

Happy Friday 4-H Families,

Please see the announcements below. Email blasts have been moved to the [4-H Newsletter & Updates](#) page on the El Paso County, CSU Extension Website. Scroll down and find them by date.

## Important Deadlines

### June 1: MQA Certification Deadline-Required to participate in fair!

Members in the following projects: ALL rabbit, poultry projects as well as breeding and market: cattle, swine, sheep and goat (This includes ALL goat: dairy, fiber, pygmy, etc.)

MQA must be completed once as a Junior, once as an Intermediate and once as a Senior

All resources to complete MQA Certification online can be found [here](#).

#### Members must:

1. Review the presentation and take the test until they receive a passing score
2. Fill and complete the MQA Certification form and email to [Emily.Tobler@colostate.edu](mailto:Emily.Tobler@colostate.edu)

## Announcements

### Open now: 4-H State Conference Virtual Contests (Seniors only)

The 2020 "Virtual" Colorado 4-H State Conference is now open in 4-H Online. Click [here](#) for a very TENTATIVE schedule, please be patient as we are working through the details as quickly as possible!

Only the following contests will be occurring (please see the linked flyer for additional details):

- FCS Skill-A-Thon
- Livestock Judging
- Horse Judging
- FCS Consumer Bowl

Register in 4HOnline (ages 14+ ONLY) by **June 5 @ Midnight!**

**Cost: \$50, payment due by June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Only Checks accepted. Please make checks payable to **CSU Extension** and mailed to CSU Extension

17N Spruce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Attn: 4-H

Colorado Springs CO, 80905

## Sale open now: T-Shirts to Support the Livestock Advisory Committee (LAC)

A fundraiser to support local 4H and FFA youth. With the coronavirus happening many 4-H and FFA kids are losing their opportunities to show at their county fair and I, Taylor Vandergriff-former EPC 4-H member, want to help the youth raise money in these uncertain times. They are struggling to find award sponsors and donations due to the coronavirus and I want to help them make sure they have enough funds! I was also involved in 4-H and it taught me many life lessons and I want to return the favor. I plan to donate the proceeds to the El Paso County Livestock Advisory Committee so they can use it to get awards for their fair and have money to continue for next year. Let's face it without agriculture you don't have food to eat, clothes on your back, and a roof over your head.

*-Taylor Vandergriff, El Paso County 4-H Alumnus*

[https://www.customink.com/fundraising/agriculture-is-essential?share=5251589680524214&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=mobile-campaign-page-share&utm\\_medium=social&ref=facebook\\_social\\_mobile-campaign-page-share&utm\\_content=agriculture-is-essential&side=front&type=1&zoom=false&fbclid=IwAR08PIYg-YDwv280wx5OMorhjk6SqU0ILw8lqgNvKqGkgEnwOtQSgA6bpCw](https://www.customink.com/fundraising/agriculture-is-essential?share=5251589680524214&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=mobile-campaign-page-share&utm_medium=social&ref=facebook_social_mobile-campaign-page-share&utm_content=agriculture-is-essential&side=front&type=1&zoom=false&fbclid=IwAR08PIYg-YDwv280wx5OMorhjk6SqU0ILw8lqgNvKqGkgEnwOtQSgA6bpCw)

## Superintendent Project Meetings: Pre-registration required

The following project meetings will be hosted by 2020 El Paso County Fair Superintendents. These meetings are meant to give 4-Hers the opportunity to ask for guidance about their project areas such as nutrition, fitting, what should they bring to fair, bracing, driving, do I need to turn in paperwork for the sale, etc.

### Sheep Project Meeting

**When: May 29, 2020 7pm**

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJModOGhri8uHiGk\\_rNVH\\_9yXAEJ38aJIYXM](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJModOGhri8uHiGk_rNVH_9yXAEJ38aJIYXM)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## May 31: New Information-County Shoot Registration

With the current best safety practices and restrictions, members will be limited to **one discipline per competition**. For example, if a 4-Her is enrolled in both Archery and Air Rifle disciplines, that member must pick only one discipline to enter for competition. **Sporting Clays is not available this year**. Choose either Trap or Skeet, not both, **One entry only, per competition day**. This adjustment will allow all members the chance to participate in a competition and will hopefully encourage mastery over one area. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we explore and develop plans to keep us moving forward and safe!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me: (719) 229-9644

Thanks!

*-James Irsik, 2020 Shooting Sports Competition Superintendent*

#### Important links:

- [El Paso County Shooting Sports Additional T-Shirt Order Form](#)
- **Competition Entry Form:** Due by **May 31**. **We will accept fees at Competition.** No Late entries will be accepted and no changes to the entry will be made after it is submitted. E-mail form to: [epc.shootingsports@gmail.com](mailto:epc.shootingsports@gmail.com).

### Month of May: Share your demos with the Virtual 4-H Team!

4-H members, share your demos and speeches! The virtual team is wanting to highlight projects around the county. During the month of May, we are hosting a friendly, club competition! The first club to have 5 demos or speeches, following the state guidelines, shared with us will be recognized at our annual awards banquet!

**Get those speeches and demos!**

Instructions for upload can be found here: <https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2020/05/Video-Upload-Instructions-.pdf>

### June 1-22: Fair Registration will open in Fair Entry

During this time frame only entry registration will be required.

Have a great weekend,

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