

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:

- 12/8 Youth County Council
- 12/8 Denver Story Time STEM Virtual Event
- 12/11 & 12/14 Training: 4-H Virtual Victory
- 12/15 Training: Setting up the 4-H Environment for Success
- 12/15 Jeffco Cattle Nutrition Clinic
- 12/16 Robotics Project Meeting
- **12/20 Re-Enrollment Deadline in 4HOnline!**
- 4-H Swag Fundraiser
- **Shooting Sports Hunter Safety Card Update**

Announcements/Reminders

December 8: 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 Dec. 8:30pm (date moved to the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving)

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrdOGqri4tGdZ66N8KkDpnHE3QsDMxFO2Q](https://zoom.us/join/https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrdOGqri4tGdZ66N8KkDpnHE3QsDMxFO2Q)

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

December 8: Denver Extension Story Time STEM

Join the Denver Extension office and Americorps for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Storytime! This is a free event, highlighting a short story, followed by an engaging STEM activity. Click [here](#) for the flyer. This series will be held on **Dec. 8, Dec. 22 & Jan. 9 at 4pm.**

December 11 & 14: Link & Learn: 4-H Virtual Victory

- **4-H Virtual Victory – Exploring the Tools to Make the Best Better**
 - For All Volunteer Leaders 2 SEPARATE Sessions
 - **Friday, Dec. 11** from 6:30 – 7:30pm
 - **Monday, Dec. 14** from 6:30 – 7:30pm
 - Topics discussed – basic zoom features (logging in, chat, participants, screen share & other basic features – 1st session) (engaging with polls, games, discussion, advanced features – 2nd session)
- Register Here: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYtdeirrT0qEtYuYgEI-Pki0B_LI8Hnb-NW

We hope you will join us for these sessions! If there is a topic you'd like to see covered, email your feedback to Charity at charity.cagle@colostate.edu. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

December 15: Link & Learn- Setting up the 4-H Environment for Success

- Setting up the 4-H Environment for Success - Understanding and minimizing behavioral issues with best practices for trauma informed education.
 - For *All Volunteer Leaders Single Session*
 - **Tuesday, Dec. 15** at 6:30pm
 - Topics discussed – COVID has brought to light many issues surrounding trauma and our youth during this time. We will discover best practices for creating environments that help youth thrive!
- **Register here:** https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrduGqrjooG9MmvfQMkFjo3dkL_W-9zWlx

December 15: Jeffco Cattle Nutrition Clinic

Jefferson County is hosting a nutrition clinic series and is starting off with market and breeding cattle this upcoming **Tuesday, December 15th at 6:30pm**. They will have guest speakers Paul Hill and Megan Bryant from Purina joining us this month and are welcoming all 4-Hers. Click [here](#) for the flyer!

Pre-registration is required:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlkdu6trD0qEtBs4vtliGh5mhiR8Pjq4aN>

December 16: 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 Dec.16
- **How to Sign Up:** email Mrs. Charity for Zoom login information at charity.cagle@colostate.edu

December 20: Re-Enrollment deadline in 4HOnline!

- **Returning families, please remember to enroll in 4HOnline by Sunday, December 20 at midnight to ensure you do not accrue a \$25.00 late fee!**
- Find all resources for registration including enrollment instructions on the El Paso County, CSU Extension Website. Go to Member Resources from the 4-H dropdown and click on the [Enrollment](#) tab.
- Email Karla at karla.wiesner@colostate.edu with any questions or technical issues while enrolling.

4-H Swag Fundraiser

Now is your chance to purchase one of kind t-shirts and hoodies that represent the 4-H program! Choose from three super cute, unique designs that will fit any 4-H youth or adult! It's the perfect stocking stuffer and/or Christmas gift.

Every purchase will help support the 4-H youth in the horse project. All purchasing and shipping will happen directly through the business website listed below. **Don't forget to put your size in the comment section when you submit your order!**

https://www.etsy.com/shop/ButterflyDesignsbyKE?search_query=4-H

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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