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## Learning Citizenship at the National and Local Levels

4-H Citizenship programs empower young people to be well-informed citizens who are actively engaged in their communities and the world.

By providing them with opportunities to connect to their communities and adult leaders, youth gain a clear understanding of their role in civic affairs and are able to build their decision-making ability.

4-H recognizes three aspects to citizenship. This solid foundation helps youth understand and acquire the skills that will allow them to become astute leaders for the twenty-first century. 4-H Volunteer Project Leaders, can check with their local 4-H office to use or order curriculum.

### 1. Leadership and Personal Development

4-H is an innovator in developing youth leadership and decision-making skills to prepare them for the future. There's no time like the present to inspire change. 4-H's *Youth In Governance* allows young people an entry point to get involved in programs within their local and regional communities so they can share a voice, influence and decision-making power. Another important way for young people to show their maturity is by understanding some financial basics. *The Financial Champions* program shows youth the importance of saving money, how to use credit and what to consider when making decisions as a consumer. All of those skills allow 4-H'ers to have an impact in their community.

*Youth in Governance* engages young people in programs, organizations, and communities where they share a voice, influence, and decision-making authority.

In Nevada, the 4-H Capital Days program is a great example of Youth in Governance. Youth are invited to the Nevada State Legislature each biennium to participate directly in the process of government, highlighting how a bill becomes a law and other legislative procedures.

National 4-H curriculum for Leadership and Personal Development include: *Career Education*, *Consumer Savvy*, *Entrepreneurship*, *Exploring 4-H*, *Financial Leadership* and *Reading/Financial Literacy*.

Here is a closer look at a sample of the *Financial Cham-*

*pion* curriculum: Youth will learn ways to use and save money, the benefits and drawbacks of credit, consumer decision making, how to select financial services, and more.

Another curriculum, *Reading Makes Cents*, is a collection of 53 experiential activities developed around exemplary children's literature that has money as a theme. The selected literature explores ideas, activities, and strategies that help children in grades 3-5 learn how to earn, save, share and spend money.

### 2. Community Action

A trio of programs designed by 4-H allows young people a chance to contribute thousands of hours to community projects each year. Events such as *Citizenship Washington Focus* give a first-hand view of the U.S. Capitol to students interested in learning more about how our country is governed; *Rural Youth Development* encourages communities to involve youth as partners in decision-making and governance; and Service Learning allows older students to design their own community-service projects. In Nevada, our State 4-H Ambassadors program is a great example of youth participating in Community Action. Members plan and organize local and statewide community service activities.

National 4-H curriculum for *Community Action* includes Service Learning and Citizenship.

Here is a closer look at a sample of the Citizenship curriculum: *Public Adventures* is an active citizenship curriculum. *Public Adventures* helps youth contribute to the world around them and develops a life-long commitment to civic engagement. It is designed for youth in grades 6 to 8 but can be modified for use by both younger and older youth.

### 3. Communication and Expressive Arts

4-H programs are designed to stimulate not only the practical side of a young person's mind, but also the creative side. Through lessons on photography, filmmaking

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## 2014 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational

4-H Shooting Sports members 14 to 19 years of age who qualified with a blue ribbon at last year's State 4-H Shooting Sports Match are eligible to participate at 2014 National Invitational.

The event takes place in Grand Island, Nebraska, June 24-29. Last year's event hosted approximately 568 youth from 36 states competing in archery, air pistol, air rifle, hunting, muzzle-loading, shotgun, and small-bore rifle. Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports members can only register to participate in the discipline for which they received a blue ribbon in at last year's State 4-H Shooting Sports Match.

Clubs with members who want to participate in this outstanding national event should visit the National 4-H Shooting Sports website ([http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/nat\\_invite.php](http://www.4-hshootingsports.org/nat_invite.php)) and check out last year's event information. Registration fees last year were paid by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee. All other fees: travel, meals, extra field trips are the responsibility of the participant. Generally this cost has been \$2,000-\$3,000 for each participant plus a parent/coach. Registration packets will be forwarded to county UNCE offices as soon as they become available. Contact Sandy Wallin for more information, 775-887-2252.

## March Horse Clinic at RLEC

Washoe County 4-H Horse Leaders are presenting a mounted 4-H Horse Clinic on March 15, at the Reno Livestock Events Center All area 4-H Horse members are invited. The event is in two sessions, based on each member's riding ability (as decided club leaders).

The a.m. session is for beginner level riders. The focus will be on showmanship, pleasure, etiquette- both inside and outside of the arena- and Quiz Bowl practice. Sign-in is at 8:00. The clinic starts promptly at 8:30. (Intermediate and advanced riders may participate if they want to, and may be asked to help the beginners)

The p.m. session is for intermediate and advanced riders only. The focus for riders and horses will be on shoulders in, haunches in, leg yielding, side passing, lead changes and showmanship. Sign-in is at 12:30 p.m. Horses and riders should be ready at 1:00 p.m. 4-H dress and approved equestrian helmets are required. For further information, please contact Sam Mitchell at 775-336-0259 or [mitchells@unce.unr.edu](mailto:mitchells@unce.unr.edu).



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and reading, our lessons stimulate all facets of a youth's personality. Our communication arts programs and curricula emphasize artistic expression and communication.

In Nevada, our State Judging Program is a great example of youth participating in Communication and Expressive Arts. Members must present a set of oral reasons to a judge that establish a basis for how the youth chose to rank each animal. Youth 9 to 19 years of age participate.

National 4-H curriculum for *Communication and Expressive Arts* include *Communications, Filmmaking Studio, Theatre Arts and Photography*.

With the *National 4-H Photography Curriculum*, budding shutterbugs will learn about photography as a useful hobby and potential profession. They will also develop and apply technical and artistic skills in film-based and digital photography.

- This article is based largely on information from *National 4-H at 4-H.org*

## Western Area 4-H Camp Meet and Greet

If anyone is interested in being a Teen Counselor or volunteering as an Adult Chaperone at the Western Area 4-H Camp, here is a chance to meet and greet returning teens and adults, and Camp Staff.

The meeting will be March 12 at 6 p.m. at Carson City/Storey County, Douglas County and Washoe County UNCE offices. The three sites will be linked by Interactive Video.

Sarah Chvilicek will conduct the meeting from the Washoe County UNCE office- 4955 Energy Way in Reno. But participants can go to whichever site is most convenient. The meeting is open to all interested parties.

For more information, please call Sam Mitchell at 775-336-0259 or email him at [mitchells@unce.unr.edu](mailto:mitchells@unce.unr.edu).

## Youth Open Rabbit and Cavy Show

Douglas County Small Animal Project is hosting a 4-H Youth Open Rabbit and Cavy Show on March 15 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Gardnerville (920 Dump Road).

The show will include a limited snack bar with pizza, sodas, waters, a raffle, rabbit tattooing, hurdles, costume contests and a poster contest. Please bring an item to donate to the raffle (limit 3 live animal raffles per exhibitor).

Pre-registration is required. The entry deadline is March 10, for mailed entries, March 12, for emailed entries. Fun classes include rabbit hurdles, poster contest and a costume contest for all breeds. No late or day of show entries will be accepted. Call 775-782-9960 for information.



## NAF Education Assistance Awards

The Nevada Agricultural Foundation (NAF) is pleased to offer the Education Assistance Awards (EAA) program to students interested in pursuing higher education in agriculture.

In 2014 the NAF is planning to award up to \$50,000 in awards to deserving Nevada students who document intent to follow an agricultural curriculum.

Applications and transcripts must be completed and postmarked by March 15. For EAA information and application forms, go to [www.nevadaagriculturalfoundation.org](http://www.nevadaagriculturalfoundation.org) and click on "FORMS". There you can find a List of Awards/Scholarships, an Application Checklist and the NAF Educational Assistance Award Application.



## Video Makers Wanted: NO BULL

Calling all 13–18-year-old middle and high school students! Here is your chance to NO BULL your way to L.A. for the 2014 NO BULL National Conference and Teen Video Awards.

Enter The Great American NO BULL Challenge. You can win BIG! Create a short film about Digital Responsibility or Anti-Bullying that speaks to the importance of being an upstander, creating a positive school culture and ending all forms of bullying.

The video needs to be at least 2-5 minutes long. You can also make a Public Service Announcement (PSA) 30-60 seconds long. The deadline to upload videos is April 30, 2014. The public will vote on all videos online May 5-16. The Teen Video Awards are in Los Angeles, August 8-9.

Get involved, visit [www.NOBULLChallenge.org](http://www.NOBULLChallenge.org). The Great American NO BULL Challenge is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

## Sesquicentennial Fair in Carson City

The 2014 Nevada Sesquicentennial Fair takes place at Fuji Park and Carson City Fairgrounds July 30 – August 3, and the website is up and running [www.nevadafair.com](http://www.nevadafair.com). Billed as the “Best of Nevada agriculture, mining and culture. Past and present.”, the five-day event will feature agriculture, carnival, evening entertainment and community showcase. There will be a 4H and FFA livestock show with an auction and small animal show; dairy cow and dairy goat show; horse show; numerous static events including sewing, baking and crafts.

All information on classes for market beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits and poultry as well as breeding classes for beef, sheep, swine, meat goats, dairy goats, rabbits, cavies and poultry is available for downloading.

Livestock ownership deadlines are: market steers – March 31, market sheep, swine, and goats – May 31, market rabbits and poultry – June 20. For all breeding animals the deadline is June 30. Weigh in for market animals will be Tuesday, July 29.

The tentative schedule for classes will be swine, goats and poultry on Wednesday, July 30; beef, sheep and rabbits on July 31; dairy cattle, round robin, and any miscellaneous classes will be shown on Friday, August 1. The Junior Livestock Auction will be Saturday, August 2.

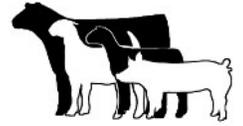
There will be a two-day horse show July 30-31. Organizers are doing their best to work the schedule so exhibitors can show both livestock and compete in the horse show. Any exhibitor from the State of Nevada may enter.

There are classes for junior exhibitors in cooking, canning, fabric arts, photography and so much more. Check out the website, you'll be glad you did, and get ready for a great time at the 2014 Nevada Sesquicentennial Fair. For more information contact Susan Taylor, Fair Manager at [staylor@carson.org](mailto:staylor@carson.org) or 775-283-7469.



## State 4-H Livestock Contests

Plans are in the works for a 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Livestock Skillathon Contest, and possibly a 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest on May 2 and May 3, at the Churchill County Fairgrounds (111 Sheckler Rd. Fallon, Nevada)



A concession stand will be provided throughout the day. For more information, contact Jessica Ponte, State 4-H Activities Coordinator at 775-784-4378 or [pontej@unce.unr.edu](mailto:pontej@unce.unr.edu)

## Carson City/Storey County 4-H Offers Babysitting Certification

The annual babysitting certification class will be held this year in June. The class will run from 3-5 p.m. daily June 9-13. The class will be held in the Carson City's Cooperative Extension conference room located at 2621 Northgate Lane, suite # 12.

Future babysitters will tackle topics such as understanding developmental ages and stages of youth, keeping children safe in emergencies, basic first aid and how to apply for a babysitting job. The class is open to all middle school and high school youth.

For more information or to reserve a spot in the class, call the Carson City/Storey County Cooperative Extension office at 775-887-2252.

## 4-H Horse Club Returns to Carson City/Storey County

Carson City/Storey County 4-H is happy to announce that a 4-H horse club will soon be hosting meetings and events.

The club's new leader is long-time 4-Her Emilee Nicora. Emilee was in Washoe County livestock and horse clubs for many years and is excited about forming the new club. She looks forward to meeting new members. Membership recruitment is ongoing and a meeting date will be announced soon.

For more information on the new horse club, please call the Carson City/Storey County Cooperative Extension office at 775-887-2252.

## Pershing County has Field Day

The Pershing County 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Field Day is March 15, at the Pershing County 4-H Building (McDougal Industrial Complex). Sign-in is at 9:00 a.m.

There will be lunch available.

Registration due by March 7. Please email registration information to [hertzka@unce.unr.edu](mailto:hertzka@unce.unr.edu) For more information, and where to find registration forms, please call 775-273-2923.

## Western Area March Dates to Remember

**March 12** – Western Area 4-H Meet and Greet interactive video meeting

**March 15** – Washoe 4-H Horse Clinic RLEC Pavilion

**March 15** – Nevada Ag Foundation Scholarship App. Deadline

**March 31** – Market Steer Ownership Deadline, Sesquicentennial Fair

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## Your 4-H Mission Minute

Nevada has a 4-H Ambassador program. It has the motto "Youth Leading Youth". One of its goals is to promote and encourage participation in leadership, citizenship, and teamwork programs and education.

Being a 4-H Ambassador involves:

- Fun and exciting experiences—the joy of making new friends through club meetings, county activities, state events, and national programs.
- Travel—to many of Nevada's most beautiful places and to many wonderful and beautiful places throughout the US.
- The Three R's— respect, restraint, and responsibility.
- Challenges—the responsibility of leading by setting a positive example and being a mentor for younger youth.
- Life skills—the development and understanding of citizenship, leadership, self-respect, coping, decision making, teamwork, and caring for others that leads to a positive and productive life.

*-from the program brochure at [www.unce.unr.edu/4H/programs/ambassadors/](http://www.unce.unr.edu/4H/programs/ambassadors/)*

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

## 4-H Events Calendar March 2014



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1	State Forum, Winnemucca		Swine & Sheep Weigh-in, DC Fairgrounds, Swine 4 p.m., Sheep 4:30 p.m.	Sheep, swine and goat weigh-in and tagging, RLEC, 9 a.m.
1-2		Comstock Hot Shots, Ice House Range, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.		
3		Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Speaking with Confidence, 4 p.m.	
4			Happy Heelers, DC Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m. Small Animals, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Please note:</b> Due to the number of club meetings in Washoe Co., we cannot list them all here.
5		Bouncing Bunnies, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Clover S.T.E.M.s, 6 p.m.	
6		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
7	Pershing County Field Day Registration due	Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
10		4-H Council, 6:30-8 p.m. Cook Lovers, V.C. Sr. Center, 4-6 p.m.	Speaking with Confidence, 4 p.m.	
11				Horse Leaders Mtg, 6 p.m.
12	2014 Western Area 4-H Camp Meet and Greet, Interactive Video	Carson Cluckers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
13		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	ALL Livestock member and Parents meeting for NJLS, 6 p.m.	
15	NAF Education Assistance Award application deadline		Small Animal Show FUN MATCH , 7:30 p.m. Cloverbud Science Day, CV Methodist, 10 a.m.	4-H Horse Clinic, RLEC Pavilion, 8 a.m.
17		Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Speaking with Confidence, 4 p.m.	
18		Carson Cluckers, UNCE Conf. Rm., 6:30-8 p.m.	Happy Heelers, DC Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m.	Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m.
19			Clover S.T.E.M.s, 6 p.m.	
20		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Beyond Gardening, 4:30 p.m.	
21		Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
24		S.C. Cook Lovers, V.C. Sr. Center, 4-6 p.m.	Speaking with Confidence, 4 p.m. Leaders' Council, 7 p.m.	Leaders' Council Mtg., 6:00 p.m.
25			Happy Heelers, DC Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m.	
27			ALL Livestock member and parents Quality Assurance Training & Test, 6 p.m.	
31	Market Steer Ownership Deadline for 150th Fair		Speaking with Confidence FINAL, 4 p.m.	Achievement Record Books due to Washoe Office by 5 p.m. Interview Date TBA



**March 9 - Daylight Savings Time Begins**

**Please note:**  
 Douglas County currently has too many 4-H Project specific meeting dates to publish. Please refer to your Project Leader and Calendars for meeting dates.



**Spring Begins - March 20**

## Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
<b>April 2014</b>				
1			Happy Heelers, Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Please note:</b> Due to the number of club meetings in Washoe Co., we cannot list them all here.
2		Bouncing Bunnies, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Clover S.T.E.M.s, 6 p.m. Final Teen Sewing, Leader's home, 6:30 p.m.	
3		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
4	NJLS Entry Forms due.	Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.	<b>Please note:</b> Douglas County currently has too many 4-H Project specific meeting dates to publish. Please refer to your Project Leader and Calendars for meeting dates.	NJLS entries due by 12 noon to Washoe UNCE office.
7		Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
7-11	Nat'l Shooting Sports Workshop, Pollock, Louisiana			
8			Happy Heelers, Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m.	Horse Leaders Mtg, 6 p.m.
9			4-H, Kiwanis and Norm Sharkey Memorial Scholarships due, 4:30 p.m.	
10		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. Tent. Arrowhead workout, Works Ranch, 3-5 p.m.		
11	NJLS Youth Advisory Applications due			
12			Cloverbud End of Year BBQ and Gardening Day, 10 a.m.	Diamonds in the Rough, Lemmon Valley Arena
14		4-H Council, 6:30-8 p.m.		
15		Carson Cluckers, 6:30 -8 p.m. Tent. Arrowhead workout, Works Ranch, 3-5 p.m.	Happy Heelers, Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m.	Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m.
16		Farm Days Set-up, Fuji Exhibit Hall, and Carson Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.-noon	Clover S.T.E.M.s, 6 p.m.	Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m.
17-18		Capital City Farm Days, Fuji Exhibit Hall/ Carson Fairgrounds, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.		
21		Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
21-24			Spring Break	
22	Earth Day			
24		Tent. Arrowhead workout, Works Ranch, 3-5 p.m.		
25	Achievement in Record Keeping books due to NJLS by noon.			
26				Back Country Horseman Clinic, Bridle Path Arena
27				Washoe County Livestock Show, RLEC
Apr. 27- May 1	Nat'l Shooting Sports Workshop, Raton, New Mexico			
28			No Leader's Council	
29			Happy Heelers, Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m.	
<b>May 2014</b>				
1		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
2		Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
3				Tentative: Washoe County 4-H Horse Show, TBA
5		Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
6		Tent. Arrowhead workout, Works Ranch, 3-5 p.m.		
7		Bouncing Bunnies, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
8		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
10				Fuzzy Wuzzy Warm up Show, Hidden Valley Arena
13				Horse Leaders Mtg, 6 p.m.
15-18	Nevada Junior Livestock Show, Reno Livestock Events Center, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily			
15		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
16		Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
19		Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Leaders' Council, 7 p.m.	
20		Carson Cluckers, 6:30 -8 p.m.		Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m.
21				Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m.
26	<b>MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED</b>			
30		Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
31	Market Sheep, Swine and Goat ownership deadline, 150th Fair			