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Interview Skills are a Life Skill Everyone Needs

Dear Members, Parents, and Leaders,

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you information regarding the interview evaluation process that is being introduced as part of exhibiting items in Indoor Exhibits at the 2008 Yavapai County 4-H/FFA EXPO.

One of the completion requirements for 4-H members is to exhibit each of their projects somewhere. Usually this happens at a 4-H sanctioned event, fair or show such as EXPO. At this event, qualified judges examine the project exhibit item and determine if it meets the standards for Blue, Red or White ribbon work. The judge is provided a sheet of paper to make comments on for the 4-H member so that the member can learn what he or she did well and what, if any, suggestions the judge had for improvement. Many times the judge needs more time or a bigger piece of paper to make helpful comments and suggestions! Sometimes a 4-H member has received a comments sheet that had "Good job!" written across it, and received a white ribbon. They had received no explanation for the placing and had no idea what they could do to improve their project.

Interview evaluations are an opportunity for the youth member to talk about what happened in their project, to explain about the item they made for exhibit. The judge has up to fifteen minutes to look at the exhibit and then has the opportunity to point out specific areas of excellent work and what might improve other parts.

The member benefits from the face-to-face interview, receiving positive feedback and helpful guidance. The 4-H member also benefits from participating in an interview. Interview skills are a life skill that every person who plans to hold a job should develop!

Are all 4-H members going to be interviewed? Not this year. This year we decided to start out on a smaller scale. This year we are interviewing the 4-H members who enter projects in the Indoor Exhibits building at EXPO and we will also be interviewing the 4-H horse members after EXPO at the Horse One-on-One Evaluation Day; the date for this is yet to be determined.

We have posted on the website www.ag.arizona.edu/yavapai/4hyd additional information for you to review. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact myself or Pam Denney.

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4-H Community Service-Learning

- Stephanie Shank

The holidays are the season for giving and also a time of year when there is a heightened awareness of people in need. However, even when the holidays are over, there are ways to give back to the community. 4-H clubs have had community service built into their structure as far back as the 1920's. The 4-H emblem, pledge and motto focused at that time as well as today on the development and growth of the individual through intellectual experience, compassion and caring about the community, learning and applying new skills, and living a healthy lifestyle. Recently educators have become more conscious of the importance of service projects... tying 4-H members to their communities in meaningful ways. In addition, service is a habit, effectively developed at an early age. It was found that young people involved in service projects:

- are less likely to participate in risky behavior
- feel like they belong to the community
- feel more responsibility for their community
- develop analytical problem solving skills
- exhibit trust, trustworthiness, responsibility and compassion
- gain interaction skills necessary to becoming successful in the workplace
- may be EXPOSED to careers that may have been hidden from them
- come to believe that they CAN make a difference

What is 4-H Community Service? 4-H Community Service-Learning is a project that the youth decide to do that will help the community.

What community are we talking about? Usually a 4-H club helps their own community... the place where they live... first. Then they may decide to help another community nearby, or even in another state. When hurricane Katrina hit Mississippi and Louisiana 4-H clubs from across the nation contributed to the effort to help people in Louisiana and Mississippi get back on their feet. Some 4-H clubs have collected and shipped school supplies to help young Iraqi students who are still trying to go to school in their war-torn country.

Who is involved? Usually, 4-H Club members and adult 4-H mentors partner with a community organization to accomplish this effort. In order to select a community service-learning project, the members should have time set aside for them to discuss different ideas for a project they might like to accomplish. A committee can be set up to explore ideas for the project. Once the ideas have been presented with the pros and cons, the club members should vote to decide on the project they will undertake to help the community.

How can they accomplish their goals? Sometimes the 4-H club may have to do some fund-raising to provide resources for them to carry out their project. A fund-raising committee may be set up to accomplish this. Many times, local businesses or another community organization they are partnering with will donate goods and services to help the 4-H Club members with their service learning project. After the completion of the community service-learning project, the 4-H Club members should have time to set aside to discuss the outcomes of the project. How did the project turn out? What difference have they made in the community? Did they feel like they were actively involved in the project? Did they learn anything about themselves? How do they feel about partnering with the other community organization? Is there anything they would do differently next time? After having completed this project, do they have some ideas of something they would like to do next time? This is also a good time to celebrate their accomplishment.

Clubs that have mostly younger members will need a lot more guidance from the adult leaders. However, it is important that it be their (the youths') project. They should feel ownership of the idea and of the accomplishment. Adult mentors should help them to plan their course of action and assist in providing needed transportation, but the youth should be responsible for making community contacts, organizing their committees and following through on the project.

Examples of community service projects include community beautification, food bank collections, nursing home visits, labeling of storm drains, knitting or sewing warm hats to be donated to the homeless shelter, working with the Humane Society or volunteering at the animal shelter, and other projects that benefit the community as a whole. The 4-H club can work with the humane society, animal shelter, library, the hospital or the school to determine how the 4-H club could help fill a need; then following through with that project would be community service. (cont. on next page)

(con't.) Some activities that are NOT 4-H Community Service-Learning are things like fund-raising for the 4-H club or fund-raising for a 4-H individual. Helping a commercial business promote itself is not community service. An activity when the business has a "customer appreciation day" is not community service. Helping to set up the 4-H/FFA EXPO is not community service because a 4-H member is doing something that they should do anyway if they want a nice place to exhibit their projects. Volunteering time and energy and even resources such as money or supplies towards helping to renovate, beautify or maintain the Prescott Rodeo grounds during other times of the year (outside of EXPO) would be community service as the 4-H members are helping to maintain a public place that is used by others throughout the year.

Giving back to our communities is an opportunity that cannot be measured.

"Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end."
- Scott Adams

In Search of Meaningful Community Service

By Angela Teskey-Peterson

The Lonesome Valley Wranglers are always in search of meaningful community service. We've been working on "Service Learning". We started in October with "Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat" and donated our collections to the Yavapai County Food Bank. The Food Bank was very appreciative and sent us a letter saying so. They are ALWAYS in need, so feel free to collect and donate anytime!

We sent 20 care packages to soldiers in December. We held a Chili Cook-off & sold burgers at Molly Wisecarver's Dog Trial to raise money. We received many generous donations, the money was primarily used for postage!

In November we made cards for the Meals on Wheels and served at the Mayer Senior Center's "Thanksgiving Dinner". We also had some members who served over 200 dinners for another Mayer Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Both of these events were extremely meaningful.

For Our December Service Projects we made Cards again for the Meals on Wheels, which is a program that delivers meals to Homebound People, primarily made up of Senior Citizens, and we also served the Seniors for their Christmas Dinner. Santa Claus came and everyone had fun! For about the 10th

year we sponsored "Adopt a Senior Star for Christmas". This is a program that involves the whole community, providing Male and Female Gifts. These goodie baskets and gifts then go out to the homebound. We collected Jackets, Gloves and other articles for the Needy... AND... we made foam stand-up Crosses and went caroling on Christmas Eve to the Veterans Hospital!



Kaelin Cummins... Service with a Smile!

January has been busy as well. We did a trash pick-up to help the Yavapai Cowbells' on their Adopt a Highway stretch near Poland Junction. We're gathering articles to make special "To Do Boxes" to give to the Children in the Hospital, and for another organization that does an outreach for Child Protective Services, we are putting together totes/duffels that are given to children that have to be removed from their homes, sometime in the middle of the night. These totes/bags will contain some small toy or stuffed animal, books, toothbrushes and other toiletries, perhaps a night shirt, etc... and will become that child's personal bag that they will carry with them until they are placed in foster care or hopefully until they can return home.

We are starting our Valentines for Meals on Wheels and the Veterans in the Hospital and are making arrangements to do a "Reading Program" with the local daycare.

We are always looking for something for our 80+ member club to do... so just let us know! We'll bring our smiles!



Preparing the silverware for Thanksgiving Dinner... Katie Hanks and Serenity Wallace... All Smiles!



The Spears family hosted and supplied the materials to make about 80 stand-up foam crosses that we took to the VA Hospital and sang Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve!

Proper Methods of Contacting a Buyer

Pre-Contact - It is important that personal contacts not be made "cold". In other words, first send letters of introduction to a list of prospective contacts. Tell them in your letter you will be giving them a phone call and "...would like the opportunity of setting up a time when you can meet with them personally..." After a week has passed, call the business/owner. Indicate you would like to set up a time when you can meet personally with the individual to give them important information about yourself, the 4-H program, and EXPO.

1. Make sure the proper person is contacted.

- ◆ The store owner - **Not the Janitor!**
- ◆ The manager - **Not the Secretary!**
- ◆ Come back later if they are not in - **Don't talk to the Assistant!**
Suggestion: "Is the owner available?"
- ◆ I am (your name) of the (your club) 4-H Club."

2. Your introduction to the proprietor or individual.

- ◆ Look directly at the person and speak loudly and clearly to them.
- ◆ Practice your introduction at home before family/friends.
- ◆ Make sure that you are speaking to the correct person.
- ◆ State your name and club.
- ◆ Smile and be friendly!

3. Explain your purpose for wanting to talk to the prospective buyer.

- ◆ Tell them what purposes are accomplished for 4-H and FFA at EXPO
- ◆ Tell them when EXPO is open to the public & the dates/times of your classes (showmanship/conformation).
- ◆ Tell them about our Website: www.4hffaEXPO.org.

4. How the Buyer can use his/her purchase at the Auction: "The animal you buy at the auction will provide you with top quality meat. Your meat can be used in the following ways":

- ◆ **Personal Use:** You and your family can enjoy quality fresh meat or go in with a neighbor or friend and each buy 1/2 of an animal.
- ◆ **Restaurants and Markets:** Advertise and serve meat raised by local youth. Use the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Picture in your menu and displays.
- ◆ **Service Clubs, Lodges, Unions and other organizations:** Put on a club BBQ. Donate the meat to charity. Auction off packaged meat to members or others to boost the club treasury.
- ◆ **Business Concerns:** Present packaged meat to your best customers or use in promotional campaigns. Put on a BBQ for your employees. Ideal as gifts.

5. Explain ways to support 4-H/FFA Exhibitors: "If you would like to attend the Auction, it will be held Saturday, April 26 at 12:00 noon. It will take place at the Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds. Anyone can bid."

- You are welcome to attend the auction without bidding. A sales order catalog will be given to you upon arrival listing the animals to be sold, sale weight, the exhibitor and his/her organizational affiliation. Bids are made in dollars/cents per pound (with the exception of rabbit or poultry meat pens and handcrafted items, which are sold by the pen, head, or item). If you wish to bid on an animal, hold up your hand. If you are successful, a **runner** will take down all pertinent information from you. The animal goes to the highest bidder.
- ◆ **You can bid by proxy.** If you are unable to attend the auction, but would still like to purchase an animal, simply fill out the **Absentee Bidder/Add-On Donations Form** and mail to the Cooperative Extension office. A member of the 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee will act as your agent and bid for the animal or animals you choose for up to the maximum bid or total amount you have authorized. If your bid is successful, you will be notified by the Committee so payment arrangements can be made.
 - ◆ **BOOSTS!** If you don't think you want to purchase an animal, but would still like to help out a 4-H or FFA member, you can place a set dollar amount donation towards a particular 4-H/FFA member's animal. You can do this via mail by filling out the Absentee Bidder/Add-On Donations Form* and send a check for the specified donation amount to the Cooperative Extension Office, or you may make a donation in person during the Auction at a table which will be set up for this purpose.



Kaelin and Matt role play at contacting a buyer.

6. Explain how the Buyer can handle his purchase after the sale.

- ◆ **Select a processor to slaughter, cut & wrap his purchase.** The processor will call the Buyer for his cutting order. When meat is ready, the Buyer will be notified to pay the slaughter & processing fees when the meat is picked up.
- ◆ **Purchase, then resell the animal to a commercial packer at current market price.** The difference between the purchase price & resale will be the actual price the Buyer pays on Auction day. The current market price for each specie will be printed in the Sale Catalog.
- ◆ **Choose to pick-up your purchase live after the sale.** The Buyer may pick-up live (or arrange for pick-up) and handle his/her purchase as they wish.

7. Invitation to the Buyer for the:

- ◆ **Show:** Tell them the time you will be showing your specie(s) based on published fair schedules.
- ◆ **Buyer's Appreciation Barbeque** - Saturday, April 26 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Sale:** Let them know that they may talk to 4-H and FFA members and view animals for sale Saturday morning any time before the auction (rather than saying, "Please come and buy my steer. "Say, "My club/chapter members and I would really like to see you at the EXPO this year."
- ◆ **Thank the Buyer for his/her time.**
- ◆ **Remember to leave a brochure and Absentee Bidder/Add-on Donations Form**

NOTE: Be ready for questions! Know pertinent info about your project!

DRESS CODE:

- ◆ **Be clean and neat for your visit. Wear nice, business-like clothes. NO GRUBBIES!**
- ◆ **Remember - Your first impression should be your best possible presentation.**

Pre-EXPO Dates & Deadlines

February 15, 2008***Small Stock, Horse, Dog, Large Livestock Breeding Projects, Indoor Exhibits & Public Speaking***

Ownership and/or entry deadline

Complete entry packet consisting of the items below must be received, or dropped off by this date at the Prescott Cooperative Extension office.

Copy of **Seasonal Pass - Large Livestock only (excluding Swine)**, signed **Code of Conduct Form**, signed and completed **Entry Form** (one form for each project), and **Entry Fee** payable to "Yavapai County 4H/FFA EXPO" for each project.

Copies of **Lease Agreements** must be sent for each leased breeding animal.

Incomplete entries received after February 15, 2008, will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee per entry. This fee is in addition to the regular entry fee per project item. All incomplete or late entries must be received by February 22, 2008.

April 1, 2008

RECORD BOOKS DUE TO 4-H LEADERS AND FFA ADVISORS!!

NO BOOK = NO SHOW!

Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest

(Sponsored by Yavapai County 4-H/FFA EXPO Education Committee)

WHEN: February 23, 2008

WHERE: Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds

9:00 a.m.- Sign-ups

9:30 a.m.- Judging Clinic

Basic Conformation

Writing & Giving Reasons

10:30 a.m.-Judging Contest

12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:00 p.m.- Award Presentation

Ribbons to be presented per the Danish System

High Point Jr & Sr to be recognized

Times are approximate. For more information

contact: Jimmy Wojcik, 602-364-3843

Small Livestock will also be available.

Yavapai County 4-H/FFA EXPO**Jackpot Show**

Saturday, March 29, 2008

Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds

Come learn how to fit and show your animals.

Cost is \$7/animal

8:00 a.m. ~ Entry Signup Begins

9:30 a.m. ~ Entry Signup Closes

10:00 a.m. ~ Show Starts

We are looking for older, experienced members to share their knowledge of fitting/showing with the younger less experienced members.

For more information,

contact: Jimmy Wojcik at 602-364-3843.


4-H/FFA EXPO Meetings


The Yavapai County 4-H/FFA EXPO Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month in the Shelby Hansen Memorial Room at the Prescott Frontier Days Rodeo Grounds starting @ 6:30 p.m. Every community club is encouraged to send a representative to every meeting. For more info or to confirm meeting dates/times, contact Ken Vargha, General Superintendent by email at kvargha@cableone.net or by phone at (928) 541-9097.

TO ALL OF OUR EXPO EQUINE SHOWMANSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Just a reminder; You will be allowed to show in either your Western or English attire for your Equine Showmanship class. If you have any questions prior to the show please give Marsh Cometh a call at 776-8567 after 6:00pm. See you in April.


Yavapai County 4-H/FFA EXPO Educational Scholarships
Up to a \$1,000 scholarships available to qualified individuals!


This scholarship is devoted to those who qualify that show exemplary leadership skills; both within and beyond their respective Club/Chapter. Applicants must have been or are currently exhibitors at the Yavapai County 4-H/FFA EXPO & have taken their acquired skills to another level.

The **deadline** for turning in applications is April 1, 2008. The winner/winners will be announced prior to the Auction on Saturday, April 26, 2008. For more info & applications visit the EXPO website: www.4hffaEXPO.org.

Information and applications may also be obtained from either Extension Office.

For questions contact Pam ~ Phone: (928)445-6590 x 226 OR Email: pdenney@ag.arizona.edu.

Get ready for Horse Quiz Bowl!

The Chino Valley Breakaway Latigos 4-H Horse project club is hosting a horse quiz bowl contest on Saturday March 15 in Prescott at the Shelby Hansen 4-H Building. Preregistration forms will be on the 4-H website. For those of you who don't know, quiz bowl is like playing Jeopardy! Two teams compete against each other, answering questions in different categories and for different point values. The team with the most points wins! An example of categories would be tack and equipment, or horse breeds. So get studying and come test your knowledge!

Miss Prescott Frontier Day's Rodeo Royalty Pageant will be held
June 21 - 22, 2008.


To be eligible to be Miss Prescott Frontier Day's queen, you must be between the ages of 18 and 23 and be a resident of the state of Arizona. Candidates for Senior Court queen must be between 15 and 17 and Junior Court queen must be between 11 and 14 years of age, and be a resident of Yavapai County. You will need to reach age category by the pageant date of June 21, 2008. Orientation is May 10, 2008. Girl's will be competing in horsemanship, modeling, speech and personal interviews. Applications are available online at www.worldsoldestrodeo.com or by calling the rodeo office at 928-445-3103.

Remember, the Prescott Frontier Day's Rodeo will be needing flag bearers for their grand entry. There will be a practice in June so watch for further dates. Carrying the flag is a lot of fun and there are lot's of performances to be involved in.

Summer Shooting Sports Education
Certification Workshop

Arizona 4-H policy requires that, prior to being recognized as 4-H Shooting Education Instructors, volunteers must complete a Shooting Education Instructors Certification Workshop. This workshop is conducted once a year by volunteer instructors who have received special instructors training endorsed by the national 4-H Shooting Education Committee. Contact either Cooperative Extension Office for more information.

Event Date: June 6-8, 2008.

Stay tuned for more information in upcoming newsletters or by checking on line at <http://cals.arizona.edu/4-h/events.html>.



ARIZONA 4-H YOUTH FOUNDATION EDUCATIONAL GRANTS ELIGIBILITY AND INFORMATION



The Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation awards educational grants to 4-H members who have college or university aptitude and capability from funds provided by endowments and donations received to support scholarship awards. Some awards are based on financial need, others are based solely on merit.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- All information is held in strict confidence by Extension personnel and volunteers serving on the Scholarship Selection Committee.
- Grant funds are deposited with the institution to be attended by the recipient. The institution will be instructed that one-half of the grant is to be paid for the first semester; the second half to be paid for the second semester, if a "C" average grade, based on 12 or more credit hours, has been maintained.
- Upon notification of award, recipients of educational grants must write a thank you letter to the sponsoring organization or individual, as well as supply an electronic portrait, and a valid Social Security Number to the 4-H Foundation. A copy of this thank you letter, along with a photo release form and other required items must be received in the 4-H Foundation office before funds will be deposited with the educational institution.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must have been a 4-H member a minimum of two full years, which may include the current year. Involvement during senior year is preferred, but not required.
- 4-H members who are seniors in high school and have applied to, or have been accepted and plan to attend, an accredited university or community college in the fall of the year in which the grant is awarded. Include a letter of acceptance, if available. Former members and previous recipients who are continuing their education at an accredited university or community college in the fall of the year in which the grant is awarded. A new application must be submitted each year.
- Must submit a completed Arizona 4-H Educational Grant Awards application with Form C completed by a 4-H Agent or Specialist in their respective county. Any incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered.
- Must carry 12 or more credit hours per semester.

Deadline for submitting applications to either county office is February 14, 2008

Arizona National Livestock Show Scholarship APPLICATION DEADLINES: March 15th and October 15th!

The Arizona National Livestock Show Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to undergraduate college & university students who have demonstrated an interest in agriculture. Through this Program, the Arizona Horse Lover's Foundation provides funding for scholarships for students who participate in equine related activities.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ High school graduation
- ◆ Currently taking at least 12 hours at a college or university
- ◆ Complete 12 semester hours prior to applying
- ◆ Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5
- ◆ Participation in the Arizona National Livestock Show

For further information or a Scholarship application, please contact:

ARIZONA NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW, 1826 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85007-1696
(602) 258-8568 ~ Email: information@anis.org

Application is also available online at: <http://anls.org/rules/ANLSScholarshipAppl.pdf>

Journey of Opportunities for Leaders of Tomorrow (JOLT)

JOLT is an Arizona Teen Leadership Camp, a camp designed by teens for teens. At JOLT there 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 JOLT'ers experience help make the week memorable. Conflict resolution skills and relationship building skills create the existence of the "JOLT Team" which instigates life-long friendships that are uncommon at other camps.

More Information: Stay tuned in upcoming newsletters or by checking on line at <http://cals.arizona.edu/4-h/events.html>.

Event Date: June 16 - 20, 2008

Location: Camp Shadow Pines ~ Heber, Arizona

National Ag Day Essay Contest

Theme for 2008 Is "Agriculture - Bigger Than You Think"

Kansas City, Mo., Jan 16, 2008 - The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is calling on seventh- to 12th-grade students to submit an original essay of 450 words about the importance of agriculture. This year's theme is "Agriculture - Bigger Than You Think," and the deadline is **Feb. 15**. Teachers are asked to encourage their students to participate.

This year's national winner will receive a \$1,000 prize and round-trip ticket to Washington, D.C., to be recognized during the March 11 Celebration of Ag Dinner held at the Whitten Patio. At the dinner, the winner will have the opportunity to join with industry representatives, members of Congress, federal agency representatives, media and other friends in a celebration of agriculture. Statewide winners of the contest also will be selected. Each will receive a \$100 prize.

All entries should be sent to: Ag Day Contest, Agriculture Council of America, 11020 King Street, Suite 205, Overland Park, KS 66210, or submitted by e-mail to essay@agday.org. Entry applications and official rules for the contest can be found at <http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay>.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Travel to Washington, D.C. and stay in the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Participants in Citizenship Washington Focus will have unique and exciting experiences that will lead to becoming Better Citizens Today, Better Leaders Tomorrow. Activities include a visit to the Washington National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the National Press Club, the Smithsonian Institution and the Vietnam Veterans and Korean War Memorials. On the trip to Capitol Hill, you might even meet a US Senator or a US Representative from Arizona. Approximate cost for the trip is \$1500 - \$1700. Be sure to fill out all forms listed below, both Arizona Application Packet and National CWF forms and send to your county agent for their signature. Deadline for applications to be sent to the State Office is **MARCH 7, 2008**.

More Information: <http://www.4hcnw.org/>

Event Date: July 5-12, 2008

Location: Washington, D.C.



Yavapai Rovers and Prescott Rough Riders

- Marsh Cometh

The Yavapai Rovers and Prescott Rough Riders have been busy, busy, busy. The Prescott Rough Riders participated in the Veteran Administrative Parade our 15th year - pretty amazing. Then both clubs hand made Thanksgiving cards and delivered them to the Veteran Administration the week of Thanksgiving.

Prescott Rough Rider new members, Hannah & Olivia Fletcher carried the Rough Rider 4-H Banner during the Veterans Day Parade with Kenny North proudly displaying the American Flag and Shelby Wendel with our Arizona Flag on horseback. Athena Deganahl also participated as a new member with the Rough Riders this year. She is in the back and hard to see.



Lonesome Valley Wranglers 4-H Dog Training

By Miranda Jo Boyes

Right now we are learning to put our dogs in a long sit-stay which is 1 minute, a long down-stay and that is 3 minutes & to come from a sit-stay. At this point in time we are getting ready for EXPO. We have not practiced agility yet, but we will. Most of us have finished our Wiggles & Wags workbooks. We are learning the parts of the dog like the: flews, hock, loin, stifle, withers stuff like that. All of the dogs in the class are doing really good. Jeri, Linda, & Molly are the best dog trainers for us kids.



The Chino Valley Breakaway Latigos have been very busy!

On December 17, 2007 the beef, goat, and sheep projects had a Christmas pot-luck party with dishes made with lamb or beef. There was tons of great food, and it was also a great opportunity for everyone to sample lamb recipes!

Before Christmas, our club decorated a Christmas tree for a needy family. The trees were all brought to the Chino Valley High School, and kids brought an ornament, some of them representing their project.

Mariah Finger, Emmett Densmore, Emily and Janie Stevens attended a workshop and judging at the Arizona National Livestock Show. They had learned a lot and have been sharing their new knowledge with the rest of the club from this experience. They also had a lot of fun.

Ricky Rodriguez competed at the Arizona Nationals Horse Show in gymkhana events on her horse, Shadow. Good job Ricky!

A big thank you to all of the volunteers and everyone attending the livestock jackpot show held in conjunction with EXPO ear tagging. The show was a huge success. An extra big thank you to our judge Raenell Killian who volunteered her time.

The Breakaway Latigos worked hard to help Yavapai County 4-H host the Colorado River Small Stock at the Yavapai County Fairgrounds. There were 82 participants from 21 clubs, representing 14 different counties from Arizona, California and Nevada.

From all of us at Chino Valley Breakaway Latigos - talk to you next month

- Elisabeth Cuka - Breakaway Latigos - Historian



Janie Stevens, Sadie Somers, Kate Plautz, Toni Hull

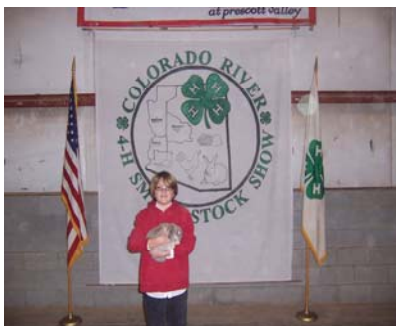
Cottonwood Clovers Small Stock Club

- Sandy Fielitz

The Cottonwood Clovers Small Stock Club attended the recently held Colorado River Small Stock Show in Prescott Valley.

Riley Fielitz was our sole representative to the event this year. It was a very cold event as you can imagine but the kids had a great time. As you know, this event is held in Yavapai, Mohave and La Paz Counties on a rotating schedule. Next year it will be held in Kingman.

Riley not only showed in his events, Rabbit Showmanship on Saturday and Rabbit Confirmation on Sunday, he helped several of his new friends by taking their animals to the table. He received experience showing/handling other breeds this way including waterfowl and cavy.



All attending members participated in a judging exercise and a breed identification. Both members and adults alike were encouraged to test their knowledge in all areas: Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry, Pigeon, and Waterfowl. The adults did not get prizes but it was fun to see how much we had learned by "doing" and attending meetings with our children. A pelt identification exercise was very interesting. This was a display of 8 different rabbit pelts and we were to guess what they were. It is a very different way of looking at a rabbit! The Quiz Bowl was another popular event. The show ended with a drawing of many wonderful items donated by the clubs in attendance. We all enjoy this part of the show!

Prescott Valley Silver Spurs happenings.....

This is our first reporting on our brand new club! We are happy to announce that our club is up and running smoothly! We have appointed our officers and our membership numbers at our community meetings are continuing to grow. We have great members whom are really sharing their ideas with the group. Our club is being hosted monthly by the owners and members of the Vineyard Church, located in Poquito Valley, and all of us from the P. V. Silver Spurs wish to thank them so much for their continued support!

We are also having a lot of fun in participating in community service projects, like sponsoring a canned food drive for the Yavapai Food Bank, adopt a family and Christmas caroling.

Our club has also successfully raised over \$ 150.00 towards the purchase of a digital camera during our Thanksgiving bake sale, Thank you so much Western Warehouse for hosting us!

I look forward to reporting our goings on next month !

- Easton Lepacek





February 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Registration due for Officer/ Leadership	5 EXPO Mtg	6	7	8 Club Financials & Inventories Due	9 Officer/ Leadership Training
10	11	12	13	14 Foundation Grant & Scholarship Deadline	15 All other EXPO En- tries Due	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Final deadline for EXPO En- tries	23 EXPO Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest
24	25	26	27	28	29	



March 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 EXPO Mtg.	5	6	7Citizenship Washington Focus Application Due	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Horse Quiz Bowl
16	17 St. Patty's Day	18	19	20	21	22
23 Easter	24	24	26	27	28	29 EXPO Livestock Jackpot
30	31					



April 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 RECORD BOOKS DUE EXPO Mtg	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Set-Up for EXPO
20 Set-up for EXPO	21 Set-up for EXPO	22 EXPO	23 EXPO	24 EXPO	25 EXPO	26 EXPO
27	28	29	30			



May 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31

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Deadline for submitting articles for the April /May is Tues, March 25

NOTICE!!

New 4-H Families and Volunteers: Beginning with the February March issue we will be sending an email notification with the link for the current newsletter to all members and leaders who have an email address listed on their enrollment forms. If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter delivered by the US Mail, please complete and return the coupon below to our office.

**** If a family/leader does not have an email address listed, they will continue to receive the Newsletter via the US mail and do not need to respond.***

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