



Southeast Area 4-H Newsletter

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Editorial

Thanks to all the 4-H'ers, leaders, parents, and grandparents who helped make the 2007 4-H year the success it was. We appreciate your time, energy, and perseverance.

Most of you are aware that we had vacant Agent positions in Baca, Cheyenne, and Prowers counties for part or all of last year. Deborah Lester is now in the Baca County position, and we are advertising to fill the Prowers and Cheyenne positions. The remaining agents stepped up last year to help cover the vacant positions.

It was not too long ago that there were 12 Agents in the 7 counties in the Southeast Area. We now have 6. Only one of those six has only 4-H responsibilities; the others either have no 4-H responsibilities or have other responsibilities in addition to 4-H. All, however, pitched in to help assure a successful 4-H year in 2007, and will do so again in 2008. These vacancies also added to the workloads of the office staff, who took on added duties and will do so again this year.

With the reduced staff, the Agents and staff can not do everything 12 Agents did in the past, or always the same way they were done. Changes have been made and will continue to be made. This is one reason why there is greater emphasis on training for leaders, and the importance of meeting deadlines to help manage the work load.

A successful 4-H program is dependent on the cooperation of all involved; 4-H members, leaders, parents, grandparents, Agents, and our co-workers in the offices. Your continued cooperation, understanding, and support are appreciated.

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Southern Region Judges Training

The Southern Region 4-H Agents will be hosting a 4-H Judges Training for Home Economic and General Projects. The training will be Saturday, April 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the campus of CSU-Pueblo. Registration deadline is March 21, 2008, and there will be a \$25.00 registration fee that includes lunch and multiple handouts. The general sessions will cover judging e-records, filling out score sheets, Danish and American ribbon systems, and judging multiple projects. There will be specific break out groups to cover judging: foods/baking, shooting sports/natural resources, heritage arts, fashion revue, cake decorating, and photography. Contact your local extension office for a brochure and registration form.

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4-H Calendar

February

- 4-8 IFYE in area
- 10 Officer Training – Otero Co.
- 17 Officer Training – Kiowa Co.
- 15-17 Youth Fest
- 24 Officer Training – Baca Co.

March

- 27 MQA – Kiowa Co.
- 28-30 Shooting Sports Leader Training

April

- 2 MQA – Prowers Co.
- 5 Home Ec and General Project Judges' Training
- 6 Dist. VI Spring Senate Meeting
- 6 Dist. VI Leader Council Meeting
- 11 MQA – Crowley Co.
- 14 MQA – Otero Co.
- 18 MQA – Bent Co.
- 19 Swine Workshop – Lamar
- 27 Dist. Horse Council Fun Day
- 29 MQA – Cheyenne Co.

May

- 2-4 YHEC
- 6 MQA – Baca Co.

June

- 8 District Horse Show - Prowers
- 23-27 State 4-H Conference
- 28 District Horse Show – Crowley

July

- 13 District Horse Show - Baca

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.



Officer Training Workshops

There will be three officer trainings to better serve the youth in the area. All trainings are open to any area youth who currently hold or wish to hold an office on the club, county, district or state level. The afternoon will consist of a panel discussion with community members who currently hold positions in their community or business. Descriptions and responsibilities of the following offices will be discussed: President, Treasurer, Secretary, Reporter and Historian.

There will also be get-to-know-you and leadership games. Each training will begin at 2:00 p.m. Plan on coming for a fun and educational afternoon at one of the following workshops:

- Feb 10– Otero, Extension Office
- Feb 17 – Kiowa County
- Feb 24 – Baca County

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 – 6:00 to 8:00
- April 2 – Prowers – 6:00 to 8:00
- April 11 – Crowley – 2:00 to 4:00
- April 14 – Otero – 6:00 to 8:00
- April 18 – Bent – 2:00 to 4:00
- April 29 – Cheyenne – 6:00 to 8:00
- May 6 – Baca – 6:00 to 8:00

2008 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training

Several leader certification workshops have been scheduled around the state in the next few months. If you are interested in becoming certified in one of the SS disciplines, contact your local Extension Office for information and registration forms. Information and forms are also available on the SS web-site: www.co4hshooting.org

Date	Deadline	Location
2/20–3/2	2/8	Pueblo
3/7-9	2/15	Weld
3/14-16	2/22	La Plata
3/28-30	3/7	Prowers
3/23-30	3/7	Washington
4/4-6	3/14	Fremont
4/11-13	3/21	Gunnison
5/2-4	4/11	Routt

District VI Leader Council

District VI Leader Council will meet April 6, at noon, in the park in Holly. All leaders are encouraged to attend.

Attention Horse Members & Leaders

The District Horse Council met in January and set some important dates. April 27 will be a fun day at the Bent County Fairgrounds, beginning at 1:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity for all members in the area to take the written and riding level tests. There will be fun games for all. Saddle up your horse and head to the Bent County Fairgrounds.

The Committee also set dates for District Horse shows this summer. These are a great way for you and your horse to get practice before your county fair. All shows will start at 9:00 a.m. Dates and locations are as follows:

June 8 – Prowers County
June 18 – Crowley County
July 13 – Baca County



Swine Workshop

All 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to attend a swine workshop on Saturday, April 19, from 9:30 to 2:00, at the Prowers County Fairgrounds in Lamar. The workshop will be presented by Colorado State University Animal Science Specialist, Brett Kaysen. It is geared for first-time swine showman or for the experienced ten-year showman. Brett will be discussing selection, nutrition, health and showmanship. Pigs will be provided, so please do not bring your own. There will be a concession stand provided by the Prowers County 4-H Council.

Registration is due April 15th, along with a registration fee of \$10.00 per member, to be sent to the Otero County Extension Office. Registration after the 15th or on the day of the workshop will be \$20.00 per member.

For more information or directions, contact Brooke Matthew at the Otero County

Extension Office 719-254-7608, or brooke.matthew@colostate.edu.

Citizenship Washington Focus

The 2008 Citizenship Washington Focus trip to Washington, D.C. will be June 14-21, 2008. CWF is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, and is held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. The program is aimed at enriching young people's lives by broadening their appreciation and respect for themselves and others in the world. Participants attend workshops, committees, field trips and social events, giving them hands-on opportunities to learn and grow. Participants learn and practice skills that will make them better citizens and more successful individuals.

To be eligible, the 4-H'er must be 15 years of age by December 31, 2007. At least one year prior leadership responsibility is required. Selection is based on the application and a 1-3 page resume outlining your 4-H career, including leadership projects, school achievements, etc.

The cost for the trip is split three ways, with the Colorado 4-H Youth Fund sponsoring one-third of the expense, and the remaining two-thirds is split between the county and the delegate. Check with your local County Extension Office for information on funding opportunities in your county, as well as application deadlines. Please note, applications must be to the State office earlier this year, so your county deadline is coming up soon.

Patterns for 95 cents

Two major pattern companies are offering patterns to 4-H seamstresses at a substantial discount. The discount is for selected patterns only. Log on to

www.mccallpattern.com, go to the Sew Cool in School program and check out the 83 patterns available. Orders must be placed through your county extension office. Check out this great deal as you start your spring sewing, or your project for '08.

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 6-12, 2008, 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".

CSU Collegiate 4-H Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships available to 4-H'ers that are based on academics, community involvement, service and leadership in the 4-H program. A list of scholarships and applications are available on the CSU website at http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/scholarships/index.shtml. Please note that the deadline for all state 4-H scholarships has been changed to April 1, 2008.

