

DAVIS COUNTY 4-H

Newsletter

"Making the Best Better"



BIG NEWS!

The USU Botanical Center is allowing Davis Co. 4-H to utilize the Utah House as a new home for 4-H! This space will allow us to conduct anything from summer camps, to county led club meetings, to maker activities, and youth showcases all in one dedicated place! With the indoor, outdoor, and classroom spaces, 4H will have the ability to host multiple events at once. We are so excited to have this space to educate and engage with the youth of Davis Co. We look forward to future events scheduled here!

SUCH BIG NEWS IT GETS 2 SPOTS!

The Utah House was originally built as the premier example in energy efficient building design for homes and landscapes as well as water conservation in those areas. This space was originally watched over by Jayne Mulford, who set up and led many youth education classes, activities, and field trips over the years. Without her hard work, this vision would not have succeeded. We are so grateful to have her example to learn from and to help us grow in this space. Thank you Jayne!



GET TO KNOW THE DAVIS CO. 4-H STAFF



Each month we will highlight one member of our 4H staff. Since I'm the one putting them up to this I get to go first! My name is Kassie Lovan. I love to travel and to spend time in the outdoors but, I am currently attending classes at USU Kaysville and find I have little time for either of those things. I have been working with Davis County 4-H and Youth Programs for about 2 years. I love how busy this job keeps me. I believe that working for the youth in this county and the volunteers that serve them is such an honor and I'm excited everyday to hear about, and see the successes of our youth and the growth they achieve within 4-H.



COUNTY CONTESTS

County contests are a great way for our youth to get some good practice and feed back before they enter State contests. If you have ever wondered what these contests are all about, this is the best way to get involved. All youth ages 8-18 are encouraged to join. **February** will focus on the **FCS Skillathon**. This is an overall contest that covers skills and knowledge gained by participating in all aspects of the Family Consumer Science project.

Participants can register now in 4h.zsuite.org. This contest will be virtual on **February 12**. Zoom link will be sent after registration.

Other upcoming contests:

- March - STEM
- April - Shooting Sports
- May - Talent Contest

Check out the link at the end of this email to see more contest information. You can also contact Bailey Horton (bailey.horton@usu.edu) for more info.

RABBIT CLUB

Davis Co. 4-H will be hosting a Rabbit Club this summer/fall. 4-H youth grades 3rd-12th as of September 1, 2020 are eligible to join. Club meetings will be held virtually and in person, locations may vary. Members will learn about multiple aspects of raising rabbits, including: basic care, nutrition, breeding, showing, raising meat rabbits, etc. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jenna Aldrich at 435-919-1329 or jenna.aldrich@usu.edu. Watch for the club to be listed in 4h.zsuite.org to sign up!



CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds are our 4H members in grades K-2nd. We will be doing activities every 6 weeks for these kiddos. For February, in the spirit of Valentine's Day, our activity will be creating cards and decorations using STEM principles of geometry and symmetry in a way these younger members can follow and enjoy. This event will be presented on our Facebook page, Friday, Feb. 8 at 4:00 PM. If your youngster is not able to watch the presentation at that time, don't worry. It will remain on our page for later viewing. If you have questions regarding these Cloverbud events, contact Taral Hull at taral.hull@usu.edu

DAVIS CO. HORSE-LESS CLUB

Davis Co. 4-H, you asked and we listened! We will be hosting a Horse-less Horse Club this spring/summer.

It is open to 4-H youth grades 3rd-12th as of September 1, 2020. Club meetings will be held virtually and in person as allowed. Youth leaders will be selected from within this club to help plan a field trip or day camp that will include hands-on experience with horses.

This club is meant for youth that do not have access to horses and want to learn about them in fun, active, and interesting ways. If you are interested, please contact Jenna Aldrich at 435-919-1329 or jenna.aldrich@usu.edu. More information will be coming soon! Watch for the club listing in 4h.zsuite.org to sign up!



HORSE & LIVESTOCK



Davis Co. 4-H Horse and Livestock Clubs are starting up!

If you are planning to show livestock at the County Fair Jr Livestock Show this August, are wanting to learn horsemanship basics with your equine partner, would like to show in our county 4H horse shows, or all of this and more, contact Jenna Aldrich for more information! (435)919-1329 or jenna.aldrich@usu.edu

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

How NOT to fall for a Jerk or Jerkette!

4H teens aged 14-18 are invited to join this 3 day series, youth led workshop. Topics will include:

- The 3 most important warning signs of difficult partners
- Key areas to get to know someone you're dating
- Keeping your heart safe and judgment sound

Workshops dates, 2/29, 3/12, & 3/29. 6-8:00 PM
There is a \$10 fee for this series. Registration is open in 4h.zsuite.org. For more information, contact Bailey Horton at bailey.horton@usu.edu This series will be presented in a hybrid format. Limit - 15 youth





4-H YOUTH AMBASSADORS

New to Davis Co. 4-H is the County Ambassadors. This is a group of 10 youth who represent their interests in 4-H and are dedicated to helping 4-H grow to new members as well as creating meaningful activities for existing members who want to expand their interests in 4-H! The Ambassadors have created a video to be shared via social media to let the county know who they are, what they stand for and what they are going to accomplish. You won't want to miss this! Check in to our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram at 5:00 PM, Feb. 18 to get to know your county ambassadors and be able to ask them questions. This is a FREE event, open to everyone that follows us on social media.

For more information on the Ambassadors program, contact Bailey Horton at bailey.horton@usu.edu

BIG YEAR!

Come and join with other Utah State 4H'ers on an exciting Birding Adventure. Every year, millions of people grab their binoculars and spotting scopes and venture out into the outdoors in search of... BIRDS, Yes, birds. They are 'hunting' for these new birds, not to shoot or eat, but to add each new bird they see or hear on to their Big Year Birding List. If you are interested in this being part of this 'hunt' 4H members can enroll in 4h.zsuite.org There is no cost and all the information is available upon registration.



These pelicans migrate through the USU Botanical Center each year and find a place to rest at the Kaysville ponds! Perhaps you will get to see them come spring.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The backbone of our 4H machine is our volunteers. These are the men and women that give their time and expertise to teach and guide the next generation. We are always looking for new volunteers that are interested in starting clubs that can help grow the spark of interest in the young minds or our 4H members. If you are interested in becoming a 4H volunteer, please contact one of our program coordinators! Their information will be available at the end of this email.