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Reminding Ourselves That Character Counts

As Nevada 4-H moves into the show and event season it helps to remind ourselves of the codes we agree to abide by in our 4-H clubs and as 4-H'ers involved in activities at the local, state and national level.

All 4-H members, leaders, youth and parents sign the "Nevada 4-H Commitment to Excellence/Code of Conduct" when they fill out their 4-H membership forms in the fall of each year. This document outlines the "dos and don'ts" for Nevada 4-H members; and gives leaders and parents a set of standards for creating an atmosphere of cooperation and teamwork partnered with an environment conducive to experiential learning and personal growth. Once read and signed it is expected that all members, their leaders and participating adults maintain and follow these standards in order for UNCE, 4-H and the 4-H Mission to be successful and beneficial to our youth.

In addition to the above document, one of the foundations of 4-H is another set of standards for everyone involved in the program known as "The Six Pillars of Character". These pillars: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship, easily remembered as terrific "T.R.R.F.C.C.", form the basis of honorable behavior at every age.

Character can be defined as how you really are or how you act when no one is looking. Leaders, parents and participating adults can help youth develop good character by following the guidelines for each pillar listed below.

Trustworthiness:

- Tell the truth, even when it's hard to do
- Give people the information they need for smart decisions
- Keep a promise, even when it's hard to do
- Be yourself, don't pretend to be something you are not
- Watch out for the best interests of your family, school and community

Respect:

- Be polite and courteous to all
- Work out differences in a non-violent way

- Remember that other people can choose to do things differently
- Let others "save face"
- Let people have their privacy

Responsibility:

- Be prepared for different types of jobs
- Control your temper
- Clean up your own mess
- Do your part - do your best
- Complete the job, even when it's hard

Fairness:

- Go by the rules
- Listen to others' ideas
- Wait your turn
- Only use what you need
- Give everyone a chance

Caring:

- Be Kind
- Do things to help others
- Share
- Think of others, not just yourself
- Smile at someone

Citizenship:

- Follow the rules
- Help your school
- Help your community be better
- Help make your club even better
- Be a good team player



We never outgrow our need for good character. Following the guidelines above will help remind 4-H leaders and parents of the codes that help build strong 4-H'ers, clubs and communities.

Learn more about "Character Counts" and "The Six Pillars of Character" at <http://charactercounts.org/sixpillars.html>.

Washoe and NJLS Deadline Near

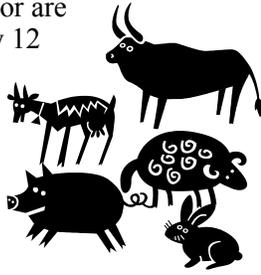
For anyone wishing to enter the Washoe County Livestock show, and the Nevada Junior Livestock Show (NJLS), please be aware that the deadline is this week.

All entry forms and fees per exhibitor are due to Washoe county UNCE office by 12 noon, April 5, no exceptions. There are no entry fees for Cloverbuds.

Record books for consideration for Achievement in Record keeping are due to the Washoe office by noon April 5. All other record books (including market rabbits) are due to the Washoe office by April 17. All participants with market and breeding projects are required to submit a record book.

Leaders, parents and members should please make certain that the information on the entry form is accurate. Members age is how old they were on January 1, 2013.

For more information, please call Lisa Boldman at 775-336-0273 or email boldmanl@unce.unr.edu.



Two 4-H Horse Shows in April

Warmer days mean riding weather and horse shows. There are two 4-H shows in Washoe County this month.

Saturday, April 13, is the date for Diamonds in the Rough Novice Horse Show offered by the Silver Knolls Spurs 4-H Club at the Lemmon Valley Horsemen's Arena on the corner of Chestnut and Alaska in Lemmon Valley.

The open show begins at 9 a.m. for beginning (novice) riders and novice or inexperienced (green) horses. An experienced rider may show a green horse. There are no age restrictions on horses. 38 classes are offered.

Pre-show registration is \$4 per class. Register by mail, email (silverknollsspurs@yahoo.com) or phone (775-972-7241) by April 11. Or register the day of show for \$5 per class. Show office opens at 7:30 p.m.

On April 27, get back into horse show condition at the 1-Stop Fuzzy-Wuzzy Warm-up Open Show offered by the Spanish Springs Trailblazers 4-H Club. The show starts at 9 a.m. at the Hidden Valley Regional Park—3800 Parkway Drive in Reno. The show is open to all breeds and all riders of all ages. There are over fifty classes in Showmanship, English, Western, Trail and Gymkhana; and four age group including 18 & over.

Register by mail or email (jill@sstb4h.com) by April 24 for \$6 per class. Day of show \$7 per class. 4-H members in good standing receive a \$1 per class discount.

For more information please contact Jill Lange at 775-745-7875, or jill@sstb4h.com or visit the Spanish Springs Trailblazer website at www.sstb4h.com.

Registration forms for both shows are available at the Washoe County UNCE office at 4955 Energy Way in Reno, on the Washoe County 4-H calendar (<http://www.unce.unr.edu/cgi-bin/calendar.pl?calendar=Reno&month=4>) or on facebook at www.facebook.com/washoecounty4h.



Learn About Nevada Agriculture

Capital City Farm Days returns to Carson City Fuji Park and Carson Fairgrounds April 18 & 19.

Area youth grades K – 5, their teachers and parents are encouraged to attend this outstanding event to learn more about where their food and fiber come from and some of the challenges facing ranchers and farmers.

Presenters in Fuji Park Exhibit Hall will share information on: bees, dairy goats, water, spinning and weaving, invasive weeds, raptors, Nevada grain crops, beef, mines & minerals, native fishes, composting, native seeds, goats for fire suppression, rats & snakes, organic produce, native pollinators and antique tractors.



Out in the arena and barns, attendees will learn about raising beef cattle, dairy cattle, market rabbits, poultry, llamas & alpacas, swine, lambs, see herding dogs in action and learn a bit about wild horses and burros.

The event runs daily 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to make arrangements to spend at least 2 hours in order to hear the presentations and ask questions of the presenters.

Area teachers and home school families are asked to call 775-887-2252 to reserve a time. Carson City/Storey County 4-H youth can earn community service hours by volunteering to help with this event. Call Sandy or Jim at the number above for more information and to get your school absence letter.

Storey County Hosts 4-H Shooting Sports Training and Certification

Spring State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training takes place in Virginia City, April 26 through 28.

The workshop begins Friday night with classroom instruction at the Virginia City Senior Center. Instruction continues at the Ice House Range in Gold Hill, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday. A registration fee of \$75 covers training facilities, training/shooting materials, meals (except breakfasts, Saturday dinner and Sunday Lunch), snacks and instructors. Lodging is the responsibility of the participant.

Attendees need to sign up for the discipline they want to teach: air pistol, rifle, muzzleloader, archery or shotgun. Registration forms are due to the State 4-H Office by April 12 and must be approved by your county UNCE 4-H staff first. Registration packets are available through your county UNCE 4-H staff or contact Sandy Wallin, State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator, 775-887-2252.

Poultry Project Car Wash

The Douglas County 4-H Poultry Project will be hosting a carwash fundraiser on Sunday, April 21, in Gardnerville.

Tentative sites are being considered at either the Wells Fargo area or Les Schwab on Hwy 395. Funds raised will help members pay for entry fees and expenses to attend the Lyon County Silver State Fair in August to show their project animals.

Please watch for the carwash and stop in to make a donation to the project and leave with a nice clean car!



Babysitting Certification Class Returning to Carson City 4-H

Carson City 4-H is offering a babysitting certification class. This year's week-long series of classes will be held April 1 through April 5. Class will be held every afternoon from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Carson City Cooperative Extension conference room, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite # 12.

Class dates reflect Carson area spring break and the late afternoon class time ensures area youth not attending school in the Carson City district have an opportunity to attend.

Topics include ages and stages of development, behavior strategies, first aid and how to approach prospective employers. Class is open to middle and high school age youth.

For more information, please contact Jim Barcellos in the Carson City Cooperative Extension office, 775-887-2252.

Help Feed Hungry Children

More than one in five youth in the United States don't know where their next meal is coming from. There are almost 17 million kids in this country experiencing hunger throughout the year.

The *What Will You Bring to the Table?* initiative officially launched on March 18 to address this problem. Unite with youth across the country to help reach the goal of one million meals for children experiencing hunger in the United States. Youth and adults in the 4-H network are invited to join generationOn in fighting child hunger.

From now through April 30, 4-H groups can visit our initiative site (www.whatwillyoubringtothetable.org) to access resources on how to take action against child hunger and report back on their work. For every service action reported, Arby's will donate a meal to a child struggling with hunger, up to 100,000 meals.



Camp Applications Just a Month Away

Western Area 4-H Camp is still in the planning stages; but prospective campers are already anxious to get applications.

This year camp runs from Sunday, July 7 through Saturday, July 13, at the 4-H Camp at Lake Tahoe. This is a week-long overnight camp filled with fun and education including: swimming, kayaking, archery, camp fires, and plenty of good food and new friends.

Area 4-H members ages 9-12 (as of July 7, 2013) will be mailed applications for Western Area 4-H Camp during the first week of May. Watch your mailbox for applications.

Applications for all eligible youth will be available on May 1 at their local Cooperative Extension office or online through the Washoe County 4-H Calendar (<http://www.unce.unr.edu/cgi-bin/calendar.pl?calendar=Reno>). All 4-H members can submit their applications from May 1 to June 15 or when all spaces are filled. Non-members can submit applications starting May 15.

For further information, contact your local 4-H office.

Silver State Youth Livestock Show Being Planned in Yerington

The Lyon County Fair Board (LCFB) is incorporating a Statewide/Regional Livestock Show with their Fair, August 15-18. The Silver State Youth Livestock Show and Expo is a huge undertaking that will require the support, advice, and participation of the individuals and organizations whose purpose is to support educational opportunities for the young agriculturalist and the agricultural industry.

Details and entry forms are still in production, but now is the time for youth to plan if they intend to enter.

Market beef must be owned by Wednesday, May 1, 2013. Market lambs, goats and swine must be in possession of the exhibitor by Saturday, June 15, 2013.

There will be a rabbit, poultry, and cavy show on Saturday, August 17.

More show details and information will be available in upcoming Clover Clips. Or you can contact the Lyon County Fair Board at 27 South Main Street, Yerington, Nevada 89447.

Quality Assurance Class Offered

Area 4-H Livestock members who need to attend a mandatory Quality Assurance Training prior to NJLS will have their last opportunity on Monday April 15, 5:30 p.m. There will be Quality Assurance class taught by interactive video available at the Douglas, Carson City/Storey County and Washoe county UNCE offices. Douglas County UNCE is at their new address, 1325 Waterloo Lane in Gardnerville).

Parents should attend with their youth. Please call the office nearest you to RSVP.

Western Area April Dates to Remember

April 5-6 - State 4-H Livestock Judging & Skillathon – Tonopah

April 21 - Washoe County 4-H Livestock Show – RLEC

April 22 - Earth Day



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Your STEM* Minute

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

As many of you know, you can tell how old a tree is by counting the rings on the stump. Each winter leaves a dark ring followed by a light colored ring each summer. The age of live trees can be measured by taking a core sample from the trunk.

What you may not know is that those same tree rings show how much rain fell the year the ring was added. The thicker the ring, the more water it had to grow. Very thin rings can show when there was a drought in the area.

Dendrochronologists, scientists who study tree rings and climate, compared newer rings with written weather accounts going back to 1820. They were then able to compare those rings to older ones in trees and old lumber to create drought records that go back over 1200 years, before there were written records.

They discovered that North America had four megadroughts during that time which lasted several years each. One of these may have caused the collapse of the Pueblo culture in the Southwestern United States.

- Information from University of Arkansas and Columbia University

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