



Crowley County 4-H News



January 2009



January 10-25	National Western Stock Show
January 12	4-H Council – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room
January 23-26	Leadership Development Conference
January 26	Colorado 4-H Day at State Capital
February 2	4-H Leader Training – 7:00 p.m. – Crowley County Library
February 7	Beef Tag and Weigh in
February 13-15	Youth Fest - Larkspur
March 2	4-H Enrollment Deadline – for CC & AVF Fair Participation
March 2	Foundation Requests Due
March 3	Junior Fairboard – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room
March 20 -22	District Retreat – Silver Cliff Ranch
March 23	4-H Council – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room

Council Meetings Reminder

The next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex basement meeting room. Everyone that is a 4-H member is encouraged and invited to attend 4-H Council Meetings. Each club should have at least one representative at each meeting that is not an officer. The 2009 Budget will be looked over and approved, upcoming events, and the 2009 Calendar will be discussed.

New County Council Officers

Congratulations to the 2008-2009 County Council Officers!

- President – Katlyn Smith
- Vice President – Shianne Manalatos
- Secretary – Wes Aragon
- Treasurer – Chad Russell
- Senators – Katlyn Smith & Jason Russell

2009 Fair Dates

The Arkansas Valley Fair dates for 2009 are August 12th through 16th.

Crowley County Days will be July 18th through 25th.

Market Beef Weigh and Tag Day

All 4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit market beef at the 2009 Crowley County Days and/or 2009 Arkansas Valley Fair must have their market beef weighed, tagged, and tattooed on Saturday, February 7, 2009. In case of bad weather call Brooke at 469-0190.

Schedule is as follows:

- 9:00 to 12:00 noon – Best Bet Beeflot, South of Hwy 10 on Road 24
- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Russell Jordan's, 8500 County Lane 12, Olney Springs

Open Enrollment

The State has an open enrollment policy. This means that kids can enroll in 4-H year round. This gives us the opportunity to reach more potential members with the 4-H program. HOWEVER, all enrollments must be completed and turned into the Extension Office by March 2, 2009, to participate in any 4-H activities associated with the 2009 Crowley County Days and/or the 2009 Arkansas Valley Fair. If you have any question about this policy, please call the Extension Office.

Enrollment Forms

Enrollment Packets including enrollment forms are available through your 4-H leader or here at the Extension Office. Please note that all enrollment forms have both a front and back to complete – AND it's necessary to have your leader as well as your parent and you sign the enrollment form *before* turning them in. Leaders also must fill out a volunteer enrollment form each year. There is a special volunteer enrollment form that is available at the extension office or from the main club leaders. If you have any questions completing the forms, please don't hesitate to call the office at 267-5243.

Enrollment Fees

Enrollment fees will be \$10.00 for each 4-H'er. When filling out your enrollment form, please include the enrollment fees, horse insurance (if you're in a horse project or gymkhana), and materials fees in your final cost calculation. Horse insurance costs \$2.00, and materials fees vary by project (see the green sheet attached to the enrollment form for prices).

Cloverbud enrollment fees are \$5.00 per cloverbud.

Code of Conduct Forms

Please note that we have the required State 4-H Code of Conduct form included with your enrollment materials. Please read it carefully as it spells out how 4-H'ers, parents and leaders are expected to conduct themselves when participating in 4-H activities. Colorado State University wants to provide an environment that is safe and proper for all of its 4-H participants. The

code of conduct is not intended to restrict participation, but rather to enhance it so that all can receive the full benefit and educational experience from events and activities.

Note: When you sign the enrollment form, you are stating you have read the code of conduct and agree to comply with the rules and regulations set forth in the code of conduct.

Member & Leader Confidentiality

One item of importance that you probably are familiar with already but one we still need to address from year to year is the fact that under no circumstances are we allowed to share addresses or phone numbers of members or leaders with anyone. This is a federal law that is meant to protect our clubs and members.

If someone should approach you with a need for addresses or phone numbers of members or leaders for any reason please have them contact the Extension Office and we will handle it through the proper channels. If it is a legitimate request, we will be sure to obtain approval from the right people.

Newsletters

Monthly newsletters are published for your convenience to inform you of upcoming activities, deadlines, etc. Please take the time to READ YOUR NEWSLETTER and save it as we often ask you to refer to a previous newsletter for information or you may need to refer to previous information.

2009 Tentative Dates

Enclosed you will find a tentative schedule of 4-H events in 2009. Please post this on your fridge or write these dates on your calendar. Please notify me before February 2, 2009 if there are any major conflicts. If you lose yours contact the extension office for an additional copy.

Leader Meeting

On Monday, February 2, 2009 there will be mandatory leader meeting. This meeting is geared to the leaders, however if you are a parent and are interested in becoming a leader or want more information you are welcome to attend.

Crowley County 4-H Foundation Requests

The Crowley County 4-H Foundation is accepting applications for request for loans. The funds do not have to be paid back until after the Market Sale at the Arkansas Valley Fair. Please contact the office for more information or to request an application. Applications are due March 2nd.

Club Officer Workshop

Have you just been elected to a club office or would like to run for an office in the future, but you are not sure what you need to do? This is the workshop for you! On Friday, January 23rd at the Courthouse Annex basement meeting room there will be a club officer workshop at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Individual offices will be discussed as well as officer teams. For more specific information please call the Extension Office at 267-5243.

2009 Crowley County Junior Fairboard

Crowley County Junior Fairboard Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November). The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3rd at the Courthouse Annex basement meeting room at 7:00 p.m. Members are made up the superintendents for Crowley County Days. The 2009 Officers are:

President: Ross Barrett
Vice President: Curt Russell
Secretary/Treasurer: Rebecca Griffin

2009 Jr. Fairboard Changes for Crowley County 4-H & FFA Progress Show

- The 4-H Barn will open at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2009.
- All livestock classes will show: Breeding, Showmanship, Market.
- The following Breeding Beef Classes have been deleted: 409 Cow, 411 Yearling Bull, 412 Bull.
- Poultry and Rabbits have been removed from Round Robin.

- The Grand Champion winners of showmanship in Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions from each species (horse, beef, sheep, swine, goat, and dairy) are eligible to participate in Round Robin.
- In the breeding beef, breeding sheep, and dairy cattle shows, all breeds will be shown together in the designated classes.
- Only one horse per exhibitor in the Western Horsemanship class.
- Each exhibitor must exhibit a minimum of one horse in a halter class to be eligible to do any riding classes.
- The fashion revue will be held with, at the same time, and in Otero County.



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