



Cochise County 4-H Connection

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



FAIR ENTRIES DUE AUGUST 15TH!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug	4	Record Book & Fair Entry Workshop, 9am-noon - Cochise College Benson
	8	QA Assurance Workshop, 5-8:00pm - Patagonia
	15	ALL 4-H/FFA FAIR ENTRIES DUE
	17-18	Plan & Play
	22	CCJLA & Livestock Committee Meeting, 6:30pm - Cochise County Fair Grounds
	25	4-H Council Meeting - Sunizona Community Center
Sept	3	Labor Day Holiday: Offices Closed
	8	Fair Workday - Douglas
	9	Live Carcass Steer Judging, 2pm - UA Farm
	11	Live Carcass Hog, Lamb, Goat Judging, 5pm - Zamudio's
	15	Carcass Animal Evaluation, 10am - UA Meat Lab
	15	County Fair Dog Agility Show and CGC Testing - Hereford
	18	Sheep & Goat Fair Workday; Set up Pens
	19-23	Cochise County Fair - Douglas
Oct	12-	Arizona State Fair
Nov	4	
	21-25	NAE4HA Conference
	24-27	National FFA Convention

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**COCHISE COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK
AUCTION (CCJLA) & LIVESTOCK
COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 22, 6:30PM
COCHISE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
DOUGLAS**

The next CCJLA & Livestock Committee meeting will be held at the Cochise County Fairgrounds in the jockey room. The fair will be here before we know it, so please plan to attend. Each 4-H club and FFA chapter should have at least one adult and one youth representative. Make sure your group is represented.

**PLAN & PLAY
AUGUST 17-18
HUACHUCA OAKS BAPTIST CAMP**

Plan and Play is Friday, August 17th, 6:00pm till Saturday, August 18th at 1:00pm at Huachuca Oaks Baptist Tipi Camp. Registration will be available in July. Call Darcy for more information.

**4-H COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 25, 9:30-11:30AM
SUNIZONA COMMUNITY CENTER**

The 4-H Council meeting will be held at the Sunizona Community Center from 9:30-11:30am. Please join us.

Directions to Sunizona/Ash Creek Association Community Center: Turn east on Sunizona Drive, just south of the Mustang Mall at Sunizona on Highway 191. Turn left on Ft. Crittendon Road. This will end in the community center's parking lot.

**COUNTY FAIR DOG AGILITY SHOW
& CGC TESTING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH**

The "county fair" final agility trial will be held at "Going to Grandma's" on Saturday, September 15. We will try to beat the heat and have the first dog ON THE LINE at 8:00am sharp. That means we need to be there to help set up the course and be ready for briefing and walk thru by 7:00am.

Coronado Dog Project will also offer CGC (Canine Good Citizen) testing that day to ANY Cochise County 4-H member and their dog. The cost is \$10.

The CGC test is a ten part test given by AKC approved CGC evaluators. The dog must pass all 10 parts of the test to pass the test. Dogs who pass are awarded the CGC certificate and CGC may follow their name.

The CGC test is open to ALL dogs 6 months old and older, not just purebred dogs.

The test takes about 10 minutes for each dog. To be sure that enough time is allowed you should make a reservation by contacting Ruthann McCaulley at hovowart@cox.net. For more information or if you have any questions please call Ruthann McCaulley at 378-2816. Information on the test can be found at www.akc.org - - click on CGC test.

Last year several dog project members took and passed the CGC test. This year we want to invite all Cochise County 4-Hers to be part of the test, even if they are not dog project members, since so many have dogs that they work with outside of the dog project.

Testing will begin at 8am - "overflow" will be done after agility. Order of testing will be first to sign up, first to be tested. Parents will be needed to help with the test - we'll need "a crowd" of 4-6 people. Brothers and sisters are welcome to come "help".

COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES GO ON-LINE

You will be able to use an on-line entry system to enter the 4-H and FFA Divisions at the fair. On-line entries will be available to officially enter July 7 through **August 15** at www.fairmanager.com/fairs/ccf. **You must use Internet Explorer.** See instructions in the July newsletter or online. If you do not have internet access we will still be accepting paper entries. These can be requested from your community club leader or downloaded at <http://cals.arizona.edu/cochise/4-h/events.html> under county fair information.

Fair books may not be available by August 15. Please go to our county 4-H website to view and print the sections you need <http://cals.arizona.edu/cochise/4-h/events.html> or contact your community club leader to view a copy.

Please contact Susan or Darcy if you have questions.

RECORD BOOKS

Record books are due October 15th for county competitions. See rules below.

PROJECT RECORDS AND RECORD BOOK RULES

All 4-H and FFA members must complete project records. Project records must be completed, reviewed and commented on prior to the fair in order to exhibit. Records will be reviewed within the club/chapter. Each club/chapter will determine the due date and will have a review committee to verify completion and make comments. Verification of records completed/up to date will be sent to the 4-H office by September 1st by community leaders. Members will not be required to turn in project records at the county level.

Members may use the county 4-H records, FFA records or you may design your own. Remember – these are your records. Make them fun. Make them yours. Make them creative. Make them memorable. Add pages as you need them. Design your own unique pages. Put them on the computer. Use your imagination.

Project records at the club level must include at minimum:

- What you did - what you learned this year
- A financial journal of income and expenses

To be turned in by all 4-H and FFA members by August 15th with County Fair Entries:

- Project Year Self-Evaluation Form (1 per member)

To be turned in within 1 hour after weigh-in at fair for all market animals

- Market Livestock Summary (1 per market animal)

Record Book Competition

- 3 divisions: junior 9-10; intermediate 11-13; senior 14 and up
- 3 awards per division: Gold - \$100; Silver - \$75; Bronze - \$50

Record Books entered for competition by October 15th must include:

- Cover page
- Resume (Seniors Only)
- 4-H Story/Photos (10 pages total)
- Club/County/State/National Activities and Events (2 pages max)
- Leadership Experiences (2 pages max)
- Citizenship & Community Service Experiences (2 pages)

- Yearly Self-Evaluation
- Project Records
- All the above must be in a green record book cover purchased from Supply Service or from either 4-H office.

Complete guidelines and instructions are available online at <http://cals.arizona.edu/cochise/4-h/forms.html>.

STATE FAIR ENTRIES DUE

(<http://www.azstatefair.com>)

Aug.	31	Livestock
	19	4-H Building
Oct.	1	Livestock Judging

STATE FAIR SHOW DATES

Oct.	19-21	Youth Livestock
	19-21	Horse Show
	19	Horse Judging Contest, after English Classes Finish
	20	Livestock Judging Contest

RECORD BOOK & FAIR ENTRY WORKSHOP AUGUST 4, 9:00AM - NOON BENSON COCHISE COLLEGE

New this year is the County Record Book competition for 4-H members. Record Books are due October 15th. For those members wanting some extra help and guidance, we have reserved the computer lab and a classroom at Cochise College in Benson. We will have some adult and teen leaders available to assist with putting your records together. You will also be able to use the computers to submit your fair entries on-line. Please RSVP your attendance by calling 384-3594. Free record book covers to those attending.

AWARD OF MERIT FORMS

Award of Merit for members, clubs and Clover Kids are due October 1. Forms can be obtained from community club leaders.

LARRY BECK SR. MEMORIAL AWARD

The Larry Beck, Sr. Memorial Award is presented to a senior division 4-H or FFA member who is actively involved in the swine project. He or she must demonstrate strong leadership and character through his or her participation in the swine project, genuine cooperation with others, and an excellent attitude and friendliness toward others. Candidates must be nominated by his or her respective 4-H leader or advisor, or by other members regardless of club or chapter affiliation. For a nomination form, contact the Willcox office. Nominations must be submitted to the Willcox office by **August 20th**.

ANNUAL SPECIAL 4-H AWARDS

Every year at Achievement Night (November 17), we recognize three special categories of awards. Please submit your nomination to the Sierra Vista office by **August 20th**. Community Club leaders will receive the information packet for the nominations. Contact your community club leader to be sure your club sends in their nominations. (2) Outstanding Senior (Seniors who graduated May 2007); (1) Friend of 4-H; (1) 4-H Family of the Year; (1) Outstanding Leader. Members may self-nominate for the Outstanding Senior award. Contact the 4-H office for a nomination form.

QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKSHOPS

If you missed the Quality Assurance workshops in Cochise County, there is only one workshop that I know will be held between now and August 15 (entry deadline). It is in Santa Cruz county. The workshop will be on August 8th from 5-pm in Patagonia. You must contact Santa Cruz county at 520-281-2994 for details and to register.

IMPORTANT FAIR INFORMATION

FORMS: If you are unable to access the internet to enter on-line and still need hard copy entry forms they will be available from your community club leader. Market Livestock Summary forms, and Small Stock Sale forms, may be picked up from community/club leaders and FFA advisors. All entry forms must be delivered or postmarked **BY AUGUST 15**. DO NOT put off sending your entries — **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.

RULES: Be sure you have read ALL rules pertaining to your project before filling out your entry form and coming to the fair. ALL members (one per family) should have received a copy of the Cochise County Rule Book shortly after they enrolled. Questions - contact Susan or Darcy.

CHAMPION BUILDING EXHIBITOR/VERSATILITY AWARD ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible, you must complete and submit with your building entry, the Champion Building Exhibitor form or Versatility Award form, by August 15. See page 10-11 of rule book for complete rules.

INSPECTION PAPERS

You must bring inspection papers with you to the fair for **ALL** livestock, this includes breeding, market and carcass animals. **Swine:** You must contact the livestock inspector (1-800-294-0305) to have your hog inspected. **Cattle, Sheep, and Goats:** If you do not have inspection papers for your animal you will need to request a "Seasonal Self-Inspection Certificate" through the Arizona Department of Agriculture. You will need to complete an application form that can be found on their website at <http://www.azda.gov/licensing/seasonapp.pdf> and then return it along with \$5.00 and they will issue you a seasonal pass. If you do not have web access you can call (602)542-6407 to request an application be mailed to you. Do not wait until the last few days before fair to get your inspection papers. Plan ahead and give yourself plenty of time, especially if you need a seasonal pass. Any questions contact Susan or your local livestock inspector.

LIVESTOCK CODE OF ETHICS

Livestock members must read and agree to abide by the **National Show Ring Code of Ethics, Youth Livestock Exhibitor Code of Practice, the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and the Wholesome Assurance Statement**. By submitting an animal for official verification participants agree to comply with these codes and regulations.

In addition, by submitting an application for entry to the Cochise County Fair, participants agree to comply with all the rules and regulations governing Cochise county Fair as published in the Cochise County 4-H Rule Book. Further, these provisions include total ownership of the entry for the prescribed number of days and provisions against unethical fitting, filling, and/or alteration of conformation and color of animal(s), meat tampering and illegal or non-approved use of drugs, medication, and/or prohibited substance.

SHOWMANSHIP: If you want to enter any of the showmanship classes, please be sure to enter it on your entry form.

BEST COCHISE COUNTY BRED AND FED STEER, LAMB, HOG AND GOAT: If your animal qualifies for one of the classes, be sure to enter it on your entry form. Proof of such must have already been sent to the Willcox office. You must enter, in order to be eligible. However, the class will be composed of only the highest placing animals that were bred and fed in Cochise County from each of the market classes.

LIVESTOCK CLOTHING ATTIRE: Refer to page 20 of your rule book for required clothing attire. This also applies to the live animal evaluation part of the carcass contest.

FAIR PASSES: Only superintendents and judges will receive free admission. **All** others including members **must purchase a pass or pay at the gate.** Passes are purchased **IN ADVANCE** for \$6.00 per person for the four days. Fair passes may be purchased when you enter on-line, otherwise please send a check payable to **Cochise County 4-H, 450 S Haskell, Willcox, AZ 85643.** Passes will be mailed to individuals the 2nd week in September. **EACH PERSON NEEDS HIS/HER OWN PASS, WHETHER WITH A GROUP OR BY ONESELF.** If passes are not purchased prior to August 15, you will have to pay full admission at the gate. Admission at the gate will be (per day): \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students, \$3.00 for Seniors, and children age 5 and under free. **NO FAIR PASSES WILL BE SOLD AFTER AUGUST 15!**

FAIR WORKDAY: To be held September 8th beginning from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please bring rakes, shovels, pliers, paint brushes, etc. for cleanup. Lunch will be provided. A special workday will be held September 18 for sheep and goat exhibitors to set up pens.

CLEANING OF PENS: Exhibitors will see that their pens are neatly kept, the litter disposed of before 9:30am; passageways must be kept clean and clear at all times; pens must be cleaned daily and pans must be removed after feeding.

4-H PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS: Photography exhibits are due **ON OR BEFORE NOON, SEPTEMBER 8** (Fair Workday). Photography exhibits may be turned into Darcy at workday. There will be no need to fill out entry tags as they will be printed out by the computer information given on the entry forms. Photos will be taken to the fair (4-H building) and displayed beginning on Thursday, September 20. You may pick up your photos on Sunday, September 23, at 4:00 p.m. All photography exhibits must be mounted or matted and all entry information should be on the back of your photo in the upper right hand corner. You may either tape the entry tag or print the information in a (3x5 inch) area. ****DO NOT** have entry information on the front of your photo.

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4-H/FFA PASS ORDER FORM

REMEMBER: PASSES CAN BE ORDERED ONLINE WHEN YOU DO YOUR FAIR ENTRIES ON LINE!
Due by August 15st to Cochise County 4-H, 450 S. Haskell, Willcox, AZ 85643

NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Number of passes requested: _____ X \$6.00 = \$ _____ amount enclosed.

**TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY,
FAIRNESS, CARING, CITIZENSHIP**



Character Corner

A very wise 4-H leader once told me, "It ain't gotta be fun, but it's gotta be done." As we approach the time for entries to be due, can you imagine that phrase referring to record books?

Record books this year have changed. Go to the Cochise County 4-H website and take some time to look at the new system we are trying to implement. Mark August 4th on your calendar to join us in a work session in Benson to help you get those record books completed. Record books were not created to make your life miserable, but to help you set goals for yourself (which you will do in the future), to record what you accomplished throughout the year (which you will do in the future), and to manage your expenses (again, you will do in the future).

As a 4-H member, I have to admit that record books were not my favorite part of the year. However, as an adult, I do admit that it has helped me. My kids laugh that I keep every receipt, but in 4-H I kept a shoe box full of receipts that helped me know how much money I spent on feed, bedding, vet bills, craft supplies, and groceries. Every tax year I keep a new multi-pocket folder where I open the mail because in 4-H I created folders for each project to track awards, ribbons, and those receipts I saved. And, I keep a calendar with every activity marked with a time and location because when I was in 4-H I had to keep track of what was happening so my parents could give me a ride or hold the meeting.

No one is ever going to give me an award for being the most organized person on the planet. However, many of my organizational skills were learned while I was a member in 4-H. I didn't realize it at the time, but completing record books taught me more than showing animals and sewing clothes. It pushed me to finish what I started, plan, budget, and set goals. All of those things are a part of daily living as an adult.

I'll see all of you August 4th. Bring your shoe boxes of receipts, and be ready to finish those record books. You don't have to like doing them, but maybe with some help we can make the job a little less painful.

Darcy

**REGISTRATION FOR PLAN AND PLAY
FRIDAY AUGUST 17 – SATURDAY AUGUST 18
REGISTRATION DUE AUGUST 10**

Detach section below and send to Darcy Tessman, 1140 N. Colombo, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. Include registration fee of \$10.00, checks need to be made out to Cochise County 4-H Teen Council. **Registrations are due in the Sierra Vista office by August 10, 2007.** Include with the registration the Code of Conduct, Medical Release, Photo Release, and Parent permission form for the Life Skills Assessment Survey available online.

Name _____

Address _____

City, Zip Code _____

Age _____ Male _____ Female _____

Chaperone's Name _____

DEADLINES

Aug	10	Plan & Play Registration Due to Darcy	20	Larry Beck Sr. Award Nominations Due
	15	ALL COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES DUE	20	Special Award Nominations Due
	15	Fair Pass Order Deadline		
	15	4-H/FFA Project Year Self Evaluation Due	Sept	8
				Photography Exhibits Due By Noon

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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