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4-H News

MARCH 2009



MARCH 13-15, 2009
MONTROSE FRIENDSHIP HALL

Do you ever say “I’m bored” on the weekend? Want to spend time with other 4-H members your age? Would you like to spend a weekend building friendships, leadership skills and opportunities? Are you age 10 or older? If you answered yes to any of these, turn the page, fill out your registration and come join us for a fun weekend!



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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 5-7, 2009** – Mesa Verde Trip

MONTROSE/OURAY

- **June 30, 2009** – Fair pre-entries due

MESA

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

DELTA

- **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 strictly enforced!

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

Watch for more detailed information on these different field days in future newsletters:

- Swine – 3/21/09 – Delta County
- Sheep/Goat – 3/28/09 – Mesa County
- Beef – 4/11/09 – Loma Sale Barn
- Dog – 4/25/09 – Pavilion, Cleland Park, Delta
- Horse – to be announced
- Poultry Fun Day - 6/17/09 – Delta County

Swine Field Day

This year's Swine Field Day has been scheduled for March 21st at the Delta/Montrose Vocational Technical College. The day will begin at 9:00 AM, with a break for lunch on your own and wrap up about 3:00 PM. Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to: E-records, Nutrition/Feeding, Daily Care, and Show ring preparation.

We encourage every swine member to participate in this informative and fun day! For more information, contact Dinah Peebles 970-244-1837.

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

New Dates!

Mesa County

Swine Tagging – May 7, 2009

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM &

May 9, 2009 - 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Sheep/Goats - May 5, 2009

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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 – To be determined

Swine/Lamb/Goat – June 6, 2009

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

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
April 27 – Mesa County
April 29 – Montrose County
April 30 - San Miguel County
May 18 - Delta County
May 19 - Mesa County
May 20 - Montrose County

Locations and times will be announced in future newsletters. Please be on the lookout for this information!

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 you 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.

Starting Calves on Feed

There are a variety of successful methods to start calves on feed. Here are some helpful hints to aid you in being successfully starting your calf on feed:

- Minimize any stress associated with the transition and adaptation from purchase or weaning to the calf's new environment. This should minimize potential respiratory problems.
- Start the calf on a palatable, good quality hay. A grass or a legume-grass mixture is usually preferred for starting calves.
- Feed them a bulky, palatable grain mixture. It should be limited initially to several pounds (not more than 1% of your calf's body weight) per day.
- Quantity of grain should be increased GRADUALLY (ex. over a week or two) to the desired intake. Bringing calves on feed too rapidly can cause digestive upset. Table 2 shows intake levels (pounds of grain) for starting cattle on feed.
- Early in the feeding program, full feed the roughage source (hay). This means letting the calf eat as much roughage as it wants.
- Gradually, you will begin limit feeding the roughage until the calf is receiving 3 to 5 pounds of roughage. You will not want to feed less roughage than this, as it may lead to digestive upset.
- Use only fresh, high quality feeds!
- Remove stale feeds from the feeder or bunk.
- Feed regularly – preferably 2 to 3x per day.
- Observe regularly for disorders.
- Provide clean, fresh water at all times.



Sheep and Goat Members!

It's the time of year when sheep and goat members begin to consider what to look for in their projects and where to purchase them. Keep in mind the following information when selecting an animal.

- First, determine the age requirements for your county fair. If you are unsure how to get that information, contact your local CSU Extension Office.
- Second, it is important to know the weight requirements for your county fair. Determine how many days on feed you will have and, using average daily gains, determine at what weight your project should start. There are several opinions of ideal weight, so we recommend that you visit with producers to determine your project's ideal weight. Lambs and goats gain 1/4 lbs/day to 1/2 lbs/day. This is only an estimate, so be aware that your lamb or goat may gain more or less on a daily basis.
- Third, decide what traits you are looking for. For example, how much muscle do you want? What is the structure of the animal? What breed would you like? Opinions vary from one producer to another, so it is important to ask questions and determine what traits are important to you.

Finally please attend the 2009 TRA Sheep and Goat Field Day. It will be March 28th from 9am-3pm at the Jockey Club Building on the Mesa County Fairgrounds. We will be discussing nutrition, care, e-records, and selection. Good luck with selecting your projects. Contact Trent Hollister (970/249-3935) with questions or concerns.

District 10 Retreat

This year's District 10 meeting, which is scheduled for March 14th will be held in Montrose and will begin Friday night, March 13th with fun and games. Saturday, March 14th, we will have workshops and activities going on all day long as well as hosting our annual meeting. We will wrap up the day with a dance. Sunday we wish everyone a safe trip home. The agents and District 10 officers are really excited to be putting this all together. More information will be sent out at a later time. If you have questions, please contact either Trent 249-3935 or Dinah 244-1837 or see the front page of this newsletter for more info.

Shooting Sports Leader Certification

The State 4-H Shooting Sports Leadership Team has selected Delta for one the 4-H shooting sports leader certification training sites for 2009. The training will begin on Friday, March 20, at 6 PM and will end on Sunday, March 22, by Noon. Leaders will have the opportunity to choose training in one of the following disciplines: air pistol, air rifle, .22 rifle, archery, muzzleloading, shotgun, range safety officer, and shotgun games.

In order to meet the growing demand for more certified leaders, we need more 4-H parents to get certified to become shooting sports leaders. Naturally, when parents take the time to learn more about the 4-H approach to shooting sports, they are better able to encourage and guide these eager young shooters and the members tend to become more interested and motivated to increase their performance.

Registration forms are now available at local 4-H offices. These are also available online through the Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Website. The registration fee is \$85. This includes all materials, access to training equipment and supplies, as well as lunch and snacks. Please check with your local county 4-H office to learn of registration stipends that may be available to help you cover registration costs.

When new leaders complete their training, they will receive a Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certificate. This will allow them to teach shooting sports members in the particular discipline completed. After the training, new leaders need to enroll in their county 4-H program in order to be in their county's leader mailing list and receive their monthly 4-H newsletter. There's no additional cost to enrolling as a 4-H leader.

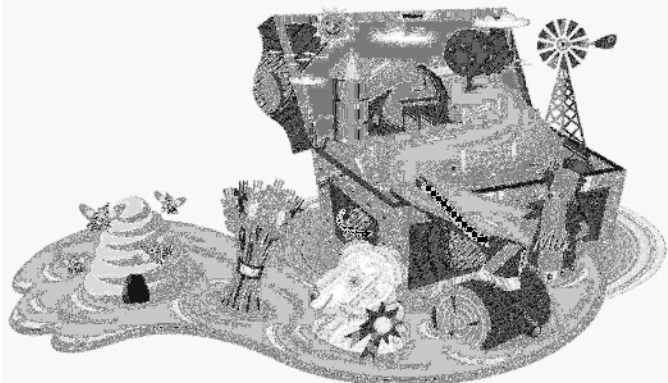
New 4-H Ford Truck Raffle

Get ready for a new 2009 4-H Ford Truck Raffle. We recently learned that the Colorado Ford Dealers will once again provide a brand new Ford F-150 truck to raffle. The new detail this year is the actual price of each ticket. Last year each ticket was going for \$20, this year each ticket will cost only \$5 or you can get 5 tickets for \$20.

Proceeds from this sale help the Colorado 4-H Foundation sponsor trips for Colorado 4-H'ers throughout the year, including a significant portion of the Citizenship Washington Focus Trip. Stay posted for further details of when this new Ford truck will be visiting your county.

Latest Agricultural Value Statistics

According to the Colorado Business Economic Outlook 2009, published by the University of Colorado Leeds School of Business, the 2008 estimated value added by the Colorado agricultural sector (in millions of dollars) is: livestock, \$4,232; crops, \$2,246; total value of production, \$6,478; value of services and forestry, \$850; government payments, \$240; gross value of farm revenue, \$7,568. Cattle and calves rank as the state's leading agricultural industry, with cash receipts totaling more than \$4 billion annually. Also included among the state's top five agriculture industries are dairy, corn, wheat and hay.



Friday, March 13th

6:00-7:00 PM - Registration
 7:00-7:30 PM - Welcome
 8:00-9:00 PM - Workshops
 9:00-11:00 PM - Fun & Activities
 11:30 PM - Curfew

**DISTRICT
 10...
 ON FIRE!
 SCHEDULE**

Saturday, March 14th

7:30-8:30AM - Breakfast
 8:30-10:00 AM - Workshops
 10:00-11:30 AM - Business Meeting
 12:00-1:00 PM - Lunch
 1:00-6:00 PM - Workshops
 6:00-7:30 PM - Dinner
 7:30-8:00 PM - Dance Demo
 8:00-11:00 PM - Dance, Activities, Movies

Sunday, March 15th

7:30-9:00 AM - Pancake Breakfast
 9:00-9:30 AM - Checkout



**DISTRICT 10 "ON FIRE" RETREAT REGISTRATION
 DUE BY: FEBRUARY 27, 2009**

NAME: _____

AGE: _____ **CIRCLE ONE:** *MALE* *FEMALE*

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ **ZIP** _____

PHONE _____ **CELL** _____

COUNTY _____

CIRCLE ONE : *MEMBER* *CHAPERONE* *AGENT*

FULL REGISTRATION (\$70)- 10 YEARS OF AGE THRU ADULT ONLY \$ _____
(INCLUDES HOTEL-MEALS-WORKSHOP FEES-DANCE)

SATURDAY ONLY (\$25) - ALL AGES \$ _____

INCLUDES LUNCH-DINNER-WORKSHOP FEES

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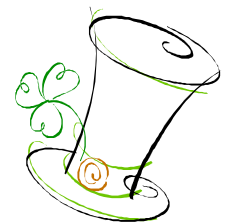
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