



Southeast Area 4-H Newsletter

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4-H Scholarships



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Please note that the deadline for all state 4-H Scholarships is **April 1, 2009**. This was done so 4-H members can receive the scholarships at their high school awards programs or graduations.

The scholarships include:

- Colorado Agricultural Development Authority Scholarships
- Portouw Family 4-H Photography Scholarship
- Howard and Marjory Smith Scholarship
- Holthaus Scholarship
- Kimberling Scholarship
- Audrey Sandstead Scholarship

Applications and details are available on the website:

http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/scholarships/index.shtml.

District VI Spring Senate Meeting & Community Service Project

District VI Officers have selected April 4, 2009, for the Spring Senate Meeting. In conjunction with the meeting they will also be doing a community service project. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Crowley County Extension Office in Ordway. Following the meeting those in attendance will be either planting, preparing, or mulching trees. All area 4-H members are encouraged to attend the District meetings and participate in the community service project.

District Officer Nominations

See your County Extension Office for an application. Applications must be submitted to your county office by March 23rd. Officer qualifications and duties were listed in the February newsletter, and are also available online at <http://www.coopext.edu/SEA> **Applicants must be present at the District VI Spring meeting on April 4, 2009.**

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 South Fork. Put these dates on your calendar, and watch for all the details in the April newsletter.

Southeast Area Leader Training - TWO OPPORTUNITIES LEFT!

- Tuesday, March 10, 2009 – Kiowa County, Courthouse, Eads, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 28, 2009 – Bent County, Extension Office, Las Animas, 10:00 a.m.

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4-H Calendar

March

10 Leader Training – Kiowa Co.
 13-15 Shooting Sports Leader Training – Greeley
 20-22 District Retreat – Silver Cliff Ranch
 20-22 Shooting Sports leader training in Delta
 27 – MQA – Kiowa Co.
 27 – MQA – Cheyenne Co.
 28 – Leader training – Bent Co.
 31 – MQA – Baca Co.

April

1 State scholarship applications due
 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

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.

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 Jeremy McNeely at 719-767-5716.

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

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/>

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 on **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.

Test Drives Provide Funds for 4-H

March is 4-H month at your local Ford Store. A letter is being sent to each Colorado 4-H family (leaders and members) from Ford Motor Company offering a special test drive offer. Take your letter to a Ford dealer and test drive a new car or truck. Each family will receive \$25 and \$20 will be given to your County 4-H program.

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. The specific location will be determined as the date gets closer.

- March 27 – Kiowa – 2:00 – 4:00
- March 27 – Cheyenne - 6:00 - 8:00
- March 31 – Baca – 6:00 – 8:00
- April 3 – Bent – 2:00 – 4:00
- April 6 – Prowers – 6:00-8:00
- April 8 – Otero – 6:00 – 8:00
- May 1 - Crowley – 2:00 to 4:00

COOL

Country of Origin Labeling or COOL as it has come to be known is a law that was passed with the 2002 farm bill and signed into law by Pres. Bush in May 2002. COOL requires that all suppliers of the covered commodities supply consumers with information

regarding what country that particular commodity originated from. The commodities covered include beef, pork, lamb, farm-raised and wild fish and shellfish, fruits, vegetables, and peanuts. The implementation of this law had been delayed until September 30, 2008 except for fish and shellfish which went into effect on April 4, 2005. (USDA) website; http://www.usda.gov/documents/COUNTRY_OF_ORIGIN_LABELING.pdf

While some polls say over 90% of consumers want to know where their food comes from, agriculture is divided when it comes to supporting this mandatory legislation. The opposition arises from a perception of increased governmental control of the livestock industry as well as increased paperwork for producers. Those in favor of the program feel that this is a way to increase sales of United States produced agricultural products, due largely to the fact that consumers prefer homegrown products. No matter which side of the fence you fall on, COOL is here and we have to comply with it.

So what does this mean for 4-H and FFA members that may only be raising a few animals? The number of animals produced for slaughter by an individual has no bearing on the law. Everyone must comply. All animals sold through the junior livestock sales at our area fairs must have documentation showing where they came from. If you purchase your animal for your project, you must obtain a **signed** affidavit or bill of sale from the **seller**, stating the origin of the animal. For those of you who raise your own animals, you must complete an affidavit along with supporting documentation such as birth records, tag numbers, ear notches, and a detailed description of the

animal. It may not hurt to have some pictures of the animal from different stages of the project to keep with your records. These records should be copied and turned in to your County Extension office. The **Extension office** and **you** should keep these records for at least two years. This will help provide the USDA with a paper trail should any questions ever arise. Please check with your Extension office as to when you must turn in your affidavits, or if you have any questions regarding this new rule.

Producer Field Days

Three field days have been scheduled for producers of Swine, Sheep, Goats and Beef. Event includes both educational presentations as well as judging contests. Dates and location for each species are as follows:

- March 14 – Swine – Morgan County Fairgrounds, Brush
- March 21 – Sheep & Goats – Adams County Fairgrounds – Brighton
- March 28 – Beef – Morgan County Fairgrounds – Brush

For more information, contact your County Extension office or go to <http://www.extension.colostate.edu/morgan/>

2009 Colorado State Fair Market Show Rules

The CSF Board of Commissions met on Wednesday, January 28, and made the decision not to make any changes in the Market shows for 2009. All Livestock Market Shows will be the same as they were last year. The Colorado State Fair will still require Premises Identification on all livestock entries.

Pork Quality Assurance Requirements

For the past couple of years, there has been some confusion about the Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) requirements needed by 4-H Swine exhibitors. If you show swine at the Colorado State Fair, you are required to have certification from the Youth PQA plus program.

Currently, the PQA requirements can be met by attending the Southeast Area MQA (Meat Quality Assurance) trainings, as long as the ten Good Production Practices (GPP) are covered! For the last few years the Southeast Area trainings have used the station program to present the MQA trainings. The ten GPP are covered in the stations. The kicker comes with the testing procedure.

PQA requirements state that the test **MUST** be taken in a classroom setting after the training is complete. Also, the same test is not supposed to be administered to each individual at the same time. These tests are computer generated and can only be accessed by a certified PQA Advisor. A member must score at least a seventy percent (70%) to pass the test and cannot leave the room until the test is scored. If that score is not achieved, the member may take another test. A total of three (3) attempts are allowed at one site. Test results will be kept on file at the respective Extension Office and not returned to the exhibitor.

Youth ages 8 to 11, or first time exhibitors, must attend an approved education program annually, or for two years if they are older than 11 years of age. Youth 12 to 14 years of age may either attend a program or certify by completing and passing an examination for the appropriate age bracket and following the requirements listed in the previous paragraph. This certification will be valid for a minimum of one year or until they reach the age of 15. At that time, either the program must be attended again or another age bracket appropriate

test must be taken and passed. Again, all tests must be graded by a PQA advisor and will be retained on file in the respective Extension Office.

Tests will be unassisted with NO supplemental information or material. If the youth does not pass the test after three (3) attempts in one setting, another training session must be attended before additional attempts to pass the exam. If the youth has already attended a training session prior to not passing the exam in three (3) attempts, they may receive a one year certification, in lieu of attempting the exam again in that year. The next year they are required to attend a training session before attempting the exam again.

If you have questions, please call your local Extension Office prior to the entry deadline to make sure you can get your PQA certification or to make sure your current certification is up to date. Crisis management is NOT a good thing at the eleventh hour!!!!

WANTED: Wind powered vehicles, machines, or sculptures made by Colorado 4-H Members in 2009



REWARD: \$200 to each 4-H member or team of 4-H members who meet the following requirements:

1. enroll and participate in the "Power of Wind" pilot project,
2. design, build, and test a wind powered vehicle, machine, or sculpture,
3. display their "Power of Wind" device at the Power of Wind public exhibition at the 2009 Colorado State Fair,
4. be selected as one of the five Power of Wind devices to be displayed and auctioned at the 2009 Colorado 4-H Gala, October 3, 2009, at the Denver

Museum of Nature and Science.

Contact your county Extension office for more details and to get a copy of the new "Power of Wind" curriculum.

WANTED: Photographs of Lightning taken by Colorado 4-H Members in 2009

REWARD: Chance to have your photograph exhibited in the Denver Museum of Nature and Science plus \$100 cash!



We have a great opportunity for our 4-H members to have a significant impact on the statewide 4-H program! We recently received good news from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science that a proposal we submitted highlighting science, engineering and technology (SET) had been accepted.

The proposal includes plans for a **museum exhibit of 20 high quality lightning photography images** taken by intermediate and senior Colorado 4-H members. The exhibit will be on display from October through December 2009. Following the exhibit at the museum, the 20 framed images will be part of a two year traveling gallery to help promote SET in 4-H. We now need your help to meet that commitment.

The State 4-H office is offering a \$100 reward to 20 4-H members whose lightning photograph is selected to be part of this traveling exhibit. Details, including submission requirements, a lightning photography guide, and an informational poster can be found on the Colorado 4-H website http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/erecords/activities/lightning-photo.shtml