

Happy Friday 4-H Families,

Please see below for some quick announcements. Email blasts can also be found on the [4- H Calendar and Updates](#) page on the El Paso County, CSU Extension Website. Scroll down and find them by date.

## Upcoming Events

### 2/26 Family Feedback Dinner!

- 6:30pm CSU Extension Office, 17 N Spruce St, COS 80905
- Meet with the 4-H agents, have open discussion about all things 4-H, share a meal, and ensure your voice is heard for future direction
- We need to know if you're able to make it on February 26, in order to be adequately prepared with food. Please RSVP here:  
<https://forms.gle/nqeRwxkZFiQhx4v68>

### 2/29 Beef Tag/Weigh-In

- 8am-12pm, Owens Livestock Arena, El Paso County Fairgrounds
- Follow this link to sign up if you haven't already:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4ca4a929a7ff2-2020>
- Additional instructions and details can be found on the [4- H Calendar](#)

### 3/5 4-H Community Meeting

- 6:30pm Swink Hall, El Paso County Fairgrounds
- Hosted by Mark Waller, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, this meeting will be held to discuss progress on the 4-H program improvements
- 4-H leaders, parents and participants are encouraged to attend.

### Pocket Pets Project Meetings recently announced!

- **2/16:** Will be going over E-Records, what is required at fair and body parts.
- **2/22:** Field Trip to the Reptilian National Expo in Denver

*For more information please contact Danielle Dungan, 2020 El Paso County Fair Pocket Pet Superintendent, at [danielledungan@yahoo.com](mailto:danielledungan@yahoo.com).*

### 3/3 Critter Corner: "Axolotls and Snakes, Oh My!"

This is going to be a fun session and opportunity for kids to meet a real Tik Tok star (with 1.3 Million followers) who also happens to be an expert on axolotls. Even if your kids just have furry pets, this will be a fun learning experience. **Register today in 4HOnline!**

## Announcements

### 2/15: 2 Shooting Sports Quality Assurance Sessions this weekend!

- 9am and 1pm, Colorado Department of Wildlife, 4255 Sinton Rd. COS 80907
- SQA is required for each discipline in shooting sports, don't miss this opportunity!
- No registration is required for this event

### Seeking Flat Bed Trailer for St. Patricks Day Parade!

We are looking for someone with a flatbed trailer and truck for the clover bud float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The Parade is March 14th in DownTown Colorado Springs.

Please contact Stacy Cantu at [cant2asmtg2012@hotmail.com](mailto:cant2asmtg2012@hotmail.com) or 719.231.9760 if you can help with the trailer or would like to be in the parade.

### 6/6: Save the Date: LAC 40-Mile Bike Tour

Ok, bicycling enthusiasts! Here is your opportunity to tour beautiful eastern El Paso County and benefit El Paso County 4-H youth who are enrolled in large livestock projects! The tour will head south out of Calhan to Judge Orr, east on Judge Orr to Calhan Hwy, back south to Highway 94, west to Ellicott, north on Ellicott Hwy to Judge Orr, east to Calhan Hwy and back north to Calhan. It's a fairly easy ride but you might want to blow the dust off your bikes and get started pedaling now to get in shape.

**Additional details TBA!**

### Dog Project: Calling for old Jeans or T-Shirts!

- The dog project is asking for old t-shirts and jeans. If anyone has any old t-shirts and/or jeans that you will be throwing away **please email Alicia Christie at [allnatural74@gmail.com](mailto:allnatural74@gmail.com)**. -Alicia Christie, 2020 El Paso County Fair Dog Superintendent

### 2020 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition: Call for Entries!

- See the attached guidelines for more information regarding the essay topic and the prizes!
- Contact Leigh Sabey, Beekeeping Project Leader with any questions at [leighsabey@gmail.com](mailto:leighsabey@gmail.com)
- **Deadline for essay submission is 2/29/2020**

### Ongoing Project Meetings Next Week

2/15 Shooting Sports Quality Assurance Training (2)

2/16 Pocket Pets Project Meeting  
2/15 Air Pistol, Air Rifle, .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Archery Practice  
2/17 Horse Bowl Practice  
2/18 Rabbit Project Meeting  
2/20 Horse Judging Practice

- Additional details including times, locations as well as other events can be found on the 4-H Calendar: <https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/4-hcalendar/>

Have a great Weekend,

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