



Southeast Area 4-H Newsletter

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Believe It or Not — 4-H Volunteer Leaders are Teachers

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. What a great way to spend your life — by making a difference in other people's lives. That's what 4-H volunteer leaders do. They make a difference in young people's lives.

Go be the teacher!

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

District VI 4-H Night-Owl

The District VI 4-H Night Owl will be November 14-15, 2008, at Lamar High School. Fun begins at 8:00 p.m. on the 14th and ends at 7:30 a.m. on the 15th. Registration is \$15.00 before October 31st, and \$25.00 at the door. There must be at least 30 members signed up by the 31st for Night Owl to be held. Forms are available at your County Extension Office or on the SEA website.

Parents and leaders are needed to help. There is no fee for the adults; however, they still need to fill out a registration form.

Some of this year's activities include:

- Get acquainted games
- District meeting
- Bowling
- Pizza and snacks
- Movies
- Dance workshop & Dance
- 4-H Knowledge and Leadership Skills (team building games & activities)
- Open gym, board games, guitar hero contest
- Wake up games
- Breakfast



This is one of the District sponsored activities that the agents and District officers would like to continue. As previously indicated, if not enough members pre-register, the event will not be held.

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4-H Calendar

October

5-11 National 4-H Week
17-19 Fall Leader's Forum

November

14-15 District VI Night Owl

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.



District VI/County Survey

In an effort to improve the 4-H program in both your county and the Southeast Area, we would like your input on what activities and opportunities you are interested in. Please help the SEA agents "make the best better" by telling us what would be the most beneficial activities for the area youth.

For those of you attending your County awards program, there is a survey on the backside of the placemat. Please complete the survey and leave it with your County Agent the day of the program.

For those not attending the awards programs, please go to the SEA website, <http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/SEA/4-H/4-H.html> print, complete and turn in your survey.

This is a great opportunity for you to guide the SEA agents in program planning.

Daniels Fund Scholarship

In 2006, Colorado 4-H became a referral agency for the Daniels Scholarship. The Daniels Scholarship offers scholarship funding to deserving students who are at risk of not being able to afford a college education. The time has come to nominate this year's nominees. All candidates must show clear financial need, be nominated by an approved Daniels Fund Referral Agency and go through an application process where they are evaluated on strength of character, academic promise, leadership potential, potential to contribute to one's community and well-rounded personality.

To apply for a Daniels Scholarship a student/member must: be nominated by a referral agency, be a current high school student expected to graduate in 2008/2009 academic school year, be a current resident of Colorado, be a U.S. citizen at the time of application, have an ACT exam composite score of 17 or higher, and demonstrate financial need.

Financial need will be determined by evaluating a number of factors, including the applicant and their family's income, assets, and family size. The applicant and family's ability to contribute or pay toward the cost of college will be the primary factor used to determine financial need. A family income

of \$50,000 or less has a reasonable opportunity to be financially eligible; whereas a family earning more than \$90,000 is likely not financially eligible.

Fast Facts about the Daniels Scholarship:

- ✓ Used at any two or four year college or university in the U.S. with an intent to complete a bachelor's degree
- ✓ Is not a full-ride. Instead they cover the unmet needs of the student
- ✓ Cover all or part of a student's required college expenses
- ✓ Are renewable
- ✓ Must work 125 hours per academic year

If you are interested in being nominated for the Daniels Scholarship or want to find out more information please contact your County Extension Agent as soon as possible for an application. There our specific guidelines and completion dates that 4-H will be requiring so contact your agent to get all the specifics.

4-H Highlights and City Lights 2008 State Leader's Forum

The 2008 Fall Leaders Forum will be held October 17-19, 2008, at the Adams County Fairgrounds. There are a myriad of activities planned, including over 30 workshops. This is a wonderful opportunity to share skills and learn new skills. Although the early registration deadline has passed, leaders can still register and attend this outstanding forum. For more information or to register, contact Shirley at 303-697-8248, or go to www.adamscountyextension.org/youth.htm.

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 (Crowley, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Baca, Bent, Prowers, or Otero). Each county program will be very similar. The program will last approximately 2 hours. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly.

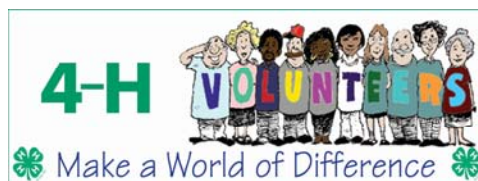
- Monday, January 12, 2009 – Cheyenne County, Extension Office, Cheyenne Wells, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 26, 2009 – Baca County, Resource Center, Springfield, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 2, 2009 – Crowley County, Library, Ordway, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 12, 2009 – Prowers County, Courthouse Mezzanine, 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.

Changes to Shooting Sport Rule Book

We are taking suggested changes for the 2009 Shooting Sports Rule Book at this time. Suggested changes are to be submitted to Holli Campbell at holli.campbell@colostate.edu by **October 20, 2008**, for consideration in the 2009 Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Rule Book. Any changes that might have been previously suggested or discussed on the Shooting Sports Blog should be re-submitted by this deadline for consideration.

Self Development and Queen Clinic

The Arkansas Valley Fair Royalty will be hosting a self-development and queen clinic October 18th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Rocky Ford 4-H indoor barn. Topics include speech, impromptu question, interview, modeling, makeup, hair, clothing, time management, and horsemanship. There will be several clinicians as well as the 2008 Miss Rodeo Colorado, Megan Grieves, to give instruction. This would be a great clinic even if you are not interested in trying out for a queen title but would like to improve your fashion review skills or interview skills. The cost of the clinic is \$25.00 to include lunch. Please call Dayla Elliott at 267-3550 to register.



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

February 25 - March 1, 2009
Roundup your leaders and head to Denver, Colorado 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.

This is an excellent opportunity for leader's right at their back door. For more information please contact your extension office or go to

<http://www.colorado4h.org/wrlf09/index.shtml>