










Pinal County 4-H Newsletter

October 2004

Dear 4-H families,

With a new 4-H year upon us, the need for close and caring **COMMUNICATION** is a necessity. Leaders are encouraged to plan ahead and ask family members to become more involved and supportive of project, community and county 4-H activities. Be specific with details. What are your needs? What are you asking them to do? When and where do you need their assistance? Most family members are willing to help but they need to be asked! As we move forward into the new 4-H year, let's remember to communicate:

-  **MEMBERS** communicate with parents and leaders about what they want to learn and accomplish in 4-H.
-  **LEADERS** communicate with members and get them actively involved in planning and conducting club activities.
-  **PARENTS** communicate with leaders and offer support and assistance in all youth's 4-H programs.
-  **LEADERS** communicate with parents and other leaders to let them know expectations of members and coordinate schedules and special events.
-  **PARENTS** communicate with youth and provide encouragement and make sure they complete their projects.
-  **EVERYONE** communicates together and stays in contact with the 4-H County Extension office.
-  **4-H EXTENSION OFFICE** communicates with everyone on 4-H opportunities and responsibilities. They provide more specific information as needs arise.

It takes all of us to make 4-H a positive and productive vehicle on this two-way road! Best wishes for a fun and fruitful 4-H year!

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Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat

This program is a door-to-door food drive sponsored by the local county 4-H program in conjunction with 4-H members from across Arizona. We have heard from a few clubs in Pinal County who will be using this program for their community service program this fall. We encourage more clubs to get involved! Each Community Club Leader received this information. For more details, please call the 4-H office.



Pinal County 4-H Teen Council Mixer and Bowling!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!! Our first meeting for the new year will be on Saturday, December 11th, 2004, in Casa Grande. We will be meeting after ear tagging for pizza, bowling and lots of laughter! ☺



Who can attend Teen Council? If you are between 13 and 19, are a good member in standing in your community club, want to have fun with senior members in 4-H across Pinal County and have a desire to make a positive difference in 4-H....then you are welcome to attend! We encourage parents to hang out with us if they choose. Teens...be sure to bring your friends! The more the merrier!

Keep your eye out for the next Teen Talk newsletter and get the news about teen activities in Pinal County, throughout Arizona and the nation hot off the press! This newsletter for teens comes out about every 3-4 months.

Community Service.... Helping Florida 4-H families

Community service is a very important component to the overall mission of 4-H. Over the past couple of months, the state of Florida has been hit by some severe hurricanes. Those 4-H clubs that have a desire to help Florida 4-H families can send an e-mail message to FOURH@ifas.ufl.edu and ask what needs to be gathered and sent to the east coast. Each Florida 4-H Agent has a list of priority items for 4-H families/clubs. 4-H clubs can also express appreciation to power crews (APS), telephone line workers, emergency responders and others by writing letters or presenting personal expressions of thanks. We thank you in advance for considering this opportunity to give through 4-H!



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."

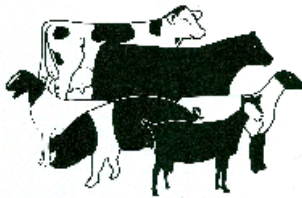


Livestock Quality Assurance Update....

Pinal County 4-H held the first of three Quality Assurance workshops for the 2004-05 4-H club year. The second training will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2004, from 9 am until 12 noon. The third training will be held Saturday, January 23rd, 2005.

The training will focus on the 8 principles of quality assurance with mini work stations on a rotating basis. We are aiming to have this program be very interactive and a good

experience! ☺ We encourage 4-H members, volunteers, parents and anyone else who interacts with livestock to attend and become trained.



After the 3 hour training ALL PARTICIPANTS will receive a certificate good for THREE YEARS! This training will be mandatory for all 4-H members and livestock leaders across the state of Arizona. Your certificate will be required to be checked upon weigh-in at the county fair and is also mandatory for those livestock exhibitors showing at the Arizona State Fair this fall.

Don't put this off! Each training requires an RSVP to the 4-H office. Payment can be made at the door in the amount of \$10. Come, have a good time, and learn something new with us on November 20th or January 23rd. Maria Melendez, 4-H secretary has filled the November training and is taking registrations for the January training. Registration is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please call our office and ask for Kim if you have any questions on this program.

Clipping and Showmanship Clinic

Pima County 4-H is hosting a Clipping and Showmanship Clinic on January 29-30, 2005, at the CAC Covered Arena on Campbell Avenue, in Tucson. Instruction will be a step-by-step lesson

demonstrating the proper way to clip and show a steer. The class will be taught by Josh Buzzard; former Pima County 4-H member who has fitted hundreds of steers in the past and now wants to share his

knowledge with other interested youth. The cost of the clinic is \$75. For additional details and registration information, please call the 4-H office.

4-H Museum at the Maricopa Agricultural Center (Big MAC)

Opening on October 6th, 2004, the Arizona 4-H program celebrated the Arizona 4-H story. Oliver and Hermina Anderson of Maricopa made a donation from the Anderson Family to establish the 4-H Museum for the creation of a special place for people to visit to enjoy the rich history of Arizona 4-H.

Currently, Cooperative Extension staff state-wide are searching for special historical items (pictures, items, souvenirs, etc) which can be donated to

this museum for the public to enjoy. These items can be on display permanently or temporarily. Your thoughtful contribution will be appreciated. Please notify our office if you have items you wish to donate. We will deliver them to Big MAC for you. Thank you for considering this opportunity. ☺



Arizona Youth and Adult Council

Announced in the last county newsletter, we explained the vision of the newly created Youth and Adult Council. This new team comprised of youth and adults will be called the **Arizona 4-H Youth and Adult Council (AZ4HYAC)**. The council's role will be:

- To determine the future direction of local, county and state responses to youth development needs, strategies and resources through a youth and adult council representative of Arizona's culturally diverse community.
- To design and assist in the development of training sessions and educational opportunities for youth and adults.
- Help in the recruitment of additional individuals to carry out these activities (may work with subcommittees to carry out activities and events).



Pinal County representatives are: Roberta Cardona ~ Coolidge, Clayton Freed ~ Casa Grande and Cheyenne Brooks ~ Bella Vista. They will be attending a meeting in Prescott in November. We will periodically update you on their progress with the council. ☺

Western Regional Leaders Forum 2005

The WRLF 2005's theme is "Strike It Rich!" as volunteers, youth and Cooperative Extension faculty and staff gather in Sacramento, California, on February 23-27, 2005. The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel.



Leaders interested in attending can let our office know and we will help you get the information you need to make this trip a fun and exciting 4-H event for you to look forward to! ☺

Pinal County Fair Dates....

Mark your calendars for the 2005 Pinal County Fair! The dates selected by the fairgrounds are April 6 – 10, 2005. Please note the change of month and time of year and plan accordingly!



Club Financial Statements

Please remember that all clubs wishing to re-enroll for 2004-05, must turn in club financial information, including bank statements, if the club has an account. No enrolments will be entered until this statement is on file. The form may be downloaded from our web site. This information is due no later than October 31, 2004. Thank you or your cooperation! ☺

Liability Reminder

Please note that the University of Arizona requires that the 4-H Agent working with your program **MUST** be aware of all your club's activities or you

may not be covered for liability. You are required to fax, mail, e-mail or call your activities into the 4-H office. It is important that everyone is

covered, so please call us whenever you organize a 4-H activity! Thank you!



Insurance Coverage for Volunteers

Insurance is not a substitute for safety! The University of Arizona, an agency of the State of Arizona, participates in a statutory program of liability coverage for its employees and authorized volunteers. This program protects authorized volunteers acting under the direction of a University employee while participating in official university activities that have been approved by the 4-H Youth Development Agent, by phone, letter, calendar or fax. This includes 4-H certified volunteers, 4-H resource volunteers, collaborator volunteers, master gardener volunteers or anyone else working under the direction of an Extension faculty member.



A volunteer may be held personally liable for any contract signed so it is important that all contracts be signed by the appropriate University personnel through the campus Contracting office.

Any University of Arizona volunteer is fully covered for liability while driving a UA vehicle on official, authorized business. The coverage is statutory, through Risk Management. The coverage is first dollar, and there are no upper limits. Legal defense is provided by the Arizona Attorney General's Office, and claims are adjusted and settled by State Risk Management.

When driving a personal vehicle on UA business, the driver is covered for liability on an EXCESS basis by State Risk Management. What this means is that the driver's personal insurance must be exhausted first to respond to any claims, and then the state coverage will pick up from that point. This condition applies to both employees and volunteers. HOWEVER, for volunteers, it is important that there is documented, official relationship between the UA and volunteer, and the activity (driving) is clearly being performed on behalf of the UA, under our knowledge and supervision.

The key is the "engaged in service" for liability or the course of a volunteer's responsibility. Information must be on file regarding the volunteer who is "engaged in service".

Volunteer Certification

It's time for all new volunteers to become certified. Any volunteer who works one-on-one with 4-H members MUST be certified and even those who don't work directly with youth are encouraged to become certified. If you have any questions concerning your certification status, please call Debbie, extension 204.



4-H Enrollments

It is 4-H enrollment time and the deadline for 2004-05 forms is October 15th, 5:00 pm. All enrollment forms must have the \$10 Program Management fee attached to the form unless you have requested an exception with the 4-H Agent. The Program Management fee will be used to pay for some workshops, newsletters, postage, office supplies and other 4-H program expenses determined by the 4-H Advisory Council and 4-H faculty. Questions on payments can be directed to Kim or Lisa Elliott in the 4-H office.

Record Book Judging

Congratulations! To the 4-H members that completed a 2003 - 2004 Record Book. We hope this past 4-H year has been fun and filled with new learning opportunities. Your many 4-H experiences become more meaningful when they are forever captured in a record book, not to mention the fact that a well kept cumulative 4-H record book can provide a wealth of information to use in the future. At your finger tips you have 4-H activities including personal accomplishments, community service and special 4-H awards that may prove to be valuable for scholarship applications and job interviews. Leaders, what a great time to become more

familiar with some of your 4-H members and gather ideas to share with other 4H'ers in your clubs.

*** Record Books will be available November 1, 2004 and forwarded to Community Club Leaders to be distributed through Community Club meetings. Other arrangements can be made by contacting the 4-H office.**



Pinal County Junior Livestock Committee

4-H Junior Livestock 'ers ~

Here are your ear tagging dates. Be sure to pay close attention and note your calendars.

Beef

October 23rd ~ Pinal County Fairgrounds
9:00 am

Goat, Lamb, Swine

December 11th ~ Pinal County Fairgrounds
8:00 am

Goat, Lamb, Swine

December 18th ~ Kearny
9:00 am

Veal

January 29th ~ Pinal County Fairgrounds
9:00 am

Please remember that ALL exhibitors and leaders must complete the Arizona Quality Assurance Training before participating at the 2005 Pinal County Fair. The next training date is Saturday November 20th, 2004 ~ Santa Cruz High School, Eloy ~ 9:00am - 12:00pm. Registration fee \$10. Payment taken at the door.

Horse Project News!!

The Pinal County 4-H Office wants to wish all the "Horse Members" who will be attending the State 4-H Horse Show October 22nd, 23rd & 24th at West World "Good Luck" and "Have Fun"!

The Horse program is moving forward for the 2004-2005 year. We have tentative dates set for our events this year starting in November. We will be sending these out to the leaders as soon as we have confirmation on using the Arena.

Tentative dates are as followed:

November 21, 2004 - Roping & Gymkhana
January 22, 2005 - Western & English
February 12, 2005 - Roping & Gymkhana

March 5, 2005 - Western & English
April Fair dates to be announced

We suggest that all 4-H Horse Members keep in touch with their Leaders in case of any changes on these events and for any Horse Project information they need. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year!

Certification Process for Volunteer 4-H Leaders

We are in the process of certifying over forty new 4-H Volunteer Leaders in Pinal County. To help simplify this process we are asking for your help and cooperation in becoming a certified leader or helping someone become a certified leader. Below is the basic process to becoming a certified 4-H volunteer leader.

- Fill out an “Application for a Volunteer Position.”
- Fill out the “4-H Volunteer Enrollment Form.” (This form must be filled out yearly by all leaders!)
- Schedule a time and day to be “Interviewed” and watch the “Youth Protection Video.”
- Read, sign, and date the “Behavioral Guidelines Form.”
- Wait for at least three out of the five references to send back their “Reference Form” about you. (We get your references from the back of the “Application for a Volunteer Position Form” so please send us complete references so we can complete this in a timely fashion.)



The certification process can take as long as three to six months. With your help we may be able to speed it up to four to six weeks. If your certification is not completed within 6 months then you will have to begin the process over again.

The last part of the process, and one of the most important, is to attend a mandatory New Leaders Workshop. The dates for the upcoming workshops are as followed November 15, 16, & 18.

If you have any questions on the certification process and/or would like to schedule an interview or view the youth protection video please contact our office and ask for Debbie.

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4-H At A Glance

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Beef Ear Tagging, Pinal County Fairgrounds

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Ag Day, Pinal County Fairgrounds
 Veteran's Day, Office Closed
 AZ 4-H Youth and Adult Advisory Council Camp Verde
 New Leader Certification Workshop, Casa Grande
 New Leader Certification Workshop, Sierra Oaks
 New Leader Certification Workshop, Queen Creek
 Livestock Quality Assurance Workshop, Eloy
 Gymkhana and Roping, Pinal County Fairgrounds
 Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed
 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta GA

DECEMBER

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Goat Lamb and Swine Ear Tagging, PC Fairgrounds
 PC Teen Council Bowling and Pizza Party
 Goat, Lamb and Swine Ear Tagging, Kearny
 Christmas Eve Holiday, Office Closed
 New Years Eve Holiday, Office Closed