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September-October 2023



Tanana District 4-H News



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Honoring the life of Nancy Graff



Beloved 4-H leader spread sunshine to all those who knew and loved her



Longtime Tanana District 4-H leader Nancy Graff, who passed away earlier this spring, was recently honored by Interior legislators with an honorarium for her numerous volunteer service hours throughout the community. The Tanana Valley State Fair Association also named the petting zoo/barn in her memory. Pictured here are family members accepting the honors in her memory. This was Nancy's 24th year with the North Pole Ptarmigans 4-H Club. Marla Lowder photos

4-H: Your first class at UAF!



September

- 4..... Labor Day (UAF Campus closed)
- 5..... Livestock Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 11..... Horse Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 12..... Leaders Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 15..... Record Books due to 4-H Office by 5 p.m.
- 18..... TBA Teen Club meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 30..... Achievement Night, 6 p.m., Pioneer Park.



October

- 1..... Happy New 4-H Year!
- 1..... Annual Financial Summary Reports due to 4-H Office by 5 p.m.
- 1-7..... National 4-H Week
- 3..... Livestock Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 7..... Fall Festival, noon-4 p.m., Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds
- 9..... Horse Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 10..... Leaders Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 16..... TBA Teen Club meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 31..... Happy Halloween! Boo!



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Marla's Roundup



I keep thinking to myself that it seems like fall is early this year and then I remind myself that we have had a few years in a row where fall has been a long one and it hasn't been normal. This is our normal. I remember driving into Alaska on Sept. 12, 2004, and it was snowing. I hope we are not headed to that already. We need to have some more good weather before the white stuff comes, so I am hoping this is a false fall. Fingers crossed.

Well fair has come and went and it seemed like everyone had a good fair and that is great! Now it is time to wrap up the 4-H year and get those record books done and turned in. They are due to my office by Sept. 15 if they are going up for a merit award or if they are a market livestock book.

Leaders, as we close down the current 4-H year, don't forget to do your annual financial form if you have money in your club. (See pages 10-11 for the Alaska 4-H Annual Financial Summary Report.) Then, as we start the new 4-H year, you will need to get those trainings done. I know it is a lot, but I sure appreciate you doing them so you can help our youth out. Without you, our program wouldn't be what it is, so thank you and I am sorry if I don't tell you or show you enough that I really do appreciate you and all you do for our program.

Marla Louder 

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



JUNE SNAPSHOT!



TENNESSEE WELCOME BBQ!



A chilly, but fun evening with the Tanana District 4-H — Tanana District 4-H hosted Tennessee youth for an evening bonfire and barbecue on June 14. Although we had a bit of a cold snap, everyone kept warm by the fire with a delicious Alaska-themed supper, line dancing, lots of laughter and the best of company! Happy trails, Tennessee 4-H, and we hope our paths cross again someday! Tanja Bryan photo

Record Book Alert/Deadlines

Now that the fairs are over, our next big gear up is to get the record books done and get ready for the awards night. I hope that many of you will take this seriously as a leader because without you the youth will not receive the awards they so deserve.

Don't forget that all record books going up for judging to receive a merit award need to be turned into the office by Friday, Sept. 15, by 5 p.m. You also need to remember that last year's club enrollment form will be mailed to the main leader of the club to look over. Please pay attention and make sure everyone is on it and correct years are listed. If someone isn't on it that should be and you know they paid and have their receipt then we can help with that. If they aren't, then they never got registered and need to this year. You will need to make any changes on the form and then return it to the office or your youth will not be receiving their awards ... or perhaps not even the correct one. This is part of your responsibility as a leader.

The big day we are all looking forward to is Achievement Night on Saturday, Sept. 30, at Pioneer Park at 6 p.m. I am looking forward to seeing you all there to honor the leaders and youth of our wonderful 4-H program!

Leaders, please use the appropriate merit award record book rubric sheets to judge your record books. These will be included in a packet sent to the main leader or you can pick them up at the office or print them off our district web page. They will need both the general record book and the appropriate insert rubric sheets.

Market Livestock Record Books for Youth and Leaders

Please remember that all youth who sold an animal at the Market Livestock Auction need to submit their record books to their leader by their designated date. The leader will then judge them and pick out the ones they think are merit-worthy to be submitted for the final judging.

The leader also needs to bring in all of the other record books for verification to the Extension office. If a youth does not complete this step, they will be ineligible to participate in the Market Livestock Project next year. If you have any questions, please contact Marla at 907-474-2427 or mklowder@alaska.edu.

ATTENTION ALL LEADERS!

Please be sure to submit your
2022-23 Annual Financial
Summary Report

NO LATER THAN OCT. 1

so that youth are able to enroll
in your club for the 2023-24
4-H year in ZSuite.

Thank you!



See pages 10-11 for form!



Let's Celebrate **YOU** with Achievement Night!

"DISCO FEVER!"

Saturday, Sept. 30 🍀 6 p.m. 🍀 Pioneer Park Civic Center



As we gear up for Achievement Night, it is a time to celebrate the past year's achievements. I look forward to watching the teens host this event and honoring those nominated by their peers and receive their awards. It should prove to be a wonderful night with great food and friends. So, come and enjoy seeing all the Tanana District 4-H'ers and leaders receive awards as well as joining in on some excellent food!

The theme this year is "Disco Fever." We will be sending out the old year and dancing into a new one in our disco apparel. So, come dressed ready to party on the lighted 4-H dance floor as we *slide* from one year to the next. Please remember, this is Achievement Night, so dress appropriately as you are representing 4-H.

Don't forget the potluck dinner will precede the awards ceremony and we ask that you bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name. **Please bring enough to feed 12 people so by the time the end of the line gets to the buffet table, there is still enough food for them.** .



- A-F -- vegetables/salads
- G-L -- breads/side dishes
- M-R -- desserts
- S-Z -- main dishes



Packets have gone out in the mail to all the main leaders with award recommendation sheets and club lists with years in 4-H. Leaders need to fill out the certificates for their members. The 4-H office will do the leader certificates and try to have all the pins in an envelope for every club at check in on Achievement Night.



MORE JUNE SNAPSHOTS!

JUNE SCHOOLING SHOW



A great time was had by all who participated in the annual June Schooling Show, June 7-10, 2023. The youth made rope halters for their horses and leather pancake knife sheaths. They learned horse first aid from Dr. Colleen Gelvin and many hours of great horse skills learned from the wonderful judge Cassi Soule. At left, Addison, and below, Alicia, show off some of those new riding skills learned! Looking good, 4-H'ers! Kadee Liddell photos



TANANA VALLEY STATE FAIR ASSOCIATION

2023 Fall Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

NOON – 4PM

\$5 per person
\$12 per single family

- Food Trucks*
- Music & Games*
- Hay Rides*
- Petting Zoo*
- Storytime & more*



Pick & purchase a pumpkin!



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2023 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK Oct. 1-7



This year's National 4-H Week is set for Sunday, Oct. 1, through Saturday, Oct. 7.

National 4-H Week welcomes all to connect and celebrate with the 4-H community where young people across America are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

Be sure to wear your 4-H attire that week and let people know about 4-H.

LET'S FLOOD THE TOWN GREEN!



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



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 300 people due to the size of the dining room. It will be open to any of the above mentioned people from across the nation.

There will be nine concurrent sessions between the Westmark Hotel and the Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds. The workshops have been finalized and there are some really great ones. 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 Marla Lowder, Jan Hanscom, Patsy Perkins or Priscilla Rice. 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.



2023 TANANA VALLEY STATE FAIR



4-H GRAND CHAMPIONS

Department 1, 4-H Club Work

- Sewing – Isabelle Miller
- Crafts – Lily Harlow
- Fine Arts – Jade Adkins
- Science – Colton Fitzhugh
- Personal Growth – Isabelle Miller
- Plant Science – Elle Gifford
- Communications – Elle Gifford
- Favorite Foods – Tessalyn Miller
- Bake-Off – Elle Gifford
- Fashion Presentations – Tessalyn Miller
- Peoples Choice – Mikaela Miller, quilt; Sophia Harlow, woodburning (moose)



4-H/FFA Livestock Showmanship

- Finished Beef – Jude Huffman
- Dairy Cattle – Sophia Harlow
- Swine – Timothy Dote
- Lamb – Alicia Bostic
- Meat Goat – Dean Watson
- Dairy Goat – Julie Weisensel
- Rabbits – Timothy Dote
- Large Poultry – Sophia Harlow
- Small Poultry – Haley Agostine
- Cavy – Timothy Dote



4-H/FFA Market Livestock

- Beef – Jude Huffman
- Swine – Bradley Sherry
- Lamb – Jude Huffman
- Goat – Dean Watson
- Turkey – Lacey D'Hondt
- Chickens – Lucas Dote
- Goose – Kamryn Smith



Horse Show

- Novice Beginner Horse Skills – Hayden Eggleston
- Novice Beginner Western – Fiona Mabie
- Novice English – Kendall Eggleston, Fiona Mabie
- Novice Overall – Fiona Mabie
- Beginner Horse Skills – Ellinor Miller
- Beginner Western – Ellinor Miller
- Beginner English – Trista Reinheller
- Beginner Overall – Ellinor Miller
- Intermediate Horse Skills – Finn Knight, Leah Austin
- Intermediate Western – Leah Austin
- Intermediate English – Leah Austin
- Intermediate Overall – Leah Austin
- Advanced Horse Skills – Emma Austin
- Advanced Western – Rebecca Reinheller
- Advanced English – Emma Austin
- Advanced Overall – Emma Austin



4-H/FFA Livestock/Small Animals

- Small Animal Showmanship – Timothy Dote
- Large Animal Showmanship – Olivia White
- Non-Market Swine – Dean Ruble
- Breeding Sheep – Alicia Bostic
- Dairy Goat – Timothy Dote
- Dairy Cattle – Sophia Harlow
- Poultry Best In Show – Sophia Harlow



A BIG CONGRATS to all our 4-H grand champs!

NOTE: Please accept our apologies if we missed anyone in this listing. Let us know and we'll be happy to give recognition in the next 4-H newsletter. Thank you!



2023 4-H STATE HORSE CONTEST A BIG SUCCESS!

We had three Tanana District youth attend the state horse show in Palmer in August:

ADDISON LIDDELL, ALICIA BOSTIC & SELAH RAY

There were 34 youth that participated.

We all had a great time and we would like to congratulate **Selah as Intermediate Grand Champion and Intermediate Overall Champion!**

Way to go and thank you all for representing Tanana District 4-H so excellently.

We hope to see more of you there next year!



2023 STATE 4-H PRESENTATION RESULTS ARE IN!



Congratulations to our state public presentation participants and winners! Thanks for representing Tanana District 4-H and doing an outstanding job! Your ribbons should be here in time to hand out at Achievement Night, Sept. 30, unless they mail them directly to you. Go Team Tanana!

Senior Division (2 participants entered)

Isabelle Miller (Tanana) — Illustrated Talk, *Feed and Nutrients*, Red Ribbon

Intermediate Division (4 participants entered)

Leah Austin (Tanana) — Illustrated Talk, *No Hoof, No Horse*, Purple Ribbon, Champion Illustrated Talk, Overall Division Grand Champion

Junior Division (3 participants entered)

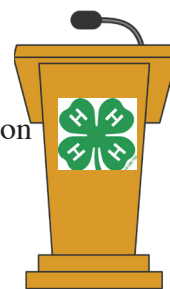
Daya Howard (Tanana) — Demonstration, *Get Your Hands on Your Hooves*, Blue Ribbon, Champion Demonstration, Overall Division Grand Champion

Hayden Eggleston (Tanana), Demonstration, *How to Groom a Horse*, Blue Ribbon, Reserve Champion Demonstration

Team/Clover Division (2 teams entered)

Kate Taylor and Fiona Mabie (Tanana Junior Team), Illustrated Talk, *Eventing*, Red Ribbon

Ivy Dobberpuhl and Elaina Garn (Tanana Senior Team), Illustrated Talk, *English Riding Compared to Western Riding*, Red Ribbon





HEY, 4-H'ERS!

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!

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY 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 Committee 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..

Zoom Reminder — 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.

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
rosacreekranch@gmail.com

Secretary — Lisa Harlow
lisaharlow06@gmail.com

Treasurer — Patsy Perkins
patsyjperkins@hotmail.com



**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!**

See next page for helpful instructions!

Alaska 4-H Annual Financial Summary Report

(Please COMPLETE even with \$0 balance or NO treasury!)

Name of 4-H Club _____		
Name of Bank _____		
For the 4-H Year Beginning October 1, _____ and Ending September 30, _____		
1. Balance at Beginning of Year		
INCOME (By event or activity. See no.3 on next page for large donations.)		
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7. Total Income for Year (Add lines 2 through 6)	0.00	
8. Adjusted Balance (Add line 1 and line 7)		0.00
EXPENDITURES (By event or activity)		
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14.		
15. Total Expenditures for Year (Add lines 9 through 14)	0.00	
16. Balance at End of Year (Subtract line 15 from line 8)		0.00
<i>If line 16 doesn't agree with bank statement complete lines 17, 18, and 19</i>		
17. Add checks that haven't cleared the bank		0.00
18. Subtract deposits that haven't cleared the bank		
19. Adjusted Balance (Should agree with bank statement)		0.00
Prepared by (Treasurer) _____	Date _____	
Organizational (Main) Leader _____	Date _____	
Extension Educator _____	Date _____	

Completing the Annual Summary Financial Report

1. The Annual Summary Financial Report provides an overview of your club's financial activities for the 4-H year (October 1 to September 30). At the top of the form, fill in your club name, your bank's name, and the dates covered by the report.
2. Line 1, **The Balance at Beginning of Year**, is the amount on hand on the first day of the new 4-H year, or October 1.
3. Lines 2 through 6 are where you would report your club's **Income** for the year. Each line should report all the income from a particular activity or event. These should include gifts, donations, sales of goods, fundraisers, dues and/or fees, and other income i.e., grants. Items can be reported all together or separately, such as candy sales and car washes can be combined for fundraisers. For donations over \$5,000, indicate amount and name and mailing address of the individual or business.
4. Line 7, **Total Income for Year**, is lines 2 through 6 added together.
5. Line 8, **Adjusted Balance**, is your beginning balance (line 1) added to your total income for the year (line 7). This line shows how much money your club had to work with during the year.
6. Lines 9 through 14 are your club's **Expenditures** for the year, again grouped by a particular activity or event, i.e., scholarships, educational materials, activity costs/fees.
7. Line 15, **Total Expenditures for Year**, is lines 9 through 14 added together. This line will show how much money your club spent during the year.
8. Line 16, **Balance at End of Year**, is your total expenditures (line 15) subtracted from your adjusted balance (line 8). This line will show how much money your club has to start the new 4-H year.
9. Compare line 16 with your bank statement. They should be the same. If they are not the same it is probably because some checks and/or deposits have not yet cleared the bank. Use line 17 to add the total of all your checks that have not cleared the bank yet to your balance (line 16). Next, use line 18 to subtract the total of all your deposits that have not cleared the bank from your balance (right hand column in line 17). Write your new balance on line 19. The balance should now be the same as your bank statement. If it still doesn't add up, you need to go back and check all your income and expenditure amounts.
10. Finally, sign and date the report where it is indicated for the treasurer's signature. Also, have your adult leader sign the report and submit a copy to your club, a copy to your District Extension Office, and keep a copy for your records.

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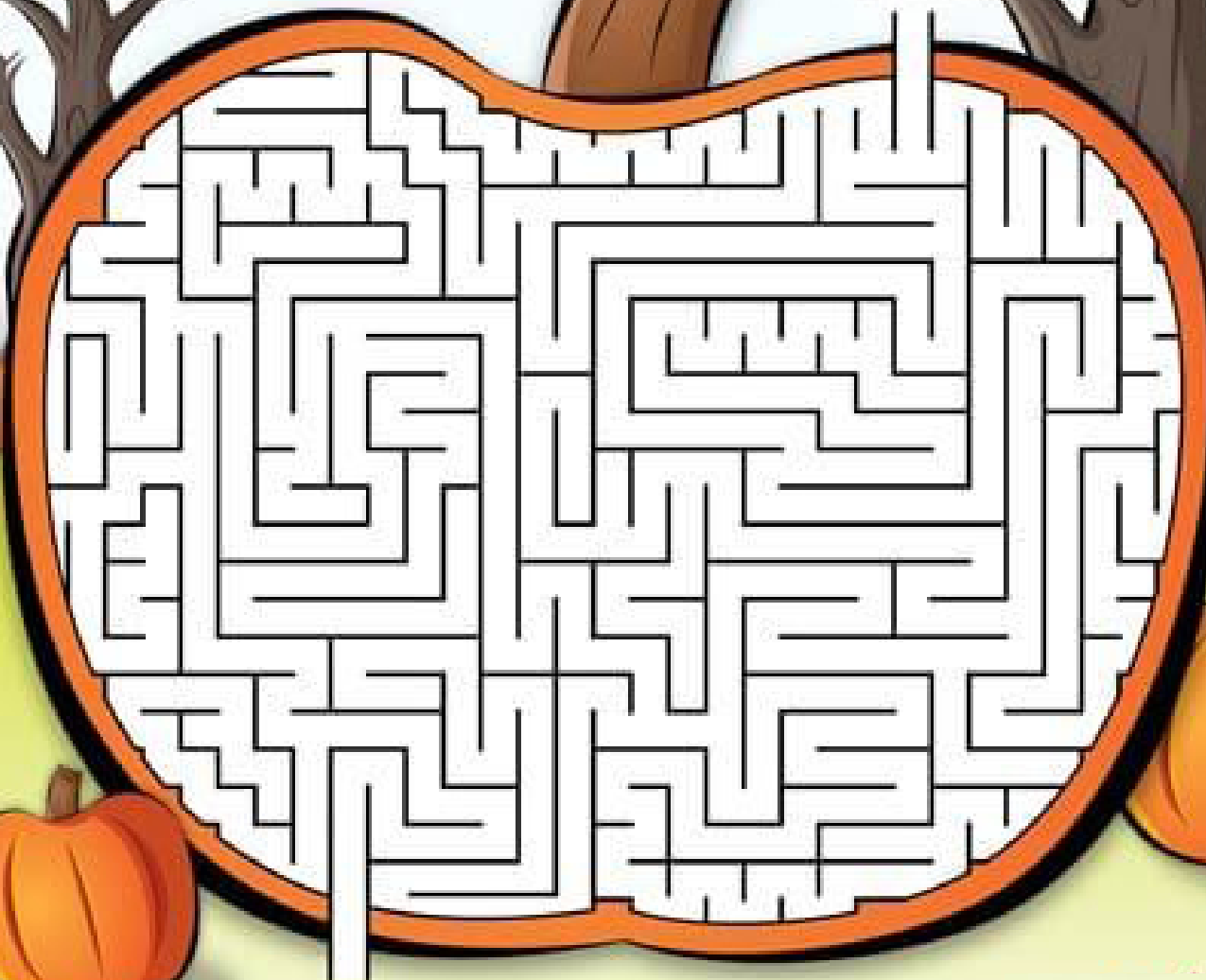
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HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN

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START



FINISH

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!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

PARTING SHOTS!



Community Service Opp! Come help the North Pole LEO's (youth of North Pole Lions Club) with their Haunted Corn Maze! Looking for youth ages 13-18 that are interested in dressing up in their scariest costumes and spooking the maze-goers!



The event is happening Saturday, Sept. 30, 1-8 p.m., so you can sign up for an hour or more, depending on your availability! The Haunted Corn Maze is at Arctic Harvest on Eielson Farm Road in North Pole and is a good way to get some community service hours! For more information or if you are interested, contact Tanja Bryan at 907.378.1757. Tanja Bryan photos



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