4-H PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY FOR PIMA COUNTY

Pima County has been offered a great opportunity to promote 4-H later this month. Boot Barn is offering us a space for a small table at each of its three Tucson stores: East Broadway, Ajo and Oracle. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Oracle store manager, Linda Lizardi, and Dirk Gibbons, Regional Manager, for making this happen.

So what can we do while we are at the store? We can give away brochures that tell about 4-H. We can give away washable tattoos to young people or helium balloons, 4-H pencils … all the while telling them what 4-H means to you and asking them to support the 4-H project by purchasing a 4-H Clover. We’ll also have cards they can complete if they want more information about joining 4-H. If we are outside the store there may be room to bring a small animal to help attract attention. This will be a lot of fun.

Here are the dates we need clubs or projects to help out. One of these shifts will be during a live remote with a local radio station.

- Friday, February 19, 4 – 6 p.m.
- Saturday, February 20, noon – 6 p.m.
- Thursday, February 25, noon – 6 p.m.
- Friday, February 26, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Saturday, February 27, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

We need an adult and 2-3 members for each two-hour time slot. The CEO will schedule shifts on a first come first serve basis. The Executive Council will provide the items that you can give away. Plan on spending a couple of hours promoting why 4-H is such a great opportunity for kids. Call the CEO office to schedule your time, 626-5161, ask for Jennifer.

Besides promoting 4-H what might you get out of this? The opportunity to invite someone to join your club or project; to share the fun with someone new; to make a new friend; to shop for new clothes …? So plan to come and join in the fun!
WELCOME BACK TO MARGE CARPENTER
Marge Carpenter, who worked as an instructional specialist a few years back has agreed to come back and help (on a very part time basis) with the FCS projects through the Fair. She will be setting up some workshops for FCS projects and helping to organize the entries for the Fair. Unfortunately Marge will be with us only through the Fair as funding is limited. Welcome back Marge and thanks for helping the 4-H Program this spring.

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GETTING READY FOR THE FAIR
Old Pueblo Hall Series (OPHS) will be offered in February & March at locations: CEO or WETSTONE every Saturday & Sunday between 1:00pm – 4:00pm. The cost will be $10.00 per participant. Make It, Take It projects will be completed and held for Fair entries. The workshops are for ages 9-18.

In addition, I am seeking Resource Leaders & Teen Leaders to help during workshops in the following areas: sewing, arts & crafts, knit, crochet, foods & chocolates.

Tentative schedule may be subject to change according to instructor availability. Weekly flyers will be sent via emails. If you have any questions, please call Marge Carpenter at (520) 591-8158. Please RSVP to attend classes to Jennifer 626-5161 or email: jenstapp@cals.arizona.edu

February
6 & 7 – Knit, Crochet & Cross-Stitch
13 – Arts & Crafts
14 – Chocolates

SPRING BREAK: Sewing
20 & 21 – Foods
27 & 28 – Sewing

March
6 & 7 – Sewing
13 & 14 – Knit, Crochet & Cross-Stitch
20 – Arts & Crafts
21 – Chocolates
27 & 28 – Foods

FAIR INFORMATION
The Pima County Fair will have the following hours in 2010:
Thursday – April 16 Opening Day
12:00 p.m. to Closing
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Main Gate Opens
12:00 p.m. to Closing
Saturdays and Sundays Main Gate Opens
10:00 a.m. to Closing
Brekke Gate Opens (Livestock, 4-H, FFA Admission) 8:00 a.m. to Closing

SEE TIMES BELOW FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITY/BUILDING START TIMES
Old Pueblo 10:00 a.m. to Closing
Pima & Thurber Halls – Monday thru Friday
12:00 p.m. to Closing
Pima & Thurber Halls – Saturday & Sunday
10:00 a.m. to Closing

CARNIVAL HOURS
Thursday – April 16 Opening Day
3:00 p.m. to Closing
Monday – Friday
3:00 p.m. to Closing
Saturday & Sunday
11:00 a.m. to Closing

FAIR ADMISSION
Adults $7.00
6 – 10 years $2.00
Children 5 and under are free with paid adult
Parking $5.00

FAIR WORK NIGHT/DAY
Please mark these dates on your calendars.
Tuesday, March 23, 2010, is Fair Work Night. Beef, dairy cattle, sheep, meat goat, Boer doe and Swine members please meet at the Pima County Fair Grounds as early as possible beginning at 3-4 p.m. to put up pens, arena, alleys and the surrounding panels. You will need to bring your own gloves and pliers, shovels, etc.

On Saturday, April 10, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. to noon or whenever, is Fair Work Day. The rabbit, cavy, pigeon, poultry, pygmy goat, and dairy goat members please come prepared to work. You will need to bring your own gloves and work tools.

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4-H EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
The Pima County 4-H Executive Council’s next meeting will be February 4, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at the CEO. The Council meets the first Thursday of each even numbered month (Feb, April, June, August, Oct and Dec). The meetings are open to 4-H members, volunteers, parents and those interested in promoting and supporting the Pima County 4-H Youth Development Program. The items will be on the agenda for this month: Zoning update; school absence update; Denver Roundup report; future funding ideas/suggestions for the council. Please contact Bob Rimsza, 760-8505, if would like to place an item on their agenda. You can find the Council’s by laws and standing rules on the Pima County 4-H web page.

WESTERN REGIONAL 4-H LEADERS’ FORUM
There is still time to register and attend this volunteer developed and driven event. This year it is Albuquerque, NM, from March 11 – 14, 2010. Currently 20 volunteers from across Arizona have registered to attend. You can still join them. All the information you need can be found at: http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010/. The Executive Council does have some funds identified to help defray the cost of volunteers attending.

A CLOVER TOAST!
What a wonderful and rewarding way to start the New Year! Pima County Pathfinders met at the Oro Valley Marketplace Petco on Saturday, Jan. 2nd to perform a community service project on behalf of the Humane Society of Tucson. And boy, did they perform. They had a dance routine they did in front of the entrance and the donations came rolling in. They collected over $650 in cash, dog food, cat food, toys, and treats. It was a good time for all and a great success.

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS
4-H scholarship packets are still available for members that will be attending college (or other post high school education like trade school). Scholarship packets are due back to the 4-H Office by 4:30 PM, February 19, 2010. Stop by the 4-H Office for a packet or get one on line at: http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/pima/pima-county-forms under the "members" tab.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!
Come to the 4H High Ropes Course Greenlot to help, create a maze, build a straw bale snake bench, plant a cactus garden and other native plants. February 20th, 2010 9:00-1:00, with lunch being served at noon. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Sparks 626-5161 or esparks@ag.arizona.edu

4-H PATHFINDERS SUMMER CAMP
What is Pathfinders? 4-H Pathfinders is a 4 day 3 night camp located on the University of Arizona campus for youth to come explore college life and possibilities for their future. Youth participants will stay on campus in a residence hall and eat in the student union buildings on campus as well as participate in hands on workshops that allow youth to experience different fields of study, cutting edge research, and career paths. There will also be lots of fun and exciting opportunities for youth and adults to take full advantage of all of the resources the University of Arizona has to offer.4-H Pathfinders is open to all youth ages 13-17 located in all counties of Arizona (must have turned 13 by January 1 2010 and be no older than 17 on January 1 2010.) The dates for 4-H Pathfinders are July 13th-16th 2010 at the University of Arizona campus in Tucson AZ. All participants will be staying in the Posada San Pedro residence hall. Cost will be approximately $225. (includes housing, food and cost of workshops) Scholarships will be available on a need basis.
Watch for more information and registration materials.

NEW 4-H RECORD BOOKS ON LINE!!
The AZ 4-H Members/Project Records in FILLABLE form are now available on the website at http://cals.arizona.edu/mohave/4h/recordbook&guidelines.htm. These forms are fillable and savable, which means you can download it to your computer enter your data, rename it, save it, reopen it and enter more data save it, over and over. Keeping good records is an important part of the 4-H experience and is integral to all project work. 4-H records are the way for 4-H members to keep track of what they have done during the year, progress made, awards received, community service performed and accomplishments achieved. In order to further emphasize the importance of records, we will be requiring them for 4-H scholarship applications, participation in national events and for selection and participation at the local level, and for participation at National 4-H Congress in Atlanta.
The next Sales committee meeting will Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the CEO. President, Jose Bernal, is sharing his expertise on meeting management as part of these meetings. In 2010 4-H and FFA members who sell an animal must submit a completed w-9 form with social security number. These forms will be collected by the Project Coordinator, Monday, April 19, 2010, for members exhibiting market steers, lambs, goats and swine. The Small Stock Project Coordinators will collect these forms when members submit their project to be entered in the Small Stock Auction. Members will not receive checks without a completed form.

BUYER LETTERS
Since the general economy in Tucson and Pima County is still lower than expected all 4-H and FFA members are strongly encouraged to contact potential new buyers this year. During the past year it has been reported that several buyers will not be participating. Here are things to remember when writing or visiting with prospective buyers.

1) Make sure your letter is legible. Speak correctly. Don’t use 4-H talk. The person you are speaking to may not know what you are talking about.
2) Do invite them to the auction.
3) Do not invite them to the brunch. This is for previous buyers only.
4) Do ask them to participate, bid and hopefully purchase an animal, even if it is not yours.
5) Do not ask them to give your animal back to you. Do not ask that they “save” your animal from being processed for food.
6) Feel free to include pictures.
7) Tell them what you have learned this year.

BEEF CLIPPING CLINIC
There is still time for members to sign-up and participate in this workshop. The clinic will be held February 20 and 21 at the Campus Ag Center beginning at 8:00 a.m. each day. The fee is $25 per member, 4-H or FFA. The cost of the clinic is subsidized by a UPS grant obtained by one of our volunteers.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: 1 male Cayuga duck and 1 female Rouen duck, great egg layer approx. 2 years old and a chicken wire/wood pen (3x4x4). Have been family pets and a 4-H project. Very friendly. Please call Carol at 325-9858

PROJECT MEETINGS
Please check the attached calendar for our project meeting in February. Project meetings are open to volunteers, members and families. The sheep/market goat and swine projects provide monthly educational programs. All projects provide information about upcoming items regarding their project. Those present always want more input, so if you have some ideas this is the place to make things happen.

HORSING AROUND
February “Valentine” Gymkhana & Roping
The February Gymkhana & Roping has been re-scheduled to Sunday, February 14. Roping will begin at 10:00am - Gymkhana will begin at 1:00pm Place: Schulz’s Arena – directions can be found at pimacountyhorse.org
The March Gymkhana & Roping are March 20 at Schulz’s Arena. We will have goat tying available. Gymkhana to begin at 9:30, followed by roping.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Dairy & Boer Goat Clinic Pre-Fair
There will be a Clinic, Pre-Fair held Saturday, April 3rd at the CAC, 10:00am. Please bring your animals.

PROJECT COORDINATOR MEETING
The Project Coordinators will meet on Thursday, February 11, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the CEO. We’ll be discussing fair related items. All coordinators are encouraged to attend.

IMPROVING CLUB MEETINGS—NEWS FROM THE ARIZONA 4-H OFFICE
Want to improve the quality of your 4-H meetings? Some clubs have found that the best way to do this is to provide a “suggestion box” where members can anonymously submit suggestions for making your 4-H meetings more exciting and fun. A comment box like this provides an easy way for members to give officers feedback each time the group meets about what could be done to make meetings ever better. Other clubs have simply reserved 5 minutes at the end of each meeting for members to mention what they thought went well and what could be improved. Engaging your youth members in continuously evaluating the 4-H experience will “help make the best better.”
2010 NAE4-HA Conference
Youth Talent Application

Deadline to Apply: April 1, 2010

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Team Members (If Applicable): __________________________________________

County: ______________________ Age as of January 1, 2010: ______ Grade: ______

Address: ______________________ City: ______________________ Zip Code: ______

Phone: ______________________ Cell Phone: ______________________

E-mail Address: ______________________ Parent/Guardian Name: ______________________

Main Talent Information:
Act Description: (i.e. vocal, dance, instrumental, comedy, skit, etc. Briefly describe your act.)

Background: Please use this section to list any special training (if any) you have had in your area of talent and a summary of your performance experience.
Youth Availability:
Youth will be selected to perform during certain parts of the conference. Please rank the following opportunities and time slots in order of preference (“1” being your most preferred time, “2” being your second most preferred, etc.). If interested in performing the National Anthem, performing a talent or introducing a speaker, please video yourself and either include a DVD with your application or upload the video onto YouTube and include the link with your information. Please limit your act to five minutes and make sure that your audition is the same talent you plan to perform during the conference. If wanting to introduce a speaker, please contact the 4-H Office (626-5161) and the script will be sent to you.

____ Sunday, October 24, 2010: 4:00-4:15pm (Talent before business meeting)
____ Monday, October 25, 2010: 8:00-8:15am (Talent before business meeting)
____ Monday, October 25, 2010: Perform National Anthem at 8:30am Business Meeting
____ Monday, October 25, 2010: Introduce Keynote Speaker at 9:00am
____ Tuesday, October 26, 2010: 8:00-8:15am (talent before business meeting)
____ Wednesday, October 27, 2010: 6:30pm-7:45pm (entertainment before awards banquet)
____ Wednesday, October 27, 2010: Perform National Anthem at Awards Banquet 6:45pm
____ Thursday, October 28, 2010: Introduce Capnote Speaker at 9:00am

Youth Commitment
If selected to perform at the 2010 NAE4-HA Conference, I understand that I am obligated to perform at the assigned date and time.

Name of 4-H member/youth: ________________________________________________
Signature of 4-H member/youth: ____________________________________________

Name of Parent/Guardian: __________________________________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian: ______________________________________________

Name of County Extension Educator: _________________________________________
Signature of County Extension Educator: _______________________________________

Send completed entry form and the DVD/link to your video by April 1, 2010 to:
Amy M. Parrott - 2200 W. 28th Street, Suite 102 - Yuma, AZ 85364
Phone: 928.726.3904 E-mail: aparrott@ag.arizona.edu

Note: All participants must be current 4-H members or program participants to be eligible to participate.
Pima County Jackpot
SAILA Sanctioned

March 27, 2010
Campbell Avenue Farms- Tucson, AZ

Raffle Table and Concessions Available

Market
Grand: 40%
Reserve: 20%

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

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 Goat Show

Market: $20 per head
$20 Jackpot
Showmanship

If an exhibitor does not have a market animal they may use a breeding animal for showmanship.
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**FAIR THEME: ABC, 123/ Focusing on Toddler & Cloverbuds**
Looking ahead to March....

1 Horse Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
1 Deadline for CWF Registration to State Office
2 PCJLSI @ CEO, 7:00 pm
6 Dairy Goat & Breeding Doe Pre-Fair @ CAC, 10:00 am
8 Small Stock Meeting
10 Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
10 Deadline for Shooting Sports Entry Forms
11-14 WRLF - Albuquerque
13 Sanctioned Pygmy Goat Show @ CAC, 8:00 am
16 Sheep Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
17 Dairy / Boer Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
18 Swine Project Meeting @ CEO 7:00 pm
18 Beef Project Meeting@ CEO, 7:00 pm
20 Rabbit / Cavy Classic @ CAC, 8:00 am
20 Pigeon Project Meeting @4760 S Agave Ranch Rd, 11:00 am
21 Dog Pre-Fair @ CAC, 9:00 am
21 - 27 National Conference
23 Fair Work Day @ 3:30pm - 4:00 pm
24 Dog Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
27 Pima County Jackpot @ CAC,7:00 am

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