participants ages 19 and under, and are encouraged for adults. 4-H dress is not required, although appropriate attire of long-sleeve shirts, belts and pants is expected. Boots are required (no Fat Baby's). Silver Knolls Spurs 4-H Horse Club will provide a snack bar.

On June 21, at Hidden Valley Horse Arena, an Equitation clinic for English or western, is offered to all youth riders. Intermediate and advanced riders will register 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. and ride 9:30 -11 a.m. Beginning riders register 10:30 -11:30 a.m. and ride 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m.

ASM-SEI equestrian helmets and 4-H dress is required. There will be no snack bar available. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

For registration forms and more information, call the Washoe County Cooperative Extension office, 775-784-4848.

4-H Scholarship Award Winners!

Congratulations to this year's 4-H scholarship award winners. They are: **Carson Valley Kiwanis 4-H Scholarship winners:** first place \$800 - Amber Friesen, second place \$700 - Jonathon Glocknitzer, third place - \$500 Shannon Martinez. **Douglas County 4-H Norm Sharkey Memorial Scholarship winner:** \$500 to Rebecca England.

Kudos to ALL of our 4-H high school seniors who will be missed greatly next year! We wish you the best as you graduate and move on to college and achieving your career goals. Best of luck and heartfelt thanks for all that you have contributed to your communities through your 4-H service.

Frosty Snow Cones!

Following the Carson Valley Days Parade on June 14, 4 -H members and parents will get frosty at the annual 4-H Snow Cone Booth, 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Lampe Park, 1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville. The Snow Cone Booth is offered by our 4-H youth to raise funds for their Leaders' Council which provides scholarships and supplies for events year-round. Each 4-H project club is responsible for staffing a shift at the booth.

Snow Cone Booth Club Shift List

10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. - Beef, Divine Swine, Livestock Judging and Shepherds

12:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Sierra Riders and Happy Heelers

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. - Rabbits, Cavy, Chickens and Cooking

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. - Dragon, Horse Basics, Home Arts, KHK and Shooting Sports

Carson Valley Days is a family-style celebration featuring food, shopping, crafts, live music and fun! Youth can compete for cash prizes at the greased pole climb. Call Shannon 775-782-9960, for more information or visit online at www.carsonvalley2030.org.

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June dates to remember

June 7 Camp training for first and second year teens and chaperones

June 12 All-camp chaperones meeting

June 19 All-camp teens and chaperones meeting

June 23-26 National 4-H Shooting Sports Match

Look to the Web

Looking for ideas while planning for summer time fun with youth? Check out the Junior Master Gardener Program (JMG). JMG is an innovative 4-H Youth Project with a lot of activities and information available on their website www.jmgkids.us. There are sections on Health & Nutrition in the Garden, Wildlife Gardener and more! See if you can answer the "What Is It?" and "Did You Know" questions at the Kids Zone link. Sign up for a free subscription to JMG



NEWS at jmgkids.us/grow to see the great learning opportunities.



JMG Mission: To grow good kids by igniting a passion for learning, success and service through a unique gardening education program developed by Texas Cooperative Extension, The Texas A&M University System.

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4-H Events Calendar June 2008



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3		Bullying teleconference, Carson City Cooperative Extension Conference Room, 11 a.m. - noon		
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5		Nevada State Fair livestock committee mtg., Carson City Cooperative Extension conference room, video conference begins 5:30 pm		Nevada State Fair Livestock Committee mtg., 5:30 pm
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7	Camp training for first and second year teens and chaperones, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Washoe office, 5305 Mill Street, Reno			
8		Carson/Storey 4-H Council, Carson City Cooperative Extension Conference Room, 6:30 pm		
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10				4-H Horse Leaders mtg., 6 p.m.
11				
12	All Camp chaperones mtg., 5:30 pm, Washoe Office			
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14			Carson Valley Days Parade, 7:30 a.m., Douglas County High School, Snow Cone Booth in the park following the parade	Summer ReRuns Open Show, Lemmon Valley Arena, 7:30 a.m.
15		Carson Hot Shots Poker Run fundraiser, Capitol City Gun Club, all day		
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18				Livestock Leaders' mtg., 5:30 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' mtg., 7 p.m.
19	All-camp teens and chaperones mtg., 5:30 p.m., Carson Office			
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23			Leaders' Council, 7 p.m.	
24	National 4-H Shooting Sports Match, University of Nebraska	New Camper Orientation, 6:30 p.m.		Washoe Camper Orientation, 6:30 p.m.
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26			4-H Camper/Parent Orientation, 6:30 pm	
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