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4-H News of La Paz County

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June and July 2008

Calendar of Events

- June 2-5 Wenden Day Camp, Wenden School, 9am-Noon
- June 6 Camp Counselor Applications Due
- June 9-12 Quartzsite Day Camp, Quartzsite QIA Building, 9 am-Noon
- June 9 4-H Council, Extension Office, 6:30 pm
- June 14 Camp Counselor Tryouts, Kingman
- June 23-25 Bouse Summer Day Camp, Bouse Community Center, 9am-Noon

- July 1-2 Camp Counselor Training, Lake Havasu City
- July 3 Camper Applications Due
- July 4 Extension Office Closed
- July 12 Camp Counselors report to camp
- July 13-17 MoPaz 4-H Camp

- August 1 **RECORDBOOKS DUE**



All 4-H Day Camps and 4-H Camp are considered COUNTY EVENTS!!!

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Happenings

Summer Day Camps

This summer, La Paz County 4-H is pleased to host Summer Day Camps in Bouse, Quartzsite, and Wenden. At each site, youth will play challenge games, learn about sun safety, have snacks, and HAVE FUN!!. All youth aged 6- 16 are invited to attend. The events are considered official 4-H COUNTY EVENTS. There is no charge

4-H CAMP

It's time to start getting prepared for 4-H camp!!!! La Paz and Mohave counties have a great week of fun and learning planned for **July 13-17th** in the cool pines of Pinal County 4-H camp near Williams. Camp activities will include arts & crafts, archery, nature hikes, campfires, games, sing alongs, and MORE! Applications for campers are in this letter. Youth who are interested in being counselors should contact the 4-H office or download the form at the La Paz County 4-H website: <http://cals.arizona.edu/lapaz/4-h>.

Camp Dates to Remember

Camp Counselor Applications Due	June 6th
Camp Counselor Try-Out	June 14th 10am- 4:00 pm Kingman Fairgrounds
Counselor Training	July 1-2, Lake Havasu
Camp Applications Due	July 3rd
Staff Reports to Camp	July 12th
MoPaz Camp	July 13-17

PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE; INFORMATION IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



LEADERS NEEDED

Are you interested in becoming a 4-H leader? NOW is the time to complete the certification process so you will be ready to go when the new 4-H year begins. The process includes:

1. Complete a leader application form and turn it into the Extension Office.
2. Five reference letters will be mailed out on your behalf. At least three will need to be submitted to the Extension Office.
3. Each potential leader has a personal interview and training session with the Extension Agent. Volunteers are the backbone of our 4-H program. Each one is a valued partner of our mission to expand and enhance the educational opportunities of our young people. Volunteers CAN and DO make a difference in the lives and future of our community.

Summer Event Scholarship Information

La Paz County 4-H Council is pleased to be able to provide partial scholarships for La Paz County 4-H youth who wish to attend 4-H events. The scholarships will only be awarded to currently enrolled La Paz County 4-H members who are in good standing on the club and county level. The following scholarships are available this year. Youth can apply for one or more of them.

The Sterling Sherwood “Woodie” Winans Camp Scholarship

This scholarship will provide ONE 75% scholarship for a La Paz County 4-H camper’s registration to the 2008 MOPAZ 4-H Camp. This scholarship is geared towards providing financial support to a 4-H camper who has attended camp less than two times, though all campers are eligible to apply. The award member must agree to submit an article about their camp experience to 4-H newsletter.

La Paz 4-H Council MOPAZ Scholarship

La Paz County 4-H members who wish to attend the 2007 MOPAZ camp are eligible for to apply for a partial registration scholarship of no less than \$25. The actual scholarship amount will be determined by 4-H Council after the applications are reviewed. The scholarship winners must agree to submit an article about their camp experience to 4-H newsletter.

Process for applying for a 4-H Summer Event Scholarship

1. Write at least a one page letter to the 4-H agent detailing:

The scholarship you are applying for.

What you hope to learn and experience at the summer event.

What lessons and skills you have already learned in 4-H.

A sentence acknowledging that you will write an article about your experience and submit it to the 4-H Agent.

The letter can be sent via mail, email (bstrick@ag.arizona.edu), or hand delivered to the 4-H office.

The Deadline to submit a scholarship request is June 27th

Recognize the special people who make 4-H successful, submit a nomination form!

4-H Council would like to recognize the leaders, friends and alumni of 4-H who help to “make the best better!” Youth can be nominated for citizenship awards and Adults can be nominated for their outstanding efforts. Nomination forms are enclosed in this newsletter.



Why is August 1st such a big day for La Paz 4-H?

Friday, August 1st is the deadline for 4-H record books to be submitted to the Extension Office. 4-H participants are expected to finish a record book in order for their year to be considered complete. Youth have 2 options to complete this requirement:

- Option A Submit a completed record book to the community club leader before August 1st (or the deadline they have set). Specify that you do not want it to be considered for county judging. The leader will determine the completeness of the projects and notify the 4-H office that your requirements are met.
- Option B Submit a completed record book to the community club leader before August 1st. Specify that you do want your book to be considered for county judging. The leader will determine the completeness of the projects and deliver the record books to the 4-H office.

Award of Merit Forms are also due by August 1st.

NOTE:

4-H participants who sold their animals at the 2008 La Paz County Fair but do not complete the 4-H year (including submitting a completed record book) will not be eligible to auction a 4-H animal at the 2009 fair.

Character Corner

LET THE BUTTERFLY STRUGGLE



A young mother was fascinated but concerned as she watched a butterfly struggling mightily to escape through the small opening at the top of its cocoon. And when the creature seemed to give up, overwhelmed by the task, she felt sure that it wouldn't make it without help. So she enlarged the hole.

The grateful butterfly wriggled out. Unfortunately, its wings were shrivelled and useless. The well-intentioned intervention interrupted a natural process. Forcing the butterfly to squeeze through a small opening is nature's way of assuring that blood from the creature's body is pushed into the wings. The butterfly escaped the cocoon but without strong wings it could never be free.

Childhood, too, is a sort of cocoon. If a healthy adult is to emerge there must be some struggle.

One of the hardest things of loving parents is to know when to let kids work their own way out of the rough patches in life. Of course we should always be supportive and demonstrate caring and we should look for opportunities to give them strategies and tools to deal with their problems. But if we are overprotective they will not struggle enough, and without some struggle they may not develop the strength and confidence they will some day need.

Children must be allowed to learn from their mistakes and pay the price for their own bad judgments. Parents who buy their kids everything they want and always bail them out of trouble do them no favors. In fact, they may be preventing them from growing the strong wings they need.

Michael Josephson, Character Counts!