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**Dear 4-H members, parents, leaders and supporters of
the 4-H program in Pueblo County:**

I am taking this opportunity to thank you all for your involvement in the 4-H/Youth Development program in Pueblo County for the last 18.5 years. That is the length of time I have been your County Director. By the time most of you get a chance to read this I will be getting over the fact that, temporarily at least, I have no certain schedule to meet. I have retired as of January 3, 2008.

The involvement I have had both personally and through our Extension Agents and staff have proven to me once again the value of training in the 4-H/Youth Development program areas. Many more people need to be made aware of the importance of taking responsibility for one's own actions, valuing our own and others opinions, and developing life skills that will stay with us for the rest of our lives. I have seen many 4-H members (and their families) really make a difference for themselves and their community. You can all do it, and have done it, quite successfully. Rules sometimes seem hard to follow but they do make the difference. They are necessary.

I urge all of you to continue to work together and do your best for yourselves AND the program in total. My wife and I will be staying in this community, at least for the foreseeable future, but after more than 33 years of Extension life and a total of almost 44 years of various types of public service, I will be exploring other opportunities available to me.

Thank you for your past support and I urge you to continue to support the staff in this office who are charged with bringing you the most up-to-date (albeit ever changing) youth development programs available.

Sincerely,

County Director (Retired)

Frank Sobolik's Retirement Celebration

You are cordially invited to Frank's Retirement Celebration

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. — Special remarks at 2:30 p.m.

Old Town Carriage House

102 South Victoria on the HARP

Frank has been a strong and integral part of the Pueblo County 4-H Youth Development Program for nearly 20 years. We are thankful for his commitment and passion and he will be missed. Please join us in wishing Frank and Jan the best in Frank's retirement.

If you need any special accommodation(s) to participate in the events listed in this newsletter, please contact Colorado State University Extension at 719-583-6566. Your request must be submitted at least five business days in advance of the event.

A Message from the State 4-H Director

As someone who had an Animal Science degree and no formal training in teaching, I found myself in a Texas county Extension office in January 1983 with the job of being an Extension educator. That was a rude awakening, but I quickly discovered something. It was big fun to see that *light bulb* turn on over someone's head! That's what we do in Extension and in 4-H work. We turn *light bulbs* on over people's heads. We help people learn and we help people see the world a little bit differently. What a great way to spend your life — by making a difference in other people's lives. And, that's what 4-H volunteer leaders do. They make a difference in young people's lives. I know that many 4-H leaders do not see themselves as teachers or educators. Many of you only see yourselves as meeting and event organizers — a *setter-upper* of tables and chairs. If you think your main mission as a 4-H leader is as a *setter-upper* of tables and chairs — stop, look in the mirror and tell yourself that the 4-H members in your charge are different because of your involvement in their lives. They are different because you taught them things — many things. Now that you understand that you're a teacher and an educator, start planning those teachable moments with your 4-H members. Plan to spring those educational traps on 4-H'ers. Don't just let them happen by accident. Make a conscious effort to have young people learn something every time you're with them. If you make an effort to be the 4-H teacher, kids will be different because of you. *Go be the teacher! Believe It!*

—Jeff Goodwin

Colorado State University Extension

4-H Youth Development Associate Director

OPPORTUNITIES



2008 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE AND 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL

LDC and 4-H Day at the Capitol are in the planning phases so please mark your calendars for January 25-28, 2008. The conference will be held at the Marriott Denver City Center. Highlights for this year's conference include:

- Community Service Project with the Children's Hospital coordinated by the Colorado State 4-H Officer Team
- IFYE presentation from the 2007 IFYE delegates
- County Night Out in Downtown Denver – Saturday Evening
- Banquet and Awards Presentation — Sunday Evening

Friday, January 25, attendees are encouraged to participate in the Colorado 4-H Night at the Nuggets. Then, Saturday morning the Science, Engineering and Technology (S.E.T.) Tour will be a new addition for those in attendance.

Monday, January 28, is 4-H Day at the Capitol where the legislature will issue the Proclamation for Colorado 4-H day Tours of the Capitol will be available as well as an information and question and answer session with legislators, aids and interns.

Registration and money are due by 5:00 p.m. January 14, 2008. The cost is \$210 per person. Registrations may be turned in January 15-18, 2008, with a \$5.00 per person late fee.

There will be an LDC Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the CSU Extension Office.

NEW shorter website address:
<http://pueblo.colostate.edu/>

OPPORTUNITIES

PLAN AHEAD—DATES FOR THE FUTURE

DISTRICT RETREAT 2008

We just received information on the 2008 District Retreat. This camp will be held at the Frontier Ranch near Buena Vista on March 14-16, 2008. Cost for the retreat is \$115.00 per person. Chaperones are also needed for this event. They are also looking for youth to put on workshops. We have the Workshop Proposal Form in the Extension Office if you are interested (no dance workshops). Registration forms are also available at the CSU Extension/Pueblo County office. Forms and registration payments are due to the Extension office no later than Monday, February 25, 2008, by 5:00 p.m.

2008 STATE 4-H CONFERENCE

NOTE CHANGE OF DATES—State Conference for 2008 will be held the week of June 23-26, 2008. The Lory Student Center was not available the previous week. More information at a later date.

Promote the 4-H Speech Contest Now

January and February are the times to promote the 4-H Speech Contest. The contest will be held at CSU-Pueblo on February 26, 2008. Several categories of speech include impromptu, interpretative reading and regular speeches. This is a great way for youth to excel and learn to speak in front of a group.

Contest Day—April 12, 2008 Prepare Now!

Contest Day includes the following categories:

Creative Cooks	Cake Decorating
Demonstrations	Performing Arts

Vet Science Program

Dr. Joe Barker has offered to work with any of the 4-H youth on their Vet Science projects. Consider signing up now. Youth enrolled in livestock, horse, dog, etc.—this is an important aspect of your project. You must be enrolled in another club to take Vet Science. Give Dr. Barker a call and tell him you are interested. His number is: 542-6075.

RSVP and leave a message on Dr. Barker's voice mail if you plan to attend.

*The first meeting will be January 15, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.
Mesa Vet Clinic—1124 20th Lane*

Western Regional Leaders Forum

The WRLF will be held March 6-9, 2008 in Boise, Idaho. These forums are a wonderful way to spend time with fellow 4-H leaders and share ideas. You can do registration on-line and use a credit card. Registration deadlines are:

Regular January 15, 2008 - \$240.00

Late/Onsite registration February 15, 2008 - \$270.00.

Discount Tickets For National Western Stock Show 4-H Day January 23, 2008

All 4-H members, families, friends, and their invited guests, are eligible for discounted prices on reserve seating at the National Western Stock Show. The prices offered are unavailable to the general public and tickets purchased through this special offer are free of all service charges, an additional savings of \$3.75 per ticket. (Tickets must be purchased through Group Services. Discounts will not be given at the Stock Show Box Office.)

The National Western Stock Show invites all 4-H members to enjoy their personal favorite(s) of our shows, and to spend a day full of fun that will include numerous opportunities to be entertained by the exhibits, shopping, art, delicious food and western spirit. (Your show ticket includes free grounds admission to all exhibits, all day long 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

You will receive a \$2 discount off of the regular price for the majority of the shows. In honor of "4-H Day," Wednesday, January 23, 2008, you will receive a \$3 discount off of the regular price for both Pro Rodeos that day. For the Pro Rodeo at 2:00 p.m., tickets will be \$9 each, and for the Pro Rodeo at 7:30 p.m., tickets will be \$11 each. Tickets must be purchased through Group Services.

We have an application in the Extension Office that you can fax or you can order on the Internet at: www.nationalwestern.com/groups or you can order by phone at 303-295-3959.

Photography

Scott & Donna Darnell will be offering the photography project in the Mighty Dogs 4-H Club. If you are interested, please call Donna at 947-0615

OPPORTUNITIES

Pueblo County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline

Mark your calendars! The deadline to submit applications for the Pueblo County 4-H Scholarships is *June 6, 2008. Interviews are scheduled for June 19, 2008.*

State 4-H Scholarship Deadline Changed Please Note:

This year's Colorado 4-H Foundation scholarship deadline will be **APRIL 1, 2008**. The State Office is in the process of updating the universal form and will have it posted on the State 4-H Website. This was done so you can receive the scholarships at your high school awards programs or graduations.

These scholarships include:

- ◆ Colorado Agricultural Development Authority
- ◆ Portouw Family 4-H Photography
- ◆ Smith Scholarship
- ◆ Holthaus Scholarship
- ◆ Kimberling Scholarship
- ◆ Audrey Sandstead

Youth Fest 2008 – Registration Forms Available

4-H Youth Fest is February 16-18 and is a camp for 9-13 year olds. The cost is \$100 per person. Camp is limited to the first 175 paid campers. It is held at Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center – North of Colorado Springs. We need to have one male chaperone for every 10 boys and one female chaperone per every 10 girls.

Money and paperwork are due in our office by 5 p.m. January 29th. Please call the office for registration forms or check the web site.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Washington Focus Meeting

When: January 9, 2008

Where: Extension Meeting Room , Social Services Building at 212 W 12th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Remember, it is important to attend these meetings. If you cannot attend, you will need to call our office to be excused.

4-H Foundation Annual Meeting and Banquet

Reserve February 5, 2008, on your calendar for the 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting and Banquet. It will start at 6:00 p.m. at LaRenaissance, 217 E. Routt Avenue. Reservations and payment are due to the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2008. Cost is \$22.00.

Enrollment Deadlines —February 15th & March 17th

Returning members must be enrolled by February 15, 2008. Enrolled members will have until March 17, 2008 to add or drop projects. No projects may be added or dropped after that date. New members must enroll by March 17, 2008.

If you are enrolled in the Market Beef Project, you need to be enrolled by the February 2, 2008 weigh in date.

Things to remember:

1. Enrollment forms need to be signed by the leader, parent and the member. Parents need to sign the releases on the back.
2. The project name and code must be written on the form.
3. The enrollment fee of \$25 must accompany the form.
4. The re-enrollment deadline is February 15th, 2008.
5. March 17th is the final date to add or drop projects.

Don't Wait Until The Last Minute To ENROLL!

Leader Line

The 4-H Leader Line is online at:
<http://colorado4h.org/communicatons/leaderline>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Fair Board Meeting

When: January 16, 2008
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: CSU Extension Office, Room 220
Agenda: Fair Book Changes

New Leader Training—Apply Now

Are you or someone you know interested in being a 4-H Volunteer as a club leader, project leader, activity leader or county project leader? If so, please call us for an application.

New Leader training is scheduled for January 14, 2008, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the CSU Extension Office, 212 W. 12th Street, room 220. *To attend the training, we **must** have a cleared background check and references.*

Chuck Urano Memorial Scholarship

The 2008 Chuck Urano Memorial Scholarship Award, sponsored by the Colorado Farm Show, will be awarded to six deserving students who strive to leave a lasting impression on their community and agriculture as a whole. Six \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded this year. The scholarships are awarded to high school graduating seniors who will declare an agricultural major at the college or university of their choice. Students who apply should be high school graduates in the spring or winter semesters. All applications must be physically received by January 5, 2008. **(Received—Not Postmarked, No Exceptions).**

To download an application go to www.coloradofarmshow.com/ and click on the “scholarship” link. Mail the applications to Colorado Farm Show Urano Scholarship, P O Box 670, Greeley, CO 80632.

Usage Requirements for the Fairgrounds

The Colorado State Fair again has a decreased amount of staff, due to budget constraints. They have requested we continue the following protocol for our use of the facilities at the Fairgrounds:

- ◇ All reservations are on a first come, first served basis.
- ◇ Reservations/requests and building set up instructions must be made at least two weeks in advance of the event, using the appropriate form from the office.
- ◇ If you cancel your event, you must notify the office and your club members.
- ◇ A club representative must pick up a key at the State Fairgrounds, the day of the event between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- ◇ Keys must be put in the drop box on the 4-H Exhibit Hall. Staff will no longer unlock or lock buildings.

Travel, International Foods, Friendship and Desserts!

You can travel! You might even fly! You'll meet new people! You could eat Mexican food??! Dessert is often included at no extra expense. How can you take advantage? Simple! We need agents and volunteers to chaperon for Western 4-H Roundup, National 4-H Conference and Citizenship-Washington Focus. Most expenses are covered once you get to Denver. Nominate yourself! Nominate others! We want YOU! Fill out an application now at: http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/adult_chaperone.shtml. You must be a recognized 4-H volunteer to apply.

Pre-Payment of Fundraisers, Registrations, etc.

We have a large number of fundraisers and opportunities for youth and adults that require money. We will only take orders for fundraisers and registrations for camps, workshops, etc. with the payment. It has become too difficult to track finances if things are not paid in advance. **You will receive a receipt for all money paid to the office, for your records and ours. Thank You!**

Don't Throw Away Your Tax-Exempt Status

“Don't Throw Away Your Tax-Exempt Status” is the marketing theme for the IRS e-Postcard campaign. Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations will have a new filing requirement. It's short, easy and electronic – it's the new e-Postcard. 4-H clubs and affiliated organizations are tax-exempt under an exemption for 4-H groups nationwide.

Most 4-H clubs normally have annual gross receipts of \$25,000 or less and don't have to file Form 990 or 990-EZ. Now we must file the e-Postcard. What happens if you don't file? You risk losing your tax-exempt status! Sample forms and a fact sheet appear on the National 4-H Council Web Site at www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/ under the Tax Exempt link in the banner on the left-hand side of the screen. The sample forms are also available in our office and will be handed out at the January 2008 Parent/ Leader Meeting.

HORSE

New For 2007/2008

Just a reminder — new horse manuals will be available this year. Remember when ordering your books for the coming year to order each horse member a new manual. The enrollment fee will cover the cost of this book, but if it is lost and needs to be replaced, the member is responsible for payment.

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW DATES FOR 2008: JANUARY 12-27

Horse Council Meeting

The first reading of changes to the 2008 Pueblo County Fair Book were read and reviewed at the November, 2007 meeting. We will have one more reading with any changes being made at the January 8, 2008 Horse Council Meeting.

Major changes in the rules:

- New agenda for events Friday, Saturday & Sunday
- An awards dinner Sunday evening
- We need to decide on how to judge the record books – individual leader's continuing to judge them or do a "Round Robin" type judging utilizing many parents and leaders.
- Changing the Round Robin Trials to "Championship Showmanship Class"
- Move Royalty Contest into the general fair book and not listed under only the horse project
- Adding a Level 1 Ranch Horse Showmanship, Horsemanship, & Trail class
- Adding a Level 1 Control Class in English

If you have a specific opinion or concern or support for the changes listed above, you need to come to the *January 8, 2008 Horse Council Meeting*. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. in the CSUE Office. Remember, this is YOUR program!!

Pueblo County Horse Bowl Team Meeting

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Swallows Academy located at 278 S. McCulloch in Pueblo West. The next meeting will be January 22, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. All 4-H horse project members are encouraged to attend. This is a fun way to study for your written tests. We are hoping to be able to attend some contests out of town and send a Senior Team to State Conference in Fort Collins in June, 2008. Please invite your friends.

Directions to the Swallows Academy:

1. Take Hwy 50 West to McCulloch Blvd (2nd exit), turn left.
2. Follow McCulloch Blvd approximately one mile – the school is located on your left (white metal building)

2008 HORSE SHOW DATES

Spring Horse Show

April 19 & 20

Summer Horse Show

May 17 & 18

County Fair

July 11, 12, & 13

Horse Constitution and By-Law Changes

The following changes have been proposed for the Pueblo County 4-H Horse Constitution and By Laws:

Constitution:

Article I, Section 2 - Remove the word "Cooperative."
Article II, Section 7 - Remove words "the 4-H Board and"
Article III, Section 2 - Remove the word "Cooperative" and change the "of" to "in"

By-Laws:

Article II Section 2 - Remove the words "and be an aide to the president".
Article II, Section 6 - Remove word "reelected" and replace with "reappointed".
Article II, Section 7 - Add - "The Youth Reporter shall report all business and upcoming activities to the Pueblo media".
Renummer sections to 9 & 10
Article VII, Section 1 - Remove words "either 4-H Board or"
Article VIII, Section 1 - Remove words "Amendments then must be submitted in writing to the 4-H Board by their January meeting".

Rocky Mountain Horse Expo 2008

Highlighted for Saturday night will be a Ranch Rodeo Competition sanctioned by the Working Ranch Cowboys Association. Highly respected Craig Cameron will share the secrets of his compassionate approach to horse training. Julie Goodnight returns with fresh insights on the horse and human relationship both on the ground and in the saddle. Dr. Jim Heird will offer coping tips for when "I'm whispering but my horse isn't listening" and Karen Scholl will present her special program of horsemanship skills especially suited to women.

Watch for more names and events at
www.rockymountainhorseexpo.com.

HORSE

All-Club Practice Horse Rides

Join all your 4-H friends in the Horse Project when they meet at the Colorado State Fairgrounds for the "All-Club Practice Horse Rides". The following dates have been reserved:

January 6	2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Practice Ride (East arena)
January 20	2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Practice Ride (East arena)
February 3	2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Practice Ride (covered arena)
February 17	2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Practice Ride (covered arena)
March 2	2:00 p.m., Safety Clinic, no horses (covered arena)
March 16	Alternate date for Safety Clinic in case of inclement weather on March 2 nd , no horses (Livestock Pavilion)
April 6	2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Practice Ride (covered arena)

If the weather is bad, a decision will be made by 10:00 a.m. about that day's ride. Please call Stacy Deaton at 252-0416 or Amy Decker at 671-3242 for that information.

4-H Horse Safety Training Sessions

The Horse Safety Training Guidelines for 2008 will be as follows:

- ◆ If you are a new member to 4-H, you **MUST** take the training this 2007/2008 4-H year.
- ◆ If you are a transfer from another county and/or are a Pre-Level, you **MUST** take the training this year.
- ◆ If you were a junior last year and took the training, you **DO NOT** need to take the training until you turn 14 years of age (4-H age as of December 31, 2007)
- ◆ If you were a senior last year and took the training, you **DO NOT** need to repeat the training.

It might not be a bad idea to attend the training sessions just to brush up; even if your age does not mandate that you repeat it. The Safety Training Session will be held on March 2, 2008. Remember, you **do not** need to bring your horse. This training will be at the Covered Arena at the fairgrounds. **A TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED.** An alternate date (in case of bad weather) will be March 16, 2008, in the Livestock Pavilion at the fairgrounds. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Horse Judging

By Stacy Deaton

The Pueblo County Horse Judging Team is looking forward to another exciting year! Please join us for our first get-together for the year on Monday, January 7th, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the VIP Room at the State Fairgrounds. If you've never tried horse judging, this is a great opportunity to learn more about it! We will meet every Monday evening at this same time and location.

In Horse Judging, we:

- ◇ have the best coach ever! Mrs. Jameson makes it fun. She has done a superb job of working with the team, adjusting her teaching methods and strategies from week to week in order to meet the youths' individual learning styles;
- ◇ gain valuable experience working as a team, something that employers and college entrance personnel look for in resumes;
- ◇ learn more about what to look for when buying a horse;
- ◇ discover great tips for competing in horse shows, learning from a judge's point of view;
- ◇ gain excellent practice for the written horse tests;
- ◇ improve a wide variety of academic skills and gain self confidence, perseverance, dedication, communication and decision-making proficiency; and
- ◇ have a great time with friends, creating unforgettable memories, while learning about how the horse is put together.

At Horse Judging contests, the team views several classes of four horses each, places them, and defends their placing in a short, concise set of oral reasons. At the Monday practices, we view DVDs and discuss the conformation of the horses, as well as their performance. We will compete in several contests beginning in March. We'll also attend several horse shows to do "workouts" where we practice our horse judging skills as spectators, beginning with a national contest in Denver on January 12, 2008. There is room available for more participants. For questions or more information, please contact Stacy Deaton at 647-0668 or HorseHeaven66@msn.com.

COLORADO 4-H PREMISES REGISTRATION POLICY

As of October 1, 2007, the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Program's policy regarding livestock is: *All 4-H members with livestock and horse projects will be required to have a completed, signed, and approved "Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects" on file at their county Extension office at time of enrollment.*

Colorado 4-H believes this policy is a bold step forward to enhance the traceability of 4-H livestock and horse project animals in Colorado to a higher level than that of the past year. The animal care form insures that 4-H members do their own work on their livestock project animals. Moreover, use of this form captures information about species, location the animal(s) is housed, and contact information that can be used in an animal disease outbreak situation. This information will be held at the local level for use in an animal disease emergency.

*Each youth enrolled in livestock/animal project must complete the form and return it to our office by the final enrollment deadline of March 17. The form will be available on our county 4-H web site and will be in the February 2007 4-H newsletter. **(Please note: the form also includes places for the Premises Registration number(s) from NAIS, which is still required to exhibit at the 2008 Pueblo County Fair.)***

LIVESTOCK

Showcase Sale Meeting

When: January 23, 2008
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: CSU Extension Office, 212 W. 12th, Suite 220

Livestock Council Meeting

Each club is asked to have at least one youth and one adult in attendance at this meeting.

When: Thursday, January 10, 2008, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Where: CSU Extension Office, 212 W. 12th, Suite 220

Enter door on south side of the building

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Colorado State Fair Livestock Department

The Colorado State Fair Board of Commissioners voted on November 30, 2008 to continue requiring all 4-H and FFA livestock entries (Market and breeding and poultry) at the Colorado State Fair to have their valid livestock premises identification number. The Board also voted to establish a timeline to implement premises identification for all animals (including poultry) on the fairgrounds during the event. For further information refer to the Colorado State Fair newsletter at www.coloradostatefair.com

Other State Fair news:

- Market hog maximum weight will be increased from 275 to 280 lbs.
- No clipping allowed on Market hogs while on the CSF premises.
- Hogs will only be shown by weight and not breed
- All 4-H and FFA breeding animal exhibitor are required to have their Premise ID number.
- Open and Junior breeding sheep schedule and some classes are being revised.
- The water container rules will be revised – (to be announced)
- All Market Beef Nomination cards are due by April 1, 2008 to the Extension office
- All Market Goat, Hog and Lamb cards are due June 1, 2008, to the Extension Office

Mandatory Beef Weigh-In

February 2, 2008 - Hartman Feed Lot – ½ mile south of South Road on 36th Lane. Bring your bill of sale with you. The animals **MUST** be in the youth's name. Remember, you must be enrolled in the Market Beef Project by this date!! You must have your steer weighed in and tagged this day to show at the County or State Fair.

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DOG

No Changes to 2008 Dog Training Rules

After several meetings with the State Dog Advisory Committee, a decision was made to not make any major changes in the State 4-H Dog Trial Rules for 2008. Several changes will be implemented for the 2008/2009 4-H year.

Clubs offering Dog Projects

For information about the various dog clubs in Pueblo County, contact
Donna Darnell – 947-0615 – Mighty Dogs 4-H Club
Erin Sneed – 406-3393 – Pueblo Pups & Hounds
Gail Kingrey – 489-3839 – Rye/Colorado City area – Greenhorn Kickers

Rally added as a class for 2008 State Fair

NEW - Rally will be added **as a class** at the Colorado State Fair for 2008. Each county will determine how they will qualify their members to attend and exhibit in the Rally class at the state fair.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Pueblo County to Host February Certification Training

We are pleased that the Pueblo County Shooting Sports Council has offered to host a shooting sports certification training February 29 – March 2. This is a rare opportunity to easily get a large number of Pueblo County leaders certified without having to travel.

In order to be a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader, you must attend a Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Training. In order to attend the state training, you must be an authorized Pueblo County 4-H Volunteer and must have attended the county orientation. Vanessa must sign your state training application – please don't submit it directly or the State 4-H office will return it and you will not be registered. If you are already a trained leader in Pueblo County and would like to attend one of the trainings listed please call Vanessa at 719-583-6566. If you are not yet an authorized 4-H Leader, please call the office for an application, so we can begin the process of your becoming a volunteer. Background checks and orientation must be completed in order for you to register for the February State Shooting Sports Certification Training.

Participants may certify in one discipline per training. Disciplines are Air Pistol, Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloading, Outdoor Skills, RSO, Rifle and Shotgun/Trap. Workshop fees are \$85/ person. Please call the office for a registration form or visit the state shooting sports website at <http://www.co4hshooting.org/>

Shooting Sports Council Meeting

When: January 3, 2008

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: CSU Extension Office, Room 220

NEW 2008 Shooting Sports Workshop List

- **Pueblo County** - Pueblo - 2/29/2008 - 3/2/2008 - All disciplines
- **Weld County** - Greeley - 3/7-9/2008 - All disciplines
- **La Plata County** - Durango - 3/14-16/2008 - All disciplines
- **Prowers County** - Lamar - 3/28-30/2008 - All disciplines
- **Washington County** - Akron - 3/28-30/2008 - Shotgun games only
- **Fremont County** - Canon City - 4/4-6/2008 - Shotgun games only
- **Gunnison County** - Gunnison - 4/11-13/2008 - All disciplines
- **Routt County** - Steamboat Springs - 5/2-4/2008 - All disciplines
- **West Slope Shotgun Games Training**—TBA

On Target With The Shooting Sports Council

The next Shooting Sports Council meeting will be Thursday, January 3, 2008, at the Extension office at 7:00 p.m. All youth and adults participating in or interested in 4-H shooting sports are encouraged to attend. Those clubs eligible to have voting council members need to bring the names of their youth and adult representatives in writing to the meeting. Those representatives need to be present at that meeting in order to elect council officers for the new year. Representatives need to meet the qualifications set forth in the council constitution which is available through the Extension office.

The council has determined a need to meet more frequently this year so the meeting schedule for 2008 will be the first Thursday of the following months:

January, March, May, July, September, and November

All youth will be required to participate in at least one county sanctioned and supervised practice match in each of their disciplines to qualify to shoot in the County Fair Matches. The tentative schedule for 2008 practice matches is as follows:

Shotgun: April 16, May 14, and June 25 at Pueblo Skeet & Trap at 4:30 p.m.

Archery, Muzzleloader, .22 rifle: April 19 (12th backup), May 17, June 14 at Pueblo West Range at 7:30 p.m.

Air Rifle/pistol: Feb 10 at 2:00 p.m. in Rye; April 24 at DOW range at 6:30 p.m.; June 28 at the 4H Dining Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Keep an eye on the newsletter and attend the council meetings for updates or changes.

Premises I.D. News

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS ENROLLED IN LIVESTOCK AND/OR HORSE PROJECTS

COLORADO 4-H PREMISES REGISTRATION POLICY

As of October 1, 2007, the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Program's policy regarding livestock is: *All 4-H members with livestock and horse projects will be required to have a completed, signed, and approved "Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects" on file at their county Extension office at time of enrollment.*

Colorado 4-H believes this policy is a bold step forward to enhance the traceability of 4-H livestock and horse project animals in Colorado to a higher level than that of the past year. The animal care form insures that 4-H members do their own work on their livestock project animals. Moreover, use of this form captures information about species, location the animal(s) is housed, and contact information that can be used in an animal disease outbreak situation. This information will be held at the local level for use in an animal disease emergency.

*Each youth enrolled in livestock/animal project must complete the form and return it to our office by the final enrollment deadline of March 17. The form will be available on our county 4-H web site and will be in the February 2007 4-H newsletter. **Please note: the form also includes places for the Premises Registration number(s) from NAIS, which is still required to exhibit at the 2008 Pueblo County Fair.***





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