



Queen Creek 4-H News

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To Make the Best Better

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4-H DONATES TO PHOENIX CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

Written by Brittany Hines

Ho, Ho, Ho! Tis' the season of giving and sharing, which the Queen Creek 4-H Teen and Leadership project happily started.

Gathered together at a meeting one night, members brought birthday gifts for all ages, from infants to teens. Members split into two groups. One group made over 40 birthday gift bags, while the other made four dozen holiday, get-well and birthday cards. Then, everyone gathered together to chatter about what a wonderful time they had.

These spectacular donations were delivered to the Phoenix Children's Hospital for all the boys and girls who have to spend their birthday's in the hospital.

Teens will be making Valentine cards with the Clover Kids in February for the kids at Phoenix Children's Hospital.

It's Official

Queen Creek 4-H Community Club with all it's associated project areas has successfully completed the charter process and been granted our official 4-H status!!!

SO-CAL WILDFIRE RELIEF

Our final total donation to San Diego County 4-H was \$550.00! A heartfelt thanks to all who participated and contributed to this fund.

A check from Queen Creek 4-H and letter signed by our CC Officers was delivered to Maricopa County Extension office last week and will be sent directly to San Diego County Leader's Council Wildfire Fund.

A challenge was also presented to all other 4-H clubs within Maricopa County via the extension's newsletter to meet or beat our amount. Incentive? Helping other 4-H'ers in need of our help through a tragic time of loss.

ASF HERDSMANSHIP GOES TO QC4-H UDDER CHAOS

They did it again! This group must be the biggest neat-freaks in 4-H. Dairy goat exhibitors from QC4-H Udder Chaos were awarded the Herdsmanship Award from Arizona State Fair. Along with that honor comes a \$50 check, pats on the back and a job well done.

What does it take to achieve and receive such an award? Lots of sweeping of aisle ways, keeping pens clean, feed/tack pen clean and organized (not easy when you have a dozen exhibitors plus parents and leaders getting into "stuff!"), talking to the public and answering their many questions, being courteous to everyone and showing teamwork.



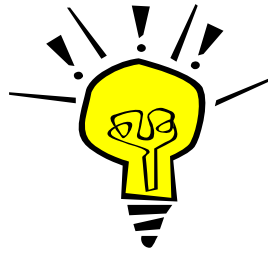
What was the number one question the public asked of the dairy goat kids and leaders? "What happened to that goat's ears"? They were referring to a La Mancha goat - they do not have ear "flaps". It's what's called a breed characteristic, in other words, they're born that way.

Congratulations Udder Chaos kids!!!

Need information about our club or about a certain project? Visit our website at www.queencreek4h.org. Make sure to check out our Bulletin Board! A lot of information is posted on this board for your convenience. This is also a great way to stay in contact with your friends and your project! Don't have a bulletin board account yet? Contact admin@queencreek4h.org to set up your account.

If you are interested in becoming a leader or assisting another project, please contact Bev Lonchar at leader@queencreek4h.org.

New leader applications can be found on our website at www.queencreek4h.org.



Did you know?

COSMIC BOWLING A BLAST!



Written by Alyssa Holtz

During the month of November, the Queen Creek Teen and Leadership went bowling, and we had a blast!

Everyone enjoyed bowling, having fun with their friends, and we all got a chance to know each other better and make new friends. We were fortunate to have leaders and parents that were willing to go and chaperone, without them, we would not have had the chance to have so much fun!

We were glad we had the opportunity to participate in this outing and are looking forward to the trips in the future!

We are going ice skating this month!



- * Christmas is only 22 days away!
- * Hanukkah begins the evening of 12/4
- * Various members of the Teen & Leadership project are looking for Corporate Sponsors for their trip to the Western Regional Leadership Forum in Boise, ID.
- * The Queen Creek Holiday Parade is Saturday, December 8 in downtown Queen Creek.
- * QC4-H has three horse members heading to Denver
- * QC4-H is sending 4 teams to ANLS for Livestock Judging

December's Core Value:
Integrity
Steadfast adherence to a strict moral or ethical code

SPIRIT OF QUEEN CREEK

Adult Leaders

John Flores - Main Leader
Tami Eckloff - Co-Leader
Myrna Flores - Secretary
Mary Varney - Treasurer

Youth Leaders

Nicole Payne - President
Paige Linne - Vice-President
Brittany Hines - Secretary
Mike Hines - Treasurer

The Spirit of Queen Creek is selling some used saddle blankets and pads that were donated to the horse project. Also, various vitamins and supplements were donated to the horse project. Please see John or Myrna if you are interested in them.

Make sure you turn in your horse ID's before Friday, December 14 to the Extension Office. We will NOT be making a trip between now and then. You will be responsible to take your own to the Extension Office or mail them.

Horse Leaders - Hope you can all join us for our Holiday Horse Leaders Potluck Dinner - Friday, December 14 at the Flores' residence from 6:00 - ? Hope to see you there!

Any questions about the horse project can be directed to horse@queencreek4h.org.

1ST ANNUAL OUTDOOR DISCOVERY DAY A BIG HIT

Cooking outdoors in Arizona is a very common thing, especially since we average 360 days of sunshine! So Dotty Spears fired up her homemade solar cooker and with the help of several 4-H'ers, they mixed the ingredients for Brownie Pudding to put in the solar cooker. Dutch Oven cooking was next with Chili & Cornbread. Paul Schweitzer, Amy's dad, explained how the coals are placed on and under the cast iron pot to cook the food. Many members helped cook and put ingredients together. While the pudding was cooking in the solar oven, everyone headed to the next event.

Terry Abbott, National 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor, explained orienteering which is learning how to read a compass. Everyone got an opportunity to use their compasses to locate strategically placed items.

Next, they listened to a presentation from an Arizona Chapter of the Dog Scouts. They explained how to fit your dog with a back

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pack and where to get them. They had lots of good information on how to hike with your dog. And, yes, just like Boy and Girl Scouts, the dogs earn badges!

Jim Megg from USDA talked about NAIS Premise ID program and what that means for animal owners.

Terry Abbott was up again with wildlife identification. The kids were able to see and feel different pelts and skulls of animals.

Then it was back to the food area where lunch was just about done. The parents, kids, leaders and staff enjoyed a scrumptious lunch of chili and cornbread. After lunch the kids made ice cream in baggies and spooned the brownie pudding over it for dessert.



When asked what the kids learned, they said: Cornbread was great with chili; the difference in animal skulls and the age of the animal; solar ovens; how to use a compass; how to identify hides of animals and how to make ice cream outdoors.

Everyone had a great time and learned something. With the success of this first event, they will be planning another one next year for sure. You won't want to miss it!

Happy Birthday	
Savannah K.	12/2
Noah S.	12/2
RJ O.	12/5
Dante P.	12/6
Natalie S.	12/12
Shantel S.	12/13
Roxanna F.	12/14
Danielle V.	12/14
Megan D.	12/15
Shayna W.	12/17
Justin B.	12/22
Christian S.	12/25
Jacob L.	12/27
Taylor B.	12/28

4-H GIVES CHRISTMAS CHEER TO MILITARY

Written by Zach Shively

The Spirit of Queen Creek horse project is giving some Christmas cheer to our military this year. Members will be making home-made Christmas cards and writing letters to the wounded military men and women at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC. They will also be sending new magazines and books along with their cards and letters.

All our thoughts and prayers are with our military personnel and their families. We know this is an especially tough time of year to be away from your families.

God Bless and come home safely.

JANUARY DINNER

Homemade Tamales!!!

Dolores Martinez is in the kitchen again.

Lamb and sewing projects will be hosting the dinner for our January Community Club meeting on Monday, 1/7/08.

Proceeds from dinner will go to these two projects for supplies, equipment and machine maintenance



Come and get it!

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Community Club Adult Officers

Bev Lonchar - Community Club Leader
Myrna Flores - Adult Advisor to the Secretary
Beni DeMattei - Treasurer

Youth Officers

Jessica Dahlquist - President
Jess Payne - Vice-President
Corey Fitzgerald - Secretary
Tonna Coffey - Treasurer
Zach Shively - Parliamentarian
Jake Yeager - Reporter
Nikki Jenkins - Reporter