

4-H For Kodiak Youth

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HARVEST FESTIVAL BRINGS PUMPKINS AND FUN TO THE KODIAK COMMUNITY



October was a busy month preparing for the Harvest Festival Fundraiser. Once again, we had a very successful event. From start to finish, we had a lot of friendly helpers along the way. Our hard working 4-H crew would like to thank Matson, Nick's Auto Wrecking Salvage & Metal Recycling, Kodiak Rodeo & State Fair, Threshold Services Inc., Bells Flats Poultry, Bella Aqua Photography, The Kodiak Baptist Mission, and of course all of our volunteers who came out to help. Without all of you, our Harvest Festival fundraiser would not be possible, and not nearly as fun either. THANK YOU KODIAK!

4-H IN THE COMMUNITY



4-H National Youth Science Day - Incredible Wearables

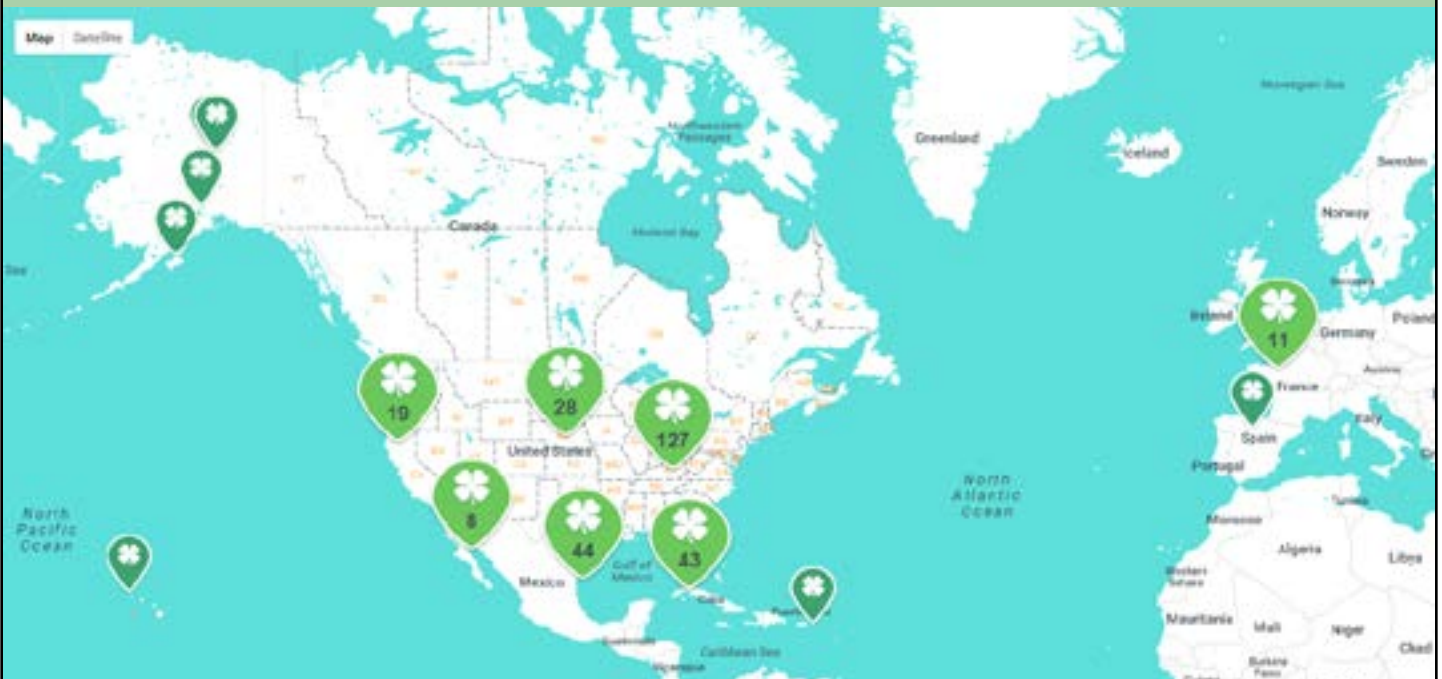


4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) is the world's largest youth-led science experiment.

Every year thousands of youth take part in the National Science Challenge focusing on important STEM topics and issues. This year's 4-H NYSD event took place on October 4, 2017, and was centered around the Incredible Wearables Kit.

Youth in Kodiak had the opportunity to have fun at the Kodiak Public Library (pictures below) while building wearable fitness trackers. Kodiak 4-H also donated several kits to local schools.

Check out the map below to see who else participated around the world!



4-H PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

Sustainable Living

Kodiak 4-H is happy to introduce Tonya Lee as a new 4-H leader this year. She is working together with a group of Kodiak youth to help them learn about sustainable living in our community. Here's what has been going on with their group so far.

Sustainable Living has had two meetings this program year. The first one met at the Kodiak Public Library for introductions, goal setting ideas and a chance to enjoy part of the Scandinavian festival's tipi or "lavvu" set up in the library. The second meeting was at Alutiq Artist Coral Chernoff's shop where kids were shown some of her best practices for sustainable living, using all parts of an animal, and respect for the land and wildlife. The kids were able to comb, spin, and dye wool from Kodiak's Faith Farm's sheep, thanks to Coral (photos below).

They are planning two meetings in December to make Holiday gifts for their Sustainable Living group.

Photo at top: Kids pretend to live the "old way" in a lavvu, similar to a Native American tipi. This was set up as a demonstration of the Swedish Sami culture at the Kodiak Public Library during the recent Scandinavian Festival.

Additional photos show the Sustainable living kids practicing their new skills of combing wool and dyeing pieces of combed wool at Coral Chernoff's shop.



4-H PROJECT UPDATES

Fiber Arts

In Fiber Arts we have 11 happy artists exploring fibers right now. Working with cloth, yarn, wool and similar to explore creative expression is a unique and useful outlet.

We are hoping to soon complete bags to hold these masterpieces in progress. The project bags will be beautiful looking like creatures and nature in felted wool. We are exploring knitting at the moment and have already made pompoms and completed some wet felting. I am learning much with everyone when Chris Lynch provides expertise monthly. We will soon pursue machine felting, crochet, sewing, and needle felting. A generous donation recently boosted our supply of wool yarn and should hold out for the rest of this project.

I am hearing more and more appreciation for the handmade items that each of the 4-Hr's have received from grandparents and loved ones. Getting the feel of the time and passion that goes into a project is a new understanding for the love and care that comes with such a gift. I am so pleased to be part of passing on the skills and understanding to a group of excited artists. Each week provides new opportunities and understanding for all of us. - Dana

4-H PROJECT UPDATES

Cloverbuds

At 25 members strong, our 5-8 year old 4-H'ers are having a blast! So far this year, we've met twice: once to get to know each other and the animals on Miss Barbara's farm and to make SLIME, and the next meeting we learned about chicken feathers and used them to make pine cone turkeys. Our next meeting will be December 18th at 4 PM, and we'll be making all sorts of gifts for our parents.



Teen Leaders

Teen Leaders are just getting their project started for the year as new members are still signing up. They will be hosting the December All members meeting with a community service project and a fun annual gift exchange. - Lisa

Small Animals

Small Animals held our first meeting in November where we examined chicken feather patterns and made holiday decorations with them. Our next meeting will be Dec. 15 at 4 pm at Ms. Barb's house where we will make soap. -Libby

Rifle

Our group has been meeting weekly since October and we've had about 5 different members give presentations. We have been learning sight picture, parts of the rifle, parts of a cartridge, bench, prone and sitting position. One 4-H member, Isaac Beaver, participated in the KISA turkey shoot.

Special shout out to my coaches, Eileen, Kevin, Jen and Claudia! Also thanks to Mike Schilbach for helping be a Range Officer during some Saturdays for us. A HUGE thank you to parents for bringing members to meetings and being dedicated!! - Velma



Horse/Horse Lovers

We have met twice so far - first we learned about getting horses ready for winter and made ghost horses. We've also learned about horse nutrition, and got to make our horse friends treats! We will be sending hay samples for nutritional analysis, let us know if you want us to send yours too! We're planning to have another meeting before Christmas to make cookies and learn about horse colors. Stay tuned for more details.

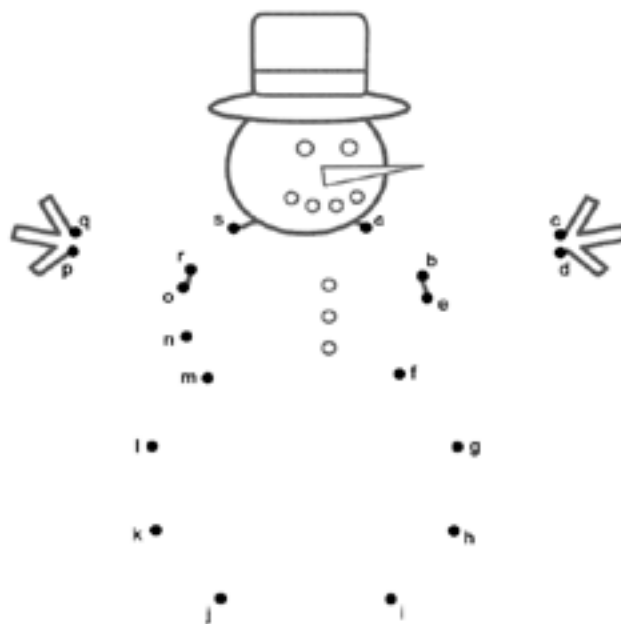


Gardening, Quilting and Creative Writing

Stay tuned for details on upcoming meetings.



Kids Corner



Practice your letters by connecting the dots above!
Ready for a real challenge? Find the Four Leaf Clover...Time yourself
and try to beat your parent's time.



Kids Craft Corner

Holiday Gift Ideas for Teachers, Parents & Friends

Friendship Bean Soup Mason Jar



INGREDIENTS

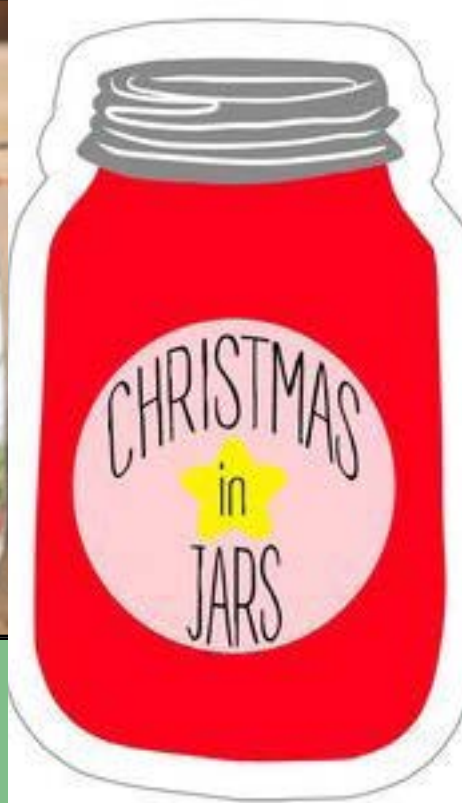
*Makes approximately 6 servings

- 1/4 C. white beans
- 1/4 C. kidney beans
- 1/4 C. split peas
- 1/4 C. pinto beans
- 2 tbs. barley
- 2 tbs. parsley
- 2 tbs. minced dry onion
- 1-2 beef bouillon cubes
- 1 tbs. dried bay leaves
- 1 pint jar

Add the seasonings to a baggie & tie closed. Layer all dry ingredients in the jar, put baggie on top and close the jar.

Print the gift tag and attach to the jar.

Tag available at: <https://www.freebiefindingmom.com/12-days-of-diy-gifts-in-a-jar-friendship-bean-soup-mason-jar-gift/>



For more Christmas in Jar Ideas for your own gifts, check out [THIS WEBSITE](#)



REMINDER
We will have a friendly gift exchange at our next all member meeting **December 11th!**

Mason Jar Lid Ornament

Cut out wrapping paper to size:



Glue paper inside lid:



Thread twine through paper:



Hang/Give to Hang!



4-H OFFICE UPDATES

Hello 4-H Families & Friends,

We are off to a great start to our new 4-H program year. We have over 60 Kodiak youth enrolled in our program this year, with active project opportunities this fall including Cloverbuds (ages 5-8), Fiber Arts, Horse/Horse Lovers, Small Animals, Sustainable Living & Shooting Sports- Rifle. The quilting group is about to get started, and Creative Writing will kick off later this winter. Gardening will have a meeting soon, and really gear up later this winter into spring. I am so excited to be working with such a diverse and friendly group of volunteers from our community, who make it so we can provide these opportunities to our youth.

As Velma mentioned in her project update, we really owe a big thank you to the parents out there who commit to bringing their kids to our project meetings. I only hope that their smiles and achievements throughout the year make it worth the effort. THANK YOU!

As we move into winter, please keep track of meeting notices on facebook, our online calendar and via e-mail/ phone. Presentation Day is scheduled for March 26th, so our leaders will be working with their members soon to start getting ready for that, if they haven't already. Seniors and Graduating Seniors, before you know it we will have our announcement out for Scholarship Opportunities - so be on the look out.

I continue to look for new partnerships with people and organizations so that we can grow 4-H not only in our own community but on a statewide level. If you have ideas, let me know! Stop by and see me at the Kodiak Civics Action Fair this Friday at Kodiak College. If you're interested in volunteering for 4-H, this would be a great opportunity for you to learn more. We'll be there from 12-2.



Upcoming Community Service Events:

Each Year, 4-H members join together for bell ringing at Walmart or Safeway. We will have a sign-up sheet on December 11th at our holiday meeting.

Thank You!

Matson, Inc.

Nick's Auto Wrecking Salvage & Metal Recycling

Kodiak Rodeo & State Fair

Threshold Services Inc.

Bells Flats Poultry

Bella Aqua Photography

The Kodiak Baptist Mission

Kodiak Island Shooting Association

Kodiak Real Estate Professionals

Coral Chernoff

Suttliff's

Kodiak Public Library

The Rookery

And all of our other supporters this year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, December 1st

Kodiak Civic Action Fair
Kodiak College
12-2 PM

Come find out about volunteer opportunities in Kodiak!



Monday, December 4th

Leader's Meeting
KSMSC Building 6 PM



December 11th

ALL MEMBER MEETING
Holiday Party & Election of Officers
6 PM at Kodiak Middle School Commons. Please bring a pre-wrapped gift under \$10.



December 19-January 2

4-H office closed



January 8

Leader's Meeting

KSMSC Building, 6 PM



January 15th

Stay Tuned for more information about our All Member ACTIVITY NIGHT!



Happy Holidays



For a current and updated list of upcoming events, visit our online calendar anytime at <http://www.alaska4h.org/kodiak-4-h-calendar.html> or contact our office:

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Stop by at KSMSC Building on Near Island Mondays & Thursdays to say Hi!