



MESA COUNTY 4-H DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hey everyone, its Beccanator here, your 2008-2009 Council President! I'm excited about being your Council President and working with all of you to make the best better! I've been in 4-H for 11 years, going on 12 and want to make this year- which happens to be my last – the best I possibly can. I was thrilled at the turnout of members and parents at the Mesa County Achievement night and hope everyone had a great time, I know I did! Congrats to everyone on your awards and those recognized for your milestone achievements. I have lots of goals and ideas for this year and plan to work closely with the members and the rest of the officer team to achieve them. Let's have a fun year and work hard and show everybody what the Mesa County 4-H is all about. So in the words of Buzz Light-year – Reach for the Stars” ~Beccanator~

Missing items ...

If you checked out the book “The Horse,” would you please bring it back to the extension office. Also, we are minus one of the keys for the Community Building. So if you happen to have that, would you please return that to the office as well.

Communication Changes...

As we transition with the changing times, I would also like to make some changes this coming year. If at all possible, I would like an email address for each family in the Mesa County 4-H program. I think it would be more efficient in getting some of this information out to the families. Now, I know not everyone has an email account or access to the internet and that is fine, I will continue sending you the hard copies by mail.

I would like to start sending the monthly newsletter by email and then continue to post it on the Mesa County 4-H webpage like normal. So if you don't get that email, then you can go online and pull the newsletter off yourself. Plus, there are outside programs and upcoming activities that get to our office with a short time frame for us to get the information out to all our 4-H families and give you all adequate time to make arrangement to attend. By having the email addresses, it would also help in getting the information out a couple of times

regarding up coming programs or activities, prior to it actually taking place. This would also give us a chance to send out reminder emails and hopefully have more in attendance.

So, please send me your most frequently checked email account. If you have a work and a personal account that is fine, I will send it to both. To ensure that we have all of your email information correctly spelled and etc., please send Dinah or Dolores an email at:

Dinah.Peebles@mesacounty.us or
Dolores.Trevino@mesacounty.us.

Graduating Seniors

If you are interested in entering into an Agriculture related field of study as you continue your education and are graduating this year, then I think you need to take a look at the Colorado Farm Show Chuck Urano Memorial Scholarship. The Colorado Farm Show awards six \$2,000 scholarships each year. You can access the application at www.coloradofarmshow.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kelli Sandberg (Colorado Farm Show Education Director) at 970-539-8622.

CLOVER BALL TICKETS

Ok, everyone. We are in the process of planning our third Cloverball and would like you to be aware of this up coming activity on April 4, 2009. Plus we want you to know that there is an early bird ticket price. Tickets will be \$30 until February 1, 2009. At that time the tickets will go up to \$50. Now this early bird ticket price is only for our 4-H families. So, if you would like to show your appreciation to your parents, buyer, sponsor, leader or grandparents, then I think you need to take advantage of this special deal and purchase those tickets by February 1. For more information, contact the Extension office 244-1835.

Record Books

If you did not pick up your record book at the Achievement Night, then you need to come get it at the Extension office. Some of your organizational club leaders have picked them up, so contact your leader and make sure they don't have it.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate each and every one of you on your successes and accomplishments this last year. Some of you were recognized at the Achievement night and what a night that was. It was extremely exciting to see the Community Building that full, which just proves that our 4-H program is such a success and you all should be commended on the work you put into the Mesa County 4-H program. The turn out for Achievement night just goes to show that we have out grown our fairground, which is never a bad thing, but it does mean for some more future adjustments.



Yea, it's time to start thinking about enrolling in your projects. I know we haven't even finished this calendar year. However, Dolores and I would like you all to know head of time that we can't help you unless you call us at the time of the problem. It doesn't do us any good if the problem was three months prior. So if you have question on: getting your record books downloaded or printed off, project manuals, or receiving you monthly newsletter; then you need to contact the office immediately (244-1835) so we can get the problem address. Those of us in the office are here to help you out and make things easier, but we can't help if we don't know there is a problem.

Remember, Horse Members the Triple E (Equestrian, Enrichment Evenings) that will begin the second Monday of each month (on January 12), in the Jockey Room at the fairgrounds. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you aren't taking a horse project. Come learn and have fun!!!