

Hello 4-H Families,

Please see the announcements below. An archive an email blasts can be found on the [4-H Calendar page](#) of the CSU Extension, El Paso County website!

## Enrollment

### Returning 4-H Members

**Returning 4-H Families, please be sure to re enroll in your 4-Hers in 4HOnline by Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** All returning members who enroll on or after Saturday, December 21, 2019 will incur a \$25.00 late fee. The late registration deadline for returning members is Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 4-H Organizational Club Leaders

The El Paso County CSU Extension Office is ready to begin collecting enrollment fees and forms! Your club members will not be made 'Active' until the following requirements are met.

- Complete and submit the [4-H Confirmation Form](#)
- Collect the [Code of Show Ring Ethics](#) and the [Animal Care and Housing Forms](#) for all members in your club that decide to enroll in Animal Projects
- Collect enrollment fees and submit them to the CSU Extension Office (**all checks must be made out to CSU Extension**)

By submitting early, you will be able to access all your reports in 4-H Online!

## 2019 Leadership Development Conference

LDC registration is now open in 4HOnline! This 3-day, 2-night event, held in Denver, allows 4-Her's to develop their leadership skills, interact with state legislators, policy makers, and other 4-Her's from around the state. Registration will close on January 7. The cost is \$275 and includes transportation, lodging at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner and county FUN event, t-shirt, the opportunity to participate in the legislative process and enhance leadership skills, benefiting you throughout your educational and career journey. [Please see the LDC Flyer with instructions to register in 4HOnline.](#)

Call the office with questions 719.520.7698.

## Save the Dates

### Youth Fest

**When:** February 14-16, 2020

**Where:** Ponderosa Retreat Center Larkspur, CO

**Who:** 4-H members whose 4-H age is 9 - 13.

**What:** A fun-filled camp weekend with 4-H members from across the state. Join us for great workshops, group games, community service and a dance/movie. **Additional details to be announced.**

### Super Saturday

**When:** Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Where:** Skyview Middle School

**Who:** All 4-H members and volunteers

**What:** Super Saturday is a day for learning and fun. There will be speakers who will host interactive and informational classes for 4-H members to gain additional knowledge about projects or other areas of interest. The cost for the event will be \$5.00 per participant. **Additional details to be announced!**

**4-H Volunteers:** if you have an activity or lesson that you would like to host please reach out to an EPC 4-H Extension agent at [Charity.Cagle@colostate.edu](mailto:Charity.Cagle@colostate.edu) or [Emily.Tobler@colostate.edu](mailto:Emily.Tobler@colostate.edu).

## County Contest

**When:** 9am-1pm Saturday, April 25, 2020

**Where:** Rocky Mountain Classical Academy

**Who:** El Paso County Contest is open to all registered 4-H members as well as youth who attend 4-H Special events like 4-H STEM AmeriCorp activities or 4-H Super Saturday.

**What:** 4-H County Contest is an opportunity for 4-H youth to showcase and present their project knowledge in the following areas: **Additional details to be announced!**

1. **Public Presentations**
2. **Performing Arts**
3. **Creative Cooks**
4. **Cake Decorating**

**4-H County contest is a qualifying event for the following contests at Colorado State Fair:**

**Cake Decorating Contest**

- **Creative Cooks Contest**
- **4-H Public Presentations**

## Tag/Weigh-Ins

Please see the following dates for livestock tag in/weigh ins. Please bear in mind that:

- All Tag/Weigh ins will be held at the El Paso County Fairgrounds,
- Retinal scans at tag-in are \$3.00 per scan due at tag in
- The first 6 ear tags free, \$1.00 per tag over 6
- Only cash or check accepted. Fees are due on the date of tag/weigh in
- You must bring your animal with a halter already on before it will be unloaded, or it will not be tagged. Any uncontrollable animals will NOT be weighed
- **REMEMBER ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CASTRATED PRIOR TO BEING TAGGED AS A 4-H MARKET PROJECT. CASTRATION MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS (NOT THE DAY OF TAG-IN) AND HEALED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE! ALL CATTLE AND MARKET GOATS MUST BE DEHORNED.**

## State Fair Nomination Cards and Premise IDs

Remember **all 4-H and FFA exhibitors must have their premise ID# on their nomination cards to be accepted for State Fair.** This is a State Fair Policy NOT a requirement to participate in the local 4-H program. This information should be completed on ALL cards at the time of weigh-in. You will need to apply for your premise ID 3-4 weeks before the weigh-in date. Please call 303-869-9000 or [go to this website to get your ID.](#)

## Beef

2020 Beef Tag/ Weigh in will be **Saturday, February 29, 2020** from 8am-12pm. Follow this link to sign up if you haven't already: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4ca4a929a7ff2-2020>.

## Hog

Hog tag pick up will be **Wednesday April 22, 2020**, more detail to follow.

## Goat/Sheep

Goat and Sheep Tag/Weight in will be **Monday, May 4, 2020.**

## Animal ID's and Paperwork Deadlines

**Friday January 31** Producer market cattle and breeding heifer nominations due.

**Thursday April 30** Producer market swine, sheep, and goat nominations due.

**Monday May 1** All breeding animals, horse, dog and cat ID's due.

**Monday May 4** Hog DNA/Paperwork due.

**Saturday July 11- Sunday July 19** County Fair.

**Updated 19-20 Animal project forms are currently available on the CSU Extension, El Paso County website.** Go to the 4-H Member Resources page accessible through the 4-H drop down menu on the homepage. This is the direct link: <https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-member-resources/>, then select the “**Project Resources Tab**”

## Leasing Animals for 4-H Projects

4-Hers may only lease two animals for project areas which they do not already own. If 4-H members choose to lease an animal, they must indicate that information on the Animal Care and Housing Form. Market animals cannot be leased. **Written lease agreements or transfer of ownership must be in effect by May 1.** Written lease agreements must be uploaded in 4HOnline with Animal ID's by May 1. For more complete procedures and guidelines please refer to page 13 of the [CSU Extension, El Paso County 4-H Policies for Success](#).

## MQA Requirements

All 4-Hers participating in any goat, beef, sheep, swine, poultry or rabbit project(s) must be up to date on their Meat Quality Assurance Training. Please refer to page 14 of the [CSU Extension, El Paso County 4-H Policies for Success](#) for guidelines and details.

## MQA Dates

There will be Meat Quality Assurance Trainings on the following dates so far, additional details and dates to be announced.

**Saturday, March 21, 2020** at Super Saturday.

**Wednesday, April 22, 2020** additional details to be announced.

Happy Holidays!

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