

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.

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- 1/24 Pocket Pets Project Meeting
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## Announcements/Reminders

### 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 24: Pocket Pets Project meeting

- **What:** Pocket Pets Project Meeting
- **For Who:** El Paso County 4-H Members enrolled in any unit of the Pocket Pets Project

- **Where:** Currently, Zoom
- **When/Next Meeting:** Sunday, January 24 at 4pm

Join using this link: <https://zoom.us/j/95450787168?pwd=c0JNcDZSS3hKR1VYdU9aQjh2ejB5dz09>

**Meeting ID:** 954 5078 7168

**Passcode:** 884515

## January 26: Youth County Council

Youth County Council is open to all 4-H members in El Paso County and meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. This is the only Youth Advisory Council in the county. It provides opportunities for leadership, and the ability to have a voice in county programming. Plus, we have a lot of fun!

**Time:** Tuesday, January 26, at 6:30pm

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtcOuqgTktH90PbDAydm771D6KxwdYRPGX>

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

## January 27: Robotics Project Meeting

- **What:** Robotics Project Meetings (FTC – First Tech Challenge)
- **For Who:** El Paso County 4-H Members enrolled in any unit of the Robotics Project
- **Where:** Currently, Zoom
- **When/Next Meeting:** Wednesday Jan. 27 at 6:30pm

**How to Sign Up:** Contact Mr. Doug to be added to the email list: [dougsteffes@gmail.com](mailto:dougsteffes@gmail.com).

## 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.

## February 1: 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, February 1 at 6pm** chat will feature Dr. Jennifer Gochanour from Living Springs Veterinary Care on the topic of Swine.

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

- Poultry: TBD
- Dog/Cat: TBD

**Registration links available here:**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/19oYcd4tDM7jJSBymiEo2r35QqlzXCjUMJAOS9Yusco4/edit?usp=sharing>

## February 2: Registration Deadline—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 by February 2.](#)

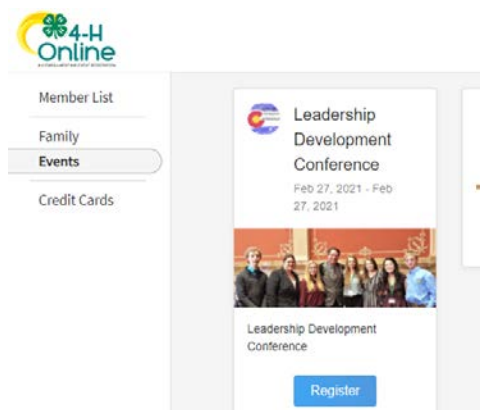
**Join this free program at 4:30 p.m. each Tuesday from January 12 - February 16.** This program is open to youth ages 9-19; youth ages 5-9 are encouraged to join with the help of a parent or guardian.

## February 12: Registration Deadline Leader Development Conference 2021

Leadership Development Conference (LDC) is an annual Leadership event hosted by Colorado State University Extension (state office). 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.



## **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).

## **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 hunter safety courses to an online format for those 11 and over. The course MUST be completed by **February 15th** to waive the in-person requirement.

- **11 and older**—visit this website to complete Hunter Safety course online: <https://register-ed.com/programs/colorado/98-colorado-hunter-education-course>.
- **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.

Please reach out with any questions to [Charity.Cagle@colostate.edu](mailto:Charity.Cagle@colostate.edu)!

Have a great weekend,

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