



## ADAMS COUNTY 4-H PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

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To All Persons Seeking Funds From Programs:

The Programs Committee recognizes that more and more people are in need of assistance in greater amounts each year. Unfortunately neither our funds nor the number of people who assist in raising funds are keeping pace with the increasing demands.

Some of you assist in small ways and we thank you for that assistance. We now find it necessary to state that beginning in 2008 those seeking funds from the Programs Committee **must** assist at Programs' fundraising activities to be eligible to receive assistance from the Committee. Opportunities to assist include the regular and recurring Bazaar Concessions, Silent Auction, Carnival Booth, Basket Auction, and Raffles, as well as soliciting donations or funds and other activities that the Committee develops on an ad hoc basis. Our annual major fundraising Dinner, Auctions and Carnival will be on March 1, 2008. We look forward to your participation. Any donations or questions can be directed to Tom Fey or any Programs member.

In the past we have asked for those receiving funds to help earn them by working these events, seeking funds, as well as providing baskets and silent auction items. What we have noticed is that many have only been providing a single basket at the auction and nothing more. This is not enough to raise the funds for which you are asking. We have not been able to earn enough funds to meet your increasing requests and needs.

It has been suggested that teams and groups attempt to provide some of their own funding needs to reduce the amount of assistance needed from the Programs Committee. Several groups have been successful in reducing their needs by charging nominal entry fees for their contests and activities, or conducting their own fundraising activities. We encourage this, but realize that for many it would be an unrealistic hardship. Our purpose is to help provide funds to cover expenses incurred by members while representing Adams County 4-H. We need participation and assistance from everyone to meet this goal. This is now a condition for receiving funding from the Programs Committee.

If you have any ideas for raising funds, suggestions, comments or questions, please attend one of our monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month or contact Tom Fey at 303-637-8109.

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