Hello 4-H members, families, and leaders,

As the cooler weather begins to settle in, I hope you have had the chance to reflect on your past 4-H year. I cannot express my excitement for us to begin another year in 4-H and one that I am sure will be full of excitement, memories, life lessons, and fun. With a new 4-H year starting, we have had some new volunteers step in and we are offering some new project areas that are helping us expand. We hope you will take advantage of the projects and continue to succeed in the ones you have participated in. Our livestock skillathon team will be traveling to Louisville this month and we are excited to be representing Arizona at the national contest. I challenge all the members of Santa Cruz County 4-H to set SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely) goals for the year, work on your record book throughout the year, and become active in your club. I know that we have the best youth in the state in our county and we can show Arizona and our community what great citizens we are by stepping up. If you have any new ideas that you would like to see implemented in our program please come talk to me or let me know I look forward to hearing them! Have a great holiday season and make sure to enjoy all your family and friends during this time.

Best of luck and see you soon,

Amanda Zamudio

County Director: Darcy Dixon
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**University Winter Closure Office Closed**

**Arizona National Livestock Show: Phoenix, AZ**
Hope you have wonderful birthday filled with fun and joy. Happy Birthday!

**NOVEMBER**

- McKenzie Beyer
- Parker Bostock
- Amy Burleson
- Cameron Burleson
- Aaron Cluff
- Clay Lyman
- Colt Lyman
- Nathan Bronstein
- Denise Purvis
- Levi Purvis
- Juliana Quiroga
- Clarise Reyes
- Cason Scouten
- Kelley Titche

**DECEMBER**

- McKenna Danner
- Hallee DeWitt
- Haylee Garcia
- Abigayle Gonzales
- Morgan Hayes
- Elizabeth McKay
- Ian Munger
- Robert Noon
- Gordon Purvis
Why did I pay 8 percent commission at the auction?

Livestock exhibitors have you ever wondered why the Junior Auction Committee takes commission out of your check? In order for the committee to make the sale happen there are several things that need to be done for the event. Additionally, there are also several people that dedicate their time and hard work. The commission is used to cover the costs associated with the following:

- Buyer Appreciation Gifts
- Buyer Picture Frames and Photos
- Transportation of animals to Harvest and Processing Facilities
- Carcass Evaluation Contest
  - Auctioneer Fees
  - Sound System Fees
  - Buyer’s Luncheon
- Personnel Costs such as Ring Men and Announcers
- Buyer’s Invitations and Mailings
- Marketing such as Banners and Signs
  - Thank You Letters
  - Office Supplies
- Any other costs that arise in conducting the Junior Livestock Auction

Enroll in 4-H for the 2016-2017 year!

Enrollment for the 2016-2017 year is open! Membership is open to all youth without regard to race, ethnicity, color, national origin, gender-identity, sex, pregnancy, disability, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran’s status, marital status, religion, political affiliation or socioeconomic backgrounds. 4-H Cloverbuds ages 5 – 8 years old which are non-competitive and 4-H Members ages 9 – 19 years old who can enter in competitive contests. Remember the Santa Cruz County 4-H program charges $20.00 for dues for the year. Make sure to enroll on 4-HOnline at: https://az.4honline.com if you need help visit http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/sites/extension.arizona.edu.4h/files/resources/NewFamilyGuide.pdf for a helpful guide. Make sure to select any of the projects you are interested in! It is ok to delete them later but it is important to sign up for them so leaders can contact you. We have community clubs in Patagonia and Sonoita and a new one in Rio Rico will start in January. We have leaders for the following projects:

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The upcoming 4-H Leaders Council Meeting is January 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Patagonia High School.

4-H Leaders and Jr. Leaders are members of the Santa Cruz 4-H Council. Meetings are on the 4th Monday of every month at 6:30 pm.

The purpose of the 4-H Council is to ensure that the essential elements of positive youth development are incorporated into all aspects of the county 4-H program.

4-H Leaders

Leader Tips For a Successful and Educational Project

* Plan a minimum of six meetings with a minimum of 10 hours of instruction for your projects.

* Give members an opportunity to LEARN AND DO.

* Share project goals at the beginning of the project year.

* Encourage members to set personal goals in the project.

* Enable members to demonstrate something they have learned in the project.

* Provide opportunities for members to present talks, demonstrations (required), judge at events, tour, go on field trips.

* Provide exposure to the community through consumer and career education.

* Provide opportunities for leadership.

* Provide opportunities for citizenship and community service.

* Make or do something together as a group.

* Encourage members to work at home between meetings.

* Ensure that project records are kept up-to-date.

* Use the 4-H curriculum and give materials to members to keep in a folder.

**Community Service Opportunity!**

The Santa Cruz County Fair and Rodeo Association is hosting their Annual Christmas Party in Pioneer Hall on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. We need volunteers to help serve the dinner, clean-up, and prepare the meal. The fairgrounds is a great partner with 4-H and allows us to use the facility for all our meetings and events. It is our turn to help them out. Please consider helping out at this event and let Amanda know you can by email azamudio@email.arizona.edu or by phone (520) 281-2994. We will make sure all volunteers are fed. We would love to see 4-H members, families, and leaders at this event in their 4-H apparel or a 4-H t-shirt.

**4-H Family Bowling Party**

We will have our annual Holiday Bowling Party but are still working on the logistics! It will be at Arizona Bol in Nogales sometime in December! A flyer will be sent out with more information.
JOIN US FOR THE
Santa Cruz County 4-H
LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

It is open to all 4-H and FFA members. We will begin at 10:00 am on December 17th at the Sonoita Fairgrounds. There are no awards and lunch will be provided. The entry fee is $10.00 per team and $3.00 per individual.

More information, please contact Amanda Zamudio at azamudio@email.arizona.edu or (520) 281-2994 EXT 106
**SANTA CRUZ LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON ENTRY FORM**

**ENTRY FEES**
Please help us by pre-entering the contest! Entries must be postmarked by **December 12th** and mailed to the Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension Office or scanned to azamudio@email.arizona.edu.

$10.00 per team  $3.00 per individual

Registration starts at 9:30 am on December 17th

**TEAMS**
(Minimum of three names required. Team scores figured on top 3 individual scores)

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**INDIVIDUALS**
(For contestants without a team affiliation)

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The contest will start at 10:00 am. Please arrive earlier to check in and receive materials.
Help us by pre-entering the contest! Entries fees are nonrefundable.
All payments are payable to: Santa Cruz County 4-H

**Mail all entry forms to:**
Santa Cruz County Cooperative Extension  
489 N. Arroyo Blvd  
Nogales, AZ 85621-2644

**Contest takes place at:**
Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds  
3142 AZ-83  
Sonoita, AZ 85637
Make Plans to attend
The Vacation Show!

69th Annual
ARIZONA NATIONAL
An experience like no other!

DECEMBER 27, 2016
THRU JANUARY 1, 2017

Growing the Future:
Special Opportunities for FFA & 4-H Members!

- Jr. Market Shows (Cattle, Lamb, Barrow, Goat)
- Jr. Breeding Shows (Heifer, Ewe, Gilt)
- Skill-A-Thon
- Jr. Livestock Judging Contest
- Ag Mechanics Show & Silent Auction
- Poster Contest
- Junior Exhibitor Barnyard Olympics Bash
- FFA Prepared Speech Contest
- FFA Creed Speaking Contest
- 4-H Creed Contest
- Youth Horse Judging Contest & 4-H/FFA Horse Show – January 6-8, 2017
- Participation Adds to Scholarship Eligibility!

INFORMATION@ANLS.ORG
WWW.ANLS.ORG • 602-258-8568
See you in Phoenix!
4-H Invited to Annual Farm Bureau Convention

4-H and FFA members are invited to attend the 2017 American Farm Bureau Annual Convention. FFA and 4-H students will receive FREE admission. One free chaperone and advisor/club leader per chapter/club.

Please note: This is a self-guided experience with key learning opportunities along the way. Students must be supervised by a chaperone at ALL TIMES. AFBFA will not provide direct supervision for students attending.

When: Special Programming for students on Sunday, January 8th and Monday, January 9th

Where: Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ

Tentative Daily Schedule*:

- 8am-8:45am Badge Pick Up at Registration Desk
- 8:45am – 9:15am Welcome and Student Program Kickoff
- 9:15am – 12:00pm Sessions, Trade Show, Discussion Meet
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch provided for pre-registered 4H and FFA members
- 1:00pm – 2:30pm Sessions, Trade Show, Discussion Meet
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm Student Program Closing Session

*A detailed schedule, by day, will be emailed to 4H and FFA contacts who have pre-registered prior to the event.

What should I wear? Students are expected to wear official FFA dress or 4-H/FFA business casual attire.

What should I bring? This event will open your eyes to new information! Be sure to bring a notepad!

Register Here: http://annualconvention.fb.org/

Please contact Amanda at azamudio@email.arizona.edu if you are interested in attending!