



Summer is Here!!

While school is out and lazy, hot summer days are upon us now is the best time to get ahead and prepare for the next 4-H year!

Enclosed you will find opportunities for each major project area to act as a guide that will help you grow your projects, explore various interests, prepare for fairs and contests, and set yourself up for success in your 4-H career – and even develop skills for the future!

Nearly everything listed below can be utilized in some way as entries for various fairs to earn premium money & prizes to fund future projects, receive feedback and recognition for your hard work, and compete for Premier Exhibitor and Club awards.

Some entries can be utilized for multiple events – ask Jaime for details.

Use your time wisely to plan ahead for the following opportunities:

- ❖ RECORD BOOKS – 2022-2023 / 4-H Story Contest / Goals for 2023-2024
- ❖ PERSONAL 4-H SCRAPBOOKS (OCT)
- ❖ ARIZONA NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW (NOV - DEC)
 - Creed Speech Contest
 - Prepared Speech Contest (Agricultural)
 - Livestock Posters (Open / Cattle / Sheep / Swine / Goat / Horse)
- ❖ ACBA/ARBA ROYALTY & OTHER CONTESTS (SEPT-OCT / FEB / APRIL)
 - Royalty Contest (Application)
 - Management Contest (Application)
 - Achievement Contest (Application)
 - Arts & Crafts / Creative Writing / Posters / Photography / Games
 - T-Shirt Design – ARBA CONVENTION 2023 – **Deadline July 1st**
- ❖ COMMUNICATIONS DAY (Qualifiers for Western National Roundup for Seniors) (JAN FEB)
 - Demonstration
 - Speeches (Prepared & Impromptu)
 - Creed
- ❖ FCS Family Consumer Science (Qualifiers for Western National Roundup for Seniors) (SPRING)
 - Fashion Revue – Modified or Purchased
 - Fashion Revue – Constructed – Use wool to make and enter Make-It-With Wool (NOV) / All Fair Fashion Shows also
 - FCS Presentations (Consumerism – can tie non-FCS projects in this way)
 - Consumer Decision Making
 - FCS Quiz Bowl
 - FCS Skill-a-Thon
- ❖ MARICOPA COUNTY FAIR – EXHIBITORS COMMUNICATION CONTEST (APRIL)
- ❖ COMMUNICATIVE & EXPRESSIVE ARTS - Topics must be project related with minor exceptions. (CAN TIE IN TO MULTIPLE PURPOSES AND PROJECTS)
 - Creative Writing (Poem / Story / Play)
 - Formal Writing (Resume / Essay / Research Paper)
 - Public Speaking (Written Speech / Video Performance)
 - Journalism (News Article / Newsletter)
 - Computer Creations (PowerPoints / Excel / etc.)