Dear 4-H Volunteers and Teen Leaders-

Statewide 4-H Volunteer Training is coming back!! The 2018 4-H Volunteer Forum is scheduled for March 16-17, 2018 at Circus-Circus in Reno. The theme is “4-H Grows Here” and there are a lot of great workshops and activities planned during the weekend. This training is open to all Extension Professionals, 4-H Volunteers and 4-H Teen Leaders, who are 14 to 19 years old.

Why should you attend?

- To meet and socialize with volunteers and members from across the state
- To gather new ideas and skills to share with the youth in your club
- Become invigorated and committed to 4-H
- Increase interpersonal and professional skills
- TO HAVE FUN!!

On Friday night, there will be a Share Fair, where 4-H staff, volunteers, teens, and others can share their fun and innovative 4-H activities and projects that are happening in their counties. Check out all of the workshops that are available in the registration packets. There are new curriculum ideas, how to work with youth, information about the new YQCA program, STEM programs, and lots of other high-quality workshops.

On Saturday at lunch, we will be celebrating Nevada 4-H Volunteers! Years of service will be recognized for those volunteers who have reached the 5 year increments of service (5 year, 10 year, 15 year, 20 year, etc.) and the Nevada 4-H Volunteer of the Year will be honored at this event!

The Forum will end on Saturday night at 5:30 p.m. but for those who want to stay over, there will be some optional teen activities that will be coordinated by the State 4-H Ambassadors. There may be a small fee for those activities. More information will be sent out later about those events.

Registrations are due February 16, 2018 to the State 4-H Office. Hotel rooms are available at Circus-Circus at a rate of $100 per night for a double room and $90 for a King room (plus tax and resort fees). Registration packet has instructions for reserving your room.

We hope to see you at the 2018 Nevada 4-H Volunteer Forum!!
# 2018 Nevada State Volunteer Forum

## Tentative Schedule of Events

**Friday, March 16, 2018**
- 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. Registration Open
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm Share Fair Set Up
- 5:00 p.m. Welcome
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm Share Fair

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**
- 7:00 am - 12:00 pm Registration Open
- 7:30 am - 8:30 am Breakfast
- 8:00 am Silent Auction Opens
- 8:30 am - 9:00 am Welcome and Introductions
- 9:00 am - 10:00 am Speaker
- 10:15 am - 11:00 am Workshop Session #1
- 11:15 am - 12:00 pm Workshop Session #2
- 12:15 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch (Celebration of Volunteers)
- 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm Workshop Session #3
- 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm Workshop Session #4
- 4:00 pm - 4:15 pm Break (Silent Auction Ends)
- 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm State 4-H Update
- 5:30 pm Wrap Up and Conclusion
- 6:00 pm Optional Evening Out
  Optional Teen Activity

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**Where:** Circus Circus Hotel
Reno, NV

**When:** March 16-17, 2018

**Who:**
Adult Volunteers and Teen Leaders
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

❖ Adults: $90  Teen Leaders 14-18 years old: $80
❖ Registration fee includes: all meals except Sat. night, snacks, conference supplies. Does not include hotel costs.
❖ Circus Circus rates: Double Queen $100  King $90 (plus tax and resort fees)
  An online booking link will be emailed to you, or call 800-687-8788 and ask for the rate code ICCSVT8. Book by 2/14/18 for this rate.
❖ Send registrations to the State 4-H Office by Feb. 16, 2018
  Make checks payable to Board of Regents

Share Fair
Youth and leaders and doing fun and innovative 4-H activities and projects in their counties. Share these ideas with other leaders by displaying them at the SHARE FAIR on Friday night. A Request for Share Fair form is in this packets.

Silent Auction
Everyone is encouraged and asked to bring an item or basket for the Silent Auction! Proceeds from the Silent Auction to support Nevada’s Volunteers

Why Should I Attend?
- To meet and socialize with new people!
- To gather new ideas and skills!
- Become re-invigorated and committed to 4-H!
- Increase interpersonal, parenting and professional skills!
- Have fun!

Questions? Call
Frances Brown at the State 4-H Office
775-784-4779
brownf@unce.unr.edu
Name: __________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ____________________________

Email Address: _______________________________________________________________________

County: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ____________________________

Emergency Contact Name: _______________ Phone: ____________________________

# of years serving as a 4-H Leader: _______ Where you a member of 4-H as a youth? _______

What club or projects do you lead? ______________________________________________________

Any special dietary needs or allergies? (Please Specify): _________________________________

Any special accommodations needed? _____ if yes, please attach a note.

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**Workshop Registration**

Preregister for workshops by ranking your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th choice for each workshop session

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**Registration Fees**

Adult: $90  Youth 14-18: $80

Due to the State Office by Feb 16, 2018

*Make checks payable to: Board of Regents

Registration fee includes: all meals, snacks, and conference supplies. Does not include hotel fees.

Full refund prior to Feb 23, 2018, less $25 handling fee. After this date refunds are at the discretion of the committee and issued after the forum.

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Mail registration form and check to:

Frances Brown
Nevada State 4-H Office
University of Nevada, Reno
MS 0405 Suite 100
Reno, NV 89557-0405

Signature: __________________________________________ Date: _______________

Parent Signature (if youth): ________________________________ Date: _______________

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2018 Nevada 4-H Volunteer Forum
Request for Share Fair

The State 4-H Leaders' Forum will be held March 16-17, 2018 at Circus Circus in Reno. New and experienced leaders will come together to learn new skills related to 4-H project and club work, meet and network with other leaders, and become familiar with new 4-H concepts and guidelines. The Forum will feature opportunities for fun, hands-on learning and the sharing of ideas, challenges, and solutions.

Youth and leaders are doing fun and innovative 4-H activities and projects in their counties. Share these ideas with other leaders by displaying them at the SHARE FAIR on Friday night. We promote adult and teen Leaders to share ideas and information with other Leaders in their county after the forum.

Share Fair Form

Description: __________________________________________

Name: ________________________________________________

Home Phone: (____) __________________________ Work Phone: (____) _______________________

E-mail: ________________________________________________  County: __________________________

Please select the category that best describes your role in 4-H:

☐ 4-H Teen  ☐ 4-H Volunteer  ☐ 4-H Staff  ☐ Other____________________

Please provide a short description of how much space you need: __________________________

Attending 4-H Leaders' Forum?    _____Yes    _____No

Registration Fees and Travel Expenses

All attendees and workshop presenters at the 4-H Leaders' Forum are required to pay their own registration fee and travel expenses. A registration form will be sent to you. Share Fair presenters who are at the Leaders' Forum only during the Share Fair and are not participating in any other part of the event do not need to pay registration fees, but do need to register. Please return completed form with registration form.
The mission of 4-H is to teach subject matter and life skills through a process of "hands on" interaction and leadership skills that help youth meet their development needs. In order to accomplish this, 4-H must create an atmosphere of cooperation and teamwork that is coupled with an environment that is positive and conducive to educational learning and personal growth. As a result, 4-H requires all members/leaders or participating adults to adhere to a set of standards that allow the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE), Nevada 4-H, and the 4-H Mission to be successful. It is understood that no list is complete, but below are a few minimum standards all members/leaders or participating adults are expected to maintain and follow in order for the UNCE, 4-H, and the 4-H Mission to be successful and beneficial.

- All members/leaders or participating adults shall demonstrate a commitment to the vision, mission, and core values of the Nevada 4-H Youth Development Program. Core values include, but are not limited to, life skill development and youth development of/for all members of the 4-H Program.
- All members/leaders or participating adults shall follow directions/guidance of UNCE/4-H Staff and support UNCE/4-H.
- All members/leaders or participating adults shall demonstrate and utilize (at all times) courtesy and respect to all people (youth, parents, leaders, presenters, UNCE/4-H Personnel, etc.). Respect and courtesy includes, but is not limited to, proper manners and appropriate language (shouting, screaming, and swearing are not permitted).
- All members/leaders or participating adults shall not hit, bully, harass/haze, use discriminatory language, or be insubordinate to other people. All laws (local, state, and federal) and all policies of UNCE/4-H pertaining to these issues (as well as all other issues) shall be followed at all times by all members and all parents/guardians.
- 4-H conducts many and varied Educational Programs and Youth Development Programs. All members/leaders or participating adults are expected to know and follow the rules of Nevada 4-H and the rules established for specific events that are of interest to them. Participation in all aspects of a program is expected. In the event of a conflict, sickness, etc., a member or parent/guardian shall inform those in charge of the program of the situation.
- All participants in 4-H Programs shall not leave the program or program area/location (building, camp, etc.) without permission form the person responsible for the program.
- Most 4-H Programs (i.e. Shooting Sports) require the presence of a parent/guardian. If there is a conflict, arrangements must be made (by the parent/guardian) for another adult to take their place. Failure to make the proper arrangements will result in the member not participating in that program for that session. Multiple absences (without proper arrangements being made) by the parent/guardian may result in the member being barred from participation in that program.
- At all times, all members/leaders or participating adults shall have respect for the property and facilities utilized to conduct 4-H Programs and 4-H Programming. Furthermore, they are responsible for any damage they cause.
- During overnight activities, all participants are expected to observe curfew and shall be in their designated rooms during the time stated for that night.
- Members shall never enter the rooms of members of the opposite sex, unless accompanied by a chaperone.
- 4-H encourages interaction among youth, but not exclusively with another person. Kissing and other displays of affection distract from the group and from the 4-H Mission; and are not considered appropriate behavior. At all times, all displays of public affection shall be avoided.
- All members shall always dress as appropriate for each event/activity. For example: "Official 4-H Dress" when required, "English Clothing" when in "English Horse Events", white clothing when showing dairy cattle, and so on.
- Youth who can legally operate (license, insurance, etc.) a motor vehicle, may do so as long as all motor vehicle laws are followed.
- All members shall not use tobacco, alcohol, drugs (except those prescribed by a doctor), or fireworks during 4-H Events. All members may only handle firearms under the direction of a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor.
- At all times, all members/leaders or participating adults shall treat animals/people in a humane and proper manner.
- At all times, all members/leaders or participating adults shall display ethical conduct at all times at all 4-H Programs/Events.
- The Josephson Institute has developed a Youth Development Principle/Program called The Six Pillars of Character and Nevada 4-H has incorporated this Youth Development Concept. At all 4-H Events, all members/leaders or participating adults shall exhibit these pillars of character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.

I, as a 4-H Member/Leader or participating adult, have read and understood the content and intent of the policies of the above Commitment to Excellence/Code of Conduct or in lieu of reading and understanding the content and intent of the policies contained herein, the content and intent of these policies were explained to me. I also understand that non-compliance may result in loss of 4-H Eligibility and the member being sent home at the expense of the parent/guardian.

Signature and Acceptance of Content & Policies ______________________________ Date _______

Signature of Parent/Guardian “A” (if under 18) ____________________ Date _______

Signature of Parent/Guardian “B” (if under 18) ____________________ Date _______
Workshop Choices (Please note, some workshops are two sessions long)

Workshop Session #1

A. Community Activism 101-Technology and How it Helps Navigate the NV Legislative Process
Presenter: Elissa Wahl, RISE Education Resources Center
In this informative workshop, you will learn how technology can help you see what is happening during the Nevada legislative sessions. You will learn about bill tracking and how this can help you get ahead of a proposed law or change, and about our state’s online NELIS system. NELIS has everything from calendars to live meeting streaming to support documents. This system allows more transparency and involvement for the general public. Learning how to use these 2 tools is a guaranteed way to help you become a more effective advocate.

B. Making 4-H Fun and Engaging
Presenter: Karen Best, Clark County 4-H Program Officer
Leaders will learn techniques to help make meetings and projects fun and engaging through hands-on activities. Make sure you wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

C. Discover 4-H Club Guides
Presenter: Stacey MacArthur, Utah State University State 4-H Staff
The Discover 4-H Clubs series guides new 4-H volunteer leaders through the process of starting a 4-H club or provides a guideline for seasoned volunteer leaders to try a new project area. Each guide outlines everything needed to organize a club and hold the first six club meetings related to a specific project area. The purpose is to create an environment for families to come together and participate in learning activities that can engage the whole family, while spending time together as a multi-family club. This workshop will go over the different Discover 4-H Club guides and how to use those guides in your 4-H Club. Will be repeated in Session #2

D. Junior Master Gardner Program
Presenter: Tricia Braxton-Perry, Clark County Youth Horticulture Program Officer
The Junior Master Gardener program is an international youth gardening program of the university cooperative Extension network. JMG engages children in novel, “hands-on” group and individual learning experiences that provide a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind. Explored ways to educate youth in the garden with JMG curriculum with recycled hats, seed planting preparation, and so much more!

E. Domestic Violence: Does that really affect 4-H youth? (Continued into Session #2)
Presenters: Pam Powell-Churchill County Extension Educator and Jill Tingeoy-Elko County Extension Educator
4-H programs should be a place where youth feel emotionally and physically safe. However, 15.5 million U.S. children lived in families where domestic violence occurred at least once (Futures Without Violence, 2008). This workshop explores how 4-H can be a safe, supportive program for youth and their families. Through a scenario-based activity, participants will gain a better understanding of the challenges youth face living in domestic violence situations and the difficult decisions they must make every day. Hands-on activities and discussions will teach leaders, members and staff how to create a healthy, supportive 4-H environment for all club members. Participants will make a family fun jar or stress buster jar and engage in team building activities.
Workshop Session #2

A. Community Activism 102-How Laws are Made and How You Can Help Pass/Kill a Bill

*Presenter: Elissa Wahl, RISE Education Resources Center*

Learning the process of how a law is made is so important in being able to help to effectively pass or kill a bill. You might think you helped because you testified before one committee and they voted your way, but did you understand the bill then has to go to the FULL floor for a vote and then to another committee? There are so many steps and each one is as important as the one prior. With the knowledge of how a law is made, you will be able to make an active participant in each and every step.

B. 4-H STEM Programming-Genetics and Hereditary Traits Workshop

*Presenter: Danny Murphy, Clark County 4-H Program Manager*

Volunteers take an inventory of their own easily observable genetic traits. Working in small groups, they observe how their trait inventories differ from those of others. Volunteers record their observations to show the most and least common traits in the group. Volunteers will learn (1) that traits are observable characteristics that are passed down from parent to child, (2) an individual will have many traits they share in common with others, (3) an individual’s overall combination of traits make them unique, and (4) some traits are more common in a population than others. This workshop can be used in your 4-H club to teach youth the principles of STEM.

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D. Use of Social Media for Clubs

*Presenter: Ashley Andrews, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Web Content Developer*

We live in a rapidly evolving world and sometimes it is hard to keep up. Social media is one example of this—social media essentially is a category of online media where people are talking, participating, sharing, networking, and bookmarking online. How can your 4-H club use social media strategies to communicate and share what is happening? This workshop will share with you some ideas of how to use social media properly.

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A. Navigating Civic Discourse: A Salon Approach (Continued into Session #4)
Presenter: Sarah Chvilicek, Washoe County 4-H Program Manager
Participants will learn what Civil Discourse is and is not in an engaging Salon Style format and how to have conversations that are civil and respectful. Participants will take away tools as to how they as leaders or teens can use civil discourse and deliberative principals in their work with 4-H Youth and other youth serving organizations.

B. 4-H Club Officers Workshop
Presenters: State 4-H Ambassadors
This workshop is designed for teen leaders but adults are welcome to attend to learn how to effectively run a meeting, along with the duties of each of the club officers through hands-on activities. This workshop is being led by the State 4-H Ambassadors.

C. Robotics
Presenters: Clark County 4-H Faculty and Staff
This workshop will provide volunteers and teen leaders a base to teach robotics for kids. They will learn to control the robots using normal electrical concepts. The workshop focuses on application and use of technology rather than their internal working so that a person can grasp the concepts well. The main idea of this workshop is to give the volunteers an introduction to Robotics and show them how it can be used within the 4-H program. You will get a basic knowledge of the robotics project. Today there is a great demand of professionals in the related areas, keeping in minds the methodologies and interest of the students so this is a great project to offer youth.

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Presenter: Brian Luckey, UNR College of Education Graduate Student
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B. Exploring Earth Science in Our Communities Workshop

Presenter: Clark County 4-H Faculty and Staff
Volunteers will explore activities and methods for bringing Earth science activities into their clubs and groups. We will use Next Generation Science Standards aligned activities to help students make connections in the workshop with the community.

C. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA): What you need to know about the new quality assurance program

Presenter: Lindsay Chichester, Carson City/Storey County Extension Educator
This workshop will cover:
- The NEW youth quality assurance program (YQCA)
- Why it is important to youth in Nevada and around the nation
- Ways to complete the training/certification
- Future quality assurance plans

Ensuring youth are raising animals with best practices in mind is not only key for optimal animal health, but also to provide confidence to consumers that our youth agriculturalists are doing the right thing when it comes to animal well-being. The YQCA program teaches and enforces good behaviors, guaranteeing a win-win for the animal and the youth. Join Lindsay to learn all about the NEW quality assurance program and what it means for the youth you work with.

D. 4-H Online Basics

Presenter: Sam Mitchell, Washoe County 4-H Administrative Assistant
Do you know that Nevada 4-H uses 4-H Online as the enrollment software? Did you know that as a volunteer, you may have access your club information, including member information and what projects they are enrolled in? If you want to learn some basics of how to access 4-H Online, this will be the workshop for you.

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