



# DELTA COUNTY 4-H

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Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children.

*Walt Disney*

## PRE-ENTRY/RECORD BOOK DEADLINE

In order for Delta County Fair pre-entries to be processed they must be dropped off at the CSU Extension Office, 525 Dodge Street, Delta until 5:00 PM on July 10, 2009.

**Pre-entries are due by July 10, 2009.** Entries made after this date will not be accepted by the Delta County Extension Office and will not be entered in the Delta County Fair.

**Horse Premier Exhibitor** contest participants must turn in their record books at the announcer's desk in the Event Center by 8:00 AM on the day of the Fair horse show (Monday, August 3, 2009.) All **beef, sheep, swine and goat Premier Exhibitor** contest participants must turn in their record books between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM at the Fair Livestock Office on Wednesday, August 5, 2009.

Shooting Sports members **are required** to bring their completed record books to the Delta County Fair Shoot on July 18, 2009.

Pre-entry forms will be available in early June. A small amount of forms will be mailed to club leaders. Additional copies of pre-entry forms will be available at the Extension Office.

### ATTENTION MEMBERS, PARENTS AND LEADERS

**DO NOT** leave pre-entry information, record books, or any other information in the mailbox located on the front of the Delta County Extension Office! **DO NOT** attach or affix pre-entry information, record books, or any other information to the Delta County Extension Office! The Extension Office is not responsible for any items that are lost, confiscated, or stolen from the front – or back - of the building.

Any pre-entries found in the mailbox or on the front/back of the building, will be returned to the owner and **WILL NOT** be entered in the 2009 fair! All record books found in this box, or on the front/back of the building, will be returned to the owner and **WILL NOT** be recorded as turned in.

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## LIVESTOCK & HORSE RECORD BOOK TRAINING

Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Heritage Hall, Delta County Fairgrounds

Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Room 234, Delta County Courthouse

School's out, the days are warmer and longer, and that leaves more time to work on 4-H projects. One of the challenging parts of the project is getting record books done. In an effort to help members with this task, we have planned the above listed trainings. The focus of the trainings will be on helping new members get their questions answered. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### NO NEWSLETTER!

There will be no Newsletter during the month of August. Due to preparation for our county fairs, you will receive county newsletters only at the beginning of July, and no newsletter in August. TRA 4-H News, along with county inserts, will be back in September!

See you when school is back in session!

### HORSE LEADERS MEETING

The next Delta County 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 7 PM, at the Delta 4-H Office, 525 Dodge Street in Delta. We will review Fair Horse Show prizes, the Fall Raters Training in Delta, and member levels testing dates.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them, and you have their shoes.

*Frieda Norris*

## HOOF TRIMMING FOR STEERS

The Delta County Fair is right around the corner. Get your steers hooves trimmed and looking fabulous! Christy Eckstein will be organizing a hoof trimming on July 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information or appointment times call Christy at 874-5394 or 250-3058.

## SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBER PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Here is the Delta County 4-H shooting sports practice schedule for this month. A complete schedule of all practices and other shooting sports events is available at the Delta Extension office.

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Muzzleloading, Air Pistol, .22 & Air Rifle – Stengels Range, Hotchkiss – 6:00 PM
- June 4<sup>th</sup> – Shotgun & Archery – Stengels Range – Hotchkiss – 6:00 PM
- June 13<sup>th</sup> – All discipline practice – Eckert Range - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – Muzzleloading, Air Pistol, .22 & Air Rifle – Stengels Range, Hotchkiss – 6:00 PM
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Shotgun & Archery – Stengels Range – Hotchkiss – 6:00 PM
- June 30<sup>th</sup> – Muzzleloading, Air Pistol, .22 & Air Rifle – Stengels Range, Hotchkiss – 6:00 PM

## SHOW BOARD REQUIREMENTS

Make sure you don't use the wrong type of show board for your county fair exhibit! ONLY tri-fold CARDBOARD show boards will be allowed at the State Fair this year; consequently they will be required at your county fairs. The TRA 4-H Offices have a supply of these on hand for \$3.00 each. Be sure to ASK QUESTIONS regarding the correct show board to use and the exhibit requirements for the project you are enrolled in *before* you get to the fair!

## SHOWBOARD TIPS

- ✓ No headers or attachments are allowed on showboards
- ✓ Tell your story with visuals.
- ✓ Dark lettering on a light background is most visible.
- ✓ When mounting items on your showboard, avoid things that are bulky or heavy which could cause it to collapse. Mount items securely, tape will not work for heavier items.

Boards should be easy to read from a distance of 3-5 feet. Use large, bold letters at least 3 inches high for exhibit title or captions.

## FAIR INTERVIEWS

Interview judging for the 4-H Heritage Hall Exhibits will be held **Monday, August 3, 2009**. Interviews will begin at 9:00 AM and continue throughout the entire day. A schedule will be mailed out in July. Parents need to ensure their children arrive for their interviews at Heritage Hall (the Exhibit Hall) in Hotchkiss on time. **Results of Exhibit Hall judging will be posted Wednesday, August 5, 2009.**

## ATTENTION HORSE LEADERS!

Delta County Horse Leaders who are giving Horse Levels RIDING tests need to be sure to turn in all completed tests to the Delta Extension Office. This is the *only* way we have of knowing which members have passed the different riding levels. If you do not turn this information in, we will assume that the information we have on file is the most current information available.



## PREMIER EXHIBITOR INFO AVAILABLE

Stop by the Delta Extension Office to get the scoop on the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Delta County Fair Premier Exhibitor Contest. Our handy booklet tells you everything you need to know about the contest including interview dates, scoring, speech guidelines, and more! This contest is available to beef, sheep, goat, swine and horse members and is a lot of fun. Stop by and grab your informational booklet today!

## DELTA COUNTY FAIR & RODEO QUEEN CONTEST

Contestants will be required to put together a portfolio, answer impromptu questions, give a speech, private interview, written test, horsemanship and modeling. There are three age categories: Queen 16-19 years, Princess 12-15 years, and Junior Princess 9-11 years. All ages are as of January 1, 2009. Deadline for applications is June 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Teresa at 872-2396 or 270-4493.



## FAIRGROUNDS SCALE OPEN

The Delta County Fairgrounds scale will be open for 4-H/FFA members wishing to weigh their project animals from 5 to 6 PM on June 17<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>. We want to extend a big thank you to the Delta County Fairboard for providing this service to our kids. It really helps them out!

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES!

Some important upcoming deadlines are listed below. (*Please remember: All deadlines are 5:00 PM on the due date. Mailed information must reach the office by the due date.*)

- **July 10, 2009** – Fair 4-H & Open class pre-entries due – 5:00 PM, Delta Office
- **July 18, 2009** – Shooting Sports record books due at Fair Shoot
- **Sept. 4, 2009** – Completed livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, llama), horse, and dog record books due. Club completions, and Achievement Nominations due
- **Sept. 25, 2009** – Achievement Award Forms due

## CLOVERBUDS & FAIR

Some suggested displays for Cloverbuds to bring to the county fair are:

- ☺ Craft projects such as beadwork, artwork, scrapbooks, or any other craft type item that a member has made.
- ☺ Display boards with pictures showing what the member has done throughout the year.
- ☺ Potted plants they have cared for. Clothing articles the member has made or embellished.
- ☺ Dioramas. (A diorama is a three-dimensional miniature scene in which figures, stuffed wildlife, or other objects are arranged in a realistic setting against a painted background. Shoeboxes work great for this!)
- ☺ Specimen boxes with bug collections.
- ☺ Rock collections
- ☺ Club displays featuring work done by each Cloverbud in the club.

Be sure to mark all items with the Cloverbud's name, age and club! (*NO addresses please.*) We want everyone to know who our little guys are and see what wonderful work they do!