



# DELTA COUNTY 4-H

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Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children.

Walt Disney

## ENROLLMENT DEADLINE APPROACHES!

Members and leaders must be enrolled by Friday, May 1, 2009 to be able to participate in their county fair! *Project additions and deletions must be in by this time also!*


The fee for members 8-18 years of age enrolling in 4-H in 2008-2009 is \$30.00\* for two projects. An additional fee of \$5.00 per project beyond the first two will be charged. Cloverbud enrollment is now \$20.00 per member. *\*This fee is for enrollments received or postmarked on or before February 1, 2009. All regular member enrollments received after February 1, 2009 will be assessed an additional late fee of \$5.00. Late fees do not apply to Cloverbud enrollments, new member enrollments or leader enrollments.*

If a member was enrolled before February 1<sup>st</sup> and adds projects after that date the member does not have to pay the \$5.00 late fee, this is due to the fact that the member is already enrolled. The late fee only applies to original enrollments and re-enrollments that were not received by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

ALL 4-H leaders, whether they are returning or new, Organizational Leaders or Project Leaders, need to be sure to enroll in 4-H for the current year! You must enroll to receive manuals, newsletters, and other information.

**ATTENTION: Delta County 4-H members MUST officially drop livestock, dog, and horse projects on or before May 1, 2009.**

Members who do not submit an enrollment form to the Delta County Extension Office showing that they have dropped one or more of these projects, and who do not turn in a completed record book, will not be allowed to enroll in that project area the following year.

  
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Area Extension Agent  
(4-H/Youth)

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## NEW RULES FOR COUNTY FAIR!

- Market animals to be exhibited in the Delta County Fair must be identified by an ear tag. Members of a sub-committee of the Delta County Fairboard will tag all animals.
- To be eligible for competition animals must have been the property of the exhibitor prior to showing them at the Fair: Beef - 180 days; Swine - 90 days, Goats/Sheep – 60 days.
- Market Beef are required to be weighed and tagged at the initial weigh-in.
- Market swine, sheep and goats will be tagged at the initial weigh-in; however members may choose not to weigh these animals at that time.
- Rate of Gain on market animals will be calculated to the hundredth for Rate of Gain awards.
- If a member chooses not to weigh their swine, sheep or goat at the initial weigh-in they are not eligible for the rate of gain award and will receive a zero for the Premier Exhibitor rate of gain category.

## FAIR CAMPING

Even though it is still early to be thinking about the Delta County Fair we wanted to let you know that Joyce Conger will coordinate the parking of campers during this event.

To reserve your spot, please call Joyce at 874-9197 or 216-7350.



## FREE GUIDES

## AVAILABLE

Hot off the presses! Your Delta 4-H Office has new informational brochures available for pick-up:

- General Livestock Project Guide
- Shooting Sports Member Reference Guide
- Shooting Sports Calendar
- Out of County Travel Guide
- You are a 4-H Parent! Now What?
- County Fair Guide




These guides are great to have on hand and – best of all! – they are free! Stop by and get yours today.

## LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN DATES

**Swine Weigh-in/Tag-in**  
May 2, 2009  
7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**Sheep/Goat Weigh-in/Tag-in**  
May 2, 2009  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

*New Dates!*



## SWINE, GOAT, AND SHEEP WEIGH-IN/TAG-IN DATE CHANGE

The new date for the Swine, Goat, and Sheep Weigh-in/Tag-in is Saturday, May 2, 2009. The pigs will be weighed or tagged from 7 to 10 AM, and the goats and lambs will follow from 10 to noon. Members will have the option to tag and/or weigh their animals. All members must have enrolled previous to the tag/weigh date. If you have any questions, please contact the Delta 4-H Office at 874-2198.

## LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOK EVALUATIONS

In 2009, Delta County 4-H will be implementing a new procedure to evaluate 4-H livestock record books. The criteria will be the same, but the way we actually review the record books will be different. Up to now, we have requested the cooperation of area judges to help us evaluate these record books to make sure they all comply with the 70% completion requirement. These judges take these record books home and return them to the extension office within a two to three week period. Judges receive a \$2.00 compensation for every record book they evaluate.

The new method, which in fact is common to many other counties, is to ask for the cooperation of a group of local livestock leaders, superintendents, and other adult volunteers with expertise in 4-H livestock projects, arrange for them to meet for an evening, go over an orientation of how to conduct the evaluation, and get all the record books evaluated at one time. In addition to finishing this task on a timely manner, we expect to also have more consistency in the way the record books would be evaluated.

At this time, we're inviting 4-H leaders with expertise in the various livestock projects, to please call Isaac at 874-2198 so we can add you to the list of judges who will be assisting us in this task. The expected date to evaluate these books is mid September.

### **COLORADO 4-H BEARS FOR SALE!**

*(Proceeds benefit the Delta County 4-H Foundation!)*

Delta County 4-H has a very limited supply of Einstein the 7" 2009 4-H bear available for you to purchase for the low price of \$9.00!

These collectible bears are great for fans of 4-H and teddy bear collectors! Supplies are limited and will be on a strictly first come, first served basis. Proceeds from the sale of these bears go to the Delta County 4-H Foundation!

## THE WORLD IN BLACK AND WHITE (WITH SOME SHADES OF GREY)

Due to the tightening of our budget we will no longer print postcard notifications in color. You will still receive notification however they won't be the colorful postcards you used to receive. Please continue to watch for these in the mail, post them on your fridge, and attend the events!

### **RETINAL IMAGING OF STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS**

In 2009, Delta County will join a number of counties in Colorado in the use of retinal imaging to identify all beef, goat, and sheep state fair market projects. Similar to previous years, members planning to nominate any of these projects for state fair will need to fill out a nomination card at the initial weigh-in/tag-in. At a later date to be announced, these animals will need to be taken to a location to be identified with the actual retinal scanning probe.

A retinal scan is a biometric technique that uses the unique patterns of an animal's retina to identify them. Because of the complex structure of the capillaries that supply the retina with blood, each animal's retina is unique. Research has proven that this technology is a superior method for positively identifying these animals. The retinal scanning system to be used will allow us to document time, date, and location of animals enrolled. A record of the animal's retina scan will be kept on file. When the animal arrives at state fair, officials will be able to scan the animal again to verify that it is the same animal that was originally enrolled.

More details about this program will be provided to members planning to nominate animals for State Fair.

# ENTER TO WIN ONE OF TWO EASTER BASKETS!

The Delta Extension Office will be accepting entries by mail, or at the office, for two lucky people to win one of two Easter baskets. Both baskets contain Easter candy and other fun Easter items. One basket is designed for members and the other is for adults!

To enter fill out the form below and return it to your local Extension Office or stop in, give the baskets a look, and enter at the Office. (Mailing address for the Delta Extension Office is 525 Dodge Street, Delta CO 81416.) *Xeroxed copies of entry forms WILL NOT be accepted!* One entry per person per day will be accepted. Need not be enrolled in 4-H to enter. Contest ends April 3, 2009.

Winners will be notified by phone.



**Please print legibly!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Youth      Adult

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please be sure to add a contact phone number! (This is how all winners will be notified.) Send entries to Delta County 4-H, 525 Dodge Street, Delta CO 81416.

Need not be present to win. Contest ends April 3, 2009. *Xeroxed copies of entry forms will not be accepted!*



# A TO Z PHRASES OF PRAISE

Want to let your kids (or your parents!) know how great you think they are? Try using some of these when you are talking to or about them!

- A**wesome!
- B**reathtaking!
- C**ool!
- D**elightful!
- E**xceptional!
- F**antastic!
- G**reat!
- H**ow thoughtful!
- I**'m proud of you!
- J**ust what we need!
- K**eep up the good work!
- L**ove it!
- M**agnificent!
- N**ice going!
- O**utstanding!
- P**henomenal!
- Q**uality work!
- R**emarkable!
- S**ensational!
- T**errific!
- U**nique!
- V**ery impressive!
- W**onderful!
- eX**cellent job!
- Y**ou're so talented!
- Z**owie! You're the best!



**You are here to enrich the world.**

## AND THE WINNER IS. . .

The winners of the Beef Roast Ticket Sales contest are:

1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall & 1<sup>st</sup> Place Junior –  
Adam Sheldon

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Junior –  
Tyler Simpson

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Overall & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Junior –  
Abigail Conley



1<sup>st</sup> Place Senior –  
Elizabeth Baier

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Senior –  
Rebekah Davis

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Senior –  
Megan Myers

Salem will receive a check for \$100.00. His total sales were \$764.00. Way to go Salem!

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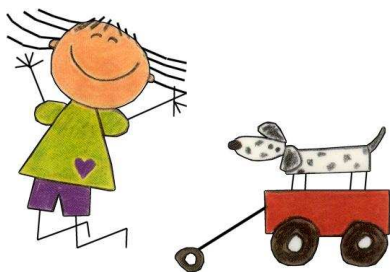
The winning clubs for the Club Ticket Sales Contest are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Prairie Rangers 4-H Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Bell Creek Buckaroos 4-H Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Saddle Mountain 4-H Club

Hooray!  
It's Spring!



## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 19-25, 2009

We believe that Delta County 4-H has the best team of volunteer leaders around.

We thank all of you for your time, expertise, patience and enthusiasm! You are terrific!

### Ways to celebrate your volunteers:

- ☺ Organize an ice cream social for your volunteers (and don't make them clean up)!
- ☺ Say "Thank You" for all the help your 4-H leaders have given you.
- ☺ Have a pizza party for your teen volunteers.
- ☺ Write thank-you notes to volunteers telling them how much you appreciate what they do.
- ☺ Make jars of brownie mix, cookie mix, or hot chocolate mix and give them out to your volunteers.
- ☺ Hand out "coupons" to volunteers good for a service (dusting, vacuuming, washing the car, etc...) that you will provide for them.

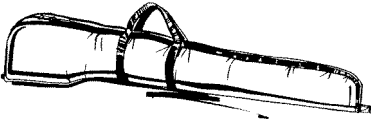
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✿ Make a World of Difference ✿

## **Shooting Sports Member Guide**

The 4-H Shooting Sports Member Guides are now available from your Delta County Extension Office. Stop in and pick yours up today!



### **2009 DELTA COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS**

The following is a list of the 4-H/FFA members who will be helping out the Department Superintendents at the 2009 Delta County Fair. We look forward to working with all of them!

Beef	Aaron Hudson, Carissa Sidor
Sheep	Ross LeValley, Nikki Burhdorf
Swine	Tyler Eckstine, Jeff Sidor, Toni Conger
Goat	Kadin Dunham, Tory Welt
Horse	Chelsea Hotchkiss, Thayne Clement
Rabbits	Tory Welt
Poultry	Bryn Marah
Dog	Caeden Quist
Llama	Toni Conger
Heritage Hall	Bryn Marah, Mari Conger

### **HORSE MEMBER ORIENTATION**

The Delta County 4-H Horse Leaders Council has scheduled a Horse Project Member Orientation Meeting for Friday, April 3, 6:00 P.M., at Memorial Hall in Hotchkiss. The purpose of the meeting is to inform members, parents, and leaders of the changes for the 2009 Horse Fair Show. Members will also learn of the schedule of horse clinics planned for this year, levels testing, record book requirements, Junior rodeo schedule, premier exhibitor award, and fair entry requirements. All members, parents, and leaders are welcome to attend. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

### **HORSE LEADERS MEETING**

The next Delta County 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2009, 6:30 P.M., at the Delta Extension Office. We will discuss the Member Orientation Program, Fairbook, County Fair Horse Show, confirm judges for fair, and review horse clinic schedule. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER MEETING**

The next Delta County 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting is schedule for Monday, April 6, 2009, 6:30 P.M. in Room 234 at the Delta County Courthouse. We will discuss practice schedules, leader trainings, range improvements, and the Delta County 4-H Invitational Shoot.

### **SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBER PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Here is the Delta County 4-H shooting sports practice schedule for this month. A complete schedule of all practices and other shooting sports events is available at the Delta Extension office.

- April 4<sup>th</sup> – All discipline practice – Eckert Range - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Muzzleloading, Air Pistol, .22 & Air Rifle – Stengels Range, Hotchkiss – 6:00 PM
- April 16<sup>th</sup> – Shotgun & Archery – Stengels Range – Hotchkiss – 6:00 PM
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – All discipline practice – Eckert Range - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- April 28<sup>th</sup> – Muzzleloading, Air Pistol, .22 & Air Rifle – Stengels Range, Hotchkiss – 6:00 PM
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – Shotgun & Archery – Stengels Range – Hotchkiss – 6:00 PM

## HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

A Hunter Safety Class has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 4-5, 2009, from 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Heritage Hall on the Delta County Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss. The fee for the class is \$10.00, payable at the door. A Hunter Safety Card is required of all members planning to shoot at county fair and state fair. For more information please contact Beri at 527-6270.

## 2009 BEEF ROAST FEEDS 1,956 PEOPLE

Delta County 4-H'ers served approximately 1,956 dinners at their 59<sup>th</sup> annual 4-H Beef Roast, Sunday, March 9, 2008. The once-a-year 4-H fund-raising activity served 1,131 meals at Hotchkiss High and 825 at Delta Middle School.

Delta County 4-H members, leaders, parents and the Extension Service would like to thank all volunteers for their work in helping prepare and serve the meal. We also wish to thank all of the patrons of the Beef Roast from the Tri River Area that joined us in a delicious meal! These fabulous friends of 4-H are supporting the Delta County 4-H program by generously giving their time and through financial contributions at this annual 4-H event.

## FASHION REVUE, CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION & DECORATE YOUR DUDS JUDGING

The 2009 Delta County 4-H Fashion Revue, Clothing Construction & Decorate Your Duds judging has been set for Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 8:30 AM, at the Delta Center for the Performing Arts. Tri River Area leaders are presently working on scheduling clinics to help members who have enrolled in these projects. The dates of these clinics will be announced in the May newsletter.



## COUNTY FAIR DOG SHOW DATE CHANGE

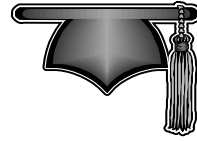
The Delta County Fairboard has approved a change in the date of the Delta County Fair Dog Show. For a number of years this show has been held on Thursday, but starting this year it has been moved to **3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**. The change has been made to avoid noise distractions caused by the cars preparing for the Demolition Derby.

## HORSE CLUBS ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO FAIR SHOW

The Delta County 4-H Horse Leaders' Council is asking all 4-H clubs with horse project members to help raise funds to provide prizes for horse project members at the Delta County Fair Horse Show. The Fairboard will continue to sponsor ribbons and awards for top placings, however the Horse Leaders' Council would like to generate resources to recognize all horse project members for their accomplishments. The Council recognizes that the horse project is an intensive year-round commitment and that even when members don't obtain top placings, they should be recognized for the hard work.

The recommended contribution per club is \$100.00. These funds are to be brought to the Delta Extension Office by June 1, at the time the \$2.00 per horse fee is turned in with horse ID forms. Clubs unable to contribute this amount are asked to please help with as much as they can. The club making the highest contribution will receive a complimentary horse clinic by a qualified trainer.

# Delta County 4-H Foundation Scholarships



## Eligibility:

- ✓ You must be a graduating member of the class of 2009 from a school program located in Delta County, Colorado.
- ✓ You must plan on attending a university, community college, vocational center, or other type of learning institution in the fall following graduation.
- ✓ You are required to participate in the current year Delta County Fair.
- ✓ You must be currently enrolled in the Delta County 4-H Program your graduating year of high school and complete all 4-H and project requirements for that year.

Interested high school seniors who meet the above requirements need to contact the Delta County Extension Office at 874-2195 for more information, application requirements, and an application form. **Applications are due by April 3, 2009.**

*These scholarships are intended to provide financial assistance to deserving students, but are not intended to cover all expenses.*



