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## State 4-H Recognizes Volunteers and Teens at Expo

Nevada State 4-H Expo was held in Fallon, NV this September 25-28. Along with the many contests and displays, the Nevada State 4-H office presented awards for Volunteer of the Year, Youth Adult Partnership (YAP), and Teen Leader of the Year.

Here are basic bios on the Award winners:

### 2025 Volunteer of the Year – Joe Nenzel

Joe received multiple nominations for his outstanding commitment to the 4-H program and the youth it serves. As Head of Shooting Sports for Douglas County, his title reflects leadership, but his true distinction lies in presence. Joe attends every practice, not just to oversee, but to actively engage, teach, and mentor. Every Saturday, he devotes his entire day to rifle instruction, ensuring each participant receives thoughtful, hands-on guidance. As the season winds down, he adds Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings to his schedule. His reliability is a powerful example of service with purpose.

Joe's impact extends beyond the range. He builds lasting relationships with youth, encouraging growth in both skill and confidence. When participants receive hunting tags, he doesn't just offer advice – he helps identify hunting areas and offers to guide them. His passion for the outdoors is matched by patience, kindness, and integrity. By teaching firearm safety and responsible hunting, Joe instills lifelong values in every young person he mentors. He does not seek recognition; he simply shows up week after week because he believes in the mission of 4-H and in the potential of every youth.

One participant shared, "Joe opened the door to opportunities I never knew existed. As someone from a single-parent household, I can say that Coach Joe's kindness and consistency gave me something deeply meaningful – perhaps the closest I'll come to having a strong, supportive father figure. His belief in me changed my life."

While we celebrate Joe, we also recognize Dawn. Together, Joe and Dawn have built one of the strongest 4-H Shooting Sports programs in the county over

the past 13 years. Their club has the highest youth participation and resource leader involvement in Douglas County, and they make it possible for youth to participate at no cost. The program runs four days a week, often without a free weekend. While Joe is on the range coaching, Dawn works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep everything running smoothly. They coordinate with families, adjust to schedules, and create opportunities for as many youths as possible. Each year, more than 30 of their participants compete at

Expo, many earn top placements.

Joe and Dawn's shared dedication has created not just a program, but a community. Their leadership, generosity, and belief in youth embody the very best of 4-H.

### 2025 Youth Adult Partnership (YAP) Award – Alvin Adelhoch

Alvin volunteers with two shooting sports clubs in Clark County, serving as the club leader for the Silver State Shooters and as a co-leader with the 4-H Vegas Rangers. In both roles, he prioritizes safety, carefully following shooting sports procedures to ensure every youth stays safe on the range.

He is a consistent presence at meetings and practices, where he engages youth in archery and air pistol through thoughtful questions and hands-on guidance. Alvin's deep knowledge of equipment, paired with his fun and approachable teaching style, makes learning both enjoyable and effective.

What sets Alvin apart is the way he connects personally with youth. He knows each member by name, greets them warmly at practice, and takes time to ask about their week and lives outside of 4-H. This genuine interest builds trust and helps youth feel valued. Alvin is especially strong in one-on-one mentorship, spending time needed to help each participant succeed.

In the time he has been a 4-H volunteer, Alvin has proven himself to be a dedicated, knowledgeable, and personable leader. His contributions have been a true



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asset to the program and a positive influence on the youth he serves.

### 2025 Teen Leader of the Year – Harli Stumbaugh

Harli received multiple nominations for this award, reflecting her outstanding dedication and the respect she has earned within the 4-H community. For the past two years as a teen leader, she has embodied the heart of 4-H. Harli arrives early at every practice, stays until the end, and is always ready to help with a positive attitude. Her initiative, reliability, and willingness to step up inspire those around her.

As a senior member of her club, Harli has been a role model and mentor to younger participants. She leads with patience, kindness, and a willingness to share her knowledge, creating an environment where youth feel comfortable seeking guidance and support. In shooting sports, Harli plays an integral role in running the range alongside adult leaders. She delivers the safety brief at each practice and assists with instruction, contributing her skills in shotgun, air rifle, and .22 rifle. Her commitment is exceptional – she has attended nearly every practice this year, missing only once to fill her Antelope tag, which reflects both her dedication to 4-H and her personal growth as an outdoorswoman.

Most importantly, Harli lives the 4-H pledge each day. She leads with her head, making wise decisions and thinking critically. She serves with her heart, treating others with compassion and respect. She works with her hands, putting in the effort to make a difference. And she values her health, modeling balance and well-being for her peers. Harli exemplifies the spirit of 4-H and is a shining example of what a teen leader should be.

Nevada State 4-H is proud to have such dynamic individuals among our members. Please join us in congratulating them on their well-deserved awards.

## Washoe 4-H Leader Nominations

Each year at the Washoe County 4-H Year End Awards we celebrate the outstanding achievements by Washoe County 4-H members and leaders.

Do you know a leader who deserves recognition? Nominate them for a Leader Award. New Leader of Merit, Project Leader Service, and the Outstanding 4-H Leader Award are presented at the awards ceremony. There are also forms for nominating Friends of 4-H and 4-H Partners (companies and organizations that worked directly with 4-H).

The deadline for nominations is November 7, 2025. Forms go to Bethany Stiener at Washoe County 4-H, 4955 Energy Way in Reno.

A copy of the nomination form, will be emailed to every Washoe 4-H family soon. If you would like a copy sent to you, please contact Sam Mitchell at [samm@unr.edu](mailto:samm@unr.edu) or 775-336-0259.

## 2025-2026 4-H Year has Begun

The new 4-H year (2025-2026) begins October 1, 2025. One of the things that this includes is 4-H Online re-enrollment for all 4-H members, Cloverbuds and Leaders.

Enrollment for last year ended on September 30. On October 1-3, 4-H Online will be making minor changes to different parts of the site. It is requested



that you wait until at least October 4 before re-enrolling. If you re-enroll before then, you risk missing some updates.

If you have been enrolled in Nevada before, you do not need to create a new profile. All of your information from the previous year is still in 4-H Online. Program ages and years in a program are automatically updated. Families are responsible for updating grade levels, and changes in schools.

This is an opportunity to change or add clubs and projects if necessary. Families can make those changes themselves until the new enrollment is submitted for approval. After that, the 4-H Online Manager has to make that change.

## Washoe County 4-H Kickoff Event

Join Washoe County 4-H as they jump into a brand new 4-H year! Whether you're already part of a club or thinking about joining, this is a great opportunity to meet club leaders, connect with other members, and explore all the exciting programs Washoe 4-H has to offer.

The Kickoff will be at Washoe County Extension Office, 4955 Energy Way in Reno, On October 23, 2025 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

We'll have computers available to help you sign up in 4-H Online, complete paperwork, and participate in a fun activity. Feel free to bring friends who might be interested in joining 4-H.

Interested in livestock clubs? The Livestock Club Info Session starts at 5:30 p.m.

If you have questions, please reach out to Abbie at 775-336-0270 or [ajaynes@unr.edu](mailto:ajaynes@unr.edu). We look forward to seeing you there and kicking off another amazing year with 4-H!"

## Online 4-H Events Calendar

There are a few ways to find out what events are happening in 4-H across the state. One of the best ways is to go online to the 4-H Events Calendar (<https://extension.unr.edu/4h/calendar.aspx>)

The calendar shows events both upcoming and ongoing in counties across the state.

Each entry shows the time and place of an event along with other pertinent information and a map to the location.

## Be Ready for National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week 2025 is Sunday, October 5 through Saturday, October 11. This year the theme is Beyond Ready. National 4-H Council is asking the 4-H network to activate collectively on two days (Monday, October 6 and Thursday, October 9). On these days the council will be amplifying content that is shared by states on our National 4-H Channels.

### Day 1 - Beyond Ready: Go Green Monday, October 6, 2025

On Monday of National 4-H Week, Go GREEN and show your 4-H state spirit! A simple, cohesive way for youth, professionals, volunteers, alumni & supporters across the country to celebrate their 4-H program being Beyond Ready. Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint - anything green goes. Let's paint the nation 4-H GREEN, on



Monday, October 6!

### Day 2 - Beyond Ready: 4-H for Good Thursday, October 9, 2025

On Thursday of National 4-H Week, help us shine a light on all the good that 4-H does! A day to recognize all 4-H'ers who are doing good and making positive impact by helping their communities and beyond. Share your own story or celebrate someone who is making a difference - another 4-H'er, volunteer or educator. We want to know, on Thursday, October 9!

## Douglas Co. 4-H Information Night

Douglas County 4-H is having their annual Information Night September 30, at 5:00-6:30 p.m. It will be at the Douglas County Community Center.

Find out which projects will be offered and what clubs youth can join. 1329 Waterloo Ln, in Gardnerville (89410).

## 4-H Record Books Due Soon

As the 2023-2024 4-H Year comes to a close, remember to turn in your record books. Each county has their own schedule.

In **Washoe County** in order to be considered for Washoe County 4-H Achievement Awards you are required to turn in a record book. Some important points to remember:

- Record books must be signed by a club leader as well as the 4-H member and guardian
- Information about requirements can be found at: <https://extension.unr.edu/publication.aspx?PubID=4392>
- Record books must be turned in to the Washoe County Extension Office by October 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

In **Douglas County** the deadline to turn in record books to the Extension Office is Friday, October 10, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

## States' 4-H International Exchange Programs Looking for Host Families

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs is a non-profit organization headquartered in Seattle, WA. They work with 4-H Youth Development at Extensions in the US and a network of international partners around the world to conduct cultural immersion and exchange programs. Since 1972, the exchanges have impacted nearly 65,000 youth and their families in 47 countries on 6 continents!

As one of the pioneers of international youth exchange, they have nearly 50 years' experience helping youth and families discover a global perspective while living an unforgettable experience. They see their mission as enhancing world understanding and global citizenship through high-quality 4-H international cultural immersion and exchange programs for 4-H aged youth.



States' 4-H is governed by a Board of Directors composed of 4-H Extension professionals from across the US. The 4-H National Headquarters at NIFA has authorized them to use the 4-H name and emblem.

They value multiple perspectives, cultural understanding, global connections, and engaged citizenship; they encourage respect for others, learning by doing, and innovation.

Open your home and share your world with an overseas student! States' 4-H has offered short term and long-term hosting programs for over 40 years. Host families come in all shapes and sizes. What they have in common is their eagerness to open their homes and hearts to a young person from another culture. Hosting provides our host families with the opportunity to:

- Experience a different culture
- Represent the United States to other countries
- Learn culture and customs from international youth
- Develop intercultural competencies and cross-cultural communication skills
- Give an international youth an unforgettable experience
- Build lifelong international friendships

Ready to host? Take the next step! Go online to <https://www.states4hexchange.org/> to find out more about this organization and how to apply.

## Washoe County Leaders' Council

The Washoe County Leaders' Council will have their quarterly meeting October 27, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the Washoe County Extension office, 4955 Energy Way in Reno..

An agenda is still being finalized and will be sent to all Washoe County Leaders soon. Contact Sam Mitchell at [samm@unr.edu](mailto:samm@unr.edu) to RSVP.



# NASA Introduces TechRise Student Challenge

NASA is introducing the TechRise Student Challenge – a FREE NASA challenge for middle and high schools. This exciting opportunity in your community opens in September and invites student teams in sixth-12th grade to submit experiment ideas to fly on a commercial space industry suborbital flight (e.g., rocket, high-altitude balloon).

The NASA TechRise Student Challenge empowers teams of sixth to 12th-grade

students to design, build, and launch experiments on NASA-supported test flights. Guided by an educator, student teams affiliated with U.S. public, private, and charter schools can submit ideas for experiments to test on a NASA-sponsored flight. Sixty winning teams will be selected to receive \$1,500 to build their experiment, technical support from Future Engineers, and an assigned spot on a NASA-sponsored flight for their experiment.

No experience is needed. The challenge includes information sessions for your department or organization upon request, free educational resources to foster classroom learning and an exciting student virtual field trip in the fall. Sixty winning teams will also receive \$1500 to build their experiment, a spot to test it on a



NASA-sponsored flight, and technical support from NASA TechRise advisors. The challenge is a great way to get hands-on with a NASA project this school year, and we encourage teams of all skill levels to apply. Updated challenge resources (including videos, slide decks, and educator pacing guides) can all be found on the challenge website when the challenge opens:

<https://www.futureengineers.org/nasatechrise>

You can also learn more about last year's NASA TechRise Student Challenge at:

<https://www.nasa.gov/stmd-flight-opportunities/access-flight-tests/techrise/#winners>,

View the NASA TechRise portfolio page and a short video of Somerset Aliante from Nevada showcasing their winning experiment from the 2024-25 NASA TechRise Student Challenge <https://www.futureengineers.org/nasatechrise2024/gallery/73832>

TechRise strives to ensure that youth have the opportunity to expand their horizons through hands-on learning and innovation. We hope you consider using the 2025-26 NASA TechRise Student Challenge to aid in that mission.

Register to stay informed about the challenge and free workshop opportunities.



## October Dates to Remember

**Oct. 1** - 2025-2026 4-H Year begins

**Oct. 5-11** - National 4-H Week

**Oct. 6** - Beyond Ready: Go Green Day

**Oct. 9** - Beyond Ready: 4-H for Good

**Oct. 31** - Nevada Day Holiday  
(Offices Closed)

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

**Sensors:** Authored by Rachel S. Haselby In this activity, you will learn how sensors can be used to gather data from the physical environment. You will also learn about some of the types of sensors available, as well as how to integrate them into a programmed system.

By the end of this activity, you'll be able to identify types of sensors, explain what different types of sensors do, program Internet of Things (IoT) and robotics systems to respond to the physical environment using data gathered by sensors, and explain basic IoT system wiring. For this activity, please use a desktop or laptop computer. Mobile devices are not supported.

<https://4-h.org/clover/activities/cs45-sensors/>

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