

4-H Club Reporters and Teen Leaders are the individuals most likely to be responsible for newspaper press releases or newsletter articles for their club. The following are some examples of press releases or news articles that these individuals may find helpful when selecting subject matter and information for their news articles.

### Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club Open for Enrollment

By Jim Harris, 4-H Club Teen Leader

The Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club is open for enrollment of members and 4-H Leaders. The Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club is a multi-interest 4-H Club with leaders teaching projects in the areas of Forestry, Sportfishing, Electricity, Entomology, Horse and Cooking. Highlights from last year include the fairgrounds beautification Community Service Project, the January sledding party, the club exchange Valentines party and the end of the year picnic and swimming party.

Entering 4-H projects to be judged at the fair was another highlight of the year for 4-H members. Forestry exhibits included displays of tree rings and collections of forest tree leaves and seeds or cones. Sportfishing members exhibited the lures they had made. Members enrolled in Electricity had made electric buzzers. Entomology exhibits included insect collecting equipment, insect collections and a display about insect life cycles. Dutch Oven Cooking exhibits included recipe books, deep dish pie and dutch oven dill bread. Horse members excelled in the one-on-one evaluations and interviews. The club displayed all their work incorporated into a booth display in the 4-H building.

If this sounds like fun to you... we have room for more families, more 4-Hers and more 4-H Leaders. . Come join us in 4-H, a youth development program offered to you through the University of Idaho and the Gem County Extension Office. The sky is the limit on project areas to learn from or teach. Those project areas listed are not the only projects available. If you have an interest in belonging to

Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club or teaching a project area please call John Smith at 888-1234 or call the Extension Office at 365-6363.

### Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club Sets Goals - Elects Officers

By David Jones, 4-H Club Reporter

The Tumbleweed Kids 4-H club met to hold elections and set their goals for the year. Officers for this year are: Jim Harris – President, Sara Carr – Vice President, Amy Brown Secretary, Jill Smith Treasurer, Bob Harris Sergeant At Arms, David Jones – Reporter, Susan White – Historian, Sally Smith – Corresponding Secretary, Jim Green – Recreation and Jane Brown – Song Leader.

Some of the goals that were set are to have all parents attend at least three club business meetings, have a holiday party and end of the year party, have a guest speaker at one meeting, go on a tour, all members take part in judging, have a float in the parade and attend Recognition Night.

### Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club News

By David Jones, 4-H Club Reporter

The Tumbleweed Kids 4-H club has been very busy. The Gardening project has met three times. They have learned about how to plan a garden and looked through seed catalogs at different seed varieties available. Master Gardener Jan Brown spoke to the group about composting with earthworms.

The Sewing Project has learned how to select the right size pattern. Sally Jones came to the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and spoke to us about “Your Personal Palette”, choosing the best colors for our skin tone. We went to the fabric shop and purchased fabric for the shorts we are making.

In the Wildlife project, members have learned what a “habitat” is and the three requirements that all wildlife need. Jim Harris gave a demonstration on “How to Build a Bluebird House”. Amy Brown gave a demonstration on “Casting Animal Tracks”. The project group will tour the Birds of Prey to learn

about raptors and endangered species. Members participating in these projects include Amy Brown, Jane Brown, Sarah Carr, Jim Green, Bob Harris, Jim Harris, David Jones, Jill Smith, Sally Smith, and Susan White.

#### Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club Garden Tour

By Jim Harris, 4-H Club Teen Leader

The Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club garden project group set up a tour day and last Saturday visited every member's garden. Each 4-H member guided us through their garden explaining what had been planted in each area. The tour ended at the Jones' house for hot cocoa and cookies to talk about the different gardens and to see the plants that Mr. Jones has started in his greenhouse. Each member got to choose a flower seedling to take home. 4-H members taking part in the tour included David Jones, Bob and Jim Harris, Jim Green and Sarah Carr.

#### Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club to Help Food Bank

By David Jones, 4-H Club Reporter

The Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club is conducting a food drive for the Food Bank. Members of the club have set up donation points at the supermarket and at the hardware store. Anyone wanting to donate a canned food item for the food bank can leave it at the specially marked box just inside the door.

#### Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club Help Food Bank

By David Jones, 4-H Club Reporter

The Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club conducted a food drive to help the Food Bank as a service-learning project. During the last three months they collected three cartons of canned food. In addition, they had a bake sale and earned money for a donation to the Food Bank. Members taking part in the food

drive were David Jones, Bob and Jim Harris, Jim Green, Sarah Carr, Sally Smith, Amy and Jane Brown, Jill Smith and Susan White.

### Tumbleweeds Kids 4-H Club News

By David Jones, 4-H Club Reporter

The May meeting of the Tumbleweed Kids 4-H Club was held during the club picnic. All members and their parents were present. Highlights of the meeting include Sally Smith's demonstration on "Clipping Curves and Seams" and David Jones' demonstration on "How to Build a Cold Frame". Sarah Carr reported on 4-H Camp Counselor Training. Jim Green, Bob Harris, Jane Smith, David Jones and Susan White volunteered to be on the committee to plan the fairbooth display. The meeting was adjourned to eat dinner and play games. Jill Smith won the doorprize.