



Cochise County 4-H Connection

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

eScrip URGENT RENEWAL INFORMATION



eScrip is a hassle-free way for youth programs to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. It rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases to your chosen group. One of the major merchants in Cochise County contributing through eScrip to Cochise County 4-H is Safeway. If you participated last year, don't forget to renew your commitment to the program for us to continue to receive Safeway contributions. If you are not enrolled in the program sign-up today at www.escrip.com and check out all the participating merchants. The Cochise County 4-H group number is 88047. To renew have your Safeway card handy and call 800-801-4973 or visit escrip.com and click on YES! Renew.

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Mar	12	CCJLA Meeting, 6:30pm - Watkins
	12	Livestock Committee Meeting, 7pm - Watkins' residence, McNeal (Following CCJLA Meeting)
	31	Horse Activity Day, Cochise Coyotes - Benson
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



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IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR ALL

Apr 1 Last day to enroll (except Clover Kids) in 4-H/FFA in order to exhibit at the county fair - all non-market livestock project areas.

Enrollment forms must be turned in to the 4-H Office prior to the date above.

4-H & CLUB PHOTOS NEEDED FOR CALENDAR!

Attention! Cochise County 4-H Council is working to put together a calendar that will show 4-H at its best, and hopefully work as a fundraiser in the future. We would like to feature one or two clubs on each month, so we need your help in putting together your 4-H club page. Let us know what you would like featured about your club. Send us member and club photos you would like to see used. There will also be a contest for the cover photo, so send us a photo that you think best tells the 4-H story.

We would like to make sure all clubs are represented, but we can't do that without your help. So send us a copy of your photos or high resolution electronic files on a CD. We will make every attempt to return photos, but we strongly suggest you send us a copy, just in case we are unable to return them. Please send your photos in by May 1 to the Willcox office.

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.

CCJLA & LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 12, 6:30PM

CCJLA & the Livestock Committee will be meeting at the Watkins' house in McNeal on March 12th at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in being a superintendent for the 2007 county fair needs to attend. We also would like to add teen superintendents for each division. Let Susan know if you are interested. Please plan to attend & help make preparations for county fair.



COCHISE COYOTES/SAN PEDRO VALLEY/DESERT SPIRITS HORSE ACTIVITY DAY MARCH 31 BENSON

Cochise Coyotes/San Pedro Valley/Desert Spirits will be hosting this event. It will start at 10:00am at the Holly residence west of Benson off of Interstate 10. Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase. **Registration is due to the Willcox office March 24.** There is a registration form at the end of this newsletter.

This is a tie-breaking event for the State 4-H Horse Show. It's also a great opportunity to test your Horse Science knowledge and prepare for the State 4-H Horse'n Around Clinic. The day will consist of demonstrations, judging classes, grain identification, tack identification and a quiz.

Also this year, there will be a horse bowl at the end of the day, while the scores are being tallied. It will be a bit different from the one we had last summer. It will still consist of two divisions (Jr. and Sr.) and will be a double elimination quiz bowl type of event. However, the matches will be made up of teams of two. Team members do not have to be from the same club, but they do have to be made up of members in the same division (Jr. or Sr.). Also if you have an odd number of members participating, there may be alternate team members. Everyone will be able to play since it is a double elimination bowl. Clubs may enter more than one team per division. You do not have to know your team(s) until you register on horse activity day.

Junior questions will come from Cochise County 4-H Rule Book, Arizona State Horse 4-H Rule Book, and Horses & Horsemanship Project Book. Senior questions will come from the three books listed, and also Horse Science Project Book. The Horses & Horsemanship and Horse Science book are available to purchase on line at <http://cals.arizona.edu/4-h/catalog/3c1.pdf>. The horse section starts on page 17, so you will have to scroll down. They cost around \$4.00 each. Please contact Jennifer Lewis for any questions about the horse bowl at 520-234-4320.

Directions to the Holly residence: Approximately 4 miles west of Benson on I-10 take the #299 exit or Skyline Road, which will turn and run east and parallel with the interstate. Turn left (north) on Desert Sunset to Blue Flax Lane, then turn left (west) to 2696 Blue Flax Lane, it will be on the right (north).

**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.

**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. Contact Darcy for paperwork and more information.

**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.

**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.



4-H FUN DAY AT THE CAVERNS JUNE 2, 2007

Cochise County 4-H Council is hosting a 4-H Day at Kartchner Caverns on Saturday, June 2nd. In order to reserve the day we need to have advance reservations done by April 1st. A registration form is attached to this newsletter. We can make tour reservations for up to 176 persons between the hours of 9am and 4pm. Eleven tours of the Rotunda/Throne Room will run that day; 9, 9:40, 10, 11, 11:40, 12, 1, 2, 3, 3:40, and 4. Sixteen people can go on one tour. Before and after the tours and for those not wanting to go on a tour there will be lots of fun activities throughout the day including a picnic lunch, creating 4th of July cards for the troops, games, the discovery center, and more.

Normal prices for the tours are: adults (14 and up) - \$18.95, children (7 to 13) - \$9.95, and six and under are free; however, the 4-H Council is offering this opportunity at \$10 each for everyone 7 years of age and up and this includes a tour, lunch, and entry into the park. If there are members of the group who do not wish to go on a tour but just enter the park and join the group the fees are: \$5 for the first two people in the vehicle and \$2 for each additional person, and these fees will need to be collected as you enter the park. You will still need to send in your registration form to be included for lunch.

A little more needed information from their site about park rules:

- Touching or breaking formations is punishable by law.
- No photography or video cameras allowed on cave tour.
- No walkers allowed on cave tour.
- Small children should be carried in arms or in front pack. No baby backpacks or strollers allowed on cave tour.
- Cave tour trail is barrier-free.
- The park, including the Discovery Center, is accessible for persons with disabilities.
- No food, drink (including bottled water), gum, or tobacco products allowed on cave tours.
- No pets, except assist dogs.
- No littering.

The registration form attached is fairly detailed as we need to know exactly how many adults and how many children will go on each tour. Get your club together and plan to join us for a great day of fun! Remember only the first 176 people registered will be able to tour the Caverns, so get your registration in early.

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.

J.O.L.T. 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.



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

Earlybird registration: received by April 15th - \$170.00

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

Send registrations to the Sierra Vista Extension office.

CHAPERONES NEEDED! ADULT CHAPERONES ARE NEEDED FOR J.O.L.T. CONTACT DARCY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS.

Contact either 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

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



CHARACTER COMPASS

Character Corner

As I write this, we just finished a fantastic weekend at LEAP Camp. For those of you that are not aware, LEAP stands for Leadership, Education, and Adventure for Pre-Teens. In a nut-shell, that is exactly what we did at camp all weekend. LEAP started in 2003 and since then it has provided a yearly opportunity for teens to run a camp for younger 4-H members. Teens plan the activities that will be offered, prepare the schedule of events, learn games to play with campers, attend training to help them learn about pre-teen behavior and learning needs, organize all of the supplies, teach how to make all of the arts and crafts, and focus on making the campers feel like they belong.

The six pillars of character are the ground rules for camp. We teach everyone about the pillars and then model them for all to see that we really believe in the importance of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Adult facilitators who led the emergency communications equipment, archery, air rifles, rolling river, nutrition, entomology presentation, the soldiers at the obstacle course, and the chaperones all remarked at what wonderful young people were at camp. One of the comments from the evaluations at camp stated, "Don't know when I've seen such a great group of cooperating kids from so many different backgrounds."

Each month as I write the Character Corner I try to teach something to all of you. This month, the participants at LEAP demonstrated that they have learned and have put into practice the pillars of character. To all of the LEAP campers, counselors, and chaperones. . . CONGRATULATIONS on an incredible experience this past weekend. And, THANK YOU for your time and talents that made this past weekend such a success. See you all at the sleepover at my house in April!

Darcy

**NATIONAL AG DAY
MARCH 21**

National Agriculture Day, celebrated each year on or around the first day of spring, March 21st, is a time to celebrate American agriculture and honor the people who work to meet our everyday needs. National Ag Day highlights the abundance provided by agriculture, the backbone of the nations economy. More than 22 million people work in the agriculture industry. Raising the American public awareness of the importance U.S. agriculture plays in the stability of the economy, and in feeding the world, is the goal of National Agriculture Day and National Agriculture Week, March 18-24.

4-H FUN DAY AT THE CAVERNS

SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND - 9AM TO 4PM

REGISTRATION DUE APRIL 1ST

____ Yes, we plan to attend the 4-H FUN DAY at the Caverns and **participate in the tour**. Please register the following persons. We are enclosing \$10 per person for those age 7 and up and understand that those 6 and under are free of charge.

Name	Youth or Adult	Youth Age	Club

Please rank the following times (1 thru 11) according to when you would most like to take the tour

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|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| ___ 9:00am | ___ 11:00am | ___ 1:00pm | ___ 3:40pm |
| ___ 9:40am | ___ 11:40am | ___ 2:00pm | ___ 4:00pm |
| ___ 10:00am | ___ 12:00pm | ___ 3:00pm | |

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ made payable to Cochise County 4-H.

OR

____ Yes, we plan to attend the Fun Day and join the group for lunch and all the fun activities, **but do not want to take a tour** of the Caverns at this time. Please list the names of those persons that will be joining us for lunch.

Name	Youth or Adult	Youth Age	Club

Name of contact person submitting this form: _____ Phone: _____

Mail registration form by **April 1st** to: Cochise County 4-H Fun Day, 450 S. Haskell, Willcox AZ 85643

**HORSE ACTIVITY DAY
REGISTRATION
Registration due March 24.**

Club _____

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

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_____	_____
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Mail to: U of A Cooperative Extension
Horse Activity Day
450 S. Haskell
Willcox, AZ 85643

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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

Mar	24	Registration Due to Susan for Horse Activity Day	15	Earlybird JOLT registration Deadline
Apr	1	Kartchner Caverns Registration Due to Susan	May 1	4-H & Club Photos Due to Willcox
	7	Registration Due to Darcy for April 14 Volunteer Leader Training	15	JOLT 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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