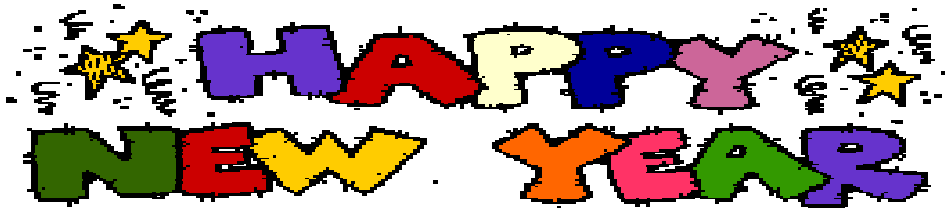




**Santa Cruz County**  
**4-H Youth Development**

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**LEADER’S POTLUCK DINNER**

There will be a potluck for all 4-H leaders on Tuesday January 17, 2006 at The Little Red School House starting at 6:00 p.m. This will be a great time for leaders to get together and ask questions, share ideas, and meet 4-H volunteers from all over the county. If your last name starts with the letters A - H please bring a dessert, from I - N please bring a main dish, and from O - Z please bring a salad.

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY 4-H’ERS COMPETE AT ANLS**

The Santa Cruz County Livestock Judging Teams competed at the ANLS Livestock Judging Contest on Dec. 31, 2005 in Phoenix. We took two teams up this year to compete and over all the teams did a very nice job. Team 1 which consisted of Ashley Adams, Veronica Brown, Danny Fish, and Sheila Oliver placed 22nd overall. Team 2 which consisted of Ryder and Shelby Locke and Austin Mason placed 27th overall. The competition was really tough this year due to a lot of teams being entered and a lot of teams being from other states which included: Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Montana. Now that 2005 is over we are looking forward to getting our teams prepared for the 2006 year where we will be attending many contests throughout the year. Congratulations to both teams!!!

*Dean Fish*

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**THE BIG DAY!!!**



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## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### 2006 NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE DELEGATES

The National 4-H Center 2006's theme is "**Connect 4-H - Let's Get Together**"

Delegates must be 15 years of age as of January 1, 2006. Selection process will consist of: - Application - Speech, minimum of 3 minutes to maximum of 4 minutes " Arizona 4-H Youth Development: The Power of Youth" - Interview by a screening committee composed of between 2 to 3 youth and 2 to 3 adults with representation from present Ambassadors. Up to four youth delegates will be selected. Those youth selected will pay \$100 with all other expenses covered by the Arizona 4-H Foundation.

**Event Date: March 25-30, 2006**

National Conference Packet \*\* <http://ag.arizona.edu/4-h/events.html#2>

### DID YOU KNOW THAT SANTA CRUZ COUNTY 4-H HAS A DOG CLUB?

Participation in this club increases the amount of time you get to spend with your beloved pet. It will also help you with relating to your dog and better understanding him/her. Any breed (or mix) is welcome. The following skills will be emphasized during our meetings: **Obedience, Showmanship, Agility, and Sportsmanship.** Instruction given at the Dog Club expands beyond lessons just for the dog. The Dog Club also teaches you to be a better dog owner. You will learn about: **Feeding, Exercise, Grooming, Health Issues, Veterinary Care, Socialization, and Problem-solving.**

Please feel free to join us. The dog club will meet on a monthly (or as needed) basis starting in January, and meetings will increase in the spring. Whether young or old, your dog is welcome to attend. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the pet that you love, and how to better care for him/her. This winter, we would like to build our very own agility equipment. We are looking for donations of wood and PVC pipe so please ask around. Large scraps from building projects work great! If you have any questions, please call Katie Parker at 455-4724 or e-mail at [katieparker@direcway.com](mailto:katieparker@direcway.com).

### TWEENERS LEAP CAMP 2006 IS COMING UP

This years Tweeners LEAP camp is planned for February 18-20, 2006. Camp is for youth ages 11-13; however, there is still a need for counselors ages 14-18 for training January 14-15 at UA South in Sierra Vista. Chaperones are also needed and would benefit from the training in January as well. If you have any questions contact Darcy Tessman @ either (520) 458-8278 or (520) 626-2422 and/or the Santa Cruz office for a packet and more info.

### QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKSHOP

There will be a Livestock Quality Assurance Workshop scheduled for February 4th at the Patagonia Church from 9-12. This workshop is for 4-H members and adults that will be showing or helping with market animals.

### Twinkle Twinkle, Little 4-H Star!

Hey, all you fellow star-gazers out there! Would you like to have a bit of fun learning about stars, constellations, comets, black holes, planets, *whatever your fancy?* I have signed up to lead an Astronomy project if you are interested. This will be a small "beginners style" group limited to the first four members to sign up (my vehicle capacity is then met). But, the sky's the limit on what we could do! I look forward to the possibilities, so I want to hear from you soon to get your ideas, **by February 1st is perfect!** Call 287-3644! Debbie Gonzales.

### OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP JANUARY 28, UA SOUTH

A 4-H Officer workshop has been scheduled for January 28 at 10:00am - 2:00pm. If you have been elected as an officer or would like the skills to be one in the future, you should plan on attending this workshop. This years topics will focus on: training for officers, recognition in your club, club chartering requirements (new for 2006), financial accountability for clubs, and ideas to energize your club.

**Registration due January 20 to Darcy Tessman. Plan now to attend!**

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### **NJSA NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

The National Junior Swine Association will hold its fifth-annual national youth leadership conference in Modesto, Calif., on May 26-28, 2006. The theme for this year's conference is "Going for the Gold." Youth ages 14-21 will be challenged to make the most of their opportunities in life while broadening their knowledge of important swine industry issues. Keynote speaker Matt Lohr of Broadway, Va., will captivate conference participants with his fun, inspirational, motivating programs drawn from his life experiences including visiting with former President George Bush, riding a bull, hiking the Grand Canyon, flying a plane, climbing Mt. Fuji, running for political office, winning a new Dodge truck, and witnessing the amazing birth of his daughter. Lohr has traveled over one million miles across all 50 states and eight countries entertaining both students and adults. He served as national FFA vice president. He is a former middle school teacher and an active partner in his family's beef, poultry, and crop operation. He is currently serving in the Virginia state legislature. An exciting group of swine industry speakers and topics are slated for the conference. Topics include swine welfare, DNA testing and finding your place in the purebred swine industry. In addition to these speakers, youth will tour Yosemite Meats Company, Fisher Nut Company, Small Town Genetics, Pork Power Farm and the Modesto Junior College Swine Teaching Farm. As well, youth will participate in workshops organized and planned by the NJSA Board of Directors. Applications are due to the NSR office by April 21, 2006. These applications can be obtained by contacting the NSR office at P.O. Box 2417, West Lafayette, IN 47996-2417, or by phone at (765) 463-3594, or online at [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com). The conference fee is \$100. All rooms, meals, activities and a t-shirt will be included in this fee. A \$130 option is also available which includes a hooded sweatshirt.

### **PREPARE FOR 2006 WESTERN REGIONAL**

Youth swine exhibitors from across the country will be gathering in Turlock, Calif., for the National Junior Swine Association (NJSA) Western Regional. This event will take place March 17-19, 2006, at the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds. The Western Regional will consist of a purebred gilt show, a showmanship contest and a skillathon. Points will be awarded to participants in these three events and compiled toward a sweepstakes contest where awards will be given to the top five contestants in each age division. The age divisions are as follows: Novice (8 and under); Junior (9-12); Intermediate (13-16) and Senior (17-21). Youth can also compete in a purebred barrow show. Thousands of dollars will be given away in awards and premiums throughout the weekend. The champion gilt overall and the champion barrow overall will both receive \$1,000, and the reserve champion gilt and barrow will both receive \$500. Registration and check-in will be held from noon-3 p.m. on Fri., March 17. All gilts and barrows must be in place by 3 p.m. Friday. The barrow show will begin at 6 p.m. Jim McCoy of Bloomingburg, Ohio, will serve as the judge for the weekend. Showmanship will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, followed by the skillathon from 1-4 p.m. The gilt show will begin at 8 a.m. on Sun., March 19. The sweepstakes awards will be presented following the gilt show. All NJSA members ages 21 and under are invited to attend and participate in the NJSA Western Regional. Pre-registration is not required for the skillathon, so all interested youth are welcome to come to the Stanislaus County Fairgrounds and participate in this event. A \$5 entry fee will be charged to all participants who do not exhibit a barrow or gilt, and all youth must check into the skillathon by 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Jennifer Shike, National Swine Registry Director of Junior Activities, at (765) 463-3594 or (217) 485-5315. Information is also available at [www.nationalswine.com](http://www.nationalswine.com). The National Junior Swine Association is the fastest-growing youth organization in animal agriculture and is a division of the National Swine Registry located in West Lafayette, Ind.

## CLUB NEWS

### MUSTANG MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Mustang 4-H club was called to order on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:13pm. The pledges were done by Veronica and Kassandra. Both the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

#### **Discussion Items:**

- The new schedule will be starting in January and the meetings will start at 6:30pm at the fire station and the club will be able to have snacks.

#### **Demonstrations:**

- Kristian did his demo: "How to do a demo"
- This year the 4-H members' demos will be evaluated and members should wear either their 4-h attire or a 4-h t-shirt to give their demo.

#### **Elections: The new officers are as follows,**

- President: Danny Fish
- Vice President: Heather Kahla
- Secretary/Treasurer: Veronica Brown
- Reporter: Kassandra Wilhelm
- Friendship Officers: Austin Mason and Clancy Wilkerson

Dean will be giving an officer training next month, prior to the meeting, at 5:00pm at the fire station.

#### **Project Reports:**

- There was a Livestock Judging Clinic at the U of A last weekend.

#### **December Babies: Kent, Sam, Mr. George, & Ms Parker**

#### **Other:**

- Wear a 4-H t-shirt to the next meeting to take a picture for the Patagonia yearbook.
- Enrollment forms need to be turned in.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

### SAN RAFAEL'S DECEMBER MINUTES

The regular meeting of the San Rafael 4-H Community Club was held on Monday, December 12, 2005 at the Patagonia Community Church. Acting President, **Samantha Morriss**, called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm. Pledges led by **Jeanette** and **Shane**. Roll Call included introductions, news, reports, and announcements. Secretary **Samantha** read the Minutes for both October and November - both accepted as read. Treasurer's Report by **Debbie** accepted as read with a total balance of \$4729.56, not including yet the \$1100 donation from the AZ Rangers, nor the PUHS/PMS yearbook full-page color ad (\$125). The White Elephant Raffle prize went from **Kristy** to **Sarah**. Reporter **Sonora** led the planning for the January 9th meeting: Snacks - **Jacob**, Drinks - **Shane**, Pledge of Allegiance - **Lindsay**, and 4-H Pledge - **Paula**. Special Presentation and video by **Samantha** and **Emily** will be "How to Do a Demonstration". Discussion and Decision items: funding "hotdog party" for AZ Rangers approved, and sponsorship of SR members and leaders for Holiday Hayride cost (total is \$5 each) approved @ \$3 each, payable to Danny Skiver. Elections of 2005-2006 Officers held with these results: President - **Tiger Johnson**, VP - **Nash Finley**, Secretary - **Sonora Cubillas**, Reporters - **Jacob Lieberman**, **Kristen Summerfield**, and **Jeanette Roelke**, Friendship - **Kayla Lewis** and **Sarah Covey**, and Leaders' Council Representatives - **Samantha Morriss** and **Tiger Johnson** with Alternate **Zowie Haugaard**. Wild applause is also due our fine "retiring officers" for a job very well done for 2004-2005: President - Kasey Lewis, VP - Jenny Downing, Secretary - Samantha Morriss, Reporter - Sonora Cubillas, and Friendship - Lindsay Russell!

Friendship Officer **Lindsay** led us in singing Happy Birthday to our December Babies and handed them their custom made cards. Club Photo taken by Cindy Morriss. Call to Adjourn by **Samantha** at 7:50 pm.

HOLIDAY PARTY held immediately following with "Holiday Headwear Raffle" prize (fiberoptic angel) won by Barbara Johnson, "Make-It-Yourself Jinglebells" crafting, a frantic game of "Name this Carol", and cookies, punch, music, fun! Special thanks to our great "Elves" who made it all happen: **Juan, Sonora, Tiger, Lindsay, Jacob, Michele, Kristy, Kayla, Fox, Barbara, and Debbie!** (Happy Holidays and 2006 to our extended 4-H Family!)

## CLUB NEWS

### **"Oldies But Goodies" Reunion for San Rafael**

On December 29th, our current members who are high school Jr's and Sr's and our alumni from the past decade were invited to gather for a holiday reunion. We met at the Gathering Grounds cafe that afternoon for relaxed, happy chatter and delicious food and drinks. The idea was to bridge our beloved "old guard" with the energy of our current teens, and the resulting blend was inspiring!

Attending were some of our amazing alumni **Mandy and Dana Hatfield, Nigel Finley, Evelinda Gonzales, Jenny Downing, and Jesi Quiroga.** ; **Tiger and Fox Johnson and their family and I** heartily welcomed these far-traveling alumni and thoroughly enjoyed their "catch-up stories" on what they're doing now and where they're headed...and we all had some great laughs at hearing them share their "most memorable 4-H moments"! In turn, we caught them up on some interesting things that have and are happening in our club since their departure. 4-H truly is "making a difference" in all our lives, and this homecoming party proved that yet again!

Special thanks to **Joy Quiroga** and **Jackie Covey** for helping me track down those alumni, and to **Cindy Morriss** for taking a dandy photo of our bunch!

### **San Rafael Holiday Hayride!**

Our Club did something wonderfully different to celebrate the Holidays this year: we treated ourselves and the little town of Patagonia to hayride caroling!

Danny and Melody Skiver and Bob Hudson pulled together a great horse-drawn wagon rig for us, and we did our best to sing popular tunes with a (sadly weak) CD/tape player...we had a blast anyhow! Several 4-H'ers brought their horses to ride along, so it was a big deal! Everyone jingled their green and gold jinglebells that we'd whipped together ahead of time the whole route, and some wore their twinkling lights and/or Santa hats, so we were quite the attraction!

Our twilight tour took us by many decorated homes and happily surprised residents who waved and smiled at us from their yards - we actually made it all the way over to the Piper's home (Santa's place?!). After our early evening ride, we gathered at the Community Church hall for visiting, hot cocoa and cookies, and a lively Gift Swap (handily coordinated by Lindsay Russell, our cheerful Friendship Officer)!

This could easily become an annual tradition, we had so much fun! Happy, Healthy Holidays and 2006 everyone!

### **OUR ARIZONA RANGERS ROCK!**

HURRAH for each and every Arizona Ranger in the Sonoita Company! Their continuing generous support of 4-H'ers was again felt at their December 7th meeting where they gave the San Rafael Community Club a \$1000 check. The SR Cloverkids also were blessed with an additional \$100 to help them with their extraordinary gardening adventures.

The Rangers work at various events all year long, including our Fair, to provide security services. They then "give back to their community" by donating money earned from these events. It's a real win-win situation!

San Rafael showed appreciation for the Rangers' good will by providing a dinner of hotdogs and drinks with all the fixin's at their meeting. We also kept our standing offer to have presentations by our 4-H'ers who benefit by attending camps and conferences that the donated money sponsors.

San Rafael says a hearty THANK YOU, Rangers!!!



## LEADER LINGO

### CHARACTER AT CLUB MEETINGS

What character is showing up at your community club and project meetings?

**Trustworthiness**-as an officer and volunteer are you prepared to lead the club in the business at hand? If you volunteered or were asked to do something for your club, did you do it? As a member, you agreed to attend meetings and to be there on time. Are you?

**Respect**-Do you listen to others ideas and opinions? Do you pay attention to the club president or leader when they are speaking? Do you hold side conversations while others are speaking or doing a demonstration? *It is disrespectful to talk when someone else is talking.* Take turns so everyone can participate and be heard.

**Responsibility**-As a member, it is your responsibility to be on time, listen to others, share your opinions, to participate to the best of your abilities, and to help your club be a place where everyone feels welcome and heard.

**Fairness**- As the president it is your job to make sure that everyone who wants to be heard can be heard . Limiting discussion to only those members that agree is not fair. Everyone in your club should be encouraged to run for an office. There are several fair ways to conduct nominations and voting. For more information on this, contact the Extension Office.

**Citizenship**- Do you participate and follow the rules of your club? Do you do things that are for the betterment of your club as a whole, or do you only look out for yourself? You must remember what is best for everyone in the club.

**Caring**- Do you share your experiences with others so that they can learn from you and do well? Do you care about the feelings of others and only say things that are encouraging? People do not always remember the things that you say, but they always remember how you made them feel.

**What kind of character are you showing at your club meetings?**

### Recipe for a Happy New Year

Author Unknown

To leave the old with a burst of song  
To recall the rights and forgive the wrong;  
To forgive the thing that binds you fast  
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;

To have the strength to let go your hold  
Of the non-worthwhile of the days grown old;  
To dare to go forth with a purpose true;  
To the unknown task of the year that's new,

To help your brother along the road  
To do his work and lift his load;  
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,  
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

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### HELPFUL WEBSITES:

**National 4-H Council:** <http://www.fourcouncil.edu>

**AZ State 4-H Web Site :** <http://cals.arizona.edu/4-H/>

**Santa Cruz County Extension Web Site:** <http://cals.arizona.edu/santacruz>

**Quality Assurance Website:** <http://cals.arizona.edu/extension/quality/>



# Arizona 4-H: People Just Like You!

## SANTA CRUZ COUNTY 4-H EVENT CALENDAR

### January 2006

- 4 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 5 Fine Arts Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 4-Barbara Johnson
- 6 SEABS Coalition Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 9 a.m.
- 7-8 ANLS Horse Show-West World Horse Park
- 9 San Cayetano Community Club Meeting Mountain View School Cafeteria @ 6
- 9 San Rafael Community Club Meeting Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 12 Mustangs Community Club Meeting Sonoita Complex @ 7
- 13 Horseless Horse Meeting-The Guevavi @ 4-Melody Skiver
- 14 Archery Meeting-Shooting Range off Circulo Cicuta @ 10 a.m.-Barbara Harsh
- 18 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 28 Officer Training Workshop in Sierra Vista from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. @ U of A South

### February 2006

- 1 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 2 Fine Arts Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 4-Barbara Johnson
- 3 SEABS Coalition Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 9 a.m.
- 4 Livestock Quality Assurance Workshop-Patagonia Community Church 9-12
- 9 Mustangs Community Club Meeting Sonoita Complex @ 7
- 10 Horseless Horse Meeting-The Guevavi @ 4-Melody Skiver
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- 13 San Rafael Community Club Meeting Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 15 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 18-20 TWEENERS LEAP CAMP

**ALL MARKET LIVESTOCK MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED IN THEIR LIVESTOCK PROJECT BY MARCH 1 !!!**

**ALL HORSE MEMBERS INTERESTED IN SHOWING MUST HAVE PROOF OF OWNERSHIP PAPERS IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO HORSE SHOWS AND 90 DAYS PRIOR TO STATE FAIR. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP INCLUDES REGISTRATION PAPERS, HAULING CARDS, BILL OF SALE OR LEASE AGREEMENTS.**

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AND HAVE YOUR MEETINGS PUT ON THE CALENDAR. IF THE OFFICE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MEETINGS, THEY ARE NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE. ALSO, SEND IN ARTICLES ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR PROJECT GROUPS FOR THE NEWSLETTER. E-MAIL ARTICLES TO [anthony@email.arizona.edu](mailto:anthony@email.arizona.edu) BY THE 27th OF EACH MONTH IN ORDER TO GET THEM PUBLISHED.**