



# Southeast Area 4-H Newsletter

## September 2009

### IFYE Updates



Alanna Weber is currently an IFYE exchange student in Switzerland. She was a ten-year 4-H member in Kiowa County, a member of the Sheridan Lake Livewires, and Kiowa County Council President. She is a graduate of Plainview High School.

#### *Update from Alanna Weber*

I remember standing in the airport with my family and two of my best friends, waiting to go through security. I was scared. I did not want to get on that plane and fly halfway across the world. I remember when I had to walk away from everything I knew, and begin a life in Switzerland for six months. I did not know what to expect. My night started out very rough. My flight was delayed thirty minutes, which left me with one hour to catch my next flight in London. While on the plane from Denver to London I spilled my drink on me, and I was wearing a white shirt. When we landed in London that next afternoon (on time!), our plane did not arrive at its gate for twenty minutes. By the time I was off the plane and through security, I had missed my flight to Zurich. What a way to start off my exchange, right?

It is a good thing that first impressions are not always true. The past two months have been truly amazing. While in Switzerland, I have made butter, harvested cherries, watched river boat races, hiked mountains, slept in a hayloft at a 250 year old house, milked cows, raked hay, and met some amazing people. My favorite job was milking the cows, I love it! Even though I have moved every three weeks, and that does not give me much time to become familiar with the area, it has allowed me to meet many different people and experience different parts of Switzerland. I have encountered many differences between the lifestyles here and the lifestyles back home, and it has opened my mind to other lifestyles other than my own. This scholarship has given me the chance of a lifetime to live abroad and learn about a culture firsthand. I know many of you out there are too scared to fill out the IFYE application, you are afraid you will not get chosen. Well, I was the same way. But I took that chance, and look where I am now. So what is stopping you?

### Colorado Leadership Camp

Colorado Leadership Camp will be held November 20-22, 2009, in Glenwood Springs at the Ramada Inn. The cost of the Camp is \$110 which includes lodging for two nights, breakfast each morning, dinner on Friday night and lunch on Saturday. The camp is for 4-H members in 7, 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. For more information on the Camp, you can go to [www.colorado4h.org](http://www.colorado4h.org) to events and opportunities and click on Colorado Leadership Camp, or contact your local Extension office.

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## 4-H Calendar

### County Fair Dates:

Sept. 9-12 – Kiowa County  
Sept. 24-26 – Holly Gateway

### October

3-10 National 4-H Week  
16-18 State Leader's Forum,  
Burlington

### November

20-22 Colorado Leadership Camp,  
Glenwood Springs  
20-22 Dare to be You Camp, Pueblo

Check out the Colorado  
website at:  
[www.colorado4h.org](http://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.

### National 4-H Week

The 2009 National 4-H week is October 3-10. This year's theme is "Celebrate 4-H". This is a great week to promote the 4-H program in your community, as well as thank the many individuals and businesses that support the local 4-H'ers throughout the year.

### 2009 State Leader's Forum *A Hot Time in "Old Town" Tonight*

It's time get registered for the annual Fall Forum! It's an event for 4-H Leaders and parents to receive training in a wide variety of topics, learn about new projects, see old friends and take advantage of a great training opportunity. Each year the forum travels to a different 4-H district so it rotates around the state. This year it will be held in Burlington, Oct. 16 -18, with a variety of special activities including a visit to the historic Kit

Carson Carousel. The registration deadline is Oct. 1, and cost is \$25. Late registration is \$50. For more information, contact your local Extension office or visit the web site at <http://www.colorado4h.org/Blog/docs/2009/LeadersForumBrochure.pdf>

### Wanted: Freshmen 4-H'ers Attending CSU!

Agents, please encourage your 4-H'ers attending CSU as freshmen to apply to be a 4-H Scholar. The Scholars promote the positive experiences they had in 4-H and spend up to 20 hours a month representing 4-H at key activities, speaking at public events, and meeting with stakeholders and donors. For their efforts, each Scholar receives training, public relations support materials, reimbursement for expenses, and a \$1,500 annual stipend toward college expenses. The person selected is eligible to continue to serve as a Scholar throughout their college career – advancing with each grade level – as long as their grades and activity commitments are met. The freshmen applicants must be willing to make a four-year commitment. Interested CSU enrolled students must submit the following to Gary Small, 106 University Square, Fort Collins, CO 80523-4050 by Oct. 1, 2009.

- Complete résumé that includes 4-H experiences, years in projects, leadership and speaking experiences and skills, community service activities, work-related experiences, awards and special recognitions.
- A (draft) letter of thanks to the Colorado Farm Bureau thanking them for their contribution and funding support for the 4-H Scholars Program.
- A short paragraph (100 words or less) explaining why they wish to become involved in the 4-H Scholars Program; a personal statement of desire for the Scholar position.

- Individuals applying will make a 10-minute presentation before the selection committee on "the scope of 4-H today and what 4-H has meant to them."

Please direct questions to Gary Small at 970.491.1537 or [gary.small@colostate.edu](mailto:gary.small@colostate.edu).

### Sheep Shearing School

Colorado State University Extension and the Montana Sheep Institute wish to invite you to consider participating in a Wool Harvesting School, recognizing the shortage of trained, skilled sheep shearers in the region. The goal of the school is to provide students with basic shearing skills, and how to effectively assemble and maintain shearing equipment. Also in the context of the school is instruction on proper techniques of wool packaging. If you are a woolgrower and not interested in learning to shear consider identifying an individual in your area that may benefit from this opportunity and sponsor them to the shearing school. Equipment will be provided for use by students; however, students are encouraged to bring their own equipment if they have it.

The beginner school starts Friday, September 25 and will conclude Saturday afternoon, September 26. The school will be held at the Morgan County Fairgrounds, Brush, Colorado. The cost of the two-day school is \$125 which includes educational materials. Registration deadline is September 11 and a minimum number of eight (8) students are required for the school. A maximum number of 16 participants will be enforced as individual instruction is a priority. For registration information, contact Steve LeValley, Extension Sheep Specialist, Department of Animal Sciences, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1171; 970.491.1321; or email [steve.levalley@colostate.edu](mailto:steve.levalley@colostate.edu) at