



# Cochise County 4-H Connection

## November 2007

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

### 4-H END OF YEAR BASH! SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2-6:30PM COCHISE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

You're invited to celebrate at the 4-H End of Year Bash with us! Come celebrate our outstanding members, leaders, and friends. There will be games, prizes to win, and greeting cards to make for local nursing homes and the Veteran's hospital.

- Lots of games and fun (Wii, Singing Bee, Board Games, Guitar Hero, Bingo, Pictionary & more!)
- Door prizes
- Greeting card community service
- Hamburgers, hot dogs & beverages provided. We will have potluck desserts.
- \$3 per person
- Celebrate our achievements

Bring a dessert to share and a toy to donate to the "Toys for Tots" program. RSVP by **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** to the Willcox office. Come join the 4-H Council in recognizing 4-H members for a job well done and get a great start to the new year.

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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	24- Jan 1	Christmas/New Years Holiday: Offices Closed
Jan	5-6	LEAP Counselor Training

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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>.

### RECORD BOOK COMPETITION JUDGING COCHISE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - WILLCOX NOVEMBER 3

The judging will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30am at the Cooperative Extension office in Willcox.

The Council meeting will be held at 11:00 am or immediately following the record book judging. Final plans and preparations will be made during this meeting for the year end bash.

### HEALTH ROCKS! TRAINING NOVEMBER 3, 9:30AM - 3:30PM UA SOUTH

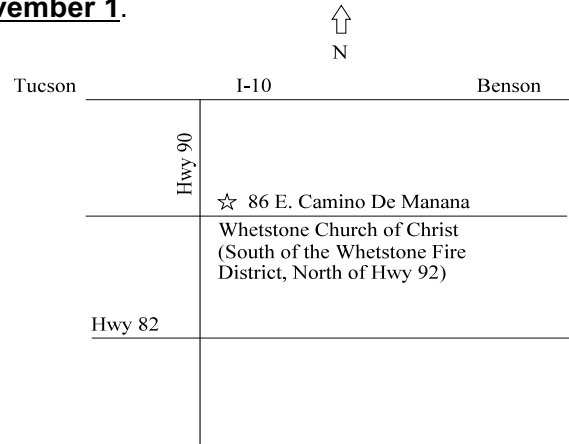
*Health Rocks!* is a prevention and decision-making program. Curricula is taught by teen/adult leadership teams that help youth learn key health messages and skills such as critical thinking, how to manage stress, how to handle peer pressure, and how to communicate effectively. Special emphasis is placed on tobacco use prevention. Developing life skills, such as communicating with others, managing change, and dealing with stress, helps youth develop internal strength to resist risky behaviors. The *Health Rocks!* healthy life curricula series will allow participants to experience activities that help them learn and adopt many important skills. Contact Darcy for more information.

## LEAP PLANNING TEAM OVERNIGHT NOV. 3, 5:00PM - NOV. 4, 10:00AM Huachuca Oaks Tipi Camp, Hereford

LEAP Camp Planning: November 3 & 4 will be an overnight at Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp in Hereford. This is the opportunity for youth to express their interest in being camp counselors for LEAP. We will be planning the activities for LEAP in February and making the schedule for camp. We will be staying at TIPI Camp and making our own food. There will be a small fee of \$10 each, contact Darcy for registration paperwork.

### CCJLA & LIVESTOCK MEETINGS NOVEMBER 6, 6:30 PM WHETSTONE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Please come and help review this last year and plan for this next year. The meeting will be held at the Whetstone Church of Christ (see map) with pizza & salad included for \$5.00/person. Bring your own beverage. **Please RSVP to the Willcox office by November 1.**



### LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 1PM U of A SOUTH SIERRA VISTA

The first meeting of the Livestock Council will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 1pm at U of A South in Sierra Vista. The livestock council members will be the only ones eligible to vote, but others are encouraged to attend and be a part of the discussion. If you have rules you think need changed or activities you would like to propose please plan on attending. Proposed changes must be presented with justification and a long term plan. **Nominations due November 1st.**

**SMALL STOCK COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 9AM  
U of A SOUTH SIERRA VISTA**

The small stock committee meeting is being held to review this last year and make plans for the coming year. If you have rules you think need changed or activities you would like to propose please plan on attending. Proposed changes must be presented with justification and a long term plan.

**HORSE COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 17, 10:30AM  
U of A SOUTH SIERRA VISTA**

The horse committee meeting is being held to review this last year and make plans for the coming year. If you have rules you think need changed or activities you would like to propose please plan on attending. Proposed changes must be presented with justification and a long term plan. Clubs are needed to host horse shows if we want to continue to send members to the State Horse Show or other alternatives need to be considered. Start thinking now about what is needed to enliven our county horse program.

**4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS  
DUE FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

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.

**ANLS 4-H/FFA HORSE SHOW  
JANUARY 4 - 6, 2008  
WESTWORLD HORSE COMPLEX,  
SCOTTSDALE**

The Arizona Nationals Livestock Show will be having their 4-H Horse shows on January 4-6, 2008. The Western show will be on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, English on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, and the Roping and Gymkhana will be Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

November 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for exhibitors to

receive an ANLS t-shirt. December 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for regular fees. Entry forms and additional information may be downloaded at [www.anls.org/](http://www.anls.org/) or contact Bryan Chadd at (602)470-8086 ext 350 or Grant Boice at (602)258-8568.



**WESTERN REGIONAL 4-H  
FORUM 2008  
MARCH 6-9, 2008  
BOISE, IDAHO**

Saddle up and Stampede to Idaho for the Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum. Discover the trail which leads to learning fun and round up skills to take back to your herd at home. Put your brand on some personal skills and gather up all the stray enthusiasm while having fun sharing ideas and developing skills. Clear the dust as you ride along corralling new ideas.

Join over 500 volunteers from the 13 western states, and don't miss out on one of the most energizing and educational forums for 4-H volunteers. Don't get left in the dust of an event which will provide hands-on learning, and sharing of ideas, challenges and solutions.

Grab your ponies, the **STAMPEDE IS ON!** The Early Bird registration deadline is December 1, 2007 (\$199), Regular registration deadline is January 15, 2008 (\$240), and the late registration is February 15, 2008 (\$270), so plan now for the fun you'll have in Boise, March 6-9, 2008. All registration materials are available via the website <http://www.4h.uidaho.edu/default.aspx?pid=101451>

There is financial support available to Cochise County 4-H Leaders/Teens interested in attending. It would be great to have a large group attend to bring back all the great ideas to enhance our programs. Contact Susan by **November 9**, if you are interested in financial assistance.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
THE DOG PROJECT?**

Tina Mascarenas is in the Stewart District 4-H Club and is interested in putting together a local group of kids interested in the dog project. If you are located in the Willcox area and interested please contact Tina at (520) 384-6490.

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



**Character Corner**

There are times that the Josephson Commentary from [www.Charactercounts.org](http://www.Charactercounts.org) is shared in the character corner. Usually, it is because Michael Josephson has a way of putting something into words better than I can. This is one of those times.

**Act As If Your Children Are Watching**

I like the story about the father who comes home to find his young son working on a school project with an impressive set of colored markers. The dad asks where they came from. His son admits he took them from school without permission but will return them the next day.

"I can't believe you'd do that," his father responds. "It's against everything I ever taught you. If you needed them so badly, why didn't you tell me? I would have taken some from my office. I'm so upset with you, I'm going to call in sick tomorrow so I can talk to your teacher."

A classic case of do as I say, not as I do.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Who you are speaks so loudly, I can't hear what you say." In a similar vein, Robert Fulghum warned parents: "Don't worry that children never listen to you. Worry that they're always watching you."

It's a great burden to have to be all we want children to be, but it's the surest road to success as a parent, teacher, or coach. Children are more likely to do what they see us doing than what we tell them to do. Often they ignore the words and mimic the actions.

And, by the way, how we behave when we're off-guard, when we think no one is looking, influences people more than self-conscious and intentional demonstrations of virtue.

Children notice how we handle ourselves and how we cope with stress, anger, and good fortune. They notice whether we're accountable or make up excuses, whether we deal with or avoid our problems. Everything we say and do sends a message.

If you want to help your children build the type of character you're proud of, act as if they're watching. And you know what? They are.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.

Darcy

## DEADLINES

Nov	1	Livestock Council Nominations Due	Dec	1	Annual Volunteer Report Due
	1	RSVP for CCJLA/Livestock Meeting		1	WRLF Early Bird Registration Deadline
	2	Registration for End of Year Bash		7	Enrollments Due to Continue Receiving Newsletter
	2	Committee Sign-up Deadline			
	21	Financial Assistance for WRLF - Notification of Interest to Attend		10	ANLS Horse Show 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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