



Cochise County 4-H Connection

November 2008

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

4-H END OF YEAR BASH!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. You're invited to celebrate with us at the 4-H End of Year Bash at the Sunsites Community Center! Come celebrate our outstanding members, leaders and friends with an ice cream and dessert social.

- Bring your favorite dessert to share and the ice cream will be provided.
- Bring items for the 'White Elephant' drawing
- Bring a toy to donate to the "Toys for Tots" program.
- Bring your ink cartridges and cell phones to recycle for 4-H
- 4-H Trivia Contest, Door prizes and more!
- No registration fee, but we need you to register.

RSVP by **October 31st** to the Willcox office. Please plan to join the 4-H Council in recognizing 4-H members for a job well done and get a great start to the new year.

4-H COOKBOOKS

Only 70 cookbooks are left. Make sure to buy your copy soon. They are \$10 each and available in the Willcox office.

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CALENDAR:

Post it so you can see it and add your other 4-H events!



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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/>



**LEAP CAMP PLANNING
NOVEMBER 15, 4:30p.m. -16, 10:30a.m
HUACHUCA OAKS BAPTIST CAMP**

Mark your calendars now if you want to be a LEAP Camp Counselor. The planning will take place on Nov. 15-16, at Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp, Tipi Camp. This overnight get together is when we decide what activities we want at camp and begin to select counselors. Remember, counselors can receive scholarship monies (when available) towards camp registration depending upon attendance at these overnights. There will be games, food, fun, and friends, along with leadership, and personal development. Adult chaperones are always needed. Contact Darcy for a registration packet, cost is \$10.

**2008 ARIZONA 4-H SHOOTING
SPORTS EDUCATION CONTEST
DECEMBER 6-7
TUCSON**

On behalf of the Arizona 4-H Shooting Sports Education Committee, you are invited to participate in the 2008 Arizona 4-H Shooting Sports Education Contest. This event will be held December 6 - 7 in Tucson, Arizona. To accommodate a transition to a new time of year for the state contest, both current 4-H members enrolled in shooting safety, and those who were members on September 30, 2008 will be eligible to participate in the 2008 contest.

Registration fee received on or before November 21, 2008 is \$15.00 per event per participant. Late registrations will be \$25.00 per event per participant. Shotgun has an additional fee per round and is the responsibility of the contestant paid directly to the range. All fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. Contact Susan for more information and registration forms. Also, for more information you can go to: <http://cals.arizona.edu/4-h/events>.

**4-H COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 12:00-2:00PM
BENSON**

Please RSVP by Dec. 5th to attend the Council meeting. Lunch will be provided and plans will be made for the coming year.

**ANLS 4-H/FFA HORSE SHOW
JANUARY 2 - 4, 2009
WESTWORLD HORSE COMPLEX,
SCOTTSDALE**

The Arizona Nationals Livestock Show will be having their 4-H Horse shows on January 2-4, 2009. The Western show will be on Friday, January 2nd, English on Saturday, January 3rd, and the Roping and Gymkhana will be Sunday, January 4th.

November 15th is the deadline for exhibitors to receive an ANLS t-shirt. December 10th is the deadline for regular fees. Entry forms and additional information may be downloaded at www.anls.org/ or contact Bryan Chadd at (602)470-8086 ext 350 or Grant Boice at (602)258-8568.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment forms have been sent to community leaders. Forms should be turned in by **December 5th** to continue receiving your newsletter without interruption. Remember 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. **Program development fees must be paid at the time enrollment is submitted.**

SOME IDEAS THINK ABOUT AS WE START THE NEW YEAR

WHY 4-H CLUBS STILL MATTER

4-H Clubs are the foundation of 4-H. We need to understand why clubs are so important to the development of children and youth. Clubs provide the basis for life skill development through subject matter projects and related activities. Clubs also have the ability to instill in their members the importance of community service and/or service learning projects.

- ◆ They reflect the norms and values of families, the neighborhood and community institutions.
- ◆ Provide a connection between normal, everyday youth and normal everyday adults who want to make a difference in the lives of young people.
- ◆ Foster a safe environment where young people feel free to have conversations and discuss issues without risk of ridicule, misunderstanding, judgment and negative labeling.
- ◆ Facilitate flexible programming and highly personal interactions between members.
- ◆ Ability to redesign themselves into different cultural, economic, racial and ethnic contexts to reflect the beliefs, hopes, and values of young people and their families.
- ◆ Offer a chance to experiment and explore without feeling the weight of monumental consequences.
- ◆ Can serve to meet the developmental needs of youth and support positive youth development.

Source: "Clubs and Groups in the Social Education of Young People," by Joyce Walker, Trudy Dunham and Eric Snyder, the Center, (Winter, 1998), pp.20-27.

4-H MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT

- ▶ They provide members with a group experience.
- ▶ Youth learn how to interact and make decisions within a group. Remember, 4-H is about teaching life skills.
- ▶ 4-H meetings prepare youth to be effective leaders in adult groups such as school board, city council and civic organizations.
- ▶ In 4-H, youth learn how to set individual and group goals for themselves, and how to accomplish group goals.
- ▶ Meetings provide leadership experiences for members. They learn how to serve on committees and be club officers.
- ▶ Youth who are involved as officers or in committee work attain valuable experience that will help them later in life. Examples: public speaking, conducting a meeting, leadership skills such as listening to everyone to reach a consensus, etc.
- ▶ Make 4-H Club work FAMILY work to support the activities of the club.
- ▶ Support and offer help to the leaders and committees.
- ▶ Encourage 4-H'ers to succeed. It's okay if they make mistakes. Remember: they learn by doing.
- ▶ Matters of concern, such as club money, spending, activities such as participation in the parade, etc., should be discussed with your child prior to the meeting. Let your child express that opinion. It's part of the learning and growing process.
- ▶ The real objective is to help your sons and daughters to be educated, upstanding, contributing citizens. The way they do their work and conduct themselves at meetings and events will set character standards for the rest of their lives.
- ▶ Don't get frustrated if something doesn't go your way. This is group process and a "team work" kind of organization. The youth will find that compromising is just a way of life.

Source: Morton County, Kansas Newsletter, September 2002.

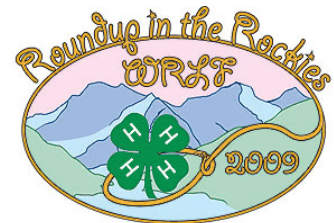
THERE'S NO RIGHT WAY TO HOLD A 4-H MEETING

Be creative, be flexible and have fun. Mix it up; sing loud and with enthusiasm; be enthusiastic about the achievements of club members and reaffirm to them that they are "getting" what 4-H is all about.

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WESTERN REGIONAL 4-H FORUM 2008
FEB. 25 - MARCH 1, 2009
DENVER, COLORADO



Roundup your leaders and head to Colorado for the Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum. Discover the trail which leads to fun and learning to take back to the herd at home.

Get a rope around personal skills you can use with 4-H'ers and gather up stray enthusiasm while having fun sharing ideas and developing skills. Clean the stable of old ideas and corral lots of new ones!

Join 400 volunteers from the 13 western states, Canada and the U.S. territories in the South Pacific at this great event. Don't miss the most energizing and educational forum for 4-H volunteers this side of the Rockies! Don't get left out of this roundup of hands-on experiences, sharing ideas, developing friendships, motivational speakers, and workshops to address your interests and challenges. Grab your ropes, the ROUNDUP IS ON!

There is financial support available to Cochise County 4-H Leaders/Teens interested in attending. It would be great to have a large group attend to bring back all the great ideas to enhance our programs. Contact Susan by **November 7**, if you are interested in financial assistance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2008</h1>						1 Record Book Judging & 4-H Council Meeting, 9:30am - Willcox
2	3	4	5	6	7 - Committee Sign-ups Due - Contact Susan for WRLF Financial Help	8 - 4-H Year End Bash, 2- 4pm, Sunsites Community Center
9	10	11 - Veteran's Day Holiday: Offices Closed - Livestock Council Meeting - San Simon School 6:30pm	12	13	14	15 - Leap Camp Planning -ANLS Horse Show Registration Deadline to Receive a T-shirt
16 - Leap Camp Planning	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Holiday: Offices Closed	28 - Thanksgiving Holiday: Offices Closed - National 4H Congress, Atlanta, GA Congratulations Alexandra Finch	29 National 4H Congress: Atlanta, GA
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	1	2	3	4	5 - Enrollment Forms Due - 4H Council Meeting RSVP's Due	6
7	8	9	10 ANLS Horse Show Regular Registration Deadline	11	12	13 4-H Council Mtg - Benson, 12-2pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Holiday - Offices Closed	25 Christmas Holiday - Offices Closed	26 University Closure - Offices Closed	27
28	29 University Closure - Offices Closed	30 University Closure - Offices Closed	31 University Closure - Offices Closed	(Jan1) New Year's Day Holiday - Offices Closed	(Jan 2) University Closure - Offices Closed	