



# Queen Creek 4-H News

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To Make the Best Better

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## Got Goat?

Submitted by Courtney Anderson

Hi, my name is Courtney Anderson. I am a member of the Queen Creek 4H goat project named Udder Chaos. Let me be the first to tell you it is Udder Chaos! I was asked to tell you a little about what we do, what we learn, and about some of the upcoming events.

First off for a new 4H goat member, you start learning the different breeds of goats. This is so when you get ready to actually buy a goat you have an idea of which breed you would like to show. The final goal of our goat project is to show the goats to the best of our abilities and hopefully win ribbons. There are many breeds of goats, but they break down into two categories: Dairy, Market/Meat. There are LaManchas, Boer, Alpine, and Pygmy just to name a few. I personally only have Pygmy goats. This is because when I first started in our goat project, we were told that if you have a market goat and it wins grand champion of the show, you most likely have to sell it and it could be sold for meat, and with dairy goats you have to milk them. My mom said we did not have time to be milking goats. Pygmy goats are mostly pets even though, technically, they are also market goats. I have a herd of three goats, two does (females), and one wether (neutered male).

Once you decide what breed of goat you are going to show, you bring your goat to each goat meeting. At the meetings we learn about walking our goats, setting them up for the judges, the care, feeding, and general health of the goat. We also learn how to trim their hooves, banding bucks to make them wethers, tattooing their ears for identification. For the shows we learn the parts of the body, how to clip or trim their hair to show our goats to their best advantage. After the goat part of the meeting we also hold a business meeting where we learn parliamentary procedures, and how to work with a group to make decisions for our goat project. The most important part is that we have a lot of fun.

Our upcoming events are Ag Day, Belt Buckle Bonanza, and the Maricopa County Fair. Ag Day will be March 8<sup>th</sup> held at Schenpf Farm in Queen Creek, Belt Buckle Bonanza will be March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> held at Empty Acres Equine Resort in Buckeye, and Maricopa County Fair will be April 9 thru April 13, 2008.

If you want to learn more about goats, or would just like a nice family outing where you can see kids having a good time, you should try to attend some of our events. We hope to see you out there, feel free to stop by and talk to any of us, because our favorite subject is our goats.

## Youth Compete at Denver Nationals

Submitted by Morgan Frye, 2008 National Horse Bowl Participant

Every year there is a National Competition held in Denver, Colorado, called the National Western Roundup. It is open for participants who qualify. Every year Arizona tries to send at least one team, and this year, I was a member of one of the two teams that was sent to the competition. I participated in the Horse Quiz Bowl competition, and found it to be a very valuable and wonderful experience. To qualify for the competition, you must place within the top five at our county competition. We call this competition Equine Educational Contests, and it is held at the Maricopa County Extension Office. This contest consists of six horse-related competitions: Hippology, Quiz Bowl, Horse Judging, Public Speaking, Demo, and Team Demo. If you are a Senior 4-H member (14 and up as of January 1<sup>st</sup>) and place in the top five for any of these competitions, you are eligible to go to the National competition.

After I qualified in Quiz Bowl, I practiced with the other members of my team to get ready for the competition. In the national Quiz Bowl competition, you have a team of 4-5 members. My team members and I practiced with Dru for a few months, and really crammed all the knowledge we could fit into our brains. We created T-shirts for the team to wear, and jackets that everyone who qualified would have the opportunity to buy. After our few months of study, we joined up with the other members going to compete in Horse Judging, and got on our plane to Denver.

Once we were in Denver, we had a day to have fun before our competition. We stayed at the Renaissance Hotel where hundreds of other participants were staying. We got to meet members from California, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Mississippi, South Dakota, Oregon, Nebraska, and Montana, and exchanged state pins with them at a pin swap. The Collegians who put on the event organized a banquet and a dance, and we got to go to those and have a good time with participants from other states. This was good for us, because by the time we got to competition day, we already knew some of our competitors. That helped us with the stress a little bit, but even though it was really nerve-racking, we had a great time and took 4<sup>th</sup> in the competition. Our team fought really hard, and everyone running the competition knew who Arizona was by the end!

Overall, the National competition was a wonderful experience that I

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**Need information about our club or about a certain project?** Visit our website at [www.queencreek4h.org](http://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](mailto:admin@queencreek4h.org) to set up your account.

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**Community Club Adult Officers**

Bev Lonchar - Community Club Leader  
Myrna Flores - Adult Advisor to the Secretary  
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If you are interested in becoming a leader or assisting another project, please contact Bev Lonchar at [leader@queencreek4h.org](mailto:leader@queencreek4h.org). New leader applications can be found on our website at [www.queencreek4h.org](http://www.queencreek4h.org).

**SPIRIT OF  
QUEEN CREEK**

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Myrna Flores - Secretary  
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**Any questions about the horse project  
can be directed to  
[horse@queencreek4h.org](mailto:horse@queencreek4h.org).**

**Youth Compete at Denver Nationals, cont'd**

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will value and remember for the rest of my life. It taught me a lot about responsibility, confidence, and dealing with stress and nerves. I grew really close with my team members, and made some excellent friendships. I will remember everything I learned and can hope that it will help me with future competitions. I can't wait to go compete again! Our Quiz Bowl coach, Dru Alberti, was the best coach ever, and we all know that we wouldn't have done nearly as well as we did without her help. She really did her best to give us confidence and drive us forward, even when we were busy goofing off and not taking things seriously. We are all very grateful to her and the Spirit of Queen Creek Horse Project and the Queen Creek Community Club for their help and support. This competition wouldn't have been the fantastic experience that it was if it weren't for their support. As a participant, I thank them for their help, and can't wait to go to the competition again next year.

**Village Inn Pies For Sale**

Members of the Spirit of Queen Creek horse project will be selling Village Inn Pie Certificates just in time for Easter! Each certificate is \$10.00, which will give you a choice from a select variety of pies. Certificates will be on sale from February 11 - March 10. Be sure to get your certificates early for your Easter dinner! See any Spirit of Queen Creek member for certificates. If you have any questions, please contact [horse@queencreek4h.org](mailto:horse@queencreek4h.org). Thanks for your support!!



**Alabama to Visit in March**

We need **YOU** to attend the March Community Club Meeting. QC4-H will be hosting extension personnel from Alabama once again this year. We were their hosts two years ago and they liked us so much, they're coming back! Their mission is to observe how we, rather, our youth officers, run a community club meeting as large as ours. So, the more the merrier!

Immediately following the community club meeting will be a social for leaders and our Alabama visitors in one of the ramadas at Desert Mountain Park - next door to the school.

**What's for Dinner?**

The Teen & Leadership project will be hosting dinner at the March Community Club meeting. They will feature a Burrito Bar with all the fixings! Cost will be \$5.00 a plate and will include burro, rice, beans and a drink. Come hungry!

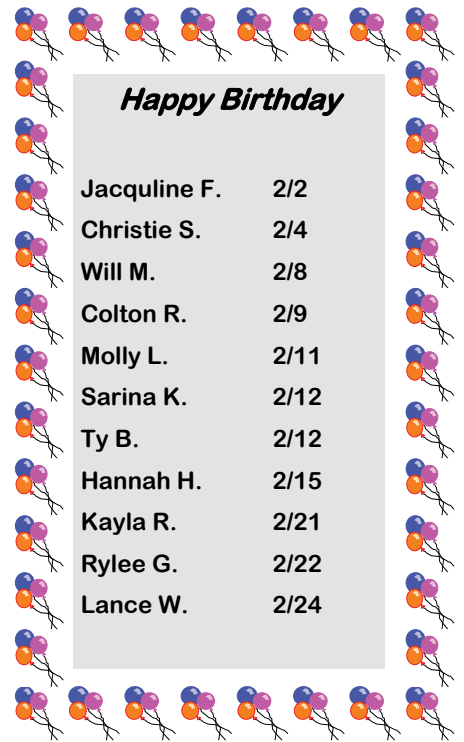
# Teen & Leadership Updates

Submitted by Corey Fitzgerald

During the months of December and January, Teen & Leadership took part in several fun activities.

The fun activities were ice skating, paintball, and football. A few days before Christmas, the group gathered for a few hours of ice skating at Polar Ice. We had a great time! In January, we gathered at the Flores' residence for a game of football. To complete the day, we finished up by enjoying brauts and hot dogs. Later in January, we went to Westworld Paintball arena in Scottsdale for a few games of paintball. For all attending, it was a fun experience. After working up an appetite from all of the paintball activities, we found a good place to enjoy pizza.

At our January meeting, we had a guest speaker visit to discuss public speaking. Our guest speaker was Trena Payne. Following her presentation, we broke into pairs and conducted several mock debates to practice some of the public speaking techniques she shared with us.



## Happy Birthday

Jacqueline F.	2/2
Christie S.	2/4
Will M.	2/8
Colton R.	2/9
Molly L.	2/11
Sarina K.	2/12
Ty B.	2/12
Hannah H.	2/15
Kayla R.	2/21
Rylee G.	2/22
Lance W.	2/24

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## Operation: Soldier Boxers

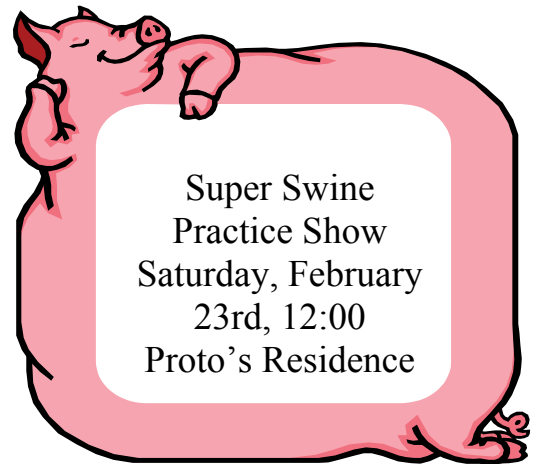
Submitted by Cheyenne Flores

To brighten the soldiers day, who are fighting for our country, the members of the Spirit of Queen Creek horse project participated in Operation: Soldier Boxers. We collected 26 funny and colorful boxers as Valentine's gifts.



When we collected all of them, they made all of us laugh, so we hope they will make them laugh. We hope the soldiers will think about us when they wear them. We hope the boxers will make them happier.

Thank you to everyone who donated the funny boxers.



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## A Stitch In Time!

Submitted by Dolores Martinez

The Sewing project is moving along at good speed. We have covered many topics, including but not limited to; color and line, sewing aids, sewing terms, measuring, altering, lay-out, marking, trimming, clipping and sewing machine safety. After studying and applying these techniques, the girls were quite anxious to begin an actual sewing project.

I am happy to pass along that in December we finished our first official project, a pillow. They turned out great! Each girl individualized their pillow by picking her own material. We have started on our next project, a drawstring bag. In the near future we will also sew a pair of shorts. Each girl will than pick their favorite project and enter it in Maricopa County Fair. Each sewn project is given to the instructor to be critiqued and graded.

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## County Educational Workshops



I would like to encourage all of our members to take part in educational workshops offered by our County Extension office.

Recently, 4-H members, leaders and parents participated in a Beginning Cake Decorating class taught by Dotty Spears. Kids of all ages, 5 - 40 something, had a fun time playing with food coloring, creating some fun and wacky colors, frosting and eating their creations.

Workshops like these help enlighten our members to other areas available to them in 4-H. Even if you are not enrolled in a food project or photography or knitting, take advantage of the educational opportunity to learn something new!

# Clover Kids at Shooting Sports

Submitted by Justin Lonchar

In January, shooting sports members hosted the clover kids. We had members give demonstrations on firearm safety, made monkey bread in a Dutch oven and ice cream in a baggie. We also did something called orienteering which is learning how to read a compass and using that knowledge to find something. Also, we had a "bone box" that we borrowed from Arizona Game and Fish. Inside the bone box were several different animals skulls and pelts. This box is used to educate people on identifying what animal's skulls look like, and how to tell how old they are. What is interesting is animals belonging in the same family, like feline or canine, their skulls all look alike but are different sizes.

Our safety demonstrations included archery and air rifle. Nicholas Hodges explained the parts of a bow and how to shoot a bow and arrow. Reedy Neary demonstrated how to safely retrieve and carry your arrows. Trainor Linne explained the parts of an arrow and why the fletching (feathers) are color coded. I explained some safety tips on air rifles.

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## Service Learning Opportunities

### Project: Copper for Cooperation

Keep collecting those pennies for the Maricopa County 4-H Ark for Heifer International! Maricopa is committed to raise \$5,000 to empower Heifer International to provide 15 pairs of animals to impoverished villages throughout the world. For more information and look at the details for an Ark project visit Heifer International's website at: [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

You can turn in your pennies to your leader or bring them to the Community Club meetings. Penny drive ends with Arizona Ag Day on March 8th.



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### Arizona Ag Day

The 2008 Arizona Ag Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th, 9:00 - 3:00, and it's right here in our backyard - Schnepf Farms.

The theme for this year's Ag Day is Arizona's 5 C's: Copper, Cotton, Climate, Cattle and Citrus.

Many volunteers are needed to help in several areas including bringing your animals - large or small - for public viewing.

If you are unable to attend Ag Day but would like to help educate the general public on all things agriculturally related, especially in your project area, consider making a poster.

Interested in helping? Sign-up sheets will be available during our February and March Community Club Meetings.

### Queen Creek Festival

The Town of Queen Creek is having a Festival on Saturday, March 15th, downtown, and they are looking for adult and youth volunteers to help. Members are encouraged to volunteer for this great community service opportunity working with the Town of Queen Creek.

The event runs from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. They are in need of teens that can help run the egg hunts in the Tot Spot (4 & under area) and possibly other areas of the event.

There are two 2.5 hour blocks of time you can choose from, the first is from 9:30 - 12:00 and the second block is from 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. They would like to have as many teens as possible/available for this event.

It should really be a fun event! They will have a Discovery Zone, inflatable attractions, stage entertainment, salsa challenge, egg hunts and a Family Fun Run/Walk. If there are any teens that want to help with the Fun Run, that shift would be from 7:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Members 9-12 are welcome to volunteer, but a parent must accompany the member throughout the volunteer time block. This is a great way to show our younger members what community service is all about, with the help of their parents!

If you can help, please email your leader with your requested time block. Horse members please post your requested time block on the bulletin board.

This will be eligible as a community service event for horse project passports.