



Santa Cruz County 4-H Youth Development



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The 91st Annual County Fair is rapidly approaching! This is the time of year that we showcase the great work that you and your project leaders have been working on all project year. There are a few things you need to be aware of as we approach this year-end culminating event!

ENTRIES

An entry form is included in this newsletter. Please mail them in as soon as possible. Fair books are currently at the printers and should be available by Friday, September 25. They will also be online (<http://cals.arizona.edu/santacruz/4-H>) under the forms tab.

CHECK IN

Photography entries are due in the 4-H Office by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 6. Please contact your leader for more information. General projects need to be checked into the fairgrounds on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 from 12-6 p.m. Livestock entries check in on Thursday, September 14 from 4-6 p.m.

RECORD BOOKS

Make sure that you bring your record book to check in livestock or general project entries. It does not need to be completed, just up to date. You can get all of the forms needed on the 4-H Website or contact your leader.

LIVESTOCK NOTES

Make sure that you have the appropriate ownership papers for your species of livestock at check in as well as your record book. All exhibitors should have completed the Livestock Quality Assurance training as well. If you have any questions, please contact your leader or the 4-H Office. Exhibitors of Market Livestock should also have written prospective buyers an invitation to the fair. A list of previous buyers is available from your leader.

EXHIBITION TIMES

All exhibition times are listed in the fair book. They are subject to change based on potential conflicts.

FAIR KITCHEN & CLEANUP

Make sure you sign up to work at least two hours in the kitchen. This is a major fundraiser that pays for camp scholarships and other activities. Fair clean up is Saturday, September 9 from 8-12 am.

THANK YOU!

Please make sure that you show appropriate appreciation for your community and project leaders. Not one of them are paid to help you learn the valuable life skills you get through 4-H and most do it out of sheer goodness. A little note or something to show your appreciation is a nice way to let them know they are valued.



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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

ATTENTION ALL LEADERS

Please remember to call in your project meetings!! If we do not know about your meeting, it is not covered by the State 4-H liability insurance. It is helpful if you can send the office or email a calendar of your meetings. We will list your meetings on the County Event Calendar. When you are scheduling your meetings please refer to the County Event Calendar and try not to schedule project meetings that coincide with other project meetings, as many of our 4-H youth belong to several different projects.

Thanks!!!

NEWS FROM DEBBIE

A Big Thank You!!!

I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you members and leaders who stepped up to serve on the Awards Committee! Your energy, ideas, and overall efforts are amazing! Even though this committee is now dissolved, I urge you each to continue working hard on what 4-H is about: Making the BEST Better. To me, that means concentrating on making yourself into the best person you can be, each day! The "ripple effect" then makes everything and everyone around you be better, too! Keep your heads, hearts, hands, and health going down a good path! Thank you again for your generous spirit, interest and time! Best wishes! Most Respectfully Yours, Debbie Gonzales, Awards Committee Chair

**YOUR information can go here! Please submit to Dean at
dfish@ag.arizona.edu and put 4-H Newsletter in the subject line! Thanks!**

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CLUB NEWS

MUSTANG MINUTES

Editors Note: The Mustang minutes were not submitted this month to Dean. This is due to the departure of Anthony. The 4-H Office apologizes for any inconvenience. Please contact Leisa George for any club news.

SAN RAFAEL MINUTES

Our regular meeting was held on July 10th at the Patagonia Community Church. Pres. Tiger called for order at 6:33 pm and pledges were led by Sarah and Jenny. Roll Call with introductions, announcements, project updates, and many opportunities to get involved were presented by various parents/leaders. Guest Woodie Winans invited us to participate in upgrades and events in the Patagonia Community Garden as a group or as individuals (a great community service). Sec. Sonora read the June Minutes, and Debbie gave the current financial report - both accepted as given. In Willa's absence, a donated "summer fun bag" was won by Jeanette in the White Elephant Raffle - Willa will do her part later. VP Nash directed the planning for our August 14th meeting: Snack by Nash, Drinks by Ashley, Pledge of Allegiance by Jeanette, 4-H Pledge by Shane, and Demonstrations by Fox, Ashley & Phillip, and "others" (Debbie will notify those still in need to DO A DEMO!!!) BUSINESS ITEMS: Report on Horse Camp by Fox, Tiger, and Jenny enjoyed. JOLT Report to be heard next month by Samantha. AZ Rangers' donation acknowledged/card circulated/approval of photo for newspaper article. PUHS yearbook is still late - will continue to update! Council communications for Awards Committee sign-up done. New County Ambassador program introduced by Tiger, applications given. Club exhibit for Round-up and the Fair discussed: each person needs to bring 4-H photos, news clippings, etc from their 4-H experience this year so that we can create a super exhibit at our next meeting! Demonstrations tonight: "Fortune Tellers" by Sarah, "Rice Krispy Treats (without butter!)" by Kristen & Shyanne, and "Map Tips" by Tiger were all great! Nobody in our club has a July birthday = no song! Thank you to Sarah for her hospitality tonight by providing snacks! Tiger called to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

**** REMINDER: everyone, please bring your 4-H photos, news clippings, things from camps, etc to make an AWESOME club exhibit at our August 14th meeting!!!!!!! (You can get your stuff back after the Fair).

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Livestock Committee met on July 31st at the Patagonia Community Church at 6:30 pm. Attending: Ron Fish, Lesia George, Jim Davis, Bill Piper, Rory George, Dean Fish, and Debbie Gonzales. Project updates: **BEEF** (Ron) - attendance is low, working on showmanship skills, next meeting is the 10th with a pizza social afterwards. One beef with prior behavior issues is being worked with and should be fine for the Fair. **GOAT (pack, dairy, & market)** (Lesia) - 5 dairy and 7 pack goats doing well, pack group took a major canyon hike near Rio Rico lots of fun, judges are set for the Fair. There are 2 market goats, doing well. **SHEEP** (Jim & Rory) - meetings going well with good parental support. Weights and quality good, watching the low weight on one lamb. Working on records, and showmanship with help from the Bernards. Monica called in to report that her group is doing fine. **POULTRY** - no reports. **RABBIT** (Bill) - one enrolled in San Rafael but attends the Mustang project. **SWINE** (Debbie) - July meeting great with 16 of 18 pigs showing up, weights are in very good range except one light-weight who is getting support for that issue. Working on showing, records, and management skills. Great parental support! Discussion Items: final Quality Assurance Training will be Aug. 9th, SAILA Sonoita show is Aug. 13th, and Fair judge has confirmed. Still need judges for pygmy goats, rabbits, and horse. Discussion Items: Debbie updated this committee that Awards Committee was thinking of moving horse events and market animals into tier 2 from tier 3, and asked for Livestock input. After some good discussion, this committee suggested that this issue is tabled for further consideration. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Happily submitted by Debbie Gonzales

.HELPFUL WEBSITES:

National 4-H Council: <http://www.fourcouncil.edu>

AZ State 4-H Web Site : <http://cals.arizona.edu/4-H/>

Santa Cruz County Extension Web Site: <http://cals.arizona.edu/santacruz>

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



CLUB NEWS

4-H COUNCIL MINUTES

Called to order at 6:42. **Minutes** were read and approved as read. The **Treasurer's Report** was presented and accepted as presented. A question was brought up on what ledger the horse project ribbons should be charged to. This will be further investigated. There was no **Horse Committee Report**. The **Live-stock Committee** reported that everything is going fine. A couple of animals are on watch for being light and making fair minimum weights. The **Awards Committee** report was presented by Debbie. She reported on the recent Awards committee meeting. There was much discussion on moving Horse and Live-stock to tier II of the current awards system. There was also talk of revamping the General Project Sweepstakes to more accurately reflect the overall general project winner. There was a question of charging an entry fee to help fund awards. Dean needs to check on the legality of doing this. Sponsors for awards are also needed. There was a motion made and seconded to disband the Awards committee. The motion carried. (Editors note: In essence this means that individual projects are responsible for providing awards in their project areas). There was some discussion on what to do with the remaining funds in the Awards ledger. Discussion was held on doing a publicity thing for 4-H in a magazine or having a fun end of the year party for members. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Compiled by Dean Fish with help from Veronica Brown's notes.

Dean's Comments on Awards

The disbanding of the Awards Committee has led to much discussion among the 4-H Community on what awards are appropriate for 4-H members. There is definitely a divergence of opinions on this matter, ranging from youth need not get awards to awards being the reason that young people join and participate in 4-H. I don't know if there is a right or wrong philosophy on this, it's probably somewhere in the middle of those two philosophies. The fact of the matter is, the 4-H Council currently awards nearly 150 awards per year. If you figure \$50 average per award, then \$7,500 needs to be raised for this purpose. In the past, the most we have been able to raise is approximately \$2,500. The Awards Committee in the past has gone through and established tiers for awards and tried to establish a level playing field for all participants.

The decision to disband the awards committee means that the 4-H Council will provide ribbons and rosettes to all project areas, as they have done in the past. Each individual project needs to come up with appropriate awards for their projects. Some projects are doing this, while others are going to have to work on this. Another rumor that is floating in the 4-H Community is that the commission from the Live-stock Sale funds awards. That is in no way a true statement. The 5% commission charged for animals at the 4-H Auction pays to run the show and sale related expenses. Any leftover funds are used for general operation of the 4-H Council (paying for travel to camps or other expenses). We have been fortunate enough to have United Way be able to fund a significant portion of camp expenses for our youth. Without their funds, we would not have as many scholarships available to send youth to camps and to help with travel expenses.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact your community club leader or myself at the 4-H Office. The best way to get a hold of me is through email (dfish@ag.arizona.edu), since a lot of my job is in the field. Or if you see me, pull me aside tell me what you think. I am glad to answer any questions you may have and your ideas in making 4-H better in Santa Cruz County. Let's have a great fair!



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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY 4-H EVENT CALENDAR

August 2006

- 2 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 3 Fine Arts Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 4-Barbara Johnson
- 5 Photography Project-Cady Hall @ 10 a.m.-Finley's 394-2377
- 8 Community Coalition Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 9 a.m.
- 10 Mustangs Community Club Meeting Sonoita Complex @ 7
- 11 Community Coalition Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 9 a.m.
- 11 Horseless Horse Meeting-The Guevavi @ 4-Melody Skiver
- 14 San Cayetano Community Club Meeting Mountain View School Cafeteria @ 6
- 14 San Rafael Community Club Meeting Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 16 Rabbit Meeting-Fairgrounds @ 6-Anne Scott
- 19 Pack Goat Meeting-Contact Lesia George
- 25 Deadline for articles in the newsletter
- 28 Livestock Committee Meeting-Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30
- 29 Council Meeting- Patagonia Community Church @ 6:30

September 2006

- 4 Labor Day
- 6 **Photography Entries Due in Office by 5:00 p.m.**
- 7 Photography Judging at Office
- 9 **Fair Clean up 8-12 am**
- 10 Make-Up Roping (Melanie Locke)
- 12 4-H General Projects entries due at Fairgrounds (Except Photography) 12-6 p.m
- 13 4-H General Projects Judging
- 14 4-H Livestock Entries Check-In (4-6 p.m) at Fairgrounds
- 15-17 Santa Cruz County Fair

****** Check with your Community Club Leaders regarding meeting dates for Fair month! *****

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AND HAVE YOUR MEETINGS PUT ON THE CALENDAR. IF THE OFFICE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MEETINGS, THEY ARE NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE. ALSO, SEND IN ARTICLES ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR PROJECT GROUPS FOR THE NEWSLETTER. E-MAIL ARTICLES TO anthony@ag.arizona.edu BY THE 25th OF EACH MONTH IN ORDER TO GET THEM PUBLISHED.