

September/October, 2019



Cochise County Fair

September 26-29, 2019

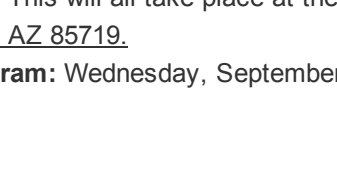
"Cochise County May be a Square, but Not Our County Fair!"

Check out the FAQ Page!
We have created an informational [FAQ page](#) that has updated information on Photography, Rocketry, and general Static Building fair exhibits.

If you post pictures to your social media at the fair, please tag us! We love to see what our members are experiencing. Be sure to follow us too, we will be posting and highlighting all of the fun stuff that will be going on at the fair.

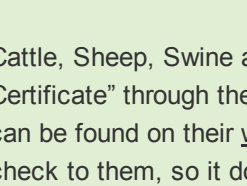


You can also hashtag us! **#cochisecounty4h**



Carcass Contest

- **Carcass Live Judging:** Sunday, September 15th. Check-in begins at 2:00 pm and judging begins at 5:00 pm. This will all take place at the UofA Meat Lab, located at [4181 N. Campbell Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719](#).
- **Carcass Evaluation Program:** Wednesday, September 18th beginning at 5:30 pm, also at the [UofA Meat Lab](#).



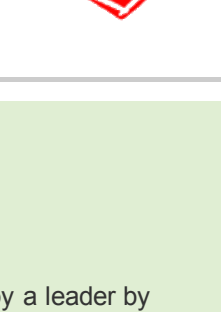
Seasonal Pass

You must bring seasonal passes with you to the fair for **ALL** livestock, this includes breeding, market, and carcass animals.

Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Goats: You will need to request a "Seasonal Pass Self-Inspection Certificate" through the Arizona Department of Agriculture by completing an application form that can be found on their [website](#). If you have not done this yet, do it today!! You have to mail a check to them, so it does take a few days to complete. **This is due upon check-in at the fair.** No exceptions.

County Fair Help Needed

Help is always needed at the fair! If you are interested in helping out with any part of the activities and/or shows taking place at the Cochise County Fair, please email this [form](#), (or the same information to): [Tricia Dunham](#).



Important General Fair Information

Record Books: You should have completed your record book and have it signed by a leader by now. If you have not gotten this done, do it asap! Having your record book complete will assist you in filling out the information on the Market Summary Form that is needed at check in.

Forms: All forms can be printed from the [Cochise County 4-H Website](#). All members exhibiting animals at the fair will receive a packet containing: Market Livestock Summary, Wholesome Meat Certificate, Livestock Auction Member Highlight, and Small Stock Sale Forms. **These packets will also include any fair and/or parking passes that were purchased at registration.**

Rules: Be sure you have read ALL rules pertaining to your project before filling out your entry and coming to fair. ALL members (one per family) should have received an emailed copy of the Cochise County Rule Book. The rule book can be found on the [Cochise County Fair Website](#). By submitting an entry, members agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations governing the Cochise County Fair as published in the Cochise County Fair Association Rule Book.

Check-In: See the [Schedule of Events](#) for Check in times for each species. **Please do not bring animals before noon.**

Livestock Health Check: All animals will be checked for lice, other parasites and general health of the animal. Per our rules any sick animals may be moved at the discretion of the superintendents. All livestock animals need to be washed prior to bringing them to the fair. We understand that animals will get dirty during transport, but should still be fairly clean if washed prior to arrival. All hogs will be checked prior to unloading. Please find Mike Zamudio before unloading all hogs.

Livestock Clothing Attire: Refer to page 14 of the [rule book](#) for required clothing attire. This also applies to the live animal evaluation part of the carcass contest.

Carcass Participants: Members must be present at both the live and carcass evaluation, otherwise the exhibit will be disqualified. 4-H/FFA/Other Youth show attire only required for live judging portion.

Cleaning of Pens: Exhibitors will see that their pens are neatly kept, the litter disposed of before 9:00am; passageways must be kept clean and clear at all time. Pens must be cleaned daily and pans must be removed after feeding.

Round Robin Showmanship: Will be held on **Sunday**, September 29th beginning at 1:30pm for both large and small stock. Complete guidelines can be found in the Cochise County Rule Book on page 36.

Buyer Gifts: Large and Small Stock 4-H, FFA, and Other Youth members will be responsible for putting together and presenting buyer gifts to their buyer when taking their sale agreement to the buyer.

Large Stock Auction Information

NEW for 2019! The Large and Small Stock Auctions will be held on SATURDAY, September 28th.

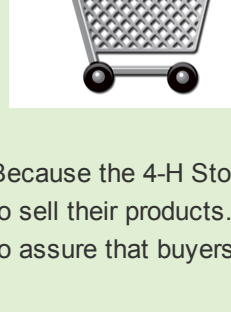
Paperwork: Members planning to auction an animal in the large livestock auction must complete a [Member Highlight Form](#) and turn it in at weigh in. These forms will be used as time permits during the auction. They must be legible or they will not be used.

W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Form: Members that intend on selling an animal through the large and/or small stock auction with a projected total income of \$600.00 or more must submit a W-9 form. These will have to be turned in at check-in. When completing this form, list the 4-H/FFA/Other Youth member's name, mailing address and their own social security number, not the parent's information. The IRS requires a 1099 be issued to exhibitors with over \$600 in income. Checks cannot be sent out until this form has been turned in to the Cochise County Fair Association.

Auction Set up: At least two people from each club are needed to help with the auction set up. Let [Tricia Dunham](#) know who will be volunteering from your club.

Luncheon: A big **THANK YOU** to George's Custom Meat Processing for generously donating the meat and sides as well as cooking for the buyer luncheon! As many members as possible should plan on helping out at the luncheon, since it is for the buyers that support our auction! Members should to plan on eating before or after the luncheon. We would like to see everyone in a 4-H/FFA t-shirt at the luncheon. (Please note, the luncheon is for buyers and their families only.)

After the Sale: Procedures for handling livestock after the sale. All animals will return to the pens after the sale in the show ring. **Animals will be released on Sunday after 4:00 pm.**

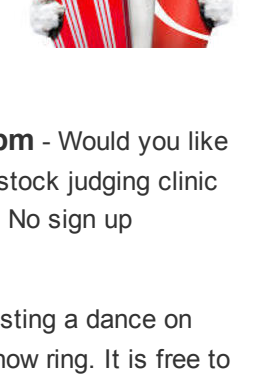
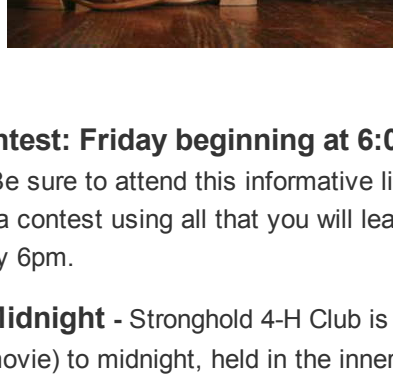
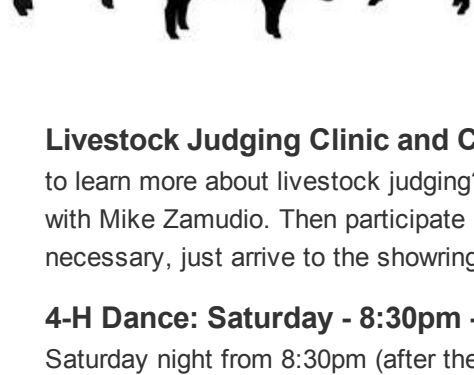


4-H Store

Just a quick reminder to all building exhibitors, you are eligible to sell exhibits at the 4-H Store on Sunday, September 29th from 1:00 to 4:00pm. The purpose of the Cochise County 4-H Store is to provide an opportunity for 4-H youth to increase mastery and independence which are two of 4-H's essential elements of positive youth development.

Because the 4-H Store is designed to build skills for the youth, youth are required to be present to sell their products. However, an adult 4-H leader from the club or a parent needs to be present to assure that buyers do not haggle prices below the "break even" point for youth.

What's Happening at Fair



Livestock Judging Clinic and Contest: Friday beginning at 6:00pm - Would you like to learn more about livestock judging? Be sure to attend this informative livestock judging clinic with Mike Zamudio. Then participate in a contest using all that you will learn! No sign up necessary, just arrive to the showing by 6pm.

4-H Dance: Saturday - 8:30pm - Midnight - Stronghold 4-H Club is hosting a dance on Saturday night from 8:30pm (after the movie) to midnight, held in the inner show ring. It is free to all 4-H and FFA and other youth members and their families. Refreshments will be provided free of charge by Stewart District 4-H Club. Great fun for those who want to have a good time and not have to leave the fairgrounds.

4-H Movie Night: Saturday - 6:30pm - Double Adobe 4-H Club will again be hosting the fair movie night! The movie will begin at 6:30pm on Saturday, taking place near the beef barn. Please plan to bring your chairs, blankets and any snacks you would like to enjoy during the movie. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the announcement of what will be showing!

After the Fair...

Now that all of the excitement of the fair is winding down, here are some helpful reminders of things that need to be done as quickly as possible!

Award of Merit Forms

Award of Merit form deadline has been extended to Friday, October 4th. That will give everyone a day to breathe after fair and fill their forms out! If you are a new family, the 4-H Award of Merit is to recognize 4-H involvement at the club, county, state and national level. Each club, member and Cloverbud is eligible to receive a participation seal by completing a form and submitting it by the deadline. Forms can be found at the [Cochise County 4-H Website](#) or from your Community Leader. Award of Merit forms are due in the Willcox office no later than October 4th (Extended from the normal deadline of the 1st). You can send by mail to 450 S Haskell Ave Ste A, Willcox, AZ 85643, by fax at 520-384-3681 or by email to triciadunham@email.arizona.edu

Send Thank You letters to your Buyers/Donors!

Once the fair is over, it is important to thank the many people who helped to make your accomplishments possible. Whether you earned a blue, red, white, or champion ribbon, many people donated time and money to make your experience possible at the fair. Some of the people you probably know well. Others you don't know at all. Most of those people gave their time, energy, and money simply because they believe in you.

Be sure to take a few minutes to write a thank you to the individuals and businesses that contributed. Cochise County 4-H and FFA receive a great deal of support from local sponsors and we want to be sure to let them know how much we appreciate their continued support. Livestock and Small Stock members will be receiving a list of auction buyers and donors after the fair.

Remember to:

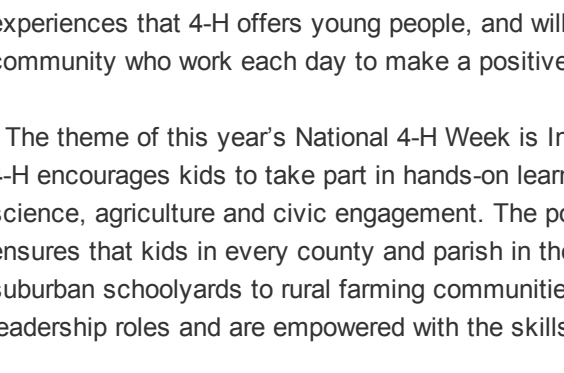
- Write and send your notes as promptly as possible.
- Make your comments personal ... and be sincere.
- The note should ideally be handwritten, not typed.
- Check spelling, punctuation, and grammar - remember you want to make a good impression.

Send in your Livestock Seasonal Pass

All Exhibitors with a seasonal pass are reminded that it is to be returned to the Arizona Department of Agriculture at the end of the issuing year, the end of the show season, or when the animal is sold. For all large stock exhibitors, you should record the date and name of the event (Cochise County Fair Association Junior Livestock Auction, September 28, 2019) and the name and address of the buyer. If you have any questions, you can call the Willcox Office at 520-384-3594.

Record Books

Record books for county competition are due by Friday, October 18th to either Extension Office. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call!



National 4-H Week

October 6-12

The anticipation is building for National 4-H Week, during which millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will be celebrating everything 4-H.

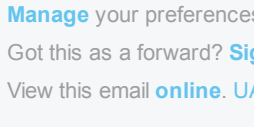
Cochise County 4-H will observe National 4-H Week this year by showcasing the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people, and will highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our community who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them.

The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is Inspire Kids to Do, which highlights how 4-H encourages kids to take part in hands-on learning experiences in areas such as health, science, agriculture and civic engagement. The positive environment provided by 4-H mentors ensures that kids in every county and parish in the country— from urban neighborhoods to suburban schoolyards to rural farming communities— are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles and are empowered with the skills to lead in life and career.

One of the most anticipated events of National 4-H Week every year is 4-H National Youth Science Day, which sees hundreds of thousands of youth across the nation taking part in the world's largest youth-led STEM challenge. The exciting theme for this year's challenge is Game Changers, which will run throughout October. Developed by Google and West Virginia University Extension Service, Game Changers will teach kids coding skills through fun exercises including gaming, puzzles and physical activity.

To learn more about how you can get involved, visit the [National 4-H Website](#).

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