



The Clover Chronicle

Baker County Extension 4-H Newsletter



Dear 4-H Family:

There are many ways to celebrate the holiday season. An interesting activity for your club or family would be to explore the different traditions around this time of year and their history and meaning. What is Kwanzaa and what does it mean? Is Christmas celebrated the same in Germany, Brazil, and the United States? What do you do with a dreidel? What is significant about the Menorah? There are some very interesting customs to celebrate the season.

Leaders I know you strive to provide a welcoming environment in your club where children and youth feel safe and that they belong regardless of their culture, race, religion or abilities. Thank you for making 4-H a place where all children are mentored by a caring adult.

I hope you have a happy holiday season celebrating with traditions that are special to your family.

Baker County
4-H Agent

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

Exercise the Essential Elements

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Take a moment this holiday season no matter what your beliefs are to reflect on the people who are important to you and let them know you appreciate them.

This is a season of giving in many cultures. The greatest gift you can give your family is letting them know that you respect and love them. Show them that you appreciate all that they do for you.

Take the four essential elements of 4-H and exercise them in your family.

Belonging: Your family is the first place where you belong, with trust and love. Help your family find ways to express their belonging together. Explore your family history.

Mastery: There are always many chores to make a home run smoothly. With parents working and children busy in school it is often very difficult to find time and energy for all the jobs that are necessary to take care of your home. Ask for help in learning to take care of some of the chores. Ask mom or dad to teach you how to clean, wash dishes, take care of yard chores. Master skills needed to maintain a clean organized home.

Independence: Exercise your Independence by showing how responsible you are with jobs you are given. Do them right the first time. Do your chores without having to be asked. Look around your home and find ways to help out without having to be told to do it.

Generosity: Be gracious in serving. Service begins in your home. Finding ways to serve your family. Try starting a tradition of a secret friend during the holiday season. Pick names and do secret acts of kindness for that family member.



2008-09 Baker County 4-H Clubs

ARCHERY— January through May

BAKER BARKERS (Dog Project)—Ms. Renee Gore. Nov 8th & 22nd 9a.m. Ag Center North East Yard.

CLOVERBUDS— Ages 5 to 7 year olds. Ms. Joy Crosby
2 groups 3rd Monday or 3rd Friday monthly at 6pm

CLOVERLEAF CLOGGERS—Ms. Madeline Carroll & Ms. Janet Lawson Thursdays at the Fairgrounds 7pm

COMMUNITY CLUB -(DRAMA) - Age 8 - 10 year olds.
Ms. Christi Fletcher 3rd Monday monthly at 3:30p.m.

CRAFTY CRITTERS CLUB— (Arts & Crafts) Ms. Kathy Wymer-Lilly 3rd Thursday monthly at 6pm.

ENVIRONMENTAL/FORESTRY PROJECT - Ms. Debbie Clark & Mr. Andy Lamborn (Forestry competition coach) 2nd Monday Monthly at 6p.m. (Looking for another volunteer)

HANDS AND HOOVES— Mr. Charlie Chanaki & Ms. Cathy Sparks 2nd Tuesday monthly at 7pm

HOOF N' AROUND —Ms. Marjena Bass & Ms. Mary Pregler 1st Tuesday monthly at 7pm

LIVESTOCK—Ms. Lovurn Rivers See Calendar for dates.

PHOTOGRAPHY— Ms. Renee Gore. Every Monday at 4pm

SHARPSHOOTERS— Mr. Gary Stephens. On Hold until Range is set up.

CLUB REPORTS

Hoof N Around is hosting a 4-H food drive service project to benefit the Food Bank and their mission to feed the hungry this holiday season. The food bank is in need of non-perishable food items, baby food and/or disposable diapers. If you would like to participate in the food drive, bring your contributions to the parking lot in front of the old Ace Hardware on Saturday, December 13th between 10 am and 3pm.

Baker Barkers (4-H Dog Project) - Members have been teaching their dogs, come, sit, heel, and good in obedience. Next meeting is December 8th and 22nd at 9a.m. at the Ag Center. Bring your dog on a leash with a good collar or harness.

Shooting Sports/Archery— Three volunteers were certified for Archery Instructor Safety training in November. We plan for Archery to begin after the Christmas Holidays. We will keep you posted through the newsletter.

Livestock— There will be no meetings in the month of December. Contact Ms. Lovurn if you have any questions.

Horse Leaders Council -

4th Tuesday Monthly for all Horse Club Leaders, volunteers, parents and teen youth. This advisory board helps

Photography project is wrapping up with their last meeting on December 8th. If you were interested but didn't get to join the class this year look for it again in 2009.

Clean-up Classroom and Auditorium After Use -

We are asking that everyone please clean up after your club meetings. A list of clean-up procedures for the classroom is posted in the classroom. We will give you a clean-up list for the auditorium when you pick up the key. Thank you for your help.

Club Officer Training

How to be a better President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt at Arms, Parliamentarian, Historian, Reporter, and/or Recreational Leader for your club.

If you hold an office in your club you need to come to officer training.

**Officer training will be held
Monday, December 29th
at 6:30p.m. in the classroom.**

By now your club has had time to elect officers. Let Ms. Renee' know who your officers are. If you club doesn't have officers and you are interested in learning about one of these positions so your club can elect officers, you may sign up for the workshop too.

All club leaders and their officers are invited to attend. It is very important that you call the office to let us know you are coming. The class will only be held if there are enough participants. **Call 259-3520 to reserve your seat and materials for this workshop! Registration closes December 22nd.**








Club Reporters, send us your news each month by the 15th for publishing in the newsletter.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Head 	1 Photography Project 4 - 5pm Meet in Lobby	2 Hoof N Around Christmas Party 6—7:30pm Auditorium	3	4 Cloggers 7pm Fairgrounds	5	6 Baker Barkers 9am North East Yard Ag Center Training with Dogs Christmas Parade
Heart 	8 Photography 4 - 5pm Meet in Kitchen Environmental/ Forestry Project 6p.m. Classroom	9 Hands & Hooves 7pm 4H Classroom	10	11 Cloggers 7pm Fairgrounds	12	13 Riding Clinic 12-3pm Fairgrounds Horse Arena
Hands 	15 Drama Club 3:30 Classroom Cloverbuds 6pm Auditorium	16	17	18 Crafty Critters Arts & Crafts Club 6 - 7:30pm Classroom Cloggers 7pm Fairgrounds	19	20 Baker Barkers 9am North East Yard Ag Center Training with Dogs
Health 	22 Model Horse Project 6-7:30pm Classroom	23 Horse Council 6pm Kitchen	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> Extension Office Closed 	26 Extension Office Closed	27
28	29 Officer Training Workshop with Ms. Rene 6:30p.m. Classroom	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1 <i>New Year's Day</i> Extension Office Closed 		

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



January 2009
01/07 Eat, Think and Be Active 3:30—5pm
Registration required
01/19 Martin Luther King Birthday, Building Closed
1/26 Recognition Workshop 6:30 classroom call 259-3520 to sign up.

**Eat, Think and Be Active!
Media Smart Youth**

A workshop for youth ages 11 to 13 Workshop is 1st Monday monthly for ten weeks beginning Wednesday, January 7th from 3:30p.m. to 5p.m. Call 259-3520 to sign up.

Have fun making commercials and podcasts while you learn about the media and the messages in the world about health, nutrition and physical activity. Learn fun team building games and how the sons of job played pass the rock.

Take the power to think critically and make thoughtful decisions about nutrition and physical activity.

Check with your club leader for dates for your holiday parties.

