

# NATRONA COUNTY 4-H

2011 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD, CASPER, WY 82604

Dear New NC 4-H Family:

Welcome to Natrona County 4-H! You have just enrolled in one of the greatest youth development programs in the nation. In fact, with over 6.8 million youth involved nationwide, 4-H is the largest out-of-school educational program in the United States.

The purpose of this welcome letter and information packet is to give you an overview of the opportunities and resources available to help your family have an incredible experience in 4-H. Keep in mind that this is only an overview. Your best way to stay informed is to read the Natrona County 4-H Newsletter and the emails sent to you from the 4-H office. Your family will start receiving the newsletter to the email you provided in your ZSuite account when you enrolled in 4-H.

The 4-H program is large and the opportunities so vast that it can sometimes seem a little overwhelming when you are new. Just keep in mind that your family's 4-H experience can be tailor-made to fit your goals, schedule and interests. That is one reason 4-H is such a great program for Natrona County families; you can be involved as a whole family, learning and growing together.

When describing 4-H to someone new, we often use the analogy of a "super department store". 4-H is like a "store" full of wonderful, fun, positive educational programs. There are workshops, projects, contests, and other activities for 4-H youth to participate in, learn, and enjoy. It up to your family to decide what and how much you want and to determine what things fit into your schedule and your budget.

Your club leader and extension staff members are like the "greeters" at the front of the store to help you find what you need. We are here to answer your questions, so please do not hesitate to call. Keep in mind that the leader in your club is a volunteer. Like all of us, your club leader is more than willing to do his or her part. But, your leader also wants help. Your club will be able to accomplish so much more if parents and guardians share some of the responsibilities with the leader. Ask your leader what you can do to support your child's club. If we all take a small piece of the pie, it makes everyone's involvement more manageable and fun!

The Extension office is located at 2011 Fairgrounds Road in Casper. Office hours are M-F, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Our telephone number at the office is 307.235.9400...Karlene, Quincy, or myself are happy to help you with questions and help guide you in the NC 4-H program.

Again, welcome to Natrona County 4-H!

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