



# Cochise County 4-H Connection

## December 2007

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

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR ALL

- Dec 8** 4-H and FFA enrollment forms are due to continue receiving the newsletter without interruption.
- Feb 1** Last day to enroll in 4-H and/or FFA beef, sheep, swine and meat goat in order to exhibit a market or carcass animal at the county fair.
- Apr 1** Last day to enroll in 4-H/FFA in order to exhibit at the county fair - all project areas except Clover Kids.

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov	3	Record Book Judging, 9:30am - Extension Office, Willcox
	3	4-H Council Meeting, 11:00am - Extension Office, Willcox (Following Record Book Judging)
	3	Health Rocks Training, 9:30am - 3:30pm - UA South
	3-4	LEAP Planning Team Overnight - Hereford
	6	CCJLA & Livestock Meeting, 6:30pm
	10	4-H End of Year Bash - Cochise County Fair Grounds
	12	Veteran's Day Holiday: Offices Closed
	17	Small Stock Committee Meeting, 9am - Sierra Vista
	17	Horse Committee Meeting, 10:30am - Sierra Vista
	17	Livestock Council Meeting, 1pm - Sierra Vista
	22-23	Thanksgiving Day Holiday: Offices Closed
Dec	8	Safford FFA Livestock Judging
	15	4-H Council Meeting - Benson
	24-	Christmas/New Years Holiday: Offices Closed
Jan 1		
Jan	5-6	LEAP Counselor Training
	5	Livestock Invitational - Tucson
	12	Quality Assurance Trainer Workshop - Tucson
	12	Carcass Animal Evaluation Workshop - Tucson
	19-20	Colorado River 4-H Small Stock Show
	21	Martin Luther King Holiday - Offices Closed
	26	Officer Training Workshop (Tentative)



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## ENROLLMENT

Enrollment forms have been sent to community leaders. These forms should be turned in to your Community Leader or FFA Advisor who will then turn the forms into the office. Enrollment Forms must be received by **December 7<sup>th</sup>** to continue receiving your newsletter without interruption. Youth enrollment forms will not be accepted and entered into the system until the program development fee has been received for each. Remember in order to participate in market and carcass livestock projects, all 4-H and FFA members must meet an enrollment deadline of February 1<sup>st</sup>. The enrollment deadline for all other project areas is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MEETING DATES

- February - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 6:30pm (**February 4, 2008**), Willcox
- April/May - Saturday - the last steer tagging day (**May 3, 2008**)
- June/July - Saturday - the last sheep, goat, hog tagging day (**June 28, 2008**)
- August - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30pm (**August 12**), Benson
- October - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:30pm (**October 13, 2008**), Sunsites Community Center
- November - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 6:30pm (**November 11, 2008**), San Simon

## SAFFORD FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING DECEMBER 8, 9:00AM GRAHAM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS SOUTH HWY. 191 IN SAFFORD AZ

Registration begins at 8:00am. Register at show ring on north side of the agriculture building. Contest begins at 9:00am, awards at 1:00pm at show ring. Lunch will be available. Officials by the UA Livestock Judging Team. Contest will consist of 6 Classes, three sets of reasons for Sr. (15-19) & one set for Jr. (9-14). Four member teams with the highest three scores counting. High point team receives a team plaque, top three individuals receive a plaque in each division. High senior reasons receives a plaque. For Additional Information Contact: Lance Fite-Safford FFA, (928)-348-7050x4306 or Jeff Menges (520)-507-3832

## ARIZONA NATIONAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST DECEMBER 31

The livestock judging contest will be held on Monday, December 31, 2007. The contest has changed some and is open to all FFA and 4-H members in good standing. Teams will compete in either the Junior or Senior Division. The oldest member of the team will determine the division. A total of seven classes of cattle, sheep and swine will be judged. Oral reasons will be given on at least two classes. All members interested in judging in the contest must contact the 4-H office in Willcox no later than December 3<sup>rd</sup> to be entered. Further information can be found online at <http://anls.org/rules/2008/index.html#junior>.

## LIVESTOCK & HORSE JUDGING INPUT NEEDED

The Arizona 4-H Youth Development Program seeks your input. Judging is an important learning experience for decision-making skills. Please take a few minutes to go online at: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=k81blb28HkRLXbVOyek6Xg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=k81blb28HkRLXbVOyek6Xg_3d_3d) to provide your input to develop appropriate learning experiences for state and national level opportunities. Your responses are confidential and anonymous. This survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. If you do not have internet access please request a copy from the 4-H office in Willcox. All input must be received by December 17, 2007.

## ARIZONA 4-H LIVESTOCK EXPO IS NEARLY HERE!

Don't miss this exciting program! On Friday, January 4, 2008, 4-H members will gather together in Tucson at the University of Arizona Campus Agricultural Center, (Campbell Avenue and Roger Road) for a livestock invitational event hosted by Pima, Pinal, Gila, and Yuma counties. Registration tables will open at 8:00am with contests beginning at 9:00am.

Participants will have the opportunity to participate in several events, including: a 4-H Skill-a-thon, Public Speaking, Team and Individual Demonstrations and/or a Livestock Quiz Bowl. Entry

forms are available from local 4-H offices across the state. Registration materials are due to the Pinal County 4-H Office no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration is mandatory.

Additionally you and your family can feast on a delicious BBQ lunch prepared by Dr. John Marchello and team for a mere \$6 per person! Awards and recognition will include medals, ribbons and an overall traveling trophy; in addition, special prizes will be presented to participants.

**SHOOTING EDUCATION TRAINING  
JANUARY 26-27, 2008  
ELOY**

There will be an extra certification training held this year. The first Winter 2008 4-H Shooting Sports Education Instructor Certification Training will be held for 2 days only on January 26 -27, 2008 in Eloy. Please contact the 4-H office in Willcox for further details as they become available.

**LEAP CAMP COUNSELOR  
TRAINING OVERNIGHT  
JANUARY 5-6, 2008  
UA SOUTH**

Contact Darcy for more information and paperwork.

**COLORADO RIVER  
STATE WIDE 4-H SMALL STOCK SHOW  
JANUARY 19-20, 2008  
PARKER, AZ**

The 2008 Show will be held **Saturday & Sunday,  
January 19 & 20, 2008** at the Yavapai Co. Fairgrounds in Prescott Valley AZ the show is sponsored by 4-H Members & Leaders in LaPaz, Mohave and Yavapai counties.



This is the 19th year for this show complete with judging and conformation classes in rabbits, poultry, waterfowl, pigeon and cavy.

Last year 87 4-H'ers from 22 clubs, eight counties and three states exhibited 242 animals. Featured is a Small Stock Quiz Bowl Contest complete with separate categories for rabbit, poultry, waterfowl, pigeon and cavy and a Round Robin Quiz Bowl contest following.

**Contact the 4-H Office for more information and entry forms or visit the website at:  
[www.ag.arizona.edu/mohave](http://www.ag.arizona.edu/mohave)**

**LEAP CAMP  
FEBRUARY 16-18, 2008  
HUACHUCA OAKS BAPTIST CAMP**

Registration for youth ages 11-13 available December 15th. Contact Darcy for a registration packet.

**JUDGING CLINIC  
FEBRUARY 23, 2008  
UA SOUTH**

Learn about photography, cake decorating, professions in culinary arts, and more. Spend a day learning about building projects and start off the year full of new ideas. Contact Darcy for more information.

**4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS  
DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2008**

Forms can be downloaded from:  
[http://ag.arizona.edu/4-h\\_foundation/scholarships.htm](http://ag.arizona.edu/4-h_foundation/scholarships.htm)

There have been a few changes to this year's application, so please review it closely. We hope these changes will make the application easier to understand as well as give us a little more information about the applicants. For your convenience, the application is now "fillable" online. Contact Darcy or Susan if you have any questions.

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



CHARACTER COMPASS

**Character Corner**

Have you ever thought about the old saying, "Actions speak louder than words." In 4-H our slogan is "Learn by Doing", and our motto is "To Make the Best Better". There is a lot of wisdom in these three quotes. Let's take a look at each.

"Learn by Doing." - In the past year, what did you learn? If it took you a moment to answer that question, maybe the question could be rephrased. . . What did you DO to help others LEARN? If you are age 12 or older, you probably have been learning from others. At this point, it is time for you to turn around and share your knowledge and experiences with others. Junior Leaders are an important part of the 4-H leadership ladder that helps young people have an opportunity to teach other youth, under the supervision of caring adult leaders. If you have been in a project for a couple of years, it is time for you to step up and take a role in leading others in that project.

"To Make the Best Better." - How did you make your best efforts better this past year? No one expects perfection. And, if they expect perfection, they are bound to be disappointed because as humans we are always going to experience situations that are beyond our control once, in a while. So, if you did have difficulties this year, how did you overcome those with grace, courage, and with the utmost sportsmanship and class. The mark of a true champion is one who can be a fierce competitor in the show ring, get second place, and honestly and graciously congratulate the winner at the end of the class, and know that they did their very best and are satisfied with that knowledge, without grumbling or sour grapes over the judge's opinion. Real winners are those that compete against themselves first and others in the ring second.

"Actions speak louder than words." - If someone was watching you over this past year, how would they describe you? It is easy to tell someone what they should do, but a lot harder to do what we should. 4-H tends to be a small organization within small communities where we all know each other and each other's business. It can be a breeding ground for gossip which is the fastest way to cause hard feelings and destroy friendships. Always be a bit skeptical about someone who gossips. It doesn't reflect well on their character as most gossip is not completely true and sometimes completely false.

The new 4-H year is underway. It is an opportunity for all of us to make a fresh start and use these three quotes to guide us in the months to come. Darcy

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS!***

## DEADLINES

Dec	1	Annual Volunteer Report Due		17	Livestock/Horse Judging Survey Deadline
	1	WRLF Early Bird Registration Deadline			
	3	AZ Nationals Intent to Show Deadline to Susan	Jan	15	WRLF Regular Registration Deadline
	7	Enrollments Due to Continue Receiving Newsletter			
	10	ANLS Horse Show Registration Deadline	Feb	15	WRLF Late Registration Deadline

### 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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