WHY KIDS PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS

Recently there has been a lot of discussion about the falling 4-H enrollment in Pima County. We have made a big effort to recruit new 4-H members. Recruiting is just part of the equation. Retention is another part. Read the following message from Dr. Kirk Astroth, Arizona 4-H Program Leader, and see if there are things you can do in your club that will help retain members, regardless of the reason they are there.

During the recent National Association of Extension 4-H Agents annual conference in Phoenix, AZ, keynote speaker Dr. John Falk presented some great research about why kids participate in programs. Dr. Falk is the Sea Grant professor in Free-Choice Science Education at Oregon State University and author of “Lessons without Limits” and “Free-Choice Science Education.” Through both his own research and the research of others, Falk has found that young people learn a lot more science outside of school than in school. As he observed: “It’s not about schools when it comes to learning science.”

In addition, though, Falk has learned that kids participate in youth programs for quite a number of reasons and that they are not necessarily there for the content. Falk described 5 types of youth participants—

- Explorer—these are the participants who come to a program who are motivated by personal curiosity.
- Socializer/Facilitator—these young people are motivated by the presence of other people, such as friends, where they can make connections and foster inter-personal relations.
- Hobbyist—those motivated by specific knowledge-related goals. These are people who are truly motivated by content to participate and who want to develop mastery in a specific area.
- Community Seeker—those motivated by “I” identity, or those who see themselves as part of a much larger community and have a sense of belonging or obligation to participate because of membership in a specific community.
- Misplaced Seeker—those who believe that the situation or program does not match their motivations, but that “had” to be there or who were compelled in other ways.

Falk’s message to us was to understand that participants in our programs are there for different reasons. If we can understand why they are there in the first place, we can do a much better job of tapping into their motivations and ensuring that we connect with them before focusing just on content.
QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING
The next Youth Livestock and Food Safety Quality Assurance class is scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2010 at the CAC, 1:00 pm, in the portable class room. Cost is $10 which includes the member manual. Please RSVP by December 8, 2010 to Jennifer @ 626-5161 or jenstapp@cals.arizona.edu. It is requested that participants pay for the workshop when they sign up.

There are sessions also on the calendar for December 4, 2010, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, and December 18, 2010, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm in Gilbert AZ. Check the AZ 4-H website http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/ for the link with more details on costs and specific location.

December 7, 2010, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Pasqua Yaqui Fire Dept. For information reservations, Contact Tracy Nielson, 444-3017.

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.

HORSE NEWS
The Winter Point Show for the Horse project will be in December. The entry forms are available on line at Pimacountyhorse.org The entries must be postmarked by November 20. New this year we will be accepting late entries on November 29 from 5 to 7 pm at the CEO. See entry information sheet on the horse web page for more details. We will have Western on December 4, English on December 5, Gymkhana December 11, Ranch Sorting & Roping on December 12. If you need more information check out the web page at Pimacountyhorse.org or email the Show Secretary at 4hgiddyup@gmail.com. Good Luck to all competitors!

SHEEP/MARKET GOAT EARTAGGING CLARIFICATION
There is some disagreement between the calendar, rule book and reality on the times and dates for eartagging for sheep and market goats. The actual dates and times are as below:

Saturday Dec. 11, 2010  8 am - 10 am, CAC
Sunday Dec. 19, 2010, 8 am - 10 am, CAC

Please disregard any other published dates and times.

FREE EDUCATIONAL SWINE CLINIC
Nutrition and Selection seminar
hosted by Showmaster Show Feeds!!

Where: Post’s Feed & Supply
Address: 10785 N Sandario Rd
Corner of Avra Valley & Sandario Rd
Marana Az 85653

Phone: 682-9660

Date: Monday, November 22, 2010

Time: 5:00 PM
Put on By Angel Peraza -
Show feed specialist for Showmaster Show Feeds,
Learn how to best select your next swine project!!
Learn how to best manage your next project
feeding Showmaster Show Feeds!!
CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations and thank you to the following clubs that turned in their enrollment paperwork by the November 1, 2010 “early” enrollment date. The earlier we get the enrollments, the earlier families start getting the newsletter and project coordinators know who the members and leaders are in their project. And as a thank you, the club leader in each club will receive a thank you gift.
Tanque Verde Community
Arivaca
Pusch Ridge Riders
Silverbell Riders
Raven Riders
Silver Spurs
Fountain Clovers
Blazing Caballos
El Chaparral
Pima County Pathfinders
Star Pass Riders
Southwest 4-H
Tierra Homesteaders
Santa Rita Settlers
Littleton Ranchers
Marana Stockmen
Paws for the Cause
Ghostriders
Tanque Verde Livestock
Little Rascals
Sunset Riders
Northwest Outriders
Sweetwater Riding Team
Catalina Mountaineers
Wrightstown Wranglers

FREE FABRIC AVAILABLE
Do your members need some fabric for a clothing project? An arts and crafts project? How about a quilt? Due to a generous donation by a former 4-H leader, we have boxes of fabric available. All fabric is free to take, we only ask that it be used for a 4-H project or be used for something 4-H related. If you would like to go through the boxes and pick out fabric, contact Curt (626-5161, epeters@ag.arizona.edu) to set up a time. The price is right!

CRUISING TO 4-H EXCELLENCE -- SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
As you see in another part of the newsletter, the 2011 Western Regional 4-H Forum is an Alaskan Cruise from Seattle. To help with expenses, there are eight $250 scholarships available. Deadline to apply is January 14, 2011. Other requirements are:
* Be an Arizona 4-H Certified Volunteer
* Attend and participate full-time in all aspects of the Western Regional 4-H Leader Forum (WRLF)
* Have 2 or more years experience but less than 10 years as an Arizona 4-H Certified Volunteer as a community, project, or middle management volunteer
Scholarship applications are available from the 4-H office (626-5161) or at:
http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/content/hot-topic/2011-western-regional-leaders-forum-may-7-14
This is a unique opportunity, take advantage of it!

LEADING FUN, EFFECTIVE MEETINGS
The next Leading Fun, Effective meetings workshop will be on January 15, 2011, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon at the 4-H Office. This is one of the required workshops for volunteer certification. This is the last one that we will conduct this 4-H year.
4-H EXCHANGE TO MONGOLIA

Via a grant to the Wyoming 4-H program, young people from the western US will be able to participate in an exchange program with the country of Mongolia. The details are:

Dates:
Mid-June to mid-July 2011. The exchange will last 4 weeks. The first week is spent in language and cultural training. Two weeks will be with a host family. Youth and adults will participate in environmental education and community service projects. The last week of the exchange will be spent in a Ger camp in the countryside and will also include sightseeing and tourist attractions.

*Audience*
29 youth and 6 adult chaperons to Mongolia next summer. Youth must be at least 15 years old and not older than 17 by June 1, 2011. Youth must have at least one semester of high school left following the trip. Youth must have a strong interest in environmental issues around water quality, renewable resources and land reclamation.

*Pre-Trip Requirements*
Selected youth must participate in a pre-trip orientation May 20-22 at the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

*Selection Process*
Interested youth must submit an application no later than January 15, 2011. Application forms are available online at: www.wyoming4h.org or by request to Warren Crawford at: Crawford@uwyo.edu

Applicants will be contacted by February 1st for a web-based interview. Selected youth will be notified by mid-March.

*Selection Criteria*
- Personal leadership skills
- Community involvement
- Academic and social skills
- Openness and flexibility
- Interest in learning about environmental and natural resources common to the Western U.S. and Mongolia

*Costs*
There will be minimal out-of-pocket expenses for those selected. All passport fees up to $55 will be paid along with round trip airfare to Denver, for the pre-trip orientation, meals, lodging and transportation from Denver International Airport to Laramie. Round trip airfare to Mongolia will also be paid along with accident and sickness insurance, in-country logistics, meals, lodging and small stipends for cultural activities and site visits.

For more information, please feel free to contact Dr. Kirk Astroth (kastroth@cals.arizona.edu) or visit the Wyoming 4-H website.
2011 Western Regional 4-H Leader Forum: May 7-14

Please visit the 2011 WRLF Website at http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html

Come cruise with Washington to 4-H Excellence

2011 Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum will be held aboard the Holland America cruise ship ms Westerdam; departing Seattle on Saturday May 7, 2011; visiting five ports of call in Southern Alaska and Canada, returning to Seattle Saturday May 14, 2011.

- Saturday May 7: Depart Seattle at 4pm aboard the cruise ship with a Welcoming Event (including Murder Mystery Kickoff, Pin Exchange, and State Huddles).
- Sunday May 8: At sea all day with multiple workshop sessions, Flag Ceremony and Keynote Speaker Charles Johnson.
- Monday May 9: Multiple workshop sessions, Keynote Speaker David Remson, docking in Juneau from noon to 9pm.
- Tuesday May 10: A morning workshop session with an afternoon Share Fair while cruising Hubbard Glacier
- Wednesday May 11: A full day in Sitka with a couple workshop session. That evening will be the Award Ceremony before dinner and state photos after dinner.
- Thursday May 12: The morning in Ketchikan with a workshop session and a late afternoon resolution to the Murder Mystery.
- Friday May 13: A morning workshop session; an afternoon Closing Ceremony (including a Capstone Speaker and the WY 2012 Invitation) with the evening in Victoria, BC.
- Saturday May 14: Depart ship in Seattle starting at 7 am

There will be a separate 4-H ship boarding line, allowing you to check in for both the cruise and the forum. Since we will be leaving the country, everyone boarding the ship is required to have an “approved travel document”, typically a passport. See http://www.getyouhome.gov/html/lang_eng/index.html for the list of acceptable documents.

Food service begins at 11:30 am the day we board ship, so you’ll want to arrive early and hungry in order to partake in the culinary delights provided. Arriving early will allow you time, prior to sailing, to tour the ship. The many facility open houses that will be provided will help familiarize you with the ship and what it has to offer. You’ll want to check out the culinary arts center, spa, digital workshop, and the club rooms for youth and teens.

Cruise Registration: The contract with HA has not been signed yet. Tentative cruise cost begins at $729 per person, double occupancy interior cabin. The cabin price includes ALL meals. The exact cost should be known shortly with the cruise/forum registration websites available in June. A deposit of $350 per person will be required within 5 days of booking, with the balance due February 21st. For best cabin selection, you’re encouraged to book your cabin by Dec. 1, 2010.

Since all food is included in the cruise booking, there will be no need to schedule a “State’s Night Out”. States are free to schedule a delegation activity any time during the cruise if they choose to do so.
**WRLF Registration:** The full-time registration fee has been set at $100. Full-time registration provides access to all group events and workshops. Admittance will be monitored by the name tag holder, which will be provided at check-in. A companion registration will be offered for $25. The companion registration provides access to all group events, allowing the companions to eat with the registrant during meals. The WRLF registrants will have the early dinner seating, which is typically 5:45pm. NO 4-H presentation will be made in association with dinner. This is an opportunity for you to get better acquainted with all your 4-H friends and family.

The registration portion of the 2011 website will be up and running as soon as the cruise registration is available (tentatively mid June). Registrants will need to register for the conference at the same time as the cruise. The two registrations will be linked to ensure all conference registrants have a cabin. Registrants will be reminded in January 2011 to return to the website to sign-up for the workshops they wish to attend.

**WRLF Souvenirs:** All 2011 full time registrants will receive a “Clover the 4-H Fish” in their Goodie bag. A 2011 WRLF blue logo shirt [here](http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/pdf/shirts.pdf) or a ¼-zip blue logo sweatshirt [here](http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/pdf/sweatshirts.pdf) may be ordered in conjunction with your Forum registration. They will be delivered to you at the ship.

**Publicity:** The 2011 WRLF promotional DVD being distributed to all the states, provinces, and territories is a great resource of information regarding the cruise and should be shared with as many Youth Development Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers as possible. A sample press release accompanied the DVD.

**Clover Room:** During the cruise, there will be a meeting room that will be used as a central hub for 4-H. This “Clover room” will be used for the Share Fair, displays/exhibits and information table. It will contain tables and chairs and serve as a gathering place for 4-Hers on the ship.

**Speakers:** There will be two world class speakers joining us on the cruise, Charles Johnson and David Remson. Both gentlemen will be delivering a keynote address and conducting a workshop.

**Workshops:** The 2011 WRLF "Request for Workshop Proposal" forms are now available on-line at [here](http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/rfp.html). Fill one out and send it in. The committee is hoping to offer workshops at each "port of call" as well as aboard ship. The workshop proposals are due by November 2010. The workshop schedule will be available for sign-ups in January 2011. The plan is to have at least one workshop session every day to accommodate maximum flexibility with cruise activities.

**Workshop Hosts:** A room host application form is in development. It will be similar to that used by New Mexico, allowing anyone registering for forum to be a room host.

**NO Door Prizes:** There will NOT be a separate door prize activity during the 2011 WRLF. All door prizes received prior to sailing will be distributed amongst the forum Goodie bags.

**NO Silent Auction:** There will be NO Silent Auction associated with the 2011 WRLF.

**Murder Mystery:** A multi-day Murder Mystery event will be conducted during the WRLF, with clues being spread over the duration. Kickoff will be at the Welcoming event on Saturday, the first day. Resolution of the mystery will be at a group event on Thursday, the 6th day of the cruise.
Lights, Camera, Challenge!

National 4-H Council, National 4-H Headquarters, and University of Arizona 4-H Youth Development, invite all 4-H professionals, staff, and volunteers to produce their own digital video for front-line educators and volunteers to better implement 4-H science programs. The purpose of this contest is to build a vault of films to show great 4-H facilitation and learning in practice. We seek films that will help others know what inquiry-based learning looks like in real life. As the saying goes—*A picture is worth a thousand words.*

We are looking for bold, creative, and exciting videos to help educate facilitators about how to implement 4-H science and illustrate inquiry-based learning approaches to helping youth learn and master science content.

**STEP 1** - Create your own 3-5 minute video.

**STEP 2** - Check out [www.4-h.org/videochallenge](http://www.4-h.org/videochallenge) for contest guidelines and more resources

**STEP 3** - [Submit](http://www.4-h.org/videochallenge) - Complete your entry form and release forms and submit your video between October 25 and January 31, 2011.

**Deadline for Entry:**

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Looking ahead to December....

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4   Pygmy Goat Show @ Adobe Veterinary Center 9:00 am.
6   Horse Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
8   Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
11  Sheep & Market Goat Ear Tagging @ CAC, 8:00 - 10:00 am
11  Sheep & Market Goat Jackpot @ CAC, 8:00 - 2:00 pm
11  QA Workshop @ CAC portable, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
16  Swine Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
19  Sheep / Market Goat Ear Tag @ CAC, 8:00 - 10:00 am
21  Sheep / Market Goat Project Meeting @ 7:00 pm
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