Arizona 4-H Leadership Forum:
Leadership for the Future, August 5-7th

We hope you are planning to register and attend the Arizona 4-H Leadership Forum in early August. Not only do we have some great speakers lined up, but we also have some great workshops. Here is a sampling to get you excited—

Speakers
- Mike & Pat Caffrey, Arizona Yo-Yo Champs and Duncan Yo-Yo Demonstrators
- Bob Shogren, Director, Governor’s Office of Children, Youth and Families
- Suzanne Menges, National Beef Speaker’s Bureau

Workshops
- 4-H Encouraging & Empowering Resilient Military Youth
- How to Use the 4-H Project Materials and Get Results!
- Making Club Meetings Exciting Through Judging
- Full Disclosure Rocketry—Making Rockets from Everyday Materials
- Jazz It Up!—Making Ordinary Club Meetings Extraordinary
- Discover the World Together—International Exchange Opportunities in 4-H
- Straw Bale Gardening—How Tos and Tips
- Myth-Busting the Beef Industry

And don’t forget—tours of the Biosphere are included in your registration fee. Act now, before it is too late, July 15. Find out more at: http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/programs/arizona-4-h-leaders-forum-0
Not just for kids

What started out as a simple hobby turned into a life-changing activity for both Pat Caffrey and his brother, Mike. The hobby was mastering the yo-yo.

“It’s just an inexpensive hobby,” Pat explained why he has liked yo-yos for so long. “It’s a simple feeling, but makes me feel really happy when I do a trick or learn a trick. I like the simplicity of it. It’s a simple toy and it’s challenging to learn a new trick.”

In his collection, Pat has more than 50 different yo-yos and uses a special cotton string from India for them. The special string works best because it gives the yo-yo a little spring due to the elastic-like nature of the string.

When Pat was an 8-year-old in the third grade, he and Mike saw a television commercial advertising a yo-yo demonstrator for Duncan would soon visit Tucson. Not too long after that, they saw a sign in a hobby shop saying the demonstrator would be in town in just a couple of weeks, and there would be a yo-yo contest.

That day, they each bought a basic Duncan yo-yo. It was the last yo-yo Pat had to buy. The brothers practiced for the next two weeks in preparation for the contest. First, second and third place kids received a free yo-yo and a patch. Pat finished second place that day and brought home a free yo-yo.

During the next few months, when the yo-yo demonstrators went to various hobby shops and toy stores around Tucson, Pat and Mike were sure to attend. Winning those contests allowed the brothers to compete at the state level. For the next few years, they alternated winning the state championships.

“I would just sort of say, we kind of dominated the yo-yo contests,” Pat admitted.

Once Mike graduated from high school, he became a demonstrator for Duncan yo-yos, and Pat followed suit four years later, touring the country for the toy company.

It was during those four years Mike invented, patented and designed the Yomega yo-yo, which was commonly described as the “yo-yo with a brain.” Its special design gave beginners the ability to make the yo-yo spin at the bottom of the string, which gives users the capability to do most other yo-yo tricks.

Pat and Mike Caffrey will be special guests and presenters at the opening night of the Arizona 4-H Leaders’ Forum, August 5-7th at Biosphere2. Registration information will be forthcoming but mark these dates now in your calendar.

By Randy Metcalf, “The Explorer” / Posted: Thursday, February 10, 2011 Used with permission

More Scholarship Winners....

The Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation announced their scholarship winners for 2011.

Congratulations to the following Pima County scholarship winners:

- Angela Braunreiter
- Hanna Ethridge
- Caitlin Nanna
- Janet Kinsey
- Scarlett Gallagher
- Myles Gallagher

And, one additional winner of a scholarship from the Pima County 4-H Program, via the Executive Council:

- Stephanie Norton

Good luck to all with your educational efforts.

Correction from May Newsletter

- Senior Advanced Reserve Gymkhana: Sabrina Silvas – Catalina Mountaineers
- Senior Advanced Gymkhana: Braelyn Henry – Silver Spurs

For Sale

Poultry Incubators
- Two Turn-X Clear Dome Incubators for sale.
  - The automatic incubator - $75.00
  - The manual incubator - $50.00

Please call 578-0208 if interested.

Boer Doe Goat Project

Do you have a child or know of one who wants to show a market goat but can't bear to auction it? Well here’s the perfect solution... The breeding boer doe project! Just like all other 4H livestock projects, any member 9 and up is eligible to show a breeding doe. In this project you learn how to select a boer doe, maintain proper nutrition and health, breed when your doe is of age and witness the miracle of kidding! This is a great project for children just starting their 4H livestock career or for those wanting to try something different and it's A LOT of fun! For more information please contact Kristen McGurk at 440-2301 or email at thrifladdict1@msn.com.
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Looking ahead to August…

1  Horse Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
4  Executive Council Meeting @ CEO, 6:30 pm
16 Sheep/Market Goat Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
17 Beef Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
18 Swine Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
20 Community Club Leader Meeting, 9 – 12:00 pm

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