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**4-H News of La Paz County**

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**Calendar of Events**

**Forms, Newsletters and Leader Information Available at:**

<http://cals.arizona.edu/lapaz/4-h/index.html>

- 1 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- 8 4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office- 6:30 pm
- 17 Drop items off at the La Paz County Fair office to go to State Fair
- 22 Parker 4-H Enrollment Night, Wallace Dome, 6 pm
- 23 Youth Livestock Meeting, La Paz Sheriff Conference Room , 6:30 pm
- 28 Salome Enrollment Day, Centennial Park, 2:30 pm

**Important October Dates to Remember**

- 1 New 4-H Year Begins
- 11 Beef Ownership Deadline
- 27 Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat

**Note- Important 2009 Fair and 4-H Volunteer Information  
Inside!!!!**

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# Happenings

## **2009 Fair Update**

Spread the word! The La Paz County Fair Board and Youth Livestock have confirmed that the 2009 La Paz County Fair will be located at the new fairground site in the Parker Annex (Parker South). During a recent meeting, assurances have been made that all of the necessary measures that our livestock need (shade, water, electricity, and fencing) will be available. More information and details on how you can be involved in helping our new fairgrounds will be coming.

## **4-H Fees to Enroll in 4-H**

The University of Arizona has a fee structure of 4-H youth enrollment. The fee for the 2008-2009 year will be 10 dollars per youth and 11 dollars for youth enrolled in horse projects. The fee is per youth, not per project. Checks should be written to your respective community club who will then write one large check to the University of Arizona. The fee will cover insurance costs for 4-H youth and 4-H volunteers. There are NO FEES FOR VOLUNTEERS. Please contact Brent at the Extension Office if you have questions or concerns.

## **4-H Enrollment Nights**

Enrollment Night for youth in the Parker Area will be held on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm. Come join us at the Wallace Dome and see what the leaders have planned for you in the upcoming year. Salome area youth can enroll on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm at the Centennial Park.

## **Interested in being on 4-H Council?**

4-H Council serves a vital role for La Paz County 4-H. They serve as an advisory committee to help direct and organize the overall 4-H program. Adults and youth (over 13 years old) are encouraged to contact the Extension Office and learn more about this great leadership opportunity! We have several openings for the upcoming year.

## **Parents...We Need More Leaders!!**

Yes, YOU could be a 4-H volunteer. There are many positions available from being a leader of a project group to helping out with county events and chaperoning, the list goes on and on! Volunteer applications are available by calling the Extension Office at 669-9843. All volunteers must be certified and training is provided. VOLUNTEER TODAY- OUR YOUTH NEED YOU!

## **State Fair**

Interested in entering exhibits in the Arizona State Fair? You can do this by participating in the Arizona State Fair County Outreach program. The La Paz County Fair Office will accept projects on September 17<sup>th</sup> between 9am and 1 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Jane McGee at (928)669-8100.

**Please take the time to review the volunteer certification policy that was put in place last fall.**

**Updated La Paz County 4-H Volunteer Certification Policy  
Effective September 4, 2007**

**The following policies are based on information and policies provided by Arizona Cooperative Extension Administration, University of Arizona Risk Management, and University of Arizona Human Resources.**

In keeping with Arizona 4-H Youth Development's century-long commitment to provide quality programs in a safe environment, the volunteer certification process for **NEW** 4-H club and project volunteers will include a criminal and sexual offender background check. The following are procedures that the La Paz County Extension office will employ to handle the new screening procedure:

The criminal and sexual offender screening process will be handled through ChoicePoint (a credential and certification provider). All NEW La Paz County 4-H volunteers who wish to be certified as a community club or project leader will be required to consent to this screening process. There will be no cost or fee for the potential volunteer. 4-H volunteers who are currently certified will not be required to be screened.

Teen Leaders and Resource Leaders will not be required to consent to the screening process. Arizona 4-H policy requires them to be accompanied by a certified volunteer or an extension staff member at all times.

All chaperones for overnight trips must be certified volunteers and be over the age of 25.

The La Paz County Cooperative Extension office will maintain the screening records with the highest degree of professionalism and confidentiality. The records will remain locked at all times and will not be shared or discussed with any other person or external organization.

4-H volunteers who are specifically assigned to drive a vehicle as part of their duties will be required to consent to a motor vehicle background check. At present time, there are no La Paz County volunteers who have this responsibility. Any decision to transport others to and from a 4-H event places the liability between the individuals involved and not the University of Arizona.

Please be aware that the following procedures are based on the current information provided by the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension State Office and are subject to change. Questions and concerns can be directed to Brent Strickland or Linda Masters at 928 669-9843 or the State 4-H office at 520 621-7205