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4-H Teen Retreat

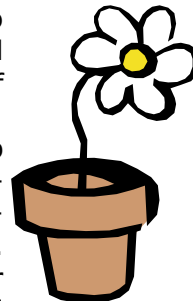


This year's Teen Retreat will be held in Washington County on April 9 and 10. Themed 'Boot Camp' it promises to be filled with fun activities and learning experiences. The \$35 registration fee will cover meals, retreat t-shirt, workshop materials, service and entertainment. Housing will cost an additional \$15 per person (approximately....dependent upon attendance numbers.) To register for Teen Retreat, visit the Sevier County Extension website at <https://extension.usu.edu/sevier/hm/4-h/southwest-region-teen-retreat>. Print off the registration form and fill it out, then return it to the office on Monday, March 16 between 8 am and 5 pm. **REGISTRATION CLOSES AT 5 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 16.** Due to the mandatory furlough, our offices will be closed the week of March 9. To register, you will need the completed registration form, required fees, completed medical form and code of conduct form. Teen Retreat is open to any 4-H youth grades 9 through 12.

On a related note: we are also in need of a volunteer to transport and chaperone the youth at this Teen Retreat. Please contact the Extension Office at 893-0470 if you are currently an enrolled 4-H leader and would be able to help. Thank you.

4-H Super Saturday

4-H Super Saturday, held April 18, is a one day event for youth in grades 3 -12 sponsored by the 4-H Advisory Council. The theme of April's Super Saturday is *Spring into 4-H*. Children must pre-register for this event held in the Sevier County Administration Building 250 North Main, Richfield from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The day will feature a variety of projects including: decorative tin can herb pots, garden accessories, springtime cooking and much more. Registration is \$10 for the day. Lunch and beverages will be provided. The event is limited to the first 12 youth who register and pay the \$10 fee. Sign up now to reserve your spot!



Natural Resource Festival

The Natural Resources Festival is now in its twelfth year. This festival presents materials to help parents and teachers involve children with a variety of issues that explore nature. 4-H will host a booth designed by the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology youth team. Plan now to check out our booth at the Sevier Valley Events Center, Thursday, April 23, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm ; Friday, April 24, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm; or Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Upcoming 4-H Events

- 4-H Leadermete, March 12-14
- 4-H Teen Council Meeting, March 19
- 4-H Advisory Council & Horse Council Meetings, March 19
- 4-H Teen Retreat, April 9-10
- 4-H Talent Revue, April 16
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- Natural Resource Festival, April 23-25

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4-H Talent Revue

The chance for you to show off your talent is fast approaching. You may choose to express your talents as an individual or with a group in vocal, piano, dance, variety, or instrumental performances. Groups of two, three, or four may



participate in any category. No contestant will be allowed to enter the same presentation in more than one category. All performances should not exceed 5 min. in length. If over 5 min., performance will not qualify. Try to select music for piano and/or instrumentals that are entertaining. If classical numbers are selected, you may need to do only one movement or part in order to fit the time requirement. The variety division is for dramatic and/or comedy reading, and other unique talent presentations.

High school age youth who receive a blue ribbon will qualify to participate at State 4-H Contests at USU Campus in Logan, Utah. State 4-H Contests are scheduled for July 13-15. Youth in grades 3-8 may qualify for Region Contests if that event is held. Region Contests were cancelled last year because of low participation rates from the eleven counties involved.

The location of the Talent Revue has not yet been determined, but the date is Thurs., April 16 at 7 pm. All those who wish to participate must call Cori Brown at 893-0470 to submit the title and category of their presentation no later than April 10.

Adventure Camp

Adventure Camp, located at Camp Williams, is an exciting event for youth that have completed 7th and 8th grade. It's a 3 day, 2 night experience teaching life skills, friendship, leadership, teamwork, and more!

Activities include a learning response course, ropes course, dutch oven cooking, and outdoor education. Youth are also introduced to the GPS program.

Lasting friendships are sure to be made at Adventure Camp, friendships that go with you through your entire 4-H experience.

Tentative dates for the camp are June 8-10. Camp cost is \$150. You may register online at www.Utah4-H.org. Applications are due May 15, 2009. Registration is limited, so sign up now!

Jr. Youth Conference

Every summer in Ephraim, on the Snow College campus, 4-H presents a camp for youth who have just completed 5th and 6th grade. This year's Jr. Youth Conference is scheduled for June 22-24.

Youth who attend JYC are split into groups upon arrival and assigned to a Teen Leader. It's a great way to make new friends and experience new things. Youth get the opportunity to attend workshops that teach teamwork, trust, friendship, and many other life skills. Other activities include Snow Follies---a Snow College sponsored event in which Snow College ambassadors throw a huge water fight that everyone gets involved in!

JYC is truly a unique event for those who come! The lessons learned and the friends made last a lifetime. Watch future newsletters for registration information.

County 4-H Contests

Do you want to know how 4-H positively influences your children and the kids in your clubs? Then you won't want to miss the chance to have them participate in County Contests. These are contest where 4-H members from grades 3-12 do demonstrations, speeches, and participate in a variety of other events.

Contests provide youth with an opportunity to "show and tell" what they have learned in their 4-H project work, develop self esteem, develop life skills, express themselves and are recognized for their efforts.

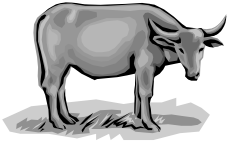
This year, new contests were added---Chef Extraordinaire, Favorite Foods, and a Consumer Bowl. All contests are listed at www.4h.org under "Events and Registrations" then scroll down to "State Contests." Current rules and judging criteria are available at this site.

Contests will be held at the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield on **June 11 & 18**. These are the only days 4-H members may participate in the contests. There will be no make up days. High school age members will have the opportunity to compete on the State level in July.

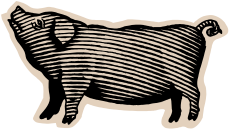
Please encourage youth to participate in 4-H County Contests. Many of the best presentations begin at home or on the club level in front of friends or family. As the 4-H youth works on a presentation, he or she can incorporate the suggestions of parents and leaders. The skill they learn in preparing and making a presentation are skills that they will use throughout life.

4-H LIVESTOCK NEWS

Attention Jr. Livestock Show participants and parents! This year's Jr. Livestock show will be held August 5-7, 2009 at the Sevier County Fairgrounds. Please mark your calendars with the following dates:



STEERS—Weigh-in will be Saturday, April 4th, 8:30-10:30 am at Johnson's Feedlot in Aurora. Recommended weights will be from 800-1000 lbs at weigh-in. Market steers must weigh between 1050 and 1400 lbs, after shrink, at show time. All others will be sifted. Participants will need to pay \$5.00 for every steer tagged.



HOGS—Tagging will be Friday, May 8th, 5-7 pm and Saturday, May 9th, 8-9 am at the "R" Livestock Connection Parking Lot. Recommended hog weights will be from 50-100 lbs at tagging. Market hogs must be between 220-280 lbs at show time. Hogs exceeding 280 lbs may be shown, but the participants will only be paid for 280 lbs. Participants will need to pay \$5.00 for every hog tagged. Hog worming shots will be available.



LAMBS—Tagging will be Friday, May 8th, 5-7 pm and Saturday, May 9th, 8-9 am at the "R" Livestock Connection Parking Lot. Recommended lamb weights will be from 40-75 lbs at tagging. Market lambs should be between 100-150 lbs, after shrink, at show time. Lambs exceeding 150 lbs may be shown, but the participant will only be paid for 150 lbs. Participants will need to pay \$5.00 for every lamb tagged. All ewe lambs must have a scrapie tag at show time and are recommended to have a scrapie tag at weigh-in.

CHANGES: Exhibitors will need to pay \$5.00 for every animal tagged, on the tagging date. Fees collected will be used for college scholarships. Exhibitors must submit an entry application form post-marked on or before June 12, 2009 to enter the show. Make sure and pick up the application form at tagging. Exhibitors may show two beef, or one beef and one small animal, or three animals with a maximum of two animals in any one species. At the auction, exhibitors will only be able to sell one animal per species. All grant, reserve and county champions must be sold. Animals not sold at auction may be floored and sent to the packer.

If your project is under 4-H, please fill out an enrollment form by coming into the 4-H Office. There is a \$5.00 enrollment fee per 4-H'er to cover insurance costs.

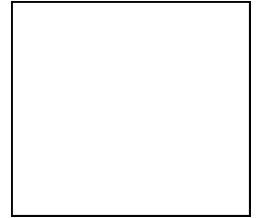
If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Kim Chapman at the 4-H Office, FFA Advisors at your high school, or one of the following committee members: Scott Christensen, Lamb Chairman, Curt Smith, Hog Chairman, Keith Hampton, Beef Chairman, or Lynette Robinson, President. Good luck to you in your livestock projects!

4-H Horse Council Meeting

The 4-H Horse Council will meet on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Sevier County Administration Building, basement. We will be setting dates for this year's Horse Shows, and discussing what kind of clinics and other events we want to put on. Elections for a new Horse Council will also be held. Please mark your calendars and join us. We need your input!



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Farewell for David Drake

Please join us in a farewell celebration for David Drake, USU Extension Agent. We wish to recognize David for his many years of service to Utah State University, Sevier County, and the 11 counties in the South-west Region.

An Open House will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2009 from 3:00—6:00 pm in the Sevier County Administration Building, Extension Conference Room. Refreshments will be served.

USU Offices Furloughed

Due to budget cuts, USU employees are on mandatory, unpaid furlough during the week of March 9-13. The Sevier County Extension Office is closed Monday through Friday, March 9-13. We will reopen again on Monday, March 16.