4-H JAPANESE EXCHANGE HOSTING OPPORTUNITY

Ever thought of bringing a complete stranger into your house, to live with you and partake in your family’s activities? Chances are your answer is “no”, but what if I told you that this person truly wants to be a part of your family, share with you about their culture, and most of all, experience what the “American Lifestyle” is like? The opportunity to share and experience hosting a youth from Japan is right around the corner!

Why take a trip to Japan when you can bring Japan into your family’s house this summer? Japanese youth delegates come to the United States for one month every summer. They come to experience the everyday life of families around the country. Host families must have children within two years of age of the delegate they host. No special activities are necessary as the exchange emphasizes friendship and learning culture through exposure, not sightseeing. Delegates come with their own spending money and health insurance, and travel with chaperones that stay in-state for the duration of the exchange.

I encourage you to go online and watch this short video and hear what past host families have said about hosting a Japanese youth exchange: [http://www.vimeo.com/8157074](http://www.vimeo.com/8157074). Want to know more? Please contact Tina Christianson at [tachrist@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:tachrist@cals.arizona.edu) or (520) 621-5316.

They come as strangers…They leave as FRIENDS!

4-H Tidbit: In 1973, three very important words were added to the 4-H pledge: “…and my world.
FOR SALE:
- Dairy Chute $50
  Please call Mary @ 298-8521
- Cavy/Rabbit Cages Donation
  If you are in need of rabbit/cavy cages please contact Ms. Beatty – 744-0340 / kavy12@msn.com. Ms. Beatty has 1 small cage, a 3 in one cage, water bottles & feeding bowls and would like to donate to a 4-H home.
- New Baby Pygmy Goat born on Christmas Day. Absolutely gorgeous, registered, top show quality, 4-H discount. Call Dylan 358-1923

N.F.T.A.B.
(Notes from The Acronym Blotter)
After hearing about an incident described later in this article, I felt this column would be helpful and entertaining to have in the monthly 4-H newsletter... The 4-H program is notorious for creating acronyms for everything. This happens at the National, Regional, State, District, and County levels throughout the program. My goal with this article each month is to shed light on acronyms that are used within the 4-H program here in Pima County and throughout the 4-H program. Also included in this article will be an acronym that I find or hear and I would like you to take a guess at what you think the letters stand for! You will be able to email your guesses to the email address provided below. In next month’s newsletter, I will provide the answer to the goofy acronym, along with some of the guesses that I received (both funny and serious)! There will be a prize for the person who provides the funniest and/or most logical guess.

“CAC”
This month’s acronym is specific to the Pima County 4-H program. I first heard this acronym at a small stock committee meeting on my first day of work. This acronym came up during the meeting because of a poultry day that was held at the CAC. A volunteer leader wanting to attend the poultry day thought that it was being held at the Central Arizona College, which is North of Tucson. For me, being a new person to the Pima County 4-H program, I can understand the frustration this person might have felt because they had to figure out the acronym on their own. If this person is like me and seeks the almighty wisdom of Google, they would have been misled with the answer Google provides. If you type “CAC Tucson” into Google the first thing that pops up in the Google search is the following: “CAC in Tucson Area – Central Arizona College”. So the next time you hear or see “CAC”, please know and now note that it also stands for Campus Agricultural Center (CAC). The CAC referred to in the Pima County 4-H program deals with the arena, pavilion, or modular classroom, all of which are across the street from the County Extension Office on North Campbell Ave. I hope this explanation of the acronym “CAC” helps in the near future.

Now, for next month’s newsletter, I would like your help in solving this acronym: “KUTGW”... FYI (For Your Information), this acronym has no ties to the 4-H program. If you have a guess or know the answer send an email to 4hacronym@gmail.com with your answer. Now, don’t run to your computer and Google this acronym because that will take all of the fun and challenge out of it! Find out the answer in next month’s newsletter!

Until next time, this is 4-HACI (4-H Acronym Chief Investigator) signing off.

DOG QUADRATHO
Dog Quad is February 12th from 9:00 - 1:00 at the extension office. Registration starts at 8:30. We have a special guest speaker scheduled for the event. Eegee sandwiches and drinks will be provided for lunch. Please bring a bag of chips, salad or dessert to share. RSVP by February 9th to Teresa McCabe (catalinaranger@msn.com or 297-3029).
BUYERS LETTER WRITING COMPETITION
The buyer’s letter writing competition has returned! Every member in good standing in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, that will have an animal for sale at the auction, is allowed to enter up to one letter in the New Buyers Competition and one letter in the Existing Buyers Competition. You can find the criteria, entry form and address to submit the competition letters on the home page of the Pima County 4-H website.

http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/pima

*ATTENTION ALL SHEEP CARCASS CONTESTANTS*
Sheep carcass contestants please note the date changes that are miss typed in the current Pima County Fair Premium Book:

- Carcass Lamb Weigh-In – Saturday, February 26, 2011 @ CAC during the Jackpot Show
- Carcass Lamb Show - Saturday, February 26, 2011 @ CAC during the Jackpot Show
- Viewing of the Carcass Lambs – Wednesday, March 1, 2011, 4:00 pm @ CAC Arizona Meat Lab

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT
Volunteers are needed to help the Executive Council with the Pima County 4-H Scholarship Golf Tournament. There are a variety of volunteers needed, from those to serve on the planning committee to those that work on site at the tournament on March 5. If you can spare some time, it would be greatly appreciated, both by the Executive Council and by the scholarship recipients. If you would like to volunteer, contact Bob Rimsza at 760-8505.

SHOUT-OUT!

- Congratulations to Rianna Campagne, Jessica Ryan, Rebecca Myers, and Myles Gallagher for winning “Grand Champion Round Robin Quiz Bowl” at the Colorado River 4-H Small Stock Show!
- Hats off to Myles Gallagher for bringing the “Champion Senior Round Robin Showman” traveling trophy from the Colorado River 4-H Small Stock Show to Pima County this year!
- Outstanding job by Carter Ham of the Sahuarita Community 4-H Club for placing “Reserve Champion” Chester White and sold it for $2000 at the auction during the 2011 National Western Stock Show.
- Round of applause to Payson Ham of the Sahuarita Community 4-H Club, who also showed at the 2011 National Western Stock Show and had a second place light weight crossbred and a fourth place heavy weight Duroc.
- Both Ham boys made their respective final showmanship drives, Payson showed against 121 juniors and Carter showed against 145 intermediates.
- Great job Autumn Gilbert of the Littletown Ranchers 4-H Club for showing a fourth place middle weight crossbred and for also making the final drive of junior showmanship against 121 junior showmen at the2011 National Western Stock Show.
- Great job to Madison Edwards and Kaitlyn Dirkschneider who were part of the Arizona 4-H Horse Judging Team. In the horse judging contest at the Western National 4-H Round-up in Denver CO, the AZ team placed 10th in halter, 10th in performance and ended up placing 7th overall.

Thank you all for representing the Arizona and Pima County 4-H programs in such a positive manner.
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Pima County Jackpot
SAILA Sanctioned
February 26, 2011
Campus Ag Center, Tucson, AZ
2 Rings for market and breeding shows
1 ring for showmanship

PAYOUTS:
Market & Breeding
Grand: 40%
Reserve: 20%

Showmanship
Grand: 30%
Reserve: 20%
Third Overall: 10%

Belt Buckles will be given out to the Grand Overall Market Exhibitor in Sheep, Market Goat, and Beef.

Lamb Show:
Weigh-In: 7 to 9 a.m.
Show: 10 a.m.

Goat Show:
Weigh-In: 7 to 9 a.m.
Show: Following the Lamb Show

Steer Show:
Weigh-In: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Show: Following the Sheep & Goat Show

Market/Breeding: $20 per head per ring
Showmanship: $20
Small cash bills preferred

Judges are:
Garret Holden from Abernathy, Texas
And
Chase McFarland from Ozona, Texas
Alan & Jan Levin and Family
Pima County 4-H Scholarship Golf Tournament

El Conquistador Resort and Golf Club
10555 N. La Canada
Oro Valley AZ
March 5, 2011

6:30 to 7:15 Registration
7:30 Shotgun Start

Entry fee is $100 per golfer (if not part of a sponsored team)
Includes:
* green fees
* cart
* lunch
* goodie bag

Mulligan Package available

Prizes
1st and 2nd Place individual and team scores
Longest Drive
Closest to the Pin
Hole in One
(Hole in One Prize is a new car!)

RAFFLE!!

Also opportunities to sponsor a Hole or Tee Box

Support 4-H children and families by becoming a sponsor or a player
For more information, sponsor and entry forms, go to:

http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/pima

Or contact Robert Rimsza, 520-760-8505, rimranch@msn.com
Ruben Espinoza, 520-245-7650, respinoza13@cox.net
Curt Peters, 626-5161, cpeters@ag.arizona.edu
Clover Connection
February
Postage paid by:
The Pima County 4-H Executive Council
4210 N Campbell Avenue
Tucson AZ 85719

CLOVER
CONNECTION/INFORMATION
DEADLINES

15TH OF THE MONTH
For Clover connection Information contact:
Curt Peters, Extension Agent
4-H Youth Development
626.5161 or Fax 626-.5849

Looking ahead to March…

1    Sheep Carcass Evaluation @ Meat Lab, 4:00
1    Sales Committee @ CEO, 7:00
2    Dog Project Mtg @ CEO, 7:00
5    4-H Golf Tournament Fundraiser
5    Horse Drill Team @ CAC, 2:00
7    Horse Project Mtg @ CEO, 7:00
9    Shooting Sport Project Mtg @ CEO, 7:00
12   Dairy Cattle Pre-Fair / Grooming Clinic @ CAC 1:00
13   Dairy / Boer Goat Showmanship @ CAC, 1:00
15   Sheep/Market Goat Project Mtg @ CEO, 7:00
14   Small Stock Meeting @ CEO, 7:00
16   Beef Project Mtg @ CEO, 7:00
17   Swine Project Mtg @ CEO, 7:00
19   Rabbit/ Cavy Classic @ CAC, 8:00
20   Dairy / Boer Goat Quiz Bowl Fun Day @ CEO, 10:00
26   March Madness Pygmy Goat Show @ CAC, 8:00

To contact the Agents/Staff:
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Jennifer Stapp – jenstapp@cals.arizona.edu

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