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Win this truck!

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Extension programs are available to all
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Summer fun with beanbag balls!

These totally tossable, squishable balls are lightweight and easy to grip, making them perfect for novice jugglers, beanbag games or a game of catch!

Materials:

- 9 (11-inch) balloons (for 3 balls)
- Funnel
- 2 ¼ cups of dried lentils
- Scissors



Directions:

- Stretch the first balloon by inflating it halfway, holding it closed for about 30 seconds, and deflating it.
- Place a funnel in the balloon's neck and gradually pour in ¾ cup of lentils, pushing them in as you go. The balloon should be firm but squeezable.
- Snip off the balloon's thick rubber lip. Cut the neck off a second balloon and gently stretch the opening.
- Ease the second balloon over the filled balloon, tucking in the neck as you go.
- Cut the neck off the third balloon, stretch the opening, and ease it over the other two. Repeat this process to make a set of three balls, or however many you'd like.

Courtesy of www.FamilyFun.com.

4-H Talent Show!

2 p.m., Sunday, May 17

South Fellowship Church, 6550 S. Broadway, Littleton, 80121

Join us for a night of dazzling talent and amazing acts! The theme is "A Night at the Movies"! For more information, or to volunteer to help decorate, please call Larry at 303-730-1920. *Competitor registration closed on April 27.*

All welcome to enter in Arapahoe County Fair!

Are you someone who is not in 4-H but would like to exhibit at the Arapahoe County Fair? Do you make a prize-winning bread? Are you a great quilter? Do you have an artistic eye with a camera? Do you have a green thumb?

If so, then the Open Class Competition is for you! Enter into one or more contests in either the Horticulture Division (flowers, vegetables, etc.), or Arts Division (quilting, photography and culinary arts). For more information, please visit www.arapahoefair.com and download an open class book. The pre-entry deadline is June 26, 2009. Submit your best!

See page 5 for all fair information!



2009 MEETINGS

Junior Leader Meetings

7 p.m., May 11
CentrePoint Plaza

District III Senate

7 p.m., May 18
Arapahoe County Extension
June, 2009 – Year end BBQ
Arapahoe County Extension

Fair Planning Committee Meetings

May 20– Fairgrounds
June 17– Fairgrounds
July 15- Fairgrounds
6 p.m. for all

4-H Advisory Council

June 10 – Extension Office

4-H Horse Council

6:30 p.m., June 18, 2009
Location: Centre Point Plaza

4-H State Conference Delegate Orientation

6:30 p.m., June 8, 2009
Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Event Hall
If you are accepted as a delegate, you must attend this training.

State 4-H Conference

June 23 – 26, 2009
Colorado State University Campus, Ft. Collins, CO

Any 4-H member, ages 14-18, may apply to attend as a delegate. Consumer Choices delegates, County 4-H Senators, County senior champion horse speech and demonstration, senior public and impromptu speech contestants also will attend. Complete details will be mailed at a later date.

Win A Truck! Raffle Fundraiser

Enter the Colorado 4-H Foundation's *Win a Truck* raffle for your chance to win a **2009 Ford XLT F150** 4x4 pickup truck, and support youth involvement in 4-H!

Raffle tickets are on sale from now until October for **just \$5 each, or \$20 for five.** To purchase a ticket, please call Larry Hooker at 303-730-1920.

This exciting fundraiser will give 40-percent from each ticket sold back to the county program or state 4-H project responsible for the sale. The remaining funds will benefit special 4-H youth programs.

A special thanks to our partners at Rocky Mountain Ford stores, which donated the vehicle as the official sponsor of Colorado 4-H.

The truck will be on display at the fair and other county events throughout the summer. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Colorado 4-H Gala on October 3 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The winner will be notified.

"The funds raised from the raffle will provide the 4-H learning experience to more kids in Colorado. We greatly appreciate Ford becoming an official sponsor of the Colorado 4-H Program."

Gary Small, Executive Director, Colorado 4-H Foundation

To Better Serve You, Please Call Ahead

The 4-H agents at the Arapahoe County Extension Office are dedicated to helpful service.

To best meet your needs, please call in advance to schedule an appointment with a 4-H agent or request any forms or literature be prepared for you to pick up. If you only need to drop something off, a call is not necessary.

Due to Arapahoe County Office Security Procedures, all visitors must check in at the front reception desk and the Extension Office will be notified that you are in the building.

The Extension Office can be reached at 303-793-1920.

Cake Decorating Contest!

Tuesday, June 9 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
Registration deadline: Postmarked or received by May 15.

Contestants must be enrolled in the same Cake Decorating Unit they are competing in at the contest. Guidelines and an entry form are available on pages 16 -18.



ARAPAHOE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year, all three of our 4-H Foundation Scholarship winners are members of the Antelope Crossing 4-H Club in Strasburg and graduates of Strasburg High School. The 4-H Foundation funds three \$1,500 scholarships and one Arabelle J. Burnett Excellence \$2,500 scholarship each year.



Christina Williams, the recipient of the Arabelle J. Burnett Excellence scholarship, has been accepted at Colorado School of Mines to study Computer Engineering and Science. Christina joined 4-H eight years ago and says the highlight of her 4-H work was winning Grand Champion Pig Showmanship. She showed the Reserve Grand Champion Breeding sheep twice, and also showed pigs at the National Western Stock Show this year.

Christina has received the County's "Make The Best Better Award," as well as her 4-H club's "Excellence Award" and "Rising Star Award." She served as her club's historian, treasurer, vice president and is in her second term as president. She is also currently President of the Arapahoe County 4-H Junior Leaders Council and serves as an alternate senator to the District III 4-H Senate. She is also involved in the Future Business Leaders of America. Her Parliamentary Procedure Team will be competing in the State FBLA competition this year.

Christina lettered in varsity soccer at Bennett High School before attending Strasburg High School. Because of her love of the sport, she organized soccer club in her community, since Strasburg H.S. does not offer it as a school sport. She also took classes at Pickens Technical College for the past two years.

Christina demonstrates a high level of sportsmanship, responsibility and leadership.



Brittney Pelton, a five-year 4-H member, plans to attend Pickens Technical College this fall. She would like to get an Associates Degree in Applied Science/Dental Assisting and continue on to receive a Master's Degree in Dental Hygiene or Criminal Justice.

Brittney's 4-H projects have included Market and Breeding Beef, Sheep and Poultry as well as Photography and Decorate Your Duds. She has served her club as Secretary, Vice President and President, and works with new and younger 4-H members. She is a member of the Junior Leaders Council and has participated in the Fashion Revue, where she was picked as Miss Congeniality in 2007. She has also participated in the County Creative Cooks, Consumer Bowl and Consumer Choices contests and represented Arapahoe County at the 4-H State Conference this past summer in the Consumer Choices contest. She was high individual in the State contest.

Brittney has lettered in Track and Field and also played basketball the past three years. Her passion is community service and helping others in her community.



Ashley Hale will be attending Northeastern Junior College in Sterling to work on a degree in Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine. In the four years she has been a member, she has been enrolled in Breeding and Market Poultry, Market Swine and Photography. She has won Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Poultry and was able to sell her poultry pen of three birds at the Arapahoe County 4-H Livestock Sale. Ashley has served as the club's Recreational and Community Service Director and Vice President.

At school, she is a volunteer with the STARS program, a young women's peer mentoring program. She also works with the school's basketball coach by preparing for games and filming them. She has a gift for administration and organization of activities.

Congratulations to all!



4-H FOUNDATION IVY WINNER

Our IVY Honoree this year is Janell Amundson, a former 4-H member from Byers, Colorado. She has been a 4-H leader for 18 years. She established the Bridle Path 4-H Club in her community when she saw a need for a 4-H club for youth interested in horses.

Janell has coordinated demonstrations and guest speakers for 4-H club meetings and horse clinics, which were open to all 4-H Horse project members in the county. She works weekly in the summer with 4-H members teaching them riding skills. She challenges the 4-H Horse project members to test their abilities in order to move up a riding skill level based on their riding skills and written tests. Janell established Horse Project Level recognition and awards for Bridle Path members to encourage them with their riding skills.

Janell also helps prepare 4-H members for Round Robin Showmanship in both the 4-H horse and goat projects and worked with the Arapahoe County Round Robin contest for two years. 4-H Horse project members also earn scholarships to participate at the State Fair Horse Show, through Janell's efforts to organize scholarships and requirements for the scholarships. She helps the club members organize fund raisers and is always willing to provide transportation for members. She has also worked with horse leaders in the Bit of Class 4-H Club in Littleton.



At the County level, Janell has helped reorganize Horse classes at the Arapahoe County Fair to better suit the participants; served as County Fair Horse Superintendent, ring steward, gate attendant, timer and various other jobs associated with the County Fair Horse show; worked with a county Horse Judging and Hippology team for five years; and was a member of the County 4-H Horse Council for eight years. She serves as a County-wide horse project resource leader. She also has helped with setting up the County Fair Horse arena, organized events and helped tear down after the county fairs. She is not afraid to get her hands dirty!

The Quint Valley Fair was a small fair held in Byers each year with both Arapahoe and Adams County 4-H members participating. Janell worked with that Fair as a Superintendent, lined up judges as well as organized advertising, volunteers, equipment needs for the fair and helped get the building and grounds ready for the fairs.

She also helped girls prepare for applying to be a Quint Valley Fair Queen and Princess by teaching them how to write their resumes and prepare for interviews.

Through her 4-H involvement she has influenced youth, parents, leaders and the community by providing fun and educational activities for youth in the 4-H Horse Project, encouraged parents to become involved in 4-H, encouraged youth to try new things and promoted safety around horses.

She states that being a 4-H volunteer has benefited her family by providing quality time with her family and many pleasant memories. Her girls learned public speaking skills through giving demonstrations. These skills carried over into high school where they competed in Public Speaking with FBLA. They learned to cook and sew. They also learned organizational and time management skills.

Janell also volunteers in her community. She helped organize the Comanche Crossing Horsemen's Association and helps with the organization and distribution of holiday meals to families in need within the community at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She teaches at the Byers High School, where she has been a sponsor of the Future Business Leaders of America. She also was a Sunday school and Vacation Bible School teacher at Byers Community Church when her children were younger. Congratulations Janell!



Arapahoe County Fair – July 22 - 26

Entry forms, schedule of events and details at www.arapahoecountyfair.com
Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, 25690 E. Quincy Ave. Aurora

2009 4-H FAIR BOOKS COMING BY MAIL

The 2009 Arapahoe County 4-H Fair Book will be mailed to all 4-H families at the end of April.

Please refer to the Fair Book and use the lot numbers when completing entry forms. There are a few changes in exhibit requirements and project enrollment numbers. If you have questions concerning the pre-entry forms, please call the 4-H office at 303-730-1920.

CALLING ALL 4-H EXHIBITORS! PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 26

4-H members must submit pre-entry forms and payment of all fees for General, Home Economics, Cloverbud and Animal exhibits. Pre-entry forms can be found in the back of the fair book or online at www.arapahoecountyfair.com. Online or faxing entries are not available options. Forms must be signed by the member. All exhibits will remain on display from July 22 - July 26.

All fees, including discounted entry passes and stock fees, must be submitted with the pre-entry form. A late fee of \$5 per exhibitor will be assessed for entries postmarked or received after June 27.

NO entries will be accepted after July 3. Checks must be made payable to “**Arapahoe County Fair**” and attached to the pre-entry form.

It is the member’s responsibility to check with the Extension Office to make sure the pre-entry form and payment was received by the deadline.

DISCOUNTED FAIR ENTRANCE PASSES AVAILABLE ONLY WITH PRE- ENTRY FORMS

Discounted fair passes are available as a benefit for 4-H exhibitors, their parents, grandparents and other immediate family members. However, 4H Exhibitors must purchase their discounted entry passes when submitting exhibit pre-entry forms. The discounted passes will not be available at or during the Fair.

- \$6** 4-H Exhibitor Fair Season Entrance Pass
- \$10** 4-H Adult/Family Fair Season Entrance Pass (*4-H parents, grandparents, family members*)
- \$5** 4-H Adult/Family Daily Entrance Pass

The passes are good July 22 - 26. Carnival rides/games not included. Parking is free. Entrance passes may be picked up at the Fairgrounds starting Sunday, July 19 in the 4-H Fair office.

Poultry Exhibits

Poultry exhibitors will also need to complete their own exhibit cards again this year. These cards will be available the day of check-in from the Department Superintendent. See the Fair Book for poultry events.

Animal Poster Contest

No pre-entry required for the animal poster contest. Display must be cardboard, and content must be educational in nature and deal with any subject relating to animals (poultry, rabbits, beef, sheep, swine, goat dog, and horse). See the Fair Book for guidelines. Entries are due by 4:30 p.m., July 22 at the Fair Office.



GO HOG WILD AND EXHIBIT YOUR EXCELLENT WORK! *A Letter from the Director*

Greetings 4-H Members and Parents,

The theme of the 2009 Arapahoe County Fair is “Go Hog Wild!”

Let me echo that enthusiasm and encourage all of our 4-H members to go hog wild and exhibit all of your excellent projects at the Fair!

Being an exhibitor will give you the chance to show your family, friends and fairgoers how hard you have worked on your 4-H projects! Get your projects ready and send in those entry forms by June 26! First-year members: this is a great opportunity for you to debut what you have learned and the skills you have developed being a 4-H member.

I know you will be ready with the help of your 4-H leaders and parents. I want to send my thanks and appreciation to these terrific folks who make this 4-H program stronger every day!

See below for some unique opportunities and events available just for 4-H members at the Fair this year!

If you have questions, comments or concerns, please stop by my office, call 303-738-7907 or send an e-mail to dedwards@co.arapahoe.co.us.

Thank you for all you do to move the Arapahoe County 4-H program towards being the best in Colorado. I look forward to seeing you all “Go Hog Wild” at the 2009 Arapahoe County Fair!

Dale Edwards, Arapahoe County Extension Director

2009 Fair Champions Eligible for State Fair Contests!

The champions of Creative Cooks, Cake Decorating, Talent Show, and other county 4-H contests may enter the State Fair contests subject to contest rules and regulations. The Extension Office will contact champions with complete details concerning State Fair contests.

Special Fair Events for 4-H'ers!

Look forward to these exciting events!

4-H Dance with a DJ

9 - 11 p.m., Saturday, July 26

Fair Awards Program and Free BBQ

4 p.m., Sunday, July 27

4-H Fair Entrance Super Pass

For only \$50, you will enjoy unlimited admission and carnival rides all week!

You can earn the pass by selling tickets! Watch for more information!

Limited Camper/RV Parking

Twenty-five spots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. “Dry” camping only; no power hook-ups or dumping available.

For safety concerns, exhibitors staying overnight at the fair will not be allowed to sleep in any livestock areas. Youth staying overnight must be accompanied by parents.

For reservations, call Jean at 303-730-1920.



FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help others enjoy the Fair experience and have fun? Consider becoming a volunteer! To volunteer, call the Extension Office at 303-730-1920. 4-H leaders and youth do not have to complete the Fair Volunteer Application forms, but do need to contact the Extension Office if they plan to help.

Following is a list of areas in which volunteers are needed:

Main Exhibit Hall 4-H & Open Class Hostesses: Volunteers are needed to to monitor activity in the Main Exhibit Hall and help direct fair attendees to all the fun exhibits and activities.		
Date	Time	# Volunteers Needed
July 22 to 26	2-3 hour shifts 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.	4 volunteers per shift

Fair 4-H Home Economics and General Displays: Work with project judges and displays. Volunteers should have basic experience with 4-H Home Ec and General projects and a willingness to learn more.		
Date	Time	# Volunteers Needed
Sunday, July 19	TBA	10 Set Up
Monday, July 20	TBA	24 Judges' Helpers, 3 Registration
Sunday, July 26	TBA	10 Exhibit Take Down and Release

4-H Fashion Revue Committee Conference Call		
Date	Time	# Volunteers Needed
Monday, May 18	5:30 p.m.	Anyone who is interested.

4-H Rabbit Show		
Date	Time	# Volunteers Needed
Friday, July 24	9 a.m.	1 Registration, 1 Show Helper, 1 Awards

4-H Horse Show		
Date	Time	# Volunteers Needed
Friday, July 24	TBA	Test coordinators, gate helpers, ribbon helpers, ring stewards, registration and Superintendent helpers.
Saturday, July 25		

Open Class Living Arts: Volunteers are needed to assist the Department Superintendents, Extension Staff and Fair Planning Committee.		
Date	Time	# Volunteers Needed
Sunday, July 19	8 a.m.	8 Set Up
Monday, July 20	10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	3 Entry Clerks
Tuesday, July 21	8 – 11 a.m.	3 Entry Clerks
	1 – 5 p.m.	12 Judging Clerks
Sunday, July 26	5 – 7 p.m.	4 Exhibit Release Clerks

Open Class Horticulture and Floriculture		
Date	Time	# Volunteers Needed
Thursday, July 23	8 p.m.	4 Set Up for Horticulture
Friday, July 24	7 a.m. – 10 a.m.	8 Entry Clerks Horticulture
	10:30 a.m.	12 Judging Clerks Horticulture
	4 p.m.	4 Set Up for Floriculture
Saturday, July 25	7 – 10:00 a.m.	8 Entry Clerks Floriculture
	10:30 a.m.	12 Judging Clerks Floriculture
Sunday, July 26	5 – 7:00 p.m.	4 Exhibit Release Clerks



4-H Member Enrollment/Ownership Deadlines

Member Enrollment Deadlines

March 1: Members in livestock projects must have been enrolled in Arapahoe County 4-H.

May 1: County Fair Exhibit Eligibility; Project Add/Drop Deadline

4-H Animal Ownership Deadlines

Animal ownership deadlines are different from the 4-H enrollment deadlines. Animal ownership must be noted in your e-records.

Now Closed: Market Beef, Dogs

May 1: Breeding Beef, Market and Breeding Sheep, Swine, Goats, Poultry and Rabbits

June 1: Poultry Meat Pen, Horses (ownership/leases must be sent to the 4-H office)



Colorado State Fair Nomination/Ownership Deadlines

Only livestock project members who were enrolled by March 1, are eligible to weigh their market goats, sheep and swine. Enrollments will not be accepted at the weigh-in.

Market Beef nominations were due April 1, 2009

Market Goat, Sheep & Hog nominations are due June 1, 2009

Each sheep entry must be nose printed on an official State Fair Nomination Card. Each swine entry must be ear notched and have a State Fair Ear Notch Card filled out. Each goat entry needs to have a goat nomination card filled out.

All livestock nomination cards must be sent to the Colorado State Fair Livestock Office from the Extension Agent or the Vo-Ag Instructor. All market animals must be tagged in the right ear with County tag.

Nomination Requirements:

- Market Goats: Nose print is not required, but goat must have a county ear tag and number. A side profile picture of the Market Goat with the bonafide Junior exhibitor must be attached. Digital pictures will not be accepted.
- Market Lambs must be nose printed and have county ear tag and number.
- Market Beef must be nose printed and have county ear tag and number. (This must have been done at the beef weigh-in on March 1.)
- Market hogs must have no more than two ear notches in each quarter and only one notch out on the tip of the ear, and have county ear tag and number.

The Extension office must do lamb nose prints and hog ear notches for ownership identification purposes before June 1, 2009 for all 4-H animals to be shown at the 2009 Colorado State Fair.

If you have only one or two State Fair animals please bring them to the weigh-in for identification. If you have more than two, call Larry for an appointment to identify State Fair animals. All market animals must be tagged in the right ear with a county tag.

For more information, contact Larry at 303-730-1920 or go to www.coloradostatefair.com.



State 4-H fees increase by \$15 starting 2010-2011 4-H year

Jeff Goodwin, Assistant Director for Colorado 4-H Youth Development Programs, recently announced that the \$5 state 4-H fee, which has been collected from Colorado 4-H members in organized clubs for the last five years, will be raised to \$15 for the 2010-2011 4-H year.

The decision to make this change was made after much discussion with 4-H agents from around the state. The 4-H Roundtable (State 4-H Advisory Committee) was also consulted extensively on this issue.

Goodwin explained that this increase was needed in order to maintain state staff and special project support who manage the Colorado 4-H program.

Colorado 4-H understands how this fee increase might put a strain on some county 4-H programs or 4-H families given the current economic climate. For that reason, the announcement has been made a year and a half before the fee increase will take effect.

The \$15 annual state 4-H fee is equates to \$1.25 per month per 4-H member—or 4 cents per day. Even when county fees and project costs are added in, 4-H is still the biggest and best bargain in town when it comes to youth development programs.

As always, if a family with economic struggles wants their kids to be in 4-H, we will find a way to make it happen. If you are in such a situation, please contact the county Extension office for information about scholarship programs or alternative payment plans that can be set up so that every young person has the opportunity to be in 4-H.

If you have questions about this increase, feel free to contact the county Extension office or contact Jeff Goodwin at 970-491-1152.

E-Records for 2008 - 2009

E-Records are now available. Please go to www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.shtml to print out your E-records. Do not use last year's E-records, as they will not be counted. If last year's E-records are used, a penalty will be applied when the records are graded.

Secretary/Treasurer/Historian Scrapbooks

4-H Club Secretaries, Treasurers and Historians must complete their respective books/scrapbooks and submit them to the 4-H office by **Monday, August 31, 2009**.

Call the 4-H office for more information.

Club Financial Summaries Required!

Each club's financial summary must be on-file in our office. **These were due Jan. 31**. If you have not yet turned one in for your club, do so ASAP! A committee of three club members and one adult (not a leader) directly related to the club does the audit for your club's account and complete the form.

Call the 4-H office for more information.

4-H Award Donations

Donations to sponsor 4-H Grand Champion Awards, Tools of the Project, Rate of Gain, Club Herdsman and Premier Market Member Awards can be made to the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation. Mail these tax-deductible donations to the Extension Office.



Display Guidelines for Fair 4-H Exhibits

Display boards should be made of lightweight cardboard. When opened, the 1-foot-wide winged sides provide a surface to help the exhibits stand alone on a table top. The standardized display board size of 4 ft. x 3 ft is to be used for 4-H projects. (See example below.)

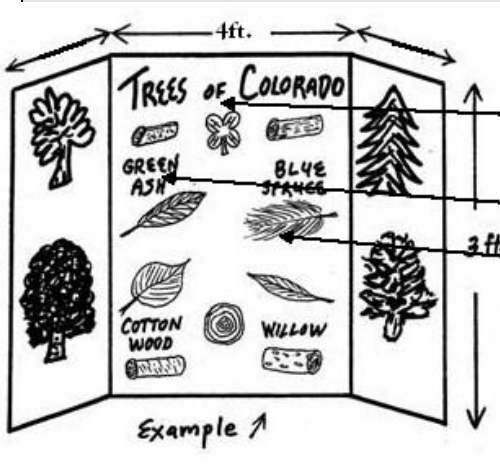
TIPS

DO:

- Be concise; convey the message to a reader in 60 seconds
- Make the display easily to read from five feet away
- Use large, bold letters (at least 3" high) for title or caption.
- Mount items securely so they won't fall off.
- Tell your story with visuals.
- Build your poster board around one catchy theme, not multiple sub-themes
- Consider dark lettering on a light background is most visible.
- Create a binder/notebook as appropriate for exhibits

DON'T:

- Use headers or attachments.
- Mount bulky or heavy items that could cause the display board to collapse.
- Put too much on the display that creates a crowded feel
- Include a binder with slider closures.



4-H Project Achievement Medals

Application Deadline: Friday, September 11, 2009

Members are recognized each year for outstanding project work. Members must select one project and turn in the corresponding record book and completed Project Achievement Application. Members are then evaluated on their completion of project learning responsibilities.

In order for members to begin working toward achieving a medal, the list of responsibilities is as follows:

1. Attend project meetings on a regular basis.
2. Complete one project related demonstration or speech at a project or club meeting.
3. Attend a project-related workshop, class, field trip, tour or other additional experience in addition to the usual project meetings.
4. Participate in at least one countywide activity: Creative Cooks, Cake Decorating Contest, Talent Show, County Contest Day or Fashion Revue.
5. Exhibit selected project at the County Fair.
6. Have a complete, neat, and legible record book.
7. Have photos or drawings in record book.
8. 4-H Story portion of record book is complete.

Since members are evaluated on a standard, more than one medal in each project area may be awarded. Look for the application form on the web at www.arapahoeextension.org or on page 22.

Additional Achievement Program Awards

Deadline: Monday, August 31, 2009

"Make the Best Better" Award and Danforth award nominations must be postmarked or received in the 4-H office by Monday, August 31, 2009. Forms will be mailed to all organizational leaders.



Animal News

Poultry Update

Don't forget to order your chickens now in order to give them enough time to grow before Fair. Call Larry at 303-730-1920 if you have any questions.

Guide Dogs for the Blind

This program teaches youth responsibility as well as helping the Guide Dogs for the Blind organization. Guide Dogs for the Blind are always looking for puppy raisers and they sponsor college scholarships to members who have raised a guide dog. For more information, call Dot Dill, 303-771-3428 or Carmen Moyer, 303-798-5934.

Primary Care and Premise ID

All livestock and horse exhibitors are required to fill out the Primary Care Form which will be available from your club's organizational leader. It will also be available at the Extension Office and on the Arapahoe County Extension website. *New this year*. It is mandatory for all livestock and horse exhibitors to have a Premise ID # for Arapahoe County. Call Colorado Premise Identification at 1-877-842-0102 for more information.

Livestock Shows & Sales

For information on upcoming livestock sales and shows, call Larry at 303-730-1920.

Elbert County Events

Eastern Slope Livestock Judging – May 2

Dog Fun Match – June 6

Eastern Slope Horse Judging – June 13

Elbert County Pre-Fair Horse Show – June 20

Elbert County Fair Dog Rally – July 24

For more information and/or to register, contact the Elbert County Extension Office at 719-541-2361.

Adams County Events

Adco Summer Series Horse Shows – May 30, June 28, July 18

4-H Working Ranch Horse Competition

For more information and/or to register, contact the Adams County Extension Office at 303-637-8100.

Weld County Events

Livestock Judging Contest – May 9 (tentative)

Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza – May 31, June 1 - 2

For more information and/or to register, contact Keith Maxey at 970-304-6535 x2075.

Beef Fitting Clinic

Saturday, May 9, Douglas County Fairgrounds. For more information, call Michael Lackey at 720-733-6940.

2009 Poultry Clinic & APA/ABA Sanctioned Youth and Open Show

May 15 – 17, Eagle River Center, Eagle County Fairgrounds

For more information, go to www.coloradopoultryclinic.com

63rd Gunnison County Livestock Judging Contest

May 16, Gunnison County Fairgrounds

For more information, call 970-641-1260.

Falcon Ranchers Annual 4-H Dog Show

May 17, El Paso County Fairgrounds

For more information, contact falconranchers4h@aol.com



Country Style 4-H Club Mock/Schooling Show

May 30, Latigo Trails Equestrian Center

For more information, contact lynn@countrystyle4h.com

El Paso County

El Paso County Horse Judging Contest – May 31

For more information, contact the El Paso County Extension Office at 719-636-8920.

Grand County 4-H & Open Dog Fun Match

June 13, 2009 – DATE CHANGE

8 a.m. Registration; 9 a.m. Show starts

Kremmling Town Square, Grand County, rain or shine.

For more info call Grand County Extension, 970-724-3436

Douglas County Jr. Livestock Show

Saturday, June 13, 2009

Douglas County Fairgrounds

For more information, call Michael Lackey at 720-733-6940.

Falcon Ranchers Rabbit Show

June 14, 2009

El Paso County Fairgrounds

For more information, contact falconranchers4h@aol.com

Mesa County 4-H Obedience – Grand Valley Kennel Club Dog Fun Match

June 13 and 14, 2009

Mesa County Fairgrounds, Veterans Park

For more information, contact Kelly Davidson at 970-623-0343 or at kellydavidson@remax.net

K-9 Kapers 4-H Fun Match

Saturday, June 20, 2009 – Rain or shine

Sterne Park, 5800 S. Spotswood St., Littleton

For more information, call either Jody Kelly at 303-790-4630 or Ginni Littlefield at 303-646-6360.

Shooting Sports News

Shooting Sports Leader Certification Dates

<u>Event Dates</u>	<u>Registration Due</u>	<u>County</u>
5/29 – 5/30	5/22	Eagle
10/2 – 10/4	9/25	Park

For registration information, please go to www.co4hshooting.org/2009_workshops_registration_form.pdf

Shooting Sports Training Videos

Shooting Sports videos are available for county and club use. These videos can be checked out by the County Extension office from CSU and are available on a first come, first serve basis. For a list of videos, call Larry at 303-730-1920.

Hunter Safety Classes

A Hunter Safety certificate is mandatory to participate in the Arapahoe County 4-H Shooting Sports program. For hunter safety classes and fees, call the Colorado Division of Wildlife at 303-291-7530.

Save the Dates! 2009 Colorado State Contest 4-H Shooting Sports

August 22-23; September 5-7



2009 Arapahoe County 4-H Calendar

MAY

- 1 Add/Drop deadline for projects
- 1 Enrollment deadline for 4-H members for County Fair eligibility
- 1 Family Club Enrollment Deadline
- 7 New Leader Orientation
- 17 Talent Show

JUNE

- 9 Cake Decorating Contest
- 14-21 Citizenship Washington Focus
- 26 Fair Entry Deadline – Open Class & 4-H

JULY

- 14 Fashion Revue Workshops & Judging
- 19 County Fair Dog Show
- 20 Home Ec. & General Judging
- 22-27 Arapahoe County Fair
- 22 Beef, Sheep, Swine Entries; Livestock Weigh-in; Brand Inspection; Sheep Show; Public Fashion Revue
- 23 Rocket Fly; Goat Show; Swine Show; Poultry Entries; Poultry Weigh-in; Horse Entries

- 24 Horse Entries; English Written Test; English Show; Gymkhana & Cattle Written Test; Cattle & Gymkhana Show; Rabbit Show; Poultry Showmanship & Show; Beef Show
- 25 Horse Entries; Western Written Test; Halter & Western Riding Show; PeeWee Sheep & Hog Showmanship; Livestock BBQ; Livestock Sale; 4-H Dance
- 26 Home Ec. Exhibit Release; Round Robin; Adult Round Robin; BBQ; Award Program; Brand Inspection; Animal Release

(Fair Dates are Subject to Change.)

AUGUST

- 28-31 Colorado State Fair

SEPTEMBER

- 1-7 Colorado State Fair

OCTOBER

- 4 Achievement Program

Thanks to Our 2009 Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation Donors!

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Club News

Antelope Crossing 4-H Club Presents Keith Hanlon Excellence Award

Four members of the Antelope Crossing 4-H Club were presented the Keith Hanlon Excellence Award for their contribution to the club and the county 4-H program in 2008. Three-time winner Brittney Pelton, Strasburg, received a \$100 college scholarship. First-timer winners, all of Bennett, included Brianna Osborn, Rhett Crismon, and Heather Crismon. Osborn and Rhett Crismon were awarded embroidered jackets and Heather Crismon was presented with an engraved belt buckle.

"These 4-Hers went over and beyond in their participation, service and leadership to 4-H and our community," said Antelope Crossing 4-H Club Organizational Leader Marilyn Wentz. "We are grateful to be able to recognize their accomplishments and encourage them to continue as leaders."

Last fall, the Antelope Crossing 4-H Club voted to name the club's Excellence Award after the late Keith Hanlon, who passed away in August 2008. Hanlon was a strong supporter of young people and of the 4-H program, having served as a leader, as well as on the fair boards of both Arapahoe and Adams counties. Hanlon's widow, Donna Hanlon, assisted with the presentation of the awards at a recent 4-H meeting.

"Keith would have been very pleased with this award and how it is encouraging young people," said Donna Hanlon.



Pony Pals 4-H Club Updates

At the last couple meetings we have had some great demonstrations, including some tasty food demos! Our club is now deciding what to do for our spring charity outings. We are having a great year!

Here are this year's officers:

Marilis Dugas- President
Kinsey Morley- Vice-President
Ashtyn Reaugh- Secretary
Andre Dugas- Treasurer
Felecia West- Historian
Silje Hayes- Club Reporter

Grandma's Treat Cloverbud Class at 2009 Consumer Choices Contest:



From Left: Lenora Richter, Tristan Hanley, John Yousling and Diane Yousling (Group Leader)

College scholarships available

Guide Dog Raising & Training Scholarship

Application Deadline: May 15

Must be a high school senior and currently enrolled in the 4-H Guide Dog project.

4-H Scholars Program

Application Deadline: TBA, Fall 2009

4-H Scholars serve as representatives of the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Program and promote Colorado 4-H to potential donors and supporters through involvement at various functions, participation in donor calls and public speaking. Each scholar (one senior, junior, sophomore and freshman attending CSU) will receive a stipend of \$750/semester.

For information, call Jean at 303-730-1920.



Hats off to you!

Congratulations to:

- Our 2009 Consumer Choices Contest winners:
 - **Jr. Individual Placing:** Katie Wilson, 1st; Zach Moorman, 2nd; Joey Yousling, 3rd; Samuel Gaffney, 4th; Brianna Osborn, 5th; Ann Moorman, 6th; Emma Hanley, 7th; Garrett Brockelman, 8th; Emily Gray, 9th; Patience Thomas, 10th.
 - **Jr. Individual Reasons:** Ann Moorman, 1st; Katie Wilson, 2nd; Julianna Brockelman, 3rd; Brianna Osborn, 4th; Joey Yousling, 5th; Garrett Brockelman, 6th; Rhett Crismon, 7th; Zach Moorman, 8th; Emma Hanley, 9th; Esther Gaffney, 10th.
 - **Jr. Overall Individual:** Katie Wilson, 1st; Zach Moorman, 2nd; Joey Yousling, 3rd; Ann Moorman, 4th; Brianna Osborn, 5th; Samuel Gaffney, 6th; Garrett Brockelman, 7th; Emma Hanley, 8th; Julianna Brockelman, 9th; Esther Gaffney, 10th.
 - **Jr. Teams:** Ann Moorman, Zach Moorman, Joey Yousling, 1st; Katie Wilson, Patience Thomas, Esther Gaffney, 2nd; Julianna Brockelman, Garrett Brockelman, Brianna Osborn, 3rd; Emma Hanley, Emily Gray, SarahJanae Shepherd, Felecia West, 4th.
 - **Sr. Individual Placing:** Julia Gaffney, 2nd; Brittney Pelton, 8th; Drew Wolf, 9th.
 - **Sr. Individual Reasons:** Julia Gaffney, 2nd; Drew Wolf, 5th; Brittney Pelton, 9th.
 - **Sr. Overall Individual:** Julia Gaffney, 2nd; Drew Wolf, 8th; Brittney Pelton, 9th.
 - **Sr. Team:** Drew Wolf, Julia Gaffney, Brittney Pelton, 3rd.
 - **Cloverbuds:** Lenora Richter, Tristan Hanley, & John Yousling.
- Our 2009 Speech & Demonstration Contest winners:
 - **Individual Demonstrations:** Jr. Champion – Joey Yousling; Jr. Reserve Champion – Jacob Osborn; Int. Champion – Esther Gaffney; Int. Reserve Champion – Ann Moorman;
 - **Team Demonstrations:** Int. Champions – Abigail Hanouw and Allison Judy;
 - **Horse Team Demonstrations:** Sr. Champions – Edwin Gaffney and Julia Gaffney;
 - **Prepared Speech:** Jr. Champion – Caris Fox; Jr. Reserve Champion – Jacob Osborn; Int. Champion – Allison Judy; Int. Reserve Champion – Ashtyn Reaugh; Sr. Champion – Edwin Gaffney;
 - **Prepared Horse Speech:** Sr. Champion – Julia Gaffney; Sr. Reserve Champion – Celeste Komodore;
 - **Impromptu Speech:** Jr. Champion – Jacob Osborn; Int. Champion – Abigail Hanouw; Int. Reserve Champion – Brianna Osborn; Sr. Champion – Edwin Gaffney; Sr. Reserve Champion – Julia Gaffney.
 - **Cloverbud:** Daniel Minor
- Christina Williams for winning the 2008 Rising Star Award, and Colton Bowen for winning the 2008 Fair Award (Youth Category) at the Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner.
- Mary Madsen, former Arapahoe County 4-H Leader, for receiving the 2008 Community Motivator Award at the Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner.
- Cortney Carter and Natalie Eastwood on catching a calf at the NWSS this year.

Thanks to:

- Shelly Moorman, Angie Pelton, Michelle Wilson, Mary Renstrom, Darlene Buglovsky, Andrea Jackson, Jean Walton, Jennifer Crismon, Lulu Marie Hathaway, Paula Gurnsey, Diane Yousling, and Cindy Osborn for all their help at the 2009 Creative Cooks Contest.
- Diane Yousling for being a Judge's Helper at the Speech and Demonstration Contest.
- All members and parents who helped clean up after the Speech and Demonstration Contest.
- All the District 3 Senate members who helped with the 4-H Night Owl.
- Greg Vetter, Jim Kelley, Marge Hess and all the families who participated in the beef weigh-in.
- Dr. Jennifer Casebeer, Ken Crismon, Mary O'Malley, Darrell Williams for assisting with the MQA/PQA Training.
- All the parents who helped at the MQA/PQA Training.



Cake Decorating Contest Guidelines

**Cake Decorating Contestants must be enrolled in project unit in which they are competing.
You may enter one unit only.**

Members are judged while decorating cake in the allotted time. Please follow these guidelines for this event. They may differ from project manual requirements.

1. Please bring:
 - Prepared cake or cake form for decorating as stated in unit rules below
 - All equipment and material required to decorate a cake. (A table will be provided.)
 - Frosting mixed, colored and ready to use. Decorating bags may be filled ahead of time if desired
 - Timer
 - Clean up supplies (dish clothes, paper towels, etc.)
 - Lazy Susan, if desired.
2. All items on cake must be edible except in units where stated otherwise.
3. Cakes should be placed on firm, disposable cardboard no more than 1 1/2 inches larger than the cake. The cardboard may be covered with paper, foil, plastic doilies, etc.
4. The frosting must be applied as part of the contest in Units 1-5; Units 6, 7 and 8 may frost the cake prior to contest. Contestants will be responsible for planning a design in the time allowed.
5. Judges will observe contestants at work as well as evaluate completed cakes.
6. Each contestant must clean his/her area in the allotted time.

UNIT GUIDELINES:

Unit 1: Thirty (30) minutes

1. Frost single-layer cake or cake form 8" or 9" square or round, or 9" x 13" rectangle.
2. Cake may be crumb-frosted before contest, but base frosting is to be applied as part of the contest.
3. Apply design using edible material such as candies, marshmallows, pretzels, coconut, ice cream cone, etc. (no tubes). A portion of the base frosting must be visible for judging.
4. Clean up the area.

Unit 2: One (1) hour

1. A real character cake must be used in this unit.
2. Decorate character cake using tubes appropriate to the cake. Only edible material may be used.
3. Clean up the area.

Unit 3: One (1) hour

1. Frost double-layered cake or cake form of any shape or size.
2. Cake may be crumb-frosted before, but base frosting must be applied as part of contest.
3. Decorate cake using the following: Leaf tube, Star tube, Writing tube, two other tubes of your choice (optional)
4. Only drop flowers made directly on cake may be used. No flowers should be prepared in advance.
5. Clean up the area.

Unit 4: One (1) hour

1. A real cake of any size or shape must be used in this unit. The cake must be cut to form a design.
2. Provide a diagram of how the cake was cut.
3. Pieces may be cut, assembled and crumb frosted before the contest.
4. Decorate cake using 3 or more decorator tubes or a combination of edible materials plus at least three decorator tubes.
5. Only edible material may be used on the cake.
6. Clean up the area.

**Unit 5: One (1) hour**

1. Frost double layer 8, 9 or 10-inch cake or cake form of any shape.
2. Cake may be crumb frosted before, but base frosting must be applied as part of the contest.
3. Decorate cake using at least:
 - One flat surface flower
 - One flower made on a flat flower nail
 - One border
 - One side trim
4. Flowers may be made prior to the contest.
5. Use only edible materials except stamens on flowers. Stamens may be purchased or hand made.
6. Demonstrate making one flat surface flower or flower made on a flat flower nail for the judge.
7. Clean up the area.

Unit 6: One (1) hour

1. Use a double-layer eight, nine or 10-inch cake or cake form of any shape.
2. Cake may be frosted in advance or as part of the contest.
3. Completely decorate the cake using at least the first two items and other as desired.
 - Flower made on a lily flower nail
 - Side trim incorporating string work
 - Floral arrangement or figure piping (optional)
4. Artificial stamens, leaves, wire stems and floral tape may be used. All other decorations must be edible.
5. Demonstrate making one flower on a lily flower nail and writing (if on cake) for the judge.
6. Clean up the area.

Unit 7: One and one-half (1 ½) hour

1. Use a two or three-tier cake or cake form of any shape in graduated sizes.
2. Cakes may be frosted in advance and supports placed.
3. Cake should be assembled and decorated as part of the contest.
4. Decorate cake using:
 - Supports and separator plates
 - Pillars (optional)
 - Flowers, borders, side trims as desired
5. Artificial stamens for flowers, leaves, wire stems, floral tape, special occasion ornaments, tulle and filler flowers may be used.
6. Clean up area.

Unit 8: One (1) hour

1. An edible molded item of any size or shape must be used.
2. The contestant may decorate a freestanding molded item as part of the contest or may use a molded item as part of the cake design. If using a cake, the cake may be frosted in advance, or as part of the contest.
3. Molding may be done in advance, but decoration should be applied as part of the contest.
4. Contestant should explain to the judge how the molding or shaping was done. Tell about the material used, whether ingredients were difficult to secure, how fast the material sets up, etc. If possible, demonstrate shaping of the selected material. Show the molds used.
5. Clean up area.

CLOVERBUD GUIDELINES

Cloverbuds may participate in the Cake Decorating contest. Members may decorate "ready to frost" cookies, cupcakes or cakes which they bring from home. Bring "ready to spread" frosting and any edible decorations that will be needed. Be sure to bring all utensils and equipment for frosting and cleaning up.



4-H Project Achievement Medal Application

Application and completed record book are due in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday – September 11, 2009.

To receive a 4-H Project Achievement Medal pin, members must fulfill the following project responsibilities and submit this completed application with the related 2008-2009 project record.

Name _____ Club Name _____

Age as of December 31 _____ Years in 4-H _____

Project and Unit that you are submitting for an Achievement Medal: _____

Project-related Responsibilities for Achievement:

A. Did you attend project meetings on a regular basis? _____

Number of project meetings held _____

Number of project meetings you attended _____

B. Did you do a project demonstration or speech at a 4-H meeting or at the Speech & Demo. Contest? _____

Title of presentation _____

Location of presentation _____

Date of presentation _____

Audience size _____

C. Did you exhibit this project at the 2009 Arapahoe County Fair? _____

Description of exhibit: _____

D. Did you participate in at least one countywide activity? _____

(Activities include Cake Decorating Contest, Speech & Demo. Contest, Consumer Choices Contest, Creative Cooks, Fashion Revue, and Talent Show)

In which activity did you participate? _____

E. Did you attend a project related workshop, class field trip, tour or other learning experience in addition to your regularly scheduled project meetings? _____

What did you do? _____

Date: _____

I certify that all information provided above is accurate.

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Club Leader Signature: _____ Date: _____

YOU MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL APPLICATION



Check out our Web site!

Arapahoe County 4-H- Access all 4-H newsletters, contest information, entry forms as well as policies and guidelines at www.arapahoeextension.org.

More online resources:

Colorado 4-H – www.colorado4h.org

National 4-H – www.national4-hheadquarters.gov

National 4-H Council & 4-H Center in Washington D.C. – www.fourhcouncil.edu

National 4-H Supply Service – www.4-Hmall.org

Children, Youth and Families Education & Research Network – www.cyfernet.org

CSU Extension – www.ext.colostate.edu

CSU Equine Extension – www.csuequine.com

Colorado Premises Identification – www.COanimalid.org

CSU Livestock Extension – www.livestock.colostate.edu/index.html

State Shooting Sports – www.colorado4h.org/ss/

4-H Leaders Newsletter – www.colorado4h.org/communications/leaderline/index.shtml

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