



Southeast Area 4-H Newsletter

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Editorial

The Area newsletter includes general information relevant to the total 4-H program for the seven Colorado Counties in District VI. Individual counties have added pages specific to local events or needs.

Be sure to read both the Southeast Area portion of this newsletter, as well as the County portion of your monthly newsletter. Both sections have pertinent information concerning 4-H activities, rules and opportunities. Remember, your lack of effort to be informed does not excuse you from meeting deadlines, requirements, etc.

Articles for upcoming newsletters should be submitted by the 25th of the month prior to publication via e-mail: otero@ext.colostate.edu. Newsletters are also available on the Southeast Area website: www.coopext.colostate.edu/SEA/

New Agent in Prowers and Bent Counties

Lacey Mann will begin her duties as 4-H agent for both Bent and Prowers Counties on January 20, 2009. We look forward to the enthusiasm and knowledge she will bring to the Southeast Area 4-H program.

Sponsorship of 4-H Newsletters

Members please take a look at the ads in this newsletter and note what businesses are sponsoring your newsletters this year. It is with the financial support of these people that you will receive your 2009 newsletters at no cost to you or your club. Please take the time to stop by and visit with the sponsors and let them know that their support is very much appreciated.

District VI Spring Senate Meeting

The Spring Senate meeting will be held April 4, 2009. Mark your calendars and watch your March newsletter for more details.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Applications for the Citizenship Washington Focus trip will be due in your county Extension Office by February 20, 2009. The trip will be June 13-20, 2009. Details are still being worked out at the State office, so watch your February newsletter for more information, or contact your local office to let them know of your interest.

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Southeast Area Leader Training

ALL LEADERS MUST ATTEND SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY!

Time goes by quickly, when we are having fun! Two years ago the Southeast Area incorporated mandatory leader trainings for all 4-H leaders. The training is held in person every other year and the time has come as 2009 is the year for the training. The trainings are held in each of the seven counties and leaders may attend in their own county or any other Southeast Area County (Baca, Bent, Cheyenne, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero, or Prowers). Each county program will be very similar. The program will last approximately 2 hours. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly.

- Monday, January 12, 2009 – Cheyenne County, Extension Office, Cheyenne Wells, 7:00 p.m.
- *Tuesday, January 27, 2009 – Baca County, Resource Center, Springfield, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 2, 2009 – Crowley County, Library, Ordway, 7:00 p.m.
- *Thursday, February 5, 2009 – Prowers County, Annex Building Mezzanine Room, Lamar, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 18, 2009 – Otero County, Extension Office, Rocky Ford, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 10, 2009 – Kiowa County, Courthouse, Eads, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 28, 2009 – Bent County, Extension Office, Las Animas, 10:00 a.m.

* Date has changed since October 2008 newsletter.



2009 Western Regional 4-H Leader's Forum (WRLF)

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 your 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!

For more information contact your local Extension Office or go to <http://www.colorado4h.org>.

Meat Quality Assurance Requirements

All Southeast Area 4-H programs where youth have enrolled in Livestock/Horse projects will annually provide a Meat Quality Assurance program. Members will be required to attend MQA training the first two years they show livestock and then must recertify at the beginning of their Intermediate (age 11) and Senior (age 14) years. This is assuming that you start 4-H when you are eight years old. If a member does

not start taking livestock/horse projects until later they must still take the initial first two years and then whenever the next age break fits in. This includes all breeding and market: beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, and rabbits, all dairy animals and horses.

All MQA Trainings are open to any youth in the area. Please make sure you sign in at the trainings. The hands-on learning stations will be used again with changes in the stations. This is a come and learn-by-doing training that will take approximately an hour to complete. Parents and leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. The following dates have been set and the county in which they will be held. The specific location will be determined as the date gets closer.

- March 27 – Kiowa – 2:00 – 4:00
- March 27 – Cheyenne - 6:00 - 8:00
- March 31 – Baca – 6:00 – 8:00
- April 3 – Bent – 2:00 – 4:00
- April 8 – Otero – 6:00 – 8:00
- May 1 - Crowley – 2:00 to 4:00
- TBA – Prowers

IFYE Delegate to Visit SE Area

We are fortunate to have an IFYE (International 4-H Youth Exchange) delegate visiting the Southeast Area February 9-13. This year's delegate is Jared Sheldon from Branson, Colorado. Jared spent six months living and working with host families in Norway and Sweden, learning about their day to day family life, while increasing international awareness and understanding. He is now traveling throughout Colorado sharing his experiences. Tentative schedule for Jared is as follows.

- Feb. 9 – Otero/Crowley Counties
- Feb. 10 – Kiowa/Cheyenne Counties
- Feb. 11 – Bent/Prowers Counties
- Feb. 12 – Prowers/Baca Counties
- Feb. 13 – Baca County

Youth Fest 2009

Youth Fest is a camp for youth ages 9-13 and is held each year at the Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center in Larkspur. The camp is filled with activities, workshops, dances and great food. This year's camp will be February 13-15 and is limited to the first 195 campers. The registration deadline is February 1. Information can be picked up at the Extension Office.

2009 4-H Curriculum Updates

Please read the 2009 State Fair Exhibit Requirements located at: http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf

All of the changes in the 2009 exhibit requirements are highlighted in yellow. Below are a few of the changes that you need to be aware of:

1. Display boards dimensions — 4ft. X 3 ft. highlighted on all projects that require a display board.
2. Horseless Horse —no additional items on or in front of display board.
3. Computers is all new —be sure to read the requirements. There are different age requirements for the units.
4. Geospatial is a new project— be sure to read the requirements. It is for all age groups and there is also a group category.
5. Entomology —changes in the general rules –1 &2—be sure to read.
6. Leathercraft—change is that Unit 8 is recommended for first year members.
7. Photography —Be sure to read the general rules—1, 3, 4, 5, and 7. Also highlighted that photos can be on cardstock or mounted on journal pages. A few changes in Best Photo Contest —no e-Record is required for Best Photo.

8. Visual Arts —changes in the exhibit display.
9. Foods —Unit 1 —definition of a molded cookie and Unit 24 —look at exhibit options. Also Note on Passport to Foreign Cookery for safe food display.

4-H Day at National Western Stock Show

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009! 4-H Day at the National Western Stock Show is an opportunity for 4-Hers from across the great state of Colorado to promote 4-H. The State 4-H Officer Team, 4-H Scholars, Collegiate 4-H members, Colorado 4-H Foundation members, state staff and 4-H members will be handing out a wide variety of 4-H promotional materials.

Also on January 21st, 4-H members, families and friends are eligible for discounted prices on reserve seating at the National Western Stock Show. Tickets must be purchased through Group Services: www.nationalwestern.com/groups. Discounts will not be given at the Stock Show Box Office.

2009 4-H Shooting Sports Workshops

Several leader certification workshops have been scheduled around the state in the next few months. If you are interested in becoming certified in one of the SS disciplines, contact your local Extension Office for information and registration forms. Information and forms are also available on the SS web-site: www.co4hshooting.org

- **Elbert County** - Elbert - January 23-25, 2009.

- **Pueblo County** - Pueblo - February 20-22, 2009.
- **Washington County** - Akron - February 27 - March 1, 2009. (Shotgun Games Training Concurrent)
- **Weld County** - Greeley - March 13-15, 2009.
- **Delta County** - Delta - March 20-22, 2009. (Shotgun Games Training Concurrent)
- **Kit Carson County** - Burlington - April 17-19, 2009.
- **Gunnison County** - Gunnison - May 1-3, 2009.
- **Eagle County** - Eagle - May 29-31, 2009.
- **Park County** - Fairplay - October 2-4, 2009.

New Horse/Livestock Specialist at CSU

Dr. Brett Kirch, a native of Nebraska, began his career at CSU in the fall of 2008. It was through participation in 4-H projects that he developed his interest in the Animal Sciences. Brett participated in a variety of projects including beef, sheep, swine, veterinary science, and range management. His duties at CSU will entail working with Youth Livestock Extension programs and research. His research programs will continue to look at the health, production, and nutritional aspects of the forage-animal interface.

Check out the Colorado website at: www.colorado4h.org

If you wish to participate in any of these events/activities and need special accommodation, please notify the Extension Office of your need at least 5 business days prior to the event/activity.

2009 Tentative Dates Southeast Area & State 4-H Events

January

- 12 Leader Training – Cheyenne County, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Leader Training – Baca County, 7:00 p.m.
- 10-25 National Western Stock Show - Denver
- 23-25 Shooting Sports Leader Training – Elbert
- 24-26 Leadership Development Conference
- 26 Colorado 4-H Day at State Capital

February

- 2 Leader Training – Crowley County, 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Leader Training – Prowers County, 7:00 p.m.
- 9-13 IFYE Delegate in Southeast Area
- 13-15 Youth Fest - Larkspur
- 18 Leader Training - Otero County, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Citizenship Washington Focus applications Due
- 20-22 Shooting Sports Leader Training – Pueblo
- 25- March 1 Western Regional Leaders' Forum
- 27- March 1 Shooting Sports Leader Training – Akron

March

- 10 Leader Training – Kiowa County, 7:00 p.m.
- 13-15 Shooting Sports Leader Training - Greeley
- 20-22 District Retreat – Silver Cliff Ranch
- 20-22 Shooting Sports Leader Training - Delta
- 27 MQA – Kiowa County, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 27 MQA – Cheyenne County, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 28 Leader Training – Bent County, 10:00 a.m.
- 31 MQA – Baca County – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

April

- 1 State Scholarship applications due
- 3 MQA – Bent County – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 4 District VI Meeting - TBA
- 4 Southern Region Leader Training – CSU Pueblo
- 8 MQA – Otero County – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 17-19 Shooting Sports Leader Training – Burlington

May

- 1 MQA – Crowley County – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 1-3 YHEC - Flagler
- 1-3 Shooting Sports Leader Training – Gunnison
- 29-30 Shooting Sports Leader Training – Eagle
- TBA MQA – Prowers County

June

- 11 Creative Cooks, Demonstration and Cake Decorating Contests – Bent County
- 13-20 Citizenship Washington Focus
- 15-18 Wild Bug Fish Camp - TBA
- 19-21 Shooting Sports Family Camp – Victor, CO
- 23-26 State 4-H Conference - Fort Collins, CO

July

August

- 19 General/Consumer Science projects to state fair
- 22 State 4-H Fashion Revue – Pueblo, CO
- 28-Sept. 7 Colorado State Fair – Pueblo, CO

September

October

- 2-4 Shooting Sports Leader Training – Fairplay
- 3 4-H Gala - Denver
- 3-10 National 4-H Week

November

- 13-15 Dare To Be You Camp – Pueblo, CO

December