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Learn Something New in 4-H Special Interest Projects

What are Special Interest Projects (SIP)?

SIPs allow youth ages 9 to 19 with common interests or hobbies to meet and share their special interest. Whether their passion is sailing, robotics, community theater, or just about any other topic, youth can gain knowledge and enhance their skills through a positive group experience. SIP can be started with as few as one adult volunteer leader and five young people with an interest in a particular topic. While an adult leader provides expertise and guidance, project members can take an active role in planning and running their own activities.

Traditionally, 4-H programs have been based heavily on agriculture and animals, but SIP reach out beyond tradition to bring youth and families with common interests together. These projects are a great way to introduce young people to a specific hobby or interest they might not otherwise have a chance to develop.

What makes 4-H SIP appealing to new youth and volunteers?

The SIP recognize that both youth and adults often have a limited amount of "free time" for outside interests. SIP have the ability to provide youth development through non-traditional time frames. This is also an excellent opportunity for adult volunteers, since volunteers can serve for a shorter period of time. For example, a computer club might meet once a week for six weeks, or twice a week for three weeks. This gives youth and leaders more flexibility.

SIP are a good way to attract new members and volunteers who may never have considered being part of the 4-H program.

Did you know that in Nevada we have some amazing SIP? Here are a few examples of current and past SIP:

Photography, kayaking, reptiles and amphibians, computers, sailing, ATV's, reading, film making, skateboarding, mountain biking, and more. In Douglas County we currently offer 4-H SCUBA.

The SCUBA SIP started when a current 4-H parent (of a youth in the rabbit project) thought it would be a great thing if more youth were certified in SCUBA. This parent was an experienced diver and checked with his local dive shop to see if they were interested in providing the instruction. They all contacted the local 4-H office and together they created a SIP that met both 4-H and PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) criteria. Currently there are 28 youth enrolled in the 4-H SCUBA project.

Youth meet twice a month for 6 months, for classroom sessions and pool sessions. At the end of the sessions, if all requirements are passed, youth have the opportunity to try for their open-water dive certification.

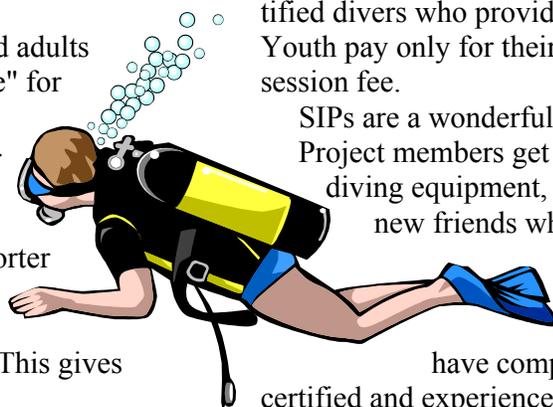
The adult 4-H leaders of the project are all PADI certified divers who provide the instruction free of charge. Youth pay only for their personal gear and monthly pool session fee.

SIPs are a wonderful way to try a new adventure! Project members get to scuba dive in a pool with real diving equipment, play games under water, meet new friends who enjoy water activities and dive at Lake Tahoe and the ocean!

All 4-H Scuba Instructors have completed background checks, are certified and experienced divers, and are specially trained to work with children.

Not into SCUBA? Prefer something artistic, scientific, mechanical or musical?

The sky is the limit with 4-H! Share your own interests with youth and create great memories!



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

Help to Plant One MILLION Trees

Every day is a good day to plant a tree.

The 4-H Million Trees Project (4HMT) is an international youth-founded and led service-learning project to inspire 4-H youth to plant 1 million trees to slow global climate change. Since the first tree was planted in March, 2008, over 30,000 4-H youth in 42 states and provinces have planted over 250,000 trees.

All 4-Hers and 4-H Afterschool programs are invited to join and become project participants. Please check the project website at www.4hmilliontrees.org to learn about the project, view the videos, and fill out the secure online registration form.

All 4-H units and clubs have the discretion to choose tree species, the number of trees in their planting project, and planting location. Youth are encouraged to conduct research about these issues so they can plan their tree planting events. We always encourage species that are native to the area, and locally adapted. Cooperative Extension experts in each county can help.

Each club or unit is responsible for the cost of the tree planting. Creative ways to fund tree planting events are encouraged, such as fundraisers, grant proposals, and more. 4HMT has arranged a partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation whereby 4-Hers can obtain 12 bareroot trees with a special \$12 annual membership. To take advantage of this opportunity, click www.arborday.org/4h. 4HMT also has some funds and can offer matching grants to qualified clubs/units.



Washoe Qualifying Horse Show

Hey, all you Washoe County 4-H Horse Club members! It is time once again for the Washoe County 4-H Qualifying Horse Show. The event will be July 9-11, at the Lemmon Valley Horse Arena.

Any interested riders should have their Horse Verifications signed and turned in to the UNCE office. All entries are due by July 7. No late entries will be accepted.

Entries and class schedules are available at the Washoe County 4-H office. For more information call Jill Lange at 775-745-7875 or email jillski2005@yahoo.com.



Washoe/Carson City/Storey County 4-H Camper Orientation

July 7 is the date set to share information with new and past campers enrolled in this year's Western Area 4-H Camp. Campers and parents are encouraged to bring all their questions to the meeting which begins at 6:30 p.m. in person and interactive video with Washoe County.

Staff will be on hand to assist you with insight into what you can expect during your exciting week at camp and a peek at the projects and activities this year's Teen Counselors have planned. You can also meet a few of your camp mates for this year.

The meetings take place in the Carson City UNCE conference room, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 12 and Washoe UNCE conference room, 5305 Mill St., Reno. Please call for more information, 775-887-2252 Carson, 775-784-4848 Reno.

“Do the Ride Thing” Video Contest

The ATV Safety Institute (ASI) is sponsoring a “Do the Ride Thing” video contest from June 18 to September 6, 2010. Youth ages 6-18 may enter for a chance to win up to \$2,500. The winning 30- and 60-second videos will be used as public service announcements (PSAs) by the ATV Safety Institute.

To enter, create a 30- or 60-second video/PSA including one or more of the Golden Rules of ATV Safety, upload it to the ASI YouTube page, and complete an official entry form found on the ASI website. A maximum of two video entries per person or team is allowed. Visit http://www.atvsafety.org/ATV_PSA_Contest/index.html for official video content requirements, contest rules, and entry forms.



Three winners will be chosen in each age category: age 6-10, age 11-14, and age 15-18. First place winners will earn \$1,100, second place receives \$800, and third place receives \$600. All age categories are also eligible to win the \$2,500 Grand Prize.

There are nearly ten million ATVs in use across the United States, being operated by more than 35 million Americans. Many ATV owners share their ATVs and equipment, so it is essential that riders and non-riders alike understand the importance of safe and responsible use of ATVs.

To learn the eight Golden Rules of ATV safety and enter the Do the Ride Thing video contest, visit the ATV Safety Institute website at www.ATVSafety.org.



4 Paws 4-H Dog Show Qualifier

4 Paws 4-H Dog Club invites area 4-H'ers enrolled in a 4-H Dog project to join them July 31 for their 4-H Dog Show Qualifier at Fuji Park and Fuji Exhibit Hall. The day begins with check in and a pancake breakfast in the park at 8:00 a.m. and the show starts at 9:00 a.m. 4-H'ers should plan on learning and competing in Obedience and Showmanship. 4-H Cloverbuds will show their dogs for practice and exhibit only.



All entries for this event will be accepted on the day of the show. Certificate numbers of rabies shot and dates of all other shots must appear on the entry form. 4-H dress is required.

4-H'ers using this show as their qualifying event for State Fair/Expo need to be aware that entries for that event must be submitted online by midnight, Friday, August 6.

Please check the Nevada State Fair website for further information. Questions regarding 4 Paws 4-H Dog Show contact Joylyn Harmer 775-849-3137

Calling All Clerks

We are looking for leaders, parents and youth who would be willing to help with the static exhibits at the Nevada Territory Wild West Fair, a statewide heritage event of the Nevada State Fair.

The training for clerking static exhibits is August 10, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Washoe UNCE classrooms, 5305 Mill St., Reno. The exhibits will be judged on August 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Clerks will need to be there at 5:30 and expect to help until about 9 p.m. that night.

This training will cover how to check in items, how to document the results in clerking book and what to do with blue ribbon items. In short we will take the mystery out of the process. Ideally we need some 25-35 clerks and intake volunteers in order to have a smooth event.

Any questions please call Cindy Smullen at 775-784-4848 or email smullenc@unce.unr.edu.



GPS 4-H Club Holds Kick-Off Meeting

Carson City/Storey County 4-H is happy to announce that the popular GPS and Orienteering project has returned. A general information meeting and a cache hunt will be held on Tuesday, July 6, at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the Carson City office of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite #12.

(PLEASE NOTE: In an article in the last issue of Clover Clips, the GPS meeting was advertised as being held on July 7. Due to a conflict with a 4-H camp meeting, the GPS meeting was moved to July 6.)

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.

Comstock Hot Shots July Ice House Range Shoots

Comstock Hot Shots will meet at the Ice House Range July 10 and 17 for shooting practice in air pistol, air rifle, .22 rifle, muzzleloader, shotgun and archery. All shooting will be 10 a.m. to 3



p.m. 4-H'ers are reminded to bring water, lunch and sunscreen and wear long sleeve shirts, long pants and closed toe shoes. Plans are being made for the Storey County 4-H Shooting Sports Qualifier August 7 or 14 at the Ice House Range. Call Rich Knight 775-847-0382 for more information.

Community Chest Announces Ground Breaking

The long awaited groundbreaking for the Storey County Youth & Community Resource Center takes place on Tuesday, July 6 at 5 p.m. at the Miner's Park tennis courts. Virginia City, Storey County residents are eagerly looking forward to the completion of Phase I of the facility.

Building is scheduled to commence on July 8. Come and help kick off the first phase of this exciting project. Storey County Community Chest is a long time partner of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension.



**Western Area
July dates to remember**

July 5– Independence Day Holiday
Offices closed

July 7– Camper Orientations
(Check with your county office)

July 18-24– Western Area 4-H Camp

DID YOU KNOW...



In 1901 A.B. Graham, a school principal in Ohio, began to promote vocational agriculture in rural schools in out-of-school "clubs."

In 1902, Graham formed a club of boys and girls with officers, projects, meetings, and record requirements. He sought assistance of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station and Ohio State University. His clubs are considered the founding of 4-H.

The club concept was adopted in Iowa by O.H. Benson in Wright County and Jessie Field Shambaugh in Page county. Benson and Field designed a 3-leaf clover symbol.

-From the National 4-H website, 4-H history timeline

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4-H Events Calendar

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

July 2010



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
5	INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED			
6		Groundbreaking S.C. Community Ctr., Miner's Park Tennis courts, 5p.m.		
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 Qualifying Horse Show Lemmon Valley Arena
10		Comstock Hot Shots Range Shoot, Ice House Range, 10a.m.-3p.m.		Home Arts Workshop, 9 a.m. to Noon
11		4-H Leaders' Council Mtg., 6:30		
12	NSF Livestock Committee I.V. Mtg, 5:30 p.m.			
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.	
17		Comstock Hot Shots Range Shoot, Ice House Range, 10a.m.-3p.m.		
18-24	Western Area 4-H Camp, Lake Tahoe			
21				Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m. Leaders' Council Mtg. 7:30
22				Horse Levels testing, Rockin LJ Ranch, 5 p.m.
26			No Leaders' Council	
29	Camp Wrap Up Mtg., Bowers Mansion, 6 p.m.			
31		4 Paws 4-H Dog Show Qualifier, Fuji Park and Exhibit Hall, 8a.m. - 5p.m.		Showmanship and Equitation Clinic, 3695 Lakeshore Drive, Washoe Valley, 9 a.m.

Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
August 2010				
5			Horse Levels Testing, TBA	
9		4-H Leaders' Council Mtg., 6:30		
10				Horse Leaders mtg. 6p.m.
12				Clerk Training for State Fair Clerks, 7p.m., UNCE classroom
13		Teen Leadership, 6:30 to 8 p.m.		
14		Storey Co. Shooting Sports Qualifier, Ice House Range, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.		
16			Leaders' Council, 7 p.m.	
18				Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m.
19				Horse Levels testing, Rockin' L.J. Ranch, 5 p.m.
25			Teen Institute State Fair BBQ	
25-29	Nevada Territory Wild West Fair, Statewide Heritage event of the Nevada State Fair			
29			Scuba Treasure Hunt, Lake Tahoe	
September 2010				
5	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED			
10		Teen Leadership, 6:30 to 8 p.m.		
11		Pine Nut Riders Open Horse Show, Carson Fairgrounds, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.		Senior 4-H Member Horse Invitational Show, M. Welling's home
12		4-H Leaders' Council Mtg., 6:30		
13			Teen Orientation, 5:30-6:15 p.m. All Member/Leader Orientation and Sign Up Night, 6:30 p.m.	
14				Horse Leaders Mtg., 6 p.m.
15				Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m.
18	State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, Capitol City Gun Club and Carson Rifle Range, 7 a.m. - 5p.m. Awards, Carson Community Ctr. Theater, 7 p.m.			
25				4-H Horse Judging, Rockin' LJ Ranch
27			Leaders' Council, 7 p.m.	