EVERYONE is invited! This year’s Awards & Recognition program will be held on Wednesday, May 4th, at 5:30 PM, at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. The program will highlight Yuma County’s best and we will conclude the evening with a picnic for the whole family. We need your help planning for the event, so please RSVP to let us know if you are coming. We want to be sure to have seating and food for everyone! Call the 4-H Office at 726-3904 or email savalos@cals.arizona.edu to RSVP, no later than Monday, May 2nd. See the flyer at the back of the newsletter for more information.

Yuma County Leaders’ Association

The Yuma County 4-H Leaders’ Association is looking for CERTIFIED 4-H volunteers to be added to the slate of candidates for the 4-H Leaders’ Association Board. Four positions will need to be filled by September 1st. If you are interested in a position on the Board and wish to have your name placed on the ballot, please contact Shannon at the 4-H Office for a self nomination form. Completed forms may be submitted to the 4-H Office at 2200 W. 28th Street, Suite 102 or via email to savalos@cals.arizona.edu.

Nominations are due by May 6, 2016.

Thank You

THANK YOU — to all members, leaders, parents, superintendents and supporters for an outstanding Fair! Everyone works so hard for many months leading up to the Fair and then the work really begins the week of the Fair. Many of our leaders take vacation during the week of Fair to support and work with our youth—a tradition that has been going on for a long time—a tradition that is unique to Yuma County! This is what makes our program so successful and the reason we are so proud and honored to be a part of the Yuma County 4-H Program.
AMBASSADOR ORIENTATION

Wednesday ~ May 11, 2016 ~ 5:30 PM ~ 4-H Auditorium

Ambassador Orientation is MANDATORY. At least one parent must attend with the applicant. Applications will ONLY be available at Orientation. The Ambassador Program is an excellent opportunity to gain leadership and public speaking skills while promoting 4-H!

YUMA COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR QUALIFICATIONS

An Ambassador will serve in office from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Applicants must:

- Be 15 by January 1, 2016, turned 19 no later than December 31, 2017 and not graduated high school.
- Be enrolled in 4-H for at least two (2) years and enrolled for the 2016/2017 year.
- Attend mandatory candidate/parent orientation.
- Attend, in person, the selected date for all candidate interviews.
- Accept the responsibilities outlined in the Ambassador Guidelines.

**** MUST participate in at least 85% of activities and events ****

- Be enthusiastic about 4-H.
- Demonstrate responsibility and have the time available to fulfill the role of an Ambassador.
- Be willing to attend training sessions and serve Ambassador roles when asked.
- Be willing to travel, finding own transportation, to various county activities.
- Have support of parents, Community Club Leaders, and County Extension Agent.
- Be capable and willing to request release from school on limited basis for special programs.
- Have and maintain passing grades. Transcripts will be requested.
- Must demonstrate willingness to work in a team environment and foster that type of relationship.
- Be actively participating in the total 4-H program.
The Yuma County 4-H Shooting Sports held the end of year competition on March 13th and 20th, at Ware Farm, in Dome Valley. This was a culmination of our 2015-2016 training year, with 12 classes, a two day training campout and the final competition. Due to the number of youth participating and the number of events, it was necessary to conduct the competition over two days.

We were very fortunate to be visited by Ms. Patricia Ware and to thank her for her years of support and generosity that really makes our project able to provide the broad spectrum of disciplines to so many Yuma 4-H youth.

**Combined High Point Shooter**

**Kitt Bergqvist**

**3P Air Rifle**
Grand Champion: Brandon Meza
Reserve Champion: Esai Moran

**Archery**
Grand Champion: Daniel Urquidez
Reserve Champion: Brody Harris

**Muzzle Loading**
Grand Champion: Michael Moreno
Reserve Champion: Robbie Carrasco

**Shot Gun**
Grand Champion: Kitt Bergqvist
Reserve Champion: Brandon Meza

**Small Bore 22**
Grand Champion: Evelyn Mejia
Reserve Champion: Brandon Meza

**Bench Air Rifle**
Grand Champion: Isaac Chapman
Reserve Champion: Nathan Stewart

We would like to thank all those that provided support, supplies and awards—the Beeler Family, Trax Int. of YPG and the Ware Family. A special thank you to the parents that allowed their youth to come out and learn these life skills. Our 2016-2017 training season will start in September. Watch the newsletter for dates and locations. Please remember, you MUST be enrolled in a Community Club, to participate in the Shooting Sports Project. Have a great summer! Stanley Gourley—Project Leader

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**Arizona 4-H Dog Camp**

The 4-H Dog Camp will offer workshops and classes in showmanship, obedience, agility, rally, doggie arts & crafts, canine nutrition and health, grooming, nature hikes, campfires, new games, swimming, sing-a-longs and MORE! Camp will be held at Mingus Springs Camp near Prescott and will begin Sunday, June 26 at 2:00 pm and end the morning of Thursday, June 30 at 11:00 am. Total cost will be $125.00. Adult Leader Chaperones $110.00 - must be a certified volunteer. The total camp registration fee, completed medical release and application are due no later than June 3rd. For more information, contact Gerald Olson, Mohave County.
Yuma County 4-H Teen Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the Wild West Hoedown dance. The turnout was greater than we ever imagined and everyone had a super time!

The Costume Parade was another big hit! We had twelve entries that entertained the crowd, vying for the top prizes of Best Squad, Best Solo, Best Large Animal and Funniest. The winners were as follows:

**Best Squad**—Yuma Moos Lamb Minions

**Best Solo**—Ballerinas in their tutus, Gwen Bernal and her Julianne mini pig Pippen

**Best Large Animal**—Starbucks barista pig Goldie and his favorite Frappuccino Jaxon McNeece

**Funniest**—Fisherman Cooper Smith and his fishy pig Por-Que

Teen Council had a great year! We were 24 members strong and we kept very active with activities such as the Veteran’s Day Parade and the Light parade, hosting Minute to Win It games at the BBQ, as well as a fun movie night.

Teen Council will kick off the 2016-2017 year, with their first meeting in September—watch for the date in the September newsletter. Please plan on attending the meeting if you would like to participate in Teen Council. Members must be at least 13 years of age.

Have a great summer!
Shannon ~ Andrea ~ Julie ~ Sabra
The Yuma County Fair and Junior Livestock Committee are pleased to report that over $1,102,000.00 was raised by the 2016 Small and Large Animal auctions! The support of the youth in Yuma County is phenomenal! Please be sure to take a moment to express your appreciation to your buyer.

Left Over Fair Projects

There are several entries that were not picked up at Fair Hi-Award Clover Buds, Gila Barn Busters Clover Buds, Little Rascals Clover Buds, Animals R Us Clover Buds, Yuma Mesa Jackrabbits Clover Buds and Desert Scorpions general projects. Please be sure to stop by the 4-H Office and pick up your projects. Any projects not picked up by May 20th, will be discarded.

Thank you

Thank you Jason Hollis, Dan Daley, Damian Liska, Julie Johnson and Piper Liska for helping put up the club benches used at the Fair. It may seem like a small task, but the benches are very heavy and many are in need of repair - your willingness to help is very much appreciated!

A big THANK YOU to Mr. Sam Colton and Arizona Western College for recently hosting a Welding Workshop for our 4-H program! It was wonderful! Mr. Colton, along with students and faculty from AWC provided hands-on experience for twenty 4-H members. All the participants (plus their parents) learned about welding by working on welding simulators, using the welding robot, blacksmithing, jewelry/metalsmithing, plus they made a small project, with help using the GMAW (MIG) process. Lincoln Electric sponsored the materials used by the group. It was a great evening - everyone had fun and we all learned a lot.

We had over fifty 4-H members sign up for the workshop and were limited to 25 participants. Unfortunately, 5 members that signed up and said they would be there did not show up. That was disappointing, considering we turned away 25 members that really wanted to go. Please remember to follow through on your commitments. With a simple phone call, we could have filled those 5 openings.

We had a great turn out for Livestock Judging at the Fair - 15 Clover Buds, 50 Juniors, 40 Seniors and 25 Adults judged, with an additional 25+ pulling it all together. All of the Clover Buds did a great job and received a medal and a ribbon. 1st Place winners received a ribbon and a monetary award. Congratulations to Emily Martinez (Junior Division), Teagan Welch (Senior Division) and Mike Monroe (Adult Division). A big thank you to everyone that helped - from registering, scoring, setting and placing classes and leading groups - we could not have done it without ALL of you!
Taylor Aubrey
Jovan Banuelos
Kathryn Beeler
Veronica Boyd
Justin Brierley
Michaela Camarillo
Brooke Caragata
Damaris Castillo
Katie Cavenee
Hailey Contreras
Christian DiMino
Nathaniel Dutton
Braxton Esqueda
Keiran Faulkner
Lucero Frausto
Freddie Garcia

Vincent Garza
Maryah Gonzalez
Kali Hash
Hannah Hasty
Taicey Johnson
Hope Kelland
Sydney Lemmon
Ziria Lopez-Martinez
Zach Mahan
Jeffrey Martin

Isaac Martinez
Michayla Martinich
Joseph McNally
Mackenzie Michaels
Sabrina Monreal
Ashlee Moorhead
Cristian Morales
Esai Moran
Adrienne Noriega
Kathryn Ogram
Allison Osowski

Bethany Penfold
Jessica Price
Aryanna Ramirez
Eva Read
Brett Robinson
Jackson Rush
Macee Sargent
Cole Schaffner
Taylor Sheets
Hailee Sims
Morgan Taylor
Rylie Vance
Meghan Vickers
Kylie Wellard
Joe Wright
Dakotah Ziegler

**4-H Camp Information**

Yuma County will once again partner with Maricopa and Pima Counties to host YuPiCopa 4-H Camp!

**Dates of Camp:** June 19th–23rd

**Location:** Mingus Springs—Near Prescott, Arizona

**Cost:**

- $135.00 Per Camper
- $75.00 Per Counselor

- Camp is for 9-12 year olds. Camp slots are limited to 25 spaces per county and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.
- Camp Counselor positions are for youth ages 15-18. Interviews may be held to fill these slots.
- **DEADLINES:** Camp Counselor applications are due May 13th & Camper applications are due June 3rd. Be aware, all slots may fill prior to this date! Completed camp registration, medical release, code of conduct and payment is due to the 4-H office by 5:00 pm on these dates.
- Registration packets are available at the 4-H Office. Stop by the 4-H Office or contact Shannon at savalos@cals.arizona.edu or 726-3904, to have a copy emailed to you.
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- **May 3rd:** 6:30 am - Ambassadors on KTTI
- **May 4th:** 5:30 pm - Recognition & Awards Program
- **May 5th:** 6:30 pm - Leaders' Board Meeting
- **May 6th:** 5:30 pm - Ambassador Orientation
- **May 11th:** Antelope FFA Banquet
- **May 12th:** 6:34 pm - JLC Meeting Elections/Rule Changes
- **May 13th:** DEADLINE Camp Counselor Applications Due to 4-H Office
- **May 14th:** DEADLINE Camp Counselor Applications Due to 4-H Office
- **May 18th:** Newsletter Deadline
- **May 19th:** Ambassador Applications Due
- **May 20th:** Newsletter Deadline
- **May 25th:** Reviewing Ambassadors on KTTI
- **May 26th:** Newsletter Assembly Desert Pride
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**Events:**
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- **May 2:** Obola FFA Banquet
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**Events:**
- **June 6:** JOLT Leadership Camp Through 06/10/16
- **June 19:** 4-H Camp through 06/23/16
- **June 27:** Citizenship Washington Focus through 07/02/16
Please join us for this year's

4-H Awards Program

Wednesday ~ May 4th ~ 5:30 pm
At the Yuma County Fairgrounds

Please RSVP at 726.3904 or savalos@cals.arizona.edu

And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise, and said, “I need a caretaker.”

[So God made a farmer]