

2007-2008 Anchorage District 4-H Program

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

Who can belong? Any youth ages 5-18. Children in kindergarten through second grade (ages 5-8) are Cloverbuds.

Who are the leaders? Any adult age 18 and over can be a 4-H leader. This means that entire families can be part of the 4-H experience.

What do we do? 4-H members have a wide variety of opportunities available to them. The slogan of 4-H is "Learn by Doing" and hands on learning and exploration are actively encouraged.

*****4-H Clubs taking new members*****

4-H Discovery Club: Meet weekly Sept-May. Do projects of food, sewing & crafts. Clarissa Smith, leader, 345-5547.

Animal Tracks & Helping Hands: Clothing, foods, gardening, arts/crafts, horse, rabbit, chickens. Expect parent involvement, meeting time TBA, Lynne Anderson, leader, 346-3008.

Borealis Bullseyes: Shooting club meets weekly during school at East High School Air Rifle Range. Marshel Reed, leader, marshel@gci.net Air Rifles & gear provided.

Daring Mustangs: Chugiak/Eagle River club, Cherrie Ruesch, leader, pastry@mtaonline.net

Hillside High Riders: Must have horse or lease a horse. Meet every other week-varies. Charlene Cohen, leader, ccohen@gci.net or Shannon Hall, leader, lazyhranch@chugach.net

Longriders Legend 4-H Club: Must have horse or access to horse, meeting times TBA. Trish deMontfort, leader, trishd@atuonline.net

Wild Pony Pals: learn about horses, dogs and do lots of fun things, meetings TBA. Laurie Hogan, leader, lauriehogan@gci.net

2007-2008 District-Wide Activities

- Achievement Night - held annually in October to recognize accomplishments of members during the past year. (The 4-H year is Oct 1-Sept 30)
- Chugiak Fourth of July Parade - 4-H members, leaders and volunteers can show our pride in this annual event.
- Fund Raising - we work with Downtown Rotary to sell coupons for Bell's nursery to benefit our district.

- Fashion Revue - held in April or May at the Pioneer Home to show garments constructed over the year. Favorite outfits are also encouraged!
- Community Service - Pillow Patrol! Held last Saturday in October as part of National Make a Difference Day! We make pillowcases to be donated to foster children.
- Presentation or Demonstration Day - held in late winter or early spring.
- District Fair - summer date TBA
- State Fair - held in late August, statewide competition for small animals, baked goods, horticulture and vegetables and other projects.
- Many clubs will be sponsoring events that other clubs may be invited to participate in. Events such as Horse Camps, Dog Shows, Music Camp, Shooting Sports etc., will be announced as they develop.

How to start a club? It is easy to get started, mixed age clubs are encouraged--round up the youth in your neighborhood, church or school. Contact the Anchorage District 4-H agent to get started.

Get in touch and find out how you can participate. Contact the Anchorage District office at 786-6300. 4-H is part of the University of Alaska Cooperative Extension Service located at 2221 E. Northern Lights, Anchorage 99508, suite 118.



**The motto of 4-H is "To Make the Best Better".
Call today-get involved-make a difference.**
