And A New Year Begins...

It’s September, the monsoons are making last gasps and hopefully the temperatures will start to drop as we proceed to fall. September also means the beginning of the new 4-H Year in Pima County.

As I sat in on various meetings over the summer, there was one recurring theme – we need to recruit more members and leaders. People expressed feelings of surprise, disappointment, shock and about everything in between to the low number of 4-H exhibits at the Fair (the one exception to that was photography, but that’s a different story). “We need to get our numbers up in all projects” was expressed by many.

Increasing enrollment has two sides to it – recruiting new members and retaining those members that have enrolled before. At the club leader meeting in August I asked everyone to think about how their family first got involved in the 4-H program in Pima County. Some of the answers included: “My kid’s friends were in 4-H and my kid wanted to get in as well”; “I grew up in the program and I wanted my kids to be in the program”; “We talked to some people at the school open house”. The common thread to many of the answers was “a personal touch.” It wasn’t a billboard or TV ad campaign that got them involved, it was a personal contact. Personal touch is probably the most important part of recruiting.

Club leaders were also asked to share one idea for recruiting new members. Again, the responses focused on methods that emphasized the personal touch. In the last meeting of the Executive Council, the Council asked for a quick, one page flyer to be developed that told how someone could get involved in 4-H. That flyer is included in this newsletter. The challenge for everyone now, is to make personal contact with someone, invite a young person to join 4-H, and then give them that flyer so they will have the information they need to get involved in 4-H. I’m willing to bet, if we have 700 of those flyers delivered to people with a personal touch, enrollment will go up. And that’s what we want to see.

The new 4-H Year will have some challenges, and rewards. It’s time to hit the road and get it done.

Curt Peters

PS The recruiting for Bob’s position is going well. Hopefully in the next few weeks we’ll be able to announce interview/seminar times for the candidates. When we have that info, we’ll make sure all of you get it so you can attend.
START YOUR CLUB MEETINGS WITH PIZZAZ!

When you hold club or project meetings, do you just wait for everyone to arrive before starting anything new? My goal when holding a meeting is to try and make sure that people don’t really know when the meeting has begun by having something for people to do or solve while we wait for everyone to arrive. For example, you could provide brain teasers or puzzles to solve. Here’s one example:

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Or instructions on creating an origami design of some sort. A scavenger hunt is also a good way to get kids active, outside, working together and looking around at their natural environment. Here’s one that I have used that seems to get kids engaged.

SCAVENGER LIST
1. A feather
2. One seed dispersed by the wind
3. Three different kinds of leaves
4. A sun trap*
5. Something white
6. A big smile
7. Five pieces of man-made litter
8. Something important in nature**
9. One camouflaged animal or insect
10. Something sharp

* A sun trap is anything that captures the sun’s heat—rock, water, plants, animals.
**Everything in nature is important—even poisonous plants and animals

SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOPS
In order to be a 4-H Shooting Sports project leader you must attend a state shooting sports certification workshop. Two workshops are currently planned:

~Certification Archery Discipline ONLY - September 17 - 19, 2010 (Limited to 12 participants)
Location: Payson, AZ. Time: Begins at 5:00 pm on Friday, September 17 and concludes at noon on Monday, September 19. Registration is $35.00 which includes lunch on Sept 18. Participants are on their own for lodging and other meals.

~All Disciplines Certification - November 12 - 14, 2010. Location: Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range (near the Pima County Fairgrounds). Time: Begins at 5:00pm on Friday, November 12 for general sessions and discipline introductions and concludes at noon Sunday, November 14. Registration costs have not been released yet.

For more information and/or registration packet, contact the 4-H Office (626-5161) or on-line at:
http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/programs/shooting-sports-education-instructor-certification-course
BEEF PROJECT BULLETIN
Attention all Beef Project Members and Potential Members.....It's about that time of the year to start looking for your 2011 steer as tagging is November 7, 2010 and/or November 13, 2010 at the U of A Farms. Put these dates on your calendar but more information about Tag In will follow in the October Clover Connection.

In selecting the perfect steer for you, make contact with a reputable rancher or dealer and start looking. Key points to selecting the right steer for yourself are covered in your Beef Resource Handbook. Make sure when selecting a steer that proper thought is given to the breed, the size of the animal compared to you, the price, the facility you have available to raise the steer, and the disposition of the animal. If you need any assistance, please contact Brad Ferris, the Beef Project Coordinator. Brad can be reached during the day at 883-4323.

PIMA COUNTY FAIR RULE BOOKS
In order to save costs, the Pima County Fair Rule Book (Catalog) will not be printed in hard copy this year. The Rule Book will be available on the Pima County Fair website after October 1, 2010. For those that are not able to access the Rule Book online, it will be available in limited quantities from the 4-H Office. A book with the rules pertaining to large livestock will be available for $2.50, small stock $2.50 and Old Pueblo Hall, $1.50. If you plan to purchase, please contact Jennifer (626-5161 or jenstapp@cals.arizona.edu) so copies will be ready when you come to pick up.

OTHER FAIRGROUNDS NEWS
Jon Baker, Fair Director indicates that in the Ramada there will be new lighting, a new speaker system, some new pens and new paint on the underside of the Ramada roof. These will be welcome improvements.

QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING
The next Youth Livestock and Food Safety Quality Assurance class is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 9:00 am. The location will be either the 4-H Office or the CAC Meats lab, depending on the number of participants. Cost is $10 which includes the member manual. Please RSVP by October 13, 2010 to Jennifer (626-5161 or jenstapp@cals.arizona.edu). It is requested that participants pay for the workshop when they sign up.

There will be another class in November 2010 and then one in Dec. 2010/Jan. 2011. Those dates will be available as soon as all the details are finalized.

Please plan to attend the earliest session you can. 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 2011 Pima County Fair, April 24, 2011. This requirement applies to any 4-H/FFA member who plans to exhibit beef, boer does, dairy cattle, dairy goats, sheep, swine, rabbit meat pen, poultry meat pen or pigeon meat pen.

Volunteers who wish to be able to provide training to our members need to co-teach two workshops after attending the first one. Please contact Curt at 626-5161 to make arrangements to become a Quality Assurance trainer.

Volunteers who are currently recognized as trainers are asked to let the 4-H Office know when they are scheduling training sessions so that we can advertise them in the newsletter to our entire membership.

LEADING FUN, EFFECTIVE MEETINGS WORKSHOP
The next Leading Fun, Effective Meetings Workshop, part of the leader certification requirements, will be held on September 23, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Office. Please RSVP to Jennifer (626-5161 or jenstapp@cals.arizona.edu) by September 21, 2010.

Additional workshops will be held later in the fall, dates will be announced in the newsletter.
August 2010

4-H Executive Council, Chairman’s Letter

To the 4-H community:

Welcome to the Chairman’s letter. I joined the Executive Council in November 2008 as Chairman. My children have been in 4-H for 8 years including pygmy goats, horses, lambs, steers, and Clover Kids. We are members of the Tanque Verde Livestock club. I believe that 4-H offers fantastic youth development opportunities for “Learning By Doing.”

The purpose of the Executive Council is to oversee the Pima County 4-H youth development programs. Over the past 4-H year, the Executive Council has worked on behalf of the youth and volunteers. Below is a summary of our activities:

1. Helped to fun new lamb and goat pens for the Pima County Fair, $6,000
2. Funded 4-H members to attend the week long JOLT camp (Journey: Opportunities for Leaders of Tomorrow), in Heber, AZ.
3. Funded 4-H college tuition scholarships in the amount of $6,000
4. Supported a change in the Pima County zoning ordinances to establish an exception allowing raising of 4-H animals in residential areas (pending).
5. Sponsored the new 4-H recognition event in honor of our volunteers
6. Sponsored the Round Robin showmanship buckle awards at the Pima County Fair

In order to accomplish this work, the Executive Council first had to arrange fundraising. This year’s activities included:

1. Texas Roadhouse night
2. El Conquistador raffle tickets
3. Annual golf tournament

This year, we have included in this newsletter a flyer that shows how to become a member of 4-H. It also describes the many different opportunities and projects that you can participate in with Pima County 4-H. We would like to encourage every member to give a copy to anybody that you think might be interested or who has asked you about 4-H.

You are all invited to attend the Executive Council meetings, which are held the first Thursday of alternating months at the Extension Office. We are all volunteers and parents and need to know what we can do to make your project and 4-H better.

Finally, I would like to THANK all of the parents and volunteers who make 4-H the great program that it is!
Interested in 4-H?

4-H gives youth that extra edge for life success by offering numerous opportunities to develop leadership, responsibility, citizenship and other life skills. 4-H helps develop competent, caring and actively engaged citizens who strengthen Arizona communities. Through our research-based curriculum and university ties, 4-H opens a world of possibilities to youth and their parents who want to explore their interests—from aerospace to gardening to dog care to robotics to horse to any project you can imagine. If you can dream it, you can do it in 4-H.

How to Get Started...

One way is to visit the Pima County 4-H website at:
http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/pima

From there you can check out the upcoming events and activities, learn about projects offered, and where the clubs are located.

In fact, click on the Club button and you’ll see a map of all the clubs in the county, where each “bubble” represents a club.

Click on the bubble of a club near you and you’ll see the projects offered and the contact person.

You can also search for clubs by zip code so you can find one close to your home or by project to see which clubs offer which projects.

Many of the projects have their own website where you’ll find additional information about the project. Click on the Project Resources button and see if the project you’re interested in has a website.

At the bottom of the website is a link for Questions/Comments. Click on that, fill out the information and someone from the 4-H Office will get back to you.

Or, you can go old school and contact the 4-H Office by phone at 520-626-5161, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

However you go about getting involved, do it! We’d love to have you as part of the program that works to

Make the Best Better
Pima County 4-H Fur & Feather Show
Saturday October 30, 2010

Projects shown at this show:

- Cavy
- Pigeon
- Poultry
- Pygmy Goat
- Rabbit
- Each project leader will take care of their own area (set up and clean up)

Check-In Table:

- Check in will begin at 9 am with the show starting at 10 am
- There is a $3.00 entry fee for each project you will show an animal in
- We have Junior and Senior showman only. Showmanship classes are as follows: Junior (9-13), Senior (14-18). Use your age as of January 1, 2011

Awards:
Ribbons will be awarded
T-shirts for Junior and Senior Grand Champion will be awarded for each project

Food Booth:

- The food booth will consist of breakfast and lunch items such as hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, nachos, donuts, coffee, water, and soft drinks

Raffle:

- 4-Hers may bring a donated item for the raffle table
- The raffle will be held at the end of the show

For more information, please contact the project coordinator:

**Cavy:** Susan McGrew [azcavycountry@yahoo.com](mailto:azcavycountry@yahoo.com)
**Pigeon:** Mr. Livas [birdpirate@gmail.com](mailto:birdpirate@gmail.com)
**Poultry:** Irish Coussens [irishcoussens@gmail.com](mailto:irishcoussens@gmail.com)
**Pygmy Goat:** Kelly Estes [estes101@chapman.edu](mailto:estes101@chapman.edu)
**Rabbit:** Shannon Estes [kingsqueen1106@yahoo.com](mailto:kingsqueen1106@yahoo.com) or Blanca Cunha [bjcunha@comcast.net](mailto:bjcunha@comcast.net)
FUR & FEATHER 4-H SMALL STOCK SHOW OCT. 30, 2010

At the CAMPUS AGRICULTURAL CENTER -
TUCSON, AZ

Located: 4101 N. Campbell Tucson, AZ 85719  520-626-5161
Check in 9-10a, show starts at 10 a.m.

Bring completed entry form to the show.
Fees can be paid at the show by check or cash!

We will have a food booth and raffle table. Bring any items that you would like to donate for the raffle.

COSTUME CONTEST AFTER THE SHOW ---bring a costume for yourself and your animal!

Showmanship Class: Junior (9-13 yrs), Senior (14-18 yrs) Use your age as of January 1, 2011
One animal per species limit

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Member Name: ___________________________
Parent Signature: _______________________
Address: ________________________________
City: _______________ State: ____ Zip: ___
Telephone: (__)_______________________
Club: _________________________________
Age as of Jan 1, 2011________
Birth date ____________________________

**4H dress is required however, Halloween colored ties/bows are acceptable. Remember safety is our first priority!
4H Horse Project Open House

WHERE: U-of-A Pavilion
WHEN: Saturday, September 18 from 10:00-2:00

All 4h clubs that have the horse project are requested to provide a table with info about their club. The following coordinators will be providing demos of their disciplines:

- Western
- English
- Gymkhana
- Roping
- Ranch Sorting
- Drill Team

Eegees drinks will be provided. The Youth Board will be selling water to raise money towards a county banner for the State Show.
4-H Dairy Cattle Project Kick Off

When: Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 1:00p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Where: U of A Campbell Ave. Farms

All 4-H Clubs with Dairy Cattle Project interest are invited to attend!!

• Get to know each other
• Learn about what the Dairy Cattle project entails
  • Demonstration
  • Go over rules
• Discuss expectations of the project
  • Set goals for the year
• Plan out Project Agenda
  • Question/Answers

You may even get to sample fresh homemade ice cream!

Contact Sonya Weeks 520-559-1716
horsegirl77forkids@yahoo.com with any questions.
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Looking ahead to October....

4 Horse Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
7 Executive Council @ CEO 6:30 pm
9 Dairy Cattle Clinic @ CAC, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
13 Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
16 Quality Assurance Workshop TBA, 9:00 am- 12:00 pm
19 Sheep / Market Goat @ CEO, 7:00 pm
21 Swine Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
30 Fur & Feather Show @ CAC, 8:00 am

To contact the Agents / Staff:

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Jennifer Stapp - jenstapp@ag.arizona.edu

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