



Cochise County 4-H Connection

April 2007

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

4H FUN DAY AT THE CAVERNS JUNE 2, 2007

There is still room for more to register. Registration is extended until April 10th. See the March newsletter for complete details and the registration form.

HORSE SHOWS



We still need clubs to host two Western, two English, and two Roping & Timed Event Shows. Please contact Susan if you are interested.

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Apr	1	Deadline for Enrolling in 4-H and/or FFA in Order to Exhibit at the County Fair (in Non-market Livestock Area).
	14	Spring Fling, 9:00am-2:00ish - McNeal School
	14	Volunteer Leaders Training , Following Spring Fling - McNeal School
	20-21	Sleepover at Darcys', 6:30pm - 10:30am
	21	Steer Tagging Day, 8:30-10:30am - Robbs' Corrals, Kansas Settlement
	22	Deadline for Obtaining Market Steers for County Fair
	28	CANCELLED - THIS EVENT WILL BE RE-SCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE - Roping & Timed Event Show, San Pedro Valley/Desert Spirits - Hereford
	28	Steer Tagging Day, 8:30-10:30am - Watkins' residence, McNeal
May	5	CANCELLED - UA Livestock Judging - Tucson
	12	English Horse Show, Cochise Coyotes - Benson
	12	Small Stock Activity Day, Stronghold/Kansas Settlement - Sunsites Community Center
	19	Western Horse Show, San Pedro Valley/Desert Spirits - Cochise County Fairgrounds, Douglas
	28	Memorial Day Holiday: Offices Closed



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**SPRING FLING
APRIL 14TH
MCNEAL SCHOOL
9:00AM - 2:00PM**

Calling all CloverKids! Here is your chance to say the 4-H pledge. For older 4-H members, give a demonstration, speech, share your talent, or participate in the Favorite Food Show. It is a great day of celebrating the public speaking aspect of 4-H! See you there! For more information contact Darcy.

Directions to McNeal School: Approximately 18 miles north of Douglas on Hwy 191, turn west on McNeal Road (1st road north of Davis). The school will be on your left.

**VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING
WORKSHOP**

There is one volunteer leader training workshop coming up. It is **April 14** following Spring Fling at the McNeal school. **Registration is due on April 7th**. For more information contact Darcy at the Sierra Vista office. There is a registration form at the end of the newsletter.

**STEER TAGGING DAYS
APRIL 21ST AND 28TH**

Tagging and official verification of all market and carcass steers for the Cochise County Fair will be done on April 21st at Robb's Corrals in Kansas Settlement and on April 28th at Watkins in McNeal from 8:30am to 10:30am. You must bring your steers to one of these two tagging days in order to show at the Cochise County Fair. "Tagging" will consist of a DNA ear tag and declaration as to 4-H or FFA, for each animal. If applicable, Cochise County Bred & Fed forms should be submitted at this time. Each exhibitor may tag up to four animals per species, but may show only one carcass & two live at the fair. Only three of the tagged animals may be entered for county fair.

- Robb's Corrals Directions: turn west on Robbs Road off Kansas Settlement Road (between mile marker 15 and 16). The corrals are about one-half mile and will be on the left hand side.
- Watkins Directions: At the intersection of Davis and Frontier Road, take Frontier Road north approximately 3/4 of a mile, go past the second residence on the right. Take the next road on the right down to the corrals.

**SLEEPOVER AT DARCY'S
APRIL 20-21
6:30PM - 10:30AM**

All teens and pre-teens are invited to Darcy's house for a potluck BBQ and overnight filled with food, fun, and friends. Parents are asked to come for dinner and stay the night as well. Come see what the teen/pre-teen council is all about. The evening starts at 6:30pm and ends the following morning at 10:30am. Help plan the activities of the teen/pre-teen council, from April till Plan & Play in August. Fill out the code of conduct form, which can be downloaded at: http://ag.arizona.edu/extension/employee/agent_ha_nbook/appendix/codeofconduct.pdf and the medical release form that can be found at: http://ag.arizona.edu/extension/employee/agent_ha_nbook/appendix/medical_release_form.pdf and return to Darcy by April 13th. Bring meat to grill and a dish to share for supper, as well as some breakfast items for the morning. There is no fee for this event.

**KANSAS SETTLEMENT/STRONGHOLD
SMALL STOCK ACTIVITY DAY
MAY 12
SUNSIDES COMMUNITY CENTER**

Kansas Settlement and Stronghold will be co-hosting the Small Stock Activity Day at the Sunsites Community Center. Registration starts at 8:30am. BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, beans, chips, sodas, water and some snacks will be available. A raffle table will be set up - please bring something from your club for the raffle. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded. For more information contact Connie Forsyth at (520)826-5060 or Tamera Hunt at (520)384-2811 (day) or (520)384-3490 (night). Come and enjoy yourself! There will be:

- Written tests
- Showmanship
- Demonstrations
- Feed Identification
- Breed ID Quizzes
- Judging Classes
- Animals for sale
- Rabbit tattoos available
- Small stock dress up



Registration (at end of newsletter) due **May 4th**.

Directions to Sunsites Community Center: off of Hwy 191 around mile marker 50. Turn West on Treasure Rd. The community center is on the left. There is a sign in front of the building.



**COCHISE COYOTES 4-H
ENGLISH HORSE SHOW
MAY 12
J-6 EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

Cochise Coyotes is hosting this event at the J-6 Equestrian Center at 8:00am. There will be water and gatorade for sale, but you will need to bring your own lunch and snacks. For more information contact Savanna Holly at (520)384-7169. Send entries to:

Savanna Holly
PO Box 1174
Benson, AZ 85602

Entry deadline May 5.

**WESTERN HORSE SHOW
SAN PEDRO VALLEY/DESERT SPIRITS
MAY 19
COCHISE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
DOUGLAS**

San Pedro Valley/Desert Spirits will be hosting this event at the Cochise County fairgrounds in Douglas. Registration will start at 8:00am and the show will start at 9:00am. Watch for more information on the show in the May newsletter.

Mail entries to:

Jennifer Lewis
7363 E Thuma Rd
Sierra Vista, AZ 85650



Deadline for entries is May 12.

**NATURAL RESOURCE
CONSERVATION WORKSHOP
JULY 9-13
PRESCOTT**

An exciting opportunity for youth that will be entering 8-11 grade this fall. A chance to explore the great outdoors and experience the thrill of a unique adventure. The 44th Annual Natural Resource Conservation Workshop for Arizona Youth is an interactive camp bringing together the latest in science and natural resource technology.

Mingus Mountain, in the Prescott National Forest, will serve as the major area of focus as you learn about forestry, water, wildlife, soils, plants, geology, GPS, and orienteering. You will discover nature by conducting experiments and completing outdoor projects. This is a hands-on workshop! Youth will have many opportunities to discuss and debate natural resource and management issues.

Various group activities such as fishing, hiking, swimming, volleyball, and horseshoes will be available during your free time.

The workshop will take place July 9-13, 2007 and is limited to 35 participants. Youth entering grades 8-11 in the fall of 2007 are eligible to apply. **The deadline for applications is May 15th.** Further information is available online at <http://azrangelands.org> or you can contact Susan in the Willcox office. Financial assistance is available.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the last committee meeting a new process for rule changes was discussed and decided upon. Below is a summary of what was decided.

- Those voting on rule changes must be active committee members during the previous 4-H year (October -September).
- Voting members must be signed up for the committee by February 1 of the previous 4-H year (May 1 for this year to begin implementation).
- One youth and one adult member may vote per club.
- A fair review/critique meeting will be held within 30 days after the fair.
- Any proposed rule changes must be presented with an action plan and justification at the review/critique meeting.
- Final vote on any proposed rule changes will be made at the next meeting prior to December 1st.
- Decisions made will stand for three (3) years unless they are found to pose a safety issue.



Journey of Opportunities for Leaders of Tomorrow

Journey of Opportunities for Leaders of Tomorrow, or J.O.L.T. is an Arizona Teen Leadership Conference, which is held annually in Heber, Arizona each June. This year the dates are June 11 - 15, 2007.

JOLT is for ALL Teens from various Organizations, Backgrounds, ages 14 to 18 or entering High School. Participants will enjoy activities that build trust, develop leadership, and improve communication skills. Teens will gather from all over Arizona to develop open-minded and positive attitudes. The dynamic staff (a youth and adult partnership), inspirational workshop speakers and J.O.L.T. participants combine to make it a memorable week.

This years' conference will center around the theme: "J.O.L.T. U - Academy of Leadership", participants will be transported to a world where team work, solving conflict peacefully, building positive relationships and serving others are away of life. The JOLT youth and adult staff anxiously await the opportunity to open your mind to the many JOLT opportunities.

JOLT Fees: Registration ends June 1st or at 138 participants (filled on a first come basis).

Earlybird registration: received by April 16th - \$170.00

Regular registration: received by May 15th- \$185.00

Send registrations to your county Extension office.

Contact your county extension office for a registration packet OR go on line. (Registrations received after May 15 will not have your name on the t-shirt).

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

www.cals.arizona.edu/4-h/jolt/index.html



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SMALL STOCK ACTIVITY DAY REGISTRATION Due May 4th

Club _____

The following persons will be attending: (please indicate **Junior** or **Senior** member)

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_____	_____
_____	_____

Mail to: Cooperative Extension
Small Stock Activity Day
450 S. Haskell
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**TRUSTWORTHINESS, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY,
FAIRNESS, CARING, CITIZENSHIP**



Character Corner

This month's character corner comes from Michael Josephson's commentary at www.charactercounts.org. It addresses the way kids treat other kids and how we as adults need to set standards that help provide an emotionally safe environment for young people.

Sticks and Stones:

I don't think a week has gone by in the past ten years when at least one of my young daughters (the eldest is 12) hasn't come to me sobbing because one of her sisters was being mean or called her a name.

Sometimes I investigate the problem and, where appropriate, discipline the name-caller and counsel the wounded child to "toughen her up." More often, I give the complainer short shrift telling my complaining child to "work it out," "suck it up" or "get over it." Occasionally, I've trotted out the old wisdom, "Sticks and stones can break your bones, but names will never harm you."

Recently, I was reminded this isn't true. One of my dear daughters said some mean and hurtful things that made a classmate cry. The teacher assured me my daughter's unkind remarks did indeed cause serious emotional pain.

I wondered whether my callousness to unkind sibling interaction encouraged my daughter to wound another child.

The truth is, thoughtless and malicious insults, teasing and gossip inflict deeper and more enduring pain on more people than guns or knives. Ask anyone who as a kid was fat, skinny, unusually short or tall, flat-chested or big-busted, acne-faced, unathletic, slow-witted or exceptionally smart. In schoolrooms and playgrounds across the country, weight, height, looks and intelligence are much more likely to be the subject of ridicule than race or religion.

Words are enormously powerful. And while we should try to fortify our children's sense of self-worth so they can bear insults and sarcasm, declaring words harmless won't make them so.

Intentionally or carelessly hurting someone's feelings isn't a small thing. If we have to resort to ancient wisdom, we'd be better off with: "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all."

VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (h) _____ (w) _____ CLUB: _____

I will be attending the Leader's Training on:

- April 14 following Spring Fling in Double Adobe
(Registration due on April 7)

Mail to: UofA Cooperative Extension
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DEADLINES

Apr	1	Kartchner Caverns Registration Due to Susan	4	Registration Due to Willcox Office for Small Stock Activity Day
	7	Registration Due to Darcy for April 14 Volunteer Leader Training	5	Entries Due to Cochise Coyotes for English Horse Show
	15	Earlybird JOLT registration Deadline	12	Entries Due to San Pedro Valley for Western Horse Show
May	1	4-H & Club Photos Due to Willcox		

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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