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The Clover Connection



*I Pledge
My Head to
Clearer Thinking,
My Heart to Greater
Loyalty, My Hands to
Larger Service, and My Health
to Better Living, for My Club, My
Community, My Country and My World*

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Open Letter to all 4-H Families

Dear Friends:

At the February 27 meeting of the Pima County 4-H Leaders' Association, the Board voted to sell the 4-H Food Booth to another Concessionaire who has been operating at the fairgrounds. This decision was made after months of deliberation and fact finding. It is a decision that we feel will make the least amount of impact on 4-H families at the fair and will prove to allow our program to grow in other ways that would not be possible if we were tied to the equipment we had to manage and maintain.

There will still be a food booth which will cater to the needs of 4-H members and their families located in the same location. It will still provide safe, nourishing food for our families at prices that are lower than other vendors at the fair. It will still utilize 4-H leaders and members to help with the sales, but we will not be responsible for buying the food, getting the permits, or setting up the equipment.

The new owners have pledged to maintain the sale of the meal tickets to help 4-H families manage their funds during the fair. The Leaders' Association has agreed to buy back any outstanding food booth tickets from the 2006 Pima County Fair on fair work day for face value (less amount used). Watch for your fair packet in the mail that will have more details on how to buy 2007 tickets and how to obtain a refund for unused portions of the 2006 tickets.

We are beginning our transition into a different support structure for the County 4-H program which will allow us to capitalize on the skills and enthusiasm of our project coordinators, but also bring in some new faces who will be able to focus on the growth of our program and managing of our assets for growth.

The new food booth owners have agreed to become our first county corporate sponsors to support Pima County 4-H with annual contributions. They will welcome any 4-H members and leaders who want to work at the fair in return for food. We hope that you and your family will continue to support the food booth and the whole program and we look forward to seeing you at the county fair.

Sincerely

Marci Croddy

President, Pima County 4H Leader's Association



Journey of Opportunities for Leaders of Tomorrow

Journey of Opportunities for Leaders of Tomorrow, or J.O.L.T. is an Arizona Teen Leadership Conference, which is held annually in Heber, Arizona each June. This year the dates are June 11 - 15, 2007.

JOLT is for ALL Teens from various Organizations, Backgrounds, ages 14 to 18 or entering High School. Participants will enjoy activities that build trust, develop leadership, and improve communication skills. Teens will gather from all over Arizona to develop open-minded and positive attitudes. The dynamic staff (a youth and adult partnership), inspirational workshop speakers and J.O.L.T. participants combine to make it a memorable week.

This years' conference will center around the theme: "J.O.L.T. U - ACADEMY OF LEADERSHIP", participants will be transported to a world where team work, solving conflict peacefully, building positive relationships and serving others are away of life. The JOLT youth and adult staff anxiously await the opportunity to open your mind to the many JOLT opportunities.

JOLT Fees: Registration ends June 1st or at 138 participants (filled on a first come basis).

Earlybird registration: received by April 16th - \$170.00

Regular registration: received by May 15th- \$185.00

Send registrations to your county Extension office.

Contact your county extension office for a registration packet OR go on line.

(Registrations received after May 15 will not have your name on the t-shirt).

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

www.cals.arizona.edu/4-h/jolt/index.html



WILDCAT ART YOUTH ART PROGRAM

Wildcat Art is a Saturday morning art program run by graduate and undergraduate students in the Art Education program here at the UA. The program

is open to all youth in the Tucson community in grades 1 -12. This annual art program will run from February 24 through April 21, 2007 and will take place every Saturday at the University in the Art Building and the Harvill Building. Participants in the program will have the opportunity to work with a variety of artistic mediums and media including painting, photography, drawing, as well as recyclable materials.

A registration form can be downloaded by visiting <http://www.arts.arizona.edu/wildcatart/>. The cost is \$90 per student and scholarships are available. For further information please contact GE Washington, Director, Wildcat Art at 621-1253.

NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION WORKSHOP FOR ARIZONA YOUTH

An exciting opportunity for youth entering 8th - 11th grade in the fall of 2007! A chance to explore the great outdoors and experience the thrill of a unique adventure. Mingus Mountain, in the Prescott National Forest, will serve as the major area of focus as you study how plants, wildlife, water, and soils relate to one another in forest and aquatic settings. Youth will learn how to use GPS, soil and water testing equipment, and various measuring tools. Youth will have many opportunities to discuss and debate natural resource and management issues. Various group activities such as fishing, hiking, swimming, volleyball & horseshoes will be available during your free time.

The workshop will take place July 9-13, 2007. The deadline for applications is May 15th. A flyer with more information can be found at <http://azrangelands.org/>. Students selected to attend will pay a \$100 tuition fee. The remainder of the workshop costs are covered through donations. No student will be denied attendance because of financial need.

FAIR THEME

The theme for this year's fair will be "The Fifties". Please plan your club and project decorations with this in mind.

BOER DOE FAIR BOOK CORRECTION

The Boer/Breeding Doe on page 36 of the Fair Book does not have a Check Out time listed. Check in will be as printed on Friday, April 20, 2007 from 4-8 p.m. Check out time is 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 22, 2007 for all 4-H animals. The 6:00 p.m. time is noted on page 60, Open Boer Show, Release time, for all in county, i.e., 4-H animals. We apologize that this was not made clear in the rules.

Members who are only showing a Boer Doe and wishing to enter Meat Goat showmanship may bring their doe back on Monday, April 23, 2007 during the meat goat entry. The does must stay until Sunday, April 29, 2007, 6:00 p.m. at which time they will be released.

DISPLAY BOARDS IN THE BARN

This year the Fair will set up fiberglass horse panels. Clubs will need to make their display on a sheet of plywood before the fair. You will not be allowed to staple, nail or tape items to the horse panels. Clubs will be charged for the cost of a panel if they are damaged. We strongly recommend measuring the panel openings at work night. Then you can drill holes in the plywood and secure them with electrical ties.

REMINDER FOR FAIR WORK NIGHT

The Beef Project will have bratwurst and hotdog plates, snacks, and drinks available for your purchase at Fair work night. Come hungry and help support our Pima County Beef Project!



4-H LIVESTOCK EXPO

We are expecting a good turnout for this first time in AZ event. I hope many of the clubs are planning to put together at least one team. I need to know who will be on each team. Please email this information to me. We also need to know who will be available to help. A description of the contest etc., was in the last newsletter. You can email me at Peterson@ag.arizona.edu

PRAISE YOUR CHILD?

There is a very interesting article the New York News Magazine about how we praise our children. It's titled, "How not to talk to your kids: The inverse power of praise." You can access the entire article on line at

<http://nymag.com/news/features/27840/index.html?imw=Y>.

It will be worth the 15 minutes it will take you to read the article.

WHAT A DEAL - RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

Would you like to make some money for your club? The deadline for the Tucson Conquistador raffle for a car is March 20th. Your club sells raffle tickets for \$10 and makes \$8 and the Pima County Leaders Board receives \$2. If you are interested in receiving tickets, please contact Marci Croddy, 275-6502.



A CLOVER TOAST!

Marana Stockmen 4-H Club has a long history of community service. Every year we participate in Trick or Treat so others can eat, and adopting families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. In October, we collected 197 pounds of food for the Marana Food Bank. In November, we collected and delivered 4 large food boxes each for 2 families including fully cooked Turkey dinners. In December, we sponsored a family, delivering food, clothes, and toys. Even putting a couple of badly needed tires on the family car.

OLD PUEBLO HALL NEWS

Entry Forms: While we do ask for all the forms to be in on March 15, we will accept forms up until the entries come in. However, this year we are experimenting with an online Entry form which will enable us to receive the entries on line and summarize entries by class and lot as well as print entry tags and summarize results. Paper forms are still accepted, but if you want to try your hand at the on-line version we will be sending out the web location to everyone enrolled in these projects via email. Wow! 21st Century here we come.

Pre Work Day, Saturday, April 7, 2007

9 am until 2. This is the day that we need everyone to come out to the fairgrounds to help us assemble all the horse panels, back boards and other entries. This is also the day we will move furniture and clean it. With this "head start" we can use work day for the finer details of the display.

UpDate

Here are some things to keep in mind for your exhibits

- **Foods** No you do not need square Styrofoam plates for your exhibits. That day is long gone. Please do not bring your exhibits in on your good china or anything you want back. We are not responsible for your plates or other stuff. If you want inexpensive disposable plates and things try any of the party supply stores.
- **Foods** Please do not bring hot food or perishable food to the entry day. Reserve all such foods to be presented at **Favorite Food Day** on Saturday, April 21 at 9 am (bring the entries in then).

- **Quilts** If you are making a quilt, you **must** attach a casing to the upper back side of your quilt. A casing is a strip of fabric attached that will allow us to insert a wooden or metal rod to hold up the quilt. If you do not add a casing, your quilt may not be displayed in a manner you would like. We are also asking that all quilt clubs participate in the display of the quilts. We also ask that these clubs also assist in the take down of all exhibits.
- **Photos:** We talk about having something to hang the photos with attached to the back of the photo, but that has been difficult to do. So this year we want all photos matted for display. Do not use double or triple matting and do not simply glue the photo to a piece of construction paper. While we will not disqualify you, this will adversely affect your ranking. You can buy matting at any arts and crafts store and many times you can use a discount coupon. You can also make your own by using some colored "rail board" you can purchase from an art store. Photos stuck to construction paper curl in the heat of the fair.
- **Clover Kids** Clover kid Entries can be brought and displayed on April 14 or 16.
- **Remember,** we need everyone's help to set up and clear out these exhibits. Talk to your club about scheduling time not only on work day but on the 7th, 16, and 17th as well as the 29th to make sure this is done with the least amount of stress for everyone. Thank you in advance.
- **Live performances** If you have a special demonstration please contact Mary Ellen Roberts for a time to present on April 21.

Saturday, April 21, 2007

Favorite Food Show 10 am Old Pueblo Hall
Project Showmanship 1 pm Old Pueblo Hall
Alumni Silent Auction 2 pm-5 pm Old Pueblo Hall.

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15th of the month

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Looking ahead to April....

- 2 Horse Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 7 Roping Clinic @ Vail Feed Store , 9:00 am
- 7 Pre-work day, Old Pueblo Hall, Fairgrounds, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 14 Work Day @ PCFG, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- 15 Ranch Sorting @ Broken Wheel, 9:00 am
- 19 - 29 Pima County Fair

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