



# Cochise County 4-H Connection

## September 2008

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

### 4-H CLUB CHALLENGE

Double Adobe 4-H Club would like to put forth a challenge to all Cochise County 4-H Clubs/FFA Chapters. They have donated \$100.00 to the Cochise County Fair Association to help with the financial burden brought on by the State of Arizona's budget cuts. This is their clubs' way of saying "Thank you" to the County Fair Association for always providing a great time at the fair! If you would like to meet or surpass Double Adobes' challenge, mail your checks to: Cochise County Fair Association, 3677 N. Leslie Canyon Rd., Douglas, AZ 85607.

### SACA LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 10, 10:30AM SIERRA VISTA

The Southern Arizona Contractors Association (SACA) Picnic will be Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am at the ball fields behind the Oscar Yrun building in Sierra Vista. This event allows 4-H youth to showcase their animals and tell about their project year, in front of local business people. Youth dress in show attire. Be sure to bring shade for your animals. Please call Darcy if you are attending. SACA would like a variety of large and small animals for their picnic guests to view, and a number of 4-H youth to meet.

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### CALENDAR:

**Post it so you can see it and add your other 4-H events!**

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#### 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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**COUNTY FAIR DOG AGILITY SHOW  
& CGC TESTING  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00AM**

Cochise County Dog Project Agility year end final runs (the Fair competition) will take place on Saturday, Sept. 20, at Going to Grandma's in Hereford.

Dogs must be one year old to compete, and must have trained on all of the equipment. Handlers must also be signed up in the dog project and have entered the Fair competition. This is a separate entry from the obedience and showmanship entry. That competition will be at the fair grounds the following week.

You will need to read the Cochise County Agility regulations to be sure where you should enter. If you do not have a copy you can e-mail Ruthann McCaulley at [hovowart@cox.net](mailto:hovowart@cox.net) or get them from the Sierra Vista 4-H office.

Please plan to arrive at Going to Grandma's about 7:00am to get set up, help set up the course, and do your walk through. Exhibitors are expected to help set up and tear down the equipment. Judging will start promptly at 8:00am, so hopefully we can beat some of the heat. There is no shade where we work, so bring shade, lots of water, and a crate or X-pen for your dog. You should also bring a chair. We do have access to rest rooms.

After the dogs eligible to trial at the fair have run the course, other dog project members who have trained their dogs on all of the equipment may run their dogs over the course, just for fun and be judged - although the judging score will be unofficial. There will be no placements and no ribbons, this is just for practice and fun. Dogs under one year (if they have trained on the agility equipment) will be allowed to run a short course with the tunnels, do the table, and the tire set at it's lowest height. If you plan to participate in this, please contact Ruthann at [hovowart@cox.net](mailto:hovowart@cox.net) to sign up.

Anyone interested in testing for the Canine Good Citizen award needs to contact Ruthann at [hovowart@cox.net](mailto:hovowart@cox.net). The cost is \$10 for 4-H participants. This is a 10 part test, all 10 parts must be passed at one time. I can provide more information if you're interested. The test will be given at 7:00am while the agility course is being set up. **You MUST pre-register by Sept. 13 to be tested.**

**AWARD OF MERIT FORMS**

Award of Merit for members, clubs, and Clover Kids are due October 1. Forms can be obtained from community club leaders.

**LEAP CAMP PLANNING  
NOVEMBER 15-16  
HUACHUCA OAKS BAPTIST CAMP**

Mark your calendars now if you want to be a LEAP Camp Counselor. The planning will take place on Nov. 15-16, at Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp, Tipi Camp. This overnight get together is when we decide what activities we want at camp and begin to select counselors. Remember, counselors can receive scholarship monies (when available) towards camp registration depending upon attendance at these overnights. There will be games, food, fun, and friends, along with leadership, and personal development. Adult chaperones are always needed. Contact Darcy for more information.

**LEAP CAMP COUNSELOR TRAINING  
JANUARY 3-4**

Save the dates for LEAP Camp Counselor Training on January 3-4, 2009. This overnight is when Sr. Counselors help train Jr. Counselors and Chaperones on the basics of risk management, working with 11-13 year olds, camp policies, conflict resolution, and more. We will practice making many of the crafts and play the games that will be used at camp. Again, if there are scholarships available, counselors who attend can receive scholarship monies for attending. More information will follow in later newsletters.

**ATTENTION ALL TEENS**

Additional leadership opportunities will be available this year as some new "Cowboy Camps" will be held in partnership with the Arizona Folklore Preserve. If you would be interested in being on the planning team or serving as a camp counselor, contact Darcy. We are in the dreaming stage right now, but there could be opportunities for podcasting, video editing, roping demonstrations, cowboy poetry, quilting, drama and more. The camp idea is to help youth learn about the history of Cochise County by recreating the life of common individuals in Cochise County 100-120 years ago.

## RECORD BOOK COMPETITION

### **Record Books for competition are due to either 4-H office by October 24<sup>th</sup> and must include:**

- Cover page
- Resume (Seniors Only)
- 4-H Story/Photos (10 pages total)
- Club/County/State/National Activities & Events (2 pages max)
- Leadership Experiences (2 pages max)
- Citizenship & Community Service Experiences (2 pages)
- Yearly Self-Evaluation
- Project Records
- All the above must be in a green record book cover purchases from Supply Service or from either 4-H office.

Members may use the county 4-H records, FFA records or you may design your own. Remember – these are your records. Make them fun. Make them yours. Make them creative. Make them memorable. Add pages as you need them. Design your own unique pages. Put them on the computer. Use your imagination. There are 3 divisions: junior 9-10; intermediate 11-13; senior 14 and up. The awards per division will be: Gold - \$100; Silver - \$75; Bronze - \$50. Complete guidelines and instructions are available online at <http://cals.arizona.edu/cochise/4-h/forms.html>.

## **61<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ARIZONA NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW**

Mark your calendars for the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Arizona National Livestock Show! Due to costs of printing and postage the 2009 Livestock Show Premium Book is now available ONLINE ONLY. All rules and entry forms are available at [www.anls.org/rules](http://www.anls.org/rules).

For anyone unable to access the online premium book, a printed copy will be available for \$10.00 to help cover the cost of printing, postage, and handling. Any questions call (602)258-8568.

## **BASHAS' SHOP & GIVE PROGRAM**

Bashas' has re-energized their "Thanks a Million" fundraising program...all in an effort to help organizations raise money! The program begins September 1, 2008 and continues until March 31, 2009. Customers can shop for groceries as usual, and Bashas' will give 1% of their shopping dollars to the local school, church or nonprofit of their choice.

**How the program works:** Each participating organization is assigned a 5-digit group identification number. When Bashas' customers link the group ID

number to their "Thank You Card" during the program dates, a portion of every "Thank You Card" purchase is set aside for that group. After March 31, Bashas' will donate 1% of the total sales linked to each group's ID number.

Everyone, even if they participated last year, must link their group ID number to their Bashas' Thank You Card. The first time you shop at Bashas' beginning September 1, take our 4-H group's 5-digit ID number with you. The cashier will punch it in as they check out your groceries, and a message will print on your receipt to confirm you have signed up. Every time you shop at Bashas' a portion of your total sales will be donated to the group linked to your Thank You Card.

The Cochise County 4-H group ID number is: **24607**  
For more information visit their website at: [www.bashas.com/charity](http://www.bashas.com/charity)

## **AmeriCorps ★ VISTA Volunteer Opportunity**

Arizona 4-H is recruiting for eight VISTA Volunteers to work with the Strengthening Arizona Families and Communities project starting in January of 2009. The VISTA volunteers will help build local community capacity to ensure that positive out-of-school opportunities are available to youth that help them build skills for entering the workforce. Locations include: Tuba City (Navajo Reservation); Tucson; Yuma; St. Johns; **Sierra Vista; Willcox;** and Duncan. Volunteers are being recruited for a variety of 4-H roles that will help maintain the programs long after the VISTA volunteers have left. Creating sustainable 4-H clubs, led by volunteers and youth working in partnership, will enhance community well-being and bring education and training to young people and their families who have limited opportunities in isolated communities. This project will address civic engagement by enhancing youth voice through advocacy training, community service projects and other opportunities for youth/adult partnerships.

VISTA Volunteers must be a minimum of 18 years of age. They will receive an education award upon successful completion of service, health coverage, living allowance, relocation allowance and training. Further information regarding the VISTA program can be found at [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov).

Please share this information with others who may be interested. Contact Susan if you are interested in learning more about this VISTA Volunteer opportunity and how you can apply.

## **IMPORTANT FAIR INFORMATION**

### **RULES:**

Be sure you have read ALL rules pertaining to your project before filling out your entry form and coming to the fair. ALL members (one per family) should have received a copy of the Cochise County Rule Book shortly after they enrolled. Questions - contact Susan or Darcy.

### **LIVESTOCK CLOTHING ATTIRE:**

Refer to page 21 of your rule book for required clothing attire. This also applies to the live animal evaluation part of the carcass contest.

### **FAIR WORKDAY:**

To be held September 13<sup>th</sup> beginning from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Please bring rakes, shovels, pliers, paint brushes, etc. for cleanup. Lunch will be provided.

### **CLEANING OF PENS:**

Exhibitors will see that their pens are neatly kept, the litter disposed of before 9:30am; passageways must be kept clean and clear at all times; pens must be cleaned daily and pans must be removed after feeding.

### **4-H PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS:**

Photography exhibits are due **ON OR BEFORE NOON, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>** (Fair Workday). Photography exhibits may be turned into Darcy at workday. There will be no need to fill out entry tags as they will be printed out by the computer information given on the entry forms. Photos will be taken to the fair (4-H building) and displayed beginning on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. You may pick up your photos on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. All photography exhibits must be mounted or matted and all entry information must be labeled on the center back. **\*\*DO NOT** list entry information on the front of your photo. Refer to Department R of the fair book for complete rules and entry information.

### **ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP:**

Round Robin Showmanship will be held on Saturday at 2:00pm for both large and small stock.

### **CARCASS HOG, LAMB, STEER & GOAT PARTICIPANTS:**

4-H and FFA members must be present at both the live and carcass evaluation; otherwise the exhibit will be disqualified.

- **September 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday at 5:30pm** - All species judged live at the UofA Meat Lab in Tucson, 4101 N. Campbell Avenue.

- **September 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at 10:00am** - Carcass Evaluation program and results at the UofA Meat Lab in Tucson.

## 2008 COCHISE COUNTY FAIR 4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Saturday, September 13

9:00am Fair Workday  
12:00pm Photography exhibits are due at the 4-H Building on Fair Workday

### Tuesday, September 16

5:30 pm Carcass Evaluation Live at the UA Campbell Avenue Farm Arena

### Saturday, September 20

10:00am Carcass Evaluation & Results at the UA Campbell Avenue Farm Meats Lab

### Wednesday, September 24

10:00am English Horse Show  
12:00-8:00pm Small Stock Checked into Small Stock barn  
2:00-8:00pm Receive exhibits in the 4-H building;  
Interview judging in selected areas  
6:00-8:00pm Swine weigh-in

### Thursday, September 25

8:00am All Small Stock must be Cooped  
8:00am-2:00pm Judging of all 4-H Building Exhibits;  
Interview Judging in selected areas  
8:30-10:00am Swine weigh-in  
9:00am Small Stock Showmanship, Breed judging to follow  
9:30am Western Horse Show  
9:30am All Swine must be checked in on the fairgrounds  
10:00am All Sheep & Meat Goats must be checked in on the fairgrounds  
10:30-11:30am Sheep & Meat Goat weigh-in  
11:30am-12:30pm Steer weigh-in  
12:00pm All other livestock must be checked in on the fairgrounds  
5:00pm Breeding Swine, Market Hog, & Swine Showmanship Show; Open 4-H/FFA

### Friday, September 26

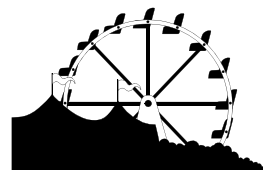
8:00am Dairy & Pygmy Goats; Open, 4-H/FFA  
8:30am Roping & Timed Events Horse Show  
11:00am Dairy Cattle, Breeding Beef; Open 4-H/FFA  
12:00pm Breeding Meat Goats; Open 4-H/FFA  
2:00pm Breeding Sheep; Open 4-H/FFA  
6:00pm Market Goat & Meat Goat Showmanship, Market Lamb & Sheep Showmanship Shows

### Saturday, September 27

8:00am 4-H Dog Show  
10:00am Market Steer & Beef Showmanship Show; Open 4-H/FFA  
2:00pm Small Stock, Large Stock, & Supreme Round Robin Showmanship

### Sunday, September 28

10:00am Small Stock Sale  
1:30pm 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Sale  
4:00-6:pm Building Exhibits released  
5:00pm All other exhibits released



## LIVESTOCK AUCTION INFORMATION

Members planning to auction an animal in the large livestock auction **must complete a Member Highlight form** and turn it in at weigh in. These forms will be used as time permits during the auction. They must be legible or they will not be used. Forms have been sent to community leaders/advisors.

All members that did not sell an animal last year will need to turn in an IRS W-9 form.

Members need to plan on eating before or after helping to serve at the luncheon. The luncheon is for buyers and their families. Due to increasing costs, members serving will not be able to eat at the luncheon. Hope you will all understand.



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### 4-H END OF YEAR BASH!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. You're invited to celebrate with us at the 4-H End of Year Bash at the Sunsites Community Center! Come celebrate our outstanding members and leaders, and friends with an ice cream and dessert social.

- Bring your favorite dessert to share and the ice cream will be provided.
- Bring a toy to donate to the "Toys for Tots" program.
- 4-H Trivia Contest, Door prizes and more!
- No registration fee, but we need you to register.

RSVP by October 31<sup>st</sup> to the Willcox office. Please plan to join the 4-H Council in recognizing 4-H members for a job well done and get a great start to the new year.

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

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Names of those attending (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Send Registration and payment to the  
Willcox office no later than OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2008</h1>						
	1 - Labor Day: Offices Closed - Quality Assurance Survey Due	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 -Fair Workday -Photography Exhibits Due by noon
14	15	16 Carcass Live - Tucson 5:30pm	17	18	19	20 Carcass Eval Tucson 10:00am
21	22	23	24 Cochise County Fair	25 Cochise County Fair	26 Cochise County Fair	27 - Cochise County Fair - State Horse Show Entries Due to Susan
28 Cochise County Fair	29	30				

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<h1>October 2008</h1>					Arizona State Fair Oct 10 - Nov 2	
			1 Award of Merits & Cloverkids Forms Due	2	3	4
5 National 4-H Week	6 National 4-H Week	7 National 4-H Week	8 National 4-H Week	9 National 4-H Week	10 National 4-H Week	11 National 4-H Week
12	13 Livestock council Meeting, 6:30pm at Shadow Mountain Restaurant	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 National FFA Convention	23 - National FFA Convention - UA Homecoming Festivities	24 - Record Books Due - National FFA Convention - UA Homecoming Festivities	25 - National FFA Convention - UA Homecoming Festivities
26	27	28	29	30	31 Year End Bash RSVP Due to Willcox	