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Helping Your Club to Grow

Healthy 4-H clubs have systems available to them that facilitate flexible growth through change. Frustration develops among leaders, parents and members when clubs miss the signals that identify the need for a change. When clubs remain fixed on a focus that is out of step with a shift in members needs, members begin to lose interest and drift away

Reassessing club needs and determining new goals is a necessary part of continued growth for members and a healthy club. Leaders, teen leaders and parents can come together to redefine those needs or goals based on the shift in membership by asking the following questions:

- Have a significant number of club members grown out of their age group?
- Have leaders become comfortable with a directive leadership role?
- Conversely, have your older members/teen leaders gone on to college or employment and graduated out of the club?
- Under the pressure of “never enough time”, have leaders forgotten the basics of a well structured 4-H meeting?
- Are leaders incorporating fun into the meeting and workshops?

Each of the above points can have a direct relationship to the success of a club’s growth and the interest of its members. The following changes can renew members’ interest and accelerate growth.

- Leaders can periodically review members’ ages and reassess clubs needs and goals from the perspective of an older age group.

- Leaders can partner with older youth and offer more leadership opportunities within the club. Leaders can ask themselves: Are older teens allowed to plan and direct meetings or events? Are they assisting younger members in learning new project skills? Are they helping to develop the club calendar?
- As age groups become younger within a club, leaders can redesign club goals and meeting formats to serve the needs of the younger age group with input from parents and youth.
 - Leaders can revisit the structure of a good 4-H meeting through the “Good 4-H Meeting Checklist found at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension’s 4-H Volunteer Leaders’ Series website. A balanced meeting has three parts; opening ceremonies and business – 15 to 20 minutes, program and education – 30 to 45 minutes and recreation and refreshments – 15 to 30 minutes. Have some fun by reversing the order and let members discuss how this felt.
 - Remembering to put the fun back in meetings or workshops can bring new life to a club. Engage families and or teen leaders to bring a fun activity to a meeting and put them in charge of directing it. The only limit is the time allotted in the meeting.

Sources for games, activities, experiments and more can be found at the National Geographic Children’s web site: www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/index.html, Fun-Attic – the Great Game List: www.funattic.com/game_list.htm. Games Kids Play: www.gameskidsplay.net/. And ZOOM Games: www.pbs.org/wgbh/zoom/games.

Help keep your club healthy and growing by reading the signs that require a change and engaging members and parents in making the necessary shift to accommodate your club’s new needs and goals. Enjoy the process.

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





Summer Reruns: Coming to an Arena Near You

Washoe County 4-H Horse Leaders proudly present the Summer Reruns Horse Show June 12. This is an open horse show for all horses and riders at the Lemmon Valley Horse Arena, 11400 Deodar Way. Day-of-show registration begins at 7:30 a.m.. The show starts at 9 a.m.

This show is open to all exhibitors at \$6 per class with pre-registration due by June 9, or \$8 per class on the day of show. There is a \$2 charge for every class change after registering. USEF rules will be used as guidelines for this show. Spanish Springs Trailblazers 4-H Horse Club will provide a snack bar.

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).

Hop to Carson City/Storey 4-H Rabbit Show and Qualifier

Bouncing Bunnies 4-H Rabbit Club is making plans for their annual 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Shows and County Qualifier Saturday, June 19 at Fuji Park Exhibit Hall in Carson City. The events begins with arrival and health check 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. followed by judging of classes beginning at 9 a.m. Show books are available at your county UNCE office or online. E-mailed entries must be sent by 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 16 to Little-dutchbunnies@msn.com. Attn: Steven Rogers.

The club will once again host their amazing raffle and lunch will be available for purchase. Contact the Carson City office for entry forms 775-887-2252.

Teens Host Cloverbud Shows

Carson Bouncing Bunnies teens are hosting two Cloverbud shows that precede the Saturday Qualifiers for Rabbit and Cavy. Friday, June 18 is the date for both Cloverbud Rabbit and Cavy shows at Fuji Park Exhibit Hall on Clear Creek Rd, Carson City. Check in for critters is 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. and the shows begin at 6:15 p.m. Show books for both



the Clover Bud Shows and the Rabbit and Cavy are available from your local UNCE office or on-line. Emailed entries must be sent by: 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 16 to Little-dutchbunnies@msn.com.

Teen Leadership Sets New Dates

Carson City Teen Leadership has set a new day and time for their monthly meetings beginning in June and continuing through December 2010. Meetings will take place the second Friday of each month at the Carson UNCE conference room, beginning June 11, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Plans are in the works for a summer camp out and to send a team to the 2011 National 4-H Congress.

Area 4-H Teens are invited to enhance their leadership skills and meet new friends as they participate in this fun and exciting new addition to their project area. Call the 775-887-2252 for more information.

Lassen County Horse Show

Lassen County presents its 8th Annual 4-H/FFA Horse Show on Sunday, June 13 in Standish, Calif. The show will start at 8:30a.m. There will be food and drinks available.

Small premium monies will be paid back to the first through third place. There will be ribbons for every class. The classes are still at the low cost of \$3.75 each.

Entry forms and rules available at the Washoe office, or get them by email from Sam at mitchells@unce.unr.edu. Have your leader sign your entry and mail it to P.O. Box 371, Standish, CA 96128 by June 1.

Helmets are required for all riders. Long sleeve white shirt and jeans/britches required. No show clothes. Any questions, please call Sandy Raffelson at 775-254-0234.

Be One of the Youth Leading Youth

If you are a 4-H member age 14-19, here is a chance to become a 4-H Ambassador and learn about leadership. Ambassadors plan, organize and work on statewide projects and events and help build a foundation for future generations.

Only thirty-two youth are chosen statewide to be Ambassadors, including eight from Western Area clubs, four from 4-H Military and four from 4-H afterschool.

Applications are available at your local UNCE office. You will also need to write a cover letter, resume and have references. Applications are due to your local office by Wednesday, July 14, and must be signed by the 4-H coordinator.

Lights, Camera, Agriculture

If you like to make videos and are looking for a creative project for the summer, enter the Nevada Farm Bureau (NVFB) Youth Video Contest. Videos must be between three and five minutes long and are judged in two age divisions: Junior Division (grades 6-8) and the Senior Division (grades 9-12). State Awards for each division are \$100 for First Place; \$75 for Second Place; and \$50 for Third Place. Entry forms, topics and contest rules are available at the Washoe 4-H Office, or mitchells@unce.unr.edu to have them emailed to you.

Entries are due by 5:00 p.m., October 8, 2010. Please submit signed hard copy entry forms and video CD's to Cindy Hardy, State Farm Bureau Women's Chair. Any questions, please call 702-398-3137 or 702-375-8124.

Carson Valley Days Parade

Get into summer fun! All ages of 4-H members, their families and friends are invited to ride on the Carson Valley Days 4-H parade float! Meet on June 12, 7:30a.m. at 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 it pre-approved by the 4-H office! Wear your 4-H t-shirts! You may want to bring a hat, a snack, and wear sunscreen too! A release waiver must be signed by a parent and will be available at the DCEO or at the float.



We have a great big trailer this year and want to fill it up, so bring all of your friends, family and huge 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. Cloverbuds must be accompanied by a parent.

Washoe Home Arts Workshop

Washoe County Home Arts leaders present a morning of information on July 10, at the Washoe Office.

We will explore with some hands-on science experiments, take some shooting lessons from the Washoe Sharpshooters and make our own paper airplanes. Come learn with us the skill of being a scientist, the secrets to flight and gun safety. This event is FREE, however you must RSVP to the Washoe Office. We are also asking for a donation of canned goods for the local food bank.

The event will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 12 noon. Call Cindy Smullen at 775-784-4848 or email smullenc@unce.unr.edu to RSVP.

Sierra Riders Open Horse Show

The Sierra Riders Open Horse show is June 26, starting at 9 a.m. at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Arena, 922 Dump Road, Gardnerville.

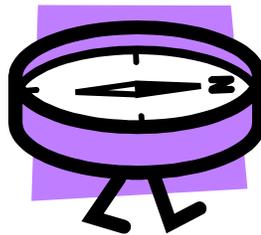
Preregistration is encouraged. Entry fees are \$4 per class if registering in advance and \$6 per class the day of the show. Advance registration is accepted by e-mail or U.S. mail, and closes three days before the show.

Age categories include lead line – ages 6 and under; and walk / jog – ages 12 and under, 13 – 18, and open. Awards will be given in each class. Western classes offered include, western pleasure, trail, horsemanship and showmanship. English classes offered include hunter under saddle, English equitation and showmanship. Stickhorse 6 and under and bareback open and Halter classes will also be offered. Anyone under age 19 must wear an ASTM-approved riding helmet in all classes.

The 4-H Cook Shack will be open for refreshments, and spectators are welcome and admitted to the show free of charge. For more information or to register, contact the Douglas County Extension office at 775-782-9960.

GPS/Orienteering Club to Return This Summer

Carson City/Storey County 4-H is happy to announce that the popular GPS and Orienteering project is returning to the club



lineup. A general information meeting and a cache hunt will be held on Wednesday, July 7, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Carson City office, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite #12.

At the meeting, general information about GPS, cache hunting and orienteering and mapping will be discussed. A DVD highlighting the history of GPS and how it functions will also be showed. Time permitting, attendees will also use GPS units to hunt for a cache hidden nearby. For more information and to register for the meeting, please call 775-887-2252.

4-H, Guard and Operation Homefront Team Up for Project

Every year Operation Homefront has teamed up with the military as a way to say THANK YOU for all they do for us. This year the NV National Guard asked if 4-H would like to team up with them to help provide a service to our local military families.

The Nevada 4-H State Ambassadors and the 4-H Military clubs will be teaming up with the Nevada National Guard and Operation Homefront to provide help with our local military children "Back to School" event.

We would like to invite all of the 4-H clubs to come out and help with this event. From July 11 to August 2 we will need volunteers to help pick up items from local Dollar Tree Stores. August 11-13 will be for sorting items and putting them into piles to make it easier for the children to pick out what they need for school.



Then, on August 14, from 9:00am to 1:00 p.m., volunteers will help the children fill their backpacks. Many items are being generously donated by the local Dollar Tree Stores: pens, pencils, notebooks, rulers, folders, binders, calculators, erasers, crayons, scissors and pencil holders.

But what are needed are backpacks for boys and girls of different ages. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

If you have any questions about this event or would like to volunteer, please contact Martana Doser at doserm@unce.unr.edu or 775-784-4848.



**Western Area
June dates to remember**

June 12– Summer ReRuns Open Horse Show, Lemmon Valley Arena

June 26– 4-H Camp Training, Reno Office 8 a.m.

June 26– Sierra Riders Open Horse Show, D. C. Fairgrounds arena

DID YOU KNOW...



Many famous people have a 4-H background. Just a few who were in 4-H as youths are entertainers Faith Hill, Reba McIntyre, Dolly Parton and Johnny Cash; former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, former Vice President Al Gore, Senators Lamar Alexander and Ben Nighthorse Campbell; Jim Davis (the creator of Garfield), and sports figures Archie Manning, Herschel Walker and Reggie White. To find more distinguished alumni who are now in entertainment, government, sports, education and business careers., visit www.nae4ha.com/distinguishedalum.htm.

(Information from the National Association of Extension 4-H agents)

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4-H Events Calendar

Unless stated differently, all meetings are held at your local Cooperative Extension office.

June 2010



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
4			Douglas H. S. Graduation	Dress to Impress for 4-H Shows Clinic, 6 p.m., Round Table Pizza Golden Valley
7	Camp Meeting, 7 p.m., Inter. Video sites			
8				Horse Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. Home Arts Leaders' Mtg. 7 p.m.
11		Teen Leadership, 6:30 - 8 p.m.	4-H Teen Institute Carwash, 10a.m.-4p.m.	
12				Summer Reruns 4-H Open Horse Show, Lemmon Valley Arena, 7:30 a.m.
13			CV Days Parade, 7:30 a.m., DHS Parking lot	
14	Nevada State Fair Livestock Comm. Mtg, 5:30, I.V. sites	4-H Leaders' Council Mtg., 6:30		
16				Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. Small Anim. Leaders Mtg., 7 p.m.
18		Cloverbud Rabbit and Cavy Show, 5:30 p.m., Fuji Park Exhibition Hall		
19		Bouncing Bunnies 4-H Rabbit Qualifier and Home Arts Fair, Fuji Park & Exhibit Hall, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.		
26	Camp Training, Reno Office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.			
28			Leaders' Council, 7 p.m.	
27 to 7/1	Discover Your Future, UNR			

Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
July 2010				
5	INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED			
7		Parent/Camper Info Night, Interactive Video, 6:30 p.m.	Parent/Camper Info Night, 6:30 p.m.	Parent/Camper Info Night, Interactive Video, 6:30 p.m.
9		Teen Leadership, 6:30 to 8 p.m.		
9 to 11				Washoe County 4-H Quality Show Lemmon Valley Arena
10				Home Arts Workshop, 9 a.m. to Noon
12		4-H Leaders' Council Mtg., 6:30		
13				Horse Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m.
14	State Shooting Sports Advisory Committee Vid Conf., 6-8 p.m.			State Ambassadors applications due to County for signature
14-18			Bishop Livestock Show	
16			Ambassador Apps due, 4p.m.	
18-24	Western Area 4-H Camp, Lake Tahoe			
21				Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m. Leaders' council Mtg. 7:30
26			No Leaders' Council	
August 2010				
5			Horse Levels Testing, TBA	
9		4-H Leaders' Council Mtg., 6:30		
10				Horse Leaders Mtg., 6 p.m. Home Arts Leaders, 7p.m.
12				Clerk Training for State Fair Clerks
13		Teen Leadership, 6:30 to 8 p.m.		
16			Leaders' Council, 7 p.m.	
18				Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m.
25			Teen Institute State Fair BBQ	
25-29	Nevada State Fair			
29			Scuba Treasure Hunt, Lake Tahoe	