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Nevada 4-H State Expo theme is Year of the Snake

In the Chinese zodiac, 2025 is the year of the wood snake. The wood snake represents a time for growth, creativity, adaptability, and transformation. According to Chinese tradition, the Snake is a symbol of good fortune and prosperity, and honoring the Snake is believed to invite positive energy into one's life.

The wood snake was chosen as the theme for the 2025 Expo (September 25-28, Fallon), and as a result there will be emphasis on special classes this year in arts and photography, educational exhibits, public speaking, demonstration, as well as other static areas. Nevada 4-H has collaborated with the Nevada Master

Gardener Program to develop a "Special Horticulture Project" area. Some of the special horticulture classes focusing on snakes include:

- Houseplant Container Display
- Fairy Garden Display
- Garden Accessories
- Wildlife Habitat
- Herbs and Vegetables
- Recycled Item Floral Arrangements
- Horticulture and Plant Science
- Entomology
- Forestry
- Recycled plant pot/container (no store-bought item)
- Painted snake pot
- Produce basket
- Seed mosaic

We will be sharing more details on these Special Horticulture classes, and provide examples of snake themed vegetables and plants soon.



Left: Painted Clay Snake in the garden.

Right: Painted Seed Pod Snakes waiting for the paint to dry.

Sagebrush Community Horse Shows

This year, Sagebrush Community Horse Shows will once again have 4-H classes at their shows. These are not only a lot of fun, but they also apply to Washoe County 4-H Horse attendance requirements.

Here are the 2025 show dates:

- April 19
- May 11
- June 7
- September 6

Please note that there are new 4-H classes this year.

Arab/HA/AA Native

Costume, All Breed Costume, Arab/HA/AA Costume Walk/Trot, All Breed Costume Walk/Trot.

Find out more online about the shows including the Sagebrush prize list, class descriptions, entry forms and release forms. There are also detailed instructions on how to get to the Lemmon Valley Horseman's Area in Lemmon Valley, just north of Reno. The link is <https://comstockarabianassociation.com/sagebrush-community-horse-shows/>

New this year online entry form Sagebrush Online Entry Form. It can be found on the Sagebrush Community Horse Show page or go directly at <https://form.jotform.com/250048941691157>



Washoe County Livestock Records

Washoe County 4-H Livestock Record Books must be submitted to the Washoe County 4-H office by April 4, 2025, to be judged for Achievement in Record Keeping. We look forward to seeing your livestock projects at the next event.

Record Books will be returned after the event.

Contact Abbie for more information- ajaynes@unr.edu 775-336-0270.

Record Book Clinic Dates

The Washoe County 4-H staff hosted it's final Spring Record Book Working session in March. But there are still two more Working Sessions at the Washoe County 4-H office (4955 Energy Way, Reno, NV, 89502) planned on the following dates:

- Tuesday, May 20, 2025 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 4, 2025, from 5:30.-7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining should RSVP to Bethany at bsteiner@unr.edu.

4-H Livestock Contest Series:

There have been more changes to the Livestock Contest Series dates. the Elko County Livestock Judging Contest and the State Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl contest have been added to the list.

- April 9- State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Clark County Fair
- 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
- August 24th Cantaloupe Festival Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contest
- September 25-27 State Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl 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.

Washoe Co. 4-H Leaders' Council

The quarterly Washoe County 4-H Leaders' Council meeting will be on April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Washoe County Extension Office.

Presentations will include a Beyond Ready campaign update provided by Sarah Chvilicek.

Also Bethany Steiner will give a presentation about the 4-H In School program.

Additional items include State 4-H updates, reports from clubs, and upcoming events.

State 4-H Expo

Year of the Wood Snake

September 25-28, 2025

Fallon, NV

Save the Date!

Shooting sports deadlines

Nevada 4-H have a few important deadlines coming up for various 4-H Shooting Sports events.

National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute- This event is open to any youth that is at least 14 years old and has at least one more year left in 4-H. This year the institute will be held in Moscow, Idaho at the University of Idaho from July 29-August 2, 2025. This institute is for any youth interested in becoming a shooting sports ambassador for Nevada. Only 2 youth will be selected. All lodging, meals, transportation during the event, and materials are provided through the National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee General Fund. The cost and arrangement of transportation to and from the event will be the responsibility of the participant. Applications are due no later than April 11, to Hailey Wright at haileywright@unr.edu. For the application youth will need to submit a completed application packet that includes the following:

1. National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute Application Form.
2. National 4-H Shooting Sports Teen Leadership Institute Certificate Form (complete with all signatures).
3. A resume- including school, 4-H community memberships, activities and awards.

Links can be found at

<https://nevada.box.com/s/itwmkse61oou95dybd039exhpqbf1t8n>,
<https://nevada.box.com/s/5k163khz5xf488fr5pnmknqr3xf39ygib>

2025 National Championships for 4-H Shooting Sports- This event is open to any senior who qualified at Expo. Registration is \$275 and after May 21st it is \$350. Only participants need to pay the registration fee. Coaches do not have a fee due. A rubric was provided to each county office to list qualified candidates. Per the rules of Nationals we can only send four youth per discipline. This rubric is due to Hailey Wright, haileywright@unr.edu, by April 11.

If you have any questions please let me know. No late applications for either event will be accepted.

June Days at Tahoe Teen Camp

Registration is currently open for the 2025 4-H Teen Camp to be held at the Nevada 4-H Camp in Tahoe on June 11-14 this summer. The camp is for Nevada teens 13-18 years of age.

To get a registration form, use this link

[2025 4-H Teen Camp Registration](#)

Applications must be completed and returned to the Extension office in your area on or before May 23, 2025. Remember camp registration will close without notice once the camp has reached capacity. Total Camper registration is dependent upon the number of Chaperones registered for camp.

Camper scholarships may be available. For scholarships or general questions please feel free to reach out to the Camp Education Coordinator, Kenny Haack-Damon at damonk@unr.edu or 775-682-9865.

Northern Area/Western 4-H Camp Registration Schedule

Northern Area/Western Camp season is starting! The camp will be July 6-12 at the Nevada 4-H Camp at Tahoe. Adult Chaperone registration forms and Teen Counselor applications were sent out on March 7 by email. If you are interested in being an adult



chaperone at camp, but have not completed a volunteer application and background check, please contact your county 4-H coordinator as soon as you can.

4-H members in Carson City, Douglas, Storey, and Washoe counties who will be 14-18 years old on the first day of camp (July 6) should have received Teen Counselor Applications by email. If you did not receive one and wish to apply, please contact Sam Mitchell at samm@unr.edu. Both 4-H members and non-members can apply.

All completed teen forms must be received by 4-H on or before Friday, April 4. Interviews will be on Saturday, April 19. No exceptions.

To find out more information, please contact Sam Mitchell at samm@unr.edu or call 775-336-0259.

Livestock Events in April

There will be three 4-H livestock shows in April. Although the show registration deadlines are already past, here is some information for those who plan on attending.

The **Battle Born Jackpot** is set for Saturday, April 5th, 2025 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. As in previous years, we will have Market Lamb, Market Goat, Wether Dam and a Wether Dam Doe class.

There are some changes so please read through the Rules! For more information, please email battlebornjackpot@gmail.com.

The **Nevada State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest** will take place on April 9, 2025 at the Clark County Fair, 1301 Whipple Ave, Logandale, NV 89021 Check-in begins at 11:00 a.m. followed by a Welcome and Contestant Orientation, Judging contest begin at 11:30 a.m.

Please note, lunch will be on your own. It is suggested that contestants have lunch before the start of the contest. Snacks and waters will be available when contestants come back from judging.

The **Washoe County 4-H Livestock Show** is on April 26, 2025, at the Reno Sparks Livestock Events Center (1305 N Wells Ave., Reno 89512). Washoe County youth will be showing beef, swine, sheep, and goats. This is a qualifying show for the Nevada Junior Livestock Show and Sale (NJLS).

A show book and schedule will be produced closer to the show date.

Food Network Looking for Kid Bakers

The Food Network is looking for youth with a knack for baking (see flyer below), and will be auditioning for cast members. For a chance to audition, parents can fill out an application for their child here: <https://bakingchampionshipcasting.castingcrane.com/>

Please note that 4-H does not endorse any company.



Food Network is looking for the most talented young bakers in the country for the next season of the **KIDS BAKING CHAMPIONSHIP!**

Do you think your son or daughter was born to bake? Well if so, this is the perfect show for them! We are looking for kids between the ages of 8-13 who want to put their baking skills to the ultimate test!

The Kids Baking Championship is an exciting show where young bakers compete in fun baking battles to become the next KIDS BAKING CHAMPION!!!

APPLY NOW!

[BAKINGCHAMPIONSHIP.COM](https://bakingchampionship.com)

*only submissions sent by parents will be accepted.

April Dates to Remember

- Apr. 1** - NJLS Entry Deadline
- Apr. 4** - Deadline for Western Area Camp teen applications
- Apr. 4** - Washoe Co. 4-H Record Books are due for Achievement in Record Keeping
- Apr. 19** - Teen interviews for 4-H Camp Tahoe
- Apr. 22** - Earth Day

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Clover Clips 4-H Newsletter is now distributed statewide to all 4-H families, 4-H staff and interested parties. This monthly publication is sent via email around the first of each month. To submit an article for possible use in Clover Clips, please email the text and any graphics to samm@unr.edu by the 20th of each month for following month's newsletter.

2025 Paper Clover 4-H Fundraiser

Tractor Supply Company, the nation's largest rural lifestyle retailer, is committed to helping youth become beyond ready. April 18 - May 5 2025 the Paper Clover 4-H Fundraiser returns at Tractor Supply Company! During this time customers have the opportunity to make an additional donation to 4-H. The Paper Clover 4-H Fundraiser supports 4-H Camp, scholarships, and leadership activities. Check out this opportunity to give back at your local store.



Tractor Supply's fundraising efforts, including the bi-annual Paper Clover Promotion, have raised over \$20 million for National 4 H Council and local 4 H programs across the country. Tractor Supply's long-standing tradition of giving back to the communities it serves is fostering confidence and competence in tomorrow's leaders.

Save the Date for *Night to Remember*

The *Night to Remember* 4-H Camp Alumni & Friends Gathering is September 12, 2025. It will be a chance to see friends and reacquaint yourself with fellow 4-H Camp alumni and tour the camp!

In the meantime, you can join our community for 4-H Alumni & Friends As an alumni or friend of 4-H, you share a connection across generations.

Keep the connection going. Join the 4-H Alumni & Friends community today. To join, go online to <https://extension.unr.edu/4h/alumniandfriends.aspx>

Find it in **CLOVER** 4-h.org/clover/
by 4H

Preparing for a Technical or Vocational Career - Are you interested in making things with your hands, helping others, working outside, fixing motors, building, or installing air conditioners? These are the types of skills used in careers that often don't require a four-year college degree. You may have heard the term "career and technical education" or "vocational education."

By the end of this activity, you'll be able to identify career options that usually don't require a four-year college degree, identify educational pathways to those careers, and identify potential salaries for technical careers that interest you.

Find the CLOVER by 4-H activity at <https://4-h.org/clover/activities/preparing-for-a-technical-or-vocational-career/>

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