



Cochise County 4-H Connection

November 2006

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

ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT NOVEMBER 18, 6:00P.M. COCHISE COLLEGE, DOUGLAS

Achievement Night, November 18th, 6:00pm at Cochise College in Douglas. Come see our "Spotlight on Cochise County 4-H in 2006". Bring a dessert to auction and a canned food item for the needy. This year we will have clubs sharing their successes, youth talent performances, a report from our Cochise County 4-Her who attended National Conference in Washington D.C., and more.

Thank you to clubs who have volunteered to help this year:

- Registration: Desert Spirits
- Table Centerpieces: Desert Stars
- Set-Up: New Horizons
- Canned Food Drive: Douglas City
- Dessert Auction: Double Adobe
- Speakers: Teen/Pre-Teen Council

Dinner is \$3.00 per person and there is a registration form at the end of this newsletter and is due **November 11th**.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov	4	Rules Day
		Leap Planning Team Overnight - Huachuca Oaks Tipi Camp, Hereford
	4-5	
	7	CCJLA Meeting - Cochise County Service Center Conf. Room, 450 S. Haskell in Willcox, 6:30pm
	13	Veteran's Day Holiday: Offices Closed
	18	Achievement Night
	23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday: Offices Closed
	25- Jan 1	Christmas/New Years Holidays: Offices Closed
Dec		

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**COUNTY RULES DAY
COCHISE COLLEGE, SIERRA VISTA
ROOMS 900 & 305A&B
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

We have scheduled one day, **Saturday, November 4th**, to review and make changes necessary to all of the county committee rules. If your club would like to sponsor an activity, please submit a couple of dates you would like to host the event. We urge all clubs to have at least one representative attend each committee meeting so you can have input and be informed.

RULES DAY AGENDA

9:00 - 10:00	Horse
9:00 - 9:30	Dog
9:30 - 10:00	Small Stock
10:00 - 11:30	4-H Council
11:30 - 12:00	Lunch
12:00 - 2:30	Livestock

Committee sign-ups are attached at the end of this newsletter, or you may enter the project code on your enrollment form.

Lunch will be on your own, so bring a sack lunch.

Directions: To reach Cochise College, take Charleston Road east from the Hwy 90 Bypass. (Charleston Rd runs in front of WalMart and beside Sutherlands.) Turn left (north) at the first stop light, which is Colombo Ave. Cochise College is on the Northeast corner of Charleston Rd & Colombo.

**LEAP PLANNING TEAM OVERNIGHT
NOVEMBER 4TH, 5:00PM TILL
NOVEMBER 5TH, 10:00AM
HUACHUCA OAKS TIPI CAMP, HEREFORD**

Want to be a counselor for LEAP? Want to help plan the schedule for LEAP? Come join us for another overnight at Tipi Camp! Bring ideas for arts and crafts projects, community service, activities, games, etc. Cost is \$10 per person. Contact Darcy for paperwork.



**COCHISE COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK
(CCJLA) MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 6:30PM
COCHISE COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
450 S HASKELL, WILLCOX**

Please come and help review the 2006 auction and plan for next year. Each club and chapter is encouraged to have at least one representative attend each meeting. We are always looking for ways to improve things and would like to hear from others and have them get involved. So mark the date on your calendar and get involved. Any changes to CCJLA rules will be decided at this meeting.

**WESTERN REGIONAL 4-H FORUM 2007
JANUARY 11-15
SHERATON CRESCENT HOTEL, PHOENIX**

Adult and teen volunteers are invited to attend the 2007 Western Region 4-H Forum, hosted by Arizona 4-H volunteer leaders and youth! Registration deadline is November 15th 2006 (\$320), and the late registration is December 1st (\$370), so plan now for the fun you'll have in Phoenix, January 11-15, 2007. All registration materials are available via the website http://cals.arizona.edu/4-h/wr_forum.

There is an Arizona Only Partial Registration available at a discounted rate for those who would like to participate only in the workshops on Friday or Saturday. The cost is \$40 per day and does not include any meals or additional workshop fees. This information is available thru Darcy or Susan.

**DOOR PRIZES AND GIFT BAG ITEMS
ARE NEEDED FOR THE 4-H FORUM**

Contact either 4-H office if you can help by donating items for gift bags and/or door prizes. Something that represents Cochise County would be great.



ENROLLMENT

Enrollment forms have been sent to community leaders and FFA Advisors. Forms should be turned in by **December 8th** 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.

4-H COUNCIL UNDERGOES AN OVERHAUL

Over the past several years we have been struggling to have an active 4-H Council. Some may ask "If we haven't had a meeting in over a year, then why do we need one?" A 4-H Council is important to help provide oversight to the overall program, to help move the program forward, to manage the finances of the organization, to facilitate communication among groups, and much more. A critical function is to make decisions on those matters that do not fall under one of our standing committees or overlaps multiple committees.

A nine to eleven member Board of Directors (both teen and adult) will be selected this first year to guide the re-organization. Subsequent Directors will be elected by the membership. There will be 2-3 meeting per year plus several conference calls to help minimize travel. We will also try to utilize email for communication as much as possible.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES for 2006-07

DOG PROJECT RULES

1. **Page 4, Rule 15:** Delete the requirement that to show at the county fair with a dog project, the member must "have participated in at least one dog show or dog activity day during the year". No other projects require this.

HORSE RULES

2. **Page , Rule 35:** Delete
3. **Page 16, Rule 37:** Review how many shows are required and how members qualify for state.
4. **Page 16, Rule 38:** Add "In the event there is not a horse show(s) in the county in which to show, a 4-H member may be exempt from competing twice."
5. Delete horse from Round Robin Showmanship.

C.A.N.T.E.R.

Cochise Area Network of Therapeutic Equestrian Resources, is holding a "Ride-A-Thon" trail ride fund raiser on November 25. The ride will take place in the San Pedro River Valley. There will be lots of fun prizes for riders who raise money and prizes for groups of at least 3 who enter as a team. Everyone who participates will get a C.A.N.T.E.R. Ride-A-Thon T-shirt and lunch.

C.A.N.T.E.R. is a premier accredited center of North American Riding for the Handicapped (NARHA) serving about 90 disabled children and adults. Riders come from Sierra Vista, Ft. Huachuca, Palominos, Tombstone, and Naco schools.

Some of our adult riders come from Aires and Horizon Human Services. The Tombstone High School Transition Project, Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure, and South Eastern Arizona Behavioral Health Services also works with C.A.N.T.E.R.. C.A.N.T.E.R. needs volunteers, 14 years and older, to work with horses and riders.

For more information contact Susan Fawcett at her email address is: russusi@ssvecnet.com.

LIVESTOCK RULES

6. Organized livestock rules by species.
7. **Page 17, Rule B1: ADD:** Entries due August 15th. All market and carcass animals must be entered in appropriate class by tag number.
8. **Page 17, Rule B2:** Second paragraph: CHANGE: "Wholesome Meat Certificate due August 15th."
9. **Page 17, Rule 4:** Add to ... dark blue or black pants "or dark blue or black skirt." Dairy cattle & Dairy Goat add "or white skirt."
10. **Page 17, Rule 4:** White long or short sleeve shirts with a collar and buttons (this includes knit polo shirts) blue denim or black pants are required.
11. **Page 17, Rule 4:** Add "Polo Shirt", Remove "If pants have belt loops, a belt must be worn". Reason: A person still looks good in a polo shirt and they are easier to clean between shows. I observed several exhibitors in the ring with loops and no belt if we are not going to enforce the rule then remove it.
12. **Page 18, Rule 8:** 2nd sentence changed to: One swine leader per club will be authorized to assist their club members.
13. **Page 18, Rule 9:** Add "No trailers are allowed on the east end of the barn until the Junior Auction is complete." Reason: There is too much congestion in this area for us to move the animals back and forth to the auction.
14. **Page 19, Rule 1:** Revise as needed per Arizona Department of Agriculture requirements.
15. **Page 20, Rule D1:** Exhibitors may have assistance with grooming and fitting. The exhibitor must be present while getting assistance.
16. **Page 20, Rule D1:** Replace with "Junior animals must be fitted in the designated area. Junior Exhibitors may receive assistance, provided the exhibitor is present at all times when assistance is given." Reason: There are specific areas that the animals are to be fitted and they should be used. I feel that by allowing young people to receive assistance from someone that is more knowledgeable than they are, is a way to help teach them and it creates a learning experience for all that are there.
17. **Page 20, Rule D1:** While at the county fair grooming and fitting shall be limited to exhibitors and a minimal amount of assistance from parents, 4-H age siblings, or 4-H leaders. (This is to insure the safety of 4-H members during grooming and fitting of animals. And, it is similar in wording to Santa Cruz's policy.)
18. **Page 21, Rule A2:** All Cochise County market steer entries will be slick shorn to 1/4" of hair over entire body. Any steers found to exhibit hair longer than 1/4" will be disqualified from the show and sale.
19. **Page 21, Rule E2:** Delete "animal must have been shown in a conformation class."
20. **Page 22, Rule 6:** Phase out futurity due to decline of entries.
21. **Page 23, Rule 7:** Phase out futurity due to decline of entries.
22. **Page 24, Rule F9:** Add a class for Dairy Bucks.

23. **Page 24, Rule F10:** Add “Pygmy goats do not have to be shorn.
24. **Page 24, Rule G1:** Change “The 4-H'er or FFA member will be eligible to exhibit only two animals each species at the county fair to each Division.”
25. **Page 25, Rule 3:** Delete: “and a picture of each animal.”
26. **Page 25, Rule 3: Add:** Each exhibit may tag up to 4 animals per species, but may show only 1 in carcass and 2 live at fair. NOTE: This is same as Pima Co., other small counties have no limits.
27. **Page 25, Rule 3:** Add: All grand, reserve and bred & fed champions will be DNA tested. In addition any animal that loses its DNA tag will also be tested.
28. **Page 25, Rule 7:** Market hogs 210 lbs.-280 lbs. Reason: Hogs are becoming more moderately framed and with this comes the ability to finish them at lower weights. I do not feel that a 210 lb pig is under-finished just because of weight.
29. **Page 25, Rule 7:** Market hogs: 210-280 lbs.
30. **Page 26, Rule G10-D:** Alter proof of eligibility for Cochise County bred and fed “must be included with all fair entries.” This year we submitted them at the DNA tagging or mailed them shortly afterwards.
31. **Page 27, Rule H:** Remove rules 3, 4, 5, and part of 6 as follows “After the live judging, animals will be taken to slaughter.” Reason: There is an increasing demand on our youth's time and this is one show that can be eliminated as it has in other counties. The only thing that the live show does is break ties and we have not had a tie in the history of our carcass show.
32. **Page 27, Rule H3:** No live judging. NOTE: This is only done in case of a tie. Since the contest began in the 1980's, there has never been a tie.
33. **Page 27, Rule H4:** Animals will be taken to the designated packing house approximately 2 weeks prior to fair. They will be weighed and ear tagged.
34. **Page 27, Rule H:** The carcass contest will be conducted at a Cochise County packing house. Reason: We should be supporting our county. Some people have had problems with UofA's processing. If you pick up your carcass to have it cut up elsewhere, the UofA charges outrageous handling fees above the cost of the kill.
35. **Page 28, Rule 10:** Re-evaluate this rule.
36. **Page 28, Rule 11:** Re-evaluate this rule.
37. **Page 29, Rule H11:** Hogs will be de-haired, not skinned.
38. **Page 29, Rule 12:** Re-evaluate this rule.
39. **Page 30, Rule 13:** Re-evaluate this rule.
40. **Page 30, Rule I1:** Change “is eligible to sell one animal at the Cochise County fair” to “one of each species.” 4-H members many times have more than one project if they enjoy animals.

41. **Page 34, Rule 6 & 7:** Add dog to Small Stock Round Robin Showmanship. Currently dog is only in Supreme.

PROJECT RECORDS

42. Complete judging guidelines for record books due to be supplied by April 1st.

SMALL STOCK RULES

43. Page 36, Rule 5-6: Change to: Alternating sale order: pygmy goat, other birds, pigeons, rabbits, cavy, poultry, and waterfowl. Best of fur and best of feathers sell first, then grands, reserves, blues, reds, whites.
44. Page 36, General Section Rule 11: Senior and Junior showmanship classes must have a minimum of 4 exhibitors to warrant a belt buckle award given. Numbers may be based on the previous year's entries to allow ordering time for buckles. Examine the possibility of a "Fur Showmanship" and a "Feathers Showmanship" separation.
45. **Page 37, Rule 11:** Change the "seller will provide a separate container" to "the buyer will be responsible for having a container for the animal purchased."

4-H COUNCIL

46. REWORD: One recent proposal is to continue to have project records required, but they would only be submitted for review at the club level. After they have been reviewed at the club level, each member would complete a short self-evaluation of their records and progress for the year that would be submitted to the county level.
47. The other part of this would be to develop record book guidelines and incentive awards for those wanting to submit a record book for competition. This competition could be done at the fair or after the fair before Achievement Night.
48. If less than 4 exhibitors in each Jr. and Sr. Showmanship division, there will only be one overall buckle for that species awarded. When total entries drop below four exhibitors, there will not be a buckle awarded. Numbers will be based on the previous years entries.
49. **Page 9, Rule 2:** Since projects are entered on-line, the project leader's signature should be on the project records, but not required for fair entry on a 4-H entry form.
50. **Page 20, Rule 3:** Eliminate project records!! Modify the livestock project summary to include more detail about feed and other costs.

PROPOSED DATES

February 3 - Officer Training workshop (Tentative)
February 17-19 - LEAP Tweeners Camp - Huachuca Oaks
March or April - Spring Fling, hosted by Double Adobe 4-H
August 15 - All 4-H/FFA Fair Entries Due
September 8 - Fair Workday - Douglas
November 10 - Rules Day
November 17 - Achievement Night

**4-H COMMITTEE SIGN-UP 2006-2007
(DEADLINE DECEMBER 8)**

Name: _____ Club: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to sign up for the following committee(s):

- 63810 Consumer & Family 63940 Horse 63980 Small Stock
 63920 Dog 63950 Livestock

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT REGISTRATION

Club: _____

Number in family attending: _____ X \$3.00 = \$ _____

Names of those attending (please print): _____

**Send Registration and payment to
the Sierra Vista office
no later than NOVEMBER 11.**

TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, FAIRNESS, CARING, CITIZENSHIP



Character Corner

The 4-H youth development program provides unique growth opportunities for youth as they are nurtured and developed into capable and contributing adults for the future. The 4-H program focuses on the development of youth, families and local communities. Research has demonstrated that when youth are engaged in positive youth development environments they thrive and develop into good citizens and healthy adults.

"Youth need to know they are cared about by others and feel a sense of connection to others in the group. This 'fellowship' has always been an important part of a 4-H experience. 4-H gives youth the opportunity to feel physically and emotionally safe while actively participating in a group. Current research emphasizes the importance for youth to have opportunities for long-term consistent relationships with adults other than parents. This research suggests that a sense of belonging may be the single most powerful positive ingredient we can add into the lives of children and youth." *Cathann Kress*, National 4-H Director of Youth Development

Why is BELONGING important?

Youth and adults have an inherent need to belong. As humans, much of the day is spent with formal or informal groups. Families, co-workers, classmates, and friends are all examples of those circles. It is important for youth (and adults) to feel they belong within these groups.

True belonging is more than sitting in a meeting. It requires being an active, valued participant in the group. Individuals feel safe and at ease. Youth feel their input is important and make comments and suggestions without fear of ridicule.

Research shows that youth need long term relationships with caring adults. Those relationships allow youth to see individuals, beyond their parents, as role models. Working with caring adults allows youth to try new skills and activities that lead to their development. They are confident that whether or not they are successful, adults accept them unconditionally. Caring adults help youth feel that they belong to the group.

Examples of BELONGING opportunities:

Group Games

- Non-competitive games are played that focus on team-building rather than winning
- Ice-breakers
- Everyone knows each other's name

Recognition

- Appreciating their involvement in the group
- Youth are greeted at the door when they enter
- Roll call allows for everyone to share a favorite food, activity, etc.

Safe Environment

- Put-downs and criticism are forbidden
- The room is arranged so individuals can hear and see each other
- Large groups are divided into small groups to allow each individual to speak
- Youth comments are valued

Well run Camps and Clubs

- Youth feel like they are part of a group
- Youth and adults sit together to share ideas, thoughts, and comments
- Vocal youth are encouraged to ask the opinion of someone who has not spoken
- Quiet youth are encouraged to speak, but can "pass" if they do not have a comment at that time

When youth feel they belong to a group it fosters positive youth development. Youth that feel connected to a group are more involved. Through that involvement, youth feel safe to stretch themselves and try new things. They are secure in the knowledge that they will be supported no matter what.

While each of the essential elements is important to "Make the Best Youth Better", it is the piecing together of all four elements that insures 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

Nov	1	Outstanding Personal Growth and Development Award Nominees Submitted	Dec	1	Last Deadline to Register WRLF
	11	Registration for Achievement Night to Darcy		8	Enrollments Due to Continue Receiving Newsletter
	15	Regular Registration Due for WRLF		8	Committee Sign-up Deadline
	15	Deadline for ANLS Entrants			

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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