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YAVAPAI COUNTY 4-H NEWS  
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| September 16     | Indoor Air Rifle Fun Shoot - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Apache Junction VFW    |
| September 18     | Prescott Rodeo Grounds Rummage Sale Registration Deadline              |
| October 7        | Prescott Rodeo Grounds Rummage Sale                                    |
| October 11       | Record Books due to Yavapai County Extension Office                    |
| October 21       | YCQA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Mayer Recreation Center   |
| October 21       | Cochise County 4-H Dog Clinic 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Location TBD          |
| November 10      | Veterans Day - Extension Offices Closed                                |
| November 23 - 24 | Thanksgiving Closure - Extension Offices Closed                        |
| December 22 - 29 | Christmas/Winter Closure - Extension Offices Closed                    |
| January 13 - 14  | Colorado River Small Stock Show - Verde Valley Fairgrounds, Cottonwood |



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## CLAIRE'S CORNER

Dear 4-Hers,  
I am afraid I have some bad and good news this month. I will no longer be your 4-H Agent. But I leave you in good hands. Stacy DeVeau and Natalie Olson are the best folks I have ever worked with. I am moving to Seattle to be closer to my daughter. I want you to know that the highlight of my work as your agent was working with you and I'll long remember our conversations and your smiles. Keep up the good work you do. Be kind to yourselves and others and continue to take every opportunity to learn and grow. The world needs you.

Blessings,  
Dr. Claire



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## HORSE PROGRAM

The formation of a Yavapai County 4-H Horse program is moving forward. If you are a 4-H member with an interest in ALL things Horse, please let the office know so we can further support the development of this program. Call or email Natalie Olson [nolson1@arizona.edu](mailto:nolson1@arizona.edu) or Stacy Deveau at [sdeveau@arizona.edu](mailto:sdeveau@arizona.edu)



**Note: Thank you to all who have responded to our request to build out this program. We're waiting for critical mass here and will be in touch soon.**

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## Colorado River Small Stock Show

Save the Date! The CRSSS is returning and will be held January 13-14, 2024, at the Verde Valley Fairgrounds in Cottonwood. Indoor exhibitions and public speaking opportunities to be included! Keep an eye out for event updates.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Congratulations to our new 4-H Volunteers!

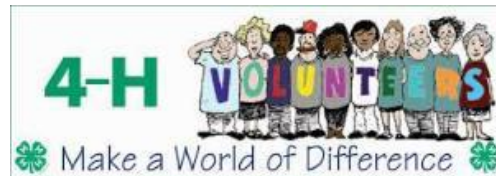
**Eric Banuelos** - New Final Drive 4-H Club Leader, Clarkdale

**Deanell Gregory** - New school club @ American Heritage Academy, Cottonwood

**Darin Gunn** - Prescott Valley Clovers 4-H Club, Prescott Valley

**Brian Lathrop** - Weaver Mountain Wildcats 4-H Club, Peoples Valley

**Madison Schuh** - New School Club Leader @ American Heritage Academy, Cottonwood



### 2023-2024 4-H Year: Enrollment in [ZSuite](#) is now open!

**ALL CLUB and PROJECT LEADERS**, please select the projects your club will offer in your club profile and the project(s) you will lead in your volunteer profile so that members may enroll and we can recognize volunteer activity! Note, member enrollments in clubs without enrolled leaders will not be approved until the club leader is enrolled.

#### Make it a GREAT 4-H Year!

The beginning of a new year is the best time to set the stage for success in 4-H!

As you plan, please keep the following in mind...

- Discuss the importance of the 4-H Emblem and Pledge (recited at each meeting);
  - Each member should have their printed record book at each meeting in order to keep up-to-date with progress throughout the year;
- Record book covers are available at <https://shop4-h.org/products/4-h-members-record-book-cover>;
- Review/Discuss Member-in-Good-Standing requirements, attached;
- 4-H provides youth leadership opportunities; plan to hold elections for club officer positions.



Like our fb page to receive important announcements and opportunities: <https://www.facebook.com/YavapaiCo4H>

## Rummage Sale

Club Leaders: Start asking your 4-H families for items now...

The Prescott Rodeo Grounds will be hosting a community rummage sale on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, and has graciously waived the fee for 4-H and offered to provide a space for 4-H clubs to use as a fundraising opportunity. The space will be 20' x 20', sufficient for each club to have a table plus a bit of space on the ground.



They are asking for clubs interested in participating to arrive between 6 and 6:30 a.m. The sale will end at 2 p.m.

If your club plans to participate and man a table within our space, please let us know if you will bring your own table or if you would like us to provide you with one. Club leaders do not need to submit a Fundraiser Form but must notify [yc4h@arizona.edu](mailto:yc4h@arizona.edu) of the intent to participate by September 18th. **Families should contact their club leader directly if interested in participating.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### All 2022-2023 Record Books are Due to the County 4-H Office by Wednesday OCTOBER 11th!

Record books help to set goals, keep track of meetings, record demonstrations and talks, and much more! Arizona delegates for National 4-H Congress, held in Atlanta each fall, are chosen based on their 4-H accomplishments as documented in their Arizona 4-H Member and Project Records. Visit <https://extension.arizona.edu/az-4-h-record-books> for both printable and fillable versions of both member and project record books.

We ask that Project and Club Leaders **COLLECT and PRE-SCREEN RECORD BOOKS FOR COMPLETION**, providing members an opportunity to edit them prior to submission to the county. **ONLY COMPLETE RECORD BOOKS SHOULD BE TURNED-IN.** As the Record Book is an important part of any 4-H project, only those fulfilling this responsibility will earn project pins.

#### CHECK YOUR OWN RECORD BOOK

This form will help you organize and assemble your Record Book. Assemble the contents of your Record Book in this order. Do not include newspaper clippings, letters, ribbons, certificates, receipts, past year's judging criteria, or past year's project manuals or workbooks. The entire portfolio must be prepared by the member. Member may use blue or black ink, pencil, typewriter or computer format. Plastic/protective sheets should only be used on photo pages. They must be even with the rest of the record book pages. Make sure all tabs are easily visible.

1. **Record Book cover**, as at shop4-h.org, contains member's name and club name.
2. This sheet (Check Your Own Record Book) may be placed first in your Record Book. Check the items that apply as you complete them. This sheet is not judged; it is for your own use.
3. **Yavapai County 4-H Record Scoring form** – is used to determine Record Book award.
4. **Title Page** (optional) - should contain your name, current 4-H year, age as of January 1st and your 4-H Club(s).
5. **Table of Contents** (optional) – list the major sections of your record book in order. Member Record, 4 H Story, General 4-H Photos, Leadership Project (if applicable), Project Records (list by name), Past Years
6. **Member Record** - a permanent record of your 4-H participation, added to each year  
\_\_\_\_ **Tabbed divider** labeled Member Record  
\_\_\_\_ All Member Record pages completed: Cover, Summary of Projects by year, 4-H: Leadership, Community Service, Communication Skills, Contests, Activities, & Events, Recognition, Participation Outside 4-H.
7. **4-H Story** - Your story should be about your overall experience in 4-H this year.  
\_\_\_\_ **Tabbed divider** labeled 4-H Story
8. **General 4-H Photographs** - Current year only.  
\_\_\_\_ **Tabbed divider** labeled General Photos  
\_\_\_\_ 3 pages (maximum), of general 4-H photos behind the 4-H Story to illustrate different aspects of your story, such as 4-H Community Service, 4-H Camp, 4-H, and general 4-H events from this year. Not project specific. (Remember, there is room for project photos with project records.)  
\_\_\_\_ Pictures may not overlap. Should only be attached on one side of a sheet of paper.  
\_\_\_\_ Label each picture with a short description.
10. **Project Records:** 1 per project. For each project include a tab, the Project Record, Project Photos.  
\_\_\_\_ **Tabbed dividers** labeled with the name of each 4-H project (i.e., "Horse", "Gardening", "Rabbit")  
\_\_\_\_ Signatures for all projects in place  
\_\_\_\_ All sections completed. Write "N/A" or "None" if you have no entry for a section.  
\_\_\_\_ 4-H Project Photographs are encouraged: 3 pages (one-sided) maximum per project. Photographs must pertain only to that project. Pictures may not overlap. Label each picture with a short description.
11. Records from the **previous years:** Remove project tab dividers. Assemble 4-H Story, General Photos, Project records and photos. These should be grouped by year and each year separated by a tabbed year divider.  
\_\_\_\_ **Tabbed dividers** labeled for each year.

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## Yavapai County 4-H Record Book Evaluation Criteria (Scoring Rubric)

4-H Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Junior (8-10) \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate (11-13) \_\_\_\_\_ Senior (14-19) \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Placing \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGING CATEGORIES

JUDGE'S COMMENTS

POINTS

ARIZONA 4-H MEMBER'S RECORD		
<b>4-H Leadership</b> (Jr. 5 pts; Int. 15 pts; Sr. 25 pts) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officer &amp; committee roles, planning club programs /events</li> <li>• Developing skills toward leadership</li> <li>• Teaching others</li> <li>• Significant effort made</li> <li>• Entries coded (L, C, S, R or N)</li> </ul>		
<b>4-H Community Service/Citizenship</b> (Maximum Points - 15) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significance of service exp., how helped others (5)</li> <li>• Reached beyond 4-H (5)</li> <li>• Personal Effort/increase responsibility (3)</li> <li>• Hours/Scope (2)</li> </ul>		
<b>4-H Communication Skills</b> (Maximum Points - 10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion or communications about 4-H (3)</li> <li>• Public Speaking (3)</li> <li>• Demonstrations (3)</li> <li>• Entries coded (L, C, S, R or N) (1)</li> </ul>		
<b>4-H Contests, Activities, Events</b> (5) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broad &amp; diverse variety of experiences</li> <li>• Reflective of member's project involvement</li> <li>• Age &amp; experience appropriate</li> </ul>		
4-H STORY & PHOTO PORTFOLIO		
<b>4-H Story</b> (Maximum Points - 10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jr. &amp; Int. – 1 page max; Seniors – 3 pages max.</li> <li>• Minimal spelling and grammatical errors</li> <li>• The story should reflect the member's experience(s) in 4-H, and share something about themselves.</li> <li>• Some key reflections might be: Projects and impacts; challenges and successes; insights learned about self from project(s); leadership, business skills and community contributions; the four essential elements of 4-H; or a specific learning experience and the feelings associated.</li> </ul>		
<b>4-H Photo Portfolio</b> (Bonus 5 pts) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Photo placement-may not overlap (2)</li> <li>• Captions-who, what, when &amp; where (1)</li> <li>• Maximum of 3 pages (1)</li> <li>• Action Photos related to 4-H Story (1)</li> </ul>	Note: If you are within 5 points of the next level ribbon, the lack of photo points will not be held against you.	
ARIZONA 4-H PROJECT RECORD(S) (Points Possible: 25 pts)		
<b>4-H Project Record(s)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project goals, (min. 3 per project ) (5)</li> <li>• Project Activities, show attendance at 6 meetings (5)</li> <li>• Project accomplishments &amp; experiences (5)</li> <li>• Project Inventory (2)</li> <li>• Income/expenses with net profit or loss (3)</li> <li>• Financial Summary (3)</li> <li>• Signatures: Member, Leader, Parent (2)</li> </ul>		
PROJECT YEAR SELF EVALUATION(S)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-H Self-Evaluation(s) (5)</li> </ul>		
ORGANIZATION (Points Possible: 15 pts)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Followed assembly instructions (5)</li> <li>• Entries appear to be made by member (5)</li> <li>• Complete, neat, organized, &amp; shows effort (2)</li> <li>• Securely bound in a green 4-H record book cover (2)</li> <li>• Only included items requested in the current year (1)</li> </ul>		

**Juniors (8-10):** 95-75 Blue; 74-59 Red; 58 or below White  
**Intermediates (11-13):** 105-90 Blue; 89-74 Red; 73 or below White  
**Seniors (14-19):** 115-100 Blue; 99-84 Red; 83 or below White

Adapted from University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Maricopa County 4-H Record Book Scoring Rubric and Cochise County 4-H Record Book Score Sheet

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### YQCA Workshop

Yavapai County 4-H is bringing in-person YQCA training to you! This annual certification is required for all members, **ages 8-18**, who produce and/or show livestock. Here are the details:

- Date/Time: Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, drop-off at 9:30am, pick-up at 3pm
- Location: Mayer Recreation Center, 10001 S Wicks Ave, Mayer, AZ 86333
- Cost: \$18 per 4-H member (\$3 YQCA fee paid online at time of registration, \$15 at the door, cash or check made payable to Yavapai County 4-H Leaders Council).
- Lunch is included. Bring a refillable water bottle.

**Hands-on stations** to include Biosecurity, Animal well-being, Nutrition, Veterinary products, Emergency response, Life skills, and more!

To sign-up for this event, go to <https://yqcaprogram.org> and register or log-in (you'll need to register if you don't already have a YQCA account). Then select the \$3 instructor-led training option for your child's age group (it's directly below the web-based training option). Follow the prompts to complete the training registration, and be sure to select the correct training event ☐

For additional help: This video explains how you can create a YQCA account, add children, purchase and take instructor-led courses, and download or print your certificate.

[YQCA Help Video for Instructor-Led Training and Certification`](#)



### Air Rifle Fun Shoot

Arizona 4-H Shooting Sports is partnering with the VFW to offer another free indoor air rifle fun shoot. This month's event is being hosted by VFW Post #9399 in Apache Junction (address listed on flyer). Youth aged 8-18 years old are encouraged to come out and give indoor air rifle shooting a try. Shooting begins at 1000 and will end at approximately 1400. Lunch is being provided by the VFW. All current 4-H members and youth who are interested in learning more about 4-H are encouraged to attend!

Pre-registration is not required.



COMMUNITY KIDS EVENT

# FUN AIR SHOOT RANGE



Join us for this free-fun air shoot event for kids between the age of 8-18 years old. If you have questions/concerns, please contact Derek Hulsebus at (520) 252-5677. Lunch will be provide by the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars).

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# COCHISE COUNTY 4-H DOG CLINIC

Open to all youth!

Learn: Showmanship, Obedience, and Tricks

October 21, 2023

9am-3pm

Location TBD

Sign up to RSVP!





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 4-H Invited to participate in Prescott Farmers Market – Several Summer Saturdays

A Farmers Market is an ancient practice going back hundreds of years all over the world. It continues to be the place for farmers to sell their locally grown produce directly to the community. **The Prescott Farmers Market** is the place for buying and selling farm-based products such as produce, meats, eggs, baked goods, soaps, and crafts. There are also educational booths, foods, and sometimes entertainment. **Yavapai County 4-H has been invited to staff a booth on several Saturdays** and share 4-H projects and all things 4-H. Please contact the 4-H office to provide this **community service** and share what you do in your 4-H club. These events happen on **Saturdays, 7:30 to noon** at **900 Iron Springs Road** (Dignity Health-YRMC Miller Valley lot at Iron Springs/Miller Valley). Be part of an ancient tradition and help Yavapai learn about 4-H. Bring your 4-H hats and shirts and your smiles. **Please RSVP with Natalie Olson at (928) 445-6590 ext. 239 for the last date of October 7.**



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### Do you know...?

The 4-H office has educational Learning Lab Kits that are your answer for species-specific, hands-on, durable learning materials. They can be used for teaching and evaluating knowledge of livestock and companion animals. These are perfect for 4-H project meetings and can be checked out for up to 30 days at a time!

Kits available:

- Beef
- Dairy Cow
- Dog
- Goat
- Horse
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine

Contact Stacy or Natalie to find out more!



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### Announcement

Calling all youth members, volunteers, parents, leaders: Please send youth 4-H achievements so that we can celebrate as the Yavapai 4-H community.





## New Mexico 4-H Cloverbud Project Activities

### Nature's Treasures

#### Bird Feeder



##### What You will Need:

- Clean 1-liter soda bottle
- Craft knife
- 2 wooden spoons
- small eye screw
- Length of twine for hanging

##### Instructions

1. Start by drawing a 1/2-inch asterisk on the side of a clean 1-liter soda bottle, about 4 inches from the bottom. Rotate the bottle 90 degrees and draw another asterisk 2 inches from the bottom. Draw a 1-inch-wide circle opposite each asterisk, as shown.
2. Use a craft knife to slit the asterisk lines and cut out the circles (a parent's job). Insert a wooden spoon handle first through each hole and then through the opposite asterisk, as shown.
3. Remove the bottle cap and twist a small eye screw into the top of it for hanging.
4. Finally, fill your feeder with birdseed, recap it, and use a length of twine to hang it from a tree.



### Cloverbuds

The goal of the 4-H Cloverbud Program is to promote the healthy development of youth ages 5 to 8, to become capable, competent, caring and contributing citizens.

Clubs provide activity-based education for members.

**Activity-based** means a variety of short term experiences for youth that creates a cooperative fun approach to learning.

Cloverbud members are energetic and enthusiastic. They have short attention spans and enjoy getting involved in fast-paced programs that teach lessons through a series of short activities.

Because of the enthusiastic leaders, hands-on activities, and energetic youth, Cloverbud clubs are fun for all.

