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4-H – “To Make the Best Better”

We know the motto of 4-H – but do we try to live by it in our daily activities? The 4-H Youth Development Program, nationwide, strives to stay ahead of the curve in new practices and opportunities for young people and the adult volunteers that work with 4-H youth. 4-H in each of our communities also works towards the motto of making the best better.

So, what does that mean? It means that we continue to offer our flagship programs that founded 4-H such as agriculture based projects and projects relating to home arts. During the economic downturn we have seen an uptick in home arts based projects such as sewing, home gardening and food preservation. Families are also learning about raising chickens for egg production as well as all of the livestock projects for food production.

In addition to our flagship programs 4-H is well positioned to offer new project areas that interest young people in this era of technology. Washoe County offers GPS/GIS clubs where young people can learn about global positioning satellites and global information systems while having fun with geocaching. Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting activity enjoyed throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment.

Our photography club does most of their “club project work” in an online community. Project work is assigned and recorded online. This is an exciting gateway to build on photography skills in a digital environment. A lot has changed in the world of photography from the days of instamatic cameras and film. 4-H members are still learning about the basics of photography but they are also learning

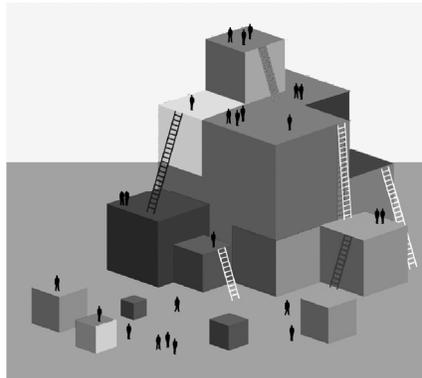
many new skills in managing digital media.

In addition to home based garden projects we have several school based 4-H garden projects. These members are learning the value of growing their own food and they also hope to offer a local market at their schools to sell their produce. These clubs are also learning about growing Nevada’s native species in their gardens, thus preserving Nevada’s heritage of unique plant species.

Our 4-H shooting sports project is very dynamic and has partnered with a local business that has donated space for indoor shoots. These club members are learning about the various disciplines offered in 4-H shooting sports but they are also learning about building community partnerships to support 4-H Youth Development. This has been very important during the economic downturn so clubs can continue and can still promote a positive learning environment. As we start to close this current 4-H year and plan for the coming year, it is important to remember the 4-H Motto and expand our thinking to see if there are creative ways to build on our current projects as well as offering new projects!

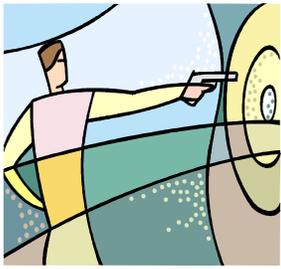
It is also very important to remember that the 4-H Motto also reminds us about civility. Our current culture is so fast-paced and has a 24/7 cycle and often unwittingly creates an atmosphere that forgets the importance of civility and respect. We applaud all of the accomplishments of our 4-H members and we should remember to congratulate them on their achievements but we also must remember the lessons of losing with grace. Keep this in mind as we go to our local fairs and the state fair. It may sound cliché but 4-H is all about creating a supportive learning environment where blue ribbon youth can thrive and grow. Blue Ribbon youth are far more important than blue ribbon projects.

Do your part “To Make the Best Better”!



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Comstock Hot Shots Hosts County Shooting Sports Qualifier



Storey County Comstock Hot Shots is hosting their 4-H Shooting Sports County Qualifier, August 14 at the Ice House Range in Gold Hill. Check in and registration is at 8 a.m. and shoots, in all disciplines, will be held throughout the day. Hot Shots will supply barbecue hamburgers and hot dogs, sun shades, and targets. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share for lunch, water, sun-screen, hats and a chair. Any clubs that want to participate are asked to bring their own firearms and ammunition.

All 4-H'ers are required to wear long sleeved shirts, closed toe shoes, long pants and have appropriate safety equipment for their discipline while competing. Please call 775-887-2252 to register your club for this shoot.

We are looking forward to a comfortable shoot that will help prepare our 4-H'ers for the State 4-H Shooting Sports match this September in Carson City.

Douglas 4-H Year Pin Awards

Were your children ever 4-H Cloverbud members (ages 5-8) in Douglas County? Cloverbud years can now be counted as "years in 4-H"!

We do need your help to make this change to your 4-H records. Please email or call with your 4-H members' total years in 4-H.

Include *this* year and any *Cloverbud* years to reflect their new *total* years. At Awards Night the new total will be reflected and year pins issued for all years.

Deadline for updates is August 2, 2010.

Please call Douglas County 4-H 775-782-9960 and leave a message with your child's full name and new total years. Or email to montanas@unce.unr.edu.

Carson/Storey Teen Leadership

Carson City/Storey County Teen Leadership invites all 4-H'ers enrolled in Carson City/Storey County clubs to participate in their meetings and activities.

The group meets the second Friday of each month at the UNCE Carson City conference room, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Teens participate in leadership skill building activities and make decisions on field trips and community service activities. Come meet new friends and help develop plans for the 2010-2011 year with this fun group of teens. Call 775-887-2252 for more information.

Teen Trip to Nevada State Fair

All teens ages 13 and up can meet at the Douglas County 4-H Office at 2:30 p.m. August 25, for a field trip to the Nevada Territory Wild West Fair, Statewide Heritage event of the Nevada State Fair.

Youth will also participate in a community service by helping at the 4-H BBQ. Fair admission and BBQ will be free of charge; however, ride wristbands should be purchased prior (\$18 at Port of Subs while supplies last or \$28 at the fair). Youth must be picked up at 10 p.m. at the Douglas County 4-H Office. To ensure a space in the van please RSVP by August 15 to: Adrienne, sawyera@unce.unr.edu or 775-782-9960.

Already going to be at the fair? Come by the BBQ at 5 p.m. to help out! Please wear your 4-H t-shirts!

"Back to School" Event Reminder

Don't forget, the Nevada 4-H State Ambassadors and 4-H Military clubs have teamed up with the Nevada National Guard and Operation Homefront to help our local military children get "Back to School", by providing needed school supplies.

All 4-H clubs are invited to come out and help with this event. August 11-13 will be for sorting and arranging items. Then, on August 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., volunteers will help the children fill their backpacks.



Many school supply items are being generously donated by the local Dollar Tree Stores. But what are needed are backpacks for boys and girls of different ages. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

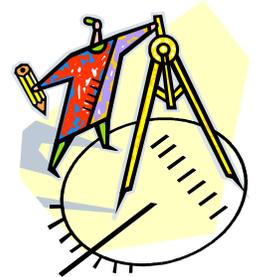
If you have any questions about this event or want to volunteer, please contact Martana Doser at doserm@unce.unr.edu or 775-784-4848.

GPS 4-H Military Club Starting

Washoe County 4-H Military Club is starting a Global Positioning System (GPS), geocaching, and backpacking skills club. A general information meeting will be held on September 9, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Washoe County Cooperative Extension office, 5305 Mill Street, Reno 89502.

Youth 12 to 18 years of age are invited to become a part of this club.

At the meeting, information about the use of a GPS, geocache hunting, basic map reading and backpacking skills will be discussed. 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 contact Martana Doser at doserm@unce.unr.edu or 775-784-4848.



Forecast: Wild with a Chance of Fair

It will soon be time for the Nevada Territory Wild West Fair, Statewide Heritage event of the Nevada State Fair on August 25-29. Whether your interest is in horses or livestock, art or sewing it's time to show what you've accomplished in your projects.

Entries are available online at wildwestfair.com, or at the fair office at 1350A N. Wells. Written and mailed entries are due August 6, and online by August 11.

Sparks Costco Hosting 4-H Event

4-H Members are being welcomed to the Sparks Costco for a Special Event on Saturday, August 7, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Sign up for a Costco Membership and receive a special promotion. Not a member? That's OK, you can still shop using cash or debit. There will be horse and cattle feed demos, a continental breakfast, a treasure hunt and prizes.

The Sparks Costco is located at 4810 Galleria Pkwy in Spanish Springs. For more information contact Kim Hagan at 775-224-3968 or Nicole at 775-224-7953.

4-H Camp Open House and Reunion

4-Hers, alumni and supporters, come share in food, fun and memories at the State 4-H Camp Open House on Sunday, September 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The open house will be at the State 4-H Camp at Stateline, Nevada in South Lake Tahoe. Lunch is sponsored by Nevada Farm Bureaus, with a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person.

For further information, please contact Kent Worker workerk@unce.unr.edu or Beth Loureiro at 775-588-6943 or lourieroe@unce.unr.edu.

Want to do something for future campers? There is also the Nevada State 4-H Camp Brick Campaign. Buy an engraved brick, which will be incorporated into new brickwork at the camp, and help support environmental and fitness education there. Call JoAnn Elston at 775-329-8336 or email elstonj@sbcglobal.net.

Registration forms for the Open House and brick campaign are available online at the Cooperative Extension website (www.unce.unr.edu) or at the Washoe office at 5305 Mill St. in Reno.

Citizenship Washington Focus 2011 Registration is Open

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19. Young people from across America stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., every summer to participate in the program, which provides opportunities for them to: strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills on a national level; understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders; and exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other 4-Hers from across the country with diverse backgrounds.

Experience hands-on learning using the historical classroom of Washington, D.C.

This summer, there are almost 1500 youth participating in the CWF program. Follow #4HCWF on Twitter to see up-to-the-minute postings from the conference, and visit the CWF website (www.4hcnw.org) to learn more about the CWF program.

Registration for CWF 2011 is now open! This is a once in a lifetime experience that allows youth to see the world from a new perspective. All you need to do is gather a group of 5 or more participants (including both youth and chaperones), visit the Citizenship Washington Focus website (www.4hcnw.org) and click on the registration tab to follow the steps to register your delegation for next summer! For more information, please contact the National 4-H Council.

Leaders' Forum Looking for a Logo

We are looking for a logo for the 2011 Leaders' Forum!

The theme for next year's forum, to be held in Winnemucca March 25 and 26, is "NEVADA 4-H ROUND-UP."

So engage your creative minds, ask the 4-H youth around you and send your logos to byer@unce.unr.edu by September 1.

The leader's forum is an annual event that allows adult and teen leaders to share ideas, work together, learn new things, and meet people from across the state.

Western National Roundup

The Western National 4-H Roundup is a National 4-H Event composed of many national contests and participation events that 4-H youth have the opportunity to participate in once they have qualified within their state.

Nevada 4-H started regular attendance and participation at this event in 2009. We should all be aware of this opportunity for 4-H youth. Currently, qualification within Nevada 4-H includes the State 4-H Contests such as Livestock and Horse Judging, and State Fair/Expo Contests including Public Speaking, Demonstrations, Small Animal Showmanship, Ambassador Leadership and Interviews, and Horse Quiz Bowl. Top placing 4-H youth in these events will be asked to represent Nevada 4-H at the Western National 4-H Roundup to be held in Denver, CO, January 6-9, 2011.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Poole at the Nevada 4-H Youth Program Office, 775-784-4378 or poolej@unce.unr.edu.



**Western Area
August dates to remember**

Aug. 7– Sparks Costco 4-H Event,
8:30-9:30 am.

Aug. 14– Storey County Shooting
Sports Qualifying, Ice House Range

Aug. 25-29– Nevada Territory Wild
West Fair, Statewide Heritage
Event of the Nevada State Fair

DID YOU KNOW...



During the 1930's, the Federal Extension Service and the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work expanded their 4-H activities. The National Committee widened its range of projects and sought private support for 4-H. Extension 4-H Leaders moved to broaden the interest of 4-H'ers. In the early years of 4-H, projects were mainly focused on canning, corn growing and livestock projects. In the 1930's, expansion of 4-H projects for girls included offerings such as clothing, home management and improvement, food and nutrition, and other home economics projects. Expansion for boys included soil conservation, tractor, engineering, electricity and agricultural production projects.

(Information from the National 4-H Council, 4-H Centennial Site)

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4-H Events Calendar

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

August 2010



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
5			Horse Levels Testing, TBA	
7	Sparks Costco 4-H Event, 8:30-9:30 a.m.			
8		4-H Leaders' Council Mtg., 6:30		
10				Horse Leaders mtg. 6 p.m. Home Arts Leaders' 7 p.m.
11	Livestock Comm. Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Farm Bureau, Carson City, Yerrington, Tonapah IV Mtg.			
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.		
18			Elementary Schools in session	Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m. Leaders' Council, 7:30 p.m.
19				Horse Levels testing, Rockin' L.J. Ranch, 5 p.m.
23			Secondary Schools in session Leaders' Council, 7 p.m.	
25			Teen Field Trip and BBQ at the State Fair, 2:30 p.m.	
25-29	Nevada Territory Wild West Fair, Statewide Heritage event of the Nevada State Fair			
29			Scuba Treasure Hunt, Lake Tahoe	

Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
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	Nevada State 4-H Camp Open House, State 4-H Camp, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.			
13		4-H Leaders' Council Mtg., 6:30		
14			4-H Orientation and Sign Up Night, 6:30 p.m.	Horse Leaders Mtg., 6 p.m.
15				Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m.
18	4-H Day at Animal Ark			
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			Cloverbud Alpaca Farm Day, 9 a.m.	4-H Horse Judging, Rockin' LJ Ranch
27			4-H Teen Leadership begins, 2:30 p.m. Leaders' Council, 7 p.m.	
October 2010				
1			Portfolios due by 4 p.m., DCEO	
2			Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival, 8 a.m.	
3				Horse Trail Trial, Washoe Lake
3 to 9	National 4-H Week			
4			4-H Teen Leadership, 2:30 p.m.	
6	National 4-H Science Day			
8		Teen Leadership, 6:30 to 8 p.m.		
9			Six Flags trip for 4-H Teen Leadership, 8 a.m.	Silver Knolls Spurs, Autumn Antics
11		4-H Leaders' Council Mtg., 6:30		
12				Horse Leaders mtg. 6 p.m. Home Arts Leaders' 7 p.m.
16			Cloverbud Animal Ark field Trip	Silver Knolls Spurs, Endurance Ride
18			County Awards Night, 6:30 p.m., CV Methodist	
20				Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m. Leaders' Council, 7:30 p.m.
23		Pumpkin Patch, 4-H Council Fundraiser, Fuji Park, 9 a.m.-4p.m.		
25			Leaders' Council, 7 p.m.	
29	NEVADA DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED			