



Cochise County 4-H Connection

February 2009

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

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR ALL

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

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS DUE FEBRUARY 16, 2008

Forms can be downloaded from:
http://ag.arizona.edu/4-h_foundation/scholarships.htm

For your convenience, the application is now "fillable" online. Contact Darcy or Susan if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING WORKSHOPS

There are Three volunteer leader training workshops coming up. Following are the dates and locations:

- **February 19**, 6:30-8:30pm - Sierra Vista
(Registration due on February 12)
- **March 5**, 6:30-8:30pm - Willcox
(Registration due on February 26)
- **April 16**, 6:30-8:30pm - TBD
(Registration due on April 9)

For more information contact Darcy at the Sierra Vista office. There is also a registration form at the end of the newsletter.

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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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LIVESTOCK JUDGINGS

There are three livestock judgments planned this year to qualify members to participate in the Arizona National Livestock Judging. You must attend two of the three county judgments to be eligible.

- February 7, Stronghold 4-H Livestock Judging, Willcox
- March 28, SAILA Livestock Judging, Tucson
- Aug/Sept (TBD), San Simon FFA Livestock Judging

4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING FEBRUARY 7 HOSTED BY STRONGHOLD 4-H

4-H and FFA members from all counties are invited. Registration starts at 9:30am with the contest starting at 10:00am. Concessions will be available - donuts, cocoa and coffee for breakfast and hamburgers and chips for lunch. Three members per team. Please RSVP your attendance by calling 520-384-3594 or email spater@ag.arizona.edu.

Directions: Take exit 340 in Willcox. (Coming from Tucson turn left at the overpass; coming from New Mexico turn right.). Proceed northwest on Fort Grant Rd. for 4.4 miles until you get to Doug Kuhn's at 3727 Fort Grant Road. It is on the left and signs will be posted.

LEAP CAMP FEBRUARY 14-16, 2009 HUACHUCA OAKS BAPTIST CAMP

There are still slots open for LEAP (Leadership, Education, and Adventure for Pre-Teens) Camp, February 14-16 at Huachuca Oaks Baptist Camp in Hereford, AZ.

This camp is for youth ages 11-13 and offers youth from your clubs the opportunity to make new friends, participate in the obstacle course at Fort Huachuca, the Water Wise Rolling River, learn games to bring back to your clubs, and have a ton of fun!

Cost is \$110. All paperwork is due to Darcy no later than February 10th, but camp is limited to 50 campers, so make sure you send in your registrations to Darcy ASAP or call her for more information.

PODCASTING TRAINING FEBRUARY 7TH, 8:30A.M.-4:00P.M. UA SOUTH

Tell your story, market your program, be an advocate! This training provides you with Leadership, Team-Building, Public Speaking, Script Writing, Voice Recording, Digital Audio Editing, and Creating a PodCast.

PodCasts are much like radio broadcasts. They are posted or transmitted via an audio file that can be downloaded and heard by others, either on a computer or MP3 player.

Registration is \$15.00 and is due to Darcy by February 4th.

DOG PROJECT ACTIVITY FEBRUARY 17, 4:00PM WILLCOX

Interested in working with your best friend in the Dog Project and live in Northern Cochise County? Bring your canine friend, old or new. We have many new puppies joining the group, along with our more experienced dogs. Come and learn how to get along better.

We will start the meetings on Feb 17, at 4:00pm at Pencin's Vet Clinic in Willcox, and will meet every 2 weeks. If you are interested or can't make this date, please call Mrs. Tina Mascarenas 520-384-6490 for more details. There is a group in Sierra Vista for those living in Southern Cochise County.

COCHISE COUNTY FARM BUREAU WANTS YOU TO KNOW...

Cochise County Farm Bureau wants you to know that the food that you eat everyday is affordable. Your family (if you are average), spends about 10% of your income on food. We want you to know even in bad economic times such as these that your family will be able to buy food. Farmers in Cochise County grow many foods. Did you know all of these foods are produced in Cochise County? Beef cattle, pinto beans, pecans, corn, green chili, wheat, pork, grapes, cucumbers, tomatoes, milk, pistachios, chicken, peaches, honey, apples, onions, pumpkins, cherries, and pomegranates. Ask a farmer or rancher what he or she grows for you to eat next time you see one.

**JUDGING CLINIC
FEBRUARY 28, 2009
UA SOUTH**

Judging Clinic at UA South on February 28th

- **Registration at 8:30am**
- **Clinics from 9:00am - Noon**
- **Building Project Meeting from Noon - 2:30pm.**

Morning clinics will include the traditional photography and cake decorating, but also photo mounting, and "We want YOU to be a Jr. Leader." **Bring a sack lunch** as the afternoon will be a meeting of building leaders and youth as we revamp the way we meet the needs of youth in this county. We will be discussing regional project meetings, bringing in resource leaders to take the pressure off of project leaders, "Quilt till you Wilt" camp, and other ideas to help increase interest in building projects, without burning out project leaders. Bring your ideas of how we can help each other. Make sure you have your calendars along so we can set dates and discuss a "Super Saturday" concept for July.

**4-H CLUB MANAGEMENT
& NETWORKING WORKSHOP
MARCH 7, 10AM - 3PM
COCHISE COLLEGE - BENSON**

4-H Council members have planned a full day of activities and learning to benefit your club on March 7th in Benson. Have you ever wondered if other clubs are dealing with the same challenges your club is? What resources and management skills could help you empower your club? How can we better network our clubs to utilize each others expertise and share information? Learn how to get involved in county, state, or national programs through 4-H. Come and share your club challenges and successes and allow us to provide you and your club with some tools to help assist and manage your club.

Registration is due February 20th. Each club should plan to have at least one adult and one teen leader attend the workshop. All clubs attending will leave with a club toolbox, the start of a club website, and lots of ideas to use in your club. Mark your calendars now; this is an event you won't want to miss!

**POULTRY EDUCATION DAY - WILLCOX
SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH, 9:00AM**

Poultry Education Day is March 28, starting at 9:00am. Come, share, & learn about Poultry. Learn about the expanded Meat Bird Project. Watch next month's Newsletter for details

**SADDLE UP FOR COWBOY CAMP!!
COUNSELOR OVERNIGHT
MARCH 7TH FROM 3:00P.M. TO
MARCH 8TH AT 10:30A.M
AT UA SOUTH.**

If you are 13 or older and want to be a part of the counselor team for Cowboy Camp in collaboration with the Arizona Folklore Preserve, please come to the overnight.

**SPRING BREAK CAMP
MARCH 17-20**

Spring Break Camp is March 17 – 20 (this is only day camp). However, while the campers only attend camp during the day, counselors camp out at Darcy's house the week of camp. There will also be a Summer Cowboy Camp in July. Contact Darcy for the overnight paperwork. (Wait until after LEAP Camp to ask for the paperwork, please!)

**"ESSENTIAL 4 YOUTH"
ADULT AND TEEN LEADER TRAINING
MARCH 28, 9:00AM-12:00PM
LOCATION TBD**

Calling all project leaders and teen/jr. leaders (those of you ages 12 and older)! Could you use some help planning more exciting project meetings? Are you doing the same old thing year after year? Time for a shake up! This training gives leaders a tool kit to use to create youth and adult partnerships at project meetings (as well as community club meetings). It is based on the four essential elements (mastery, belonging, generosity, and independence) which are required for chartering. Take one morning out of the 4-H year to take a load of stress off the rest of the year.

ATTENTION ALL DAIRY GOAT YOUTH

Knowing there are very few dairy goat youth in Cochise County, Tina Mascarenas & Christal Adams are planning to have some work days/project meeting days. We would like to know who would be interested in joining us to learn more. We are not the experts, but we will connect with other more experienced goat owners. Call Mrs. Mascarenas at 520-384-6490 or Mrs. Adams at 520-384-2653.

**RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK
FEBRUARY 9-15**

<http://www.actsofkindness.org/> Dedicated to celebrating the little things we do for others.

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CLUB MANAGEMENT & NETWORKING WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

NAME(S): _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ CLUB: _____

Return to: UofA Cooperative Extension, c/o Workshop Registration, 450 S. Haskell, Willcox, AZ 85643

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ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (h) _____ (w) _____ CLUB: _____

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February 2009</h1>						
1 Shooting Sports Education Workshop Enrollment Deadline for Market & Carcass Projects	2	3 Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30, Benson FFA Room	4	5	6 Horse Leaders Notify 4-H Office of Members Horses for Horse Projects Due	7 Stronghold 4-H Livestock Judging, Wx Podcasting Training, SV
8	9 National Random Acts of Kindness Week 9-15	10	11	12 Volunteer Leaders Training Registration Due (for Feb. 19)	13 - Scholarship Applications Due in 4H office	14 AZ Statehood Day - Happy Valentine's Day - LEAP Camp - Arizona Classic Livestock Show 
15 - LEAP Camp - Arizona Classic Livestock Show	16 Presidents Day LEAP Camp	17 Dog Project Activity - Willcox	18	19 Volunteer Leaders Training, 6:30- 8:30pm - Sierra Vista	20	21 UA CCGA Livestock Jackpot
22 UA CCGA Livestock Jackpot	23	24	25 West. Region Leaders Forum thru March 1, Colorado	26 Volunteer Leaders Training Registration Due (for March 5)	27	28 Judging Clinic for Building Projects

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1	2	3 Dog Project Activity, Willcox	4	5 Volunteer Leader Training - 6:30- 8:30pm, Willcox	6	7- 4-H Club Management & Networking Workshop - Cowboy Camp, Folklore Preserve (Overnight 3:00pm- 10:30am 3/8/09)
8 Cowboy Camp, Folklore Preserve (until 10:30am)	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 - Dog Project Activity, Willcox - Spring Break Camp	18 Spring Break Camp	19 Spring Break Camp	20 Spring Break Camp	21 Pima County Rabbit & Cavy Show
22	23	24	25	26	27 SAILA Annual Show	28 - SAILA Livestock Judging - Tucson - SAILA Annual Show - Poultry Act. Day - Wx - Essential 4 Youth: Adult & Teen Leaders, 9am-noon - TBD
29 - SAILA Annual Show - National 4-H Conference	30 National 4-H Conference (Thru April 2)	31- Dog Project Activity, Willcox - National 4-H Conference (Thru April 2) - Cesar Chavez Day of Service & Learning				