

Happy Friday 4-H Families,

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

## Topics Covered this Week:

- 1/12-2/16 Michigan 4-H Hosts Wild and Crazy Careers via Zoom
- 1/13-1/31 Arapahoe County Hosts Urban Ranchers Virtual Camp 2020
- 1/15 Beekeeping Project Meeting
- 1/18 (Beef) & 1/19 (Horse) Adams County 4-H Vet Chat Series
- 1/31 Deadline: Sign up for Beef Tag-In
- 1/31 Deadline: Producer Dam Nominations
- **\*Correction: State Fair Nomination Costs**
- Free Creative Arts Supplies Available to Members in Those Projects!
- Leader Development Conference 2021 Registration NOW OPEN
- Meat Quality Assurance Testing 2021 Update
- Shooting Sports Hunter Safety Card Update

## Announcements/Reminders

### January 12 – February 16: Wild and Crazy Careers via Zoom

Do you know what you want to be when you grow up? In this six-week series, youth will hear from people who have turned their hobbies and passions into their dream job!

Did you know you can get a job filming penguins? Working in a zoo? Playing outside all day? Training dogs? Climbing a mountain? Join this exciting series to hear from wildland firefighters, wildlife documentary creators, zookeepers, mountaineers and more! What do all these things have in common? People who took their skills and talents and found a way to become passionate about their career. Hear their stories, ask questions about the coolest day they've had on the job, and find out how you can set yourself on a path to a wild and crazy career! In addition to learning about wild and crazy careers, the program will also explore the importance of SMART goals, interviewing techniques, resume tips and more. [Click here to register.](#)

**Join this free program at 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday from January 12 - February 16.** This program is open to youth ages 9-19; youth ages 5-9 are encouraged to join with the help of a parent or guardian.

### January 13-31: Urban Ranchers Virtual Camp 2020

Arapahoe County 4-H is running an Urban Ranchers Virtual Camp through the month of January. The Urban Ranchers Virtual Camp is a self-paced animal science camp that will begin on January 13, 2021. The program is geared toward youth ages 8-13, but all youth are welcomed!

The Urban Ranchers Camp brings the ranch to your living room! Through this virtual camp, youth will learn about agriculture, livestock, and animal care. Various farm animals will be featured throughout the program including - cattle, chickens, ducks, goats, horses, pigs, and sheep. Youth can go on virtual tours of cattle farms, learn how to milk a goat, and can even ride a racehorse virtually. Youth can enhance their experience by using the 2021 [Ag Adventure Guide](#).

The camp is completely FREE but we do ask for youth to register. **Link to registration –** <https://forms.gle/P2uNSZTawNsDkq1dA>. A link to the camp will be sent out to those registered.

## January 15: Beekeeping Project Meeting

**For who:** members enrolled/planning to enroll in any unit of the Beekeeping Project

**Where:** Currently via Zoom

**When:** Friday, January 15 at 4pm

**Register using this link:** <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltfuiuqDlvGdas6Gg4nRGeD5pIA9YBD-Rr>

**Additional Info:**

- Beekeeping Project Group informational video: <https://vimeo.com/469158873>
- Beekeeping Project Group Website: <https://elpasocounty4hbeekeepers.wordpress.com/>

## January 18 & 19: 4-H Vet Chat Series

Adams County 4-H hosts a Vet Chat Series! Learn how to keep your animals healthy, how to care for them if they do get sick or injured, and when to call a vet. All 4-H families welcome to register and join virtually.

- **Monday, January 18** chat will feature Dr. Jennifer Gochanour from Living Springs Veterinary Care on the topic of Beef.
- **Tuesday, January 19** will feature Dr. Chelsea Luedke of Heritage Equine speaking on the topic of Horses.

There will also be additional chats on the following topics and dates:

- Swine: Monday, February 1st @ 6pm
- Poultry: TBD
- Dog/Cat: TBD

**Registration links available here:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19oYcd4tDM7jJSBymlEo2r35QqlzXCjUMJAOS9Yusco4/edit?usp=sharing>

## January 31: Deadline to sign up for Beef Tag-In!

Please refer to **page 6** of the [January Newsletter \(click here\)](#) for a link to the sign-up form and full details about the event. Don't forget to apply for a premise ID ahead of time if you plan to submit State Fair Nominations-see the newsletter for further instructions.

## January 31: Producer Deadline for Dam Nomination two-part Process

Please refer to **page 7** of the [January Newsletter \(click here\)](#) for details about qualifying for producer livestock classes at the El Paso County Fair and more information about this deadline.

## Correction: State fair nominations will cost \$3.00 per animal (NOT \$10) due in cash on tag in day for that species.

Please contact Emily Tobler, Livestock Extension Agent with any questions about State Fair Nominations for livestock or poultry at [Emily.tobler@colostate.edu](mailto:Emily.tobler@colostate.edu).

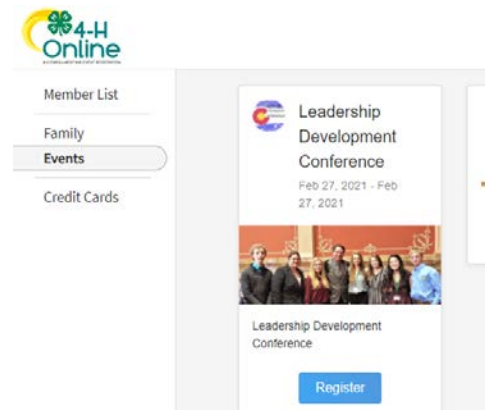
## Free Creative Arts Supplies Available to Members in Those Projects!

A variety of sewing, crocheting, and quilting items, plus ceramics greenware and two rug-making kits have been donated to the county 4-H program and are available FREE to members enrolled in these projects!

If you would like more information about what items were donated, or would like to view the items, please contact Stacy Cantu, leader of Fountain Farmers 4-H Club, at [cant2asmtg2012@hotmail.com](mailto:cant2asmtg2012@hotmail.com).

## Leader Development Conference 2021 Registration Now Open:

Leadership Development Conference (LDC) is an annual Leadership event hosted by Colorado State University Extension (state office) in January. This year the event will be held virtually. It is open to all 4-H members ages 14-18 (seniors). **Register by February 12** in 4HOnline. When you log in to your family account select the 'Events' tab on the left-hand side. Email [karla.wiesner@colostate.edu](mailto:karla.wiesner@colostate.edu) with any registration issues.



Click [here](#) for the flyer.

## Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) Update 2021:

As of now, nothing has been released from state about the process of MQA for the 2021 4-H year. The online test used last year is not currently available. We will make an announcement in the newsletter as soon as we know more.

MQA training is required for participation in fair in the applicable projects listed below. 4-Hers in the projects below must complete MQA once as a Junior, once as an Intermediate and once as a Senior:

- all rabbits (companion, breeding and market)
- poultry (breeding, market, and show)
- breeding and market livestock (swine, beef, sheep, and goats)
- dairy goat

- pygmy goat
- dairy cattle

## Shooting Sports: Hunter Safety Card Update

All Shooting Sports Project Members:

The Hunter Safety Course is a requirement for all 4-H members to participate in any shooting sports county or state competitions. Due to COVID guidelines, Colorado Parks and Wildlife has moved all of their hunter safety courses to an online format, for those 11 and over. The course **MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE** February 15th to waive the in-person requirement. Visit this website for more info: <https://register-ed.com/programs/colorado/98-colorado-hunter-education-course>. *“We've temporarily moved to a 100% online course for students 11 years old or older. Any student who is at least 11 years old, and finishes this online course at [hunter-ed.com](https://hunter-ed.com) by February 15th will be fully Hunter Ed certified for life, and no in person class will be required.”*

***For those members 10 & under please email [dnr\\_wildlife.huntered@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_wildlife.huntered@state.co.us) to inquire about their separate online option for that age group.***

This is a wonderful option to make sure our shooting sports project members understand basic safety. I would highly recommend getting this finished now, rather than waiting until the new year. Please reach out with any questions to [Charity.Cagle@colostate.edu](mailto:Charity.Cagle@colostate.edu)!

Have a great weekend,

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