

# HUERFANO COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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### 4-H CALENDAR

#### MAY

- 1 Horse ID Forms Due In Extension Office
- 5 Market Sheep, Swine & Goat Weigh-In, La Veta
- 13 Project Add/Drop Deadline
- 16 State 4-H Conference Registration Deadline
- 19 Market Rabbit Workshop
- 20 4-H Council Meeting, Walsenburg
- 28 Memorial Day, Office Closed
- 29 Fair Board Meeting, La Veta
- TBD Talent Contest

#### JUNE

- TBA National 4-H Conference applications due
- TBA Youth Leadership & Citizenship applications due
- TBA Outstanding Volunteer Leader Award applications due
- 1 Market Lamb, Hog, Goat State Fair Nominations Due to our Office
- 2 Rabbit and Poultry Check-in
- 8 Market Lamb, Hog, Goat Nominations Due to State Fair
- 10 4-H Council Meeting, Walsenburg
- 19 State 4-H Conference
- 23-25 Citizenship Washington Focus
- 26 Fair Board Meeting, La Veta
- 30 Independence Day Parade, La Veta

## **Greetings, Huerfano County 4-H**

As summer approaches, I hope that everyone is gearing up for your 4-H projects. Don't forget that you have to do a record book for each and every project that you are enrolled in and that those record books have to be complete and accurate. There are 2 things that we are going to be much stricter on this year –

#1 – Record Books – If you don't turn in a complete and accurate record book you will not complete the project. There are certain things and pages that must be completed in the record book. I will keep you updated throughout the summer concerning what things need to be done.

#2 – Member in good standing – This is an absolute requirement to be a 4-H member. You need to work with your club leader to make sure that you are keeping up with your MIGS requirement. I will be sending out regular information concerning these things and any other requirements. Watch for postings.

Good luck getting your projects completed and with getting your animals into the best possible shape for the shows.

Carl E. Beeman, Huerfano County Extension

## **MEMBER-IN-GOOD STANDING REQUIREMENTS AND CONSEQUENCES**

It has recently been brought to my attention that we have quite a few members who seem to have no clue that we have a member-in-good-standing requirement to participate in Huerfano County 4-H and especially to participate in the Huerfano County Fair. So, just to reiterate –

All 4-H members in Huerfano County are required to meet Member-in-good standing status if they want to continue their membership and participate in the fair. As of right now, the biggest issue is meeting attendance. Member-in-good-standing rules state that members must attend at least 50% of all club meetings. And, since our enrollment deadline for returning members is December 13<sup>th</sup>, you must attend 50% of meetings including January – August and September through December if you enroll prior to the December 14<sup>th</sup> deadline. New members must attend 50% of all meetings after they enroll.

Example – You are a returning member who re-enrolls Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, just in time to meet the deadline. Depending on which club you belong to, you probably already missed the December meeting so it doesn't count and neither do the September, October or November meetings since you weren't actually a member when those meetings occurred. However, now that you have enrolled, you must attend 50% of the January, February, March, April, May, June and July meetings and an August meeting if your club has one. That means that you are a member for 7 or 8 meetings and you must attend 4 meetings to maintain your member-in-good-standing status.

Since I do not attend all of the individual club meetings, I have to rely on the individual leaders to keep accurate records of meeting attendance and to report members who fail to meet member-in-good-standing requirements. If a club leader tells me that a member has failed to meet member-in-good-standing, I will take their word for it without question and back them up without question. The Huerfano County Fair Board has also stated that club leaders will be supported in any decisions.

So, if you are a 4-H member who has been failing to attend club meetings regularly, you really need to pay attention to this. You are in definite danger of not being allowed to exhibit your animal and/or participate in the Huerfano County Fair. If your club leader reports that you have not met member-in-good-standing requirements the week before the fair or any other time, you will not be allowed to participate, no matter how much money or time you have invested in your animals or other projects.

Also, as long as I am on my soap box, there is another rule that will start being strictly enforced next year. We have a re-enrollment deadline of December 13<sup>th</sup> for all returning 4-H members. Starting this fall, if you fail to re-enroll and pay your annual fees by the December 13<sup>th</sup> deadline, you will not be eligible to participate in 4-H for the year. I realize that strict enforcement of this rule might result in a drop in 4-H enrollment, but rules are rules and we have way too many members who fail to abide by rules and deadlines. Allowing those people to slide by on the rules is not fair to the people who make the effort to follow all the rules and meet all of the deadlines. We will make sure that deadlines are publicized well in advance, but it will be up to you to follow through.

FROM 4-H MANUAL:

Huerfano County 4-H - Member in good standing

Requirements –

Attend at least 50% of club meetings

Participate in at least one county activity –

Operation Easter Bunny – put baskets together and go to hospital to deliver them

Talent show participant (not just attend)

Spaghetti dinner (helper)

Parades (help with float construction)

1 club approved community service activity

1 fair grounds clean-up

## **MARKET RABBIT WORKSHOP**

A market rabbit workshop with Katie Smith, a rabbit breeder from Cotopaxi will be held May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the fairgrounds. This workshop is not required but is strongly recommended for those enrolled in Market Rabbit.

## **EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS**

The new exhibit requirements for 2018 have been copied and are ready for club leaders to pick up. A copy should be handed out to only those members enrolled in non-livestock projects. Requirements were copied only for those projects that members have enrolled in.

## **COUNTY LIVESTOCK RULES**

2018 rules have been printed and are ready for leaders or members to pick up in the office.

## **TRUCK RAFFLE**

Raffle tickets are in and leaders can pick them up at the office at your convenience.

## **STATE 4-H CONFERENCE**

4-H youth ages 14-18 come to the CSU Campus to participate in 4-H contests and workshops, learn new ideas and skills, meet other youth from across the state and experience college life by exploring the CSU campus and interacting with CSU Extension & Faculty. They will also spend time investigating potential college programs and careers. Youth will also participate in “Learn By Doing” workshops. The conference will be held June 19-22. Please contact the Huerfano County Extension Office at 738-3000, Ext. 131 if you would like more information.





