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# February 2009

## Calendar of Events

- 16      **Quality Assurance Certification, 4-H Office, 6 pm,  
COUNTY EVENT**
- 17      **Animal Leader Meeting/4-H Council, 4-H Office, 7 pm**
- 19      **Quality Assurance Certification, Salome Library, 7 pm,  
COUNTY EVENT**
- 20      **Arizona 4-H Foundation Scholarships Due to 4-H Office**
- 21      **Presentation Day, Parker Youth Center, 9am COUNTY EVENT**
- 23      **All Fair Entry Forms Are Due to the 4-H Office.**

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## **Important Animal Information--- Please Read!!!!!!**

We are excited to hold our fair at the brand new La Paz County Fairgrounds. Over the past year, the Youth Livestock Committee, the Extension Office, and Parker FFA have worked closely with the Arizona Department of Agriculture to make sure that we are in compliance with all state regulations. You must follow these steps to make sure that you are in compliance. You will be **SIFTED** at the fair if don't have all of your paperwork in order:

1. Youth Livestock Exhibitors must have attended a Youth Livestock Quality Assurance workshop. The certificate of attendance is good for three years. Workshops will be held in Parker and Salome in this month. If you have not been certified in Quality Assurance in the past three years and you cannot attend either training, contact Brent and he will tell you about other trainings you can attend in other parts of the state.
2. Youth Livestock Exhibitors who have Sheep, Goats, and Swine must have a Premise Identification Number. If you do not have a Premises ID number (and tag), contact the 4-H office to get an application. The state will give you information regarding sheep and goat scrapie tags once they get your application. Do not wait until the last minute to do this!!!! It takes time to process.
3. Swine owners must obtain a certificate of inspection of exhibition swine. Many of you in Parker had this done in January. Please contact Dallas Hillhouse at [hillhouse@rraz.net](mailto:hillhouse@rraz.net) to arrange a time for an inspection (You'll need your bill of sale and premises id.).

All youth who will exhibit beef, sheep, and goats must apply for a seasonal pass. The cost is \$5.00 for a youth to have up to 10 animals. Before you receive your pass, you must first have Premises Identification Number (see step 2). Remember- it takes time to process this form. Don't wait until the last minute. Start Now!!!!

4. Turn in your fair entry to the 4-H office by February 23rd. Leaders and the Extension office will have these available by February 4<sup>th</sup>.
5. For the 2008-2009 4-H Year, 4-H council and the La Paz County 4-H office have accepted a new rule that all 4-H youth exhibitors who wish to show their animal(s) for the La Paz County Fair will also be required to present an educational exhibit at the fair. This project will showcase the 4-H member's knowledge of his or her animal project at the indoor building of the fair. Here are some examples of educational exhibits that would satisfy this rule:
  - A Poster Board detailing the proper way to groom a steer
  - A plaster sculpture painted to demonstrate the meat cuts of a swine.
  - A demonstration board detailing the average daily gain of your lamb.
  - A photo scrapbook of the project year.
  - A home-made sweater for a lamb (with a description of how you made it).
  - A clay (or play-doh) model of a swine pen that demonstrates good safety and proper animal housing.

4-H members are encouraged to present as many indoor educational exhibits as they want, but they are required to present at least one educational exhibit in order to show their animal(s).

# Happenings

## **CORRECTION**

Last month's newsletter should have included Molly Goldsberry as a new member of 4-H Council instead of Vicky McGuire.

## **FAIR ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE**

Fair Entry forms for all 4-H projects are ready. Packets of all forms will be sent to all Community Club leaders in the coming week. Everyone is welcome to come by the extension office and pick some forms up for yourself. All entry forms are due to the 4-H office by 5 pm on February 23rd. There is no exception for this deadline. For more information on the indoor projects, contact Linda Masters.

## **REMINDER TO YOUTH WITH ANIMAL PROJECTS**

- Make sure you have attended a Quality Assurance workshop; you can't sell if you don't.
- Get those buyers letters out!
- Weigh your animal regularly.
- Make sure you read and understand the fair book rules.
- Take Herdsmanship seriously, it can hurt you in the pocketbook if you don't.

## **Arizona 4-H Offers College Scholarships**

Attention all 4-H members who plan to graduate from High School this May!!!! Arizona 4-H Foundation has scholarships to offer. The deadline to submit the scholarship application is February 20<sup>th</sup>. The applications can be found at [http://cals.arizona.edu/4-h\\_foundation/2008%204-h%20scholarships.htm](http://cals.arizona.edu/4-h_foundation/2008%204-h%20scholarships.htm).

## **A Parent's Role in 4-H**

**Share** - Take an interest in your child's 4-H project and activities. Listen, look, and offer suggestions, but avoid the temptation to "take over" and do things yourself. Learning by doing is the 4-H way. Your child learns by his or her mistakes as well as successes, if you provide encouragement.

**Prepare** - Parents can assist by helping a child understand the value of having projects, record books, presentations, or officer duties done on time, in a proper way. Also, be sure your child learns the importance of letting someone know if he or she cannot follow through as expected.

**Care** - Parents are expected to support their child's participation in the 4-H program to the best of their ability and to abide by the policies, procedures, and standards of behavior set forth by the 4-H Youth Development Program. Arrange to attend programs and events where your child is taking part. Your presence shows that you consider your child, and what he or she is doing, very important.

**Be There** - Your child will gain more from 4-H by attending club meetings regularly and by getting involved in 4-H Camp, 4-H Fair, and many other activities. Parents can be part of 4-H, too. Don't just drop your youngster off at meetings - sit and observe. You are welcome. Get to know the club leader. Lend a hand wherever you can. However, try to remain objective and avoid "taking over" any activities. Remember, the club is for the kids.

# News and Views

## 4-H RV Parking Schedule for the Fairgrounds

March 6 and 7th      Check-in at the Fair Office (8 am-4 pm)  
March 8<sup>th</sup>              Check-in at the Livestock Gate (8 am- 4 pm)

There will be a fee of \$25 per RV. Please fill out the RV form before parking. There will be no vehicle parking with the RV. RV's will be inside the perimeter fence. All other vehicles will park in the main parking lot. Please be sure to have your RV at the Fairgrounds during this time.

## MCMULLEN VALLEY 4-H NEWS

McMullen Valley 4-H had their fourth club meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>. The club raised \$3,091 from a recent pig raffle. Each ticket for the pig raffle was \$10 and each 4-H member had to sell at least 5 tickets. The 4-H kids are beginning to write their buyers letters. Buyer's letters are letters that the kids send to potential buyers of their animals. You don't need a buyer's letter to be able to buy an animal. The next meeting is on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Reported by Katrina Garcia

## CHARACTER CORNER

### The Eagle and the Wolf

**There is a great battle that wages inside me,  
One side is the soaring eagle.**

**Everything the eagle stands for is good and true and beautiful, and it soars  
above the clouds. Even though it dips down into the valleys, it lays its eggs on  
the mountaintops.**

**The other side of me is the howling wolf.**

**And that raging, howling wolf represents the worst that's in me. He eats upon  
my downfalls and justifies himself by his presence in the pack.**

**Who wins the great battle?**



**THE ONE I FEED.**

Anonymous



