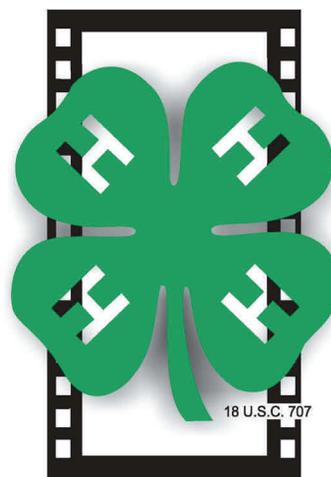




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# Clover CLIPS



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## Dude, you so need to know this stuff. 4-H FAQs

Whether you are a new 4-H leader, or have years of experience, there is a lot to keep up with in order to run a successful 4-H club. It sometimes seems the 4-H office just makes up new forms to keep you on your toes! Since many leaders have the same questions, we have collected some of the more “popular ones and have included short, to-the-point answers.

**How do I know what is going on in my county and surrounding area?**

How do you keep informed so you can keep the club members current on deadlines and where to get applications? Clover Clips is a great resource. This publication is mailed to Washoe, Storey and Douglas counties and Carson City, and contains an event calendar for the next 3 months. All registered 4-H members and leaders



receive copies, which are mailed at the beginning of each month. They are also available online at [www.unce.unr.edu/areas/western](http://www.unce.unr.edu/areas/western) under newsletters.

Members and leaders who are registered for specific projects also receive information on that project area. For example only teens would be mailed leadership flyers and only horse project members would be mailed horse judging registrations.

The third way to keep abreast is regular communication with your local 4-H office. Visit or phone us when you have a question. We are only a phone call or email away. We are here specifically to be your resource or map as you navigate the wonderful world of 4-H Youth Development.

**Do I have to Charter my club?** Yes, all 4-H clubs must be chartered through National 4-H Headquarters and

the State 4-H Office in order to be recognized as part of 4-H, be authorized to use the 4-H name and emblem and be eligible for tax exempt status. Again, your 4-H staff member will assist you.

**Are 4-H clubs taxed?** Only if the club collects over \$25,000.

Leaders should work with their 4-H staff person to get an EIN number for the club which gives it inclusion under the federal 4-H tax exempt status.

**Can I have Cloverbuds in my club?** The official 4-H age is 9-19 (for competition purposes), but Cloverbuds are allowed as long as they are at least 5 years old. They may participate in project activities, but are not allowed to carry a project. For example, a Cloverbud can not show or sell an animal, but they may show another’s animal in a Cloverbud showmanship class (small animals only). We also offer Cloverbud clubs where a youth is exposed to a variety of 4-H Youth Development experiential learning opportunities.

**Do my members have to turn in record book/portfolios?** Generally no, you don’t. But much of the recognition for project work such as project medals, awards in citizenship, leadership, and star rank come from turning in a record book/portfolio. Years later, these books are treasured for the memories they hold, as well as holding a wealth of information for job applications, resumes, college applications and scholarship applications. We highly encourage your youth to complete a 4-H record book/portfolio. It is also important to check with your county for specific guidelines for 4-H Record Keeping.

**Can youth in my project area attend project workshops outside of their project area?** Yes they can, but sometimes there is a prerequisite or a deadline to meet. For example: just because a member has a horse she can not ride at a 4-H horse show without first passing a written and skill test. If a member has a sheep at home he can not enter a market class without tagging the animal at the time

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## Portfolio and Record Book Workshop

Want to learn more about putting together your Douglas County 4-H Portfolio and Record book? Join us from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on November 10, for a brief overview of the essential elements for 4-H record keeping. Adults should attend with their child. (2007-08 4-H member's portfolios are due at the November 17 Community Club Night).

## 'Tis (Almost) the Season for Holiday Caroling

The annual Douglas County 4-H Holiday Caroling community service project for the residents of Merrill Gardens Retirement Center will be at 12 noon on December 6, at 1565 Virginia Ranch Road in Gardnerville. Please wear your formal 4-H uniform and festive holiday hats and accessories. Please arrive 10 minutes early.



## Parade of Lights and Pizza Party

Join in the fun and pizza as we decorate the 4-H Float for The Annual Parade of Lights through downtown Minden and Gardnerville. Meet at 3:30 p.m. December 6 at The Douglas County Extension Office at 1329 Waterloo Lane in Gardnerville. Remember, Waterloo Lane closes at 3:30 p.m. and won't reopen until after the parade! Bring super warm clothes (hats, scarves, gloves mandatory) and bring hand and feet warmers. Parents are welcome to ride the float and all kids must be picked up at the office immediately following the parade. All riders must have a parent sign a waiver (which will be available at Community Club Night on Nov 17).

### Upcoming 4-H Events at RLEC

These 4-H event dates at Reno Livestock Events Center have been announced. They are:

4-H Dog Clinic	November 22
4-H Horse Clinic	January 17
4-H Horse Clinic	February 7 (annual tack sale 2/8)
4-H Dog Clinic	February 14
4-H Horse Clinic	February 21
4-H Small Animal Show	March 21
4-H County Livestock Show	April 26

## Community Club Night-Nature's Critters

What better way to introduce young minds to the diversity of our natural world than to have Naturalist Julie Allen and her animal friends at 4-H Community Club Night. Nature's Critters is a hands-on, educational live animal presentation designed to help kids of *all* ages better understand and appreciate the world around them. Julie delivers important messages disguised as *fun* and *interactive* entertainment. Children delight in meeting and touching *live animals* and seeing them through Julie's eyes-as wonderful members of our living family. All Douglas County 4-H families are invited to attend the November 17 Community Club Night at 6:30 p.m., at the Carson Valley Methodist Church, 1375 Centerville Lane in Gardnerville.

Members can include this "mini 4-H Project" in their record books for credit at the end of the 4-H year.

This project is sponsored by your Douglas County 4-H Leader's Council. There are no fees to attend; youth must be accompanied by an adult.

## Work like a dog at the Canine Workshop

On November 22, the Washoe County 4-H Dog leaders are sponsoring a canine workshop for youth 9-19 years old. Check-in is at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$2 with RSVP before November 18, and \$4 at the door if space is still available. Bring your dog, crate, bait and dog leads, and dress warm.

We will have workshops on agility, showmanship and consumer judging. Event will end about 12 noon. Hot drinks available for 50 cents. Any questions please call the Washoe Office, 775-784-4848 and ask for Cindy Smullen.

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required to have an animal of the correct age. If there is a build-your-own model rocket workshop, can a dog club member attend? Yes, but it is best to call first to make sure. A workshop like that may be intended for first time rocket builders, and youth from outside that project area are always welcome. Many of the project areas have kick-off events to encourage youth to develop new project areas.

Hopefully this has answered some of your questions. If not, give us a call. And keep reading Clover Clips to get current information about 4-H activities in your area.

## **Eat, Drink and Be Generous at Fundraiser**

The 4-H Council of Carson City/Storey County will host their first-ever Harvest Craft Fair on November 8, at Fuji Park Exhibition Building, 601 Old Clear Creek Road. Doors open at 10 a.m. and will run until 4 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the 4-H Council scholarship efforts. Get a jump on holiday shopping and find bargains on hand-made items from local artists, wood-workers, llama outfitters and more.

Shoppers can also enjoy food vendors offering smoothies, Indian tacos and beverages.

Admission is only \$2 or \$1 with a donated can good. Parking is free.

For more information on the craft fair, call the Carson City/Storey County office of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 887-2252

## **New GPS/Orienteering Club Finds Its Way to Carson City**

After a successful run as a summer short-term project, Carson City/Storey County 4-H is happy to offer GPS and Orienteering as a 4-H Club. Future members can look forward to using GPS units for geo caching treasure hunts and learning how to use the compass and maps on orienteering courses. For more information on this new club, call 887-2252.



### **HELP TO CREATE THE CARSON CITY/ STOREY COUNTY AWARDS CEREMONY**

Carson City/Storey County 4-H'ers are invited to get on board to help plan the 2007-2008 Awards Ceremony. Dates for this event are generally scheduled during winter break. This year, winter break for Carson City/Storey County schools is December 20 – January 11. All

4-H'ers interested in working to create an outstanding Awards Ceremony for the 2007 – 2008 awards are encouraged to call Jim Barcellos or Sandy Wallin 887-2252 to set a date for the first planning meeting.

## **Looking for your place in the World? GIS Day is Coming**

Reminder that Washoe county science and technology leaders are sponsoring a GIS day, at RLEC Pavilion on November 15. The event is free, but we do need an RSVP to Cindy Smullen at 784-4848 before November 13. We will be doing some fun things with maps and learning how to use a GPS unit. Check in will be at 9 a.m. The event will last until about 12 noon. If you have any questions please call.



## **Get Info on Fido at Dog Resource Fair**

Have you been wondering about your best canine pal? Bring your questions to the Carson City Community Dog Resource Fair at Fuji Park Exhibit Hall, 601 Old Clear Creek Road, off 395, across from Costco in Carson City. This free, information-only event hosted by 4 Paws 4-H Dog Club is Thursday, November 13, 6 – 8 p.m. Expected participants include, but are not limited to; Sierra Vet Hospital, Animal Behavior Consulting, Canine Companions for Independence and local dog rescue groups. For more information or to reserve a space for your presentation on canine related resources, contact Lori Eustis 883-1898.

## **How's Chow Brown Cow, Goat, etc.**

One of the keys to healthy, award-winning livestock is feeding it right. Find out more about what is best for your project animal by attending the Nutrition for Market Animals workshop on November 5, at 6:30 p.m., at S and W Feed & Supply, 2292 S. Carson Street, in Carson City.

The workshop, presented by Dr. Kevin Burgoon, will deal with the proper diet for beef, sheep, swine, goats and poultry.

Any 4-H youth and their families planning on attending should RSVP to Belinda at 775-882-1225. Dinner is provided.



**Western Area  
November dates to remember**

**Nov. 11 Veterans Day** Holiday,  
Offices closed.

**Nov. 16** Poultry Show at RLEC, 8a.m.

**Nov. 27-28** Thanksgiving Day  
and Family Day. Offices Closed.



**Time Management**



**A word about *procrastination***— Have a project that you are thinking of putting off until later? Is the task too hard, boring, or something you don't know how or want to do?

Schedule time each day to tackle the job bit by bit. Try small or easy steps first — tackle some early on just to get going. Get into a supportive environment and get rid of distractions. Give yourself rewards along the way to success!

And if you need help, *ask for it!* Parents and teachers want to see you succeed. The earlier you address the problem the earlier it gets solved ; and the less stress you have.

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# 4-H Events Calendar

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## November 2008



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
3			Teen Institute, 2:30	
8		Craft Fair & Harvest Festival, Fuji Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.		
10		4-H Council, 6:30 p.m.	Teen Institute, 2:30	
11	<b>VETERANS' DAY - OFFICES CLOSED</b>			
12		State Shooting Sports Advis. Comm, UNCE office, 6 p.m.		
13				Horse Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. (Date change due to Veterans' Day Holiday)
15	Poultry show, RLEC Pavilion, 8 a.m.			GIS Day, Reno Livestock Events Center Pavilion 9 a.m.-Noon
17			Community Club, at CV Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Portfolios due at Community Club Teen Institute, 2:30	
22				Dog Clinic, RLEC Pavilion Time TBA
24			Teen Institute, 2:30 No Leaders' Council until Feb 23, '09	
27	<b>THANKSGIVING DAY - OFFICES CLOSED</b>			
28	<b>FAMILY DAY - OFFICES CLOSED</b>			
30				NJLS Beef Weigh-in and Tagging. Damonte Ranch, 3 p.m.

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## Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
<b>December 2008</b>				
1			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m. Beef Weigh-in at The Gansberg's, TBA	
6			Holiday Caroling, Merrill Garden's, Noon Parade of Lights, Virginia City Starting at Dusk	
8		4-H Council, 6:30 p.m.	Teen Institute 2:30 p.m.	
9				Horse Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m.
15			Teen Institute 2:30 p.m., DCEO 4-H Award's Night, CV Methodist, 6:30 p.m.	
25	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY - OFFICES CLOSED</b>			
<b>January 2009</b>				
1	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY - OFFICES CLOSED</b>			
13				Horse Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m.
17				Horse Clinic RLEC Pavilion, 8 a.m.
19	<b>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - OFFICES CLOSED</b>			
23				Tentative year-end 4-H Horse Awards, location & time TBA