

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:

- 1/8 Critter Corner Registration Deadline
- 1/11 First Year Family Zoom Meeting
- 1/13 Adams County 4-H Vet Chat Series: Rabbits
- 1/13 Robotics Project Meeting
- 1/15 Beekeeping Project Meeting
- ***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 8: Critter Corner Registration Deadline

Register for Virtual Critter Corner 2021! **Registration closes January 8th.** The first session will be held on January 12: "Have you ever wondered how you can help keep your animal cozy and content during the winter months? Then join in with Mrs. Beth to learn tips and tricks on how you can help your dog, cat, horse and other large animals stay happy and jolly no matter what the weather is like. You will learn about the importance of electrolytes, if your animal needs a blanket or sweater when outside and so much more. Sign up soon and jump in on the conversation." Click [here](#) for the flyer.

Reach out to organizer Marlena Griesse, Otero County 4-H Extension Agent with any questions: marlena.griesse@colostate.edu.

January 11: First Year Family Zoom Series

We are hosting a "First Year Family Series: Navigating 4-H" on the Zoom platform throughout the 20-21 year. Each meeting will cover a different topic, including project selection, leadership opportunities, project work, eRecords, fairs and competitions, and finding web resources, among several others. Join us for the first meeting in the series!

When: Monday, January 11, 7pm

Preregister using this link: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0lf-Gpqj8vGdJ_CFKKogVD6-8w1aJI6NXX

January 13: 4-H Vet Chat Series-Rabbits

Adams County 4-H hosts Dr. Ragan Adams, CSU Veterinary Extension Specialist will be updating us about the current RHDV2 outbreak followed by rabbit producers Rosie and Rita teaching home health care and first aid for your rabbits. 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.

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

- Beef: Monday, January 18th @ 6pm
- Horse: Tuesday, January 19th @ 7pm
- Swine: Monday, February 1st @ 6pm
- Poultry: TBD
- Dog/Cat: TBD

Registration links available here:

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

January 13: 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. 13
- **How to Sign Up:** Contact Mr. Doug to be added to the email list: dougsteffes@gmail.com.

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/tJltfuiuqDlvGdas6Gg4nRGeD5plA9YBD-Rr>

Additional Info:

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

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.

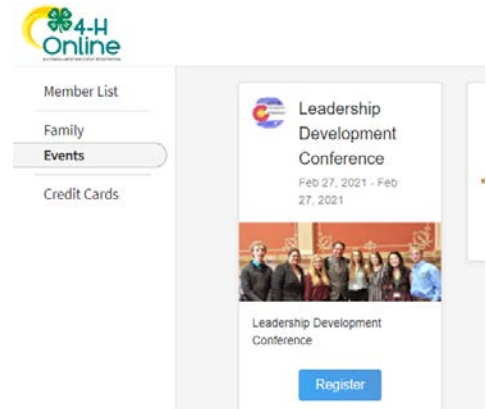
Free Creative Arts Supplies Available to Members in Those Projects!

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.

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 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 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 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!

Have a great weekend,

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