



# Tanana District 4-H News



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## Alaska Youth in Governance



4-H: Your first class at UAF!

Alaska 4-H Youth in Governance 2024 took place Feb. 11-16 in Juneau. There were 11 youth participating from around the state and three adult advisors. Following orientation, they met with the LIO and did a mock committee meeting enhancing the education of this program. Five of the teens were guest pages and then the youth attended committee meetings the rest of the week. Evenings found youth unwinding at some fun activities. These teens made our state 4-H program proud! Marla Lowder photo

## February

- 6 ..... Livestock Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 ..... Horse Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 ..... Happy ❤️ Day!
- 15 ..... Leaders Council Travel Scholarship Applications Due
- 17 ..... Market Livestock Participant Meeting, 10 a.m.
- 18 ..... TBD Teen Club meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 20 ..... Leaders Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 ..... 4-H Youth Social, 6 p.m.
- 26-27...State Shooting Sports Leader Training, 9 a.m., Fairbanks
- 28-March 1...Alaska 4-H Summit, Fairbanks



## March

- 5 ..... Livestock Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 ..... Spring forward one hour!
- 11 ..... Horse Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 ..... Leaders Council meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 ..... Leaders Council Higher Education Scholarship Applications Due
- 15 ..... UAF Spring Break Day (4-H office closed)
- 16 ..... TBD Teen Club meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 17 ..... Happy 🍀 Day!
- 25 ..... New Leader Training, 6:30 p.m.
- 31 ..... Happy 🐣 Day!



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## Marla's Roundup



We are so happy to have Ronda back with her smiling face. She was surely missed and I hope you all let her know how much you appreciate her the next time you see her.

The cold snap in January/February was brutal and I hope you all fared through it okay. I kept saying, "Just remember, we don't have snakes or poisonous spiders. However, the ice fog I could go without!"

Lots going on in the next few months, so be sure to check out the newsletter and get signed up for things. There is still time to sign up and volunteer for the Alaska

4-H Summit, so check out the workshop schedule and classes available on the summit webpage: <https://friendsofalaska4-h.com/2024-summit/>

It's going to be crazy for the next few months and then summer will be here. So, keep your eye on the ball and moving forward and know that I appreciate you as a volunteer and all you do for the youth in 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



### Leaders Council Travel Scholarships Applications Due Feb. 15

Youth and leader educational scholarship applications are due Feb. 15 (for events April 1-June 30). 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 <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/4-h/quick-links/district-directory/fairbanks-tanana-district/forms.php> for all the details and forms.

### Higher Education Scholarships 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 <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/4-h/quick-links/district-directory/fairbanks-tanana-district/forms.php> for more information and forms.





**SPRING IS COMING! Check out these exciting things to do!**



**Market Livestock Participant Meetings**  
**Feb. 17 and April 16**



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. 17 at 10 a.m. and April 16 at 7 p.m. So, make sure you get one on your calendar to attend.

**State Shooting Sports Leader Training**  
**Feb. 26-27**



There will be a shooting sports training held in Fairbanks Feb. 26 and 27. Archery and rifle disciplines will be covered. In order to attend, you need to be an up-to-date leader by time of the training. You do not have to do both disciplines. Registration fee is \$75 per discipline. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for registration link and more information. It is a great opportunity to have it here local so you don't have to travel. I hope those who have been asking for it can make it.



**New Leader Training**  
**April 25**



I will be hosting a new leader training in April. 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 held April 25 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.



**Public Presentation/Demonstration Day**  
**April 6**



Start getting ready and preparing for the big day as it will be here before you know it. It will be held April 6. We will start sign ups right after spring break in March. So, for now, get the date on your calendar and start thinking of your topic and doing your research.



**State Horse Contest**  
**April 12-13**



The Mat-Su District will host the state horse contest this year. The dates will be April 12 and 13. So, you horse kids save the date 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 Palmer and I hope you are too. So, start studying and working as a team as I am looking forward to seeing you all.



**Tanana District  
4-H presents**

# **Games & Ice-Cream**

**COME OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN!  
TRY THE VR GAME (AGES 10+)  
MEET NEW PEOPLE!**

**IF YOU HAVE A FAVORITE GAME BRING IT TO SHARE  
GAMES AND SNACKS PROVIDED**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH, 6-9PM  
@ U-PARK RM 108**

**ALL AGES 6-7PM  
AGES 10+ 7-9PM**

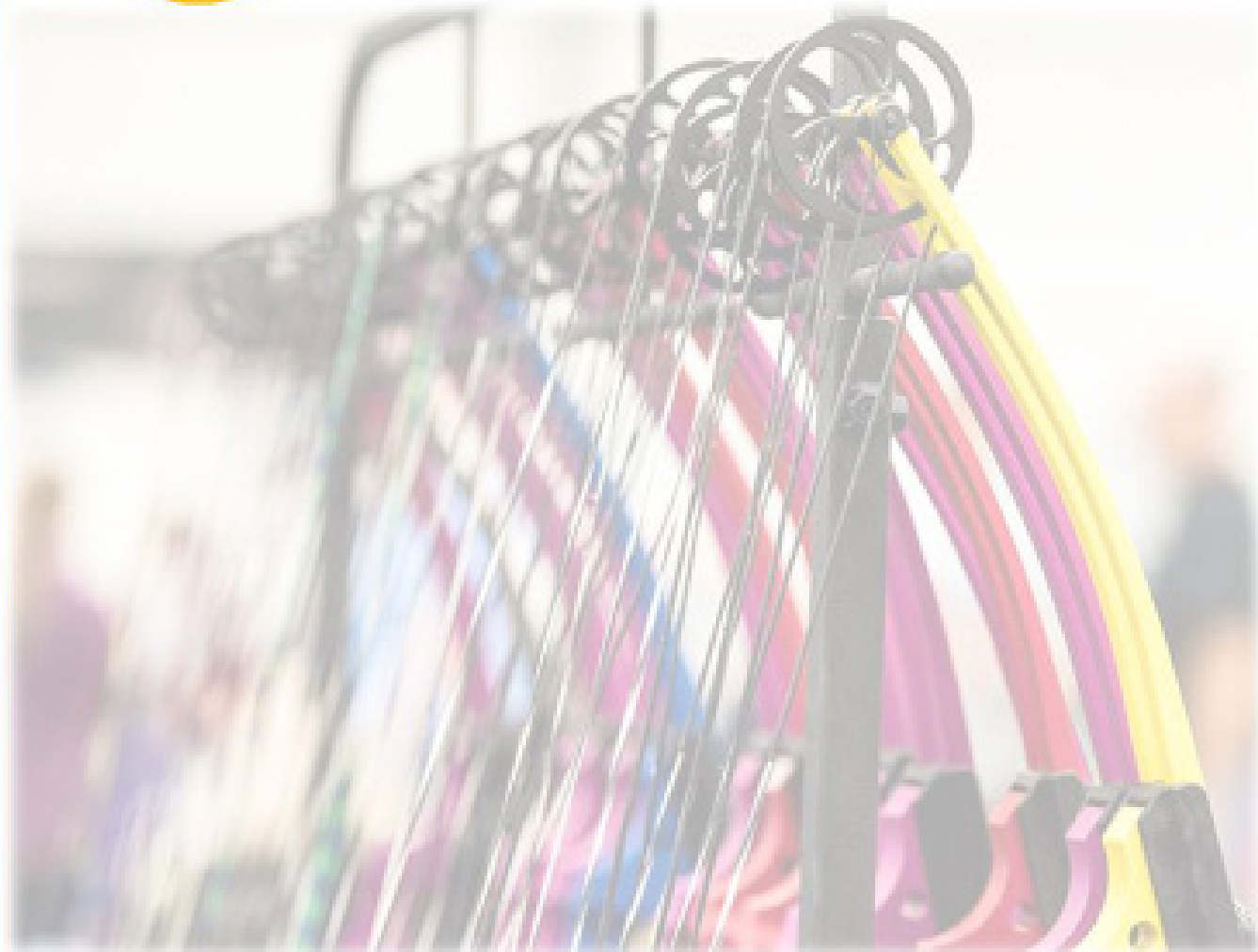
**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT  
TANJA (907)378-1757  
OR  
MALENA (920)227-3937**

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# Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports Archery and Rifle Leader Training



**Alaska 4-H Shooting Sports Level 1 Training, Fairbanks**  
Archery 2/26/2024 - Rifle 2/27/2024

9am to 5pm Upper Totem at the Fairground

Cost \$75 per discipline - [REGISTER](#)

For more information contact [stwilliver@alaska.edu](mailto:stwilliver@alaska.edu) 541-737-7645



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## Great Volunteer Training Coming! 2024 NATIONAL 4-H SUMMIT Feb. 28, 29, March 1

It's almost time! The Tanana District will be hosting a professional development leaders forum for 4-H volunteers, teens and staff/faculty. This will be similar to the old WRLFs that used to happen for those of you who know as a reference point.

The Alaska 4-H Summit will be February 28, 29 and March 1, 2024, and will be held at the Westmark Fairbanks Hotel & 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 Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds. The workshops have been finalized and there are really some great ones. Check out the workshop and their descriptions on the webpage at <https://friendsofalaska4-h.com/2024-summit/> There will be a specific teen track that we are partnering with Utah State Ambassadors to run. We also will host preconference tours and have fun optional activities in the evenings for participants to enjoy.

There is still time to register. Varying amounts of registration scholarships are available for our district individuals, adults and teens to attend and will be based on volunteer hours worked. If you would like to know more about the volunteer opportunities and to attend, please contact Kaitlynne Rice at [krice20@alaska.edu](mailto:krice20@alaska.edu).

We look forward to hosting this fun event again and hope you will consider at least attending if not volunteering.

Check out the activity schedule and registration here:  
<https://friendsofalaska4-h.com/2024-summit/>







**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 2023-24 Leaders Council officers:

**President** — Priscilla Rice  
plmrice.ak@gmail.com

**Vice President** — Malena Dote  
malenadote@gmail.com

**Secretary** — Gayle White  
hgwhite@gci.net

**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!**

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](mailto:rlboswell@alaska.edu) and [mklowder@alaska.edu](mailto:mklowder@alaska.edu) along with the above information. We cannot guarantee publishing all photos, but we will do our best!  
Thank you for sharing!

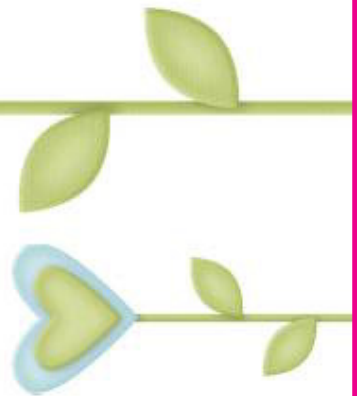
**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**



# Happy Valentine's Day!

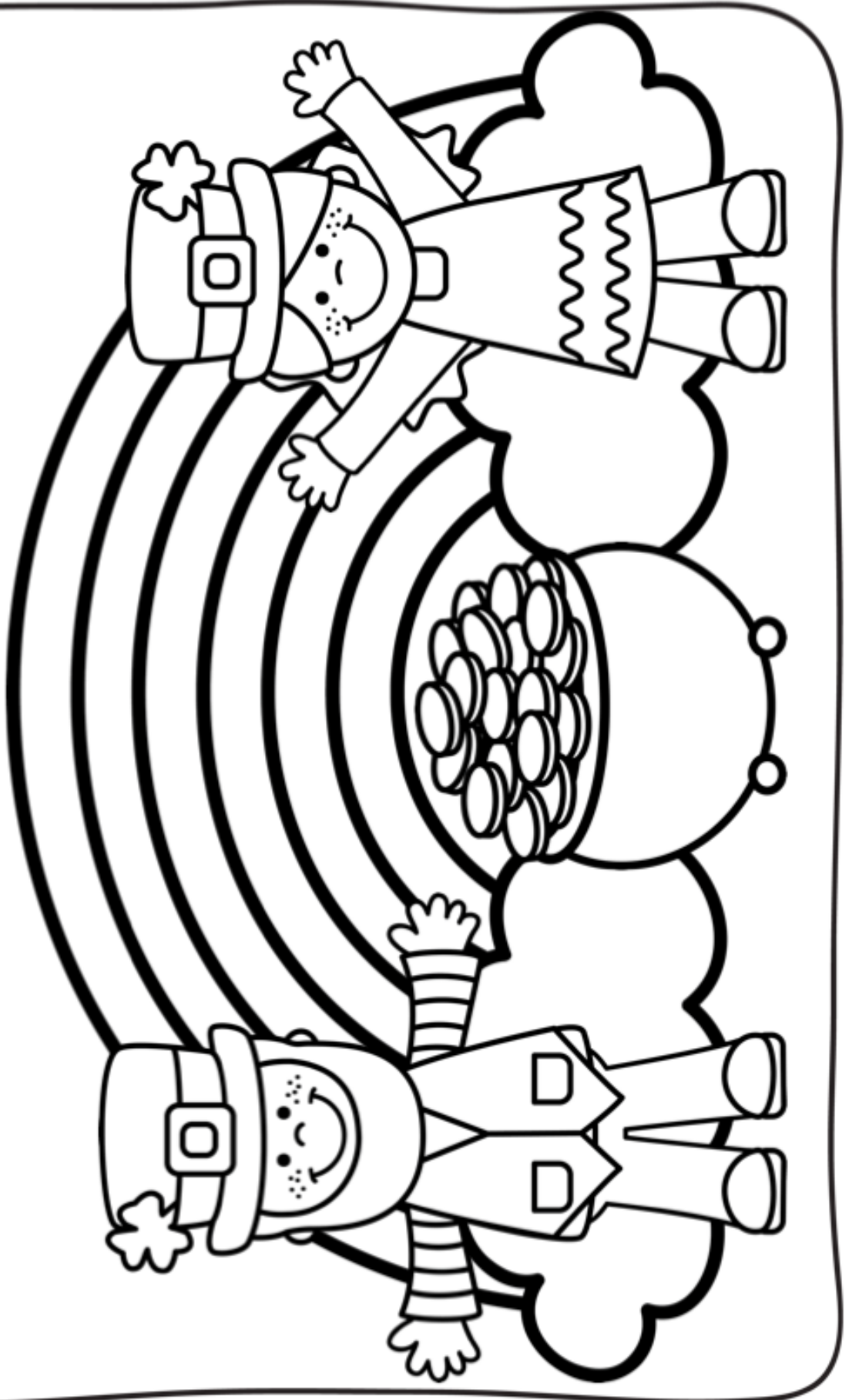


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Happy St. Patrick's Day!





# PARTING



# SHOTS!

**4-H Teens Rockin' It in Juneau**  
*Following day two of Youth in Governance, the youth burned off energy in the evening at the Rock Dump, an indoor climbing wall facility. The teens had a great time "climbing to new heights" after being so well behaved all day at the capitol. Marla Lowder photos*



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