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A Message From the State 4-H Director

As someone who had an Animal Science degree and no formal training in teaching, I found myself in a Texas county Extension office in January 1983 with the job of being an Extension educator. That was a rude awakening, but I quickly discovered something. It was big fun to see that *light bulb* turn on over someone's head! That's what we do in Extension and in 4-H work. We turn *light bulbs* on over people's heads. We help people learn and we help people see the world a little bit differently. What a great way to spend your life — by making a difference in other people's lives. And, that's what 4-H volunteer leaders do. They make a difference in young people's lives. I know that many 4-H leaders do not see themselves as teachers or educators. Many of you only see yourselves as meeting and event organizers — a *setter-upper* of tables and chairs. If you think your main mission as a 4-H leader is as a *setter-upper* of tables and chairs — stop, look in the mirror and tell yourself that the 4-H members in your charge are different because of your involvement in their lives. They are different because you taught them things — many things. Now that you understand that you're a teacher and an educator, start planning those teachable moments with your 4-H members. Plan to spring those educational traps on 4-H'ers. Don't just let them happen by accident. Make a conscious effort to have young people learn something every time you're with them. If you make an effort to be the 4-H teacher, kids will be different because of you. *Go be the teacher! Believe It!*

—Jeff Goodwin
 Colorado State University Extension
 4-H Youth Development Associate Director

Club Officer's Training

January 31, 2009 —10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We are hosting and leading an Officers Training and Leadership Workshop on January 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the CSU Extension office. There will be a general session on leadership and parliamentary procedure, followed by sessions for officers — President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter. Lunch will be provided! Please plan to attend! Register by calling (719) 583-6566 no later than January 26, 5:00 p.m. so we know how much food we will need!

Youth Council & Parent/Leader Group

When: Wednesday, January 7, 2009, 6:30
Where: CSU Extension Office, 212 W. 12th Street. Youth Council room 220; Leader Group room 410
Agenda: Future meeting times; plans for the new year; leader group budget review

If you need any special accommodation(s) to participate in the events listed in this newsletter, please contact Colorado State University Extension at 719-583-6566. Your request must be submitted at least five business days in advance of the event.

Colorado State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Pueblo County cooperating.
 Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

CRYSTAL DARKNESS—TV Special on Methamphetamine Use

Family Information You Won't Want to Miss – PLEASE Keep Your Family Safe!

On Wednesday, January 7th, 2009 the broadcasters of Colorado are teaming together to air a Telly and Emmy Award winning documentary called Childhelp Crystal Darkness aimed at fighting back against the scourge of crystal methamphetamine. Nearly every broadcaster in the state will be participating and they will be pre-empting all programming to air this in unison. It's an unprecedented event in the history of the state. You can learn about it at www.crystaldarkness.com.

Thanks to the generous donated participation by local broadcasters, the program airs at 6:30 p.m. on nearly every TV station in Colorado! Several radio stations will be airing an audio version at the same time. There is also a Spanish version of the documentary that will air on Spanish TV stations at 5:30 p.m. that same day.

It's VERY important that you make this the top priority for you and your family to watch this historic program. Invite neighbors and friends to watch it with you. Meth is a drug that is tearing apart families and communities and your children are being targeted. It's time for Colorado to fight back!

The documentary was filmed in Colorado at the end of October and features interviews with Governor Bill Ritter and the First Lady Jeannie Ritter as well as Attorney General John Suthers, and dozens of community leaders, law enforcement officials, recovery specialists and local recovering meth addicts.

Here's what you can do:

1. Call your friends and family and encourage them to watch the program.
2. Print out the flyer at www.crystaldarkness.com and distribute it to co-workers and other contacts.
3. Consider helping to contribute to the fundraising efforts of the local committee.
We are still raising the final funds to pay for the hard costs of this program. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Contact Childhelp Crystal Darkness Fundraising Chair John Giroux at 970-203-0284 or by e-mail at jg@familymtgco.com.
4. Encourage your church and other congregations to get involved by promoting the program during services and by printing out the flyer to distribute.
5. Get this in the hands of youth leaders, PTA groups, coaches, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and any others that work with youth to make sure our kids watch this program.
6. Call your local TV stations and thank them for this generous donation. In these difficult economic times, this is a huge gift to the state by the Colorado Broadcasters Association.
7. FINALLY...BY WATCHING THE PROGRAM WITH YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY.

The campaign was first initiated in Nevada and subsequent campaigns occurred with great success in Oregon , San Diego , Sacramento , New Mexico , El Paso , Ciudad Juarez (MX), Sonora (MX) and Arizona . There are now several dozen cities and states throughout the nation and beyond in various stages of developing their campaigns. Oklahoma airs its Childhelp Crystal Darkness campaign on January 13th. The program is international in scope with campaigns spreading throughout Mexico . Interest has also been initiated in the Philippines , Germany , Latvia , Nigeria , Kenya & Liberia .

You can learn more about the campaign by visiting www.crystaldarkness.com. Don't miss this historic program. This is Colorado 's chance to unite against the meth epidemic that is attacking our kids and destroying our communities.

Together we can fight back!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CSU Scholarships

To apply for most of the scholarships offered through Colorado State University for the 2009-2010 academic years, applicants should complete the CSU Scholarship Application available online at www.sfs.colostate.edu By submitting this one application form, students will be considered for all appropriate scholarships at the University level.

Many special scholarship are available to members. For more information on the below scholarships, go to: http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/scholarships/index.shtml

(The deadline for most of the following scholarships is April 1, 2009.)

- Barbizon School of Modeling Scholarship
- Colorado Agricultural Development Authority 4-H
- Youth Scholarship (CADA)
- Colorado State University Collegiate 4-H Scholarship
- Guide Dog Raising/Training
- Bill and Barbara Holthaus Family 4-H Scholarship
- Johnson and Wales University
- Kimberling Family 4-H Scholarship
- Masonic-Range Science Scholarship
- Portouw Family Scholarship
- Audrey Sandstead Scholarship
- Howard E. and Marjory M. Smith 4-H Scholarship

Pueblo County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline

Mark your calendars! The deadline to submit applications for the Pueblo County 4-H Scholarships is *June 4, 2009*. *Interview date to be announced.*

Additional Scholarship Opportunities

CSU-Pueblo has announced the Kane Scholarship – a four-year tuition and book scholarship (eight will be given) for Fall 2009 to one student at each Pueblo area high school. Interested students may complete the on-line scholarship application at www.colostate-pueblo.edu/sfs/scholarships

Chuck Urano Memorial Scholarship — Please see the December 2008 Newsletter for details

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Fair Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 29, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Where: CSU Extension Office—Room 410

Agenda: Committee and Council reports; Fair book

4-H Foundation Annual Meeting and Banquet

Reserve February 3, 2009, on your calendar for the 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting and Banquet. It will start at 6:00 p.m. at LaRenaissance, 217 E. Routt Avenue. Reservations and payment are due to the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2009. Cost is \$23.00.

Plan for the 4-H Speech Contest Now

January and February are the times to promote the 4-H Speech Contest. The contest will be held on February 17, 2009, with the location to be announced. Several levels of speech participation are provided 4-H members including impromptu, interpretative reading and regular speeches. Public speaking is one of the most valuable life skills 4-H teaches! There will be a speech workshop on February 2, 2009, at the Extension Office in room 410.

Washington Focus Meeting

When: January 28, 2009

Where: Extension Meeting Room, Social Services Building at 212 W 12th

Time: Committee meetings start at 7:00p.m.; General meeting begins at 7:15 p.m.

Remember, it is important to attend these meetings. If you cannot attend, you will need to call our office to be excused.

New Leader Training—Apply Now

Are you or someone you know interested in being a 4-H Volunteer as a club leader, project leader, activity leader or county project leader? If so, please call us for an application.

Contest Day—April 18, 2009 — Tentative Prepare Now!

Contest day includes the following categories:

- Creative Cooks
- Cake Decorating
- Demonstrations
- Performing Arts

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

COUNTY FAIR DATES July 10 — July 19, 2009

Travel, International Foods, Friendship and Desserts!

You can travel! You might even fly! You'll meet new people! You could eat Mexican food! Dessert is often included at no extra expense. How can you take advantage? Simple! We need agents and volunteers to chaperon for Western 4-H Roundup, National 4-H Conference and Citizenship-Washington Focus. Most expenses are covered once you get to Denver. Nominate yourself! Nominate others! We want YOU! Fill out an application now at:
http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/adult_chaperone.shtml. You must be a recognized 4-H volunteer to apply.

Usage Requirements for the Fairgrounds

The Colorado State Fair again has a decreased amount of staff, due to budget constraints. They have requested we continue the following protocol for our use of the facilities at the Fairgrounds:

- ◇ All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.
- ◇ Reservations/requests and building set up instructions must be made at least two weeks in advance of the event, using the appropriate form from the Extension office.
- ◇ If you cancel your event, you must notify the office and your club members.
- ◇ A club representative must pick up a key at the State Fairgrounds, the day of the event between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- ◇ Keys must be put in the drop box on the 4-H Exhibit Hall. Staff will no longer unlock or lock buildings.
- ◇ *The State Fairgrounds is closed on Mondays through April 2009*
- ◇ *You must make all building reservations through the Extension Office.*

Enrollment Policy

The following enrollment fee will be in effect for the 2008/2009 year:

A \$25.00 fee will cover the enrollment for up to two projects

One additional project can be added for \$5.00

Enrollment fee for Cloverbuds will be \$20.00

Beginning in the 2008-2009 4-H year, 4-H youth may enroll in no more than three

projects during one year. Each 4-H member is expected to complete **ALL** of the projects in which they are enrolled; that means completing a record book for each of those projects and exhibiting their project (preferably at the Pueblo County Fair except under special circumstances). We understand that each 4-H member and their family has time constraints, and by taking a reasonable amount of projects that can be completed, the member will feel successful, enjoy their 4-H experience, and increase their knowledge. If a family feels their 4-H member has the time and resources to take and complete more than three projects, they may talk with the 4-H staff.

Enrollment note: Youth may enroll in any unit of a project. For county fair, you *must* exhibit in the unit in which you are enrolled. For project descriptions and exhibit requirements, please visit our website and click on "4-H", then "eRecords" for the project eRecord selector.

4-H Organizational Club Leaders/Council Presidents and Treasurers will receive financial reporting forms in the mail. Please return the completed financial report, an inventory of all club or group-owned property and an updated copy of the club or group bylaws. Thank you!

- Financial Policy on 4-H Accounts

It is required that anyone handling money as a non-profit 4-H group must do a yearly audit and report. This report must include the club's finances as well as an inventory of all equipment. This yearly audit and report must be turned in to the CSU Extension/Pueblo County office. We are required by the IRS to have these on file.

- Bylaw Requirement

A Standard 4-H Club has the following by-law requirement: "A local club organization with necessary officers shall be formed. A constitution and bylaws with a completed dissolution statement must be adapted by the club and a copy filed with the local office." This dissolution statement must include the club's final assets as well as any equipment that the club owns. We must have an updated copy of your club's bylaws on file at the time you enroll or we will not process your enrollments. If you turned one in last year or in the past and there are no changes, you do not have to do another one. Thanks!

Returning 4-H members enrollments are due by February 17, 2009. New member enrollments and add/drops are due by March 16, 2009

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Livestock and Horse Policy Reminder

Beginning with the 2007-2008 year: **All livestock enterprise, horse, poultry and rabbit records must achieve a score of 70% or more to be eligible to show in that project or projects in the following year's Pueblo County Fair.**

Youth with e-Records not meeting the minimum requirement will be given one week after the grading of books to update/correct the book to meet the standard. Your 2009 E-record score will be used for eligibility to show in the 2010 Pueblo County Fair. *Anyone with a learning disability should provide us with a letter from your school Special Education Teacher.*

Livestock and Horse e-records (including rabbit and poultry)

DO NOT need to be pre-graded by the 4-H leader, but we will need leader verification that the record book is up-to-date and correct on June 8. A sticker will be provided for leaders to place on the record book showing verification that the 4-H leader has deemed the book acceptable. After County Fair all livestock books should be completed with all year end information and will be judged by the "round robin" grading process for scores. Completed e-records are *due in the CSUE office on September 9.*

NOTE: *The deadline to drop projects is March 16th by 5 p.m.* If you do not drop a livestock or horse project by that date, you are still responsible for completing the record book. This gives you an opportunity to set goals and plan ahead to complete your projects.

4-H/IRS Filing Requirements—FINALLY – Due Feb. 15th!

We now know that 4-H clubs must file the 990-N (the e-Postcard) with the IRS.

Qualifying Entities for inclusion under GEN 2704 are those 4-H entities that are:

1. duly authorized 4-H clubs and affiliated 4-H organizations that are under the control of Cooperative Extension and that
2. earn income or accept donations (the latter – for which donors want charitable-giving deductions)
3. excluding Army and Air Force clubs (because they do not handle money nor have bank accounts), and may include
4. those entities not earning income but for which the group has an EIN and is included under GEN 2704.

Qualifying Entities Typically Earning \$25,000 or Less File the 990-N E-Postcard

- Last year 4-H organizations were not being penalized for not filing the 990-N due to the massive changes in our national certification process. That does not extend into 2009.
- ALL eligible and qualifying organizations, which have been operating for at least one year, **MUST** file the 990-N on time (by the 15th day of the 5th month following the end of their tax period). *For all of our Colorado 4-H Clubs which operate on the October 1 - September 30 year, the filing deadline is February 15, 2009. That's us in Pueblo County!*
- *Some* organizations will not be successful in filing a 990-N in the near future. Reasons include that the organization is eligible for inclusion under GEN 2704, but their record is not listed under GEN 2704 with the IRS at this time.
- All organizations must keep documentation from the IRS in their files – including confirmation of successful filing and documentation of unsuccessful attempts to file the 990-N.
- This adage applies to making an effort to comply with the law: "It is better to try and fail rather than to never have tried at all."

Role of National 4-H Headquarters, USDA Regarding GEN 2704

National 4-H Headquarters, USDA cannot provide professional tax advice about filing tax forms nor alleviate penalties when 4-H subsidiaries do not follow instructions nor file properly.¹

Until the IRS completes their assessment of the tax status for GEN 2704 and new plans are in place with National 4-H Headquarters for 4-H tax exemption, National 4-H Headquarters is not accepting updates and additions to GEN 2704. In the meantime, *we ask counties to keep tracking changes to their 4-H subsidiaries' records.*

How do I Begin?

The link to submit an e-Postcard is: <http://epostcard.form990.org/>

Clubs will need their Employer Identification Number (EIN) to submit the postcard. There is a "Quick Menu" on the lower right side of the page which will answer all of the questions you might have about the process. Also, if you need help, just let Vanessa know. If you'd like you can come to the office, bring your information, and she can help you fill it out.

OPPORTUNITIES



2009 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE AND 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Mark your calendar to attend the Colorado 4-H Leadership and Development Conference (LDC) and 4-H Day January 24-26, 2009 in Denver! The conference will be held at the Denver Renaissance Hotel. We will put 2-4 people per room, depending on how many people from Pueblo County register. Registration is \$270 for each participant. This package includes: Saturday and Sunday nights lodging, LDC program costs, two breakfasts, team meeting tracts, lunch, banquet, speaker, dance and the Denver Nuggets game! Registration and money are due to CSUE by Friday, January 9th. *NOTE: the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation has budgeted \$1000 for the event. Upon return from the Conference, that money will be divided among youth participants as scholarships. Last year, individuals got over \$100 back.*

This years LDC agenda includes: Community Service Project creating school kits for underprivileged youth; IFYE presentation from the 2008 IFYE delegates; Numerous workshops; Dance; Banquet and Awards Presentation; and the Denver Nuggets Basketball Game. Monday, January 26, is 4-H Day at the Capitol where the legislature will issue the Proclamation for Colorado 4-H Day. Tours of the Capitol will be available as well as an information and question and answer session with legislators, aids and interns.

There will be an LDC Meeting on January 14, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

PLAN AHEAD—DATES FOR THE FUTURE

2009 District Retreat – March 20 – 22, 2009

In order for 4-H to have the camp to itself, District Retreat will be held at a new facility this year. Plan to join us and try out Silvercliffe Ranch, near Buena Vista, March 20 – 22! The cost is approximately \$115 per person.

2009 State 4-H Conference

NOTE DATES FOR 2009—State Conference for 2009 will be held the week of June 22-26, 2009, at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins.

Watch for more details for both the District Retreat and State Conference in upcoming newsletters.

Roundup In the Rockies – Western Regional Leader's Forum – Denver Colorado

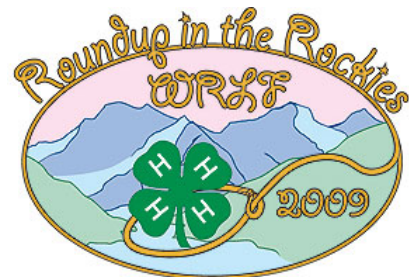
February 25 - March 1, 2009 Roundup your leaders and head to Denver for the Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum. Discover the trail which leads to fun and learning to take back to the herd at home.

Get a rope around personal skills you can use with 4-H'ers and gather up stray enthusiasm while having fun sharing ideas and developing skills. Clean the stable of old ideas and corral lots of new ones!

Join 400 volunteers from the 13 western states, Canada and the U.S. territories in the South Pacific at this great event. Don't miss the most energizing and educational forum for 4-H volunteers this side of the Rockies! Don't get left out of this roundup of hands-on experiences, sharing ideas, developing friendships, motivational speakers, and workshops to address your interests and challenges.

Grab your ropes, the ROUNDUP IS ON! *Early Registration has been extended to January 15, 2009!*

The registration for the WRLF is now on-line and ready! It can be reached through the Colorado 4-H website at <http://colorado4h.org/wrlf09>. There is a link under the Hotel and Travel to reserve rooms at the Denver Marriott complete with our hotel discount code. This is a great learning opportunity and the best news yet – it's within driving distance from Pueblo. Please let Vanessa or Carol know if you are planning to attend.



OPPORTUNITIES

Attention All 4-H Leaders and Junior Leaders

The 4-H after school programs at Beulah Heights and Irving Elementary Schools will begin at the end of January. Sessions are usually one afternoon per week per school, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Children in these programs need youth and adults who are good role models, enthusiastic about learning, and like to have **FUN**. Please call Pam at 583-6566 by January 15, 2009 if you will be able to share your leadership with one or both of these programs.

Skills needed:

- Ability to work with small groups of younger youth
- Ability to take direction
- Responsibility
- Above all teaching children how to have **FUN** while learning

NEW! Cloverbud Camp!!!

If you are an enrolled 4-H Cloverbud (ages 5-7 as of December 31, 2008) – PLAN NOW to attend Cloverbud Camp March 27th at the State Fairgrounds. The camp will be a day of fun, food, learning and activities! If you'd like to volunteer to help with the camp, call the Extension Office.

Adventure Day Camp

Our fourth annual Adventure Day Camp will be held June 9, 10, 11, 2009. Our 4-H sponsored Adventure Day Camp is held for non 4-H members. The campers will be placed in groups to experience hands-on learning, community service, and best of all having **FUN** with **YOU!** In order to make this camp successful, junior leaders (13 yrs. and older) and adult volunteers are needed!

Please check your calendars and call Pam at 583-6566 to volunteer!

Who: 4H members and adult leaders

When: June 9, 10, 11, 2009

Where: CO State Fairgrounds (first two days) Third day location is City Park

Time: 8:00 a.m.-4 p.m. (each day)

As a volunteer you will be required to attend a camp training on June 4, in the 4-H Auditorium at the Colorado State Fairgrounds. The date will be announced in the April newsletter.

If you would like to be a member of the planning committee, please call 583-6566 so you will be contacted for the meeting.

Youth Fest 2009 – Registration Forms Available

4-H Youth Fest is February 13-15 and is a camp for 9-13 year olds. The cost is \$110 per person. Camp is limited to the first 175 paid campers. It is held at Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center – North of Colorado Springs. We need to have one male chaperone for every 10 boys and one female chaperone per every 10 girls.

Workshops include Community Service, Leadership, Tie-dye and dance.

Money and paperwork are due in our office by 5 p.m. January 26th. Please call the office for registration forms or check the web site.

DOG

State Dog Committee

If you are interested in serving on the State Dog Committee, please contact Carol in the Extension Office for an application. The committee meets approximately two times per year and makes suggestions on record books, 4-H dog manuals and State Fair Requirements.

Dog Clubs in Pueblo County

For information about the various dog clubs in Pueblo County, contact:

Donna Darnell – 947-0615 – Mighty Dogs 4-H Club

Erin Sneed – 406-3393 – Pueblo Pups & Hounds

Gail Kingrey – Greenhorn Kickers – 489-3839 in Rye, Colorado or e-mail her at gkingrey@juno.com

The Truth About Dog Training

by Donna Duford, Dog Trainer & Behaviorist

- ◇ Dogs are honest
- ◇ Dogs do what works
- ◇ Dogs are obedient to the laws of learning
- ◇ If you want your dog to do something, find a way to make it pay off for him
- ◇ The floor is often more exciting than you are
- ◇ You must be more exciting than the floor, other dogs, or someone else's treats
- ◇ YOU ARE THE TRAINER – YOUR DOG'S SUCCESS DEPENDS ON YOU!!!

HORSE

COLORADO 4-H PREMISES REGISTRATION POLICY AND ANIMAL CARE AND HOUSING FORM

MANDATORY— The Colorado 4-H Youth Development Program's policy regarding livestock is: *All 4-H members with livestock and horse projects will be required to have a completed, signed, and approved "Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects" on file at their county Extension office at time of enrollment.*

Colorado 4-H believes this policy is a bold step forward to enhance the traceability of 4-H livestock and horse project animals in Colorado to a higher level than that of the past year. The animal care form insures that 4-H members do their own work on their livestock project animals. Moreover, use of this form captures information about species, location the animal(s) is housed, and contact information that can be used in an animal disease outbreak situation. This information will be held at the local level for use in an animal disease emergency.

*Each youth enrolled in the horse project must complete the form and return it to our office by the final enrollment deadline of March 16. **Please note: the form also includes places for the Premises Registration number(s) from NAIS, which is still required to exhibit at the 2009 Pueblo County Fair.***

Horse Committee Meetings

Any leader or parent interested in serving on the Horse Committee for 2009 should contact Carol in the Extension Office. Her email address is: kuhns@co.pueblo.co.us and phone number 583-6576. The next meeting will be January 8, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. in the Extension Office.

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW DATES FOR 2009: JANUARY 10-25

Horse Council Meeting

When: Tuesday, January 13, 7:00
Where: CSU Extension Office, 212 W. 12th Street, Suite 220
Agenda: Discussing committee changes and recommendations

Livestock and Horse Record Books Can Be Picked Up

We still have quite a few horse and livestock record books in the office. Please come by and pick them up as soon as you can. Thanks!!

Levels Testing

The levels program is a valuable tool for leaders and youth to determine (regardless of age) how you can evaluate a 4-H members' experience as a horse person. Levels testing is an important part of the 4-H Horse Project. Youth should be encouraged to "test up" if you as a leader feel they are ready.

Contact Carol in the Extension Office for more information on levels tests.

Pueblo County Horse Bowl and Horse Judging

Pueblo County is very fortunate to have three gifted and talented persons who are willing to work with the youth in the areas of Horse Bowl and Horse Judging.

Stephanie Jameson has again agreed to coach the Pueblo County Horse Judging Team. This team was very successful last year thanks to Mrs. Jameson's coaching.

Tim and Amy Decker have also agreed to once again work with any youth interested in the Horse Bowl. This is a fun and exciting way to learn about the horse project.

New Horse Rule Book for 2008/2009

There will be a new Horse Rule Book coming out soon for 2008/2009 – cost of the book has been raised to \$8.00. Each 4-H family should have a copy of this new rulebook. We will keep you informed as to when they will be available (soon, hopefully)

2009 Horse Show Dates

Level Training (for adults to be certified, and for youth to level up) — April 18 or 19

Spring Horse Show — May 16, 17, 2009 (Pueblo County Members ONLY)

Summer Horse Show — June 13, 14, 2009 (Open to all counties)
County Fair — July 11, 12, & 13 *TENTATIVE*

2009 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium

The 32nd Annual National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium, presented by the American Youth Horse Council (AYHC), will be held March 27-29, 2009 in Lincoln, Nebraska. The University of Nebraska will host the event. The 2009 event will boast more than two-dozen internationally and nationally respected presenters assembled to share their keys to successful youth horse programming and horse management. Attendees will find resources, referrals, and networking to improve their ability to *Help Connect Kids Through Horses*. A weekend program for teen leaders is always a favorite bringing youth participating in many different horse disciplines and breed activities together to learn leadership skills and effective horsemanship techniques.

Make your plans to join the youth horse industry in Nebraska in 2009! The conference facilities of the Holiday Inn in downtown Lincoln coupled with the educational and networking opportunities offered by top notch presenters make this a must attend event! For more information go to: <http://www.ayhc.com/symposium.htm> or call 800-TRY-AYHC or email info@ayhc.com.

LIVESTOCK

**Memorandum of Understanding
Effective October 1, 2008
Between the Colorado FFA Association and
Colorado State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program
Concerning 4-H and FFA Program Membership in the State of Colorado**

Agriculture Education/FFA and the 4-H Youth Development Program in Colorado exist to promote the maximum personal development of participants. To achieve this good and avoid program duplication, guiding principles must be understood and used by all professionals in each organization. We recommend that the following principles be used in carrying out each of the programs in Colorado.

1. Agriculture Education teachers should encourage students to enroll and re-enroll in the 4-H Program.
2. County Extension agents and adult volunteer 4-H leaders should encourage 4-H members to enroll in Agriculture Education classes available in local secondary schools and to become members of the Colorado FFA Association.
3. A member may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA or 4-H if they are members in good standing in both organization and the contest are not held simultaneously.
4. Members cannot exhibit the same animal in both FFA and 4-H Divisions during one program year.
5. If, because of disciplinary action, a 4-H member is classified as "not a member in good standing" FFA will honor that classification and not allow the member to show the 4-H Project animal in FFA for that project year. This will be a reciprocal agreement.

Signed,

Debra Young, Director of Extension, Colorado State University

Kenton Ochsner, State FFA Advisor, Colorado Community College System

Jeff Goodwin, Assistant Director, 4-H Youth Development Programs, Colorado State University

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 1, 2009!!

NEW – Loans Available For Livestock Projects

The Pueblo County 4-H Foundation, as a special project with Farm Credit Services, provides interest free loans of up to \$250 to Pueblo County 4-H and FFA members. Loans are available for qualifying members interested in getting started in a livestock project that will ultimately be shown and exhibited at the Pueblo County Fair. The program is designed to assist FFA and 4-H members who demonstrate thorough financial planning and a sincere commitment to become involved in the livestock industry.

LOAN GUIDELINES:

- Any FFA or 4-H member of an active FFA Chapter or 4-H Club in Pueblo County is eligible to apply for the loan. The application packet will include the following:
 - ◇ A Loan Application;
 - ◇ A Promissory Note form properly signed;
 - ◇ A letter addressed to the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation Loan Review Committee, requesting the loan and explaining how the funds will be used;
 - ◇ A budget projecting the use of the loan, income generated and ability to repay. Use the spreadsheet from Farm Credit Loan.
- Applications will be reviewed by a special Loan Review committee and **must** include all required signatures and complete information to be considered.
- The loan agreement between the applicant and the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation must be completed and forwarded to the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation, c/o Dr. Matt Braunschmidt, 1124 20th Lane, Pueblo, CO 81006 **by February 1, 2009.**
- The loan may be used for any qualified FFA or 4-H livestock project
- The FFA or 4-H member will be required to keep records of his/her project in an approved record-keeping system used in the agricultural education or 4-H program.
- The loans will be granted on a one-year basis.
- When the agreed term of the loan has expired, the borrower must repay the amount to the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation by December 31, of that year without interest, to keep the loan program available for others.
- The borrower (FFA or 4-H member) **MUST** submit with the final payment a written summary of how the funds were used to help with his/her project. Note: This information will be used by the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation as documentation to Farm Credit Services.
- Loans found to be in default will become the responsibility of the member and their parents/guardians. If found to be in default, a 10% penalty fee, based on the loan balance annually, may be assessed to the loan.

You can check the Pueblo County Extension website for an application, or, to have one emailed, write to pueblo2@ext.colostate.edu.

LIVESTOCK

Beef Weigh-In

When: February 7, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

Where: Location TBA

Please bring your bill of sale with you for the brand inspector. If you have questions regarding ownership, you may call the brand inspector, Gary Fellhauer, at 948-4231. Remember, in order to show market beef at the county or state fair, you must weigh your beef in at the beef weigh in. Youth must also be enrolled in the 4-H Market Beef project by that day.

Livestock and Horse Record Books Can Be Picked Up

We still have quite a few horse and livestock record books in the office. Please come by and pick them up as soon as you can. Thanks!!

Livestock Council Meeting

Livestock Council meetings will not be held until further notice. Please check the newsletter for dates/times.

Showcase Sale Committee

When: January 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Where: CSU Extension Office, 212 W. 12th Street, Suite 220

SHOOTING SPORTS

Pueblo County to Host February Shooting Sports Certification Training

We are pleased that the Pueblo County Shooting Sports Council has offered to host a shooting sports certification training February 20 – 22. Registration is \$85. This is a rare opportunity to easily get a large number of Pueblo County leaders certified without having to travel (which also means you don't have to pay for lodging!).

In order to be a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader, you must attend a Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Training. In order to attend the state training, you must be an authorized Pueblo County 4-H Volunteer and must have attended the county orientation. Vanessa must sign your state training application – please don't submit it directly or the State 4-H office will return it and you will not be registered. If you are already a trained leader in Pueblo County and would like to attend one of the trainings listed please call Vanessa at 719-583-6566. If you are not yet an authorized 4-H leader, please call the office for an application, so we can begin the process of your becoming a volunteer. Background checks and orientation must be completed in order for you to register for the February State Shooting Sports Certification Training.

Participants may certify in one discipline per training. Disciplines are Air Pistol, Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloading, Outdoor Skills, RSO, Rifle and Shotgun/Trap. Registration forms will be available soon. Please call the office for a registration form or visit the state shooting sports website at <http://www.co4hshooting.org/>

Additional 2009 Shooting Sports Certification Training Dates:

- **Elbert County** - Elbert - January 23-25
- **Pueblo County** - Pueblo - February 20-22
- **Washington County** - Akron – February 27 - March 1 (Shotgun Games Training Concurrent)
- **Weld County** - Greeley - March 13-15
- **Delta County** - Delta - March 20-22 (Shotgun Games Training Concurrent)
- **Kit Carson County** - Burlington - April 17-19
- **Gunnison County** - Gunnison - May 1-3
- **Eagle County** - Eagle - May 29-31
- **Park County** - Fairplay - October 2-4

Shooting Sports Council Meeting

The next meeting will be January 6, 7:00 p.m.

CSU Extension Office, 2nd floor, Room 220

THIS IS NOT THE NORMAL MEETING DAY!! Due the first Thursday falling on New Year's Day, our January meeting will be on January 6, the second Tuesday.

All clubs with shooting sports members who wish to have voting representation on our Shooting Sports Council need to present their new Council representatives in writing at this meeting. We will be electing this year's Council officers from among those representatives. Please ensure your club representatives will be able and willing to attend the majority of the bi-monthly Council meetings so the Council can conduct our required business in accordance with our By-laws. Your club representatives must meet the eligibility requirements stated in the Council By-laws.

Remember the following *mandatory shoot dates* (Youth must shoot at *one* mandatory shoot for each discipline they plan to shoot at during county fair):

.22, Muzzleloading & Archery: 7:30 a.m.; April 18, May 9, June 13; Pueblo West Range

Air Rifle & Air Pistol: 8:00 a.m.; April 25, May 16; 4-H Dining Hall

Shotgun: 4:00 p.m.; April 15, May 13, June 17; Pueblo Skeet & Trap

If you have questions about the dates/times you can call Ron Brown or Deanie Samuel.

4-H LEADER NOTES



This is a special page in the 4-H Clover Power Newsletter. It is designed to be a simple resource to put important dates and brief information at your fingertips—in a hurry. Details of deadlines, events, etc. will be inside the newsletter. *All dates are subject to change.*

July 10-18, 2009 — Pueblo County Fair

2009 COUNTY FAIR DEADLINES

- February 7—Beef Weigh In
- March 16 — Animal Care and Housing Form Due
- April 9 — MQA, Livestock Tests, Dog Tests
- April 15—Mandatory Shotgun Shoot
- April 18—Mandatory Muzzleloading and Archery Shoot
- April 25—Mandatory Air Rifle & Air Pistol Shoot
- May 5—MQA & Mandatory Showcase Sale Livestock Meeting
- May 9—Mandatory Muzzleloading and Archery Shoot
- May 11—Sheep/Goat Weigh In
- May 13—Mandatory Shotgun Shoot
- May 15—Horse Registrations Due
- May 16—Mandatory Air Rifle & Air Pistol Shoot
- May 16—Horse Test (w/ Spring Horse Show)
- June 8—County Fair entries due/eRecord registration
- June 13—Mandatory Muzzleloading and Archery Shoot
- June 15 — MQA & Livestock Tests
- June 15—Shooting Sports Record Books due
- June 16—Shooting Sports Record Book Grading
- June 17—Mandatory Shotgun Shoot
- June 18—Shooting Sports Record Book Grading
- July 1—Intent to Purchase forms due
- July 7—County Fair horse test
- July 8—Fashion Revue Practice
- August 17—Showcase Sale Thank You Notes Due
- September 9—Horse and Livestock Record Books Due
- September 14, 21, 28—Horse & Livestock eRecord Book Judging

4-H DEADLINES:

- January 15 —Afterschool Volunteer Applications Due
- January 26—Youth Fest Applications Due
- February 17—Returning members enrollment due
- March 16—Project Drop/Add date and new members enrollment due
- April 6—Contest Day entries due
- April 13 — Camp Counselor Applications Due
- May 8—Adventure Day Camp Volunteer Applications Due
- June 4—Scholarship Applications Due
- June 29—Report Forms for Outstanding Awards due
- August 17—Report Forms Due
- October 9—Exchange Trip Applications Due

MEETINGS:

JANUARY

- 6 – Shooting Sports Council
- 7 – Youth Council and Parent Leader Group
- 8—Horse Committee
- 13 – Horse Council
- 14—LDC Meeting
- 14 – Showcase Sale Meeting
- 28—Washington Focus
- 29 – Fair Board

FEBRUARY

- 4 – Youth Council and Parent/Leader Group
- 10 – Horse Council
- 18 – Fair Board

MARCH

- 4 – Youth Council & Parent/Leader Group
- 5—Shooting Sports Council
- 12 – District Retreat Meeting
- 18 – Fair Board

APRIL

- 1 – Youth Council & Parent/Leader Group
- 8 – Horse Council
- 15 – Fair Board
- 27 – Camp Counselor Meeting

MAY

- 4—Camp Counselor Meeting
- 6—Celebrate Leadership & Youth Council
- 7—Shooting Sports Council
- 12 – Horse Council
- 18 – Camp Counselor Meeting
- 20 – Fair Board

JUNE

- 1 – Camp Counselor Meeting
- 3 – Fair Board—TENTATIVE
- 9 – Horse Council AND horse test
- 17 – Fair Board
- 30— Livestock Superintendent's Breakfast

JULY

- 1 – Fair Board-TENTATIVE
- 29 – Post Fair Superintendent's Meeting (Fair Board)

SEPTEMBER

- 2 – Youth Council & Parent Leader Group
- 3—Shooting Sports Council
- 8 – Horse Council
- 10 – Livestock Council
- 16 – Fair Board

OCTOBER

- 7 – Youth Council & Parent/Leader Group
- 13 – Horse Council
- 14 – Fall Showcase Sale Meeting
- 21 – Fair Board

NOVEMBER

- 10 – Horse Council
- 12—Livestock Council
- 18 – Fair Board

DECEMBER

- 8—Horse Council
- 16 – Fair Board

EVENTS:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 10-25—National Western Stock Show-Denver January 24-26—Leadership Development Conference-Denver January 26—4-H Day at the Capitol January 31—Officer's Training February 3—4-H Foundation Annual Meeting February 9—Speech Workshop February 13-15—YouthFest February 17—Speech Contest February 20-22—Statewide Shooting Sports Leader Certification in Pueblo County February 25-March 1—Western Regional Leader's Forum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 7—4-H Carnival March 13-15—Washington Focus Rummage Sale March 13-15—Horse Expo March 20-22—District Retreat March 27—Cloverbud Camp April 4—Regional 4-H Leader's Training (El Paso County) April 18—Contest Day April 18-19—Horse Levels Training April 25—Foundation Car Show April 25—Foundation Golf Tournament May 16-17—Spring Horse Show May 30—County Dog Show June 5-7—4-H Camp | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 13-14—Summer Horse Show June 9-11—Adventure Day Camp June 20—County Dog Show June 23-26—State 4-H Conference July 10-18—Pueblo County Fair July 18—Showcase Sale August 4 – Horse Cleanup- Little Britches August 21-September 7—Colorado State Fair October 3—4-H Gala October 4-10—National 4-H Week October 23—Achievement Night December 5-6—Bells of Christmas December 28—Officer's Training |
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**Colorado 4-H Night
with the Denver Nuggets at
The 2009 Leadership Development Conference**



Join us on January 25, 2009, to watch Carmelo Anthony of the Denver Nuggets take on Deron Williams of the Utah Jazz during Colorado 4-H's Night with the Nuggets. \$5 from each ticket sold will benefit the Colorado 4-H Foundation. Upper corner balcony seats are \$20 (normally \$25) and Club Level seats are going for \$45 (a \$20 to \$35 savings!).

The deadline to order is January 14, 2009, and you can order tickets through your LDC registration. You can also call Nick Gray at (303) 405-6187 or log on to <http://www.pepsicenter.com/Groups/Nuggets/4Hgroup>. You can also get an order form in the Extension Office.

4-H Activities include:

- Club Level 4-h Room
- Courtside Experience
- Half-time Fan Tunnel

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