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## Planning a Great 4-H Shooting Sports Year

4-H Shooting Sports Leaders have an opportunity to add more to their project for club members by taking time to map out their 4-H Shooting Sports year. Traditionally 4-H Shooting Sports follows the same calendar year as other project areas: October 1 through September 30. And of course there is always the inevitable paperwork before we get to the good stuff.

All shooting sports clubs in Nevada are required to complete a new Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Risk Management Plan each year. This plan is filled out and signed by the 4-H Shooting Sports leader and must include a current equipment list with id numbers, range use agreement, and an emergency plan. These forms are sent by the State 4-H Office in late August to county offices who then forward to leaders. Staff are available to help leaders complete the forms, which are due September 30.

Also due by the end of September is the Club/Local Level 4-H Shooting Sports Annual Instructor Report. This form allows leaders to document hours they have spent throughout the previous year working with their club in their chosen discipline. The form also allows leaders to fill in hours spent volunteering at camps, fairs and other events and list other trained certified state leaders who assist with their club. Leaders should be careful to include hours spent planning shoots and meetings as well as tuning and repairing equipment. Please ask your 4-H staff for help if needed. Leaders turn this form into their county 4-H office for their comprehensive report. All counties then forward reports to the State 4-H Office. The final State Summary is forwarded on to the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee.

Once leaders set the date for their first meeting and get new members membership packets filled out and turned in to their county office, they can then move on to get their 4-H Club insurance. American Income Life Insurance Co.

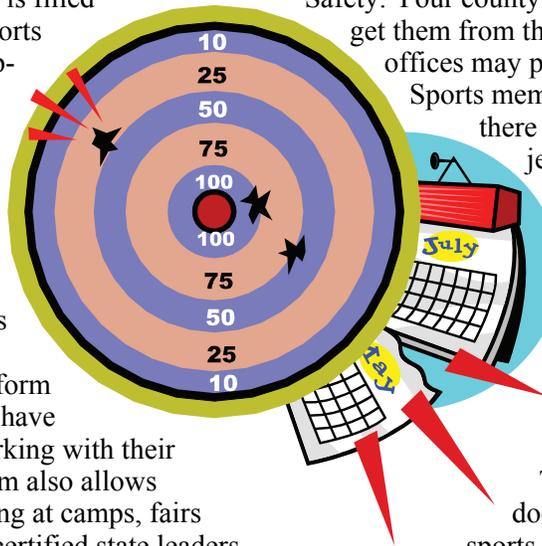
makes this very easy online <http://www.americanincomelife.com/who-we-serve/4-h-insurance> or via hard copy. Check with your county 4-H staff person to see if they need a copy for your club file.

Now comes the fun stuff. Set a date to train your new members and their parent/chaperone in the discipline they plan to shoot. This is where you get to show off all your newly acquired training in 4-H Shooting Sports. Use the Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Student Manual/Skills and Safety. Your county office should have copies, or you can get them from the State 4-H Office. Some county offices may provide these for each 4-H Shooting Sports member.

In the front portion of the manual there are pages for youth to fill in their project goals for the year and leaders to document when members received this training. Note: A parent or guardian must be present with their child for the training and at all meetings and shoots. There are no drop-offs for 4-H Shooting Sports clubs.

We also have a new Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports Project Record for all 4-H Shooting Sports members. This is a terrific way for members to document every aspect of their shooting sports year. Contact your county office for a copy or call the State 4-H Office.

Set dates for range shoots for your club well ahead of time and get copies of the schedule out to your members. Be sure your county office is notified of all trainings and range shoots. Get parents to help by being extra eyes once you are working with your members at the range. Be clear with parents what they can and can't help with. Remember hands on is very important for new members. Take time with each shooter to be sure they understand proper range behavior and commands. Make Mousetrapp Pistols with



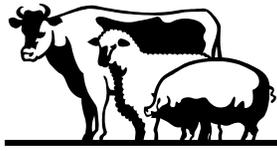
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*4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.*

## Washoe Livestock Show Coming Soon

Groom your steer, polish your pig, fluff your sheep and comb your goat. It's almost time for the Washoe County Livestock Show, April 22, at the Reno Livestock Events Center.

Entries for this event and the Nevada Junior Livestock Show (NJLS) are due Monday, April 2, by 5 p.m. at the Washoe County UNCE office, 4955 Energy Way, Reno. Entry forms are available at the office front desk.



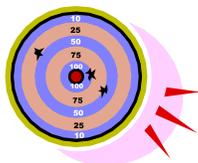
Record books being submitted for consideration at the NJLS are also due April 2, to the Washoe County office. All record books for livestock projects are due April 18, by 5 p.m.

NJLS is May 17-20. You must be in the county show to qualify for that event.

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your members to use as safe refresher tools prior to using actual firearms. Be certain members can call you for information or if weather may cancel a shoot. Remind members to come prepared for all weather.

Include guest speakers in your calendar year. Give your members a choice of who they might want. The list of speakers could include a taxidermist, game warden, rangeland specialist, local SWAT Team member, game dog trainer, a member of your local Sheriffs' Department Canine Team, an engraver, primitive bow and arrow maker, the list goes on. Check out Nevada Department of Wildlife for more ideas on who you might invite.



Keep the presentation fresh by limiting the amount of time your speaker presents, but leave time for a question and answer period.

You can also add a field trip. Learn about game habitat and conservation by going to a wild game area and talking to the local BLM or NDOW representative. Visit the gun collection at the Nevada State Museum or a wildlife rehabilitation center. Have a family range shoot day. Let the kids train their parents in safe range behavior.

Look for ways your club can become involved in community service. In our Great Basin environment many groups are assisting with removing water wasting plants. Does your local river or stream coalition need help with invasive weed removal or firming up river or stream banks? Perhaps your club would like to work as docents one day at the museum. Make your community service day fun by including a picnic and perhaps a hike at a rich game site. Take pictures of plants and game you come across and find out what they are in field guides.

Stay safe and enjoy your project area. Remember you are there to build life skills in members, not create champion shooters.

## Discover Your Future and Enter to win a scholarship!

The State 4-H Office is giving out five \$100 scholarships to 4-H Youth across the state for Discover Your Future. The event is a chance for youth 14-19 years old to find out what college life is like, stay in a dorm and do fun activities. The scholarships will be lottery-drawn. Youth must fill out a Scholarship Registration Form and turn it in with \$25 to enter. The form and fee are due to the State 4-H Office by noon, April 20.

The youth who are drawn for the scholarship will have to turn in a registration packet by May 4. Youth who are not chosen for the scholarship may have their \$25 refunded after May 18 or put towards the 2012 4-H Discover Your Future registration fee if they wish to participate.

Get your application at your county office, or contact Jessica Poole; 775-784-4378, poolej@unce.unr.edu or Lisa Boldman; 775-784-6207, boldmanl@unce.unr.edu.

## Spring, the Perfect Time for Poultry

Spring is upon us and the Carson Cluckers 4-H Poultry Club is looking for more members. 4-H Poultry projects offer youth the opportunity to learn how to raise healthy birds for egg production, and/or show.



Youth as young as 7 years old can enjoy participating in this project, learn about the amazing number of different breeds and get involved in raising food for their families. This is the perfect time of year to begin make plans for a small backyard flock or go larger if space allows.

The club meets once a month at Fuji Exhibit Hall. Please call Sandy Wallin, 775-887-2252 for more information on joining Carson Cluckers.

## New UNCE Office in Storey County

Storey County has a new Cooperative Extension office in the new Community/Youth Center in Virginia City. Located next to the Mills Park swimming pool, the office is upstairs in the non-profit space.

Storey County UNCE personnel will be available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays to answer questions and distribute radon kits. Radon Kits are available to Storey County residents for a \$5 fee.

Drop by and visit Sandy Wallin and check out our new space; or come by with plans to begin a new 4-H club. We are looking for volunteers for 4-H project leaders. Projects can last a week, a month or longer. Please call 775-887-2252 for more information.

## Douglas Cloverbuds Get S.T.E.M.s

Douglas County 4-H Cloverbuds will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Carson Valley Methodist Church, 1375 Centerville Lane in Gardnerville. Hands-on Fun discovery of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (S.T.E.M.) will be presented by the older 4-H S.T.E.M.s project members.

All participants will get messy! Be sure to wear clothes and footwear that can get messy and maybe even a little wet!



For more information, please call 775-782-9960.

## Purple Up! For Military Kids

April marks the nation's "Month of the Military Child," a time to honor youth impacted by deployment. In celebration, Nevada Operation: Military Kids (OMK), part of the 4-H Youth Development program of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, invites you to join us for the first annual "Purple Up! For Military Kids."



We are encouraging everyone across the state of Nevada to wear purple on Friday, April 13, as a visible way to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. OMK hopes everyone will take this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate these young heroes.

So have fun, and be creative...the goal is for military youth to actually see the support of their community! Remember to take photos to post on the Nevada OMK website, where military youth and families from across the state will see them.

You can email your pictures to Eric Killian at [killiane@unce.unr.edu](mailto:killiane@unce.unr.edu) or Martana Doser at [doserm@unce.unr.edu](mailto:doserm@unce.unr.edu).

## Babysitting Certification Coming Carson City

Carson City/Storey County 4-H is hosting its annual babysitting certification class the week of April 9-13. Class will be held every day beginning at 3 p.m. in the Carson City Cooperative Extension conference room at 2621 Northgate Lane. The dates of the class reflect Carson City schools spring break and the class is open to middle and high school students.

The class will center on learning how to be a successful babysitter with topics ranging from ages and stages of development, caring for more than one child, basic first aid and how to approach prospective employers.

There is a limited amount of space, so please call Jim Barcellos 775-887-2252 for more information and to reserve a spot.

## Science Club Looks Forward to Spring

Carson City's 4-H Science Club is gearing up with new activities for the warmer spring weather. Photography and GPS cache hunts are on the club's agenda. Digital and other forms of photography will be studied. Nature and portrait photography will be highlighted.

Members will learn about GPS cache hunts and placements, along with orienteering using a map and compass.



Please call 775-887-2252 to find out more and learn when the club is holding its next meeting.

## Come out and ride with us!

The Spanish Springs Trailblazers and the One Stop Ranch & Feed would like to invite you to our 1st Annual Warm-Up Show: The One Stop Fuzzy-Wuzzy Warm-up Open Horse Show to be held on Saturday, April 28, at the Hidden Valley Regional Park.

This will be a great show to help you get warmed up for show season! Open to all ages of riders (not just 4-Hers) and all breeds of horse and mules.

Classes will range from Showmanship, English, Jumping, Western, Trail and Gymkhana. Age divisions: 8 & under (leadline or walk/trot only), 9-12, 13-17 and 18 & over will be offered. Ribbons 1st thru 5th place will be awarded plus High Point Awards given for all age divisions in English, Western & Gymkhana.

For more information and to see the full list of classes, please visit the Spanish Springs Trailblazers website at [www.SSTB4H.com](http://www.SSTB4H.com). You can use the link on the Washoe County 4-H Facebook page.



## Diamonds in the Horse Arena

**Nov-ice:** n., a person new to something, a beginner

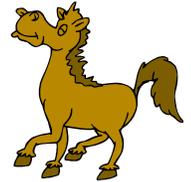
**Green:** adj., inexperienced or naïve

Silver Knolls Spurs 4-H Club presents Diamonds in the Rough Novice Horse Show- an open horse show offered specially for the novice rider, the novice horse and the green horse- Saturday, April 14, 2012 9:00 a.m. at Lemmon Valley Horsemen's Arena (Chestnut and Alaska in Lemmon Valley, Reno, Nevada).

The event is a fundraiser for 4-H and Community projects. There will be 38 classes in all with ribbons awarded first through fifth places. The show will be conducted according to a general interpretation of USEF rules. The Snack Bar is hosted by Cub Scouts Pack 500. The judge is Shannon Evans.

Fliers have been mailed to all horse club members and leaders. Entries are also available on the Washoe County Facebook page [www.facebook.com/washoecounty4h](http://www.facebook.com/washoecounty4h) or at the Washoe County UNCE office, 4955 Energy Way, Reno. Entries are due by mail or email April 12. Also available on the day of show.

Please call Linda Zimmerman for more information: 775-972-7241, or e-mail [zephyrarabians@yahoo.com](mailto:zephyrarabians@yahoo.com).



## Apply Now for Range Camp

Applications are now being accepted from high school students to attend the 52nd Nevada Youth Range Camp to be held June 17-23 at the U.S. Forest Service's Big Creek Campground in the beautiful Toiyabe Mountain Range in central Nevada. Applications must be submitted by Monday, April 30.

Nevada Youth Range Camp is a teenager's best opportunity to learn about Nevada's desert and mountain rangelands and diverse ecosystems, while experiencing them first hand. The Society for Range Management operates the week-long camp for 14-18 year olds from Nevada and eastern California. Campers will have the opportunity to learn from range management professionals who are knowledgeable in the ecology and management of the Great Basin's desert and mountain rangelands.

Use this link for information and to get applications: <http://nevada.rangelands.org/Range%20Camp.html>

## Western Area April Dates to Remember

**April 5** - NJLS entries and record books  
due to State Office

**April 22** - Washoe County  
Livestock Show

**April 27-29** - Spring State 4-H Shooting  
Sports Leader Training and  
Certification, Elko



## Your STEM\* Minute

*\*4-H Science, Technology, Engineering and Math*

Next time you decide to climb Mount Everest, be sure to take along a microscope so you can look at...sea shells. Everest, the tallest mountain in the world at 29,035 feet elevation, was the bottom of the ocean just a few million years ago. The limestone that makes up the geology of most of the Himalayas, is the remains of compressed sea bed.

So how did the bottom of the ocean become a range of mountains? In a process known as subduction, the Indian tectonic plate (a section of the earth's crust) is moving north and pushing under the Asian plate. Moving at a rate of 10 centimeters per year, it has dredged up the ocean floor and pushed it more than five miles into the air in a "mere" 10 million years. And the microscopic sea shells from the ocean went along for the ride.

*-Using information from Encyclopedia Britannica and NPR*

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## 4-H Events Calendar April 2012



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1		Comstock Hot Shots, V.C. Sr. Center & Ice House Range, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.		
2		S.C. Cook Lovers, V.C. Sr. Ctr., 3-6 p.m. Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-9 p.m.	NO Speaking with Confidence	Washoe County Livestock Entries & record books being considered for NJLS due by 5 p.m.
2-6			Douglas County Schools Spring Break	
3			Small Animals, 6:30 p.m.	
4		Bouncing Bunnies, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		<b>Please note:</b> Due to the number of club meetings in Washoe Co., we cannot list them all here. Also, club meetings cannot be held at the Washoe UNCE office.
5		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Horse Workouts begin, 6 p.m.	
6		Nifty Needles, 6:30-8 p.m. Carson Hot Shots, Capitol City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
7			Humbolt County Livestock Judging	
9		4-H Leaders' Council, 6:30-8:00 p.m.	Speaking with Confidence ends, 4 p.m. 4-H Kiwanis and Norm Sharkey Mem. Scholarships applications due 4:30 p.m. Livestock Judging, 6 p.m.	
10			SCUBA, 6 p.m.	
11			Science Clover S.T.E.M.S., 5:30 p.m.	
12	Camp Advisory Comm. Mtg. lvideo, 9 a.m.-noon		Horse Workout, 6 p.m.	
13		Nifty Needles, 6:30-8 p.m.	Poultry, 6 p.m.	
14			Cloverbud Science Day, 10 a.m.	Silver Knolls Spurs, Diamonds in the Rough Novice Horse Show, Lemmon Valley Arena
16		S.C. Cook Lovers, V.C. Sr. Ctr., 3-6 p.m. Target Rippers shoot, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-9 p.m.		
18		Carson Clucklers, 6:30-8 p.m.	Science Clover S.T.E.M.S., 5:30 p.m.	Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m. Leaders' Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
19		Arrowhead Livestock workout, Carson Fairgrounds arena, 4-7 p.m. 4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Beyond Gardening, 4:30 p.m. Horse Workout, 6 p.m.	
20		Nifty Needles, 6:30-8 p.m. Carson Hot Shots, Capitol City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
21				Set up for Washoe County Show, RLEC
22				Washoe Co. Livestock Show, RLEC, 7 a.m.
23		S.C. Cook Lovers, V.C. Sr. Ctr., 3-6 p.m.	Livestock Judging, 6 p.m. No Leaders' Council meeting	
24		Arrowhead Livestock workout, Carson Fairgrounds, 4-7 p.m.		
25			Science Clover S.T.E.M.S., 5:30 p.m.	
26		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Horse Workout, 6 p.m.	
27		Nifty Needles, 6:30-8 p.m.		
27-29	Spring State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training and Certification, Elko			
28			Livestock Practice Show	Spanish Springs Trailblazers Open Warm-up Horse Show, Hidden Valley Arena
30			SCUBA, 6 p.m.	
30		Nifty Needles, 6:30-8:30 p.m.		
31	Natl. Agility Championship, 4-H Day, RLEC, 10 a.m.	Comstock Hot Shots, V.C. Sr. Center & Ice House Range, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.		

## Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
<b>May 2012</b>				
1	Western Area 4-H Camp, 4-H Members registration begins - Teen Apps due	Novice Needlers, 6:30 - 8 p.m.	Small Animals, 6:30 p.m.	
2	NJLS Board Meeting	Bouncing Bunnies, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Science Clover S.T.E.M.S., 5:30 p.m.	
3		Arrowhead Livestock workout, Carson Fairgrounds, 4-7 p.m. 4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
4	Early Registration due for Discover Your Future	Carson Hot Shots, Capitol City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m. Nifty Needles, 6:30-8 p.m.		
5			Livestock Show, 7:30 a.m.	Spring Fling Horse Show, Lemmon Valley Arena
7		S.C. Cook Lovers, V.C. Sr. Ctr., 3-6 p.m. Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
8		Arrowhead Livestock workout, Carson Fairgrounds, 4-7 p.m. Novice Needlers, 6:30 - 8 p.m.		Horse Leaders' mtg., 6 p.m.
9		Set up for Farm Days, Fuji Exhibit Hall & Carson Fairgrounds, 3-5 p.m.		
10			Horse Workouts, 6 p.m.	
10&11		Capital City Farm Days, Fuji Exhibit Hall & Carson Fairgrounds, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. daily		
11		Nifty Needles, 6:30-8 p.m.	Poultry, 6 p.m.	
14		S.C. Cook Lovers, V.C. Sr. Ctr., 3-6 p.m. 4-H Leaders' Council, 6:30-8:00 p.m.		
15	Western Area 4-H Camp, Non-member registration begins	Novice Needlers, 6:30 - 8 p.m.		
16		Carson Clucklers, 6:30-8 p.m.		Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m.
17	State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest	4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Beyond Gardening, 4:30 p.m. Horse Workout, 6 p.m.	
17-20	Nevada Junior Livestock Show, RLEC			
18	Registration deadline for Discover Your Future	Carson Hot Shots, Capitol City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m. Nifty Needles, 6:30-8 p.m.		
19			Science Clover S.T.E.M.S. Field trip Cloverbud BBQ & Gardening Day Beyond Gardening Community Service	
21		S.C. Cook Lovers, V.C. Sr. Ctr., 3-6 p.m. Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Leaders' Council, 7 p.m.	
22		Novice Needlers, 6:30 - 8 p.m.		
24		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
28	<b>MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED</b>			
29		Novice Needlers, 6:30 - 8 p.m.		
31		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
<b>June 2012</b>				
1		Carson Hot Shots, Capitol City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
4		Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
5		Novice Needlers, 6:30 - 8 p.m.		
6		Bouncing Bunnies, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
7		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
8		Nifty Needles, 6:30-8 p.m.		
9				Summer Reruns Horse Show, Lemmon Valley Arena
11		4-H Leaders' Council, 6:30-8:00 p.m.		
12		Novice Needlers, 6:30-8 p.m.		Horse Leaders' mtg., 6 p.m.
14		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
15		Carson Hot Shots, Capitol City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m. Nifty Needles, 6:30-8 p.m.		
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