



Pinal County 4-H Newsletter

February 2004



Dear 4-H Families,

Setting goals in 4-H are as important as any other activity youth do with their projects during the year. We want to share six tips on teaching with you.

Simple Teaching Tips

Setting Goals: The beginning of the 4-H years goal setting has been accomplished. It is important to identify individual and group goals. Start by asking 4-H members in their project groups, "What would you like to be able to do at the end of the year that you can't do now?" As a group, identify mutually agreed upon goals and activities. The following will be helpful:

- ★ help members get to know each other and develop trust
- ★ state clearly the topic of discussion
- ★ allow each member to take part and have a voice
- ★ break into smaller groups, if necessary, and report
- ★ help members select ideas on which they agree
- ★ help members identify what needs to be done to accomplish their goals
- ★ involve members in determining activities they will pursue during the year

Remember, after the fair you have a golden opportunity to sit down and help to evaluate 4-Her's experiences. It's never too early to set new goals.

We look forward to seeing you at the fair! Fair time is fun time!!

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Pinal County Fair Update March 24-28, 2004

Eligibility of 4-H Exhibitors:

All 2003-04 officially enrolled Pinal County 4-H members in good standing ~ having paid their program management fees ~ are eligible to show in the Pinal County 4-H portion of the county fair.

Exhibit Deadline: Please note that **March 10, 2004**, marks the 4-H office deadline for entries to be postmarked.

Schedule of Events and

Activities: You will find a complete schedule of events at the back of this newsletter. We highly encourage you to take part in all aspects of the fair including all contests, shows, events and special functions.



Fair Passes: County fair passes are available through community club leaders. No money is sent to the 4-H office. Community club leaders are responsible for the collection and distribution of passes for the week of the fair. Additionally, vehicle passes will be \$3 per vehicle and must be purchased to park inside the perimeter of the gates during the week of the fair.

Camping for 4-H Families at the Fair: Camping assignments are made by the fairgrounds staff prior to the fair. Community club leaders will be responsible for gathering a complete list of all 4-H families who desire to camp at the fairgrounds. Check-in with the front office upon arriving at the fairgrounds. A complete occupancy list is required upon check-in.

Conduct during the fair:

Please review the details of good sportsmanship and conduct on page 60 of the fair book. Jr. Livestock participants are required to read and sign a Jr. Livestock code of conduct.

“Dancin’ at the Fair”:

Here’s an early invitation to Pinal County 4-H and FFA exhibitors between the ages of 13 – 19, to attend a dance on Friday evening, March 26th, during the week of fair.

Those attending are allowed to bring one guest and must be a member in good standing with their 4-H club or FFA chapter. This special event is being sponsored by the Maricopa 4-H Club and will be a great way to have fun and meet others from around the county.



Pine Combs 4-H Camp News!

Cool breezes, laughing, relaxing, learning, making new friends, exciting hands-on workshops....what could be better this summer? Now is the time to get prepared for your summer. Make plans now!! Applications for this summer’s camp sessions will be available during the fair.

Here are the dates:

Junior Session (youth 9-11): June 28 – July 2

Teen Session (youth 12-13): July 5-9

** Youth 14-19 can apply to be camp counselors for one or both sessions. **

Rates for this year’s camp are very affordable, only \$75 for 4-H members and \$85 for non-members. This fee includes transportation, lodging, meals, workshop presenters and materials, entry fees for all field trips and all evening programs. What a deal!!

Camp counselor applications and scholarship applications will be sent to all community club leaders.

Please go to them for applications. The application forms will indicate the date for the mandatory camp counselor training date. During that training, all applicants will be interviewed by the Camp Directors.



A Message from Dr. Peterson, Assistant Director, 4-H Youth Development Clover Kid Policy

"It has come to my attention that the policy regarding the participation of youth under the age of nine needs to be clarified. We have a program in Arizona called Clover Kids for youth who will be five (5) years of age on January 1st of the current year and have not reached their 9th birthday. Youth in this age range must use the approved Extension 5-8 year old curriculum. We do have a leaders guide for this curriculum which is to be used by the adult volunteer in charge. Approval for the use of any other curriculum must be obtained from the State 4-H Office. Competitive activities are not developmentally appropriate for children of this age range and thus are strictly prohibited. For reasons of safety and to remove any perception of competition, the handling of large and small livestock by Clover Kids is also strictly prohibited."



Pinal County New Website!

Many thanks to our University campus support!

We will have our new and much improved county 4-H website launched within the next week and we would like to invite you to take a look at it and use it often.



We have four main areas, including: What is 4-H?, Resources, Events and Programs. We will be adding to the website over the years, so sit back and enjoy learning more about Pinal County 4-H at:

<http://ag.arizona.edu/pinal/>

Attention Teen 4-H Members!

Keep on reading this newsletter for additional information on teen activities at the county, state, regional and national level! Every summer there will be opportunities for fun, growth and new challenges. You will soon receive a **Teen Talk Newsletter** with the latest in teen programs. Be looking for details on **JOLT** (*Journeys of Opportunities for the Leaders of Tomorrow*), **State 4-H Teen Congress** (held in Tucson at the University of Arizona in July), **CWF** (*Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, DC*), **National 4-H Congress** (held in Atlanta Georgia ~ selections made with a portfolio ~ due in June) and more! Not only will we let you know what's going on....the State 4-H Office will also send you a teen mailing alerting you to your exciting summer opportunities. Please feel free to call our office with any questions you may have.

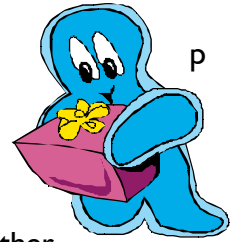
Scholarship Packets Available

Attention all high school seniors and past college recipients from Pinal County 4-H! **YOU** have the golden opportunity to apply for a college scholarship award from our county 4-H scholarship program. The applications are currently out and have a deadline of **March 15, 2004**, to be turned in to the 4-H office for an Agents letter. You may also find the scholarship packet on-line on the State 4-H website. Don't let this opportunity slip on by! We will be looking for your packet. Good luck with your future educational endeavors!



RECORD BOOKS

Congratulations and Thank You! It is always exciting to experience 4-H moments resented in Record Books. Since we are not able to attend all of the county wide 4-H events and meetings, reading about these various activities helps keep us in touch with our members and how well they are doing in their projects. What a great way for members to document personal development knowledge gained and skills learned. Some of you have already discovered how useful keeping a Record Book can be. Whether applying for scholarships or employment opportunities your, accomplishments are there. Your Record Book presents a nice and neat record for quick reference. The 4-H office is proud to send a big “Thank you” and “Atta boy” to those of you who took the time to prepare and submit a Record Book for judging.

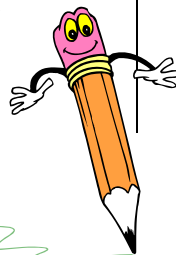


FYI ~ The Record Book forms are available in Word or WordPerfect. Just email Maria Melendez, in our office, for a copy (don't forget to indicate which software program you need).
mmelende@ag.arizona.edu.

Special awards for Record Books will be presented at the Pinal County Fair ~ Saturday night, 2/27/04 @ 6:00pm. Please come and show your support for your “buddies” and for 4-H!

Juniors

Kristen Brown - Maricopa
Danielle Brownrigg - Dudleyville
Thomas Dunmirc - Queen Creek
Jacqueline Farnsworth - Queen Creek
Halle Frye - Queen Creek
Cameron Gallo - Queen Creek
Danielle Kemper - Queen Creek



Natasha Lilly - Apache Junction
Stephanie Parr - Maricopa
Brittnie Schumacher - Queen Creek
Audrey Smith - Queen Creek
Chelsea Smith - Queen Creek
Jaime Smith - Queen Creek

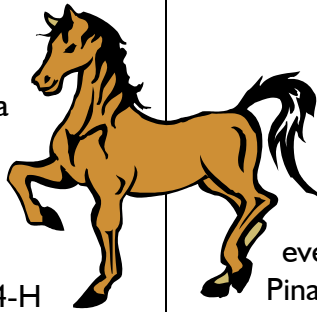
Seniors

Courtney Carr - Apache Junction
Lindsey Crooks - Queen Creek
Nicole Crooks - Queen Creek
Ashley Doria - Apache Junction
Samantha Gallo - Queen Creek
Roseann Harrel - Apache Junction
Alyssa Kechely - Queen Creek
Donnie Knight - Queen Creek

Shana Luster - Queen Creek
Alyssa Norman - Queen Creek
Robyn Ollerton - Casa Grande
Michelle Parr - Maricopa
Jennifer Trent - Casa Grande
Katy White - Red Rock
Jessi Wooten - Queen Creek
Tiffany Yoder - Apache Junction.

Attention all you horse enthusiasts!

For all 4-Her's who like horses and are looking for something horse related to do at Fair time; we have the answer. There will be a Western and English Horse Show on Friday the 26th of March and a Gymkhana on Saturday the 27th of March during the Pinal County Fair. To compete you must own your own horse, pony or mule or have a lease agreement on file at the Pinal County 4-H office 30 days before the event.



There will be a Horse Skill-a-Thon on Thursday the 25th of March. You may compete in this event even if you do not own a horse because no horses are needed, just your knowledge.

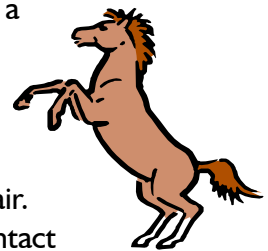
The skill-a-thon will test your knowledge on things such as different breeds and color of horses, conformation, feeds, tack and more. If you have any questions on these events please call Debbie Trent at the Pinal County 4-H Cooperative Extension Office. (520) 836-5221 Ext. 204. Look for the time of these events in your Pinal County Fairbooks.

Updates on the Pinal County 4-H Horse Program

We had a successful Gymkhana on January 24, 2004. We had forty two riders and a great time. Thanks to everyone who helped get it all under way on such short notice of arena changes.

We thank everyone for all the last minute phone calls to get everyone there. There have been two ropings so far this year and there were twenty 4-Her's who competed at the last Roping. Our 1st Western and English Show went well and the judges were great.

There will be a scheduled Pointed Western and English Show and a Pointed Gymkhan a during the Pinal County Fair. Please contact your leaders or the 4-H Office for more information on this.



Welcome to Three New 4-H Clubs in Pinal County....

We want to take this opportunity to welcome three new 4-H clubs on board this year. We are thrilled to have the **Casa Verde 4-H Club** in Casa Grande (*located at the Casa Verde High School in Casa Grande*), **Sierra Oaks 4-H Club** (*located in Oracle at a local charter school*) and **Bella Vista 4-H Club** (*located in the Queen Creek – Johnson Ranch area*).

We are looking forward to seeing these new clubs emerge during the county fair and in future years! Welcome to our program!

4-H At-A-Glance in 2004



- 16: President's Day Holiday, Office Closed
- 21: Make It and Take It Workshop,
4-H Office, Casa Grande at 10:00 am
- 22 Western/English Horse Show, Fairgrounds
- 27-29: Teen Council Fundraiser at the Apache Junction
Rodeo Grounds
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- 02: Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting,
4-H Office, Casa Grande at 6:30 pm
- 13: Phoenix Suns 4-H Game Night, America West Arena, Phoenix
- 15: Pinal County 4-H Advisory Council Meeting,
4-H Office, Casa Grande at 6:00 pm
- 20: Fairgrounds Clean-Up Day, 11 Mile Corner Road at 10:00 am
- 22-23: Receiving 4-H Building Entries, Building #2, Fairgrounds
- 24-28: Pinal County 4-H Fair, Fairgrounds, 11 Mile Corner Road
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- 20: Camp Committee Meeting, Bandana Grill, Casa Grande at 6:00 pm

PINAL COUNTY
4-H/FFA FAIR SCHEDULE
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Receiving Carcass Livestock Campbell Avenue Farm - Tucson

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2004

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Receiving Carcass Livestock Campbell Avenue Farm - Tucson

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Building Clean up and Decorating- Pinal County Fairgrounds

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Faul 4-H Learning Center Small Animals Set-up- Pinal County Fairgrounds

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2004

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Receiving Non - Perishable Building Exhibits

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Carcass Evaluation and Awards Program-Campbell Avenue Farm - Tucson

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Receiving all Bldg. Exhibits

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dairy Goat Receiving & Market Wether Weight-In

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Swine Receiving & Weigh-In

7:15 pm Swine Leaders & Assistant Leaders Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2004

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Receiving Perishable Foods Exhibits

8:30 a.m. Orientation for Building Judges

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Swine Photographs

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Beef Receiving and Weigh-In

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Judging of all Building Exhibits

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Sheep Receiving and Weigh-In

10:00 am - 11:00 a.m. Veal Receiving and Weigh-In

11:15 am Lamb Leaders & Assistant Leaders Meeting

12:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Market Swine Show

2:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Showmanship

3:00 p.m. Lamb Skill-A-Thon

3:00 p.m. Beef/Veal Skill-A-Thon

3:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Show/Nigerian Doe & Wether Show /Boer Doe

Show/Market Wether Show

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Receive All Small Animals and Pygmy Goats

4:30 p.m. 4-H Building Exhibits Open

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2004

8:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Market Veal Show

9:00 a.m. Annual 4-H Breakfast~Faul 4-H Learning Center

9:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Beef Show

9:00 a.m. Swine Skill-A-Thon

10:30 a.m. Rabbit Breed and Showmanship Contest

10:30 a.m. Cavy Breed and Showmanship Contest

1:00 p.m. *Pee Wee Swine Showmanship

Following the Pee Wee Show. 4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship

2:00 p.m. Goat Skill-A-Thon

2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Small Animal Skill-A-Thon

3:00 p.m. Pack & Draft Contest
 4:30 p.m. Rabbit Costume Contest
 5:00 p.m. Horse Skill-A-Thon
 7:00 p.m. Public Speaking/Demonstrations Contest
 8:00 p.m. Talent Show

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2004

7:30 a.m. 3rd Pointed English Show Sign-Up
 8:30 a.m. 3rd Pointed English Show Begins
 8:30 a.m. Pygmy Goat Breed & Showmanship Show
 8:30 a.m. Shooting Sports Contest
 9:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Lamb Show
 Following the Lamb Show. *Pee Wee Lamb Showmanship
 9:00 a.m. Pigeon and Poultry Show
 11:30 a.m. 4-H/FFA Veal Showmanship
 Following the Veal Show *Pee Wee Veal Showmanship
 1:00 p.m. 4-H Dog Show
 1:00 p.m. Dairy Goat Judging Contest
 2:00 p.m. Jr. Livestock Judging Contest
 2:00 p.m. 3rd Pointed Western Show Sign-Up
 3:00 p.m. 3rd Pointed Western Show Begins
 4:00 p.m. 4-H Dog Agility Contest
 5:00 p.m. . Deadline to Remove Non-Market Livestock (Beef, Lamb, Veal & Swine) from Fairgrounds
 5:00 p.m. Dairy Goat Team Fitting Contest
 8:00 p.m. "Goats on Parade" Costume Contest
 8:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Exhibitors Dance (13-19 years of age)

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2004

9:30 a.m. Rocket Show
 10:30 a.m. Jr. Livestock Round Robin Showmanship
 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Jr. Livestock Auction Buyer's Registration
 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Buyer's Barbeque
 12:00 noon. 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Begins
 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. 4-H Camp Silent Auction
 4:00 p.m. 3rd Pointed Gymkhana Sign-Up
 5:00 p.m. 3rd Pointed Gymkhana Begins
 6:00 p.m. 4-H Building, Goat and Small Animal Awards Program

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2004

8:30 a.m. Jr. Livestock Awards Program
 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Release of Market Livestock
 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Release of Building Exhibits
 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Release of All Small Animal Exhibits
 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Release of Goats
 1:00 p.m. Clean 4-H Building and take down

*Pee Wee Shows are sponsored by the Pinal County Jr. Livestock Committee not the Arizona 4-H Youth Development Program.

"Dancin' at the Fair"

All Pinal County 4-H and FFA exhibitors
between the ages of 13~19
are invited to attend a dance on



*Friday, March 26th, 2004 at
8:00 p.m.*

Any 4-H/FFA Members who
are in good standing and are attending may bring
one guest!



This is a great way to have fun and
meet others from around the county!



This special event is being
sponsored by the Maricopa
4-H Club

