



Cochise County 4-H Connection

December 2006

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR ALL

- Dec 8** 4-H and FFA enrollment forms are due to continue receiving the newsletter without interruption.
- Feb 1** Last day to enroll in 4-H and/or FFA beef, sheep, swine and meat goat in order to exhibit a market or carcass animal at the county fair.
- Apr 1** Last day to enroll in 4-H/FFA in order to exhibit at the county fair - all project areas except Clover Kids.

2007 RULE BOOKS WILL BE MAILED

**WITH THE
JANUARY NEWSLETTER.**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec	11	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7pm, Benson FFA Room
	16	4-H Council Board of Directors Meeting, 9:00 - 10:30am, Cochise College, Benson
	16	4-H Council Meeting/4-H Project Record Requirements, 11am - 2pm, lunch included, RSVP required. Cochise College, Benson
	25-29	Christmas Holidays: Offices Closed
Jan	1	Offices Closed - New Years
	6-7	AZ National 4-H & FFA Horse Show
	6-7	LEAP Counselor Training
	9	CCJLA Meeting - UA South SV, 6:30pm, Rm 508, RSVP Required
	11-15	Western Regional Leaders Forum, Phoenix
	15	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday: Both Offices Closed
	16	Small Stock Committee Meeting - Sunizona Community Center, 7pm
	27	Livestock Expo, Casa Grande
Feb	1	Deadline for enrolling in beef, sheep and swine in order to exhibit a market or carcass animal at the fair.
	3	4H Council Meeting, Cochise College, Benson
	3	Officer Training Workshop, Cochise College, Benson
	17-19	LEAP Camp - Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp
	24	Judging Clinic - UA South
	24-25	Statewide Small Stock Show - Kingman, Arizona



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW 4-H COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

The following individuals will be serving as your Board of Directors for the 2006-07 4-H year.

Teens

Jessica Ackley - Douglas City
Catlyn Bouchikas - New Horizons
Shane Elliot - San Simon Roadrunners
Rosalie Ortiz - Ft. Huachuca
Melissa Richards - San Pedro Valley/Desert Spirits
George Watkins - Douglas City

Adults

Karen Bouchikas - New Horizons
Connie Forsyth - Stronghold
Tamera Hunt - Kansas Settlement
Julia Johnson - County Resource Leader
Tina Johnson - San Pedro Valley/Desert Spirits
Nathan Watkins - Double Adobe

We thank each of these persons listed above for their willingness to step forward and provide leadership for our county.

ENROLLMENT FORMS AND FEES

Please remember that enrollment forms should be returned to your Community Leader or FFA Advisor who will then turn the forms into the 4-H office. Youth enrollment forms will not be accepted and entered into the system until the program development fee has been received for each.

The Rule Book will be sent out with the January newsletter, so it is important to get your enrollment form turned in to stay on the mailing list.

In order to participate in market and carcass livestock projects, all 4-H and FFA members must meet an enrollment deadline of February 1st. The enrollment deadline for all other project areas is April 1st.

FAIR ENTRY DUE DATE EARLY WARNING

This is advance notice that all County Fair entries will be due no later than Wednesday, August 15, 2007, 5pm. This is a change from our normal due date. Please mark your calendars now.



LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 7:00PM

The next livestock meeting will be held at the Benson FFA Room. For those planning to attend the notes for the previous meeting and the draft revision of the rules will be available for download by December 6th for your review. Download the file <http://cals.arizona.edu/cochise/files/LivestockNotes.pdf>.

4-H COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 9-10:30AM COCHISE COLLEGE IN BENSON

This will be a planning meeting for the Board of Directors to set goals, plans and meeting dates for this next year. This meeting will be followed by the project record planning meeting.

4-H COUNCIL/PROJECT RECORD MEETING SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 11AM-2PM COCHISE COLLEGE, BENSON RSVP BY DECEMBER 13TH

Project records, record books, portfolios, scrapbooks and more. What should be a part of each, when are they required, what are the requirements for each, and what kind of recognition is offered. These are just a few of the topics that will be discussed and decided. If you have some good examples you like please bring them to share. If you can't attend, but would like to provide some input please contact Susan or one of the Board of Directors listed above.

A pizza lunch will be included for all those who **RSVP** to the Willcox office by **December 13th**.

RIO SALADO SMALL STOCK SHOW DECEMBER 16TH QUEEN CREEK

The Rio Salado Small Stock Show will be held at 20061 E. Rittenhouse Rd., Queen Creek. Check in will begin at 8:30am. Dogs will start the program at 9:00am and the remainder of small stock will show beginning at 12:30pm. Round robin will be held immediately following the small stock portion of the show. 1st place in each species will be in round robin. One animal per species, per member only. Entry fees are \$5 per person with a maximum of \$10 per family.

**LEAP COUNSELOR/CHAPERONE
TRAINING**

JANUARY 6TH, 5:00PM - 7TH, 11:00AM
UA SOUTH

If you are 14-18 and would like to be a counselor for LEAP Camp, this training is mandatory. During this overnight you will learn emergency procedures, counseling techniques, and become prepared to run camp in February. Chaperones are urged to attend. Bring your arts and crafts projects and community service activities for everyone to practice prior to camp. There is a \$10.00 fee per person to offset costs. Contact Darcy for paperwork.

CCJLA MEETING/PIZZA DINNER

JANUARY 9TH, 6:30PM
UA SOUTH, ROOM 508
SIERRA VISTA

The next Cochise County Junior Livestock Auction meeting will be a dinner meeting in Sierra Vista. Please come and help make plans for next year and elect officers. Please RSVP your attendance to Susan no later than January 5th. Call her at 384-3594 or email to spater@cals.arizona.edu.

SMALL STOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 7:00PM
SUNIZONA COMMUNITY CENTER

Interested in small stock and have some ideas you would like to see tried? Then please plan to attend the small stock committee meeting to review what's working, what's not working, and make plans for what we want to do. If you can not make this meeting, but would like to provide some input please contact Susan.

ANNUAL JUDGING CLINIC

FEBRUARY 24TH
UA SOUTH

Registration is at 8:30am and the clinic workshops begin at 9:00am. Come learn about photography, cake decorating, arts and crafts, and there will be a special clinic on record books utilizing a new format. Clubs are invited to run afternoon workshops. Bring a sack lunch. More information in the January and February newsletters.

**COLORADO RIVER
STATE WIDE 4-H SMALL STOCK SHOW**

FEBRUARY 24-25, 2007
PARKER, AZ

The 2007 Show will be held
Sat. & Sun., Feb. 24-25, 2007
at the LaPaz County Park in Parker
AZ. The show is sponsored by 4-H
Members & Leaders in LaPaz,
Mohave and Yavapai counties.



This is the 18th year for this show complete with judging and conformation classes in rabbits, poultry, waterfowl, pigeon and cavy.

Last year 74 4-H'ers from 22 clubs, 8 counties and 3 states exhibited 389 animals. Featured is a Small Stock Quiz Bowl Contest complete with separate categories for rabbit, poultry, waterfowl, pigeon and cavy, and a Round Robin Quiz Bowl contest following. Entries due to LaPaz County February 1.

Contact the Willcox office for more information and entry forms or visit the website at:
www.ag.arizona.edu/mohave/4h/smallshow.htm



TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS, CARING, CITIZENSHIP



Character Corner

This month we continue with the series on the essential elements of 4-H. December's element is GENEROSITY.

"Youth need to feel their lives have meaning and purpose. By participating in 4-H community service and citizenship activities, youth can connect to communities and learn to give back to others. It's clear that these experiences provide the foundation that helps us understand the "big picture" of life and find purpose and meaning.' *Cathann Kress*, Director National 4-H Youth Development

Youth involved in the 4-H experience need to learn the benefits of generosity. As youth are involved in experiences where they are giving back to their community they will gain the benefits of being generous individuals. This will give their lives true meaning. They will gain a true sense of belonging. They come to know that they are an independent but integral part of their community.

Youth need to feel their lives have meaning and purpose. By exploring 4-H community service and citizenship activities, youth can connect to communities and learn to give back to others. Through serving others youth can find themselves. It has been said that "finding oneself begins with losing the self in the service of others." For 4-H members service is a way to gain exposure to their larger community. It is necessary to actively practice and uphold service in order to develop a sense of generosity.

According to *Cathann Kress*, one key part of the essence of 4-H Youth Development is teaching knowledge and life skills. The life skills will enhance the quality of life. Another part is creating opportunities which promote positive youth development. Generosity is an invaluable life skill. Participating in generous service to others is an opportunity for youth to truly develop into the most positive parts of our society. Individuals that have been involved in generous activities of service will almost always say that their own benefits were much more valuable than the actual service performed.

What does GENEROSITY look like?

- Community Service; sense of pride in oneself
- Canned food drives
- Letters to deployed soldiers
- Disaster relief efforts
- Blankets for Homeless
- Volunteerism
- Chaperoning
- Open Houses
- Camps
- After-School programs

Generosity is not an essential element that can simply be taught it must be experienced. When 4-H members and volunteers are involved in an act of generosity they truly gain the knowledge of what generosity means. After being involved in a service project within a community, one young 4-H member was quoted as saying, "I wish I could do this everyday because I feel so good inside!" This is truly what the basic element of generosity can contribute towards positive youth development.

"Learning to be generous" can be seen at many different levels of 4-H activities. One generous act that is often overlooked is the act of becoming a 4-H youth volunteer leader. 4-H leaders are notoriously generous people as they repeatedly give of their time to benefit the future leaders of our society. Many leaders give of their own free time to help a child develop.

When project clubs meet, generosity can be witnessed as each member assists another to better their projects. At many meetings prior to a competition, members can be seen assisting others. This might include the generous act of loaning or giving equipment or simply giving advice to a novice member. Generosity can definitely be witnessed when we observe a senior member assisting a novice member.

While each of the essential elements is important to "Make the Best Youth Better", it is the piecing together of all four elements that ensures positive youth development. Mastery opens the door to significant accomplishments as youth grow and develop skills and understanding of their task at hand. Belonging is fostered when youth feel they belong to a group and that their participation is valued to the organization. Independence is crucial as young people reach out to grasp new experiences, feel the affects of events and sometimes face new consequences due to their decisions. Generosity is a wonderful feeling when youth experience the joy of giving to others in need of attention, caring and love.

DEADLINES

Dec	1	Last Deadline to Register WRLF	Jan	5	RSVP Due for CCJLA Meeting Due to Susan
	8	Enrollments Due to Continue Receiving Newsletter	Feb	1	Entries Due for Colorado Small Stock Show
	8	Committee Sign-up Deadline			
	8	Entries Due for Rio Salado Small Stock Show			
	13	RSVP for 4-H Council Pizza Lunch			

Some Helpful Websites:

AZ 4-H Website: <http://ag.arizona.edu/4-h/>

Cochise County 4-H Website: <http://ag.arizona.edu/cochise/4-h/>

Quality Assurance Website: <http://ag.arizona.edu/extension/quality/>



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