

# COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

## 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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## Welcome

Welcome to the 2009 - 2010 Pima County 4-H Year. This promises to be an exciting, challenging and productive year. As young people sign up, as leaders get started with meetings, as the clinics begin, let's keep our perspective about the 4-H program. Below are some basic concepts that we should keep in mind as we start and then proceed through the year...

- \* The 4-H boy and girl are more important than the 4-H project.
- \* **4-H is not trying to replace the home, the church and the school, only supplement them.**
- \* **4-H'ers are their own best exhibits.**
- \* No 4-H award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a 4-H member or leader.
- \* *Competition is a natural human trait and should be recognized as such in 4-H club work. It should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals in 4-H.*
- \* Learning HOW to do the project is more important than the project itself.
- \* *Many things are caught rather than taught.*
- \* A blue ribbon 4-H boy or girl with a red ribbon pig is more desirable than a red ribbon boy or girl with a blue ribbon pig.
- \* **To "Learn by Doing" is fundamental in any sound educational program and characteristic of the 4-H program.**
- \* Generally speaking, there is more than one good way of doing most things.
- \* *Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to be important, to achieve and to be praised.*
- \* **Our job is to teach 4-H members HOW to think, NOT WHAT to think.**

*Let's have a great year!*

(Adapted from Mohave County 4-H newsletter)

## **DNA TAGS AND TESTING**

Beginning this year, Pima County 4-H/FFA will begin using DNA ear tags for market animals; steers, market lambs and goats, and market hogs. The tags are slightly smaller than tags used in past years. When members bring their animals in to be tagged these tags will be placed in the animals ear. The tag collects the piece of the ear and places it in a sealed container with the ear number written on it. These pieces of ear will be held in locked containers for the year.

Should an animal loses its ear tag the tag will be replaced by the Project Coordinator. This can be done at his/her convenience, but no later than weigh-in at the Pima County Fair. Any animal that loses its ear tag may be subjected to a DNA test. This will determine whether or not the animal is the same animal that was originally tagged. Champion and Reserve Champion animals that have been retagged will automatically be tested.

The risk of an animal losing an ear tag is minimal according to those who have used these tags. Cochise county replaces fewer than three tags each year for the past three years that they have used them. Amphi FFA has not had to replace a single tag in the past five years they have used them.

Both 4-H and FFA are hopeful that DNA tags will lead to positive educational opportunities for members to learn more about science and technology and how it is used in the livestock industry.

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### **CALENDAR CORRECTIONS**

Please note that the dates for Beef Tagging have been changed. The new dates are Sunday, November 8, 2009, noon – 3 p.m. and Saturday, November 14, 2009, 8:30 – 12:30 p.m.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING**

The dates for Youth Livestock and Food Safety Quality Assurance classes for the coming 4-H year are:

**Saturday, October 10, 8:30 a.m.  
registration 9 – noon.**

Thursday, November 12, 5:30 p.m.  
registration, 6 – 9 pm.

Tuesday, January 5, 2010, 5:30 p.m.  
registration, 6 – 9 p.m.

Please plan to **attend the earliest session you can.** When you tag an animal or submit your ownership papers you will need to submit a copy of your most recent YLQA certificate. The date must be valid through the 2010 Pima County Fair, April 25, 2010. This requirement applies to any 4-H/FFA member who plans to exhibit beef, boer does, dairy cattle, dairy goats, sheep, swine, rabbit meat pen, poultry meat pen or pigeon meat pen.

Volunteers who wish to be able to provide training to our members need to co-teach two workshops after attending the first one. Please contact Bob at 626-5161 to make arrangements to become a Quality Assurance trainer.

Volunteers who are currently recognized as trainers are asked to let the CEO know when they are scheduling training sessions so that we can advertise them in the newsletter to our entire membership.

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## **2009-2010 PIMA COUNTY BEEF PROJECT KICK OFF**

The Beef Project is holding a kickoff on Saturday, November 14 @ 1:00 following beef ear tagging. Topics Include: Feeding, Showmanship with a contest to follow. Come meet project members and have fun over snacks and drinks. All Pima County Beef participants are encouraged to come. There will be information for kids of all ages.

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## **SHEEP PROJECT**

The Sheep Project will not hold a meeting in October. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. at the CEO.

## **NOVEL H1N1 VIRUS 2009 AND YOU**

Dr. Phil Blair, from the Arizona Department of Agriculture has released the following FAQ regarding this virus.

### **Q: What is the current situation with Novel H1N1 2009 Virus?**

A: Scientists discovered the new influenza virus in April 2009. Since then it has spread throughout the world because few people have immunity to it. So far, it is not more severe than seasonal influenza, just very contagious to other people. Research suggests Novel H1N1 2009 Virus is capable of causing disease in swine.

### **Q: Are any Arizona swine infected with this Novel H1N1 2009 Virus?**

A: While the virus is circulating widely among people in Arizona, there are no known cases in swine in Arizona or the U.S. ADA is closely monitoring the situation and evaluating the health of Arizona's swine herd. Don't forget there are other types of swine influenza.

### **Q: Can I show my swine at the fair?**

A: There are no restrictions for showing **healthy** swine at fairs. Swine with signs of respiratory illness, including nasal discharge or coughing, should not be taken to the fair. If your swine are showing signs of respiratory disease, contact your veterinarian or call ADA at 602-542-0800.

### **Q: What should I watch for in my fair pig?**

A: Pigs with swine influenza may show signs of disease including: Coughing, Runny nose and/or eyes, Sneezing, Depression, Lack of appetite, Difficulty breathing and Fever.

### **Q: My pig is vaccinated for enzootic influenza, can it still get sick?**

A: Influenza vaccines for pigs can help, but are not 100% effective. There are several strains of influenza that can infect swine and current vaccines do not protect against all strains. A swine vaccine for Novel H1N1 2009 Virus is not commercially available at this time.

### **Q: How can pigs become infected?**

A: Influenza is a respiratory disease and can be spread by:

- Contact with infected people
- Respiratory excretions, which become airborne and travel a short distance
- Contaminated clothing or boots
- Contaminated equipment
- Contact with infected pig

### **Q: How can I protect my pig from influenza?**

A: Proper hygiene and health management practices should be used when working with animals. The following practices should be implemented:

Limit contact between your pig and other animals and people

Clean and disinfect equipment between use

Wash hands before and after working with animals

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### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

P Project pigs with clinical signs of any disease or in the early treatment phases for disease should not be transported or exhibited.

P Pigs returning from shows, sales and other commingling events should not be exhibited or commingled again for 10 days.

P Clean and disinfect trailers and equipment before and after hauling pigs.

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### **GENERAL BIOSECURITY MANAGEMENT**

Human health – exhibitors and other animal caretakers that have influenza-like symptoms (fever, headache, fatigue, cough, sore throat) should not be around swine for at least 7 days from the end of symptoms.

Swine health – observe pigs daily for signs of disease. If influenza-like signs are observed, isolate sick pigs and contact your veterinarian for evaluation and diagnosis.

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### **SWINE INFO AVAILABLE**

The CEO has copies of the Pork Quality Assurance workbooks and CD's from the National Pork Producers Association. These are informative educational pieces. They are free to 4-H swine project members as long as supplies last. Call to reserve your copy or stop by and pick it up. Sorry, due to the cost we can't mail these to you.

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Former 4-H family cleans house after 12 years of showing in 4-H!

**For Sale:** 4 horse aluminum gooseneck trailer with ramp, dressing room, saddle rack \$6,600. Tons of beef project equipment including a chute. Show clothes for horse (English & Western), saddles, bridles, etc. Lamb clippers. For a complete list of items and prices please email Beth Lopez at: [Twixisyum@aol.com](mailto:Twixisyum@aol.com)

## COMPANION ANIMALS

Companion Animals is a project area that has been in Pima County for a number of years, but has not had many participants. This may be due to people not knowing what this project is about. This project was set up to support kids who have pets that don't fall into the traditional 4-H project areas. It started out with cats, pot bellied pigs, parakeets and cockatiels. This was later expanded to include rats, mice, hamsters, gerbils, chinchillas, sugar gliders, chinchillas, ferrets, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and other pets that can be legally owned in Arizona. The other provisions are that the animals cannot be venomous, nor can their adult length exceed six feet.

There are only a few events for this project area throughout the year, one of which is the Fur and Feathers on Oct. 24. There will be two workshops held at the CEO this year, and there is one day of competition at the fair. The competitions for Companion Animals include posters, illustrated talks, demonstrations, reports, educational displays, and even showmanship for cats, potbellied pigs, parakeets/cockatiels, ferrets, and rats.

To encourage enrollment in this project area, we recommend shared leadership within the county and have the two workshops count as project meetings so that 4-H members can learn what is expected for this project. The workshops will be held at the CEO on these dates:

November 8, 2009 1:00 – 4:00  
February 6, 2010 9:00 – 12:00

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### 4-H ACTORS WANTED:

Up to 20 4-H members and one or two adults are needed to help act and film a video on How to Run a Successful Meeting. There will be acting parts for all and speaking parts for some. There may opportunity for filming, lighting set up, and using professional equipment. The filming will be done on one day, which will be determined at the orientation meeting. Contact Kostya Nakazny, Cooperative Extension VISTA Volunteer, or Bob Peterson, at 626-5161 as soon as possible. Filming will be done this fall.

## FUR AND FEATHER SHOW

The Fur and Feather Show promises some different twists this year. One of those is that the funds raised will be used to provide Champion Belt Buckles to the showmanship winners in each of the Small Stock Projects. The decision to move to belt buckles was made after visiting with members and taking a poll. The majority voted to go with the belt buckles this year.

The Rabbit and Cavy projects will be doing showmanship differently this year. Members in those projects will want to attend to learn what is new and how it may affect you when doing showmanship at the County Fair. Those who are looking forward to the Small Stock Round Robin will want to see how project members will be doing showmanship. The change will affect what you do in the Round Robin Contest next spring.

4-H Small Stock extends a special thanks to Blanca Cunha for taking the lead role in putting this event together this year. Many other volunteers are also involved so be sure to thank them as well.

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### STEPS FOR BETTER HEALTH

Given the resurgence of the H1N1 pandemic influenza virus that seems to be occurring early this fall, we are asking for your help in reducing the spread of this pandemic flu.

First, stay home if you become ill with flu symptoms. Remain at home until you are free of a fever for 24 hours. up-to-date on their course work through phone, internet and email. Second, just let us know via email or phone if you need information or to let us know that you won't be attending workshops or meetings. We will work diligently to keep you informed of missed meetings, etc.

Doctors are already seeing a significant increase in demand for care and anticipate that this will continue through the coming weeks and months. Most people who are ill with the flu can be managed through rest and self care. Your assistance in encouraging those with flu like symptoms to avoid others would be greatly appreciated and will help us to decrease the impact of the pandemic flu.

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

Come be a part of an amazing project at the 4H High Ropes Course! A great community service opportunity on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Come and help build gardens, restore native habitat and design a tortoise habitat. Learn water harvesting techniques as you reshape berms and basins. Please call Elizabeth Sparks if you would love to be a part of the fun. 626-5161 or [esparks@cals.arizona.edu](mailto:esparks@cals.arizona.edu)

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## **WESTERN REGION 4-H LEADERS FORUM**

This event is for volunteers and older youth who are interested in meeting other volunteers, finding out what they are doing and learning about the future of 4-H. The 2010 WLRP will be held in Albuquerque, NM, March 11 -14.

Arizona is excited about the event being so close to home and we hope that many of our volunteers will attend. To encourage you to attend the state 4-H Office is offering 10 scholarships to volunteers who will attend. The application for is on-line at the state 4-H web site, <http://extension.arizona.edu/4h/>. The application is due to the state 4-H Office by 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. This will meet the early bird deadline. AZ hopes to put together a group that can travel together by van leaving from Tucson. Please consider applying and attending. Call Bob@ 626-5161 if you have any questions.

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## **ALAN AND JAN LEVIN AND FAMILY 4-H GOLF SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT**

The Alan and Jan Levin and family 4-H Golf Scholarship Tournament will be held on Sat., Nov. 14, 2009. It will be held at the El Conquistador Golf and Resort on N. La Canada with registration from 6:30 – 7:15 a.m., and the foursome scramble beginning at 7:30 a.m. The funds raised through this event replace the money that the 4-H Council used to make through the Food Booth. They are spent on our Pima County 4-H members, supporting them when they attend state and national 4-H events like JOLT, college, leadership and other camps, trips to the national capital where they visit with our elected officials, etc. Your support is needed. Please contact Charlie Burton, [CharlieBurton5@aol.com](mailto:CharlieBurton5@aol.com), if you have any questions about being a sponsor, a golfer or need more information.

## **CLUB OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP**

The President, VP's, Secretary, Treasurer and Recreation Chair are invited to participate in the Club Officer Training Workshop, on Tuesday, October 13, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the CEO. Please RSVP by calling Jennifer at 626-5161 no later than Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. She will need to know how many and which offices will be represented. Materials, supplies and snacks will be provided to participants. Club leaders or officer advisors are welcome to attend and participate as well.

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## **4H EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The next Executive Council meeting will be Thursday, December 3, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the CEO. Council meetings are open to the general 4-H family. If you have items you wish to place on the agenda, please contact Bob Peterson or Robert Rimsza. Items of business this month include reviewing Mini Grant applications. The Council meets the first Thursday of even numbered months.

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## **NEW VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The State 4-H Office has adopted new volunteer certification requirements. These are became effective July 1, for everyone who wants to become certified volunteer.

Complete Volunteer Application Form  
Background Check

Interview

Reference check – 5 requested

View “Idaho Child Protection” video

Complete on-line modules at Washington State site

Attend “Learning to Lead Fun, Effective Meetings” – face-to-face training

Tues., Nov. 10, 5:30 p.m. registration, 6 – 9 p.m.

Tues., Jan, 5, '10, 5:30 p.m. registration, 6 – 9 p.m.

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## **WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS**

The CEO faculty, staff and the 4-H community take this opportunity to welcome our new 4-H volunteers , ... Danelle Dobbins, Tabitha Sims, Susan Hicks and Kristi Transue.

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# October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><u>FAIR THEME: ABC, 123/ Focusing on Toddler &amp; Cloverbuds</u></b>				1 Executive Council Mtg @ CEO, 6:30; Horse Ownership/Lease Registration deadline	2	3
4	5 Horse Project Mtg @ CEO, 7:00	6 Texas Roadhouse Fund Raiser	7 Beef Project Mtg @ CEO, 7:00	8	9	10 Quality Assurance Workshop @ CEO, 8:30-12:00
11	12 Small Stock Mtg @ CEO, 7:00	13 Club Officer Training @ CEO, 6:30-9:00	14 Shooting Sports Ldrs Mtg @ CEO, 7:00	15 Swine Project Mtg @ CEO, 7:00; Horse Registration deadline for Winter Show	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Fur & Feather @ CAC, 9:00
25	26	27  State Fair	28 Dog Project Mtg @ CEO, 7:00  State Fair	29  State Fair	30  State Fair	31  State Fair

**FUR & FEATHER 4-H SMALL STOCK SHOW OCT. 24, 2009  
CAMPUS AGRICULTURAL CENTER - TUCSON, AZ**

Located: **4101 N. Campbell** - Check in 8-9a, show starts at 9 a.m.

Bring completed entry to the show. **PAY AT THE SHOW!**

Entry Fee:

\$3.00 Showmanship fee per exhibitor

**IF MORE THAN 9 ENTRIES FOR BREED PLEASE MAKE A 2<sup>ND</sup> COPY.**

Animal Type	Band #	Breed	Variety	Age of Animal	Class	Sex	Entry Fee

Showmanship Class: Junior (9-13 yrs), Senior (14-18 yrs) *Use your age as of Jan. 1, 2009*

Showmanship (circle)	Rabbit	Cavy	Pygmy Goat	Pigeon	Poultry	Companion
Showmanship Class (Jr/Sr)						
# Yrs in Project						
Entry fee-\$3.00						

**Make Checks Payable to: Pima County 4H Executive Council** Total amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age as of Jan 1, 2009 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club Leader(s) or /County Agent  
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**CLOVER CONNECTION  
INFORMATION DEADLINES**

15<sup>th</sup> of the month

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626-5161 or Fax 626-5849

Looking ahead to November....

- 2 Horse Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 8 Beef Ear Tagging @ CAC, 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm
- 8 Companion Animal Workshop @ CEO, 1:00 pm
- 10 Leading Fun Effective Meetings @ CEO, 6:00 pm
- 10 Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 11 Office Closed
- 12 Quality Assurance Workshop @ CEO, 6:00 pm
- 14 4H Scholarship Golf Tournament
- 14 Beef Ear Tagging @ CAC, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- 15 Volunteer Recognition Banquet @ Beaudry RV, 12:00 noon
- 17 Sheep / Market Goat Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 18 Dairy / Boer Goat @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 19 Swine Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 21 Pigeon Project Meeting @ 4760 S Agave Ranch Rd, 11:00 am
- 25 Dog Project Meeting @ CEO, 7:00 pm
- 26 - 27 Office Closed
- 27 - 30 National Congress

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