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Equity for Immigrant and Refugee 4-H Youth

4-H is a worldwide Positive Youth Development organization, catering to diverse communities and needs across the nation. One of these youth populations that is a growing and changing is Immigrant and Refugee Youth (IRY). The immigrant population includes all current U.S. residents born abroad. Naturalized citizens, green card holders, refugees, asylum-seekers, and unauthorized immigrants make up nearly 15% (45M) of the U.S. population (USA Facts, 2019). Twenty-three percent of the immigrant population are youth aged 5 to 17 years (10.3M). Those youth are as diverse and heterogeneous as the global communities from which they originate.

Immigrant and refugee youth exist within a unique set of social conditions different from most other vulnerable populations, resulting in exceptional challenges for Extension professionals. The unique social condition of these youth should be carefully considered when creating developmental settings and

programs that help immigrant and refugee youth thrive. Extension staff must have the knowledge and skill to apply culturally relevant teaching strategies (Bacsujlaky et al., 2014). Some of the differing social conditions are:

- Legal status of youth and/or their family (Linton et al., 2019)
- Displacement from a country because youth have “been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence” due to an underlying cause(s) such as violence, lack of job security, politics, religion, climate change/environmental, adoption/foster families or economic status. (International Organization for Migration, 2022)
- Policies, programs, and institutions are oriented to serving dominant cultures
- Social isolation and social exclusion
- Poverty
- Discrimination leading to physiological and emotional effects
- Navigating life as an emancipated minor
- Traumatic life experiences and resulting

psychological effects

- Limited English language skills

With the challenges listed here, we can appreciate the silver linings that come from these with the following strengths that the immigrant and refugee youth may grow from:

- Resilience
- Innovative thinking and problem solving
- Adept at responding to rapidly changing situations, crisis, or disasters
 - Resource maximization
 - Leadership
 - Keen sense of bonding
 - Strong spiritual connections
 - Enhanced ability to cope with crisis, personal and public disasters, and trauma
 - Strong sense of family
 - Cultural membership (whether ethnic, racial, neighborhood or gang)
 - Determination
 - Bi-/multilingual
 - Bicultural
 - Wide range of interests/capacities



There is a specific skill set needed by Extension professionals, as well as adult leaders and volunteers of 4-H clubs. We can reach these populations in a productive and growth focused way by keeping the following competencies in mind, which are used in all 4-H programming.

The competencies listed here are referenced from the 4-H Professional, Research, Knowledge and Competencies, specifically from the Access Equity and Opportunity domain (United States Department of Agriculture, 2017b). Extension professionals need to:

- Be Aware - of the history and context of the people with whom you are engaging; to understand current immigration policy and its impact, and to demonstrate cultural humility—ask questions, be present, and listen.
- Acknowledge - culturally specific practices of the Immigrant and Refugee Youth audience may affect 4-H programs by their beliefs, religion, family

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Douglas County 4-H Club Availability

Looking for a 4-H club to join in Douglas County? Several clubs has availability for new members. Clubs are open to youth 9-18 years of age (as of January 1, 2025). Cloverbuds, ages 5-8, can join the clubs indicated.

The Cloverbud Club is specifically designed the Cloverbud members. The Home Means Nevada Club is open to regular members and Cloverbuds, as is the Horse/Horseless Club, and the Rabbit Club.

Two other clubs are accepting members 9-18 years of age only. They are the Bee and Pollinator Club and the Junior Master Gardeners.

If you, or someone you know is interested in joining one of these clubs. Contact the Douglas County 4-H Coordinator, Tara Sallee, at 775-782-9960 or tansotegui@unr.edu.

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involvement, legal protection, language differences, and advocacy.

- Identify - unconscious bias of the developmental context of Immigrant and Refugee Youth and families, and the privilege we hold as an agency.
- Explore and Share - using tools such as community mapping, policy mapping, and 4-H PRKC self-assessment Extension staff may reach Immigrant and Refugee Youth audiences.
- Practice, Design, Develop, and Evaluate - intercultural competence to create culturally relevant programs that cultivate a positive ethnic and racial identity. Also, develop promotion, marketing, and assessment tools for the Immigrant and Refugee Youth audience.

In conclusion, the United States will continue to be a nation of immigrants. Scholars, educators, volunteers, and practitioners can move the needle in supporting immigrant youth by establishing positive relationships, nurturing empathy, and understanding, along with cultivating leadership skills so that immigrant youth thrive. It is important to keep in mind that refugees and immigrants are a heterogeneous group with much diversity in their language, religion, culture, belief system, socio-economic status, linguistic backgrounds, and their reasons for migration. 4-H professionals need to understand these unique, rich, and complex communities by developing and disseminating culturally relevant educational curriculum, policies, and practices to engage diverse stakeholders to support immigrant youth. Along the same lines, it is our responsibility to evaluate our programs in partnership with communities, to uplift youth voices and communities and measure strengths in a promising way.

This is the last of the 2024 series of articles on Access, Equity and Belonging. You can find more about it at <https://access-equity-belonging.extension.org/about/immigrant-and-refugee-youth/>

Elko County Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contest

Come show off your livestock knowledge and skills by competing in the Elko County Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contest on January 25, 2025 at Great Basin College in the Carl A. Diekhans Center for Industrial Technology (DCIT), rooms 201, 202 & 208. (1050 Chilton Circle, Elko, NV, 89801)

4-H members will participate in livestock breed, feed, equipment, and meat identification, team activities including ear notching, cattle tags and animal breeding and a fun quiz bowl game.

Registration is due by January 15, 2025. Registration costs per contestant for all divisions:

- Skillathon Contest \$10
- Quiz Bowl Contest \$5

**Registration fees includes breakfast for youth participants and supports the costs associated with official judges, contest materials, and awards.

Check-in for Skillathon and Quiz Bowl is at 8:00 a.m. At 8:30 a.m there is a Contestants Welcome and Contestant Orientation. The Skillathon Contest starts a 9:00 a.m. and the Quiz Bowl starts at 11:00 a.m. The Contest Awards will follow.

Copies of the rules for all divisions can be found on the University of Nevada, Reno Extension website at <https://tinyurl.com/34zktz9t> or you can get a copy from your local 4-H Office. For more information or if you need assistance with registration, please contact Rebecca Glocknitzer at rglocknitzer@unr.edu.



Washoe, Carson City, and Douglas Counties Livestock Skillathon Clinic

Want to get into livestock skillathon contests but not sure where to start? Come to the 4-H Livestock Skillathon Clinic co-hosted by Douglas, Carson City, and Washoe counties on February 8, 2025, at the Washoe County Extension Office (4955 Energy Way, Reno NV 89502)

You can learn the ins and outs of skillathon contests. 4-H members will participate in livestock breed, feed, equipment, and meat identification, team activities including ear notching, cattle tags, animal breeding and much more.

Registration is due by February 1, 2025. The cost is \$10 per participant. Registration fees includes breakfast for youth participants and supports the costs associated with official judges and contest materials. to register, go to the link at <https://forms.office.com/r/d29AwhfNgK>.

Copies of the rules for all divisions can be found on the University of Nevada, Reno Extension website at <https://tinyurl.com/34zktz9t> or you can get a copy from the Extension Office. For more information or if you need assistance with registration, please contact Rebecca Glocknitzer at rglocknitzer@unr.edu

Know Before You Show Cattle Workshop Rescheduled to January

The Know Before You Show Cattle Workshop had to be rescheduled from December. To register, please go to forms online at <https://forms.office.com/r/104qxHrjvf>

There is no fee to attend, but you must register.

Registration closes on January 1, 2025. The workshop is January 21, 2025, 5:30 p.m.- 7:00p.m.

Please join Dean Vanwinkle as he provides some important details about showing steers and heifers.

Dean will be covering cattle nutrition, show trends/fitting, showmanship tips and a judges' perspective from the show ring. Please list any questions you would like Dean to address on the registration form.

For more information, contact Rebecca Glocknitzer at rglocknitzer@unr.edu.

Washoe 4-H Small Animal Show and Static Exhibit 2025

Save the date for the Washoe County 4-H Small Animal Show and Static Exhibit on March 8, 2025.

The show is at the Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center Pavilion, 1350 N. Wells Ave. in Reno. 4-H members from counties surrounding Washoe County are invited to enter any items they have created this year from projects including educational posters and art to photos, sewing projects, or food.

Keep an eye on your email for more information and entry forms or reach out to Rachel Kaiser-Schoen at the Washoe County 4-H office 775-336-0235 or rkaiserschoen@unr.edu for more information.

4-H Livestock Contest Series Schedule:

There have been some changes to the Livestock Contest Series dates. The February 8 Carson/Douglas Livestock Skillathon Contest has been canceled. Other changes are in bold below.

- January 10 and 11- Churchill County Horse and Livestock Judging Contest
- January 25- Elko Skillathon & Quiz Bowl Contest
- **February 8- Washoe, Carson City and Douglas Counties Skillathon Clinic**
- April 9- State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Clark County Fair (pending approval)
- **June 7 - Washoe, Carson City and Douglas Counties Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contest**
- August 7- Eureka County Fair Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contest
- August 14- Lyon County Fair Livestock Judging Contest

For more information, contact: Rebecca Glocknitzer, rglocknitzer@unr.edu.

Please watch for information about each individual contest and entry forms coming from your county office. Please keep in mind that all clinics and contest are open to all 4-H livestock members.

Join 4-H at YWCE 2025

4-H will have a booth at this year's Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience!

Join us at the Reno Sparks Convention Center located at 4590 S. Virginia St, Reno, on Thursday, January 16 and Friday January 17, from 12 p.m.- 3p.m. and Saturday, January 18, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Information will be available soon about how to sign up for volunteering or attending as a participant.

You can find event information at <https://www.wildsheepfoundation.org/youth-programs/ywce>

Reach out to Rachel Kaiser-Schoen with questions at the Washoe County 4-H office 775-336-0235 or rkaiserschoen@unr.edu

Record Book Clinic Dates

The Washoe County 4-H staff will be hosting a few Record Book Working sessions in 2025 and they would love to have you join them! There will be laptops, project record packets, record book covers for purchase, and staff on hand to answer questions and provide clarification.

Working sessions will happen at the Washoe County 4-H office (4955 Energy Way, Reno, NV, 89502) on the following dates:

- Thursday, January 16, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 10, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 13, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 4, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Have questions? Please reach out to Bethany by email at bsteiner@unr.edu.

First 4-H Horse Clinic for 2025

Washoe County 4-H Horse Club Leaders are offering the first 4-H Horse Clinic for 2025 on January 25, 2025. It will once again be a horseless (leave your horse at home) clinic at the Reno/Sparks Livestock Events Center Pavilion (1350 N. Wells Ave, Reno). Sign-in starts at 8:30 a.m., and the clinic begins at 9:00 a.m.

The Opening Session (for all attendees) is *Dare to be a Cowboy* presented by Hannah Beth.

The presentation will be followed by two rotating sessions for this clinic:

- Equine Chiropractic
- Equine Anatomy and Vocabulary review

Practice written Level testing will be offered for Levels 1-3, at the end of the clinic.

4-H dress or Club 4-H Shirt required. There won't be any horses present at the clinic, so there won't be a need to bring a helmet. Plan to bring snacks and water for yourself.

RSVPs are required by Thursday, January 23. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Sam Mitchell at samm@unr.edu or 775-336-0259.



Owners Take Preventive Measures Against Animal Disease This Season

With the upcoming equine event season, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) is reminding horse owners to practice preventive biosecurity measures to reduce the risk of animal disease, such as Equine Herpesvirus (EHV). While there are no confirmed cases of EHV in Nevada at this time, horse owners are encouraged to remain vigilant. The NDA reminds everyone to check on current entry requirements and comply with those when traveling to and from Nevada.

“This upcoming event season is a time of increased travel and interaction for horses, which can increase the risk of disease spread,” said NDA Director J.J. Goicoechea, DVM. “Horse owners should remain vigilant and take proactive measures to protect their animals.”

The NDA recommends biosecurity practices and to always monitor horses for signs of disease, like fever or runny nose. Biosecurity means implementing practices to reduce chances of an infectious disease being transferred by people, animals, equipment or vehicles. EHV and other diseases can be easily transferred on boots, coats, gloves and equipment. Some basic practices include:

- Never share equipment between horses.
- Always start chores with healthy horses, and end with sick or recovering (within 30 days) horses.



- Take your horse’s temperature twice daily,
- Isolate new or returning horses. Quarantine horses for at least 21 days before integrating them into your herd.
- Clean and disinfect stalls, trailers, and equipment thoroughly.

EHV is a reportable disease under Nevada Revised Statute NRS 571.160. Veterinarians are required to notify the NDA when cases are diagnosed. Help us maintain zero positive cases in Nevada. For more information visit equinediseasecc.org or talk to your veterinarian.

Prepare for Disease Outbreaks

On December 6, 2024, the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service issued a new federal order pertaining to the testing and surveillance for the H5N1 variant of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in all U.S. dairy herds. The recent outbreak of the virus in dairy cows across 16 states, including Nevada, has highlighted the ongoing and increased need for livestock biosecurity efforts.

In order to help Nevadans prepare and update their livestock biosecurity protocols, University of Nevada, Reno Extension has launched a new livestock biosecurity website (<https://extension.unr.edu/livestock-biosecurity/default.aspx>)

To read the full article about these new biosecurity efforts, go to <https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2024/foot-and-mouth-disease>

Northern Area/Western January Dates to Remember

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Holiday
(Offices Closed)

Jan 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(Offices Closed)

Jan. 27 - Washoe County Leaders' Council Meeting (4955 Energy Way)

Find it in 4-h.org/clover/

Data Packets Authored by Deborah Ivie

This activity will take you into outer space... and back again! You may not think about it often, but there are almost 8,000 active satellites orbiting our planet, helping data travel across the whole world.

By the end of this activity, you'll know how satellites transfer data from one place to another, the definition of the word “decomposition,” how to use decomposition to break down the process of satellite data transfer, and how to use pixelation to create art based on the data transfer process.

To get a version of this activity, go online to <https://4-h.org/clover/activities/data-packets/>

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4-H Events Calendar January 2025



DATE	WESTERN AREA AND OTHER COUNTIES	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
1	NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICES CLOSED			
1			Wings n Things, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	
2		4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.		
3		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
4			Cloverbuds, 10-11:30 a.m.	
6		Target Rippers, Fuji Exh., 6-8:30 p.m.	CV Shepards, Extension Office, 6-7:30 p.m.	
7			Advanced Baking, Douglas Co. Comm. Center, 5-7:45 p.m.	
8		Arrowhead Livestock, 6-8 p.m.	Rabbit, 6-7:30 p.m.	
9		4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.		
10	Horse Judging Contest, 3C arena in Fallon	Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
11	Livestock Judging Contest, 3C arena in Fallon	Capital City Critters, 6-8 p.m.	Sewing, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	
13		Sewing 3-5 p.m.	Baking A, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	
14			Equestrian, CVUMC, 6-7:30 p.m.	Horse Leaders' Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
15			Baking B, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	
16		4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.		Record Book Clinic, 4-H office, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
17		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
20	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY - OFFICES CLOSED			
20	Know Before You Show	Target Rippers, Fuji Exh., 6-8:30 p.m.		
24		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
25	Elko Co. 4-H Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl, Great Basin College, 8 a.m.			Washoe 4-H "Horseless" Horse Clinic, RSLEC Pavilion, 8:30 a.m.
27		Sewing 3-5 p.m.		Leaders' Council mtg., 5:30 p.m.
31		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 20, 2025



New Year's Day- January 1, 2025

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Upcoming 4-H Events Calendar



DATE	WESTERN AREA AND OTHER COUNTIES	CARSON CITY/STOREY COUNTY	DOUGLAS COUNTY	WASHOE COUNTY
February 2025				
1			Cloverbuds, 10-11:30 a.m.	
3		Target Rippers, Fuji Exh., 6-8:30 p.m.	CV Shepards, Extension Office, 6-7:30 p.m.	
4			Advanced Baking, Douglas County Comm. Center, 5-7:45 p.m.	
5			Wings n Things, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	
6		4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.		
7		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
8		Capital City Critters, 6-8 p.m.	Sewing, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Washoe, Carson City, and Douglas Counties Livestock Skillathon Clinic, 8 a.m.
10		Sewing 3-5 p.m.	Baking A, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Record Book Clinic, 4-H office, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
11			Equestrian, CVUMC, 6-7:30 p.m.	Horse Leaders' Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
12		Arrowhead Livestock, 6-8 p.m.	Rabbit, 6-7:30 p.m.	
13		4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.		
14		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
16				Tack Sale, RSLEC, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
17	PRESIDENTS' DAY - OFFICES CLOSED			
19			Baking B, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	
20		4 Paws, Fuji Exh., 6-8 p.m.		
21		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		
22			NJLS Sheep, Goat, and Swine Weigh-in Douglas Co. Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	
23				Washoe County Sheep, Goat, and Swine Tagging, RSLEC 10 a.m.
24		Sewing 3-5 p.m.		
25			Douglas Co. Shooting Sports Mandatory Safety Training, 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. - Douglas Co. Fairgrounds Indoor Pavilion	
28		Capital City Hot Shots, Carson City Gun Range, 6 p.m.		Beef YGB Clinic, RSLEC Main Arena, 8 a.m.
March 2025				
1			Cloverbuds, 10-11:30 a.m.	Swine Clinic, RSLEC Pavilion, 8 a.m.
1-2				Sheep and Goat YGB Clinic, RSLEC Main Arena, 8 a.m.
3		Target Rippers, Fuji Exh., 6-8:30 p.m.	CV Shepards, Extension Office, 6-7:30 p.m.	
4			Advanced Baking, Douglas County Comm. Center, 5-7:45 p.m.	
5			Wings n Things, 6:15-8:00 p.m.	
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