



Southeast Area 4-H Newsletter

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Maintaining Perspective

A small trouble is like a pebble.
Hold it close to your eye and
it fills the whole world and puts
everything else out of focus. Hold
it at the proper viewing distance
and it can be examined and
classified properly. Throw it at
your feet and it can be seen in its
true setting – one tiny bump
along the pathway.

Source: Communication Briefings, April 2002



Clerks Needed for State Fair

Clerks are needed to assist with entering and judging of home ec, general and natural resource projects. Also, they will assist superintendents with contests (i.e. demonstrations, creative cooks). Applicants need to be 14 years of age as of December 31, 2007. Responsibilities include:

- Record accurate data on each project
- Arrange entries per correct classification
- Present each entry to judge until class is complete
- Record comments and scoring accurately on individual comment sheets which are to accompany each entry
- Accurately record ribbon and placing designations on result sheets, attaching appropriate ribbon to exhibit
- Arrange exhibits to facilitate display
- Assist superintendents and display volunteers as requested
- Assist contest superintendents as requested.

Besides the above-mentioned work, teen clerks have the opportunity to stay at Camp Tobin, meet other 4-H'ers from across the state, and have a great time on the Colorado State Fairgrounds.

If this sounds like something that you would be interested in, contact the Extension Office for an application. Applications must be postmarked by August 1.

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4-H Calendar

June

- 7 District VI Community Service in Ordway/Crowley County
- 8 District Horse Show – Prowers
- 12 Fashion Review Workshop – OJC
- 13-15 Shooting Sports Family Camp
- 14-21 Citizenship Washington Focus
- 16 Creative Cooks, Cake Decorating & Demonstration Contest – Bent Co.
- 17 – Fashion Review Workshop - LCC
- 23-27 State 4-H Conference
- 28 District Horse Show – Crowley

July

- 13 District Horse Show – Baca

August 22- Sept. 1

Colorado State Fair

October

- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 17-19 Fall Leader's Forum

November

- 14-15 District VI Night Owl

County Fair Dates:

- July 19-26 – Crowley County
- July 26-Aug. 2 – Bent County
- July 28 – Aug. 2 – Baca County
- July 28 - Aug. 2 – Cheyenne County
- Aug. 8-17 – Prowers County
- Aug. 9-17 – Otero County
- Sept. 10-13 – Kiowa County

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 Web Page

The Southeast Area is moving forward with the increased use of technology. Each 4-H member, leader, and parent is encouraged to visit the Southeast Area 4-H Home Page. This page is the main connection to Area and District VI events and activities. There is a list of camps, conferences, livestock information, newsletters, scholarships, leader information, project information, and other 4-H links. At the top of the page is each individual county 4-H program link. These individual county 4-H pages are still being developed, but should be up and running very soon. This webpage is designed to be user friendly and for 4-H members, leaders and parents accessibility. Visit <http://www.extension.colostate.edu/SEA/4-H/4-H.html> today!

Ford Truck Raffle

The Rocky Mountain Ford Stores have donated a **2008 Ford XLT F150** 4x4 pickup truck to the Colorado 4-H Foundation to help raise funds for 4-H. The truck runs either on gasoline, or on **E-85 Ethanol fuel**, a cleaner burning fuel alternative to gasoline.

Raffle tickets will be sold for the next four months by Foundation Board members, Extension staff and 4-H members and leaders. The drawing will be held at the Metro Area Support 4-H (M*A*S*H) Gala being held October 11, 2008 at the Wings over the Rockies Air and Space museum in Denver.

Tickets are \$20 each. Five dollars from each ticket will be returned to the county program. The remaining funds will be used to fund special 4-H youth programs through a RFP (Request for Funds) process through the State 4-H.

Talk to your club leader or Extension Office to get your tickets.

District Horse Shows



Three District Horse shows are in the planning stages. The June 8 show will be in Lamar at the Prowers County Fairgrounds. Entries will be taken at 1:00 p.m. and the show starts at 2:00 p.m. The June 28 show will be in Ordway at the Crowley County Fairgrounds. Entries will be taken at 8:30 a.m. and the show starts at 9:00 a.m. The July 13 show will be in Springfield at the Baca County Fairgrounds. Watch your July newsletter or check with the Baca County Extension Office for times. The performance classes will include showmanship, horsemanship, western riding, western reining and trail. Gymkhana events will be barrels, poles, flags and goat tying. Age divisions will be Junior, Intermediate and Senior. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee plus a \$15.00 flat fee for the day or a \$3.00 per event fee. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion awards in each age division in performance and gymkhana will be given. Contact Yonda Leonard at 719-940-9663 for further information. District Horse shows are open to all 4-H members in District VI.

2008 Fall Leader's Forum

The Fall Leader's Forum will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds the weekend of October 17-19.

Shooting Sports State Competition

The Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports State Fair Air Rifle/Air Pistol events will take place on Sunday, August 17th, 2008, at the Events Center on the State Fair Grounds in Pueblo. Additionally, the planning committee hopes to run at least 2 relays on the evening of Saturday, August 16, 2008, in the same location. More details about the Saturday evening relays will be made available as we get closer to the event.

Shooting Sports Update

Recently there have been several updates to the 4-H Shooting Sports Web Site and Shooting Sports Blog that would be of interest:

1. 4-H Field Skills Camp announced –
- Direct link (web site):
http://www.co4hshooting.org/2008_field_skills_camp.html
- Direct link (blog):
<http://co4hshooting.blogspot.com/2008/05/2008-4-h-field-skills-camp.html>
2. 2008 State Air Rifle/Air Pistol Contest dates and location announced –
- Direct link (web site):
http://www.co4hshooting.org/s_contest/index.html
- Direct link (blog):
<http://co4hshooting.blogspot.com/2008/05/air-riflepistol-contest-location.html>
3. Muzzleloading Period Dress Contest resources –
- Direct link (web site):
http://www.co4hshooting.org/s_contest/dress_contest_help.html
- Direct link (blog):
<http://co4hshooting.blogspot.com/2008/04/period-dress-contest-resources.html>

State Fair Updates



The State Fair Livestock schedules and the 2008 State Fair Premium Books are now available on the State Fair web site:
www.coloradostatefair.com

If you are planning to enter livestock at the State Fair, you will need to use the on-line services to obtain necessary information and forms.

Each show is itemized under the species name. All entry information, entry forms, show details and other necessary forms

for proper entries are on each file, with the exception of the W-9, that will have to be downloaded from the forms section. Every exhibitor and their families are encouraged to read and be VERY familiar with ALL Colorado State Fair Rules and Health requirements.

2008 CSF entry deadlines:

- Open/Junior Breeding Animals - July 19
- Market Animals - August 2
- Wool And Dairy Cattle – August 9
- Open and Junior Rabbit - August 4
- Open and Junior Poultry - August 4
- Open and Junior Pigeons and Doves - August 4
- Exotic and Wild Birds - August 18

CSF Reminders:

ALL LIVESTOCK & HORSES MUST be accompanied by an official Health Certificate that was issued within 5 days of departure for the event.

IMPORTANT: It is the exhibitor's responsibility to read and be familiar with all the general terms and conditions as well as all sections and department specific rules and regulations.

Check out all the rules and regulations on the CSF web site so you are informed and prepared for the 2008 Colorado State Fair.

USDA Offers Agriculture Youth Loans

Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans to individual rural youths to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs, FFA, and similar organizations.

Each project must be part of an organized and supervised program of work. The project must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan, and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience in agriculture-related skills.

To apply or learn more about youth loans or other loan programs, please contact your local USDA Service Center at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Livestock Shows, Clinics and Contests

See the Southeast Area website for the various shows, clinics and contests scheduled throughout eastern Colorado.

<http://www.extension.colostate.edu/SEA/4-H/4-H.html>

NWSS Junior Market Beef Nomination

The nomination process for the 2009 Junior Market Beef Show at the National Western Stock Show is now open.

Participants must be 4-H or FFA members in good standing. Participants must be nine to nineteen years of age as of January 1, 2009. To request your nominating packet(s) you must contact the Livestock Office at the National Western Stock Show by calling 303-299-5559 or email your request to livestock@nationalwestern.com. Include your name, address, phone number and number of nomination kits needed. There have been a few changes in the Junior Market Beef program, so be sure to check out the information on the Stock Show website www.nationalwestern.com