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A Thank You to Our Volunteers...

First, I would like to start by saying Happy New Year and welcome to the newly renovated Cochise County 4-H Newsletter! Secondly, I would like to thank each and every one of our volunteers, caregivers and youth who participate in this program! Our volunteers donate so much time and effort to the program by making a club, keeping said club running, fundraising, doing club paperwork, and above all, supporting youth and their families! It's a huge task that you take on (and I imagine, you enjoy) that is more appreciated than you know! You and our youth are the heart of 4-H!

Caregivers also make great efforts by driving their kids to meetings, often driving other kids to meetings, and by helping their kids' home club with tasks! It is so much appreciated more than you know by supporting 4-H youth and clubs! As a former 4-H youth myself, I would not have been able to attend any meetings or participate without the help of my parents!

Additionally, we cannot go without recognizing our 4-H youth! You are why we are here, and we are so proud of what you accomplish now and in the future!

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer or participating as a youth member, you can sign up at <https://4h.zsuite.org/>. Additionally, you are more than welcome to contact me (Mekenna Smith) at mekennagsmith@arizona.edu or Luis Aguilar Chavez at laguilarchavez@arizona.edu! We are both here for you if you have questions, need support, or have concerns!

Seeking New 4-H Council Members for Cochise County

Come one, come all! We are in search of new members to be a part of Cochise County 4-H Council!

What is 4-H council? 4-H Council according to article II, section 1 in the bylaw states "The objectives of this council shall be to promote high quality 4-H work within the county; to develop cooperative effort for work, fun and fellowship among leaders and members; to provide opportunity for leadership in the educational economic and social development of the

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community. 4-H programs are open to membership by all youth and adults, irrespective of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation.” This means that this council exists to firstly to support the 4-H program in Cochise County. Secondly, it exists to create a friendly fellowship between members and leaders! Thirdly, it is to provide community building, education, and leadership opportunities without discrimination.

Who can join the council? According to article III, section 1, and section 2, “This council shall include all certified leaders, junior leaders in good standing, and the county extension 4-H personnel. Memberships may be extended to any other persons or organizations selected by the board of directors.”

If you have any questions about joining 4-H Council or are wanting to join, please do not hesitate to visit <https://extension.arizona.edu/4h/cochise> for more information about 4-H! It also includes contact information for 4-H staff on the right-hand side!

4-H Volunteer of the Month

Julie Colburn of San Pedro Spirits



My name is Julie Colburn and I have been in 4-H for going on 9 years now, as a parent, project leader, and now club leader. I have also sat as the board president for the county.

We first got into 4-H because my daughter went to the county fair for a field trip and came back saying she wanted to show rabbits professionally and here we are, we have shown everything but horse!

My favorite thing about 4-H is the idea of student lead leadership enforcing and encouraging students to leaders. Yes, they will fail at times but that is part of growth and learning and makes for better leadership. These kids are the future and we adults need to let them lead. It's amazing what this generation comes up with!

4-H Member of the Month

Emiliano Chavez of Coronado



Emiliano Chavez from the Coronado 4-H club joined in 2019. His family previously had no knowledge of 4-H programming as they immigrated from Mexico but welcomed 4-H with open arms. His family has completely embraced the 4-H family environment where they are always donating time to help with activities. In 2019, Emiliano participated in the rabbit project. In 2020 he did the beef builder program as well as the chicken project. In 2022, Emiliano participated in the goat, Beef Builders, carcass steer, rabbit, and chicken projects. He has also served in leadership roles such as president of the club. Additionally, he has always served as an excellent mentor to new members. Emiliano is always the first one to jump up and help someone in need and is an all-around good kid! -Moiria White

4-H Project of the Month

Erik Schroeder

Hello Cochise County! This is Erik Schroeder, your new State Shooting Sports Coordinator.

Exciting things are happening in the Arizona 4-H Shooting Sports World. We recently completed our fall Level-1 adult volunteer shooting sports instructor training in Tucson, Arizona. As a result of the training, we now have over 200 certified shooting sports instructors spread across the state of Arizona, including one additional instructor in Cochise County. Please congratulate Andrew Aabye the next time you see him out at the range

Our next big events we are looking forward to are our State Championship Air and Multi-Discipline Matches. Our State Championship Air (rifle and pistol) event is being held in Phoenix, Arizona on 18 February 2023. Registration is open until 21 January on the Z-Suite website.

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Our State Multi-Discipline Championship Match is being held in Casa Grande, Arizona the weekend of 24-26 February 2023. Registration is open via Z-Suite until 21 January. At this match, all shooting sports Junior, Intermediate and Senior project members can come out and compete in Shotgun, Smallbore Rifle, Smallbore Pistol, Muzzleloader, Archery and Hunting Skills courses of fire with other 4-H members from across the state. Camping is available for a reasonable cost on site. Please see the State Shooting Sports website (www.extension.arizona.edu/4hshooting sports) for additional information.

Things Coming up!

- January 28-29 Arizona Communication Days
- February 11 4-H Dog Clinic
- February 18 State Shooting Sports Championship (Air only)
- February 24-26 State Shooting Sports Championship
- February 25 Open Chess Tournament