HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish each of our 4-H families a Happy Holiday season as we close out the 2009 calendar year. Despite the economic ups and downs of the past year, personal hardships that some families have endured, 2009 has been a good year and there is much for which 4-H can be thankful. Here are several ways we can share with those we meet to encourage them during the Holiday season and into the new year.

• Compliment someone every day, in fact compliment three people each day.
• Say “please” a lot.
• Be forgiving of others and of yourself.
• Teach someone something.
• Donate two pints of blood in the coming year.
• Write “Thank You” notes promptly.
• Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen everyday.
• Don’t waste time learning the tricks of the trade. Instead, learn the trade.
• Surprise loved ones with little unexpected gifts.
• Remember that all news is biased.
• In business and personal relationships, remember the most important thing is trust.
• Make it a habit to do nice things for people who will never find out.
• Smile a lot. It cost nothing and is beyond price.
• When someone is relating an important event that’s happened to them, don’t try to top them with a story of your own. Let them have the stage.
• Be punctual and insist on it in others.

Some of these 15 ways to encourage others may be part of your New Year’s resolution. Even if it’s only one or two, you will brighten more than one person’s day and made them feel better. And you will feel better about yourself!
QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING
The last date for Youth Livestock and Food Safety Quality Assurance for the 2010 Pima County Fair is Tuesday, January 5, 2010, 5:30 p.m. registration, 6 – 9 p.m.
When you tag an animal or submit your ownership papers you will need to submit a copy of your most recent YLQA certificate. The date must be valid through the 2010 Pima County Fair, April 25, 2010. This requirement applies to any 4-H/FFA member who plans to exhibit beef, boar does, dairy cattle, dairy goats, sheep, swine, rabbit meat pen, poultry meat pen or pigeon meat pen. Please call the office, 626-5161, to register for this training.

SWINE EAR TAG DATES
All market hogs will be ear tagged on either Sunday, January 3, 2010, 12 noon – 2:00 p.m. or Saturday, January 9, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Tagging will take place at the West Campus Ag Center. Members must have ownership papers and Quality Assurance paperwork in order to have their animal ear tagged. There will be no exceptions.

SWINE INFO AVAILABLE
The CEO has copies of the Pork Quality Assurance workbooks and CD’s from the National Pork Producers Association. These are informative educational pieces. They are free to 4-H swine project members as long as supplies last. Call to reserve your copy or stop by and pick it up. Sorry, due to the cost we can’t mail these to you.

DAIRY CLINIC
Dairy Clinic to be held Saturday, February 6, 2010 at the Equestrian Center in Marana.
Mark your calendars! We have scheduled a dairy vet to share her expertise and to answer all your questions.
Come if you have your dairy animal already. Come if you are only considering a dairy project in the future. Lunch plates offered on site from noon to 1:00. Clinic lasts until 4:00 PM. You WILL learn and it WILL be fun.
Contact Charlie at thumbsup@juno.com or Elaine at tbs3@aol.com

SHEEP/MARKET GOAT EAR TAG & JACKPOT
Market lambs and goats will be ear tagged on Sunday, December 13 and 20 from 7 – 9 a.m. each day at the Campus Ag Center. The project will host a jackpot/showmanship clinic on Sunday, December 20, following ear tagging. Please contact Damon Jordan for more information.

COMPANION ANIMAL PROJECT
Susan Brown will host an introductory meeting about Companion Animals as a project on Saturday, February 6, 2010, at the CEO from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Please share this information with those in your club who may not have access to livestock or small stock. The options in this project are many and varied … hamsters, mice, rats, potbellied pigs, birds (not poultry or waterfowl), cats, ferrets, snakes, lizards, etc. Call Susan for more information

WINTER POINT SHOW
Thanks to all who volunteered for the Winter Point Show on the 5th and 6th of December for the Pima County Horse Project. The shows went well because of all the support of these volunteers and judges. This type of support is so very necessary to keep our show costs down and for the shows to run efficiently.

Don't forget to keep updated on all the Horsing Around Activities on our website www.pimacountyhorse.org

FOR SALE & FREE
***Pygmy Goats For Christmas!!!
Rincon Ranch Pygmies of all ages. Various wethers, breeding does, and babies available. Priced from Free to $100 dollars. Call Rebecca (520) 981-0933 or Bob Rimsza (520) 990-1904.
***New & used 55 gallon plastic or metal barrels for sale. Good prices, contact the PCCE @ 626-5161.
ARIZONA 4-H VOLUNTEER UNIVERSITY
There are only two more Level 1 sessions of the University scheduled. They are January 23, 2010, in Willcox and January 30, 2010, in Payson. This training is for all 4-H volunteers. It will help you be able to do your best. Kirk Astroth, AZ State 4-H Program Leader, was one of the program designers. Level I speakers are Jerry Olson, Mohave County, Stephanie Shank, Yavapai County, Brent Strickland, LaPaz County, Dr. Kirk Astroth, AZ State 4-H Program Leader. Darcy Tessman, Cochise County, and Bob Peterson will be presenting. The registration fee is only $15 per person and is due no later than 1 week before each workshop in the Pima County Extension Office. The fee covers lunch, snacks, supplies and materials. The Pima County 4-H Executive Council will reimburse Pima County certified volunteers who attend. Each workshop will begin with registration and snacks at 8:30 a.m., class starts at 9:00 a.m. and will end no later than 4:00 p.m. Each participant will also receive a magnetic name badge from the AZ State 4-H Department.

WESTERN REGION 4-H LEADERS FORUM
The deadline to submit for one of the 10 state $200 scholarships to attend this event is Thursday, December 10, 1009, no later than 5:00 p.m. The application for is on-line at the state 4-H web site, http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/. Please be sure to go on-line at http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010/ and register. The forum will bring you together with other volunteers from 13 states where you will meet others who are interested in meeting you, finding out what you and they are doing and learning more about 4-H. The 2010 WLRF will be held in Albuquerque, NM, March 11-14. Arizona is excited about the event being so close to home and we hope that many of our volunteers will attend. AZ hopes to put together a group that can travel together by van leaving from Tucson. Please consider applying and attending. Call Bob if you have any questions at 626-5161.

NEW 4-H OFFICE HOURS
Starting January 4, 2010, the 4-H Office will be open on Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. If you need to pick something up, drop something off, or other services at the 4-H Office, take note of the new times.

WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS
The CEO faculty, staff and the 4-H community take this opportunity to welcome our new 4-H volunteers David Hamilton, Tony Arvizu, Jeff Swanson, Kris Ham, and Jenna Wilson

NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING CORRECTION
We apologize for a misprint in last month’s newsletter where we stated that there was a “Learning to Lead Fun, Effective Meetings” on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. The date is incorrect. At this time there is no training scheduled in 2010. Individuals interested in the training are asked to contact Jennifer, 626-5161, and asked to be placed on a list requesting the workshop.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
Need money to go to college? Bad question, everyone could use some extra funds! The 4-H program offers scholarships for post high school education (including vocational oriented education). If you are going ready to enroll in Fall 2010, there might be a scholarship just for you. For more information and scholarship packet, contact the 4-H Office at 626-5161 or after the first of the year, check on the web at: http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/pima and look under the "Forms" button. Applications are due in the Pima County 4H office by February 19, 2010 at 5:00 PM. There will be a Scholarship Workshop on January 12, 2010 at the 4-H Office at 6:30 pm. At the workshop we will go over the 4-H scholarships, the new record book forms that will be included, other forms, tips and tricks to increase the chances of getting a scholarship.

OFFICE CLOSURE
The Pima County Extension office will be closed from December 24 through January 1 for the Holidays. It will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2010.

4H EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
The next Executive Council meeting will be Thursday, February 4, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at the CEO. Council meetings are open to the general 4-H family. If you have items you wish to place on the agenda, please contact Bob Peterson or Robert Rimsza. The Council meets the first Thursday of even numbered months.
WHAT’S IN IT FOR ME OR MY CLUB?

When the 4-H Executive Council asks for help from the 4-H families and members this question is one that seems to jump out the most. Most of you want to know why you need to help with projects or raise money for a small group of people who direct the entire county program. Here are a few thoughts for you to consider when thinking about whether or not you will take time to help out … in fact you’ll have an opportunity to let the Executive Council know if and how you will help in the future.

Here are a few reasons for you to consider why you would support the Executive Council’s efforts.

• It is expected of you as a volunteer and member.
• The Executive Council is working to get a 4-H zoning variance.
• The Executive Council is working to find ways for 4-H members to be excused for Fair participation.
• College Scholarships (7)
• JOLT Scholarships (7)
• Leadership Trip (1)
• Mini Grants for 1 club and 2 projects
• Newsletter postage
• Ribbons for project events
• Stipends to help youth attend Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress,
• Round Robin Belt Buckles
• Judging Team Scholarship
• Promotional Items for clubs

In addition to these, the Council has been asked to help start a 4-H family type camp. It would be an overnight, residential camp for members and/or families. The Council has also been asked by PCJLSI, sales committee, to provide funding for new livestock pens at the Pima County Fairgrounds.

So when you complete the enclosed survey, just remember that the Executive Council is there for you not for itself.

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LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Summit at the Station
Leadership*Learning*Laughs

Friday February 12th we will be having a community building drum circle at the ropes course with world renown facilitator, Kenya Masala. This is the kick-off activity for the leadership summit the next day. Cost: $10.00

Saturday February 13th Leadership, Learning and Laughs down at Florida Station. Florida Station is the headquarters for the Santa Rita Experimental Range and is about a 1 hour drive from PCCE. We have combined some of Tucson's BEST youth development specialists for an amazing day of leadership development, natural history, science, art and food! Don’t miss an inspiring key note address by State 4H Director Kirk Astroth! Cost $20.00 10:00-4:00.

You can attend either or both events. Space is limited! Contact Elizabeth Sparks 520-626-5161 or esparks@cals.arizona.edu for more information.

NEW FARM GROWING AT PCCE!

Digging in the garden, planting seeds, harvesting vegetables, exploring a worm farm and enjoying tasty snacks from the garden are all part of a new agriculture literacy program sprouting up at the Pima County Cooperative Extension office. We have partnered with the Center for Children and Nature through Prescott College to build “Tucson Village Farm”, an amazing hands on program designed to help youth and adults learn more about agriculture. There will be several ways that people involved with 4H can participate:

* Schedule your club to come for a field trip.
* Volunteer to help at a community service day
* Donate unused farming treasures.

Check the green sheets for our “wish list” to see if you might be getting rid of treasure we just might be looking for.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact. Elizabeth Sparks 520-626-5161 or sparks@ag.arizona.edu.
**4-H Executive Council Survey**

During the past two years the 4-H Executive Council has sponsored a 4-H Golf Tournament in order to raise funds to support the 4-H program in Pima County. This has been done with very little help from 4-H families. At this time the Council is considering whether or not to continue with this event. Please take a few minutes to 1) read what the council does for the general membership; and 2) answer the questions and return the survey to the County Extension Office, Executive Board, 4210 N. Campbell Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719.

Name _________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone ___________________________ Email _______________________ ___________________________________

1. Will you and your family support the 4-H Golf Tournament fundraiser? Yes or No. If no go to question #5.

2. How are you willing to support the 4-H Golf Tournament? Answer any or all, if other, then state specifically what you will do.
   - Will sponsor a hole or tee with golfers
   - Will sponsor a hole or tee without golfers
   - Will commit to getting four people to golf in the tournament
   - Will work at the tournament
   - Other

3. What do you think the cost should be to the golfers? This affects where and when a tournament could be held.
   - $50 per person
   - $60 per person
   - $75 per person
   - $85 per person
   - $100 per person

4. When is the best time frame to host a golf tournament in your opinion?
   - Early May
   - Late May
   - June
   - July
   - August
   - September
   - January
   - February

5. If you will not support the 4-H Golf Tournament what countywide fund raising event would you support for the benefit of the 4-H Executive Council? Please list.
Arizona Poultry Field Day

Presented by: Poultry Specialist
Jim Adkins - Sonora, CA
Irish Coussens - Pima County Poultry Coordinator

When: Saturday January 9, 2010
Where: CAC - Campus Ag Center
Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Cost: $10.00 per person
Lunch will be provided

8:30 AM Registration
9:00 AM Seminar #1 - Introduction to Standard Bred Poultry
9:45 AM Break
10:00 AM Seminar #2 - Breed Identification
10:45 AM Break
11:00 AM Seminar #3 - Managing your Meat Birds
11:45 AM Lunch
12:30 PM Seminar #4 - Conditioning and Exhibiting Poultry
1:15 PM Break
1:30 PM Seminar #5 - Showmanship and Question & Answer session
3:00 PM Seminar #6 - Pre-Fair Breed Show
2:30 PM Breeders Auction

"Breeders Auction" This will be a great opportunity to get some good standard bred poultry into the hands of the young people in our community!
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Looking ahead to February....

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1. **Horse Ownership / Lease Registration Deadline**  
2. PCJLSI @ CEO, 7:00 pm  
4. Executive Council Meeting @ CEO, 6:30 pm  
6. Companion Animal Show-n-Go @ CEO, 9:00 - 12:00 pm  
6. Dairy Clinic @ Equestrian Center, Marana, 12:00 pm  
8. Small Stock Meeting @ CEO 7:00 pm  
10. Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm  
12-13. Leadership*Learning*Laughs @ SRER  
15. **Horse Registration Deadline for Fair Show**  
16. Sheep / Goat Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm  
18. Swine Project Meeting @ CEO 7:00 pm  
20. Dog Quadrathelon @ CEO 9:30 am  
20. Beef Clipping Clinic @ CAC, 7:00 am- 6:00 pm  
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24. Dog Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm  
25. **Foundation Scholarship Deadline**

FAIR THEME: ABC, 123 / Focusing on Toddler & Cloverbuds