



March Newsletter



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*We will continue to monitor the situation and follow local and global recommendations



COVID Mitigation Phase 1

Recent trends have warranted us to move from Phase 0 into Phase 1. While in-person programming may proceed, please pay specific attention to the requirements listed below. Also please remember that an increase in cases could result in a return to Phase 0. Be sure to follow the Phase 1 guidelines with any in-person 4-H engagement in Cochise County.

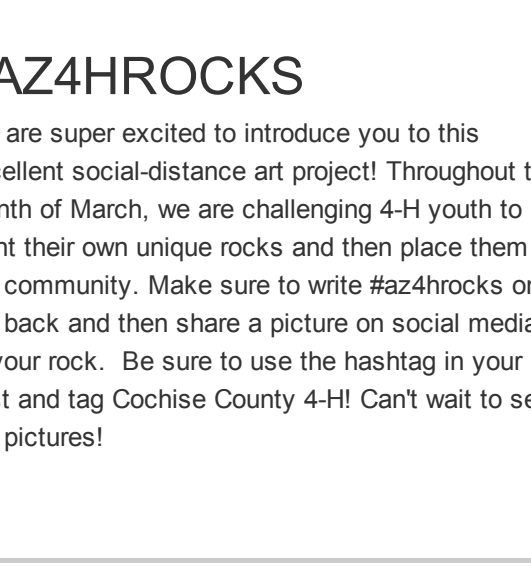
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Go here for more information about UA Arizona Cooperative Extension COVID-19 mitigation requirement phases, and your county's status go here: <https://extension.arizona.edu/phased-operational-plan>.

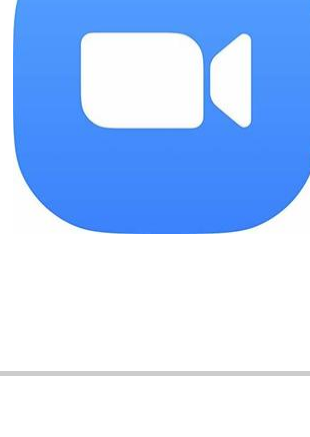
Volunteers Needed!

Do you enjoy helping youth learn, grow, and succeed? Do you have a few extra hours each month that you could devote to making this happen? We are looking for volunteers across the county who are willing to rise to the challenge as a 4-H Volunteer. We are looking for help running community clubs and projects. If you have an interest in a particular project, please reach out to Peter at hooperp@arizona.edu.



Open Communication

In an effort to help promote communication, Peter will be hosting an open meeting every other Wednesday via Zoom at 5:00pm. This is an open invitation for anyone who would like to talk, ask questions, or just hang out. Of course, if you have something that you want to talk about outside of those meetings, please don't hesitate to call, text, or email. hooperp@arizona.edu 520-302-4667. The first office hours will be held on Wednesday, March 17th at 5:00pm. <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/81776566868>



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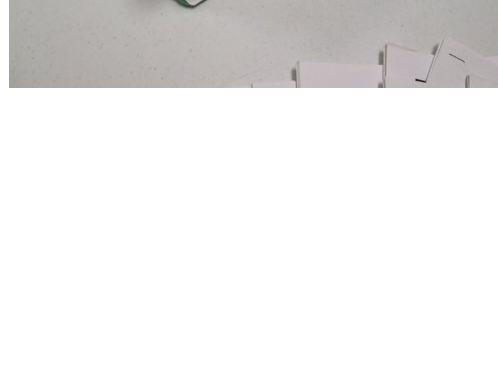
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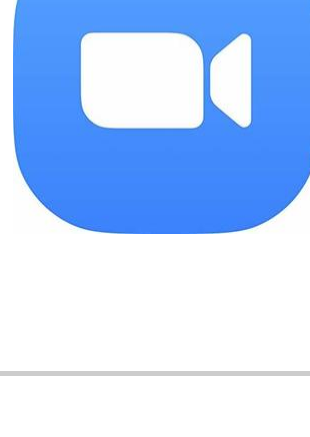


#AZ4HROCKS

We are super excited to introduce you to this excellent social-distance art project! Throughout the month of March, we are challenging 4-H youth to paint their own unique rocks and then place them in the community. Make sure to write #az4hrocks on the back and then share a picture on social media of your rock. Be sure to use the hashtag in your post and tag Cochise County 4-H! Can't wait to see the pictures!

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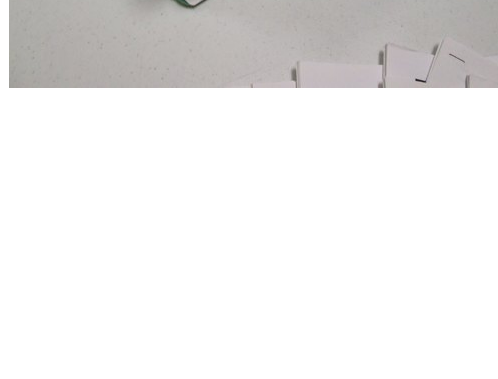
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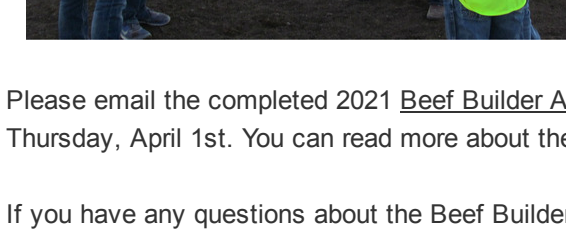
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Beef Builders

Riverview, LLP is excited to announce they will be offering the BeefBuilder™ Program once again this year through Cochise County 4-H. The BeefBuilder™ project is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to learn about raising a beef animal. There is a limited number of calves in the program, so this year, we will be continuing the application process to determine eligibility.



Please email the completed 2021 [Beef Builder Application](#) to [Moiria White](mailto:Moiria.White). It is due by Thursday, April 1st. You can read more about the program in the [Beef Builder Guidelines](#).

If you have any questions about the Beef Builder Program, please contact [Moiria White](mailto:Moiria.White) 970-217-6116.



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

County Council Update

The Cochise County 4-H Council met via Zoom on the evening of

Tuesday, March 2nd. We discussed the current state of 4-H in Cochise County and began planning for the rest of the year. We have decided that the council will meet via zoom on the Tuesday of each month at 6pm in order to maintain progress. We are looking for volunteers to participate in a few committees. These committees can be made up of volunteers, parents, and 4-H members.

Education Committee: This committee will be responsible for developing community learning opportunities related to 4-H projects prior to and during the fair. Think of things like youth members teaching about their projects while at the fair. This could also present itself as a skillathon, or clinic day, or really anything else education-related.

Building Committee: This group will be specifically responsible for running the building projects during the fair. This includes recruiting volunteers to oversee during the fair, setting up, tearing down, coming up with awards and prizes. This can also be an opportunity to have a building projects day to work on projects as a county.

Horse Committee: This committee will primarily be responsible for hosting an end-of-year county horse show in partnership with Santa Cruz County 4-H. Additionally, this committee will plan at least one community education event.

Dog Committee: This committee will primarily be responsible for hosting an end-of-year county dog show at the fair. Additionally, this committee will plan at least one community education event.

[Click Here To Sign Up For a Committee](#)

Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation Scholarship Application

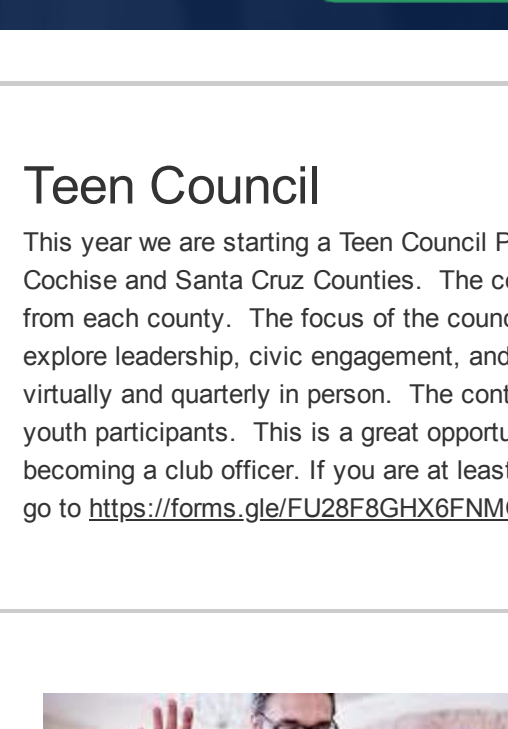
Annually the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation provides thousands of dollars in college scholarships to 4-H members and alumni. **Apply and learn more here!**

Arizona 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Arizona 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application is now available! It can be found at: <https://extension.arizona.edu/4hfoundation/scholarships-grants>. Although the due date for the foundation is Friday, April 16th, however, **if you would like Peter to review it for you prior to submission, please email it to him at hooperp@arizona.edu no later than 11:59PM on Sunday April 11th** to allow time for our office to review and approve the applications. Once your application has been reviewed by our office, you will receive an email notifying you of acceptance or a deadline to submit any revisions or additional information. This process is completely online. For more information, please see the website listed above.

ARE YOU SIGNED UP?

4-H REGISTRATION EXPIRES EVERY SEPTEMBER 30TH!



SIGN UP TODAY TO PARTICIPATE IN 4-H

<http://4h.zsuite.org>

Virtual Doesn't Have to Mean Boring



Just because we're having virtual meetings, doesn't mean that they have to be boring.

We've all been in meetings (4-H or otherwise) where it feels like we're just going through the motions. Often, this happens because we're not aware of alternative forms of engagement that exist that can make virtual meetings fun!

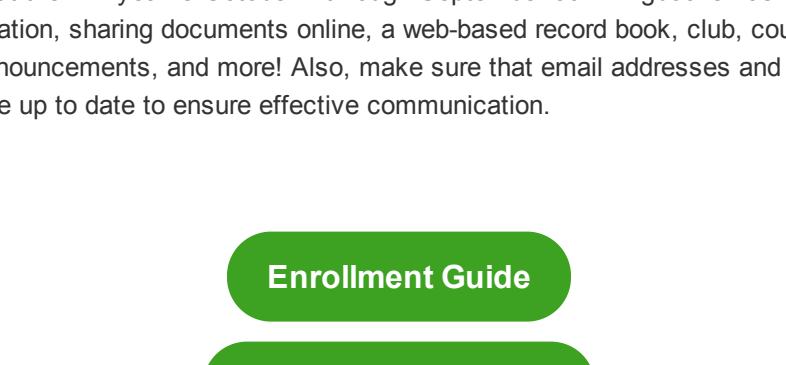
One of my favorite things to do in a Virtual Meeting is a scavenger hunt! You can either search Google for a list of random household items that you would like to include, or you could develop your own list. Come up with about twenty items that people can find in their houses. Be creative, throw in a few things that only some people might have like a wheat penny or a two-dollar bill. For a bit more fun, throw in some 4-H specific items. You can play this by household, individuals, or break up into teams using the Zoom Breakout Rooms. Give your players a set amount of time to find as many of the items on the list as possible. Once collection time is up, simply call off each item and have people show what they found. The most important thing to remember is to have fun!

Statewide Virtual Events!



AZ-4H AG at Home

AZ 4-H AG at Home provides some fun ways to share knowledge and give youth an opportunity to learn about and then try out some of the skills and projects demonstrated in the videos. Many of the videos show skills or Do-It-Yourself projects related to animals or plants. For example, learn a new way to tie a quick-release knot, practice until you are the expert, and then teach your mother, brother, or friends (with proper social distancing, of course!). [Click here](#) to learn more.



Zingbooks!

This year we have a new 4-H Management System called Zingbooks. All youth and volunteers must be registered in Zingbooks to participate in 4-H. This system allows for online payment. Remember that the 4-H year is October 1 through September 30. Zingbooks has areas for project registration, sharing documents online, a web-based record book, club, county, and state calendars, announcements, and more! Also, make sure that email addresses and other contact information are up to date to ensure effective communication.

[Enrollment Guide](#)

[Zingbooks Overview](#)

[Go To Zingbooks](#)

From Your Agent

Care, Custody, and Control

With the current push to add new 4-H volunteers to our rolls, I have been asked to develop different versions of the same question repeatedly and thought it might be a good idea to go over it here. "Why do I have to jump through so many hoops to become a volunteer?"

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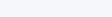
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