It is my pleasure to announce that this year’s Yavapai County 4-H/FFA EXPO will be held the last weekend of August, and will not be in conjunction with the fair. The fair is not a 4-H sponsored event, and 4-H assumes no responsibility for their event.

We are dedicated and working hard to contact our supporters and buyers to inform them that 4-H/FFA EXPO is returning to the tradition of being a stand-alone event and no longer being commingled with the fair.

The official 4-H/FFA EXPO 2018 premium book, dates, deadlines and other important information will be out to you this week.

It is the responsibility of the 4-H youth to follow 4-H requirements when considering participation in non-sponsored events.

Here are some questions we have already been asked.
Q: Can Cloverbuds participate at the fair?
A: Cloverbuds are not allowed to handle animals, and cannot participate in competitive events.

Q: What is the difference between 4-H/FFA EXPO and the fair?
A: 4-H/FFA EXPO follows high educational and youth development standards set by Cooperative Extension.

Q: Can I sell at both the 4-H/FFA EXPO and the fair?
A: 4-H members can only sell at one 4-H related auction during a 4-H year.

Q: Can I receive EXPO scholarships, sponsorships, or awards if I do not participate in EXPO?
A: No, these awards are restricted to members that participate in EXPO.

Q: Can I sell at the fair and still participate in 4-H?
A: Per Member in Good Standing Requirements, youth must participate in three recognized 4-H events throughout the year (local, county, state or national).

Examples of 4-H sponsored events:

- Local/Club Level: Livestock Judging, Public Speaking Workshop or Contest, etc.
- County Level: 4-H/FFA EXPO or 4-H Horse Show (The fair is not a 4-H sponsored event)
- State Level: MoYava 4-H Camp, Arizona State Fair, Arizona Nationals, etc.
- National: Western National Roundup

The Cooperative Extension Staff would like to thank all those who are working hard to provide a quality premier event for 4-H youth in Yavapai County.
A special thank you to Dennis Dowling, Tracy Haught, Lorraine Spears, Mark Moore, Cindy Price and the awesome volunteers and EXPO superintendents who are stepping up to help put on an amazing event!

Please reach out to your club leaders or superintendents if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to a great year serving the 4-H youth in Yavapai County!

Jeff Schalau, Director