



Cochise County 4-H Connection

September 2006

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

IMPORTANT FAIR ENTRY INFO

There is an entry fee for all large livestock & small stock. Please make sure to send in those fees by **September 1**. The large livestock fee is \$5 *per head*, up to a maximum of \$50. The small stock fee is \$5 *per species*. Any questions call Susan or Darcy.

Project records are due September 1st for all 4H & FFA members.

Fairbooks can be picked up at the locations listed on page 3.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep	1	All 4-H/FFA Fair Entries Due
	4	Labor Day Holiday: Offices Closed
	9	Fair Workday & Record Book Review - Douglas
	10	Live Carcass Steer Evaluation - Tucson, UA Meat Lab Arena, 2:00pm
	13	Live Carcass Animal Judging - Zamudio's, 5:00pm
	17	***NOTE NEW DATE***Carcass Animal Evaluation - Tucson, UA Meat Lab, 2:00pm
	17	County Fair Dog Agility Show and CGC Testing - Hereford, 7:45am
	19	Sheep & Goat Fair Workday; Set up Pens - Douglas, 4:00pm
	20-24	Cochise County Fair
Oct	6-23	Arizona State Fair
	21-26	NAE4HA Conference - Darcy & Susan Attending
	25-28	National FFA Convention
Nov	4	Rules Day
	7	CCJLA Meeting - Sunsites Community Center, 6:30pm
	13	Veteran's Day Holiday: Offices Closed
	18	Achievement Night
	23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday: Offices Closed
Dec	25- Jan 1	Christmas/New Years Holidays: Offices Closed

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COUNTY FAIR DOG AGILITY SHOW & CGC TESTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Agility begins at 8:00am at "Going to Grandma's" in Hereford. Canine Good Citizen testing is also available at a cost of \$10. For more information contact Ruthann McCaulley at hovowart@mindspring.com or call 378-2816.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FOR 2006-2007

All proposed rule changes which will be discussed during Rules Day or for CCJLA, must be submitted to the Willcox 4-H office, no later than **October 16**. These proposed changes will be printed in the November 4-H newsletter. If a proposed rule change is not submitted, then there will be no discussion regarding that rule. So start thinking now about those rules that you think need to be changed and send your comments in as soon as possible. Use the attached form to submit your proposed changes. Also if clubs would like to host an event, please send us your request and proposed date. This will allow us to print a tentative calendar and conflicts in time can be discussed at Rules Day.

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.

ANNUAL SPECIAL 4-H AWARDS

Every year at Achievement Night (November 18), we recognize three special categories of awards. Please submit your nomination to the Sierra Vista office by **September 8**. Community Club leaders will receive the information packet for the nominations by mid-August. Contact your community club leader to be sure your club sends in their nominations. (2) Outstanding Senior (Seniors who graduated May 2005); (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.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

Round Robin Showmanship will be held on Saturday at 2:00pm for both large and small stock.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION REQUEST

Each club with livestock is requested to bring one case of soda and two cases of bottled water for the buyers luncheon and auction.

Members planning to auction an animal in the large livestock auction **must complete a Member Highlight form** and turn it in at weigh in. These forms will be used as time permits during the auction. They must be legible or they will not be used. Forms have been sent to community leaders/advisors.

Members need to plan on eating before or after helping to serve at the luncheon. The luncheon is for buyers and their families. Due to increasing costs, members serving will not be able to eat at the luncheon. Hope you will all understand.

SACA LUNCHEON

Once again, the Southern Arizona Contractor's Assn (SACA) would like to sponsor a luncheon to highlight 4-H youth. As always, youth are encouraged to attend this event to promote community attendance at the Small and Large Livestock Auctions during the county fair. Youth come in show attire (wear your 4-H belt buckles), speak about their projects and display their animals/projects to the lunch attendees. 4-H members with non-auction projects such as building exhibits/dog/horse/breeding animals are also encouraged to attend.

The luncheon will be Wednesday, September 13th in Sierra Vista. Animals and youth need to be in place by 10:30-11:00a.m. as the luncheon starts at 11:30a.m. 4-H members need to RSVP for this event to Darcy as the contractors want to see a variety of animals, and to assure we have a strong turnout. Please contact Darcy by September 6th with your RSVP so there will be food for all who attend.

This group has provided generous support each year to help provide fair awards. This event is a very visible way we can promote 4-H to community businesses. It is our chance to thank them for their support and ask for their continued support. It is through your attendance, stories about your projects, your dedication to the 4-H program, and heartfelt "thank you's", that you garner the community and business support.

PROJECT RECORDS AND REVIEW

All project records must be turned in to either the Willcox or Sierra Vista office for all 4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit at the fair by September 1st. Project records will be reviewed during fair workday on the 9th. Adults and teens that would like to help review the records are welcome to participate in the review process. If there are enough people showing up for fair workday the committee will review records starting about 9:30am; otherwise it will need to be delayed until the majority of the tasks are completed for workday.

2006 COCHISE COUNTY FAIR 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, September 20

10:00am English Horse Show
5-8:00pm Small Stock Check-In

Thursday, September 21

8:00am All Small Stock Must be Cooped
9:00am Small Stock Showmanship, Breed Judging to Follow
9:30am Western Horse Show
9:30am Swine Check-In
10:00am Midway & Exhibit Buildings Open
10:00am Sheep & Market Goats Check-In
12:00 noon All Other Livestock Check-In
5:00pm Breeding Swine, Market Hog, and Swine Showmanship Show

Friday, September 22

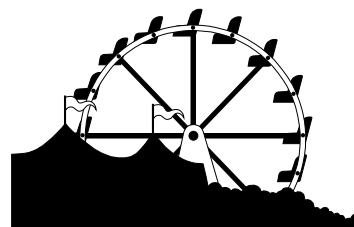
8:00am Dairy & Pygmy Goats, Dairy Cattle: Open, 4-H/FFA
8:30am Roping & Timed Events Horse Show
10:00am Midway & Exhibit Buildings Open
11:00am Breeding Beef
12:00pm Breeding Meat Goats
2:00pm Breeding Sheep
6:00pm Market Goat & Meat Goat Showmanship Show, Market Lamb, and Sheep Showmanship Show

Saturday, September 23

8:00am 4-H Dog Show
10:00am Market Steers and Beef Showmanship Show
10:00am Midway & Exhibit Buildings Open
2:00pm Small Stock, Large Livestock and Supreme Round Robin Showmanship

Sunday, September 24

10:00am Midway & Exhibit Buildings Open
10:00am Small Stock Sale
1:30pm 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Sale
5:00pm Exhibits Released



IMPORTANT FAIR INFORMATION

FAIR BOOKS: We will not be mailing out fair books. They may be picked up at any one of the following locations when they are available or you can go online now at www.ag.arizona.edu/cochise/4-h/events.html for the 4-H portion.

Benson - Rocking R Feeds, Benson Feeds and Chamber of Commerce

Bisbee - Chamber of Commerce

Double Adobe - Sander's Market and B&B Feeds

Douglas - Visitor's Center, Chamber of Commerce and Fairgrounds

Elfrida - High Lonesome Feeds

Hereford - Ramsey Canyon Feeds

Palominas - San Pedro Ranch Supply and Morning Star Café

Sierra Vista - UA Cooperative Extension and Chamber of Commerce

Sunizona - Mustang Mall

Sunsites/Pearce - Mini Market and Richland Country Store

Tombstone - Visitor's Center

Willcox - UA Cooperative Extension, Maid Rite, Feeds, Stronghold Feeds and Chamber of Commerce

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.

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.

FAIR WORKDAY: To be held September 9 beginning from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please bring rakes, shovels, pliers, paint brushes, etc. for cleanup. Lunch will be provided. A special workday will be held September 19 at 4:00pm 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 9:30 am; 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 9** (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 21. You may pick up your photos on Sunday, September 24, 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.

LIVESTOCK CLOTHING ATTIRE: Refer to pages 17-18 of your rule book for required clothing attire. This also applies to the live animal evaluation part of the carcass contest.

CARCASS HOG, LAMB, STEER & GOAT PARTICIPANTS:

- **September 10, Sunday at 2:00pm** - Carcass steers will be judged live at the UA Meat Lab Arena, 4181 N. Campbell Avenue, Tucson

- **September 13, Wednesday at 2:00pm** - Hogs, lambs & goats judged live at Zamudio's. Directions to Zamudio's: Hwy 191 at mile marker 33, turn west on Dillman Road. Go to the end of the road (appr. 1/4 mile) . The house is red brick on the left.

- **September 17, Sunday at 2:00pm** - Carcass Evaluation program and results at the UofA Meat Lab in Tucson.

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



Character Corner

Over the next few months, the Character Corner will focus upon the Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development. Clubs must use these elements in their yearly planning process to receive their charter. Our organizational motto is "To Make the Best Better". These essential elements help us to "Make the Best Youth Better."

What are the Four Elements?

Mastery opens the door to significant accomplishments as youth grow and develop skills while understanding the task at hand. Mastery incorporates the skills, knowledge, and confidence a youth attains when a task or achievement is reached. Many youth will set goals for themselves of what they hope to accomplish during the 4-H youth development program year. Mastery comes into play as youth look to caring adults for guidance to become more competent. Tasks at hand are important elements for increasing youths self esteem. This is a process for youth that takes time and patience.

Belonging is fostered in an inclusive environment where youth know they belong and are comfortable enough to actively participate. Youth feel at ease and cared about in group settings when celebrations of youth's successes are recognized. Caring volunteers and other youth members are vitally important in welcoming new youth into a positive environment. Belonging and feeling valued as a part of the group happens when a youth contributes input into decisions, participates in recreational activities, and feels safe and secure in all settings within the group.

Independence occurs when youth begin to have desires to branch out on their own and begin building responsibility. All youth have something to share within a group setting. Independent "thinkers" and "doers" bring unique strengths to all groups. Youth thrive by having the opportunity to express their opinions and ideas. Youth will grow in a setting that allows their voices to be heard. It is crucial for youth to experience new opportunities, understand the affects of events in their lives, and face the positive and negative consequences of their actions.

Generosity is a vital component in the development of youth. Being needed by others and having the ability to give time, talents, and caring concern adds elements of positive identity, worthiness, and belonging. Giving to others allows people to show concern for the welfare of others in their communities. Service to others is a positive way for youth to gain understanding of the larger community, state, country, and world.

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 valuable 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 feeling of giving to others in need of attention, caring, and love.

DEADLINES

Sept	1	All County Fair Entries Due		9	Photography Exhibits Due By Noon	
	1	Fair Pass Order Deadline				
	1	Larry Beck Sr. Award Nominations Due		Oct	1	Award of Merit Forms Due to Darcy
	8	Special Award Nominations Due			16	Proposed Rule Changes Due to Susan
8	State Horse Show Entries Due to Susan					

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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PROPOSED RULE CHANGES 2006-2007

NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

I wish to submit the following rule change(s):

<p>Rule Now: Page # _____ Rule # _____</p> <p>Proposed Rule Change: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

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This form must be submitted to the Willcox office by **October 16, 2006**.

The _____ Club would like to host the following activity _____
_____ on _____, 2007.