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Beyond Ready to prepare 10 million youth for work and life

As the largest youth development organization in the country, reaching 6 million young people annually, 4-H is uniquely equipped to bridge the gap. 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension, a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn by doing. Additionally, our 4-H alumni network reaches every industry and is 35 million strong.

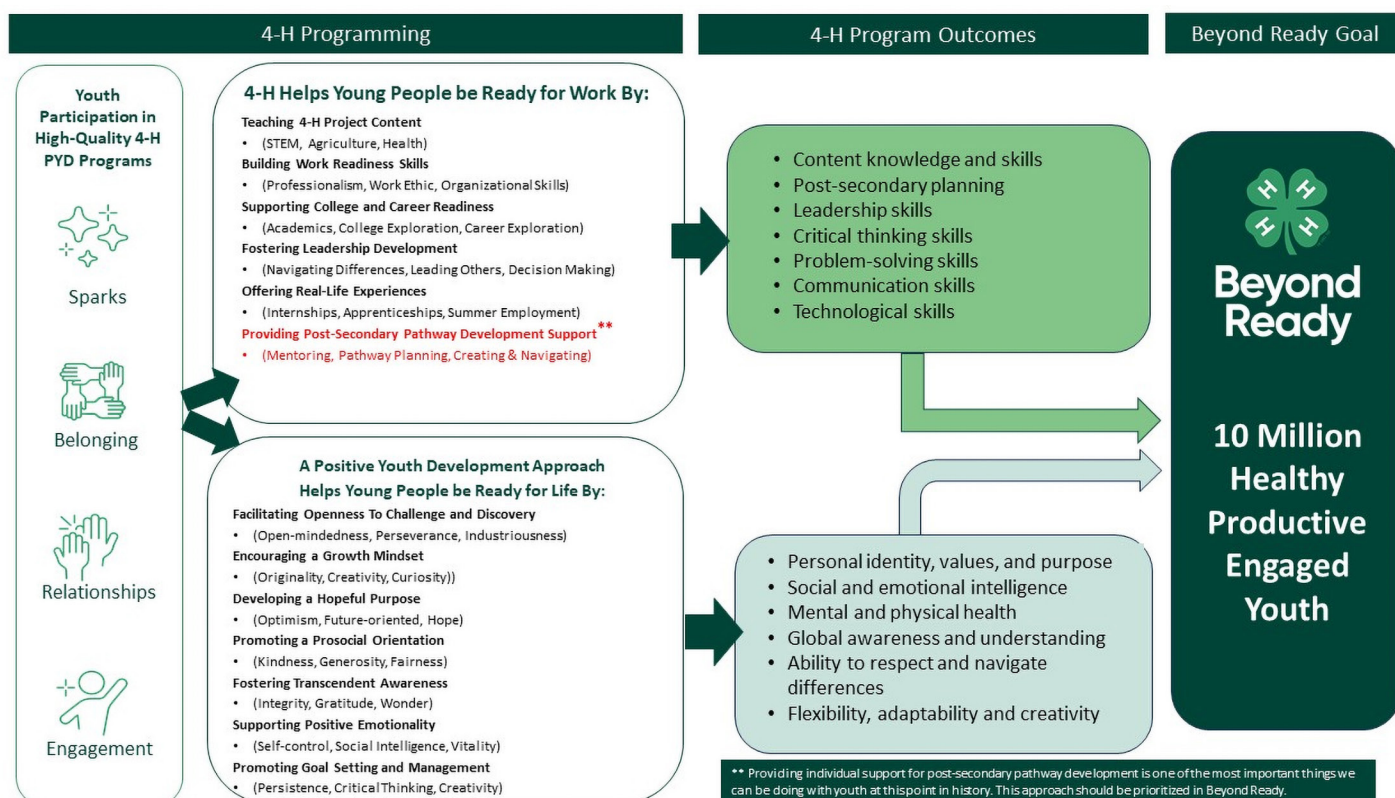
We are also the only organization with a scientifically proven approach to developing young people, backed by more than 20 years of longitudinal research in partnership with Tufts University. The data are clear: youth who participate in 4-H programs are more likely to succeed academically, engage civically, and contribute to their communities. They're also more prepared to enter the workforce and navigate the complexities of life with confidence.

At the heart of our success is the 4-H Thriving Model which outlines key milestones and capabilities that youth should develop at different stages of their lives. From middle childhood, where teamwork and belonging are emphasized, to middle adolescence, where independence and future planning take center stage, the Thriving Model ensures that youth not only develop academic skills but also gain character traits—such as responsibility, social competence, and resilience—needed for lifelong success.

Beyond Ready Framework

The 4-H Beyond Ready Framework shows how positive youth development and programs that help youth be ready for life after high school work

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Beyond Ready and Thrive

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together to ensure that 4-H graduates are ready, in fact, because of positive youth development, they are Beyond Ready.

The Beyond Ready Framework outlines six elements that provide a program development roadmap for ensuring that 4-H readiness programs are grounded in PYD.

1. Readiness Begins with a High-Quality PYD Program Context. As shown in the 4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development, four important elements must be present in high quality 4-H PYD programs, Sparks, Belonging, Developmental Relationships with adults, and Youth Engagement. These elements make up a high quality PYD 4-H experience for youth.

2. Work Readiness Skills and Documentation. Helping youth be ready for work through programs that promote demonstrable skills, such as critical-thinking, communication and problem-solving. This happens by providing high quality educational programs that increase youths' content knowledge in key areas, often related to 4-H project areas. Youth can further be supported for work readiness by documenting their readiness through records, certificates and achievements.

3. Life Readiness. Youths' social, emotional, cognitive abilities and positive habits of mind and behaviors are important qualities for lifelong success. These qualities show up in work readiness in a number of ways, for example, flexibility, creativity and adaptability. The Thriving Indicators of the 4-H Thriving Model describe seven ways that 4-H builds life readiness.

4. Creating and Navigating Post-Secondary Pathways. The transition to what happens after high school is more varied and complicated for youth than ever before, with multiple possibilities, complex social influences, and ever-present uncertainties about the future. 4-H needs to be intentional about providing programs that help youth identify and create a post-secondary plan, and assist with helping them navigate it successfully.

5. Beyond Ready. Youth who participate in high quality 4-H PYD Programs that promote work readiness and help young people identify, create and navigate post-secondary plans are Beyond Ready for work and life because of the work readiness skills they developed in 4-H and the way that their positive development shows up in their social and emotional skills, behaviors, and positive habits of mind and being. Beyond Ready Youth are Healthy, Productive and Engaged.

- This article is from the 4-H PLWG Standing Committee. Go to

<https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/beyond-ready-and-positive-youth-development/>

Local Horse Shows with 4-H Classes

This year, Sagebrush Community Horse Shows will once again have 4-H classes at their shows.

The remaining 2025 show dates are May 11, June 7, and 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>

A New Horse Event Coming Soon

The **Horsin' Around Gymkhanas** presented by the Washoe County Horse 4-H Leaders is a new event for area horse enthusiasts and 4-H horse project members. The first show is May 17, 2025 and the second is August 23, 2025. Both are at Lemmon Valley Horseman's Arena and start 9:00 a.m.

It is open to all riders and horses. There will be four Age Groups plus Leadline & Walk/Trot Classes.

A Class list, entry forms, and releases can be found online at <https://www.silverknollsspurs4h.com/>

Pollinator Week Logo Contest

Our horticulture team is gearing up for National Pollinator Week, which is June 23-29. We're planning a bunch of events in Northern Nevada, and there's one that we'd love your help with advertising....

We're hosting a logo contest in advance of Pollinator Week that is open to kids 18 and under. Would you mind sharing this information in your 4-H circles?

The winning logo will be featured on t-shirts that will be sold for Pollinator Week and worn by docents at the Pollinator Garden Tour on Sunday, June 22. Plus, there's a \$100 prize for 1st place and \$50 for 2nd place. We're hoping to get a lot of fun entries from kids throughout the region.

Use this UPC code to register and submit your artwork.



Previous logo



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. Re-member 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 Camper Registration Begins

Northern Area/Western 4-H Camp will be July 6-12 at the Nevada 4-H Camp at Tahoe. Camper Registration forms have been emailed to all 4-H members in Carson City/Storey, Douglas, and Washoe counties who will be 9-12 years of age on July 6. Only those 4-H members may register until registration opens to all age appropriate youth in those counties on May 16.

The camp is on 32 acres of forest land on the South Shore of Lake Tahoe. It has group cabins, dining hall, a campfire circle and 150 yards of private beach. There will be activities, STEM projects, crafts and more.

If you are a 4-H member and did not receive the registration form, or are a non-member who wants to get on the May 16 mailing list, please contact Sam Mitchell at samm@unr.edu or call 775-336-0259.

Paper Clover Fundraiser- Last Chance!

Don't forget! May 5, 2025, is the last day of the Spring Paper Clover 4-H Fundraiser 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 longstanding tradition of giving back to the communities it serves is fostering confidence and competence in tomorrow's leaders.



4-H Teen Summer Camp 2025

4-H Teen Summer Camp 2025 is coming to the 4-H Camp and Learning Center, Alamo, Nevada on June 2 - 5, 2025.

Pack your bags and join the Clark County 4-H crew for four awesome days of outdoor fun at Nevada 4-H Camp in Alamo! Activities include STEM, nature exploration, expressive arts, survival skills, and more!

Open to Clark County teens in grades 9-12 for the 25/26 school year. Camp Registration fee of \$195

Transportation from Las Vegas to Alamo, lodging, and meals are included in the registration fee.

Registration time: April 21, 2025 - May 18, 2025 or until spots are full. To register go to

<https://form.jotform.com/250490732593157>

****Once you have filled out the registration form, you will be given an Eventbrite link where you can pay the \$195 camp fee. The registration is not complete until the \$195 fee is paid. ****

Partial scholarships are available upon request. Please email cc4-h@unr.edu for more information.

Valley High School students, please contact your 4-H Afterschool coordinator, Hellen Quan-Lopez, for scholarship information.

If you have any questions before completing the registration, please contact our Clark County 4-H team at cc4-h@unr.edu.



4-H Pre-Teen Summer Camp

Spend three fun-filled days with the Clark County 4-H team at our 4-H camp in Alamo June 30-July 2, 2025. Activities include STEM, nature exploration, expressive arts, survival skills, and more!

Open to Clark County youth in grades 6-8 for the 25/26 school year.

Camp Registration fee of \$155

Transportation from Las Vegas to Alamo, lodging, and meals are included in the registration fee.

Registration open from April 21-June 16, or until spots are filled. To register, go online to:

<https://form.jotform.com/250490410072142>

For more information, please contact the Clark County 4-H Team at cc4-H@unr.edu.

Record Book Clinic Dates

The Washoe County 4-H staff will host one final spring Record Book Working session at the Washoe County 4-H office (4955 Energy Way, Reno, NV, 89502). All are welcome to join on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, from 5:30p.m. -7:30 p.m. This will be a great time for members to work on their record books and get feedback from staff while everything is still fresh in their minds from the spring shows.

Please RSVP to Bethany at bsteiner@unr.edu, if you plan to attend.

Livestock Event Schedule

Here are some contests coming up in June and later months. Some registration deadlines are in May.

Livestock Contest Event Series Tentative Schedule:

June 7, Douglas/Carson/Washoe County Livestock Skillathon Contest

June 26, Eureka County Livestock Skillathon Clinic

July 11, White Pine Livestock Skillathon Clinic

August 7, Eureka County Fair Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contest

August 14, Lyon County Fair Livestock Judging Contest

August 24, Cantaloupe Festival Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contest

September 25-27, State Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contest

June 7, 2025- Douglas, Carson City/Storey, Washoe County Livestock Skillathon and Quiz Bowl Contest

Location: Washoe County Extension Office 4955 Energy Way, Reno NV 89502

Registration due by May 15, 2025

Mail to: Churchill County Extension Office Attn: Livestock Skillathon Contest 111 Sheckler Road Fallon, NV 89406

June 26, 2025- Eureka County Livestock Skillathon Clinic

Location: Eureka County Fairgrounds

Registration due by June 15, 2025

Registration Link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/UFpniBSaf8>

Be Part of the Nevada Flight Crew

The Nevada Afterschool Network (NAN) is now accepting applications for the 4th cohort of the 2026 Nevada Flight Crew! This program highlights youth voices and shows that STEM is for everyone, everywhere. We're seeking passionate youth ages 12–16 from across Nevada and need your help spreading the word!

We are looking to select youth who are leaders and have a passion for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) with aspirations to deepen their connection to the STEM field, and advocate for youth in STEM across Nevada! Let's strengthen and empower Nevada's young leaders in STEM together!

During the program, Flight Crew members will:

- Share their STEM story
- Grow as speakers & STEM leaders
- Connect with peers across Nevada
- Learn 1-on-1 from a STEM professional
- Explore exciting STEM activities

To find out more about this program, go to the Nevada Flight Crew website at

<https://www.nevadaafterschool.org/advocacy/nvflightcrew/> and the FAQ page at

www.nevadaafterschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2026-Flight-Crew-Application-Info-FAQ.pdf

Applications are due May 15, 2025. To apply, go online to: https://unlv.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6IHrgL5rM16RI2O



May Dates to Remember

May 1 - Northern Area/ Western 4-H Camp
4-H Member registration opens

May 7-11 - Nevada Junior Livestock Show and Sale

May 15 - Application deadline for Nevada Flight Crew

May 30 - Nevada Field Day & Ag Expo, 1000 Valley Road, Reno, 2-6 p.m.

Find it in  **4-h.org/clover/**

What Goes In Must Come Out

Creating and consuming food requires a wide variety of inputs, while also producing outputs, including some that are wasteful and harmful to the earth.

In this activity, you will learn that modern food systems require major inputs (such as water, labor, fossil fuels) and produce major negative outputs (such as greenhouse gasses, air pollutants, wastewater, and solid waste). You'll come to see that modern food systems can be wasteful and that making informed food choices can eventually contribute to impactful changes.

<https://4-h.org/clover/activities/what-goes-in-must-come-out/>

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