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WOW! The fair is only 27 days away! This “Pre-Fair” Newsletter contains a lot of very important information to help get you through the fair. There is also a pull-out schedule of events that you may find helpful. We will be using the same procedure for unloading of livestock on Wednesday again this year. There is a map included in this newsletter with the unloading route, please look it over and if you have any questions ask your club leader, or contact the Extension Office.

Remember, if you have any questions you can contact the Extension Office and we would be more than happy to help.

Kerry Sanford

Educational Displays

Once again we would like each club to provide an educational display to promote 4-H. Posters and displays illustrating subjects studied by 4-H'ers will dress up the display areas and educate the public about 4-H. The emphasis should be on educational topics that are covered in 4-H Projects. You may want to consider using posters (22x28) and other props from demonstrations given in your club—there is no need to come up with new material if you have some already prepared. And you guys did a great job with your demonstrations this year!

Livestock members—also remember that the educational displays count towards the Herdsmanship Awards!

Everyone please try and avoid displays related to commercial products as the 4-H Program tries to avoid product endorsement.

Record Books

HECL (Home Economics/Career & Leisure) and Small Animal Record Books are to be checked in with your project display, no later than 10 am on Wednesday, September 23. You should be turning in your 4-H Project Record Book, Record Book Insert, plus Project Manuals and any other inserts that are required.

Livestock Record Books are due Friday, September 25 at 5 pm. This should include your 4-H Animal Project Record Book and Record Book Insert. Seniors and Intermediates need to have completed growth charts in your book, and Seniors 4-H stories must be a minimum of 300 words. ***There is no exception to this, and if you do not turn in your Record Book, you DO NOT sell.***

Cow/Calf, Ewe/Lamb and Swine Breeding Applications

The Nez Perce County Cattle Producers, the Nez Perce County 4-H Livestock Leaders, and the McDaid Family will once again be sponsoring one Beef, one Sheep, and one Hog Breeding Project. Applications are available now from the Extension Office and will also be available at the Fair Office. If you are the 2009-2010 recipient of the project you will house the breeding animal and be able to keep the offspring! This is an excellent opportunity for all members and there is no cost for the application. Applications are DUE by 5 pm on Friday, September 25, 2009 at the 4-H Office at the Nez Perce County Fairgrounds. The winners will be announced during the Market Animal Sale on Saturday.

C.O.O.L. Statements

Market animal members, please do not forget that you must have a Country of Origin Labeling statement from your producer to sell your animal. This statement must be turned into the Extension Office. If you have any questions on whether the statement you have will meet the requirements, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible.

Float Animals

Just as a reminder—only bring to the fairgrounds the animal that you are planning on showing at the fair. If you weighed in a float animal, you need to make your decision as to which animal you are going to show before coming to the fairgrounds. The first animal that you weigh becomes your official exhibit. You also should have kept records on both animals and should have a growth chart (for Int. & Seniors only) on both animals. If you have any questions, please call.

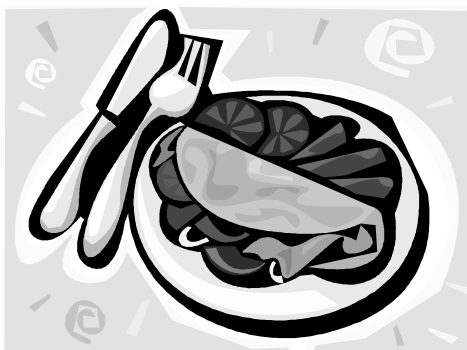
Community Pride Displays

To try and make life a little easier when setting up displays in the main pavilion, it is now required that all Community Pride posters be on standard poster board paper (22" x 28"). Also, to be displayed in the main pavilion, these posters must be turned in no later than 10 am on Wed., September 23. Please attach the Community Pride Report Form (C5) to the back of your poster. These forms are available for pick up from the Extension Office.

Do you have Questions for the Judges?

Please contact the Extension Office with any questions for the judge that you may have, we can then contact the judge and get answers for you. In the past we have had some problems with parents approaching the judges prior to fair. The problem that could arise with members/parents contacting judges is that it may set up that member for a personal bias with the judge whether it is intentional or not.

CWF Enchiladas!



It's time to think about tasty enchiladas! The CWF 2012 group is in the planning stages for their fall enchilada building. The cost for a tray of delicious enchiladas will be \$15. If you have not had these enchiladas before - you are missing out! They are wonderful! If you are interested in buying a tray of enchiladas contact the Extension Office and we will get you in touch with one of the members of the CWF group.

Rabbit and Cavy Members - Slight Schedule Change

All rabbit and cavy members, please note that we have had a slight change to the showing schedule. All 4-H rabbit & cavies will have quality judging on Thursday, Sept. 24th starting at 5pm. If you are not able to be in the barn during judging, please let your club leader know so that we can make the proper arrangements.

Something New at Fair!

This year we will be having a parents' Round Robin on Sunday at 1pm. One parent of each of the 4-H/FFA Large Market Animal Round Robin participants can show their knowledge in a contest that will be judged by the members! It should be a great time. So parents, you may want to brush up on your showmanship skills!

Saturday Stock Sale Details

Excerpt from the 4-H Market Animals Questions and Answers publication

“Who contacts businesses for financial support of the market animal sale?”

Information on the procedure to contact buyers/businesses and the buyer lists are available in the Extension Office. Be careful not to duplicate contacts.

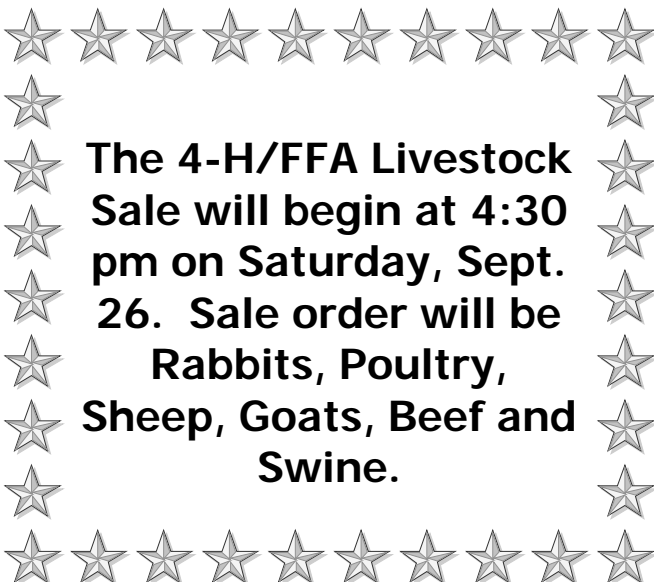
It is the responsibility of each club to take pictures of 4-H'ers and FFA members for distribution to buyers. “Thank You Buyer” cards are available in the Extension Office.

Members please remember that you need to write Thank You notes to your buyer/supporter and bring them into the Extension Office in order to receive your check.

Buyer Information

By now all clubs should have their Buyer Lists, Letters and Proxy Cards. If you need more materials please let me know and I will get them to you. Extra Support Cards are now available at the Extension Office. Please remember that all Extra Support Cards must be filled out and signed by the Business/Person giving the Extra Support, and received no later than the end of the sale on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Members & Parents be sure that you do not solicit a buyer to purchase your specific animal, your child's animal or your club's animals. You are to only invite the buyers to support the 4-H Program by attending the 4-H/FFA Stock Sale.



The 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale will begin at 4:30 pm on Saturday, Sept. 26. Sale order will be Rabbits, Poultry, Sheep, Goats, Beef and Swine.

Cloverbuds

Parents, leaders and members please remember that the Cloverbud program is non-competitive. Their memory and project books should be turned in and they will receive a participation ribbon. Cloverbuds are allowed to show small goats, chickens, rabbits, and other small pets for participation. However, they can not show any large animals in the 4-H show.

Caught Being Good?

Again this year barn superintendents will have "Caught Being Good" coins. If you are caught being good (helping around the barn without being asked, helping other members, or just being a great 4-H'er) you may receive a caught being good coin. You will then be able to trade in your coin at the 4-H fair office during fair for a sweet treat!

Special thanks to Valley Foods for their donation of the treats!

Clearwater Power Company Sponsorship

Clearwater Power Company is offering \$10 in sponsorship for youth whose immediate family has an account or receives electricity from the Cooperative. Members who complete electricity related and/or "marketable" livestock projects are eligible for sponsorship. Applications are included in this newsletter and are due Sept. 30, 2009.

Extra Support

Each year we have a few questions regarding Extra Support - What is it? How do you give? Extra support is money that a market animal member may receive to help support their project. It is very much appreciated with "hard luck" cases where the member cannot sell their animal. It can also be given to a member who sells their animal to help ensure that they have enough income to pay all of their expenses. Extra Support money can be given anytime now through the end of the sale on Saturday, Sept. 26. If you would like to give extra support, or if you have any other questions, please contact the Extension Office or your club leader.

Colorful Animals

This year for ease during load out of animals on Sunday we will be marking all market animals with a grease pen. There are different colors depending on the destination of the animal. So, don't be surprised on Sunday afternoon if your market animal has a colorful mark on it, and please do not remove the mark.

Teen Ambassador Training

The 2009 Idaho 4-H Ambassador Training Conference will be held November 20-22 at Camp Ida-Haven in McCall. This program is for 4-H'ers who are high school freshman or older and have completed at least two years of 4-H Club work. If you enjoy a challenge and interested in public speaking then we need you!

If you are interested in attending this year's training, or would like more information, please contact the Extension Office for an application. Applications are DUE Oct. 19.

4-H Home Economics, Career & Leisure Project Tips for Fair

Criteria for a Display

Overall Appearance should show the theme, simplicity and originality. Information should have one main idea and be easily understood. It should be eye catching (visually pleasing) and make an educational impact (teach a concept or make a point). A display should illustrate time and thought put into it and represent a major learning experience. Be sure to check the project requirements for dimensions.

Foods Projects

Follow food project and exhibit requirements as listed in the requirement handbook.

1. For baked products, use paper plate (plain white preferred) of appropriate size. No larger than needed.
2. Enclose plate/food in clear plastic food storage bag using a wire closure or self closure. (Plastic wrap allows food to dry out and is awkward for judges.) Recipe on card should be enclosed with food item in food bag. Place label on plate: Name, Age, 4-H Club & Project Name.
3. Make note if food items have been in freezer.
4. Exhibit number of food items according to project: 4 muffins, 4 cookies, etc. ½ cake (unfrosted) – Let's Bake Cakes & Pies, ½ loaf or small loaf is acceptable. Single layer decorated cake for Phases One & Two. Request score card for quality for more information.
5. Do not exhibit foods of highly perishable nature – cream pies, sandwiches, vegetable dips, etc.

Decorated Cakes: Covered with clear plastic cake covers or cake cover tent. You may make your own cake cover tent from a box by cutting away sides, leaving corners. Cover with plastic wrap. Check with office for directions.

Clothing Exhibits

Follow project requirements and exhibit requirements as listed on front of the project book or in the requirement handbook.

1. All clothing articles or garments should be on hanger (one hanger if possible.)
2. Pin aprons, tote bags, and scarves to hanger with safety pins.
3. All clothing articles or garments should be labeled. Baste fabric label to inside of garment – not on hem. Label should include: Name, Age, Club, Project Name (Sew & Have Fun, Sew On!, etc.). Label may be typed or printed.
4. Cover garments or articles with clear plastic bag (one that does not need to be returned.)
5. Bring project record book, skills project checklist (where applicable), and any other project exhibit requirements. Fair superintendents will slip these items into a small plastic bag and attach to the garment hanger.
6. If you did not follow the pattern guide, please circle directions not followed and not changes.
7. **NOTE:** Patterns projects requirement is to make 2 articles, exhibit only one article.

Remember: Clip hanging threads. Press (avoid creases in sleeves, and lapels). Garment should be clean and mended.

Knitting & Crocheting Project Exhibits

1. Articles should be exhibited in a clear plastic bag, large enough to hold the articles plus your record book. DO NOT TAPE. Use wire, plastic or self closure.
2. Include wrap label from yarn you used in your record book.
Exhibit your pattern.

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