

Important Dates!

TRI-RIVER AREA

- **May 1, 2009** – Deadline for enrollment to be able to participate in County Fairs. Deadline for all project additions and deletions.
- **June 1, 2009** – Horse ID Forms due
- **June 5-7, 2009** – Mesa Verde Trip

MONTROSE/OURAY

- **June 30, 2009** – Fair pre-entries due
- **Sept 11, 2009** – Montrose livestock and horse record books due
- **Sept 18, 2009** – Ouray livestock and horse record books due
- **Nov. 7, 2009** – Ouray Achievement Program
- **Nov. 21, 2009** – Montrose Achievement Program

MESA

- **June 30, 2009** – Fair pre-entries due
- **Sept. 4, 2009** – Livestock, horse and shooting sports record books due
- **Oct. 31, 2009** – Achievement Program

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- **July 10, 2009** – Fair 4-H & Open class pre-entries due
- **Sept. 4, 2009** – Livestock and horse record books due. Club completions, Award Forms and Achievement Nominations due
- **Nov. 7, 2009** – Achievement Program

A word to the wise – deadlines are non-negotiable and will be enforced!

TRA Livestock Weigh-in and/or Tagging Dates

Delta County

Swine - May 2, 2009

7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Sheep/Goats - May 2, 2009

10:00 – 12:00 PM

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New Dates!

Mesa County

Swine Tagging – April 30, 2009

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM &

May 2, 2009 - 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Sheep/Goats - May 5, 2009

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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New Dates!

Montrose County

Swine “Tag-in” - May 8, 2009

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sheep/Goats - May 15, 2009

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Ouray County

Beef – April 11, 2009

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Swine/Lamb/Goat – June 6, 2009

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Rabbit Field Day

February 21, 2009 was the TRA Rabbit Field day in Grand Junction. Held at the Mesa County Fair Grounds in the Jockey Room, we had around 80 members and parents learning about the rabbit project. Topics were on nutrition, selection, meat pens, record books, health care, housing, showing and showmanship.

Vicki Miles would like to thank everyone who was able to come and participate in the field day, as well as, the following people who helped to make the day a blast: Kevin, Susan, Tyler & Tanner Asnicar, Mike Peacock, Cindy MacLeod-Soppe from Purina, Bruce, Dawn, Cassidy, and Sarah Parker from Sisson's Feed & Seed in Delta, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Clark, Brittney Hudson, Kasey Miles, Isaac Munoz, Karen Nittler, and Dinah Peebles.

Livestock Field Days - We Got 'Em & You Should Attend

- Beef – 4/11/09 – Loma Sale Barn, 9 AM – 4 PM
- Dog – 4/25/09 – Pavilion, Cleland Park, Delta, 9 AM – 2 PM
- Poultry Fun Day - 6/17/09 – Delta County Fairgrounds, Hotchkiss

Wholesome Meat Act Classes

The following is the “Official” State 4-H policy regarding the Meat Quality Assurance Act and the required training:

- ★ Any 4-H member enrolled in a market or breeding livestock project that has not previously attended training **must do so**.
- ★ Any 4-H member who was a Junior (age 13 or under) and is moving into the Senior division in 2009 (age 14 as of January 1, 2009), will be required to attend the training.
- ★ **Everyone** enrolled in a 4-H livestock project must sign the Tri River Area 4-H Commitment to Excellence.

In summary, all 4-H members must attend the Wholesome Meat training once as a Junior (13 and under) and once as a Senior (14 and over).

The following is a tentative schedule of training sessions available in the Tri River Area.

- April 23 – Delta County, Heritage Hall, Delta County Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- April 27 – Mesa County C Bldg, Mesa County Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- April 29 – Montrose County, Friendship Hall, Montrose Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- April 30 - San Miguel County, Redvale Community Center, 6:00 PM
- May 18 - Delta County, Heritage Hall, Delta County Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- May 19 - Mesa County C Bldg, Mesa County Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- May 20 - Montrose County, Friendship Hall, Montrose Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM



You may attend training in another county if you cannot make the date scheduled in your county. **Be sure to sign in when you arrive, this way we have a record of your attendance.**

Livestock & Horse Record Book Info

Below are the requirements for the 2008-2009 Livestock and Horse record books:

1. **Livestock record books will be *one per specie***. Market and breeding projects may be kept in the same book, however beef will need a book, sheep will need a book, swine will need a book, etc.
2. You do not have to keep a different record for each horse. Records for several different horses can be kept in the same record book.
3. ALL record books must be turned in to the Extension Office with some type of binding. This can include three ring binders, acco or brad type binders, or just simply by stapling all pages together. Binding must hold all pages securely.

ALL additional information that is included with a record book (i.e. feed labels, photos, plans, patterns, etc) must be securely affixed within the record book.

Livestock, Horse & Dog E-Records Rule Change

Effective for the 2009 4-H Year the Tri River Area will have some new rules regarding Livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, llama, and rabbit), Horse & Dog e-records. They are as follows:

- All members are required to turn in a 70% completed e-record for every project in which they enroll.
- If your e-record falls short of the 70% completion than you will not be allowed to re-enroll in that project the following year.
- All e-records will have due dates and there will be no exceptions made for late e-records. If you fail to turn in an e-record you will not be allowed to re-enroll in that project regardless of years in project.

Please note: Members will be allowed to attend a mandatory e-record training *only if it is their first or second year enrolled in the project* to be eligible to re-enroll in that project. If a member does not complete this training by the date established within their county, then their enrollment in that project will be dropped.

Colorado Association of Stock Horse Clinics

C.A.S.H. for Kids Horsemanship is open to ALL youth, ages 8 to 18. It is designed to help them become better horsemen and have fun with their horses. The program provides an opportunity for young riders to improve their performance, save time and money and enhance their riding pleasure. Beginners are welcome and encouraged to participate! Riders will have the opportunity to use their skills learned in the clinics and participate in the program competitions. The shows are a low key, low cost way for riders to see where they excelled and what areas they need to improve on. **Show classes are: In Hand, Trail, Pleasure and Reining.** The philosophy of C.A.S.H. is to create a horse that is proficient in many areas of horsemanship and be a true all-around horse rather than a "one-event specialist". The first clinic & show will be held at N.V. Equine on Saturday, March 28. Seven clinics will be held from March – October.

For more information regarding cost of enrolling in this clinic, direction to the arena, and a complete schedule contact Kathy Wood at 970-527-6136 or by email at kathy@westwoodfarms.com

Enrollment Deadline Approaches!

Members and leaders must be enrolled by Monday, May 1, 2009 to be able to participate in their county fair! *Project additions and deletions must be in by this time also!*

Cost for regular 4-H enrollment (ages 8-18) is \$30.00 for the first two projects and \$5.00 for each additional project after the first two. Cloverbud (ages 5-7) enrollment cost is \$20.00. *All ages are based on January 1, 2009.*

11th Annual Spring Beef Show

Hosted in Mesa County on April 18, 2009 weigh in and check in will be from 9:00 am - 11:00 am at the Mesa County Fairgrounds. Show will begin at 12:30 pm. There will be Market Beef Classes as well as Showmanship. Breeding classes will be set if there are breeding animals present. There is a \$25 per animal entry fee which includes showmanship. We ask that you please bring your entry fee in cash, because all money from show entries is re-distributed as the prizes for class placings. For more information, contact Richard White 970-263-8668 or 970-208-7474.

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TRA 4-H Dog Obedience Clinic

A TRA 4-H Dog Obedience Clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Cleland Park in Delta. The Park is located on the corner of 7th and Howard Street. From Main St. in Delta you turn East on 7th or 8th Streets, proceed 2 blocks and you run into the park.

Members are welcomed to bring their dogs on a leash if the dogs have all their shots and are not aggressive. Members will learn about obedience and showmanship techniques. There's no fee for the clinic, but you must call the Delta 4-H Office at 874-2195 to register for the event.

For more information please call Lisa Martin at 523-5422.



TRA Mesa Verde Trip

It is that time of year again. We are looking for a select group of adults willing to be the key leaders for the 2009 Mesa Verde Trip. This trip is sponsored by the TRA 4-H Program and is for members ages 10-13 as of January 1, 2009. This fun trip includes camping, cookouts, hiking, exploring, and swimming in the Ouray Hot Springs pool! It is great fun!

We do have some rule changes that will go into affect this year. The most important rule is that members may only attend once in their 4-H career. The second rule change is that we will only allow 20 members (5 from each county) to attend the trip. (More information on the trip will be sent in a letter to all members in the TRA that fall into the age range for this trip.)

If you are interested in planning and chaperoning the trip please call Trent Hollister at 970-249-3935. We will schedule a meeting so that we can choose the time to travel and get the schedule put together.

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IN THE WORLD.**

Hotchkiss FFA Jackpot

The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 20th at the Delta County Fairgrounds. For more information call Teresa Phelps, Hotchkiss High School FFA Advisor, at 872-3882.

Get Yourself (and Your Horse!) Ready

If you are like most people your horse has been without shoes during the winter. Now is the time to call a farrier and get on their schedule. The most important thing to consider is their hoof.

In addition, you should have an exercise program planned. The time it will take to get a horse back into shape will depend on several factors. A recommendation to start would 20 minute workouts for your horse. Start with a 5 minute warm-up than trot or canter for 10 minutes and cool down for 5 minutes. Begin to adjust the time based on your horse's performance.

Next you should inventory and evaluate your tack. Make any repairs needed and plan the purchase of new equipment as necessary. You may also want to look at what type of feed program your horse is on and inventory the feed if necessary.

Finally consider what kind of shape *you* are in. If you have also taken a break during the winter than get yourself back into shape as well. You and your horse will enjoy the spring and summer more if you are in shape.

Got Manuals & Record Books?

NOW is the time to check and see if you have all your project manuals and record books. Waiting until sometime in June will be too late. Check this out today!

It Doesn't Take Much To Be a Volunteer, . . .

*It doesn't take 'much' to be a volunteer —
just an open heart and willing hands*

Just ears that care enough to listen and eyes that see others needs,

*Just a regular person who wants to turn hope into gratitude
and dreams into reality,*

*It doesn't take 'much' to be a volunteer — just an everyday person with
a heart big enough to make a difference that lasts a lifetime.*



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK **April 19-25, 2009**

It is a fact that 89.9% of people say yes when asked to volunteer. Another fact is that one out of every six adult Americans are 4-H alumni. The message here is not only to tell you we appreciate the services our volunteers provide to 4-H, but to let you know how important you are in forming the future of our world. Every child you spend time encouraging, teaching, and inspiring will have a direct on the future. 4-H is only as strong as its leadership – and that is you! We want to thank each and every one of our leaders a million times over. We couldn't do it without you!



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