



Queen Creek 4-H News

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To Make the Best Better

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Sportsmanship the 4-H Way

Submitted by Paige Linne

Each 4-H year includes competitive events such as the county fair, public speaking, quiz bowl contests, shows, judging and many more. As we go through our experiences in these wonderful 4-H events, it's always good to focus our attention on what is most important to get out of them -- Learning and growing to become better people. Remember the 4-H motto - to make the best better.

According to Spirit of Queen Creek Horse project members,

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP IS.....

When you are fair.

No matter whether you win or lose, you are happy that you did it!

When you don't complain if you lose.

Lending a helping hand when someone is in need.

Not bragging.

Saying to the other person, "You did good!"

Having a good attitude no matter if you win or lose.

Trying my best and being happy with my results.

Reaching out to help someone from the competition.

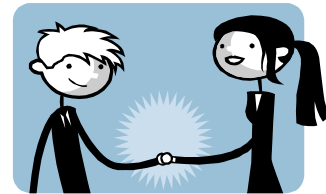
Not gloating or making fun of others.

A positive attitude, cheering friends, family and others on.

Rooting not just for your friends, but for anybody who seems discouraged.

Winning with grace and losing with grace.

To be kind to someone, not just in a sport or competition, but all the time!



So, Queen Creek 4-H...make the best better in your project area through hard work and make the world a better place through good sportsmanship.

Attire Clinic

Submitted by Madison Eckloff

On February 21st, I went to an attire clinic. I had fun learning what to wear for western horse riding. This was a good experience for me because this is my first year riding western. Amber Dunmire and Jacqui Farnworth taught me all I need to know and more.

Thank you Amber and Jacqui for your time.

Equine Trail Safety Clinic

Submitted by Jamie Wootten

February 18th, one of our horse leaders, Vickey Wootten, held a clinic. We learned what to pack in a horse first aid kit and what we should carry in our saddle bag to be prepared for what could happen out on the trail. We learned how to share the trails with hikers and mountain bikers.

We also learned how to safely handle our horses when going up and down hills.

After the clinic we then had a two hour trail ride with 25 riders.

If you didn't get a chance to attend the clinic I strongly recommend you go next year!

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.

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Community Club Adult Officers

Bev Lonchar - Community Club Leader

Myrna Flores - Adult Advisor to the Secretary

Beni DeMattei - Adult Advisor to the Treasurer

Youth Officers

Jessica Dahlquist - President

Jess Payne - Vice-President

Corey Fitzgerald - Secretary

Justin Williams - Treasurer

Zach Shively - Parliamentarian

Jake Yeager - Reporter

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.

QC Small Stock Project

Submitted by Lizzie Corbin

In the Queen Creek Small Stock Project, we study rabbits, cavies, and poultry. Meetings occur once a month on Wednesday nights. We learn how to show each species as well as information and facts about them all.

The meetings start at 6:30pm. The members practice showmanship skills with their animals first. Then we switch animals to allow everyone time to practice with the other species. After practice, a formal meeting is called to order, pledges are said, and the agenda is discussed.

The Pat Parker Memorial Small Stock Show took place in February, here in Queen Creek. There was a big turn out of members showing rabbits, cavies, poultry, dogs, and pygmy goats. Our club brought home several ribbons and had members make it into the Round Robin competition! We are all focused on preparing for the next big event, the Maricopa County Fair in April. Come by to see our animals and support our club.

Hope to see you there!

Queen Creek Mighty Mutts

Submitted by Brooklyn Corbin

Every Wednesday night at 6:00, the Queen Creek dog project meets for a practice session. All four classes of competition are practiced: showmanship, obedience, rally-o, and agility. We have a large and committed group of members! Our dogs are well behaved and enjoy the meetings as much as we do.

This year, we have had three opportunities to show our canines. Our project members are placing high and bringing home many ribbons! At the Pat Parker Memorial Show, we even had members represent QC Mighty Mutts in the Round Robin competition!

March 1st is the date of our own club's show. We are looking forward to competing in all four events and qualifying several members for county finals. Finals this year will be held at West World in Scottsdale during the 2008 Pet Fest. We are all very excited for this March 15th event. Come out and support our Queen Creek Mighty Mutts!

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.

Thanks for your support!!



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.

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.



Teen and Leadership sends Children's Hospital Valentines

Submitted by Morgan Frye

On February 7th, the Teen and Leadership project gathered at the Flores residence to put together Valentine's Day items for the Phoenix Children's Hospital. This was one of the many community service projects the teens had been working on for the last four months. At this specific event, they also hosted a meeting for the Clover Kids and talked to them about the donations they were making to the hospital. There were three stations set up; one for placemats, one for cards, and another for door hangers. By the end of the day, the ten teens and eight clover kids working at the stations produced about sixty items to send to the hospital. The Teen and Leadership members talked to the Clover Kids about the impact their donations would have on the patients at the hospital, many of them being young 'Clover-age' kids themselves. The Teen project has a few more work nights planned in the future, and will be continuing their donations to the hospital.

Service Learning Opportunities, cont'd

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 March Community Club Meeting.



Attention Horse Members!

Ag Day is the LAST county approved educational event before county finals, if you still need one for qualifying.

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.