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### Teresa’s Tid-Bit

January / February 2017

2017...here we come! I am looking forward to “Making the Best Better” this year and making this year go down in the history books! I want to thank everyone for getting enrolled before the end of the year, as it helps to get our year rolling. Leaders if you need us to resend the email to get your background check completed just give us a call. The enrollment deadline will be here faster than we think, so be sure to get enrolled.

Keep in mind I am always open to your ideas of how to make our program better. Feel free to drop me an email if you have ideas or questions.

Most importantly for our new year, I would like to thank all of you for your patience with all the change we are going to encounter this year. It will be keeping all of us on our toes. I think the most important change to note this year is the age change for 4-H. Please note that as of January 1st, the age groups are 5-7 Cloverbud, 8-10 Junior, 11-13 Intermediate, 14-18 Senior. There are many other changes, so look at the County Project Requirements very closely to find these changes.

If you are planning on attending the Spokane Jr Livestock Show, once again we are going to exhibit as a County. On February 18th there is a benefit dinner for the Jr. Show. I have the information on how to buy tickets if anyone is interested in attending.

Here’s to a great 2017!

Teresa Balderrama
4-H Program Coordinator
Sign-up Night Results

Can you believe how many people came out for the Sign-Up Night? Thank you to all the clubs who participated in the 4-H Sign-up Night. We had over 150 individuals who attended and were looking for a new 4-H club to call home. Thanks to all the clubs who turned out to help with event!

For those clubs who have reached their membership limit or have already closed their club enrollments, please call the Extension Office so that we can make adjustments to 4HOnline and not give your name out to those people who are still looking for a club to join.

Again, thank you to all of the leaders and parents who volunteer their time and make this program a success.

Enrolling with 4HOnline

Congratulations to all of you who have successfully enrolled using the 4HOnline system. For those of you who have not enrolled yet, please contact your Organizational leader and then follow their instructions. There are also “How To” sheets available at the Extension Office. If you are a returning family, use your email and password from last year. If you forgot your password, the system can generate a temporary one for you. Once you have submitted your online enrollment you will need to get your enrollment fees to your Organizational leader. When we receive your fees from your Organizational leader you will become an active member. For returning leaders, your enrollment will be made active as soon as your enrollment, background check and protecting minors training is complete. For new leaders, your enrollment will be made active when your volunteer application is accepted as complete along with your complete online enrollment.

If you are having problems getting enrolled or do not have ready access to the internet please contact us at the office. New members and leaders will not receive the newsletter until enrollment information is submitted. Therefore, please share this newsletter with them, direct them to our County 4-H website or 4HOnline, or pick-up extra copies at our office.

Keeping your Information Up-To-Date

With the online enrollment program families have access and are responsible for the upkeep of their personal information. If at any time during the year your address, phone or e-mail changes please be sure to update them at 4HOnline. New profiles/members can be added until March 1st, and members will be able to adjust project information until April 1st.

We will be increasing our electronic communications and decreasing our mailed publications (major pieces will be sent according to your preference indicated at enrollment). We also have the ability to post newsletters and forms on 4HOnline. By checking your 4HOnline family account regularly (at least once a month) you will have access to the latest information whenever and wherever you are.

Enrollment Deadlines

Adhering to these dates will enable us to provide organizational leaders, project leaders and members with better service.

March 1st Member and Leader Enrollment Deadline
April 1st Project Add/Drop Deadline (last day to change any project information for current members and leaders)
Club Enrollments Due
Leader Training Deadline
4-H FACTS Cont.

Project Updates
We will be making the following project changes for the 2016-2017 4-H year;

Projects with Materials & Requirements Revisions

Clothing
Beef
Dog
Foods & Nutrition
Goat
Horse
Leadership
Leathercraft
Poultry
Rabbit
Self Determined
Sheep
Swine

The Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H Project Requirements Handbook is being sent out to all Organizational leaders. This information is also available through the 4HOnline site under your family home page. Be sure you are using the current project requirements for the 2016-17 4-H year.

Secretary–Treasurer–Scrapbook
Members/clubs planning to exhibit in the Secretary, Treasurer, or Scrapbook division at the 2017 North Idaho State Fair must be listed under the appropriate officer role on the Club Enrollment Form, and be submitted to the Extension Office by April 1st (only 1 member for each position). We will register these youth for the listed office, making them eligible to exhibit. Remember, these officer roles do not count as projects when determining that member’s enrollment fee.

NOTE: Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian (Scrapbook) will be interview judged.

Record Books
All projects will be using one of two record books: the 4-H Project Record Book or the 4-H Animal Project Record Book. Members will be able to complete these books by hand or fill them out on the computer.

To acquire these record books, leaders can order them from the office. Members and leaders can also go online to the Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H website at extension.uidaho.edu/kootenai or the State 4-H website at www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/pages/documents to get either the hardcopy (PDF) or electronic (Microsoft Word) version of the record books.

Project Materials
Almost every project has a member’s manual and many have a leader’s guide. Many of these manuals are National 4-H Curriculum books. Read and follow them; they are designed to provide useful and relevant information. The information these books contain will make a project more enjoyable, educational and follow the experiential learning model. In the Project Requirements Handbook you will also find listings of optional support materials for many projects. If you don’t have the required manuals and project materials, have your leader order them from the Extension Office.

National 4-H Curriculum Books
Each National 4-H Curriculum (formerly CCS) project is broken down into multiple levels or books; each book is designed to take 2-3 years to complete. These books should not be replaced every year. We ask that leaders work with members to determine which book is appropriate for each individual based on their previous
County Oral Presentations

This year’s County Oral Presentations contest will be held on Saturday, April 22nd starting at 8:30 AM at the County Administration Building. To participate, you must register on 4HOnline by April 3rd.

To help prepare for a presentation, ask your leader for input. The following materials are also available at the Extension Office:

- Guidelines to Kootenai/Shoshone County Oral Presentations and Speech Contests
- 4-H Oral Presentation Evaluation Form
- Speak Up with Confidence
- Building your Presentation Skills
- 4-H Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Format

Especially for Parents

It’s not hard to find youth that want to join 4-H, or current members who want to do more—the difficult part is finding adults to assist leaders who are already doing as much as they can. So, as a parent, how can you help? There are several ways:

- Offer to help with a project your child is enrolled in.
- Lend a hand with a special event such as: Teen Conference, summer day camps, County Horse or Dog Show, or the North

Hunters Education:

Anyone interested in taking the Hunters Ed. Course can contact Gene Smith from Pine Tree for more information.
Leaders’ Association Officers

Congratulations to the 2016-2017 Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H Leaders’ Association officers that were elected at the September Leaders Association meeting. They are:

- President – Lee Hagen
- Vice President – Pat Cook
- Secretary – Vacant
- Treasurer — JoAnne Fortier

Leaders’ Association Meetings

- January 19th, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
- March 16th, 7:00 PM, Extension Office

All organizational and project leaders are members of this group, and are encouraged to participate. Program and activity planning for the coming year and committee assignments are some of the items on the agenda. In addition, bring your fresh ideas and enthusiasm to these meetings.

Leaders’ Association Committee Meetings

- Oral Presentation Committee, January 19th, 6:00 PM
- Leader Training Committee, January 19th, 6:30 PM
- Oral Presentation Committee, March 16th, 6:30 PM, Extension Office

Attention All Leaders

As many of you know, the University implemented new requirements in the screening of and use of Protecting Minors training late last year. As of October 1, 2014 all leaders will need to do an annual background check and review the Protecting Minors training video that is embedded in 4HOnline. Our goal was to have all returning leaders through this process and re-enrolled by December 31. If you have not gone through these steps, please do so as soon as you can.

In addition to the above steps, new leaders will need to complete the volunteer application and obtain a minimum of three references. With the new provider for the background checks there is also a new fee. The background checks are now $11.00. Leaders have the option to pay that fee online when they complete the form, can defer the payment and include it with their club enrollment fees or there are funds at the state and local level to help cover any fees that leaders are not able to pay.

In 4HOnline leaders will not be upgraded to an active status until they have completed their re-enrollment, background check and Protecting Minors training. In addition new leaders will not be upgraded to active until we have received their application and all references. If you have questions regarding your status or any of these steps, please feel free to contact the Extension Office.

Thanks for being understanding and patient as we work...
through this process. I’m sure we can all agree that if this program protects even one child anywhere in Idaho from harm, it is worth all our time and effort involved.

**2017 “Souper” Saturday**

It was decided at the 2017 Leader Training Planning Meeting in December to use a similar “Souper” Saturday format to last years. We are still in the process of securing our location, our preference is to hold it on February 25th at Lakeland High School. As soon as we have secured a location we will send out a notice with an updated schedule. What we do have planned at this point is to begin at 8:30 AM and have 3 hours of training offered. The track topics that we are working on this year are 4-H Basics, General Project, Round Table Discussions, Animal Science, Other Animals and a Teen Track.

For the Homemade Soup, Salad, Bread and Dessert contest we will have prizes for the top soup, salad, bread and dessert with extra awards for the top voted youth entries. Hopefully this will encourage members to participate as well. This contest will serve as our lunch option with time to visit as well.

Look at the “Souper” Saturday insert in this newsletter for more details. If you are planning on attending this training, please RSVP by February 15th. This will help our presenters to prepare adequate supplies for their classes. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**Other Leader Training Opportunities**

All Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H leaders are reminded that they must complete leader training by April 1st (Final Enrollment date). New leaders must complete a minimum of three hours of training and re-enrolling leaders must complete at least two hours of training. Here are some upcoming training opportunities:

- February 25th  8:30 AM, Kootenai/Shoshone “Souper” Saturday – see schedule insert.
- March 8th, 7:00 PM, Extension Office: Livestock leader training – 2 hours
- March 22nd, 6:30 – 9:30 PM, Extension Office: New Leader training – 3 hours

Leaders who attend other educational events that relate to 4-H, youth development, leadership or a subject area they are leading may be able to receive credit for that event. If you think this pertains to you, contact Teresa or Sharla before you attend the event to get approval.

New leaders may check out the *Welcome to the World of 4-H: Basics for New Leaders* video or DVD from the Extension Office. This video covers several aspects of 4-H and being a leader. The video and study guide may be checked out from the Extension Office for 1 hour of leader training credit (new leaders only).

If you need a refresher course in 4-H basics there is an online training that you can do. Go to the Idaho 4-H website and look under Volunteers to access the online training. Completing all 4 modules will count for 1 hour of training.

**Western Regional Leaders’ Forum 2017**

First time outside the United States!:
Western Regional Leaders Forum – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada – March 16-18,2017:

The deadline to register is January 20, 2017. For more information go to http://www.cvent.com/events/wrlf-2017. Registration is online.
Shooting Sports Training
Interested leaders should hold April 22 & 23 on their calendars for training sessions in Coeur d’Alene. We tentatively plan to include the archery, hunting, pistol, rifle and shotgun disciplines.

Even though it occurs after April 1st, this event can be used to fulfill the participants annual leader training requirements.

Please Plan Ahead for Materials
While we try to estimate what materials will be used for the coming year, we may not have what you need in stock. Your order may take up to two (2) weeks to be filled; most orders cannot be filled the day submitted. If project materials need to be ordered from the State 4-H Office or national sources, it may

District I Teen Retreat
This year the Panhandle Ambassadors are planning their annual Winter Retreat for any 4-H youth in the 8th through 12th grades in the 5 northern counties. The retreat will be January 15-16 at the Ross Point Camp in Post Falls. Registration is on 4HOnline. Registration is $60 and covers meals, lodging and supplies. The Panhandle Ambassadors are planning some great workshops that will be fun and educational.

Teen Conference Update
Watch the State 4-H website and upcoming newsletters for additional information on this fun conference for teens. The State Teen Association Officers and State 4-H Staff are working on some fun changes for this year.

Dairy Conference
The United Dairymen of Idaho will sponsor several Idaho 4-H dairy project members to attend the National Dairy Conference this September in Madison, Wisconsin. For information, contact the Extension Office; applications are available at the Idaho 4-H website. Applications are due April 15th.
It is never too early to think about paying for college... here are some opportunities.

- The **4-H Leaders’ Association Scholarship** of $500 each are available to 2 graduating seniors to assist with their future college expenses. Applications are due to the local Extension Office **April 1st**.
- The **Ford Cederblom Memorial 4-H Scholarship** of $500 assists a graduating senior who is currently enrolled in 4-H with at least 2 years of 4-H experience with tuition for higher education or with a career training program. Applications are due the local Extension Office **April 1st**.
- The **North Idaho State Fair & Rodeo Foundation Scholarships** of $1,000 each are available to graduating seniors to assist with higher education expenses. Preference is given to youth having been actively involved in some capacity at the North Idaho State Fair. Applications are due **early March**.
- The **O.M. Plummer Memorial Scholarship** is available to high school seniors who have participated in livestock showing or judging beyond the county level and have taken livestock projects for at least three years. Applications (#91803) are available at the Extension Office or online at the Idaho 4-H website and are due **February 1st**.

The following scholarships are all included in the Friends of 4-H College Scholarship Application form (#91808) that is due on February 1st. The form is available on the Idaho 4-H website or at the Extension Office. See the “Descriptions” section at [www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/awardsscholarshipscontests/asc/4hscholarships](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/awardsscholarshipscontests/asc/4hscholarships) for more details on each scholarship including additional pieces required.

- The **Idaho Friends of 4-H College Scholarships** are $1000 each and are awarded for post-secondary school education in Idaho. There are both scholarships for graduating seniors and college upperclassmen. Use the Friends of 4-H College Scholarship Application, due **February 1st**.
- The **Johannesen Leadership Scholarship** is a $1000 college scholarship for graduating 4-H members who have been in 4-H for at least 4 years and are currently enrolled. Overall leadership and 4-H achievement are the primary considerations. Community involvement, academic achievement and financial need are secondary considerations. Applicants must have a 2.8 G.P.A. or higher with preference towards students attending the University of Idaho. Use the Friends of 4-H College Scholarship Application, due **February 1st**.
- The **Lillian Jeanette Craig Memorial Scholarship** is a $1000 college scholarship available to a graduating high school senior, or someone currently enrolled in an institution of higher education, who has been involved in 4-H in Idaho and is a childhood cancer survivor or the sibling of someone who has or has had childhood cancer. The scholarship may be used at any college, university or vocational institution, with preference towards higher education institutions in Idaho. Use the Friends of 4-H College Scholarship Application plus additional required pieces, due **February 1st**.
- The **Roy and Mamie Jones Memorial Scholarship** is a $1000 college scholarship available to graduating 4-H members from District I/Northern District who have been in 4-H at least 5 years. Leadership and 4-H achievement in projects other than livestock are the primary consideration. Use the Friends of 4-H College Scholarship Application, due **February 1st**.
- The **Ruth Shane Memorial Scholarship** is a $1000 scholarship is available to any Idaho graduating high school senior, who has been in 4-H at least 4 years and is currently a member. Applicant must attend the University of Idaho and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Primary consideration will be given to applicants based on their Family and Consumer Sciences project achievement and leadership experience in 4-H and their community. Use the Friends of 4-H College Scholarship Application, due **February 1st**.

For more information on any of the state level scholarships stop by the Extension Office or visit the state 4-H website.
Livestock Leader Meeting/Training

A special training will be held in conjunction with the January 11th Livestock leaders meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office for livestock leaders, interested parents, and members. There will be a ½ hour meeting followed by a 2 hour training Bufoer Howell from Purina about the new laws on livestock feed.

Junior Livestock Show

If you plan to participate in the Junior Livestock Show next May 2 - 6 in Spokane, you need to know the following information:

- Steers must be in possession by January 1, 2017.
- Market hogs must be in possession by February 1, 2017.
- Market lambs & Meat Goats must be in possession by March 1, 2017.

In addition to market classes you can also enter prospect steers, heifers, doeling goats, ewe lambs, lads & ladies lead and demonstrations.

The Jr. Show orientation session and record book check (yes you need to keep records on your Jr. Show animals, too) will be held on March 23rd at the Extension Office at 7:00 PM. For additional information, contact the Extension Office or visit the Jr. Show web site at www.juniorshow.org.

Jr. Livestock Show Auction

The Gala Benefit Dinner and Auction will be on February 18th at the Spokane Interstate Fairgrounds. Order tickets by calling (509) 535-6737. For more information visit their web site at www.juniorshow.org.

County Livestock Ownership Deadlines

To show at the North Idaho State Fair you must have ownership of your market livestock projects by these dates:

- Beef – March 26th
- Swine – May 17th
- Sheep and Goat– June 14th

All other animals being entered in the North Idaho State Fair must be in the member’s possession by May 25th, with the exception of Domestic Market Poultry projects.

Livestock ID Sheets

In order to verify proof of ownership on non-market livestock we will be using Identification Sheets through the 4HOnline Animal ID feature. For the 2016-2017 4-H year ID sheets will be required for all non-market cattle, sheep, swine and goats. In order for that animal to be fully eligible for exhibit at the North Idaho State Fair, we must have a complete ID sheet for that animal submitted to the Extension Office by June 1st. If you have questions regarding this, please contact the Extension Office.
2017 Market Livestock Evaluation System

We will be retaining the same system for qualification and evaluation of market livestock at Fair as was used last year with a slight adjustment to beef ADG as per conversations with livestock and leaders groups this past fall.

The minimum weights listed will be required for that species of market animal to be eligible for standard market classes and to sell at the North Idaho Fair. There wouldn’t be a maximum weight limit on animals being shown; however, a “capped” maximum pay weight will be set for any animals sold through the Stock Sale. The minimum ADG only impacts a market animal’s eligibility to return for the finals in quality judging for that given species.

During the preliminary classes, the judge shall have the option of choosing if or how many animals he/she wishes to bring back from any class for the finals (provided they have met the criteria listed in the grid).

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* for those members with registered Lowline steers, the minimum weight for 75% to pure is 750lbs and for 50% to 74% is 900 lbs.

4-H Leader's Creed

I BELIEVE:

...The 4-H member is more important than the 4-H project.

...Learning how to do the project is more important then the project itself.

...4-H'ers should be their own best exhibits.

...No award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a member or a leader.

...Competition should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals of 4-H work.

...Enthusiasm is caught, not taught.

...To learn by doing is fundamental in any sound educational program and is characteristic of the 4-H program.

...Generally speaking, there is more than one good way to do most things.

...Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win and be praised (leaders, too).

...Our job as leader is to teach 4-H members How to think, not What to think.

Source: anonymous
Horse Leaders’ Officers

Congratulations to the Horse leaders who assumed the reins at the October meeting:

President: Dee Dee Brown
Vice-President: Denise Sisson
Secretary: Joy Crupper
Treasurer: Kelly Paul

If you have any questions about what you can do to help make the 4-H Horse program better, these are great people to talk to.

Horse Leader Meetings

The Horse Leaders regular meeting date is the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office. The next meetings will be:

- January 3rd, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
- February 7th, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
- Horse Camp/Equine Retreat Committees will be meeting at separate times.

Upcoming meetings will be announced at the Horse leaders meeting.

The January and February Leaders meetings will focus on finalizing plans for clinics, judges, County activities, horse shows, leader training options, and much more. We will also be covering changes to the Horse Project Requirements and available materials. All Horse leaders are encouraged to participate. If you would like to see changes in the horse program or activities, this is the place to voice your ideas or lend a hand.

County 4-H Horse Show

What must you do to participate in the July 29-30 County 4-H Horse Show?

- Turn in your Horse Identification Sheet(s) by April 1st.
- Participate in at least one of the following activities:
  
  County Horse Bowl (March 18th)
  County Oral Presentations (April 22nd)
  County Hippology Contest (April 27th)
  County Horse Judging (May 13th)

- Submit your Entry Form to your leader before July 7th.

Horse Camp/Equine Retreat Registration

Preparations are under way for the 2017 4-H Horse Camp and Equine Retreat events. The Horse leaders are planning on offering 2 separate events again this year so that all horse members can have the opportunity to attend. Plans for Horse Camp are for June 18-24 at the Nickerson Arena in Kingston. Equine Retreat will be June 25-July 1 at the Kootenai Fairgrounds. Camp/Retreat can be a big commitment, so start planning now if you want to attend. Complete registration information will be available on or before the Horse leaders February 11th meeting. There may be scholarships available for these events. Rider Registration will be through 4HOnline using the event registration protocol. Sign-up night is currently scheduled for April 4th at 5:00 PM at the Extension Office, we will be available to help with 4HOnline registrations for riders, paper registrations for non-riders and payment for all participants.

Horse Bowl

The 2017 County 4-H Horse Bowl will be Saturday, March 18th, 1:00 PM at the County Administration Building at 451 Government Way in Coeur d’ Alene. To participate, members must
A FUN FAIR THEME FOR 2017…..

This year our North Idaho State Fair theme is “May the Fair Be With You”! 4-H Members from Kootenai and Shoshone County seem to be all smiles to have an out of this world theme. What a great opportunity to connect agriculture to pop culture to captivate fair visitors attention. I know this will be a great way to educate the public about a industry they all rely on! So get your imagination up to light speed and prepare to join our fun.

Dog Leaders Meeting

Dog leaders will meet January 9th at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office. The agenda includes:

- Winter & Spring Training program
- County Dog Show

After January, the next Dog leaders meeting will be March 13th at 7:00 PM at the Extension Office.

Anyone interested in the Dog program is welcome to attend these meetings and volunteer to help.

4-H Dog Requirements

To complete the dog (obedience) project, all members must participate in at least one of the following activities:

- County Dog Bowl (March 18th)
- County Oral Presentations (April 18th)
- County Dog Judging (June 16th)
- AKC Good Citizenship Test (July 11th)

PLUS

- Participate in the County 4-H Dog Show*

*Fitting & Showing and Obedience are required for all County Show exhibitors.
Dates to Remember

January

Happy New Year!
1 Material/Registrations Due: Steer Possession Deadline for Junior Livestock Show
3 Horse Leaders Meeting, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
9 Dog Leaders Meeting, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
11 Stock Sale Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Extension Office
11 Livestock Leader Training & Meeting, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
14 Rabbit Clinic at Fairgrounds
15-16 District 1 Teen Retreat, Post Falls
19 Oral Presentation Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Extension Office
19 Leader Training Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Extension Office
19 Leaders’ Association Meeting, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
26 Know Your Government Conference Orientation

February

1 Material/Registrations Due: Swine Possession Deadline for Junior Livestock Show, State Level College Scholarship Applications
7 Horse Leaders Meeting, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
15 Material/Registrations Due: American Beekeeping Federation Essay
15 Material/Registrations Due: International Exchange applications
25 “SOUPER” SATURDAY, 9:00 AM, Location to be Announced, see insert

March

1 Material/Registrations Due: Sheep & Goat Possession Deadline for Junior Livestock Show
1 FINAL SIGN-UP DATE FOR MEMBER & LEADER ENROLLMENT
6 Material/Registrations Due: County 4-H Horse and Dog Bowl Registrations
7 Horse Leaders Meeting, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
7 Horse Camp/Equine Retreat Scholarships Due
8 Stock Sale Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM, Extension Office
8 Livestock Leader Meeting & Training, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
11 Spokane County Tack Swap, Spokane
13 Dog Leaders, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
13 Material/Registrations Due: Teen Conference Endowment Scholarship
16 Oral Presentation Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Extension Office
16 Leaders’ Association Meeting, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
18 County Dog Bowl, 9AM
18 County 4-H Horse Bowl, 1:00 PM
22 New Leader Training, 6:30 PM, Extension Office
23 Junior Show Registration/Orientation, 7:00 PM, Extension Office
26 County Fair Beef Ownership Deadline

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and
My HEALTH to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.
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<td>Announce winners of the Soup, Salad, Bread and Dessert Contest</td>
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**Kootenai/Shoshone-County 4-H Souper Saturday**
Lakeland High School
February 25, 2017

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**Schedule and classes are subject to change.** Contact the Extension Office for the latest information. Final schedules will be handed out at the opening session.

Pre-registration for classes and contests is requested, but not mandatory. Insure we have an adequate supply of materials. Please call the Extension Office by February 16th at 446-1600 to sign up. You may also respond by email or on a Facebook page. Your participation in this event will fulfill your leader training requirements. Parents and members are welcome to attend any of these sessions; we simply request that they pre-register, too.

**Lesson Plans & Meeting Ideas**
How do you make sure you cover all of the project requirements, presentations, and exhibit preparations in a year? What can you do for project meetings besides CCS workbook activities? Let’s brainstorm on field trips, hands-on activities, and other ways to keep project meetings engaging and fun.

**Dealing with Multiple Age/Skill Levels**
Most clubs and projects are made up of a spectrum of youth. How do you as a leader manage 8- and 10-year-olds along with 14- and 18-year-olds at the same time? Come and add to tools and tricks to your leader toolbox to help better manage variations in member ages and skills.

**Record Books**
We all have to do them, what are some ways to help your members capture all of the needed information and complete a quality record book. Hopefully some of the tips from this session will also help to make record books less painful and stressful.

**Showmanship for All Projects**
One of the life-skills that members can learn in 4-H is how to present themselves. Let’s take a deeper look at what members can do to be better prepared in front of judges (livestock and interview) as well as develop skills they need in the real world.

**Posters, Displays & Exhibits**
What is the right size of poster? What should be on it? How big should the letters be? What other exhibit options do I have? Come and get these and more questions answered in this session.

**Quality Assurance**
What is it and how do you teach it? The livestock leaders requested that all market animal members complete a county approved Quality Assurance training this year. What will this cover and how can you help your members be better prepared for this?

**Animal Science Checklists**
New this year, the State 4-H Program has adopted Animal Science Checklists as the main component of the majority of the livestock/animal projects. Come and learn what is available, get a feel for these new materials and how to work them into your animal project.

**Animal Health Care**
As an animal owner/project leader what are the basics that members should be doing. This will include the importance of a veterinarian/client relationship and when you should involve a veterinarian in your animals care.

**Dog Updates & New Materials**
There have been significant changes in both materials and county opportunities in the past year. Make sure you are up-to-speed on what is new and how you can help your dog members be the most successful.

**Small Animals**
What is new for this year and beyond? With the development of the Small Animal Council this past year and plans for a Small Animal Market Sale at Fair there is change that you can be a part of. Also find out how to help expand opportunities and benefits for your small animal members.

**Soup: Salad, Bread and Dessert Contest Rules**
Soup must be homemade. Bring soup already heated in a crockpot with a serving spoon. Salad must be home prepared. Bread can be made by hand or in a bread machine, any kind of bread is acceptable. The contest is open to any home prepared dessert. You can use canned or prepackaged ingredients. **THIS YEAR** there will be prizes for the top entry in each category with a special prize for the high scoring entry youth. Judges will be done by a people’s choice vote. This is a potluck type contest, the more entries we have the more options there are for lunch and the more interesting the contest will be!

**Teen Opportunities**
There is more to 4-H than projects and club meetings, especially for older members. Come and find out about all of the additional experiences you can have in 4-H.

**Using 4-H Online**
There are more and more things that we are and will be using 4-H Online for, from animal IDs to event registrations. Make sure you know how to make the most of 4-H online. This is for youth and adults!

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**Round Table Discussions**
New this year, we will be setting time aside for leaders of similar interests to have self-directed conversations about a variety of project areas. There will be a leader present to help direct the conversation as needed, but the questions and ideas sharing will come from the group. This year we will have round table sessions for the following general groups:

- **Family Consumer Sciences & Arts**
- include projects such as Foods, Clothing, Handwork, Art, Photography, Leathercraft, Cake Decorating, etc.

- **Animals**
  - This will include: Large Animals/Livestock, Horse, Dog, Poultry, Rabbits, etc.

- **Miscellaneous**
  - This will be the catch-all group. Project areas encouraged to attend are: Shooting Sports, Survival, Wood Working, Aerospace, Small Engines, Electricity, Robotics, Computers, etc.