



Clover Times



El Paso County 4-H
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A community of young people across America who
are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.



Leadership Development Conference 2009

The 2009 Leadership Development Conference will be held in Denver January 23-26, 2009 at the Renaissance Denver Hotel. There will be interesting presentations, a banquet, a Denver Nuggets game, and 4-H Day at the Capitol - something for everyone! The lodging cost is \$50 and the conference registration is \$150 per person. The Denver Nuggets tickets are \$20 for the Upper Corner Balcony or \$45 for the Club Level. For more information and registration forms, go to http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/ldc/index.shtml Packets of information including registration forms are also available at the Extension Office. The deadline for submitting the registration form, health form, code of conduct form and check made out to El Paso County Extension is January 5, 2009. *You will not be able to register online. These forms must be brought into the Extension Office. Extension staff must register our county participants online.*

The LDC *community service project* for this year will be school kits. Each county is responsible for bringing new supplies for the school kits. *This is a great opportunity for clubs to start the year off with a great community service.* Here's what they are requesting: rounded tip scissors, pads of 8 1/2" x 11" ruled paper, 30 centimeter rulers, hand held pencil sharpener, 2 1/2" erasers, boxes of 24 crayons. Please bring any items your club would like to contribute to the Extension Office by January 15.

Officer Training

The El Paso County Officer Training has been scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2009 from 9:30 - 11:30 am at the Extension Office. This training is for club officers - president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and historian. Note that Douglas County is having their Officer Training on December 10 at 6:30 pm and El Paso County officers are welcome to join them. More information is available under Fast Tracks in this newsletter.

Enrollment

This is a reminder that returning 4-H member enrollments are due at the Extension Office by February 2, 2009.

El Paso County Youth Council

The next El Paso County Youth Council Meeting will be Dec. 9th at 7:00 pm at the Extension office, 305 S. Union Blvd. *As of January 2009, it will be required that clubs send a representative to the meetings.* Tracking of this will begin at the January meeting so clubs have time to elect someone to attend. At that time, meetings will once again be held the last Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at Kit Carson Riding Club which is located centrally in our county off of Black Forest Road just north of Woodmen. It is preferable that club representatives be at least intermediates if not older. Clubs that have fewer than 5 senior/intermediate members combined are exempt from this requirement but are encouraged to send someone on an optional basis. If clubs do not have a representative at least 75% of the council meetings they will not be eligible for a club achievement award. If your elected representative cannot attend, please have the representative send a substitute for that meeting.

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*Each club is now
required to send a
representative to
El Paso County
Youth Council*

Leader's Lounge

Attention Leaders!

You have a great opportunity this year to attend three days of workshops (hands on and mentally stimulating), stay in a beautiful hotel and get to know leaders from the other 12 western region states. Colorado is hosting the Western Region Leaders Forum (WRLF) at the Marriott Center in downtown Denver February 25th thru February 28th 2009. There will be about 300 leaders at this conference. This is a great opportunity to have fun and fill in those blanks about the 4-H program. Go to www.colorado4h.org and click on WRLF for more information. Early bird registration is until January 15. I have attended 12 different WRLF forums and have always come away looking forward to the next one. Questions? Give me a call at 651-2028 or email me at maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com. Hope to see you in Denver. Maureen

Small Animal Update

Small Animal Record Book Change

4-H'ers doing poultry and rabbit projects will complete the Horse/Livestock e-record starting with the 2008-09 program year. Those doing the guinea pig, llama/alpaca and dog projects will complete the 4-H Pet Animal e-records. The e-records are available on the State website - <http://colorado4h.org>. All of the small animal e-records (poultry, rabbit, guinea pigs, llama/alpaca and dog projects) must be graded by a project or organizational leader prior to being turned in. The deadline for submitting these record books is September 11, 2009. Awards will be given at Achievement Celebration.

Fast Tracks

Online Center for 4-H Information

The State has a wonderful section of their website devoted to information on 4-H terminology, events, enrollment information, opportunities for individual recognition, scholarship information, volunteering, information on e-record keeping, and a 4-H project selection guide. It is an address well worth visiting. Particularly helpful at the beginning of our 4-H year is the project selection guide which provides a description of the project, approximate cost and length, manual information, contests available for that project, e-record information, supplement information, exhibit requirements (both general and by unit if the project has units). This is a resource for deciding what project(s) to do as well as how to exhibit the project at fair. The address is http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/clover_guide/index.shtml

National Western Stock Show Discounted Tickets

All 4-H members, families and friends and their invited guests are eligible for discounted prices on reserve seating at the National Western Stock Show. The prices offered are unavailable to the general public and tickets purchased through this special offer are free of all service charges, and additional savings of \$3.75 per ticket. Tickets must be purchased through Group Services. There will be a \$2 discount off of the regular price for the majority of the shows. In honor of "4-H Day", Wednesday, Jan. 21, there will be a \$3 discount for both Pro Rodeos that day. For the Pro Rodeo at 2 pm tickets will be \$9 each and for the Pro Rodeo at 7:30 pm, tickets will be \$11 each. For an order form and more information go to <http://www.colorado4h.org/communications/update/2008/nwss001.pdf>

Douglas County Council 4-H Holiday Dance

The Douglas County Council will be holding their Holiday Dance on Friday, December 12 at Kirk Hall at the Douglas County Fairgrounds from 7 - 10 pm. It is open to all ages and El Paso County youth/families are invited. There will be dancing, Cloverbud crafts and fun! The cost is \$2/person; \$3/couple; 5/family. Bring canned food items and get \$1 off! Call the 4-H Office at 720-733-6940 with any questions.

Douglas County Officer Training

Douglas County 4-H is hosting their Officer Training for all Colorado 4-H officers on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30 pm in Kirk Hall on the Douglas County Fairgrounds at 500 Fairgrounds Road in Castle Rock. This is an opportunity for all new club and county officers to learn about their newly elected roles. RSVP to the Douglas County 4-H office at 720-733-6940. El Paso County 4-H officers are welcome to attend this training. This might be an especially attractive alternative for those in the north part of the county or for those who are not able to attend the El Paso County training on February 7.

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

The parliamentary procedure contest will be held the same weekend as Festival of Events which is still to be announced but is usually held in April. The format will change slightly this year to incorporate more of the aspects of the state and national 4-H contest rules. However now is still the time for teams to start practicing during their officer meetings as many of the basics will remain the same. Please look for more details in the next issue.

Next 4-H Newsletter

Our next 4-H Newsletter is scheduled to be a January/February issue and is scheduled to go out at the end of January or beginning of February. The deadline for articles to be included is January 16, 2009.

Club Reports

Club Report Guidelines

Congratulations to our new club reporters! Reporters are welcome to submit a brief report for the newsletter about what their club has been doing. Please remember that reports are due to the Extension Office (gay-leighcamp@elpasoco.com) by the 16th of the month. The report should be a summary of monthly club activities, not retelling of the minutes. A concise report should fall between 50-170 words and can include a picture.

Horse Program News

Horse Judging Team

Are you interested in learning how horses are judged in competition, helping yourself become better at the classes you participate in? What about improving your speaking ability, traveling to various horse training facilities and seeing some great horses while competing at some of the most prestigious shows in the world. That is exactly what you'd be doing if you joined the El Paso County Horse Judging Team. For those of you interested in being part of the team for 2008 now is the time to start getting ready. We are currently holding four Nov/Dec warm-up/introductory practices the only remaining practice until after the holidays will be Wed Dec 10th at the Extension Office at 6:30 for new members, first year senior members and returning juniors. This is the perfect time for those interested in trying it out to come see what it's all about. If you are not able to make it normal practices will start on January 7th also at the Extension office from 6:30-8:30. If you are interested in participating on the team this year it is highly recommended that you attend however if you are unable to attend or want more information please email Jonathan at jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com. We will be discussing holding one practice a month at a northern location and what day practices will be on during the spring once I see who all is committed to being a part of the team.

Living with Livestock

2008 County Fair

Remember youth are allowed to bring and show up to 3 head of market beef, market goats and market lambs at the County Fair.

Swine, Sheep and Goat Producer Classes

What is a producer class? It's a market class for those of you who raise and show your own animals. Individuals who breed and raise their own show animals will show against one another. This class is in addition to the regular market class but does not increase the number of animals you can bring as you will still be limited to the species limit as published. In order to participate in the producer classes you must be signed up for the corresponding breeding project. The rules and nomination procedure are the same as for the other species. You will be limited to nominating 10 animals. You must be enrolled in the breeding project, the animals must still be nursing, and the animals must be tagged, notched or tattooed. Producer class animals will be shown in a Market Producer class at the county fair and must be tagged in at the weigh-in for that species under the name of the producer. They must also make weight as well as abide by all other regulations in regards to showing of 4-H market animals. Again this year main club leaders may verify nominations to assure the animal was born at your place of residence this must be done while the animal is still nursing. To nominate an animal the club leader should take a picture (preferably a digital one) of the animal with its Dam so that any distinguishing marks are visible. Please record a written description of the animal as well as sex, animal ID or tag number (some form of identification on the animal such as ear notches on swine, Tattoos for goats, etc. must be used) and submit them to Jonathan at the Extension Office by April 23rd in the 4-H member's name. The Champion Producer for each species will be awarded at Achievement Celebration and is a combination of how the producers project animals do, the producers' knowledge and the record book. Remember nomination verification must be completed prior to weaning. Please review a complete description of the class on the 4-H web site.

Beef Weigh-in & Blow and Go Show

Will be held February 28th from 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the El Paso County Fairgrounds.
(Emergency date to be used only if you are notified of a cancellation in the next newsletter)
Things you need to know before coming to weigh-in:

- You must bring your animal with a halter already on before they will be unloaded or we will not weigh it! This is for your safety and for everyone else's.
- Please have your calves brand inspected prior to coming to weigh-in. Do not forget to bring your brand inspection papers.
- There will be \$3 charge per head for state fair nominations (this will also be assessed to sheep, swine and goats that are being nominated later this spring)
- If more than 6 animals of a species are weighed-in/tagged-in by a member there will be a \$1 fee per animal over 6. This also will be assessed to sheep, swine and goats at the May weigh-in.

REMEMBER ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CASTRATED PRIOR TO BEING WEIGHED-IN & TAGGED AS A 4-H MARKET PROJECT. CASTRATION MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE FAIRGROUND (NOT THE DAY OF WEIGH-IN) AND HEALED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE! This goes for all species of market livestock! IN ADDITION TO THIS ALL CATTLE AND MARKET GOATS MUST BE DEHORNED.

Blow and Go Show Rules

Once again the El Paso County 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee will be holding a Blow & Go Prospect Market Show following the weigh-in on February 28th. Out of county calves that come in just for the show and are not part of the El Paso County 4-H Program will be weighed from 11:00-11:30. The show will begin at 12:30. Exhibitors may use oil or other hair compounds on the calves. **Adhesives will not be allowed.** ANY calf with adhesive will be dismissed from the show without refund. **This year we will once again offer classes for both heifers and steers**, so here is another chance to get your breeding heifers out. Entry fee will be \$10 per head and jackpotted back. A showmanship class may be held at the discretion of the superintendent. Exhibitors may use stalls but they must be cleaned before they leave. Electricity will not be guaranteed. Wash racks will be closed so get your steers cleaned and clipped before coming to the show.

Beef Cattle Producer Class

There will be a producer class for both replacement heifers and market steers at the 2009 fair. Thanks to all those who participated this past year. Nominations have begun and run through December 31st. The rules and nomination procedure were outlined in online under the Livestock Program. Project or Club leaders should submit nominations to Jonathan at the Extension Office in the 4-H member's name.

Livestock & Horse Activities/Teams

It's time to start thinking about the various projects and activities you plan to get involved with this upcoming year. Several fun, rewarding and educational activities are available to kids interested in horses, livestock, wild life and natural resources (you do not have to be enrolled in these projects in order to participate in these activities). Below is a list of the various activities and their coach's or contact person's phone number and as always you can contact Jonathan via email at jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com if you need more information or have questions about any of these.

Livestock Judging - Coach Aaron Volosin, 720-272-8650, and Quentin Miller, 303-648-9203

Hippology - Coach Jackie Mead, 719-494-1764

Horse Bowl - Coach Jackie Mead, 719-494-1764

Horse Speech and Demo - Coach Spencer Wilkison, 719-481-1010

Horse Judging - Coach Jonathan Vrabec, jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com

More Awards

The following people and clubs were recognized during Achievement Celebration.

Livestock

Producer Champions: Sydney Paul, Goats; Shelby Gillis, Sheep; Cade Christensen, Heifer; Cade Christensen, Beef; Noel Augustine, Swine

Premier Exhibitor Winners: Cade Christensen, Beef; Noel Augustine, Sheep; Holly Nequette, Goat; Noel Augustine, Swine

Supreme Champions: Beef - Cassidy Woodard, Champion; Jesse Kerchal, Reserve; Swine - Tayla Canella, Champion; Cade Christensen, Reserve; Sheep - Noel Augustine, Champion; Kristie Frates, Reserve; Goats - Zach Knutsen, Champion; Holly Knutsen, Reserve

Clean Barn Winners: Beef - A-OK 4-H; Swine - Peyton Farmers; Sheep - Golden Prairie; Market Goats - Heart of the Pines; Specialty Goat Fiber Barn

Livestock Sportsmanship Winners: Jr. - Dani Ward; Int. - Zach Abushaban and Taylor Rodgers; Sr. - Payden Kennedy and Vince Abushaban; Adult - Wade Canaday

Herdsmanship Winners: Mariam Sears, Jr. Goats; Alea Doyle, Int. Goats; Weston Doyle, Sr. Goats; Caleb Turner, Jr. Swine; Trevor Sommer, Int. Swine; Jake Meinzer, Sr. Swine; Yvette Weaver, Jr. Sheep; Brock Carson, Int. Sheep; Jennifer Canaday, Sr. Sheep; Christe Christensen, Jr. Cattle; Brianna Churchill, Int. Cattle; Corey Berens, Sr. Cattle

Horse

Jr. Achievement Awards: Kayla Zarinagar, Krista Reister, Heather Howell

Int. Achievement Awards: Abigail Ward, Emily Auer

Senior Achievement Awards: Rebecca Wilkison, Haley Wilkison, Shelby Robertson

Horse Sportsmanship Awards: Mattie Hlatki, Jr.; Emily Hawkinson, Int., Katie Ashby, Sr., Ginny Vinson, Adult



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Dates to Remember

December

6 Festival of Lights Parade
7 Youth Council
24, 25 Holidays, Office Closed

January

23-25 LDC
26 4-H Day at the Capitol

February

13-15 Youth Fest in Monument



Happy Holidays

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