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Engagement of Potential 4-H Volunteers

In today's fast-paced environment it may be difficult to seek out potential new 4-H volunteers to help with your club program. Often times we get stuck on that first step. How do we ask that first question? We know that volunteers are an integral component of the 4-H Youth Development Program and finding potential volunteers with an interest and knowledge to share with young people is key to the success of the 4-H Program.

The 4-H volunteer experience not only has a positive impact on the lives of young people but volunteers also experience personal and professional development. The "learning-by-doing" or experiential learning model is applicable to life-long learning for youth and volunteers. The 4-H Youth Development Program also works extensively in youth-adult partnerships whereby both youth and adults grow together through shared leadership.

So how we ask a potential volunteer to be a part of 4-H is important. Here are some potential questions you can use as you interact with a potential new volunteer.

Leadership Skills – what experiences have they had working with youth and other adults? What skills or qualifications do they have? You might ask them how they view themselves as a role model for youth. How do they promote teamwork and shared leadership? Have they volunteered with other youth organizations?

Relational Skills – What kind of people are they most comfortable working with? How do they handle conflict? How would they work with an upset

parent or youth? How do they handle criticism? What kinds of people do they find hard to work with and what skills do they use to work with them?

Organizational Skills – How do they manage their time? What record keeping skills do they have? What experiences do they have organizing a group of youth and/or other adults? How would they help a group of youth come to a decision? How have they planned or conducted meetings? How willing are they to participate in on-going training opportunities?

Adaptability – How do they deal with situations that do not go as planned? What situations cause them stress and how do they deal with it?

Dependability – Do they have experience in starting a project and seeing it through to completion? How do they handle a project if they cannot finish it? How dependable do they feel they are?

Communication Skills – What writing or speaking experiences do they have? How comfortable are they speaking in front of groups? What makes them a good listener? How comfortable are they with social media?

Understanding of 4-H – What does 4-H mean to them? What can 4-H offer them to be successful? Why do they want to volunteer with 4-H? How do they view competition and what is their view on winning?

Using a sampling of these initial questions can help you ascertain if a potential volunteer is ready for

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The Rabbits Are Coming! The Rabbits Are Coming!

Carson City Bouncing Bunnies 4-H Rabbit Club invites all area county 4-H rabbit club members to participate in their Rabbit Show (rabbits only, no cavies) on August 27, at Fuji Park Exhibit Hall, 701 Old Clear Creek Road, Carson City.

Check in is at 7:30 a.m. The show will conclude at 5 p.m. It includes a coloring contest and an outstanding raffle. Bouncing Bunnies reminds everyone that rabbits may be donated as raffle prizes. However if it is not taken, the owner is responsible for taking their animal home.



Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

Mailed entries need to be postmarked by Friday, August 19. E-mailed entries are due Monday, August 22. Please call 775-887-2252 for the showbook and entry forms; or call Penny with questions at 775-720-3961.

Storey County 4-H Shooting Sports County Qualifier

Rich Knight has set a tentative date for the Storey County 4-H Shooting Sports Qualifier: August 20. The event qualifies 4-H Shooting Sports members to participate at the State 4-H Shooting Sports Match in Elko on September 24.

Participants must be at the Ice House Range by 8 a.m. to check in. All shoots should be completed by 5 p.m.

There will be hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch and members are encouraged to bring salads, chips, dessert and drinks. Everyone is reminded to bring sunscreen, a hat and water. Please contact Rich for more information at fishorfire@aol.com or 775-847-0382.

Engaging Volunteers

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the next steps in determining their leadership role within your club or the 4-H Youth Development Program. Your 4-H Program Staff will then take over the process of screening and training of the new volunteer.

4-H is a great program and keeps getting better with each new volunteer and the first step is to ask someone to volunteer!

Excerpted from *Red Taxi and Volunteerism for the Next Generation* - <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/professional-development-learning/4-h-volunteer-development/fact-sheet-series/>

Strike it Rich Turns to Silver

The Silver Show, the second show in the 2016 Strike It Rich Summer Series 4-H Horse Shows, is on August 20, at the UNR Equestrian Center, 1000 Valley Rd in Reno.

Over 60 classes are offered for 4-H recognized age groups of seniors, intermediates and juniors; and also classes for the novice/beginner rider. 4-H members in neighboring California counties are also invited to compete.



The points earned at this show are added to the points earned at the July 23 Copper show and the Gold Show on September 17. High point is tabulated on the same horse/rider combination. Each exhibitor is required to show in Showmanship and at least one rail class.

Twelve High Point Buckles will be awarded at the end of the series with points tabulated from all three shows for each discipline and for each age group plus novice rider competitors.

The *Show within a Show* for Cloverbud will take place in another arena at the Equestrian Center and run concurrently with the classes for older riders. All Cloverbud events are in that arena and are exhibition only.

Class lists and entry forms for the Silver and Gold shows are available on the Washoe County 4-H Calendar at <http://www.unce.unr.edu/4H/counties/washoe/> or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/washoecounty4h

For more information, contact Sam Mitchell at 775-336-0259 or email mitchells@unce.unr.edu.

Washoe Fall Festival in October

Please join us for our first annual 4-H Fall Festival on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. We will be hosting this event at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension office - 4955 Energy Way Reno, NV 89502.

This event is to give all of our Washoe County 4-H Home Arts & Sciences and Small Animal Clubs a chance to exhibit their projects (small animals must have static displays).

For moare information, please contact Marissa Giampaoli at giampaolim@unce.unr.edu or 775-336-0273.



“Once upon a Camp” Service Learning Project Collects Over 600 Books

The Northern Area/Western 4-H Camp organized a service learning project for this year. In keeping with the “Once upon a Camp” children’s literature theme, the project collected children’s and young adult books for Ethan’s Little Library at the UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital in Oakland, Calif. The library is a tribute to Douglas County 4-H member Ethan McKinney.



The campers, teens and adults attending the camp brought in books for children age 5 years-old through young adult. In total, over six hundred books were collected for the library.

Portfolio Workshop for Douglas Co.

Have you been wanting more information on how to fill out your Portfolio for 4-H?

Douglas County is having a workshop at 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 29, at the Douglas County 4-H Office - 1325 Waterloo Lane in Gardnerville. All 4-H members must be accompanied by a parent.

Portfolio/Recordbooks are due each year-end, in order to receive year-end member awards and to be eligible for Leader’s Council scholarships. At this workshop members and their parents will learn the basics of filling out a portfolio. For more information, please contact the Douglas 4-H office at 775-782-9960. RSVP is not required.

Washoe County Offers Invitational Horse Judging and Skillathon Contest

Washoe County 4-H Horse Program is hosting an invitational Horse Judging and Skillathon contest August 27, beginning at 8 a.m. at the UNR Equestrian Center, Valley Road and Sadleir Way in Reno.

This contest is open to all Nevada and Northern California 4-H Horse members. Classes offered will be Tack ID and Feed ID, Two Halter Classes, two Performance Classes and reason on Halter and Performance. This contest will likely be the state qualifying contest for Nevada to be eligible to compete in National 4-H Round Up in Denver Colorado in Jan. 2017.

Entry information will be sent out soon. A Quiz Bowl contest is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 26. The contest is dependent on sufficient teams being entered. This contest will also likely serve as a qualifier for Denver. Please contact Sarah Chvilicek at 775-336-0236 or chviliceks@unce.unr.edu for more information.

Nevada Day Parade Float

Though the Nevada Day Parade on October 29 seems a long way off, now is the time to start planning for a float.

Washoe County 4-H is planning to enter a float in this year’s parade. The parade theme is “Then and Now”. Start getting ideas together. A planning meeting for all interested parties is being arranged.

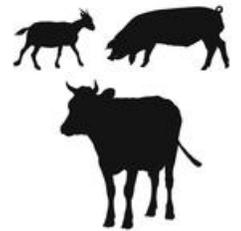
Anyone interested should let their club leader know, or contact Marissa Giampaoli at giampao-lim@unce.unr.edu or 775-336-0273.

Details about planning meetings will be posted on the Washoe County 4-H Facebook page - www.facebook.com/washoecounty4h/.

Silver State Youth Livestock Show in Yerington this Month

The Silver State Youth Livestock Show (SSYLS) is coming up quickly! The SSYLS is part of the Lyon County Fair and Rodeo. Youth from around the state will be showing the project animals this August 19-21, 2016 at the Lyon County Fairgrounds in Yerington.

Come out and show support for your fellow 4-H, FFA, Grange, and Independent members who are exhibiting at the livestock show. Showing begins Saturday morning at 9 a.m. with swine and meat goats; and will end the day with market beef.



On Sunday morning at 8 a.m. the dairy goats and sheep will close out the livestock show. There will be lots of rides and don’t miss the rodeo on Saturday! It all wraps up on Sunday afternoon with the livestock auction beginning at 2 p.m.

For information and the detailed show schedule go to www.ssyls.com

State Shooting Sports Match

All around Nevada, shooting sports club members are practicing and county qualifying matches are being scheduled in anticipation of the Nevada State 4-H Shooting Sports Match in Elko on September 24.

For additional information, please call Carrie Stark at 775-784-4785 or email starkc@unce.unr.edu.



Weather Watchers Wanted: CoCoRaHS Needs Your Help!

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) needs you! CoCoRaHS is a non-profit, community based, network of volunteers who measure and report rain, hail and snow in their backyards. The program helps with drought collection data and precipitation tracking which is lacking reporting in Nevada.

Everyone can participate, both young, old, and in-between. The only requirements are an enthusiasm for watching and reporting weather conditions and a desire to learn more about how weather can affect and impact our lives.

CoCoRaHS offers learning opportunities too. In addition to training materials, newsletters and the 'Message of the Day', members also enjoy opportunities to attend Webinars featuring experts in weather, climatology and other pertinent disciplines. CoCoRaHS offers classroom resources for K-12 teachers. Students

get to collect and submit real scientific data – all while meeting State and National Standards in science, math, geography and more!

Data entered online by volunteers is immediately available to the public via maps and data analysis tools, and to data users. Scientists, resource managers, decision makers and others have come to rely on the high density, high quality measurements provided by CoCoRaHS observers.

To learn more or to become a volunteer observer, please visit our web site at www.cocorahs.org. The local weather station contact is Kerri Jean Ormerod. She can provide the needed equipment (rain gauge, hail foam, snow board and measuring stick) and arrange training. Training can be done online, or in person in August or September. You can reach Kerri Jean Ormerod by email at kormerod@unr.edu or phone 775-784-6347.



Northern Area/ Western August Dates to Remember

- Aug. 1-5** – Carson 4-H Summer Youth Day Camp
- Aug. 20** – Strike it Rich Silver 4-H Horse Show - UNR Equestrian Center
- Aug. 19-21**– Silver State Youth Livestock Show – Yerington
- Aug. 27** – Nevada State 4-H Horse Judging contest.
- Aug. 27** – Bouncing Bunnies Rabbit Show – Fuji Exhibit Hall

Your 4-H Mission Minute

In our six month series, we have reached the final domain in the Volunteer Research Knowledge Competency Taxonomy (VRKC) on 4-H.org. The sixth most vital domain for volunteers is Interpersonal Characteristics.

Volunteers need to demonstrate the ability to develop effective relationships, work competently with individuals and groups, and express empathy and understanding for others.

This includes caring about and accepting others; and having a compassionate nature. A volunteer should comport themselves with honesty, ethics, morality.

They should show patience, flexibility and the ability to develop and strengthen relationships when dealing with club members, parents and others in the community.

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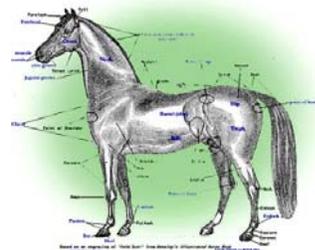
4-H Events Calendar August 2016



| DATE | WESTERN AREA AND OTHER COUNTIES | CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY | DOUGLAS COUNTY | WASHOE COUNTY |
|-------|---|--|--|---|
| 1-5 | | Summer Youth Day Camp, UNCE office & field trips 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily | | |
| 9 | | | | Horse Leaders' Mtg, 5:30 p.m. |
| 10 | | Carson Cluckers, UNCE Conf. Rm., 6:30-8 p.m. | Please note: Due to the number of project meetings in Douglas County, we cannot list them all here. Please consult the project calendars that you received at Sign Up Night. | |
| 11 | | 4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | | Strike it Rich, Summer Horse Series Silver Show, UNR Equestrian Center, 8 a.m. |
| 12 | | Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m. | | |
| 15 | | Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | | Small Animal Leaders' Meeting, 6 p.m. |
| 16 | | | | Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. |
| 18 | | 4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | | |
| 18-21 | Silver State Youth Livestock Show and Lyon County Fair | | | Please note: Due to the number of club meetings in Washoe County, we cannot list them all here. |
| 20 | | Comstock Hot Shots, Ice House Range, County Qualifier, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. | | |
| 21 | | Comstock Hot Shots, Ice House Range, range shoot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | | |
| 22 | | | Leaders' Council, 7 p.m. | |
| 24 | | | Beyond Gardening end of year meeting, 4:30 p.m. | |
| 25 | | | Year Long Sewing end of year meeting 6 p.m. Rabbit end of year meeting, 6:30 p.m. | |
| 26 | | Carson City Rabbit Show set-up, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 5-10 p.m. | | |
| 27 | State Horse Judging Contest, hosted by Washoe County, UNR Equestrian Center, 8 a.m. | Carson City Rabbit Show, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cloverbuds Club, UNCE conf., 1-3 p.m. | | State Horse Judging Contest, UNR Equestrian Center, 8 a.m. |
| 29 | | | Final Teen Leadership mtg., 2:30- 4:30 p.m. Portfolio Workshop, 6:30-7:30 p.m. | |



**Silver State Youth Livestock Show
August 19-21, Lyon County Fairgrounds**



**State Horse Judging Contest
August 27, UNR Equestrian Center**

Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar



| DATE | WESTERN AREA AND OTHER COUNTIES | CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY | DOUGLAS COUNTY | WASHOE COUNTY |
|-----------------------|--|---|--|---|
| September 2016 | | | | |
| 1 | | 4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | | |
| 3 | | Cloverbuds Club, 1-3 p.m. | | |
| 5 | LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED | | | |
| 7 | | Bouncing Bunnies, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | | |
| 8 | | 4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | | Please note: Due to the number of club meetings in Washoe County, we cannot list them all here. |
| 9 | | Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m. | Please note: Due to the number of project meetings in Douglas County, we cannot list them all here. Please consult the project calendars that you received at Sign Up Night. | |
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| 13 | | | | Horse Leaders' Mtg, 5:30 p.m. |
| 14 | | Carson Cluckers, UNCE Conf. Rm., 6:30-8 p.m. | | |
| 15 | | 4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | | |
| 17 | | Cloverbuds Club, 1-3 p.m. Comstock Hot Shots BBQ, TBA | | Strike it Rich, Summer Horse Series Gold Show, UNR Equestrian Center, 8 a.m. |
| 18 | | Comstock Hot Shots, Ice House Range, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | | |
| 19 | | Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | Sign-Up Night for 4-H, Carson Valley Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Leaders' Council following Sign-Up Night | Small Animal Leaders' Meeting, 6 p.m. |
| 20 | | | | Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. |
| 23 | | Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m. | | |
| 23-24 | State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, Elko | | | |
| 24 | Field Day at UNR, Main Station | | | Field Day at UNR, Main Station |
| October 2016 | | | | |
| 1 | | Carson Cloverbud Club, 1-3 p.m. National 4-H Science Experiment practice, UNCE conf. rm., 10-12 noon | | Silver Knolls Spurs Autumn Antics 4-H Horse Show, Lemon Valley arena |
| 2-8 | National 4-H Week | | | |
| 3 | | Target Rippers, Fuji Exh. Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | Teen Leadership begins, 2:30-4 p.m. | |
| 4 | | | Portfolios due 4 p.m. or earlier, 4-H office. T-shirt orders due 4 p.m. or earlier Rabbit Intro 6:30 p.m. | |
| 5 | National Youth Science Experiment | Bouncing Bunnies, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | | |
| 5-16 | | | Paper Clover Tractor Supply days | |
| 6 | | 4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | Horse Intro, DC Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m. | |
| 7 | | Carson City Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun club, 6-9 p.m. | | |
| 8 | | | | Washoe Home Arts and Sciences Fall Festival, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. |
| 10 | | | Teen Leadership, CV Methodist Church, 2:30-4 p.m. Awards Night, CV Methodist Ch., 6:30 p.m. | |
| 11 | | Carson Cluckers, UNCE Conf. Rm., 6:30-8 p.m. | | Horse Leaders' Mtg, 5:30 p.m. |
| 13 | | 4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | | |
| 15 | | Cloverbuds Club, 1-3 p.m. | PINGO: Pumpkin Bingo, 4-H Fundraiser, CV Methodist Church. | |
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| 18 | | | | Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m. |
| 19 | | | Quilting begins, 6:30 p.m. | |
| 20 | | 4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m. | | |
| 21 | | Carson City Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun club, 6-9 p.m. | | |
| 26 | | | Leader training and council, 6 p.m. | |
| 28 | NEVADA DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED | | | |
| 29 | Nevada Day Parade, Carson City, All Day | | | |
| 31 | | | Teen Leadership, 2:30-4 p.m. | |