



Santa Cruz County
4-H Youth Development



4-H NEWS

JULY 2006

Journey: Opportunities for Leaders of Tomorrow (JOLT)

The 19th Annual Journey of Opportunities for Leaders of Tomorrow (JOLT) camp was held at Camp Shadow Pines in Heber, AZ from June 12th-16th. Santa Cruz County 4-H was well represented at JOLT, sending five youth campers, two youth staff and three chaperones. The campers included Christian Duke, Briana Felix, Amber Gearhart, Crystal Noon and Russell Noon. Samantha Morriss was a senior youth staff member and Danny Fish was a youth staff member. Dean Fish, Cindy Matus Morriss and Anthony Busellato attended as the adult chaperones. A special thanks to the Santa Cruz United Way for helping sponsor the registration and transportation for the youth.

JOLT is an Arizona Teen Leadership Camp, a camp designed for teens by a teen-adult partnership. JOLT is a positive environment that promotes personal development, team building and self-confidence. JOLT participants enjoy activities that build trust, leadership and communication skills. The dynamic staff and inspirational workshop speakers that JOLters experience help make the week memorable. Campers develop a strong sense of teamwork, and learn to reject selfish actions that only benefit individuals. Conflict resolution skills and relationship building skills create the existence of the "JOLT Team" which instigates life-long friendships.

Attending JOLT were 120 teenagers of various backgrounds from all 15 Arizona counties and one New Mexico Delegation. The youth attended many workshops throughout the week allowing them to build leadership and team building skills. Keynote speakers passed on words of wisdom so that the students can carry them on to their respected 4-H clubs and share with youth that did not attend JOLT. On Wednesday the camp was divided into six teams, which cooperated in a challenge night. The challenges focused on how well the teams worked with each other. Students had to figure out challenges using only what materials were given to them and make it work. Dean Fish, Santa Cruz County 4-H Director, said "This really is a life changing leadership experience for these young people." Along with the workshops and speakers, the campers were able to relax and have a little fun. Two dances, a carnival, and a talent show were held during the week, which allowed these young people to mingle and develop friendships outside of their Involvement Committee groups. Each year a new JOLT youth staff is elected and this up coming year Christian Duke will be representing Santa Cruz County 4-H.

This is a great camp for today's youth. It really forces youth out of their shell and allows them the opportunity to develop skills and friendships they might not get at home. "I really enjoyed this camp and as a chaperone it was great to see so many lives touched," said Anthony Busellato, Santa Cruz County 4-H Program Assistant, "There are so many great things that come from JOLT, that kids can take back with them."



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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKSHOP

There will be a quality assurance workshop on July 11th in Patagonia from 5-8 p.m. If you have not completed a workshop then you are not eligible to show in this years county fair. If you have any questions concerning the workshop or are planning on attending please contact the Extension Office at 281-2994.

SCRABBLE PROJECT

The new 4H Scrabble Project will have it's first meeting at Barbara Johnson's house on Sunday, July 9 at 2 p.m. Please bring Scrabble games and Scrabble dictionaries, if you have them. Potluck drinks and snacks. Call Barb at 397-9269 for directions or questions. Everyone welcome.

RODEO QUEEN ELECTION

There will be a Rodeo Queen election held July 22nd at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds at 5 p.m. They are needing help with the event and would like SCC 4-H members to help. If you are interested in helping please contact Robin @ 455-9244 or Tammy Calhoun @ 455-5030.

REMINDER TO ALL LIVESTOCK PARTICIPANTS

Don't forget that you have to complete a quality assurance workshop in order to show at the fair. We will be having them throughout the upcoming months. Be sure to check on the dates through the website.

ATTENTION ALL LEADERS

Please remember to call in your project meetings!! If we do not know about your meeting, it is not covered by the State 4-H liability insurance. It is helpful if you can send the office or email a calendar of your meetings. We will list your meetings on the County Event Calendar (page 6 of this newsletter). When you are scheduling your meetings please refer to the County Event Calendar and try not to schedule project meetings that coincide with other project meetings, as many of our 4-H youth belong to several different projects. Thanks!!!

NEWS FROM SAN RAFAEL WAY

Back in late April, our club joined up with friends to clean up our "Adopt-A-Highway" stretch just east of Patagonia on Hwy. 82. Each springtime, we invite the families of our fallen friends, Joey Yourgules (since 2000) and Sam Musick (since 1996), to join our club in remembering these two young men in this way. We met at the Family Clinic for our required ADOT safety training and to get our lovely orange vests, then we went out and had fun cleaning lots of wild, crazy stuff from the 4 miles in very windy conditions! It took us only 2 hours to collect 47 huge blue bags of junk - we even found some of Paul Finley's workbook notes he lost months ago from the top of his truck!!! This was a special gathering this year, because many of Joey's PUHS classmates joined us, since this would have been his graduation year also.

While us "older people" were cleaning the highway, our Cloverkid Leader, Martha Kelly led a small tribe of younger 4-H'ers to clean Richardson Park, then go on to plant sunflowers in the Cloverkid Garden! Everyone enjoyed cold drinks and snacks, and our meaningful time together. Thanks, San Rafael, for Making the Best Better!

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CLUB NEWS

MUSTANG MINUTES

The regular meeting of the 4-H club was called to order on June 8, 2006 at 6:38 p.m. Pledges were done by Kaitlyn and Sam. Both the secretary and treasurer's reports were approved.

Discussion Items: Dressage show is on June 23-25 the BBQ is at 6 p.m. on Friday. Volunteers are needed; sign up with Mrs. George.

June 17th is the lamb/pig/goat weigh-in from 5-7 p.m. Contact Dean if unable to attend.

The 4-H newsletter wants to add a crossword puzzle. It will be decided next meeting. For the first time, FFA is invited to compete at the Fair. This year they are not allowed to compete in market classes but they are allowed in breeding and showmanship.

Demonstrations: Assigned people need to show up. Call ahead to reschedule if you can't make the meeting so someone can take your spot.

Austin Mason did demos on what to do in lamb emergencies and about shots and wormer; Danny Fish on how to properly iron a pair of pants; and Heather and Elena on sun safety.

Project Reports: Horse show had a good turnout of 15 contestants. Thanks to all who attended and helped out.

Beef meeting weighed in steers and practiced how to show. Also they received charts on weight progress.

Pack goat meeting practiced obstacles and trails. 6-8 families attended.

Leader Reports: Next pack goat meeting in on June 17th. They may go to the Empire and use GPS. Pack a lunch and lots of water. Mrs. George will keep you posted.

There were 14 people at the last lamb meeting and next meeting will be at weigh-in. Shear and wash your animals.

Next horse meeting will be at the end of June. Horse camp is June 8-17.

June Babies: Austin Mason, Mrs. Coleman, and Mrs. Wilhelm.

Snacks: The Rutlish family brought cookies and the Georges brought punch.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25p.m.

SAN RAFAEL MINUTES

The regular meeting of the San Rafael 4-H Community Club was held on June 12, 2006 at the Patagonia Community Church. Pres. Tiger called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge were led by Emily and Jacob. Roll Call with introductions, announcements, and project updates done. May Minutes accepted as read. Treasurer's Report accepted as given. White Elephant raffle prize from Willa will be next month. Planning for July 10th meeting led by Friendship Officer Sarah: Snacks-Sarah, Drinks-Emma, Pledge of Allegiance-Emily, 4-H Pledge-Jacob, Demonstrations-Fox, Sarah, Tiger, Shyanne & Kristen, and Emma (with Cassie's help). Debbie gave a list of who still needs to do their demonstration (to complete their 4-H year) and gave directions to leaders if members do a demonstration at a project meeting instead of the for community club. "Independents" reminded to also do their requirements. Demonstrations enjoyed this evening were by Katie & Savvy (Peanut butter Bird Feeders), and Zowie (Paper Water Balloons)! We sang Happy Birthday and cards were given out to our June Babies. Reminder for Lamb-Pig-Meat Goat Weigh-in and Tagging Day, Horse Camp invitation, and concern for Fair Books distribution/availability this year (this will relay to Council). Call to adjourn by Tiger at 7:35 pm. Thanks to Katie and Felip for drinks and snacks tonight!

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MINUTES

The regular Livestock Committee meeting was held on June 26, 2006 at the Patagonia Community Church starting at 6:40 pm. Present: Robert Noon, Jim Davis, Rory George, Dean Fish, Anthony Busellato, Bill Piper, Debbie Gonzales. **PROJECT REPORTS** heard: **Rabbit** - none. **Poultry** - none. **Beef** - Dean reported that the project is going well with regular meetings. Intro to showmanship, parts of the animal covered. Weights and quality of the 7 beef cattle good this year. Heifers will be represented, too. **Lamb** - Jim and Rory reported that the lambs look very good overall and are gaining well. There are about 20 lambs this year, and the group is fun. **Goat** - Lesia sent word that there will be conformation and showmanship classes at the Fair. **Swine** - Debbie reported that there are 18 pigs for 16 members (with 3 novice) this year. Quality is good, and weights are much better this Weigh-in Day than last year. 4-5 farms are represented. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:** 1) Fair judge will be changed due to new obligations of prior judge, and Round Robin judges are being searched for. 2) Quality Assurance certification still needed for about 15 members and leaders. Training will be available during July, probably a weeknight evening. 3) Other - NRCD Camp will see 4 youth from our county! Next meeting will be **July 31st**, same time and place. Adjourned at 7:40 pm. Respectfully submitted, Debbie Gonzales



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4-H COUNCIL MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:40 p.m.

Minutes: Tabled

Treasurer's Report: Approved

Committee Reports:

Livestock: All is good. Judge situation is going to change. There will be a quality assurance workshop in July. Four campers are going to the NRCD workshop in Prescott.

Horse: There hasn't been a meeting. They are going to do something for Shyanne Summerfield. Eleven kids attended the Pima County Horse Camp and fifteen kids attended the May horse show.

Awards: Nothing thus far. Planning is in progress.

Discussion Items:

Fundraising: Ideas for fundraising were taken into consideration. Possibly having projects raise money for their own awards. Mr. Locke presented a proposal for belt buckles and it was approved. Debbie will be organizing an awards meeting in July to discuss what was talked about at the Council meeting and to hear other ideas.

Other: Kasey Lewis and Dean have designed an Ambassador's Program proposal. They have a list of rules and information for the program. The ambassadors would plan county round up every year.

Decision Items:

Funding for Camps: Funding was approved for JOLT, Horse Camp, STAR, and NRCWAY.

Adjourn: 8:05 p.m.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MINUTES

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm at the Patagonia Community Church on June 5th. **Attending:** Bill Piper, Tammy Calhoun, Anthony Busellato, Lesia and Rory George, Jim Davis, Debbie Gonzales, Robert Noon, Dean Fish, and Monica and Crystal Noon.

Reminder that Weigh-in/Tagging Day for Swine, Lambs, and Meat Goats stands at June 17th at the Santa Cruz Co. Fairgrounds from 5 - 7 pm.

REPORTS heard:

Rabbit - the Sonoita group is active with 5-6 members meeting often. Bill is seeing little to no activity in his region.

Lamb - Jim reported excellent attendance that includes parents. This year, he's seeing larger, better-quality lambs as driven by the industry demands. Door prizes at the meetings keep it fun. Monica/Crystal had no report yet for their group.

Swine - Debbie also reported higher quality overall this year with about half of the members already in possession of their pigs. Verified with Dean that the request for 6 lightweight plastic hog panels were on order.

Beef - Dean says meetings are going well on the 2nd Thursdays each month at the fairgrounds at 5 pm, but still relying on reminder calls for good attendance. Have covered weight graphs, parts of beef cattle, and the insurance form availability. All animals well-behaved with one exception/on watch.

Meat Goats - Lesia told us that meetings are going well and that all members have their goats: some pack, some dairy and one Nigerian Dwarf.

Poultry - Robert had no report yet and is working on coordinating with Jake Kittle for meetings.

OLD BUSINESS: Meat Goat weights changed to **70** - 135 lbs. to be realistic.

NEW BUSINESS: Rio Rico High School's FFA chapter is in dialogue with Dean about participation at our county fair. The committee agreed to allow FFA participation at this year's fair in all NON-market competition. The FFA projects must participate in the March 1st deadline for enrollment in the project(s), 4-H weigh-in/tagging date, Fair clean-up/set-up day, and certify in Quality Assurance. Michele Hester, FFA Advisor, is invited to attend this committee's future meetings to continue developing the plan. **Insurance Forms** - not required but a good idea @ \$0.07 per dollar on animal purchase price. **SAILA Sonoita** show looks to be August 13th this year - notice will be in the Newsletter. Livestock Inspector Rudy Acevedo will come to Weigh-in/Tagging Day to bring **updated forms** for us to use. **Other** - short discussion of carcass quality and integrity/drug testing issues resulted only in recommitment by project leaders to help maintain adherence to standards established in our livestock rules/Quality Assurance training.

Next meeting: same place and time, on June 26, 2006.

Adjourned at 8:00 pm.

LEADER LINGO

Dear Santa Cruz County 4-H Family,

I would like to take a minute of your time to let you know that I am stepping down as the 4-H Program Assistant in Santa Cruz County effective June 30, 2006. This decision was not an easy one for me, but do to personal reasons I have decided to move back to Oklahoma. I would like to say thank you to everyone that has made my tenure here very memorable and that I have gained so much from so many of you. I have developed great relationships with several youth and their parents whom I will never forget. If any of you ever need anything please do not hesitate to email me at sooners_42@yahoo.com or call at (405) 747-7753. Good luck to all of you 4-Her's in everything that you do. Again thank you for the opportunity to work in such a great county and may God Bless.

Sincerely,
Anthony Busellato

Kitty Litter Cake

1 spice or German chocolate cake mix
2 large pkg vanilla instant pudding mix, prepared
1 large pkg vanilla sandwich cookies

1 white cake mix
green food coloring
12 small Tootsie Rolls

1 new kitty litter pan

1 new plastic kitty litter pan liner

1 new pooper scooper

Prepare cake mixes and bake according to directions (any size pans). Prepare pudding mix and chill until ready to assemble. Crumble white sandwich cookies in small batches in food processor, scraping often. Set aside all but about 1/4 cup. To the 1/4 cup cookie crumbs, add a few drops green food coloring and mix until completely colored. When cakes are cooled to room temperature, crumble into a large bowl. Toss with half the remaining white cookie crumbs and the chilled pudding. **Important:** mix in just enough of the pudding to moisten it. You don't want it too soggy. Combine gently. Line a new, clean kitty litter box. Put the cake/pudding/cookie mixture into the litter box. Put three unwrapped Tootsie rolls in a microwave safe dish and heat until soft and pliable. Shape ends so they are no longer blunt, curving slightly. Repeat with 3 more Tootsie rolls bury them in the mixture. Sprinkle the other half of cookie crumbs over top. Scatter the green cookie crumbs lightly on top of everything – this is supposed to look like the chlorophyll in kitty litter. Heat 3 Tootsie Rolls in the microwave until almost melted. Scrape them on top of the cake; sprinkle with cookie crumbs. Spread remaining Tootsie Rolls over the top; take one and heat until pliable, hang it over the side of the kitty litter box, sprinkling it lightly with cookie crumbs. Place the box on a newspaper and sprinkle a few of the cookie crumbs around for a truly disgusting effect!

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

July 2006

- 1 San Rafael Cloverkids Meeting-Martha Kelly-10-12
- 4 Independence Day-Extension Office Closed
- 5 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 6 Fine Arts Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 4-Barbara Johnson
- 7-9 STAR (State Teen Adult Retreat) @ The U of A
- 8 Photography Project-Patagonia Lake -Finley's 394-2377 (details later)
- 10 San Cayetano Community Club Meeting Mountain View School Cafeteria @ 6
- 10 San Rafael Community Club Meeting Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 11 Quality Assurance Workshop-Patagonia from 5-8 p.m.-Call the office for questions
- 12-16 NRCWAY Workshop in Prescott Mountains
- 13 Mustangs Community Club Meeting Sonoita Complex @ 7
- 14 Community Coalition Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 9 a.m.
- 14 Horseless Horse Meeting-The Guevavi @ 4-Melody Skiver
- 15 Swine Meeting-SCC Fairgrounds-7:30 a.m. to noon
- 15 Pack Goat Meeting-Contact Lesia George
- 19 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 24 Livestock Committee Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 25 Council Meeting- Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 25 Deadline for articles in the newsletter

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- 2 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 3 Fine Arts Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 4-Barbara Johnson
- 5 Photography Project-Cady Hall @ 10 a.m.-Finley's 394-2377
- 8 Community Coalition Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 9 a.m.
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- 28 Livestock Committee Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 29 Council Meeting- Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30

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@ag.arizona.edu BY THE 25th OF EACH MONTH IN ORDER TO GET THEM PUBLISHED.