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It's Important for Nevada 4-H to Participate in National Index Study

Nevada 4-H's engagement in the National 4-H Annual Index Study plays a vital role in advancing evidence-based youth development both within the state and across the nation. The study, now in its third consecutive year, is a key initiative spearheaded by the National 4-H Council in collaboration with universities and Extension services to evaluate how 4-H programs are preparing youth for life and work. By participating, Nevada 4-H not only contributes to a national dialogue on youth outcomes but also gains access to detailed, comparative data that supports continuous program improvement.

The 2024 study included responses from over 3,250 youth across 19 states and focused on new dimensions of readiness, including physical and emotional health, productivity, engagement, and workforce preparedness, alongside traditional 4-H outcome areas like leadership, STEM, and college and career readiness. Nevada's previous participation in 2022 and 2023 demonstrates a commitment to shaping national benchmarks and aligning with the 4-H Thriving Model.

From a state-level perspective, the benefits of Nevada 4-H's participation are multi-faceted. First, the study provides baseline and trend data that can inform curriculum development, training, and resource allocation. For example, results show that youth with higher 4-H involvement exhibit stronger indicators of workplace readiness, emotional intelligence, and community engagement—key focus areas for Nevada's youth development strategies. The insights also reveal the role of adult mentorship, a cornerstone of Nevada 4-H programs, with over 85% of youth nationally affirming that 4-H adults expect them to do something positive with their lives.

Moreover, participation ensures that Nevada youth are represented in a national context, helping to identify demographic trends and equity gaps. For instance, data from all three reports confirm that youth across gender and racial identities experience 4-H

positively and that participation at the county level - which is often the primary point of contact in Nevada - is associated with the most significant developmental gains.

In conclusion, Nevada 4-H's involvement in the National Index Study is not just a reporting exercise—it is a strategic investment in building a stronger, more resilient generation of youth. It empowers program leaders with the tools to evaluate impact, align with national best practices, and advocate for youth development funding and support. By anchoring local insights in a national framework, Nevada 4-H reinforces its leadership in the Cooperative

Extension System and its commitment to helping youth thrive.

You can access previous Index Studies here <https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/annual-4-h-index-study/>.



A Quick Way to Help Nevada 4-H

In Nevada we have been tasked with getting 250 responses from youth ages 13-18 by June 30. If we can complete this task, Nevada will receive a report of our data separate from the national data, which will be very useful in helping inform us to make decisions as a state moving forward, and to look at our accomplishments.

To complete this survey, please visit the link below. The first question in the survey is a parental assent message. Once the parent agrees, the youth can complete the survey. It is estimated to take 15-20 minutes.

https://4hcouncil.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_envLIXgHZyRJGXs

To meet this goal it will take all of us working together. Thank you all in advance for your assistance in this project.

Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest to Provide Capitol Christmas Tree

Every year, a different national forest is selected to provide a tree to appear on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol building for the holiday season. Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest in Nevada has been selected to provide the 2025 US Capitol Christmas Tree

Theme for the 2025 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree is Starry Skies to Neon Lights - Spirit of the Silver State. For the first time, "The People's Tree" will be harvested here in Nevada, decorated by Nevadans and transported to our nation's capital for the holiday season.

The Forest Service is calling on Nevadans to craft thousands of handmade ornaments to decorate the Capitol Christmas Tree and accompanying smaller trees. This includes 3,500 brightly-colored ornaments, nine to twelve inches in size, that are weatherproof to withstand wind, rain, and snow. An additional 6,500 smaller ornaments, four to ten inches in size, will adorn the indoor trees and don't need to be weatherproof.

The Humboldt-Toiyabe and partners will host ornament-making events throughout the year. Look for an event or craft and submit an ornament on your own. The US Capitol Christmas Tree site (<https://www.uscapitolchristmastree.com/>) features ornament examples and how-to guides. Ideas for interpreting the 2025 theme include:

- Uniquely Nevada- capture the spirit of "Home Means Nevada"
- Iconic landscapes and special places in Nevada
- Multiple use and how Nevadans enjoy their public lands
- The wild plants, animals, and geology of Nevada
- Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl

Create your ornament using natural, recyclable, and repurposed materials. Don't use sharp materials that could pose a danger or interfere with tree lighting. Ornaments may not include commercial logos or be divisive or offensive. Ornaments cannot be returned.

The deadline to submit ornaments is September 15, 2025. Drop them off at any Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest office (go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r04/humboldt-toiyabe/offices> for locations) or mail them to:

2025 Capitol Christmas Tree Ornaments
1536 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

This may be a terrific project for your club. Contact Courtney Ghiglieri at courtney.ghiglieri@usda.gov or 775-884-8150 for additional information about creating U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree ornaments and how your group or community can get involved.



Reno Rodeo Program Fundraiser

Washoe County 4-H will once again distribute Reno Rodeo programs at the event. We have the potential to raise a significant amount of money for 4-H Clubs in Washoe County.

The four 4-H Rodeo Dates are:

- **Wednesday, June 25** – NEVADA Wolf Pack Night, Go Pack!!
- **Thursday, June 26** – Coors Night
- **Friday, June 27** – Breast Cancer Awareness "Pink Night"
- **Saturday, June 28** – PRCA Pro Rodeo Tour-Championship Performance

In order for this fundraiser to run smoothly, participants need to adhere to some essential rules:

Everyone working must arrive by 3 p.m. each day and meet at Grandstand 3 (south side)

Please wear a 4-H shirt, which can be a club shirt, 4-H t-shirt, or the official 4-H uniform. Please do not wear holey pants or shorts.

Adults receive buttons and lanyards - these identify adults as program sellers and need to be turned in each night.

At least 15 4-H Members are needed each night Younger members (Cloverbuds) can join if they have an adult working directly with them. At Least 6-8 adults are needed each night.

Please RSVP by Friday, June 13, to Bethany at bsteiner@unr.edu or 775-336-0273.



Local Horse Shows with 4-H Classes

The remaining Sagebrush Community Horse Shows 2025 show dates are June 7, and September 6.

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/>

Go online to get the Sagebrush Online Entry Form. at <https://form.jotform.com/250048941691157>

Horsin' Around Gymkhanas in August

The Horsin' Around Gymkhanas presented by the Washoe County Horse 4-H Leaders is a new event this year for area horse enthusiasts and 4-H horse project members. The second show is August 23, 2025 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.silverknollspurs4h.com/>

Camp is Coming: What to Bring

Northern Area/Western 4-H Camp will be starting in five weeks. Now would be a good time to go over the list of **Things to Bring** that is included in your registration packet. This is a list that you can depend on to get your camper through the week smoothly.

Tahoe weather can change quickly. Whereas the days may be hot, nights can dip into the 40s or 50s, so a jacket or sweater is needed.

It is often overlooked that Tahoe is high altitude (6200 ft elevation). The sun is more intense, and sunburns can happen quickly. Sunscreen, lip balm and a hat or cap are essential. So is a good water bottle. It needs to be sturdy, easy to carry and hold enough water to keep the camper hydrated.

The list has all of the basics to make camp comfortable. And right below that list on the page is the one for **Things Not to Bring**. Most of these are common sense. But some, like cell phones and tablets (let's not forget to include smart watches) are best not to bring. If they are, they must be turned in to the Camp Director upon arrival. Part of what camp is about is "unplugging" for a while.

These lists, and the other information on the packet reference pages, should answer most of the questions about being prepared for camp.

There is also the Camper/Parent Orientation Zoom meeting on June 25, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Parents of first time campers are encouraged to join.



Weekend Summer Camp for Youth

Youth 11-14 years old can spend three days at a camp designed for the outdoors. The Maison T Ortiz Youth Outdoor Skills Camp is designed for youth who may not have opportunities to experience Nevada's outdoors. The camp offers skills training in fishing, archery, pellet shooting and shotgun, wildlife tracks identification, and outdoor crafts. There is also Survival and Orienteering, and trail safety instruction.

The camp is July 18-20. It is held at the Winnemucca Ranch, which is 35 miles north of Reno/Sparks off the Pyramid Lake Highway. The fee is \$50, Scholarships are available. This session has openings but Registration will end on June 7, 2025.

To find out more information, or to apply, go to nevadaoutdoorskills.org

Save the Date for 4-H Festival 2025

The Washoe County 4-H Festival returns on Saturday 8/30/2025. 4-H Clubs will host activities to share our program with members of the public and drive 4-H enrollment. The 4-H Festival will again be held at the Rancho San Rafael Regional Park in the Farms and Families Area. Is your Washoe-based club interested?

Contact Rachel Kaiser-Schoen at 775-336-0235 or rkaiserschoen@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!

The camp is 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.

Free Family Fun Guides

Free family fun guides to play together this summer. The Utah State University Extension has created the Hidden Gems series to address different aspects of family relationships and ways to strengthen connection. The series includes over 30 different Family Home Adventure Guides.

You and your family can pick from a wide range of subjects from observing insects, pirate adventures, and hiking, to "mad Scientist" experiments,



Artistic Adventures, and many more. Each guide is designed to help strengthen a particular relationship area: Commitment, Creativity, Boundaries, Building trust, the list goes on. You can find these guides at <https://extension.usu.edu/relationships/hiddengems/family-home-adventure-guides>

Connect and play together using a guide, then give feedback at the link provided on the guide by August 15 to enter a drawing! (One prize per household).

Coming Events for Nevada 4-H

Save the Date- The **Animal Science Day Camp** is planned for Monday, July 21, 2025 in Washoe County. There will be details in next month's Clover Clips.

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

And how are those **Year of the Wood Snake** projects for Expo coming? This is just a reminder that the theme of this year's Nevada State 4-H Expo (See April Clover Clips).

If you are planning to incorporate the Wood Snake in any project, the best time to start working on it is now. If you need assistance, reach out to your leader or your local 4-H Office.

June Livestock Event Schedule Filled with Skillathons

Here are some contests coming up in June and later months.

June 7 - Douglas/Carson/Washoe County Livestock Skillathon Contest (registration ended May 15)

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

Want to get into livestock skillathon contests but not sure where to start? Here are two upcoming Livestock Skillathon Clinics where you can learn the ins and outs of the contest.

June 26 - The Eureka County Livestock Skillathon Clinic is at the Eureka County Fairgrounds starting at 9:00 a.m.

Registration due by June 15, 2025. The cost is only \$10 per person, and includes lunch for youth participants and supports the costs associated with official judges and contest materials. Go to the Registration Link:

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

July 11 - White Pine County Livestock Skillathon Clinic will be next month, but registration is due by July 1, so register soon. The clinic is in the Blue

Building at White Pine County Fairgrounds.

The registration fee is \$10 which includes lunch for youth participants, and supports the costs associated with official judges and contest materials. Registration Link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/9GE2nQ1555>

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 for assistance with registration, please contact Rebecca Glocknitzer, State 4-H Livestock Coordinator, rglocknitzer@unr.edu.

Please Note:

Effective June 1, 2025, the ban on all Nevada poultry (birds and eggs) and dairy cattle exhibitions at fairs and shows will be lifted.

Although Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected across Nevada since last November, the most recent outbreak has plateaued, with no new detections in the state during the past two months. All northern Nevada premises have been cleared of quarantine. Given this current trend in Nevada concerning HPAI, the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) is lifting the ban on Nevada poultry and dairy shows.

With the termination of the ban on Nevada poultry and dairy shows, the NDA stresses the importance of management to implement heightened biosecurity measures while hosting shows and exhibitions.

June Dates to Remember

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

June 11-14 - 4-H Teen Camp at Tahoe

June 19 - Juneteenth (offices closed)

June 26 - Eureka County Livestock Skillathon Clinic

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

Tech Changemaker Series

You've come to the right place to learn how to implement a 4-H Tech Changemakers program in your community.

These lessons along with the 4-H Tech Changemakers Guidebook provide you, your volunteers, and teen leaders with the information you need to plan and implement a 4-H Tech Changemakers program.

This lesson is an introduction, and comes with the Guidebook and instructions on how to create a changemaker team.

<https://4-h.org/clover/activities/tech-changemakers-why-are-you-here/>

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