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Adult-Youth Partnerships Essential to Youth Leadership Skills

Leadership is something that is easy to see but harder to define. Leadership is often described as the ability to influence and support others in a positive manner for a common goal. 4-H youth programming prides itself on adult and youth partnerships that give opportunities for young people to learn and hone leadership skills. 4-H has understood from its beginnings that youth at any age can begin to develop leadership skills. This is one of the core concepts of the program's positive youth development.

4-H educates its volunteers to understand that leadership is a set of skills and attitudes that can be learned and developed. 4-H teaches that everyone is born with specific talents, interests, skills and abilities that can be developed through education and practice. These same innate abilities can also be the foundation of leadership skills. But, what kind of leader will these innate skills lead to?

In a 1998 study, researchers Josephine van Linden and Carl Fertman, put forward that there are two types of leader models, transactional and transformational. Both models are valid and important in serving as a guide for providing positive experiences and developing youth leaders.

Transactional leadership is a model where the "product" is emphasized. This leader type sets up the rules and procedures to make a successful product and those led comply with the rules and procedures to produce the product. In this model, to be a leader means "to do." This type of leader is in charge of meetings, makes decisions, and tells others what and how to do things. In this model the focus is on the "skills" of leadership.

Transformational leadership is a model that involves helping others transcend their own self-interest for the good of the group, organization or society. This developing leader considers his or her long-term need to develop others, rather than the immediate needs of producing a product. Transformational leadership focuses on the "process" of leadership and what it "means" to be a leader.

Positive youth leadership development allows youth and

adults to focus on and develop both leadership models through experience. But both models must follow three key components in youth leadership development:

- Youth must be grounded in a social cause.
- Youth are engaged in collaborative action with a set of outcomes.
- The youth development program incorporates and emphasizes not only instruction and action but also membership and action.

In their 1998 adolescent leadership research, van

Linden and Fertman also describe the three stages of leadership development. In the first stage, **awareness**, the youth is closely guided by an adult or older teen leader; actively teaching skills to the youth. The second stage of leadership progresses to **interaction** where the adult or older teen role becomes one of quiet guidance and direction working alongside the youth. In the third stage of **mastery**, the adult's and older teen's role is more hands-off, yet available, and the youth serves as leader.

When a young member is given the chance to grow through these stages of leadership development then 4-H has achieved its

goal of youth and adult partnerships that honor and respect the gifts of both groups.

Adults can fortify their youth partnerships and foster leadership by following some easy guidelines:

- Treat youth as individuals; recognize the gifts, talents, knowledge and skills that each young person has.
- Don't expect more from a youth than you would from another adult.
- Be careful about interrupting.
- Your role is to value and respect youth-not be a parent.
- Cultivate many opportunities for young people to lead and teach.
- Reward and celebrate every creative effort and contribution by a young person.



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Reno Rodeo Scholarships

The Reno Rodeo Foundation distributes scholarships annually. All interested applicants are encouraged to carefully review the eligibility requirements and the application guidelines before applying. The number of scholarship recipients will vary based on the number of qualified applications received and the funding designated by the Reno Rodeo Foundation Board of Trustees.

There are certain minimum eligibility requirements: Will you be graduating from a northern Nevada high school? Upon graduation will your high school GPA be 3.0 or better? Are you planning on pursuing a degree at an accredited northern Nevada college or university? You must be able to answer yes to all three questions to meet the minimum eligibility requirements to apply for the Reno Rodeo Foundation Scholarship program.

Three Scholarships will be offered: A Reno Rodeo Foundation Scholarship (a minimum of a \$1,000), the Bob & Kristen Tallman/Reno Rodeo Foundation Scholarship (a \$2,500 scholarship) and thanks to funding by an anonymous donor, the Silver Spur Scholarship (a \$2,500 scholarship awarded annually to a graduate who declares a pre-vet major.)

Other requirements may apply. Applications are available at <http://www.renorodeofoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/2015-RRF-Scholarship-Program-Application.pdf>. If you have questions or need additional information please submit your inquiry via email to info@renorodeofoundation.org.



Douglas 4-H Community Club Day

Join the Douglas County Community Club for their final event on Saturday morning April 25, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the CV Methodist Church, 1375 Centerville Lane in Gardnerville. Douglas County 4-H members of all ages from cloverbuds to seniors will gather for a fun hour of crazy, hands-on science experiments and gardening activities. Pizza provided!

Please bring an empty 2-liter soda bottle for each youth (and siblings), for the bottle rockets activity!

Youth/Adult Partnerships

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- Slow down! Working too fast in a youth-adult partnership may be viewed as trying to control a group's actions.

Leadership is a learned skill that is a deliberate and critical part of 4-H youth development programs. Young people gain these skills through active participation in projects, activities and events that are planned and carried out with strong leadership experiences. Active and valid adult-youth partnerships are essential to youth learning and mastering leadership skills.

-Article information taken from 4-H.org and its Volunteer Research Knowledge Competency Taxonomy

Western Counties 4-H Summer Camp

Northern Area/Western 4-H Summer Camp is July 12-18, at the Nevada State 4-H Camp at Lake Tahoe. This is a week-long overnight camp is filled with fun and education including: swimming, kayaking, archery, camp fires, a STEM related theme and a chance to make new friends.

4-H members 14-19 years of age (as of July 12, 2015) will be sent Teen Counselor applications starting March 31. Non-members may also apply at that time. All teen applications, including letters of reference, are due back to their county 4-H office by May 18. Qualified applicants must also attend an in-person interview on June 6. There are a limited number of Teen Counselor positions. Not all applicants will be chosen.

Adults applying for Chaperone positions must go through a standard UNR volunteer screening process as well as complete an application. Application will be available March 31. Since there are a limited number of positions, not all adults who apply will be selected to go.

4-H members in the Western counties 9-12 years of age (as of July 12, 2015) will be sent camper applications starting May 1. Non 4-H member applications will be available May 15.

NQHA at Ironwood Events Center

The Nevada Quarter Horse Association is having their Spring All Breed Introductory Fun Show on April 4. The event will be at the Ironwood Events Center, 5600 Whiskey Springs Road, just off Pyramid Highway in Reno. The show is for both youth and adult riders. It is open to all breeds, and all classes are eligible for NQHA Year-End Awards. 4-H Horse Club members are welcome to participate.

Deadline for entries is April 1. Please go to the website at <http://nevqha.com/2015-approved-shows/> for show premium, entry forms and information on costs and stall rental. Contact welchjanie@yahoo.com for information or to send entry forms.

Washoe 4-H Leaders' Council

The Washoe County 4-H Leaders' Council quarterly meeting is on April 27 at the UNCE office in Reno, 4955 Energy Way. Meeting starts at 6:00. All current 4-H leaders in Washoe county are encouraged to attend.

Guest speaker will be Extension Specialist Ed Smith, who will be talking about the Living With Fire Program.

Babysitting Class Almost Here

Carson City/Storey County Cooperative Extension's popular babysitting certification class will return the week of April 6-10. The class is offered each year during the Carson City schools' spring break at the Carson City Cooperative Extension office conference room, 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 15.

The class is from 3-5p.m. each day. Topics for the future babysitters include ages and stages of development, positive guidance principals, safety, babysitting more than one child at a time, basic first aid, and tips on approaching future clients.

For more information, please call Jim Barcellos in the Carson City office at 775-887-2252.

Washoe County Livestock Show

The Washoe County 4-H Livestock Show, the county qualifier for the Nevada Junior Livestock Show (NJLS), is just three weeks away.

Come to Reno Livestock Events Center (RLEC) Pavilion and see what Washoe County 4-H livestock club members have been working on. There will be sheep, goats, swine and beef raised by local youth.

Important upcoming dates are:

- April 1 by 5 p.m.- Achievement in Record Keeping, record books due to UNCE office.
- April 13, by 5 p.m.- All other record books for show animals due to UNCE office.
- April 19- Washoe County 4-H Livestock Show starts 7:30 a.m. at the RLEC Exhibit Hall.

And don't forget the statewide NJLS show is coming to RLEC on May 13-17.

4-H Shooting Sports National Championship

The 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship, formerly the 4-H Shooting Sports National Invitational, is June 21-26 at Heartland Public Shooting Park in Grand Island, Nebraska. Nevada 4-H Shooting Sports members in good standing, who were 14-18 years of age on January 1, 2015 are eligible to apply.

4-H Shooting Sports members must be proficient at county/state level in the discipline they want to enter. Competition is offered in the following disciplines taught in Nevada: air pistol, air rifle, .22 rifle, shotgun, muzzle-loading and archery. A video conference interview will be part of the application process.

Registration deadline for nationals is May 30. The entry fee is paid by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee and handled by the State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator. Registration forms will be available soon. Competitors are responsible for travel, motel and food.

Please go to the website at www.4-hshootingsports.org and choose 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships for information, or call Sandy Wallin at 775-887-2252.

Capital City Farm Days Are Here

Students kindergarten through fifth grade, their teachers and parent chaperones are invited to attend the 2015 Capital City Farm Days. The free event takes place April 16 and 17 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. daily at Fuji Park, Fuji Exhibit Hall and Carson City Fairgrounds. Students learn about ranching and farming in our Great Basin Environment and where their food and fiber come from.

Presentations and exhibits include but are not limited to tractors, herding dogs, native pollinators, native plants, noxious weeds, Carson river watershed, wildfire suppression with goats, wild horses and burros, organic farming, composting, water in Nevada, raptors and market animals.

Attendees can plan to bring their lunch and picnic in the park following touring the event. Contact Sandy Wallin or Jim Barcellos to sign up or for information 775-887-2252.

Storey County Celebrates Children

April 12 is the date, 11 a.m. -3 p.m. is the time and the place is Miner's Park in Virginia City for Children's Day On The Comstock. Activities, displays, news about upcoming events and informative chats with youth currently enjoying area clubs are all scheduled for this day of fun.

Plan to attend and find out what is available for you and your child in Storey County. 4-H Comstock Hot Shots 4-H Shooting Sports trailer will be on site for kids and adults alike to test their shooting skills. For more information, or to learn more about 4-H in Storey County, contact Sandy Wallin, 775-887-2252.

National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute 2015

National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program is designed to promote 4-H and 4-H Shooting Sports. Youth from across the country selected to serve as Ambassadors

receive training that allows them to return to their homes and advocate for the program at the county, regional and state level. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age by January

1 of 2015, be actively involved in their county 4-H Shooting Sports club and have at least one year left in 4-H. The State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee will select two applications, identify one as the primary candidate and one as the secondary candidate and forward the two applications to the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee.

The event is scheduled for August 4-8 at University of California, Fresno campus. Application packets are available through your county Cooperative Extension office and are due to your State 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator by May 15 and to National 4-H Shooting Sports by June 1. Confirmation to teens will be by June 15. Applications are available through your county UNCE office.

Diamonds in the Rough

– *Nov-ice: (nɒv'is) n. a person new to something, a beginner*

– *Green: (grēn) adj. inexperienced or naïve*

Silver Knolls Spurs 4-H Club presents the Diamonds in the Rough Novice Horse Show on April 11, at the Lemmon Valley Horsemen's Arena, Chestnut and Alaska in Lemmon Valley north of Reno.

This is an open show offered specially for the novice rider, the novice horse and the green horse. ASTM/SEI approved riding helmets are required for all riders 18 years and under. Use of riding helmets is strongly encouraged for all others for the safety of the rider.

To see the class list, rules and get entry forms, download the event flier from the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/washoecounty4h/ or at http://www.unce.unr.edu/calendar/assets/uploads/2015/03/diamonds_inthe_rough_2015.pdf

For more information, please call 775-276-0942 or email entries to silverknollsspurs@yahoo.com



Western Area April Dates to Remember

April 5– NJLS Entry Deadline

April 6-10– Babysitting Certification
Class (Carson City UNCE)

April 11– Diamonds in the Rough Novice
Horse and Rider Show

April 19– Washoe County Livestock
Show (NJLS Qualifier)

Your 4-H Mission Minute

Leadership is often easily observed, but harder to define. Transformation that takes place in communities, organizations, countries, and individuals is a direct result of leadership that can be seen.

Leadership can be defined as the ability to influence and support others in a positive manner for a common goal. Leadership is a set of skills and attitudes that can be learned and developed to influence the actions of others. Everyone is born with specific talents, interests, skills, and abilities. Through education, practice, and refinement, all people have the ability to develop and hone their leadership skills and become leaders in their own way. Youth at any age can begin to develop leadership skills.

*-Introduction for Positive Youth Development Leadership Skills,
Transformational Leadership Lesson Plan at 4-H.org*

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Unless stated differently, all meetings are held at your local Cooperative Extension office.

4-H Events Calendar April 2015



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1		Bouncing Bunnies, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
2		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	4-H Kiwanis and Norm Sharkey Memorial Scholarships due 4:30 p.m.	
3		Comstock Explorers, Roasting House, Virginia City, 6-8 p.m. Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
5	NJLS Entry Deadline			
6	Camp Information meeting, Interactive Video	Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.		
6-10		Babysitting Workshop, 3-5 p.m.	Spring Break	
8			NO Sewing (Spring Break) 4:30 p.m.	
9		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
11		Tent Poultry Show, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.		Diamonds in the Rough, Novice Horse Show, Lemmon Valley Arena, 9 a.m.
12		Children's Day on Comstock, Miners Park, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.		
13		Carson/Storey 4-H council, 6:30-8:00 p.m.		
14				Horse Leaders Mtg, 6 p.m. Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m.
15	All Quality Assurance for NJLS must be completed	Capital City Farm Days set up, Fuji Exh. Hall & Carson Fairground 10 a.m.-noon	Spring Sewing, 4:30 p.m.	
16-17		Farm Days, Fuji Exh. Hall/Carson Fairgrounds, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. daily	Douglas County currently has too many Project specific meetings dates to publish. Please refer to your Project Leader and Calendars for meeting dates. All dates take place at the 4-H office unless otherwise noted.	Please note: Due to the number of club meetings in Washoe County, we cannot list them all here.
17	Comstock Explorers, Roasting House, Virginia City, 6-8 p.m. Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.			
18-19	Comstock Hot Shots, VC Senior Center, & Jeep Posse Range, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.			
19				Washoe County Livestock Show, RLEC
20		Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m.
22			Spring Sewing, 4:30 p.m.	
23		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Tractor Supply Paper Clover fundraiser begins	
25			4-H Community Club 10-11 a.m. CV Methodist	
27				Leaders' Council Mtg., 6 p.m.
28			No Leaders' Council	
29			Spring Sewing, 4:30 p.m.	

Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar



DATE	WESTERN AREA	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
May 2015				
1	Northern Area/Western 4-H Camp Registration forms available to 4-H members	Comstock Explorers, Roasting House, Virginia City, 6-8 p.m. Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
2-3		Comstock Hot Shots, VC Senior Center, & Jeep Posse Range, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.		
3			Tractor Supply Paper Clover fundraiser ends, TSC	
4		Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.		
6		Bouncing Bunnies, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Douglas County currently has too many Project specific meetings dates to publish. Please refer to your Project Leader and Calendars for meeting dates. All dates take place at the 4-H office unless otherwise noted.	Please note: Due to the number of club meetings in Washoe County, we cannot list them all here.
7		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
8-10	State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training/Certification, Elko			
11		Carson/Storey 4-H council, 6:30-8:00 p.m.		
12				Horse Leaders Mtg, 6 p.m.
13		Carson Cluckers, Fuji Exh. Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
13-17	NJLS at the RLEC, daily			
14		Silver State, Leaders Home, 6:30-8:00 p.m. 4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
15	Northern Area/Western 4-H Camp Registration forms available to all.	Comstock Explorers, Roasting House, Virginia City, 6-8 p.m. Carson Hot Shots, Cap. City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
16-17		Tentative Comstock Hot Shots, VC Senior Center, & Jeep Posse Range, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.		
18	Camp Teen Counselor applications due to UNCE offices	Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m.
19			Leaders' Council, 7 p.m.	Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m.
21		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
25	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED			
29			Last Day of School!	
June 2015				
1		Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.		
3		Bouncing Bunnies, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
5		Carson Hot Shots, Capital City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
6	Camp Teen Counselor candidates Interviews & Selection, Washoe Office			
9				Horse Leaders Mtg, 6 p.m.
11		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
13	Camp Staff Training, Washoe Office, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.			
15		Target Rippers, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8:30 p.m.		Small Animal Leaders' Mtg., 7 p.m.
16				Livestock Leaders' Mtg., 6 p.m.
17		Carson Cluckers, Fuji Exh. Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.	Camper & Parent Camp Orientation and Information Night, Douglas County	
18		4 Paws, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		
19		Carson Hot Shots, Capital City Gun Club, 6-9 p.m.		
20		Rabbit/ Cavy Show, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.		
25		Camper & Parent Camp orientation, Washoe (Reno) Office and Carson City, IV mtg., 6:30 p.m.		Camper & Parent Camp orientation, Washoe (Reno) Office and Carson City, IV mtg., 6:30 p.m.
30	Camp Staff Training, Carson Office, 6 p.m.	Bouncing Bunnies, Fuji Exhibit Hall, 6:30-8 p.m.		