

August, 2010

# 4-H LEADER NOTES

## Dear Leader:

County fair is just around the corner and many of your 4-H members, maybe your own children, will be taking part in a variety of competitions. Let us not forget the main goal of 4-H is building positive life skills in all youth. In other words, we want "blue ribbon" kids. Yes, winning is great but it is not everything. What is important is what members have learned, if they had fun, if they developed friendships that will last a lifetime, and if they are more responsible, caring, respectful, and giving. 4-H is about kids. Let's keep competition in perspective.

## COUNTY WIDE

### Thanks a Bunch:

Thank you to Kelsey Wilson, Mariah & Sarah Baker, Raena Conklin, and Landan Wilson for helping in the office. Also, thanks to Krissy Baker, Veronica Hicks, Berna Conklin, Ann Streett-Joslin, and Tonya Yates who helped with the pass/fail review during the day. Due to their hard work and dedication the review was done by 4:30 p.m.!

**We Need You!** It takes a lot of volunteer help to pull together the county fair before, during and after. Here is a list of where you and your 4-H families can help:

- Concession stand club assignments have been made. Be ready, willing and able to help when it is your club's turn. This is the only fundraiser the county 4-H program has.



- Monday, July 26 we need teens and adults to help take entries and organize the home economics and general project judging. We start at 7:45 a.m. and finish about noon.
- Starting July 27 at 8:00 a.m. we need 2 adults from **each** club for exhibit display setup. Exhibits open at 5:00 p.m.!
- After the fair is over "stuff" has to be sorted, counted and transported back to the office. If you are able

help please let Jan or Tom know.

If you have a few minutes here and there any time during the fair, we can use extra help. You may not think 5 minutes or an hour of your time makes a difference but it truly does.

### More Fair Stuff:

If you or your members have not picked up a fair book and schedule, they are available in the Extension office. You can also get a concession stand and exhibit watch schedules at the same time. As volunteers you should familiarize yourself with all of the fair rules. Encourage your 4-Hers to read them too.

The fair book is on line at [montezumacountyfair.com](http://montezumacountyfair.com). All exhibit information is on line at [colorado4h.org](http://colorado4h.org).

### Concession Club

**Reps:** The concession team will meet with the clubs' concessions representative on Saturday, **July 24 at 5:00 p.m. sharp**. It is extremely important that every club is consistent with the following:

- Health Dept. policies
- Cleanliness
- Machine operations
- Serving sizes
- Preparation consistency
- Prices
- Handling monies
- Handing charges

When every club uses the same guidelines, we have consistency in our serving sizes, use of machines, and the handling of money and charges. Remember, the concessions team are all volunteers. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated.

## Fashion Revue

**Narrations:** Please remind members who are participating in the fashion revue Monday evening of fair week that narrations are due no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 23.

## Fair RV Parking:

RV/camper parking with hook up capability at the fair will be on a first come first paid basis. Spaces are \$20/night. Dry camping areas as well as livestock trailer parking areas have been designated by the Fair Board. Your full cooperation is appreciated.



## No Pets at the

**Fair:** Everyone is respectfully asked to leave all pets at home. Too often these animals are disruptive and poop in pedestrian areas. There is a county fairgrounds rule posted that clearly states "No Dogs Allowed on the Grounds." The *only* dogs allowed during fair week are on Sunday, July 25 for the

4-H dog show and agility demonstration. Also on July 30 for Round Robin. Children bringing pets to Battle Rock's pet parade should be prepared to take pets home immediately following the parade or kennel them.

## Where are the Animal Records?

Right now they are in the Extension office. Clubs have the option to display the members' alpaca, dog, horse and livestock records or design a different optional display for the fair. Check with your club leader to find out when and where the records will be returned.

## After Fair

**Records:** Completed dog, horse and livestock records are due back in to the Extension Office by August 9. They will be judged and made available at the annual Achievement program in October. Cash awards will be given to the top record in each species.

## Premiere

**Exhibitor:** This competition open to members enrolled in the beef, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine projects. Points are based on the individual member's knowledge of his/her project, showmanship ability, and ability to select and feed the market animal. The written test will be given on Friday, July 30, at 3:30 p.m.

**Club Leaders:** The third and final club leader meeting for 2010 will be held September 16, 7:00 p.m. in the Extension office. Year-end

reports, preparations for the Achievement Program, and county program changes will be discussed. Even though this meeting is primarily for club leaders, project leaders and parents are welcome.

## Due Date:

Club scrapbooks and club secretary books are all due September 30.



## Looking Ahead:

Enrollment for 2011 begins October 1 and runs through December 1. Due to the increased cost of manuals and State fees the county's enrollment fee will be \$20 for *one* project and \$10 for each additional project. The fee for Clover Buds will be \$10.



## STATE WIDE

## Camp Tobin:

4-H families are welcome to stay in the Camp Tobin dorms located on the State Fair grounds for \$5.00 per person per night *but* you should know that the dorms will not be available for your use during the week. Reservations can be made on line by going to the 4-H web site or via the mail. To access the web site go to <http://www.colorado4h.org>. Click on "events & opportunities"; "state fair"; and "Camp Tobin." Early registration is due in to the State 4-H Office by August 1.



## Helmet Policy:

Effective October 1, 2006 the state horse helmet policy will read: "A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fences classes and gymkhana events, activities and practice sessions. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The State 4-H Office encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against." If you have questions about this policy give Tom a call at 565-3123.

## CO Leader

**Forum:** This is a wonderful opportunity to share your experiences and share ideas with statewide volunteers. The Forum is scheduled for October 9 at the Larimer County Fairgrounds. Check out the flier mailed with this newsletter. Registration deadline is September 9.

**WRLF:** Mark calendars for the 2011 Western Region Leaders Forum May 7-14. This year's Forum is a cruise that leaves from Seattle. 4-H volunteers from Western states and US Territories come together once a year for 4 days of education, fun and fellowship. More information is posted at:

<http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html>.



## PROJECT CORNER

**HELP!** Leaders please check with your non-animal project members to make sure they completed a fair entry form. According to the numbers we have in the office, there are quite a few that have not signed up to exhibit. Have them come in to the office before Friday, July 23.

**Exhibit Day:** Please remind your project members that all non-animal exhibits and project records are entered between 8:00-9:00 a.m. on **Monday, July 26.** Interview judging will start at 9:00 a.m. sharp.



## Announcements:

**Club Challenge:** We encourage all 4-H families to enter exhibits in to the open divisions. These entries will be taken on Sunday, July 25 between 2:00-5:00 p.m. and again on Monday, July 26 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds. When you get your exhibitor number, tell the clerk what club you want to give credit. Let's continue to build the community spirit by entering exhibits in the many different open divisions.

## Silent Auction:

Once again the Wranglers Club will be sponsoring the Silent Auction during the fair. Bring quality items to the fairgrounds Tuesday, July 27 by noon. The auction will be set up in the Open Class exhibit hall. If you have any questions, contact Tonya Yates at 882-8803.

## Buyer

### Appreciation:

Clubs are encouraged to provide at least one door prize to be given away during the sale. This is another way of thanking individuals and businesses for coming out to support the junior livestock sale regardless if they purchase an animal or not.

Members who sell in the junior market livestock sale will be responsible for their own buyer thank you gift that is taken the week following the fair to his/her buyer. Members must come in to the office to pick up their sale photo and buyer letter. These two items plus the personal thank you must be delivered to buyers within one week following the fair.



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## 4-H/FFA Member

**Dance:** Arrangements have been made to hold a dance for 4-H and FFA members on Saturday, July 31, 8-11 p.m. **This is NOT a public dance.** Once a member is in the building he/she must remain in the building. If a member chooses to leave the building he/she will not be allowed back in. We need volunteers to chaperone and watch all doors in the building. If you can help, (or recruit help), contact Jan. Concessions will be open.

## 2011 Fair Theme:

Now is the time to start thinking about the 2011 fair theme. A suggestion box will be located in the exhibit area. The top 5 entries will be posted on Friday for you to vote for your favorite.

## Paint Ball

**Anyone?** This year's fair features a paintball 8 person team completion on July 24 and July 25. Registration starts at noon with the competition starting at 1:00 p.m. Equipment, supplies and safety equipment will be available for purchase.

**You're Invited!** Do you have constructive and positive ideas on how the county fair can be improved

for years to come? You are invited and encouraged to attend the August 16 Fair Board meeting. It will be held in room 302 in the County Courthouse and begins at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Members and parents are always welcome to express their ideas too.

There will be three Board openings effective the September meeting. If you are interested in volunteering for the Fair Board you are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Commissioners' office by September 15<sup>th</sup>.



## College Guide:

There is a program that helps youth plan, apply and pay for college. The "Go Further; Go To College" web address is: [collegeInColorado.org](http://collegeInColorado.org). It is never too early to start planning for education after high school.

**CSU Alliance:** Students attending MCHS may qualify for this program that gives financial incentives to attend Colorado State. Information on the program may be picked up in the Extension office.

**Scholarships:** Looking for college scholarships is a time consuming and tedious process. Encourage your high school members to start early and to explore all avenues even though they may think they do not qualify. State 4-H scholarships are listed on line at [www.colorado4h.org](http://www.colorado4h.org) under events and opportunities.

**Million Trees:** 4-H clubs across the county are encouraged to plant trees to help combat climate change. More information is on [www.4hmilliontrees.org](http://www.4hmilliontrees.org).

## Make It with Wool:

Entry forms are available in the Extension office for this contest to be held December 4.



**Thank you** to each leader who fulfilled his/her commitment to work with youth. In a day and age when we are all busy and in a hurry, we have several places to go, and lots of things to do, it is gratifying to know there are individuals out there who unselfishly give up their time to work with youth. On behalf of Colorado State University Extension, we say a heart felt **thank you** for all you do.

Sincerely,

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