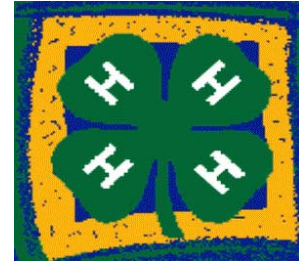


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DATE: October 1, 2009
TO: All Coös 4-H Leaders
FROM: Larry Barker *Larry Barker*
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SUBJECT: **Coös County 4-H Achievement Ceremony and Nominations**

Wow! We are fast approaching the time of year when we like to step back and reflect on past accomplishments. In the Coös County 4-H program, we do this at our annual 4-H Achievement Ceremony. **The 2008-2009 Coös County 4-H Achievement Ceremony is scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 21.** The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. until noon at the Coös County Extension 4-H Office in Lancaster. Please try to save this date because this is one of the biggest 4-H events of the year. It also represents a great opportunity for you and your members to meet the rest of the Coös County 4-H family and share experiences of the past year. Be sure to spread the word about this event to your members.

The purpose of the 4-H Achievement Ceremony is to celebrate our 4-H involvement in 4-H and to honor those who have achieved significant accomplishment. Further, it is a time to share 4-H experiences of the past year and to look ahead. **With that in mind, we would like to invite anyone who would like to share their meaningful 4-H experiences to do so at the Achievement Ceremony.** We want to open up this opportunity to everyone. Contact me if you are interested or if you have an idea.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE! Take a moment to nominate deserving leaders and members for recognition on the attached nominating form. It is imperative that we hear from you in order to make sure that folks are recognized. Please return the form by October 12. We have enclosed a list of all Coös 4-H volunteers. It is also recommended that you involve the 4-H members in your club with nominations. Explain the various awards and invite your members to submit nominations. Please send us a list of your top salespeople for cookies and for candy bars no later than November 16.

Clubs planning to attend are asked to bring along a "finger dessert" for the intermission break. Any clubs that would like to help with the ceremony in any capacity are cordially invited to contact the Extension 4-H office.

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Please take a moment to complete and return the enclosed nomination form.

During the year, most of you get a chance to meet and work with members and leaders from other clubs through involvement at the Fair, Advisory Councils, Demonstration Day, Fashion Revue, and a host of other events and activities. There are several awards for which you, the 4-H leaders, nominate candidates for consideration. The winners are selected by the Awards Committee, but your input is imperative.

Nominations needed:

Please complete and return the attached nomination form. In order for nominations to be considered, they need to be in our office **no later than Friday, October 12**. So while it is still fresh in your mind, please fill out the nomination form and mail it back today. Remember, do not hesitate to nominate yourself if you feel that you are deserving and/or ask your members for ideas. Descriptions of the awards are listed on the reverse of the nominating form.

Awards Committee Volunteers needed:

If you would like more information on this event or if you are interested in serving on the Awards Committee, please feel free to get in touch with me. The Committee has the important task of judging records and helping to select major award recipients. It's an important job and we need your help. We will meet at the Coös Extension Office on **Tuesday, October 13th at 10:00a.m.**

Club Volunteer:

We are also looking for a club that can help in setting up the room and helping with the clean-up.

Please don't forget to remind your members about the 2008 -2009 Coös County 4-H Achievement Ceremony!

Checklist for the Coös 4-H Achievement Ceremony:

- _____ Promote the event to your members, leaders, and families.
- _____ Nominate deserving individuals for awards and return your form by October 10th
- _____ Submit Club scrapbook, secretary report, and treasurer report by October 10th
- _____ Consider serving on the Awards Committee.
- _____ Encourage members and leaders to share their experiences.

COÖS COUNTY 4-H AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please complete and return to the Extension 4-H Office (629A Main Street, Lancaster, NH 03584) **no later than October 12**. Nominate as many individuals as you would like for each award. Kindly include some reasons why you are nominating an individual because this will make selection by the awards committee much easier. Feel free to attach additional sheets if necessary.

I DARE YOU AWARD

Please nominate: _____

Reasons: _____

OUTSTANDING OLDER YOUTH

Please nominate: _____

Reasons: _____

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR YOUTH AWARD

Please nominate: _____

Reasons: _____

4-H LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Please nominate: _____

Reasons: _____

4-H LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Please nominate: _____

Reasons: _____

AWARDS SUMMARY

YOUTH AWARDS: **I DARE YOU AWARD**

Four-H'er who have completed their sophomore year in high school are eligible for this award which recognizes personal integrity, balance living, and motivation for leadership. Two awards presented annually.

OUTSTANDING OLDER YOUTH

One Coös 4-H'er earns this annual award. To be eligible, members must be 16 years of age and older and have demonstrated exceptional 4-H qualities and involvement over his/her 4-H career.

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR 4-H YOUTH AWARD

to be considered, members must be less than 14, have been a member for at least 3 years. They will have demonstrated outstanding 4-H accomplishments and participation.

ADULT AWARDS: **4-H LEADER OF THE YEAR**

All enrolled 4-H leaders are eligible for this award. Winners are those who have demonstrated exceptional 4-H qualities and who have shown that they are significant, positive influences on the lives of young people. Four awards presented annually.

4-H LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

All current and past leaders and friends of 4-H with greater than 5 years of service to 4-H are eligible for this award. This most prestigious county leadership award is given to those leaders who make significant major contributions to 4-H during their lifetime.

Previous Winners:

1988 - Etta Sweatt (Errol)	1999 - Barbara Guay (Berlin)
1989 - Gerry Oleson (Jefferson)	2000- Sue Buteau (Lancaster)
1990 - Nancy Rexford (Dalton)	2001- Monique Dube (Berlin)
1991 - Carolyn Conway (Jefferson)	2002- Karen LaRoche (Dalton)
1992 - Alda Barnett (Errol)	2003 - Ramona Chessman (Lancaster)
1993 - Louise Bevin (Shelburne)	2004 - Bill & Debbie Joyce (Stark)
1994 - Jean Fortin (Milan)	2005 - Teresa Berry (Lancaster)
1995 - Mary McLain (Milan)	2006 - Vicki Delalla (N. Stratford)
1996 - Debbie Dubois (Jefferson)	2007 - Heidi Mason (N. Stratford)
1997 - Dona Young (Lancaster)	2008 - Carolyn McQuiston (Lancaster)
1998 - Lillian Peabody (Berlin)	

CLUB AWARDS: **CLUB CITIZENSHIP AWARD**

The Club Citizenship Award is presented annually to the 4-H Club in Coös County that is judged to have completed the most outstanding citizenship project(s) during the year. The winning club will be presented a custom banner and will have their name engraved on the plaque which hangs in the Extension Office. Clubs apply for the Club Citizenship Award by submitting their scrapbook and secretaries book at the end of the 4-H year*. The scrapbook should include documentation (photographs, news clippings, etc.) of the club's citizenship project. The winning club is selected by the Awards Committee. This award can be repeated and is only given out for truly outstanding citizenship projects.

OUTSTANDING 4-H CLUB AWARD

The club that is judged to have obtained the highest overall level of accomplishment during the 4-H year earns the prestigious Outstanding Club Citizenship Award. The winning club will be presented a custom banner and will have their name engraved on the plaque which hangs in the Extension Office. To apply for this award, clubs must submit their Secretary's Book, Treasurer's Book, and Club Scrapbook at the end of the 4-H year*.

The Awards Committee will select the winning club based on their citizenship accomplishments, the quality of their record books, as well as their participation in County fund-raising projects. In addition, the accomplishments of the club's individual members will be considered. This award can be repeated. A club with both an outstanding citizenship project and overall record can be awarded both the Club Citizenship Award and the Outstanding Club Award in the same year.

* Club scrapbook, secretary report, and treasurer report accepted on or before October 10th .