

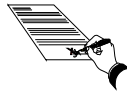


Cochise County 4-H Connection

October 2007

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

THANK YOU NOTES! HAVE YOU SENT YOURS?



Now, that the fair is all finished up, it is important to thank those people who made it possible for you to sell your animals or receive your awards. Be sure to take a few minutes to write a thank you to the individuals and businesses that contributed. Cochise County 4-H and FFA receive a great deal of support from local sponsors and we want to be sure to let them know how much we appreciate their continued support.

THANKS TO EACH OF YOU!

Everyone involved with the Cochise County Fair deserves a pat on the back for all the hard work done to make this year's fair a success! The success is truly the result of all the help given throughout the fair. 4-H and FFA members, you all did a great job on your projects. You should all be very proud of the display of exhibits you provided for the public to view during the fair. Hats off to all the leaders, advisors, and other volunteers who take the time to help foster the learning and growth of Cochise County members.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct	12-	Arizona State Fair
	Nov 4	
	21-26	NAE4HA Conference
	24-27	National FFA Convention
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 - Benson
	17	Horse Committee Meeting, 10:30am - Benson
	17	Livestock Council Meeting, 1pm - Benson
	22-23	Thanksgiving Day Holiday: Offices Closed
Dec	24-	Christmas/New Years Holiday: Offices Closed
	Jan 1	

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THANKS FROM CCJLA

Wow! Once again we had a very successful County Fair Livestock Auction. The buyers luncheon was great! And the community support of the 4-H and FFA sellers was tremendous! Thank you to all of our business and individual community members. We truly appreciate your generosity. Thank you to those who volunteered your time throughout the year and during the fair to plan and implement the livestock auction.

Members - please remember to send a note of appreciation to all those businesses and individuals who helped make this year's fair experience so rewarding.

Steve Bouchikas, Chairman CCJLA

LIVESTOCK SEASONAL PASS FORMS

All 4-H and FFA exhibitors with a seasonal pass are reminded that it is to be returned to the Arizona Department of Agriculture at the end of the issuing year, the end of the show season, or when an animal is sold. For all livestock exhibitors, you should record the date and name of the event on the form, sellers will additionally record the information on who bought the animal. Contact your livestock inspector or Susan if you have questions.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment forms will be sent to community leaders soon. Forms should be turned in by **December 7th** to continue receiving your newsletter without interruption. Remember in order to participate in market and carcass livestock projects, all 4-H and FFA members must meet an enrollment deadline of February 1st. The enrollment deadline for all other project areas is April 1st.

COMMITTEE SIGN-UP

Attached are the committee sign-up forms. Please complete the form and return it to the 4-H office by November 2nd.



In order to sign up for a committee, you must have completed a leader 4-H application, be an FFA

advisor or be a 4-H/FFA senior age member. You must also be active in the project or serve in some resource capacity related to that project area. Please sign up and get involved.

RECORD BOOK COMPETITION JUDGING NOV. 3, 9:30AM COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - WILLCOX (Books Due October 15TH)

Hope you have been working on your record book to enter for the county competition. Remember there are three divisions: junior 9-10; intermediate 11-13; and senior 14 and up, with 3 awards per division: Gold - \$100; Silver - \$75 and Bronze - \$50. Complete guidelines, instructions and score sheets are available online at <http://cals.arizona.edu/cochise/4-h/projects>

If you are interested in helping to judge the record books please contact Susan. The judging will take place on November 3rd, 9:30am at the Cooperative Extension office in Willcox.

COCHISE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 3

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

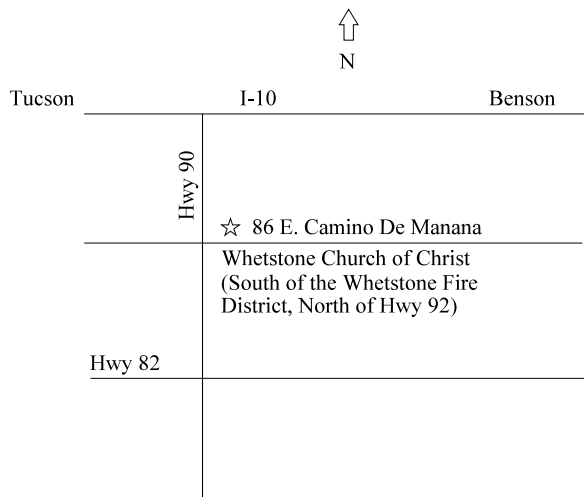
Health Rocks! is a prevention and decision-making program. Curricula is taught by teen/adult leadership teams that help youth learn key health messages and skills such as critical thinking, how to manage stress, how to handle peer pressure, and how to communicate effectively. Special emphasis is placed 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
&
LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 1PM
COCHISE COLLEGE - BENSON**

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.**



A draft livestock council structure is on page 5 of this newsletter and will be discussed on the 6th. The basis behind the formation of the council is to provide some consistency in development, implementation and enforcement of policies and rules within the livestock program. Self nominations are being requested for those volunteers, advisors and teens that are interested and willing to actively serve on the Livestock Council. To nominate yourself please send or call your name in to Susan by November 1st.

The first meeting of the Livestock Council will be held on November 17th, 1pm at Cochise College in Benson. 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.**

**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 and leaders, and friends. There will be games and 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, 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 with you a dessert to share and a toy to donate to the "Toys for Tots" program. RSVP by November 2nd 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.

**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 4th, English on Saturday, January 5th, and the Roping and Gymkhana will be Sunday, January 6th.

November 15th is the deadline for exhibitors to receive an ANLS t-shirt. December 10th is the deadline for regular fees. Entry forms and additional information may be downloaded at www.anls.org/ or contact Bryan Chadd at (602)470-8086 ext 350 or Grant Boice at (602)258-8568.

**SMALL STOCK COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 9AM
COCHISE COLLEGE IN BENSON**

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 17TH, 10:30AM
COCHISE COLLEGE IN BENSON**

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.

**INTERVIEWS FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
ARIZONA 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

Interviews to fill the Assistant Director position on the state level will be tentatively held October 31 and November 6. It would be great to have some volunteers and teens attend and provide their input. If interested please contact Susan for further details.



**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.

COCHISE COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK COUNCIL

Rules of Operation - **DRAFT** to be discussed November 6.

A. FUNCTION OF THE COUNCIL

1. To promote and encourage youth interest in livestock educational projects, activities and programs.
2. To advise and assist the in planning and conducting educational programs for youth in livestock projects.
3. To formulate and enforce the rules and regulations to conduct the junior livestock show and market auction at the Cochise County Fair for 4-H and FFA members with livestock projects.

B. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

1. The council shall consist of twenty one members. Each member shall be elected, by the general membership, to a term of three years. (The first year all members will be appointed with staggered terms by the Extension Agent, 4-H).
2. Membership shall include volunteers, advisors and teens registered in the Cochise County 4-H and FFA programs
3. The beginning date of each of the twenty one membership terms will be staggered so as to elect seven members (1/3 of the total members) each year.
4. A members term shall begin on November 1 and end on October 31.
5. Any member that misses two or more unexcused meetings annually shall be reviewed for termination of their membership by the committee members present at any regular meeting.
6. If a member vacancy occurs; the Council will immediately appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

C. OFFICERS

1. The executive committee (officers) shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each shall be elected from the general membership of the current committee members for a term of one year to begin on November 1, and to end the following October 31.
2. Officers shall serve no more than three consecutive terms in the same office, with the exception of the treasurer for which there are no term limits.

D. ELECTIONS

1. Elections shall be conducted during the regular annual October meeting for membership to the committee and immediately followed by election of officers.
2. Nominations shall be taken only from committee members and voting shall be conducted with secret written ballots.
3. The current President shall assign three ballot tabulators to collect and count the ballots and immediately report back to the President.

E. MEETING DATES

1. Regular meetings will be held on the following days and months unless otherwise changed by either (1) verbal vote by members present at a prior regular meeting or (2) by written notification to each member two weeks prior.
 - October - 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm (October 14, 2008)
 - November - 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm (November 11, 2008)
 - February - 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm (February 12, 2008)
 - 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 - 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm (August 12, 2008)
2. A quorum of eleven members must be present to conduct any business at a regular meeting.

F. CHANGES TO RULES OF OPERATION

1. These rules may be changed or amended only by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership at any regular meeting.

**4-H COMMITTEE SIGN-UP 2007-2008
Due to Willcox office November 2**

Name: _____ Club: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to sign up for the following committee(s):

___ 63810 Consumer & Family ___ 63940 Horse ___ 63980 Small Stock ___ 63920 Dog

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**4-H COMMITTEE SIGN-UP 2007-2008
Due to Willcox office November 2**

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

**4-H END OF YEAR BASH!
REGISTRATION**

Club: _____

Number in family attending: _____ X \$3.00 = \$ _____

Names of those attending (please print): _____

**Send Registration and payment to the
Willcox office no later than NOVEMBER 2nd.**

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



Character Corner

As many of you are aware, a good number of Cochise County 4-H members live at Fort Huachuca. This month's Character Corner tells a little about the relationship between that lifestyle and Character Counts courtesy of: www.charactercounts.org

The U.S. Army concerns itself not just with its troops but with the success of their families. Character education is a foundation stone of that commitment and tradition. For instance, the Army has worked for years with Boys & Girls Clubs and 4-H, bringing character-building activities to children's programs on posts around the world.

Now the Army Child & Youth Services (CYS) has formally partnered with CHARACTER COUNTS!, the country's most widely-adopted character education framework. CHARACTER COUNTS! is already active on several Army posts, and now, with a series of special seminars for CYC teachers and youth-service professionals, CC!'s common language and proven instructional techniques will enhance the wide array of Army CYC programs and lend them greater consistency and predictability. Everyone benefits, especially the children, who get a community-wide, effective education about the centrality of their character in determining the course of their lives, and society.

Natural Partners With Aligned Values

Army CYC and CHARACTER COUNTS! are natural partners. Both organizations know that parents have the frontline responsibility for teaching values to their children, and both believe that other institutions, including schools, play a vital supporting role.

The Army promotes the Core Values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. CHARACTER COUNTS! promotes values called the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

These two sets of values are highly complementary, and can in fact be expressed in tandem. An Army general put it best when he recently said that the Six Pillars "operationalize" the Army Core Values. Consider:

Trustworthiness - honesty, integrity, promise-keeping and loyalty

Respect - honor (valuing self, others, tradition and country)

Responsibility - duty (in the sense of accountability)

Fairness - honor (upholding what is right and just)

Caring - selfless service (placing the good of others before self)

Citizenship - duty (obedience to established rules and law), selfless service (placing the good of country before self), personal courage (seeking the common good)

Darcy

DEADLINES

Oct	1	Award of Merit Forms Due to Darcy	2	Committee Sign-up Deadline	
	1	Nomination for 4-H Council	21	Financial Assistance for WRLF - Notification of Interest to Attend	
	15	Record Books Due			
Nov	1	Livestock Council Nominations Due	Dec	1	WRLF Early Bird Registration Deadline
	1	RSVP for CCJLA/Livestock Meeting		7	Enrollments Due to Continue Receiving Newsletter
	2	Registration for End of Year Bash			

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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