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4-H Fun in January and February

February



4-H: Your first class at UAF!



At left: What do glue, Borax and water make? Bouncy balls, of course! Pearl Creek Elementary School's STEM Night on Jan. 26 was a blast for youth and adults, alike! A BIG thank you to the wonderful volunteer leaders, Tanja and Malena, and teens, Kamryn and Lucas, who are making it a BIG success.

At right, the Tanana District Youth Social on Feb. 10 featured favorite games brought in by the youth and ice cream provided by the leaders council. Tanja provided a virtual reality game that was a big hit with these two gamers! Thanks Tanja, April and Malena for putting this together and making it happen.



- 1 Market Livestock Project Agreements Due
- 6 Teen Club meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 7 Livestock Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Tanana District Youth Social: Ice Cream & Game Night, 5 p.m.
- 13 Horse Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 **Happy Valentines Day!**
- 15 Leaders Council Travel Scholarship Applications Due
- 18 Market Livestock Participants Meeting, 10 a.m.
- 20 **Presidents' Day**
- 20 Teen Club meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 21 Alaska State 4-H Livestock Contest 2023: Informational Zoom Meeting, 6 p.m.

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- 17 **Happy St. Pat's Day!**
- 17 UAF Spring Break Day (4-H office closed)
- 20 Teen Club meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 26-31... Youth in Governance, Juneau.



Marla's Roundup



Hello, everyone! I hope you had a wonderful holiday break and got in some good family time and relaxing. I can't believe it is February already and it is the deceiving time of year. The days are getting longer and I look outside and see the sun on those bright days and think, "Oh, it looks so warm!," then I step outside and go, "Brrrrrr!," and hurry back inside. But summer is on its way back and I cannot wait for it to come. We have had a nice winter, though, I am not complaining. Anything is better than last year.

Programming for the coming year is underway and we are excited to have a full slate of events planned again. Please see inside for all the fun stuff that is to come and get the dates on your calendar now.

I want to thank you for coming to the THRIVE training and being a part of our wonderful district. I hope you found it valuable and will be able to remember how to help your club THRIVE. I also hope when you are contacted by new youth or meet some that are interested you will invite them into your club and help them to belong. We are a great community and have so much to offer. I appreciate each and every one of you and all you do for our district and program. Thank you.

Marla Louder 

Ronda's Reminder: Remember to Re-enroll!!

Ronda has been really busy trying to keep up with everyone, so thank you to those of you who have gotten everything completed. If not, please get those re-enrollments done.

For youth, go into your ZSuite account and re-enroll and pay your dues. One cannot be complete without the other.

For leaders, you need to re-enroll in ZSuite and do your trainings. Check out the great step-by-step process at this web page: www.alaska4h.org/volunteer-requirements. You will also find all the links to the trainings on this page. It is pretty handy.

If you need help with anything, feel free to contact Ronda at 907-474-2450 or rlboswell@alaska.edu. And please be sure to thank her for all her hard work in keeping this all straight and being on top of things with all of you.



Need a Helping Hand with Leader Trainings? We are here for YOU!



If you are having trouble getting those trainings done, please let me know so I can help you with them. Also, if there is something that you feel you or the district needs a training on, let me know so I can get things organized and either do the training or find someone to do it.

I want to help you all be the best leaders you can be and to be successful in leading our future leaders ... our youth.

~ Marla

SAVE THE DATES!

Check out these trainings and educational opportunities!

Market Livestock Participants Meetings — Feb. 18 or April 18

If you or your youth are doing a market livestock project, don't forget you have to attend one of the two mandatory meetings. They will be Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. and April 18 at 7 p.m. So, make sure you get one on your calendar to attend.



Youth in Governance — Face-to-Face is Back — March 26-31

We are excited to take our teens back to Juneau and experience the governmental process face to face. If you are a teen between the ages of 14 and 18 and have an interest in government and learning how it works, then here is an opportunity for YOU! Our district has one slot open for one teen and one adult chaperone to attend Youth in Governance, March 26-31, in Juneau. The program will pay most of the expenses with the exception of meals outside the program while in Juneau. There is a \$350 registration fee for both teens and adults. Teens and adults will be in charge of their own transportation to and from Juneau. If more than one teen would like to go and there is a spot not filled from that district, they will be put in for a drawing for that spot. If the program is full and they still want to go, they can attend with a registration fee of \$1,500. To apply to be a participant, please contact Priscilla Rice at plmrice.ak@gmail.com. There is an application process the district has established that you will need to do.



Public Presentation/Demonstration Day — April 8

Start getting ready and preparing for the big day as it will be here before you know it. Public Presentation/Demonstration Day will be held April 8. We will start signups right after spring break in March. So, for now, get the date on your calendar and start thinking about your topic and doing your research.



New Leader Training — April 13

I was asked, and I think it is a good idea, to do this training again. It is not mandatory, but it would be good for new leaders within the past five years or so to attend. Or, it could be a great refresher for you. It will be on April 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 108. We will cover simple things like meeting planning, district requirements, etc. I will have a resource manual for you to take home. I hope to see you there.

State Shooting Sports Leader Training in Palmer — April 14-16

There will be a shooting sports training held in Palmer April 14-16. All shooting sports disciplines will be covered. In order to attend, you need to be an up-to-date leader by April 1. Marla will need to know who is attending and what discipline you will be doing. You do not have to do all disciplines; you need only do one. You are responsible for all fees associated with this training, but you can apply for the Leaders Council Scholarship, which is due Feb. 15. It is looking like a \$50 registration fee per discipline.



State Horse Contest in Kenai — April 28-29

The Kenai District will host the state horse contest this year. The dates are going to be April 28 and 29. So, you horse kids save the dates and start studying. There will be horse bowl, horse judging, hippology, demonstrations and public speeches. I am so excited to have another one and to go to Kenai and I hope you are too. So start studying and working as a team — I am really looking forward to seeing you all!



Great Volunteer Training Coming! 2024 NATIONAL 4-H SUMMIT Feb. 28-March 1, 2024



Exciting news! In February of 2024, the Tanana District will host a professional development leaders forum for 4-H volunteers, teens and staff/faculty! This will be similar in form to the Western Region Leaders' Forum (WRLF) that used to happen for those of you who know as a reference point.

The National 4-H Summit is set for Feb. 28, 29 and March 1, 2024, at the Westmark Fairbanks Hotel and Conference Center in Fairbanks. We only have a capacity of 400 people due to the size of the dining room. It will be open to any of the above mentioned people from across the nation and was advertised at this year's 4-H Volunteer Conference of Southern States held in Georgia.

There will be 11 concurrent sessions between the Westmark Hotel and the Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds. There will be a specific teen track that

we are partnering with Utah State Ambassadors to run. We will host preconference tours and have fun optional activities in the evenings for participants to enjoy.

We have five working groups that are underway: financial, educational, logistics, meals and registration. If anyone would like to help, please reach out to me, Jan Hanscom, Patsy Perkins, Priscilla Rice or Nancy Graff. Each committee will have lots of subcommittees under them in order to make sure things happen. There will be varying amounts of registration scholarships for our district individuals to attend and will be based on volunteer hours worked. So, it would be good to get involved in a committee ahead of time to get those hours under way and maybe over with.

We look forward to hosting this fun event again and hope you will consider at least attending if not being a part of the hosting team.



ALASKA STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK CONTEST 2023
- Information & Overview -

Have you been wondering what the Alaska State 4-H Livestock Contest is or what it looks like these days?

Join this statewide informational Zoom meeting to learn all about this fantastic event that is open to all Alaska 4-H youth!

Tuesday, February 21st @ 6 p.m.

Register on your Z-Suites page!
Contact Cassy Rankin with questions! 907.398.3588
crankin4@alaska.edu

Contest Segments:
Livestock Judging
Skill-a-Thon
Public Speaking
Quiz Bowl
Art Show



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Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports Master Leader Training April 14-16, 2023



Friday - Western Heritage

Saturday - Archery
Pistol
Hunting Skills

Sunday - Muzzleloader
Shotgun
Rifle

(attend one day, or all three days - \$50/discipline - Lunches and Saturday dinner provided)

Locations - Friday TBD, Saturday UAF Matanuska Experiment Station - Palmer
Sunday Rabbit Creek - Anchorage

REGISTER AT 4H.ZUITE.ORG UNDER EVENTS



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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

APPLY SOON!



Leaders Council Travel Scholarship
Applications DUE FEB. 15
 (for events April 1-June 30, 2023)

The Tanana District 4-H Leaders Council established the Youth and Leader Educational Scholarship Program to provide funds for youth and leaders to help them attend events that will further their leadership skills and project knowledge. It is not intended to replace other funding sources or to be a full scholarship for the event. Visit www.alaska4h.org/fairbankstananadistrict for all the details and forms.



Leaders Council Higher Education Scholarship
Applications DUE MARCH 15

Hey, seniors! And recent graduates within the past three years! Don't forget to apply for the Tanana District 4-H Leaders Council Higher Education Scholarship. Applications for a chance at the \$500 scholarship are available on the Tanana District 4-H website. If you need more information, contact me or Ronda. And be sure to check out www.alaska4h.org/fairbankstananadistrict for more information and forms.



GOT A GOOD IDEA?

The leaders council is looking for the next **FUN** activity to sponsor.

Submit your **AWESOME** suggestions to one of the officers or to Marla.

We need your **CREATIVITY!**

What can 4-H do for me?



Who do I contact?

If you have any questions about 4-H, please contact your local 4-H Office at 907-474-2427 or any of the 2022-23 Leaders Council officers:

- President — Priscilla Rice**
plmrice.ak@gmail.com
- Vice President — Dani Markham**
rosacreekbranch@gmail.com
- Secretary — Lisa Harlow**
lisaharlow06@gmail.com
- Treasurer — Marissa McGrath**
marissa.a.mcgrath@gmail.com

NOW look who's ...

In the Spotlight

CONGRATULATIONS, MARLA!
 Recognition well-deserved!



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Fair Tidings

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Marla Lowder



How long have you volunteered at the Fair?

18 years

What do you enjoy about the Fair and volunteering at the Fair?

I enjoy working with the staff and accomplishing great things!

What departments do you volunteer for?

4-H, Livestock, Horse, Fair Board, Info Booth, & Fall Festival

What has been your favorite theme and why?

I am excited for this years theme, Don't Go Bacon My Heart, because I love bacon!

What other groups do you volunteer for?

I volunteer for the American Youth Horse Council which is a horse organization which is an national umbrella for other horse organization. I have volunteered there as long as I have volunteered at the Fair.

Tanana District 4-H is ... IN THE NEWS!!!

Be sure to let us know what awesome things YOUR club is doing, too ... so that we can spotlight YOU in the next newsletter!

Let's Meet Up!

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Leaders, don't forget you are invited to attend any of the following monthly meetings. Most meetings have gone face-to-face now, but the Zoom option is still available, if preferred. If you need the Zoom link, contact the Extension office or one of the council members.

Leaders Council meetings — Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Livestock Council meetings — First Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in February, April, May, September, October and November and then as needed.

Horse Council meetings — Second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. September through May.

CLUB MEETINGS

Most clubs are returning to face-to-face meetings, but remember that we still have a Zoom account set up that you can use for club meetings, if it is available. Please contact Ronda or Marla through email to sign up for it. We will share the link with you to share with your club members.

We ask that you only use it for the date and time you sign up for as others may be using it before or after you. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

CALLING ALL CLOVERBUDS!

All youth ages 5-7 are invited to join the fun! The Cloverbud Connection offers a variety of things to do and learn based on participants' interests. Meeting time is 4:30 p.m. at the UAF University Park Building, 1000 University Ave., in either Room 108 or 154. All meetings begin with the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge.

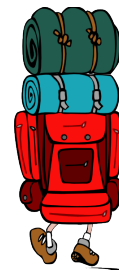
If you know someone who has youth ages 5-7 who would like to participate, please contact Marla Lowder at 907-474-2427 or mklowder@alaska.edu.



Let's Go Camping!

Seeking Junior Jamboree Themes/Classes — Opportunity to Win a Prize!

Camp season is just around the corner. Junior Jamboree is set for June 26-29, 2023. In April, we will be calling for camp counselor applications and planning will be underway. For now, though, we need to come up with a theme and four classes to go with it. I am holding a contest to see what great ideas we can get. Send me (mklowder@alaska.edu) your theme and classes and the adult camp staff will look through them and pick out the one we think will work and the winner will get a \$25 movie gift card. All entries are due by April 1. Do it now before you forget and miss the deadline.



Be sure to "LIKE" Tanana District 4-H and Alaska 4-H on Facebook. You'll find some AWESOME information on these pages!



LEADERS COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETINGS!

All leaders are invited to the Leaders Council meetings held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

We hope to see your smiling face soon!

Oh, snap!

**WANTED!**

YOUR 4-H CLUB PHOTOS!

We want to see all the **AWESOME** things your club is doing!

A picture is worth a thousand words!
Each month in the Tanana District 4-H News, we would like to **HIGHLIGHT** a club activity.

To submit a photo for consideration, please verify the following information **BEFORE** sharing it with us:

- ✿ Each youth featured in photo must be in active status in the ZSuite 4-H enrollment program.
- ✿ Each youth must have an approved Media and Information Release Statement in the ZSuite 4-H enrollment program.
- ✿ Non-4-H members may not be in the photo, unless written permission is received by a parent or guardian.
- ✿ Each youth must be identified by both first and last name.
- ✿ If we choose to identify youth in a cutline or story, only first names are used.
- ✿ Be sure to include the photographer's first and last name, too, for credit!
- ✿ **HINT:** We like action shots — showing your club members doing things!

Email your photo to both rlboswell@alaska.edu and mklowder@alaska.edu along with the above information. We cannot guarantee publishing all photos, but we will do our best!
Thank you for sharing!

L O O KING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Color a valentine for someone special!

To: _____

From: _____

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! I LOVE YOU!



LOTS 'O' LUCK TO YOU!

St. Patrick's Day Word Search



O	E	E	A	R	P	P	S	M	L	C
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GOLD
LEPRECHAUN
PATRICK

GREEN
POT
CLOVER

SHAMROCK
LUCK
IRISH

MARCH
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RAINBOW
IRELAND
MAGIC