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Editorial

4-H Bricklaying

There is a story about two stonemasons working side-by-side putting bricks together with mortar. When asked what they were doing, one said, "I'm laying bricks." The other said, "I'm building a cathedral." The two individual answers reflect the degree to which those workers were engaged in their work. When an activity has personal significance, we throw ourselves into it more completely than when it's just a job.

As you plan a 4-H club or project meeting, it's easy (and important) to focus on the business at hand or gathering the materials you require for doing community service projects, preparing demonstrations, cutting fabric, grooming a horse, measuring and cutting wood, gluing fins on a rocket and an infinite number of other tasks. But, is that really what we're doing? Are we practicing parliamentary procedure, measuring flour, trimming hoofs, calculating board feet and identifying insects for their sake alone? The answer is no! These tasks are like *laying bricks*.

It is important for us to keep our focus on *building cathedrals* -- developing life skills. Targeting development of leadership, citizenship, record keeping, communication and other life skills is the long-term goal of 4-H. Life skills get built one brick at a time through simple demonstrations, committee work, community service, giving leadership to younger 4-H members, record-keeping and leading meetings.

Many 4-H alumni look back on their experiences in the program and it is the life skills they developed that is their greatest achievement in 4-H. They have fond recollections of grand champion ribbons, events, trips, camps, retreats and other activities. However, it is the life skills they learned that they find most useful in adult life.

The best way to develop life skills is by building them into your club work. Start off by including discussion in project meetings. You can do this by keeping a small list of questions handy to periodically ask your club members. (For example: What did you notice? What were you thinking as you ... ? What did you learn about ... ? How was this different from ... ? Why is it important to you? What would you do if ... ? What was hard about ... ? What did you learn that you didn't know before? Why is knowing this important? How will this help you at home, school or work? Would you do it differently the next time?)

Developing critical thinking skills and life skills in youth are the core principles to our 4-H Programs. By keeping this in mind when you work with members, you'll help 4-H'ers apply them to their lives and along the way ... maybe ... just maybe, become better citizens.

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4-H Calendar

April

- 2 MQA – Prowers Co.
- 5 Home Ec and General Project Judges' Training
- 6 Dist. VI Spring Senate Meeting
- 6 Dist. VI Leader Council Meeting
- 11 MQA – Crowley Co.
- 12 Bent Co. Prospect Sale
- 14 MQA – Otero Co.
- 18 MQA – Bent Co.
- 19 Swine Workshop – Lamar
- 27 Dist. Horse Council Fun Day
- 29 MQA – Cheyenne Co.

May

- 1-3 Barrel Racing Clinic – RF
- 2-4 YHEC
- 6 MQA – Baca Co.
- 10-11 Pig Jackpot, Las Animas
- 24-26 Memorial Day Horse Clinic

June

- 8 District Horse Show – Prowers
- 13-15 Shooting Sports Family Camp
- 14-21 Citizenship Washington Focus
- 23-27 State 4-H Conference
- 28 District Horse Show – Crowley

July

- 13 District Horse Show – Baca

August 22- Sept. 1

Colorado State Fair

October

- 5-11 National 4-H Week

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

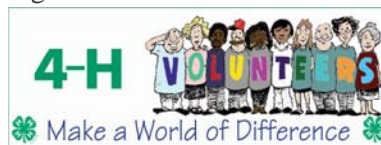
If you wish to participate in any of these events/activities and need special accommodation, please notify the Extension Office of your need at least 5 business days prior to the event/activity.



National Volunteer Week

April 27 to May 3, 2008, has been declared National Volunteer Week. This special week offers opportunities to thank some of America's most valuable assets — our volunteers — and to recognize the myriad of ways they improve our communities.

National Volunteer Week reflects the power that volunteers have to “inspire by example” — volunteers both encourage those they help and motivate others to serve! Please take the time to honor the many volunteers that contribute their time and talents to the 4-H program.



Colorado 4-H Does Not Require Premises Registration!

In light of recent legislative activity at the state Capitol, the State 4-H office is receiving a flurry of questions from counties regarding premises registration of livestock. There is a significant amount of mis-information being generated that infers the Colorado 4-H program has a premises registration requirement. To restate our policy, the Colorado 4-H program does not require premises registration with the National Animal Identification System.

The Colorado 4-H program does require the submission of the Animal Care and Housing Form from all 4-H members with livestock and horse projects. The main purpose of this form is to inform Extension agents of the location of all 4-H project animals in the county and to also insure that 4-H members are the primary caretakers of their livestock project animals. There is no premises registration requirement with the National Animal Identification System in the Colorado 4-H Program.

*Jeff Goodwin, Director
State 4-H & Youth Development Programs*

District Horse Fun Day

The District Horse Council set April 27 as a fun day at the Bent County Fairgrounds, beginning at 1:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for all members in the area to take the written and riding level tests. There will be fun games for all. Saddle up your horse and head to the Bent County Fairgrounds.

Memorial Day Horse Clinic and Show

May 24, 25, 26, 2008
LCC College Arenas

The Prowers County 4-H Horse Committee will be sponsoring the clinic again this year!

We will be having 3 days of instruction: Horsemanship events on Saturday and Sunday; Gymkhana events on Monday. The Committee requests that participants be involved in at least one day of Horsemanship to be involved in the day of Gymkhana.

Cost is \$25 for any two days or \$30 for all three days.

Indoor stalls will not be available, but outdoor pens will on a first come first serve basis. Cost is \$15, with a \$5 refund if they are cleaned at checkout.

Concessions will be available.

Clinic is open to any 4-H member. Early registration needs to be in the Prowers Extension Office by Wed., May 7th, 2008. All registrations will be accepted; however, after 5/7/08 there will be a \$10 late fee

For more information call Shirley @ Prowers Extension Office (719)336-7734 or Yonda @ (719)436-2060 or (719)940-9663.

Phone Trees

Extension now has “phone trees”, an automated system we utilize to call people with a recorded message (i.e. meeting reminders, cancellations, etc.) The message starts with a recorded “hello”, and then goes on with our recorded information. Don't be surprised to hear from us.

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. Call the County office to find out the specific location.

- April 2 – Prowers – 6:00 to 8:00
- April 11 – Crowley – 2:00 to 4:00 – Sr. Citizen Center/Ordway
- April 14 – Otero – 6:00 to 8:00 – Expo Bldg. at Fairgrounds
- April 18 – Bent – 2:00 to 4:00
- April 29 – Cheyenne – 6:00 to 8:00
- May 6 – Baca – 6:00 to 8:00

Swine Workshop

All 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to attend a swine workshop on Saturday, April 19, from 9:30 to 2:00, at the Prowers County Fairgrounds in Lamar. The workshop will be presented by Colorado State University Animal Science Specialist, Brett Kaysen. It is geared for first-time swine showman or for the experienced

ten-year showman. Brett will be discussing selection, nutrition, health and showmanship. Pigs will be provided, so please do not bring your own. There will be a concession stand provided by the Prowers County 4-H Council.

Registration is due April 15th, along with a registration fee of \$10.00 per member to the Otero County Extension Office. Registration after the 15th or on the day of the workshop will be \$20.00 per member.

For more information or directions, contact Brooke Matthew at the Otero County Extension Office 719-254-7608, or brooke.matthew@colostate.edu.

Livestock Fitting Clinic

A Kirk Stierwalt Show Cattle Fitting School will be May 23-25, 2008 at the Crowley County Fairgrounds outside Ordway, CO. The intense, hands-on school, organized by WW Feed & Supply, is limited to 20 steers. The fee is \$300.

Only a few participation spaces remain available. Spectators also are welcome for a daily fee of \$50 or all three days for \$100. The course focuses on proven techniques and tips on clipping, hoof trimming, show day dressing, showmanship, feeding and general care of your beef project.

Stierwalt is a well known beef fitting instructor who has run schools for 15 years.

For more information on the school, contact WW Feed & Supply at 384-4463 or go to <http://wwfeed.com>.

Shooting Sports Family Camp Out



The annual Shooting Sports Family Camp Out will be held June 13-15, 2008, near Victor, Colorado. Participants are responsible for their own tents, trailers, food and drinking water. Registration fee is \$12.00 per person, with a maximum charge of

\$35 per family, for immediate family only.

This is an opportunity for families to meet each other and have a good time. The fun begins Saturday with youth/parent/leader teams, selected at random. Shooting events will be educational but FUN-oriented!

Registration forms are available on the State Shooting Sports website: www.co4hshooting.org or can be obtained at the Extension Office. Registration deadline is May 30.

Youth Hunter Education Challenge

This YHEC (Youth Hunter Education Challenge) is being co-sponsored by the Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Kiowa & Yuma County 4-H Shooting Sports Programs and will be held at the Flagler Lake State Wildlife Area in Flagler, Colorado on May 3 & 4, 2008. The registration deadline is April 25, 2008.

YHEC provides youth and adults with a unique opportunity to test their abilities at a variety of hunting techniques. Through completing a series of events conducted under simulated hunting conditions, participants walk away with an appreciation of all methods of hunting and gain knowledge of all types of game. This training ensures the future of the American hunting tradition as a safe, viable, recreational activity the entire family can enjoy.

The Challenges consists of:

- * Muzzleloading Challenge
- * Light Rifle Challenge
- * Shotgun Challenge
- * Archery Challenge
- * Hunter's Safety Trail Challenge – Orienteering Challenge
- * Wildlife ID Challenge
- * Hunter Responsibility Exam

New for 2008, the Colorado Division of Wildlife will have their Laser Shot training simulator available for participants to try out and test their shooting & marksmanship skills on!

If this interests you, please contact Perry Brewer at (719) 349-5571, or e-mail perry.brewer@colostate.edu

Shooting Sports State Team Members Needed

The Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Program is looking for additional State Team Members. How do you become a state team member? It is simple. You must attend a national Training and get certified in a discipline. Once certified you must make a two-year commitment to be on the State Team.

There is a National 4-H Shooting Sports Training April 13-18 in Curvel, TX, which is just west of San Antonio. The State will pay for your \$475 registration fee, and is arranging transportation (van). They are especially looking for leaders interested in becoming certified in Pistol, Rifle, or Archery. Any interested adult is encouraged to contact Brooke Matthew at 719-254-7608, brooke.matthew@colostate.edu or Jim Hamilton at 719-846-7403, jim.hamilton@colostate.edu.

Collegiate 4-H Shadow Program

Each year the CSU Collegiate 4-H Club offers a program to high school juniors and seniors who are considering attending Colorado State University. The Collegiate 4-H Shadow program offers these students a first hand, hands on look at how the college system works, allowing them to attend classes with one of our members, room in the dorms for two days, visit with the admissions and financial aid offices, attend club activities and a BBQ. This spring's shadow program is April 24-26, 2008. The deadline for registration is April 10th. Contact your local Extension Office for more information.

Colorado 4-H Technology Team – Looking for a few good members!

The Colorado 4-H Technology Team is currently recruiting 4-H youth and adult members to join the 2007-2008 Technology Team. The mission is to provide assistance with new technology curriculum, help maintain a youth-friendly section of the Colorado 4-H web site, provide educational technology opportunities to

Colorado 4-H youth at county, district and state levels.

We are looking for 5-7 senior age 4-H members and 1-2 adult volunteers with a technology interest to join us on this inaugural team for Colorado 4-H.

Interested individuals need to send an application to perry.brewer@colostate.edu.

Applications are available online at the Golden Plains Area Staff Web Site (<http://156.108.32.67>) or by emailing Perry. Applications are due by May 1, 2008.

Camp Rocky

Camp Rocky is a week long, residential camp for 14 through 19 year olds who enjoy the outdoors and are interested in natural resources. Camp Rocky staff help participants learn about their environment, while working in teams and meeting other students from across Colorado. Students choose one of the following resource fields for their area of focus: Forest Management, Rangeland Science, Soil and Water Conservation, Fish and Wildlife Management.

Camp Rocky will be held July 6-12, 2008, at Divide, Colorado. If interested, youth will need to submit an "interest form", they will then be sent the application and health forms, and all forms must be returned by July 1st. Cost for the camp is \$250.00; however, full or partial scholarships are available to help cover the costs. Contact the Extension Office for more information or to obtain the "interest form".

E-post Cards

Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt 4-H organizations are required to file an annual electronic notice called an e-Postcard. Filing dates are based on the group's tax year. Those with a tax year of Jan. to Dec., filing deadline is May 15, 2008. Those with a tax year of Oct. to Sept., the filing deadline is Feb. 15, 2009. To complete a 990-N e-Postcard, 4-H Clubs will need to provide the following information:

- Organization's legal name

- Any other names your organization uses
- Organization's mailing address
- Organization's website address
- Organization's EIN
- Name and address of principal officer
- Organization's annual tax year
- Confirmation that your organization's annual gross receipts are still normally \$25,000 or less

Organizations that do not file the notice will lose their tax-exempt status. For additional information, contact your local Extension Office or go to http://www.colorado4h.org/communications/update/2008/fs-electronic_filing_v2-08.pdf

Livestock Shows, Clinics and Contests

Several shows, clinics and contests are scheduled throughout eastern Colorado. Contact your County Extension Office if you need more information about any of these opportunities:

April:

- 12 – Otero Livestock Judging
- 19 – Elbert 4-H Dog Fun Match
- 25-27 – Weld County Goat Extravaganza

May:

- 3 – Eastern Slope Livestock Judging
- 3 – State Meat Judging Contest (CSU)
- 10 – Douglas County Dog Show

June:

- 7 – Eastern Slope Horse Judging
- 21 – Elbert 4-H Dog Fun Match
- 22 – Elbert Pre-Fair Horse Show
- 26 – Colorado 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest (at State Conf.)
- 28 – Douglas County Dog Show

Livestock Sales:

Challenger Farms Boer Goats – 3 locations
4-19 – Colorado State Fairgrounds
4-20 – Otero County Fairgrounds
4-27 – Kiowa County Fairgrounds
719-523-4479(h), 719-523-3149(c)

Dams & Sires 4-H Club – Pig, Lamb & Goat Sale
4-20 – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds, preview at 11:00, sale at noon- contact Donna Huff 719-384-5939 or 719-468-9353