



Southeast Area 4-H Newsletter

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National Volunteer Week

April 19-25, 2009, has been declared National Volunteer Week. This special week offers opportunities to thank some of America's most valuable assets – our volunteers – and to recognize the myriad of ways they improve our communities.

National Volunteer Week 2009 "Celebrating People in Action," presents an opportunity for individuals, families, nonprofit organizations and government entities alike to celebrate the ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things through service. Please take the time to honor the many volunteers that contribute their time and talents to the 4-H program.

4-H Leader's Creed



I BELIEVE:

- ...The 4-H member is more important than the 4-H project.
- ...Learning how to do the project is more important than the project itself.
- ...4-H'ers should be their own best exhibits.
- ...No award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a member or a leader.
- ...Competition should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals of 4-H work.
- ...Enthusiasm is caught, not taught.
- ...To learn by doing is fundamental in any sound educational program and is characteristic of the 4-H program.
- ...Generally speaking, there is more than one good way to do most things.
- ...Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win and be praised (leaders, too).
- ...Our job as leader is to teach 4-H members how to think, not what to think.

Source: anonymous

4-H Camp is back!

The Southeast Area is working with the San Luis Valley to offer a camping experience for our members. Camp will be June 2-5 at the Beaver Creek Youth Camp near South Fork. Campers must be 8-13 by 12/31/08. This camp is patterned after Camp Rocky, with campers attending workshops on forestry, range, soil and water, wildlife, and hunter's safety. The camp does have teen counselors, chosen by an application process. SEA teens are encouraged to apply. We will also need to help with adult counselors if we have more than 10 SEA youth attend. Cost of the camp is \$250; however the local Soil Conservation Districts may be willing to help with scholarships. If interested in attending this camp, check with your local Extension Office for more information and the registration forms.

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4-H Calendar

April

3 MQA – Bent County
 4 District VI meeting & Community Service – Crowley Co.
 6 MQA – Prowers County
 8 MQA – Otero County
 17-19 SS Leader Training – Burlington

May

1 MQA – Crowley County
 1-3 – YHEC
 1-3 SS Leader Training–Gunnison
 8 SEA Fun Festival – Eads
 23-25 Memorial Day Horse Clinic - Lamar
 29-30 SS Leader Training-Eagle

June

11 Creative Cooks, Demonstration & Cake Decorating Contests
 15-18 Wild Bug Fish Camp-Victor
 19-21 SS Family Camp- Victor
 23-26 State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins

Check out the Colorado website at:
www.colorado4h.org

If you wish to participate in any of these events/activities and need special accommodation, please notify the Extension Office of your need at least 5 business days prior to the event/activity.

Meat Quality Assurance Requirements

All Southeast Area 4-H programs where youth have enrolled in Livestock/Horse projects will annually provide a Meat Quality Assurance program. Members will be required to attend MQA training the first two years they show livestock and then must recertify at the beginning of their Intermediate (age 11) and Senior (age 14) years. This is assuming that you start 4-H when you are eight years old. If a member does

not start taking livestock/horse projects until later they must still take the initial first two years and then whenever the next age break fits in. This includes all breeding and market: beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, and rabbits, all dairy animals and horses.

All MQA Trainings are open to any youth in the area. Please make sure you sign in at the trainings. The hands-on learning stations will be used again with changes in the stations. This is a come and learn-by-doing training that will take approximately an hour to complete. Parents and leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. The following dates have been set and the county in which they will be held.

- April 3 – Bent – 2:00–4:00 – McClave School Ag Shop
- April 6 – Prowers – 6:00-8:00 – Prowers County Fairgrounds, Home Economics building
- April 8 – Otero – 6:00–8:00 – 4-H Barn, Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds
- April 20 – Cheyenne – 6:00-8:00 - FFA Building, Cheyenne Wells
- April 21 – Kiowa – 6:00-8:00 - Community Building, Fairgrounds
- May 1 - Crowley – 2:00-4:00 – Ordway Senior Center

Pork Quality Assurance Requirements

If you show swine at the Colorado State Fair, you are required to have certification from the Youth PQA plus program. Please refer to your March newsletter for details.

Memorial Day Horse Clinic and Show

May 23, 24, 25, 2009
 LCC College Arenas

The Prowers County 4-H Horse Committee will be sponsoring the clinic again this year!

We will be having three days of instruction: Horsemanship events on Saturday and Sunday; Practice Horse Show and Gymkhana events on Monday. The Committee requests that participants be involved in at least one day of Horsemanship to be involved in the day of Gymkhana.

Cost is \$25 for any two days or \$30 for all three days.

Outdoor pens will be available on a first come first serve basis. Cost is \$10 per horse. A \$5 per horse refund will be given if stalls are cleaned at checkout.

Concessions will not be available. A silent auction will be held throughout the weekend. Donations for the auction are welcome.

This year's instructors will include Kevin Waggoner and Kristi Eberle Schilling. Schilling is a former Miss Rodeo Kansas and was in the top ten at the 1999 Miss Rodeo America pageant. She coached 2008 Miss Rodeo America, Amy Wilson. Schilling competed on the International Show Horse Association team in college and is an open and 4-H horse show judge. Schilling has been a riding instructor for the last 12 years and has been operating North Fork riding camp for 3 years. Her website is www.northforkhunting.com.

We are excited to welcome both instructors and are looking forward to a full horsemanship weekend.

Clinic is open to any 4-H member. Early registration needs to be in the Prowers Extension Office by Wednesday, May 6th, 2009. All registrations will be accepted; however, after 5/6/09 there will be a \$10 late fee.

For more information contact Haley @ (719) 688-0026 or hzwicker@kcoe.com.

4-H Horsemanship Advancement Level Rater Training

The Colorado 4-H horse program needs knowledgeable horse owners, riders, trainers and 4-H leaders to step up and help out with the Levels Riding Program. Interested adults are encouraged to attend a training taught by Amy Star, Extension Agent, on April 18 & 19 at the Colorado State Fairgrounds. Registration forms are available at your local Extension Office or on the SEA web page. Entry fees are \$30 for 1 day or \$50 for both. Registration deadline is April 10.



Southeast Area 4-H Fun Festival

On May 8th, 2009, talented 4-H'ers will come together and compete at the annual 4-H Fun Festival. This year we are going to combine efforts and have one 4-H Fun Festival for everyone in the entire Southeast Area. This year's festival will be in Eads in the Kiowa County Community Building at the fairgrounds beginning at 6:00 p.m. Entry forms are now available at your local Extension Office. This gives you time to pick the events in which you wish to compete. It also gives you time to begin preparing your music, speech, or other materials you may need to compete at your highest level. You need to turn your entries into your local extension office by April 23rd so that the forms can be mailed to the Kiowa County Extension Office by April 29th. This is a great opportunity to show off your talents and compete for a chance to perform at the Colorado State Fair! For additional information or questions, contact your extension office or Jeramy McNeely at 719-767-5716.

Creative Cooks, Cake Decorating and Demonstration Contests

All counties are invited to joint contests this year on June 11 at 6 p.m. in Las Animas (place TBA). You must be enrolled in Cake Decorating to enter that contest, but the Creative Cooks and Demonstration Contests are open to all members. Each county will be judged separately. County winners are eligible to compete in the state contests held during State Fair. All these contests teach public speaking, organization and project skills. Contest rules are on-line at www.colorado4h.org under state fair requirements, or contact your local Extension Office. Enter by calling your local Extension Office by June 1.

GPA Wild Bug Fish Camp

Sport Fishing, Wildlife and Entomology members, parents and leaders should make plans now to attend the Wild Bug Fish Camp to be held June 15 - 18, 2009. The camp will be near Victor, CO. There will be educational programs on wildlife, wildlife habitat, fishing, tackle crafting, fish environment and entomology. The camp will provide plenty of fishing, fly tying, wildlife viewing, insect catching and learning with a little camping and a lot of fun thrown in. Interested members and leaders do not have to be enrolled in the projects to attend.

The cost is \$85.00 for 4-H members (\$100.00 non 4-H youth) and \$60.00 for parents and leaders. Details and registration information are available at your local Extension Office or the website: <http://www.4hfishing.org/>

Camp Rocky

Camp Rocky is a week long, residential camp for 14 through 19 year olds who enjoy the outdoors

and are interested in natural resources. Camp Rocky staff help participants learn about their environment, while working in teams and meeting other students from across Colorado. Students choose one of the following resource fields for their area of focus: Forest Management, Rangeland Science, Soil and Water Conservation, Fish and Wildlife Management.

Camp Rocky will be held July 5-11, 2009, at Divide, Colorado. If interested, youth will need to submit an "interest form", they will then be sent the application and health forms, and all forms must be returned by July 1st. Cost for the camp is \$250.00; however, full or partial scholarships are available to help cover the costs. Contact the Extension Office for more information or to obtain the "interest form".

Colorado State Fair August 28 – Sept. 7, 2009 Junior Livestock Sale Date – September 1, 2009

The State Fair premium book will be available for livestock, small animals and horse after May 1st. The premium book can be found on the web at www.coloradostatefair.com, and then look under fair entry information, after May 1st.

Livestock Shows, Clinics and Contests

Several shows, clinics and contests are scheduled throughout eastern Colorado. Contact your County Extension Office if you need more information or go to the Southeast Area website and look under livestock.

Shooting Sports Family Camp

The 22nd Annual 4-H Shooting Sports Family Campout will be held June 19, 20 & 21, 2009, near Victor, Colorado. More information and registration forms can be found at: http://www.co4hshooting.org/family_campout.html

2009 Flagler YHEC Event

The YHEC challenge is being co-sponsored by the Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Kiowa & Yuma County 4-H Shooting Sports Programs and will be held at the **Flagler Lake State Wildlife Area** in Flagler Colorado **May 2 & 3, 2009**. The registration **deadline is April 24, 2009**.

YHEC (Youth Hunter Education Challenge) is a program developed by the NRA exclusively for youth and their families who enjoy hunting and the outdoors. **YHEC is NOT a Colorado Hunter Safety Certification Course!**

YHEC provides youth and adults with a unique opportunity to test their abilities at a variety of hunting techniques. Through completing a series of events conducted under simulated hunting conditions, participants walk away with an appreciation of all methods of hunting and gain knowledge of all types of game. This training ensures the future of the American hunting tradition as a safe, viable, recreational activity the entire family can enjoy.

The Challenges consist of:

- Muzzleloading Challenge
- Light Rifle Challenge
- Shotgun Challenge
- Archery Challenge
- Hunter's Safety Trail Challenge
- Orienteering Challenge

- Wildlife ID Challenge
- Hunter Responsibility Exam

If this interests you, go to <http://www.co4hshooting.org/> for a YHEC Flyer and a Shooter Information/Registration Packet. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Perry Brewer by e-mail at perry.brewer@colostate.edu or by phone at (719) 346-5571.



Ford Truck Raffle

Rocky Mountain Ford Stores have donated a **2009 Ford XLT F150** 4x4 pickup truck to the Colorado 4-H Foundation to help raise funds. The 2009 F-150 has recently been named the 2009 Motor Trend Truck of the Year.

Raffle tickets will be sold until October by Foundation Board members, Extension staff and 4-H members and leaders. The drawing will be held at the Colorado 4-H Gala being held October 3, 2009 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Tickets cost just \$5 each, or \$20 for 5. Forty percent from each ticket will be returned to the county program or state 4-H project area responsible for the sale. The remaining funds will be used to fund special 4-H youth programs.

"Our goal is to have the truck on display at as many county 4-H events as possible between now and October," said Gary Small, Executive Director of the Colorado 4-H Foundation. "The funds raised from the raffle will provide the 4-H learning experience to more kids in Colorado. We greatly appreciate

Ford becoming an official sponsor of the Colorado 4-H Program".

To purchase tickets please contact your County Extension Office.

Colorado 4-H Jazz Band

We are putting together a 4-H Jazz Band for the upcoming Colorado 4-H Gala in October. We are looking for experienced musicians who have jazz band experience and, of course, are enrolled in 4-H.

The Audition Process: Submit an audition form and audition tape (music CD, cassette tape, VHS or DVD format) to Jeramy McNeely at the Cheyenne County Extension Office. The tape can be of any excerpt you wish and should be about two minutes long.

It is our hope that we can get some quality musicians put together and make the Colorado 4-H Jazz Band a permanent fixture for the Colorado State 4-H program.

The deadline for entries is May 1. We will schedule a few practice sessions between then and the Gala once the musicians are picked. We will try to be flexible with everyone who makes the band concerning the practice schedule, but attendance will be required.

For more information and an audition form, contact your local Extension Office or Jeramy McNeely at the Cheyenne County Extension Office, 719-767-5716 or jeramy.mcneely@colostate.edu.

