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Club Leader Spotlight

Tia Andersen

Pals of the Pines

- 4-H Volunteer Years: 16 years
- Favorite Color: Turquoise
- Favorite Candy or Sweet Treat: Twix
- Hobbies: Cooking, sewing, games, and animal care

Acknowledgment: We would like to acknowledge Tia for her years of dedicated service to the 4-H program in El Paso County! Tia is extremely organized and is always finding ways to be involved in the community while sharing more about 4-H!

4-H GROWS HERE

Club Officer Check– Ins

We want to make sure our club officers have the tools they need to be successful in their roles. Our team is hosting sessions to review Officer Books and support officers in organizing their books. In addition, there will be an opportunity to network with other Treasurers/Secretaries, ask questions, and get real time feedback on their Officer Books. Don’t miss this great opportunity! Sign Up Here Today!

Secretary Check-In: January 19, 2023 from 4:30 to 6PM, at the Extension Office

Colorado 4-H Leadership Development Conference

January 28-30, 2023
Don’t forget that registration for Leadership Development Conference (LDC) is open through 4HOnline and closes at 10:59 p.m. on January 6, 2023. LDC is for youth 14-18, it will be held January 28-30 at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver, and registration is $375 per person and includes meals, banquet, hotel room, and more! Registration 4-H Day at the Capitol will follow the conference on January 30. Extra Banquet tickets can be reserved through 4HOnline on an adult registration. The cost for extra tickets is $65 per ticket. Hotel rooms will cost $119 plus tax. There is an option to apply for funds from the El Paso County 4-H Foundation to help cover expenses!

Colorado 4-H YouthFest

A conference for *Intermediate 4-H Members*

March 24-26, 2023

Opportunities include workshops, fun events, enhance leadership skills, connect with other 4-H members from across the state, and more!

Registration through 4HOnline coming soon… stay tuned for more details!

Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship

A $500.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to a 4-H Member who has been enrolled in Shooting Sports for a minimum of four years. This scholarship is intended to assist individuals entering a postsecondary vocational or technical field, such as welding, carpentry, mechanics, etc

Find more details here

Colorado 4-H Leadership Development Conference

JANUARY 28-30, 2023

DENVER, CO

4-H HELPING OTHERS IN NEED

- 4-H Ages 14-18
- 4HOnline Registration Open until January 6th!
- 4-H Day at Capitol January 30

- Sock Drive Community Service - Bring Socks of all sizes for Men*, Women, and Children.

*Mens socks are the biggest need

- $230 registration fee per participant
- Extra Banquet Tickets $65
- For Questions, Contact your Local Extension Agent

- Renaissance Hotel 3801 Quebec St. Denver, CO 80207
- Hotel Rooms are $119 per Night for Double Occupancy.
- Hotel Reservations due by January 6th

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2023 LDC Schedule of Events

Renaissance Hotel- Denver, CO

Avengers; 4-H – Helping Those in Need

Saturday, January 28, 2023

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	LDC Registration – Boulder Creek Foyer
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Ice Breakers
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Introductions/Rules/Schedule/Community Service
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Opening Session
3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	District Meetings
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Senate Meeting
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Banquet
8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Dance
11:15 p.m.	Curfew/Lights Out

Sunday, January 29, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Breakout Session One
9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Agent/Volunteer Session One
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Breakout Session Two
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Lunch – Ballrooms
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Breakout Session Three
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Agent/Volunteer Session Two
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Breakout Session Four
2:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Closing Session
5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	County Night Out
8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Dance
11:15 p.m.	Curfew/Lights Out

Monday, January, 30, 2023

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
10:00 a.m.	4-H Day at the Capitol

Band APP Communications-

Horse, Livestock, & Small Animal

We are excited to jump into the 2022-2023 4-H Year in El Paso County! To help with delivering clear communications, provide an updated event calendar, and send out reminders of county wide programming; I have created an app for three project areas which include Horse, Livestock, and Small Animal. Please follow the instructions below to join! The communication tool can be used on a desktop app and/or app on your phone. We are inviting 4-H youth, 4-H family members, and 4-H volunteers to join!

You won’t want to miss this.!

EPC Livestock Projects

https://band.us/n/acaf79qek5u8s

EPC Horse & Miniature Horse Projects

https://band.us/n/a6ab71qfkcZ8z

EPC Small Animal Projects

https://band.us/n/afaf7dq8kaxeb

Youth County Council

El Paso County Youth Council is a busy group! While our events are advertised in the newsletter, the BAND APP is a great way for us to connect, get clarification, and stay updated. Please join our YCC Band group here *(the Band app can be utilized on both mobile or desktop devices)*

Building Resiliency in Youth: Free Classes for 4-H Parents & Volunteers

I would like to offer 4-H parents and volunteers a series of free classes that will give you the knowledge and tools to build resiliency in your home with your family, and with the youth you work with in the 4-H program. I am partnering with the Lyda Hill Institute for Human Resilience for Community Training and Empowerment (UCCS) that will be teaching the series of classes. These courses are structured to help with your family relationships and dynamic in your home or in the 4-H program. They are 45 minute courses with 15 minutes for questions and answers. All presenters are licensed family therapists and specialize in these topics.

If you are interested in these free courses, will you please take this survey so we can create an experience fitted to your needs and interests. The survey will ask about topics, locations, and days/times that work best for you. Please have this survey filled out by January 31, 2023.

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Teen Dating Violence Workshop

Escalation

Tuesday, February 28, 2022

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Colorado State University El Paso County Extension Office

17 N Spruce St, Colorado Springs

FREE EVENT—FREE PIZZA PROVIDED

Escalation is an engaging & emotional film-based discussion transforming the way we view and discuss relationship abuse.

Come and see how YOU can help make a difference in your community and put an end to Teen Dating Violence!

https://vimeo.com/138235461

The statistics are staggering...

⇒ 1 in 3 US teens ages 14-20 have been victims of dating violence

⇒ Though 82% of parents feel confident that they could recognize the signs if their child was experiencing dating abuse, a majority of parents (58%) could not correctly identify all the warning signs of abuse.

Learn how to identify the signs and stop the abuse before it is too late!

Audience — high school & college students, parents, educators, health providers, & anyone dealing with youth.

County Contest– Save the Date

What is County Contest?

A one-day event with opportunities to ***qualify*** for State Conference, State Fair, and National Western Stock Show contests, all while improving your public speaking, interview, and showmanship skills! Activities, Contests, and Events. Every club should have youth member representation at this event.

What Contests are Offered:

- **Impromptu Speeches** are great for gaining skills with those unexpected questions from judges.
- **Interpretive Readings** a contest with a set reading/book/poem, etc. This is perfect for the experience of sharing written work with judges.
- **Demos/Illustrated Talks** is ideal for those 4-H members who are ready to share knowledge, a skill or technique they’ve learned in their projects.
- **Prepared Speeches** are ideal for those wanting to gain formal speech skills)
- **Interview Skills** are an overall great practice for each 4-H members

Who Can Attend?

All El Paso County 4-H Members in any project area and any 4-H age division!

When & Where?

April 22, 2023 at the El Paso County Extension Office (the official time will be announced shortly)

Registration Details?

Details on how to register for the event will be in upcoming newsletters!

What if a member wants to participate but not compete?

Workshops will be offered and are ideal for those wanting to learn more with hands on experiences.

National 4-H Congress by Time Niemeyer

The Atlanta 4-H conference was a great experience to learn how to better myself and my community. This once in a lifetime opportunity is a way to meet like minded youth in a hands on, fast paced learning experience, all designed to make the best better. Through many workshops and sessions led by today’s top speakers, we were educated on many useful life skills, such as, leadership, teamwork, confidence, and community service.

The conference was held at a very fun part of the city. Participants were able to stay in the heart of Atlanta, where we were immersed in beautiful architecture, great food, and an exciting southern culture. While at the conference, everyone stayed in a designated hotel while sharing a room with other members of their state. It’s was a great way to meet lifelong friends and great mentors.

The most distinguishing part of the conference were the community service capabilities that were offered. During our stay, we were paired up with a team of fellow 4-Hers and assigned a community service project. Some projects included, helping restore a local community garden, help restore a trail, help a hospital, help a local elementary school, and more. For my project, I was able to help a local elementary school set up for a holiday play.

It was a great experience and I highly recommend it to any fellow Colorado 4-H members. If you’re looking for a better way to use your head, heart, hands and health to serve your community and world, this is it.

Time Niemeyer

County Fair Rulebook Changes for 2023

Every year 4-H staff, volunteers, and families meet to discuss the rulebook for County Fair. It is important to keep our rulebook current because it is an important document in conveying the most relevant information concerning quality, content, and expectations of shows and contests at county fair for 4-H families. Please review the changes carefully and if you have questions feel free to reach out to Emily Green. If an objection is felt about a certain standard or rule please feel free to attend the Fairboard Meeting on January 18 at 6:30 PM in Swink Hall. We look forward to another great year in 4-H!

Please read and understand the rulebooks as not all changes have been outlined below. It is the responsibility of the family to read and understand the rulebook.

Draft 2023 Dog Premium Book

Draft 2023 Horse Premium Book

Draft 2023 Livestock Premium Book

Draft 2023 Miniature Horse Premium Book

Draft 2023 Small Animal Premium Book

Horse

- For cattle classes, an exhibitor is responsible for a $45 cattle fee or market value fee of the current year set by CSU Extension. Exhibitors must also receive a qualifying score from a cattle clinic held in El Paso County by the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee before becoming eligible for cattle classes at county fair.
- For Hunter Hack, exhibitors must also receive a qualifying score from a hunter hack clinic held in El Paso County by the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee before becoming eligible for hunter hack classes at county fair.
- Level I Hunter Hack and Level I Individual Cow Work have been added (please read rulebook for in-depth descriptions)
- For the Ranch Horse Division saddles shall be of a western roping type with a double rigging and equipped with a cinch hobble. Horn must be wrapped. Riders must have and carry a rope lariat or riata attached to their saddle for all classes that require roping.
- New To You Division can now be shown in for two years by same horse and rider combo
- Clarification on Super Horse Award, Divisional, and Overall Awards (please read rulebook for in-depth outline)

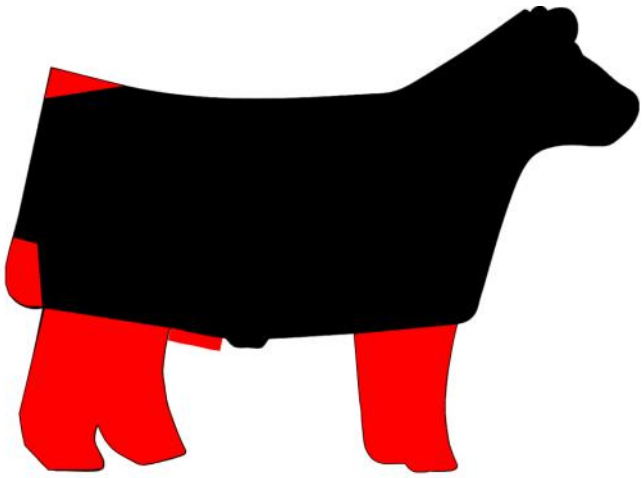
Miniature Horse

- Ground driving and liberty classes are added (Please read rulebook for in-depth description and rules)
- Horses will be required to stall the duration of County Fair. Exhibitors do have the option to check out of the facility early on Tuesday July 18th by 9 AM with the Superintendent. Exhibitors must request early check out online in Fair Entry Registration ONLY (no exceptions). Please note that if exhibitors opt for the early checkout, they will not be eligible for Overall Division Awards, Master Showman Contest, Mightiest Miniature Horse Award, and Premier Exhibitor Award.
- For exhibitors to participate in Ground Driving classes, horses must have passed the Mastery Test Two by May 31, 2023.

Livestock

- Unapproved drugs are prohibited. Unapproved means not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for slaughter animals that may be destined for human consumption. This includes the use of all products that are not FDA approved including but not limited to any diuretic, alcohol, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication meant for human usage. Violators of this rule will be disqualified and dismissed from the Fairgrounds. *Another important point to remember is that products labeled “all natural” that are not FDA approved may contain ingredients that can result in a positive test. It is your responsibility to know what ingredients are included in products labeled as “all natural.”

- For beef artificial coloring products may be used on the tail head and tail ball according to standard industry practice.



**The red indicates areas approved for fitting*

- Market Heifer- If there are at least 5 entries, a Market Heifer Class will be held. They will have their own division. The top placing market heifer will compete in the Market Beef Grand Drive. Market heifers are subject to the same rules as listed in Market Beef.
- Market Steers- All market beef will be divided into weight classes as nearly equal as the Superintendent deems feasible. Classes will be broken further into divisions by the Superintendent (I.E. Lightweight, Medium Weight, and Heavy Weight). The approximate number of market steers in each class will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent.
- Any grooming material on any other part of the body not mentioned above, rubbed with a cloth or glove which shows evidence of artificial color is prohibited. (Restated from general rules) I.E. Baby Powder (Market Goat Section of the Rulebook)
- Market Lambs Classes- All market lambs will be divided into weight classes as nearly equal as the Superintendent deems feasible. And then will be broken further into divisions by the Superintendent (I.E. Lightweight, Medium Weight, and Heavy Weight). The approximate number of market lambs in each class will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent.
- Restructuring of breeding lamb classes (please refer to the rulebook for more in-depth outline)
- Market Goats Classes- All market goat will be divided into weight classes as nearly equal as the Superintendent deems feasible. And then will be broken further into divisions by the Superintendent (I.E. Lightweight, Medium Weight, and Heavy Weight). The approximate number of market goats in each class will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent.
- Market Swine Classes-All market swine will be divided into weight classes as nearly equal as the Superintendent deems feasible. And then will be broken further into divisions by the Superintendent (I.E. Lightweight, Light Medium, Medium Weight, Medium Heavy, and Heavy Weight). The approximate number of market swine in each class will be left to the discretion of the Superintendent.

Junior Gilts
Junior Gilts: Born on or after March 1 through May 1 of the current year
Senior Gilts
Senior Gilts: Born December 1 of previous year through last day of February of current year

- If the written test is not taken in the scheduled time frame the exhibitor is not eligible for the award. (Rate of Gain)

Small Animal

Entry Fees

Cavy: $5.00 per exhibitor, and $3.00 per animal
Rabbit: $5.00 per exhibitor and $3 per rabbit, including market entries
Rabbits: $3.00 for three (3) Meat Pens or three (3) Single Fryers or any combination to total three.
Poultry: $5.00 per exhibitor fee and $3.00 per animal
Poultry: $3.00 for pen of three/trio
Pocket Pets: $5.00 per exhibitor fee and $3.00 per animal
Llamas/Alpacas: $5.00 per class (Obstacle, Public Relations, Pack, and Costume Contest) per exhibitor for the 4-H/FFA show

Rabbit

- While ARBA no longer requires show rabbits to have vaccinations, it is highly recommended that EPCF show rabbits (Classes 1-11) continue to be vaccinated with the Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus Type 2 (RHVD2).
- All exhibitors will be required to work a maintenance shift (barn duty) in the rabbit barn during the Fair to help water and check on rabbits. They are also responsible to sweep the walkways in the barn, and answer questions from visitors. Please sign up for time slots by cage-in. Exhibitors are required to complete a maximum of 6 hours, in increments of 2-hour shifts of duty across all species you show. If you show multiple species, at least one 2-hour shift must be completed in the rabbit barn. If you only show rabbits, all 6 hours would be completed in the barn. It is your discretion to sign up for all shifts back-to-back or throughout the week. We also encourage you to keep your rabbit cages clean during the fair to make the rabbit barn a nice experience for those who visit it.
- During fair entry, all participants **MUST** enter at least **ONE** rabbit to be used for showmanship. Rabbit showmanship will be in conjunction with Cavy showmanship.
- Added rabbit hopping and mock judging contests (please see premium book for in-depth description)

Poultry

- Added Outstanding Poultry Participation Award, Poultry Skillathon, and Poultry Agility (please refer to the premium book for more in– depth descriptions)

Llama/Alpaca

- Exhibitors **CANNOT** leave animals unattended while tied. An exhibitor, parent, or volunteer must always be there to monitor the animal if tied.

Pocket Pet

- **Class 7:** Rescued (*The rescue class is to include pocket pets that have been rescued that display irreversible malformations or deformities, but are in current good health due to care.)*

Dog

- Obedience Beginner Novice division: the beginner novice c classes were replaced and are now “Pre-Beginner Novice A” and “Pre-Beginner Novice B”. This matches new State rules. The classes in the Beginner Novice division are now as follows-
    - Class 510: Pre-Beginner Novice A
    - Class 511: Pre-Beginner Novice B
    - Class 512: Beginner Novice A
    - Class 513: Beginner Novice B
- All Eligibility descriptions for Obedience and Rally classes have been updated to match the wording in state rules and be clearer.
- Rally class numbers/names changed to accommodate Rally Advanced B. Class names and numbers are now as follows (Changes begin at Class 537)-
    - Class 532: Rally Novice A
    - Class 533: Rally Novice B
    - Class 534: Rally Intermediate A
    - Class 535: Rally Intermediate B
    - Class 536: Rally Advanced A
    - Class 537: Rally Advanced B
    - Class 538: Rally Excellent A
    - Class 539: Rally Excellent B
    - Class 540: Rally Advanced/Excellent A
    - Class 541: Rally Advanced/Excellent B
    - Class 542: Rally Masters A
    - Class 543: Rally Masters B
- The link to the current full agility rules was updated, it will now take people to the full state dog rule book since the agility rules are no longer separate.

Mastery 1 Safety Test (Mini Equine)

Mastery 1 safety testing and ground driving clinic for miniature horses. Mastery 1 Safety test must be completed before mini horses can attend ground driving clinic. Ground driving clinic will be taught by Assistant Superintendent Kelley Harding. Please bring harness or surcingle with driving reins, driving whip, and bridle with blinders. All miniature horse members are welcome to audit clinic if horse has not passed Mastery 1 safety test. Check Band App for more info.

Date: January 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM

Location: 18470 Lost Ranger Rd, Peyton CO 80831

Congratulations to Miniature Equine Project Members!

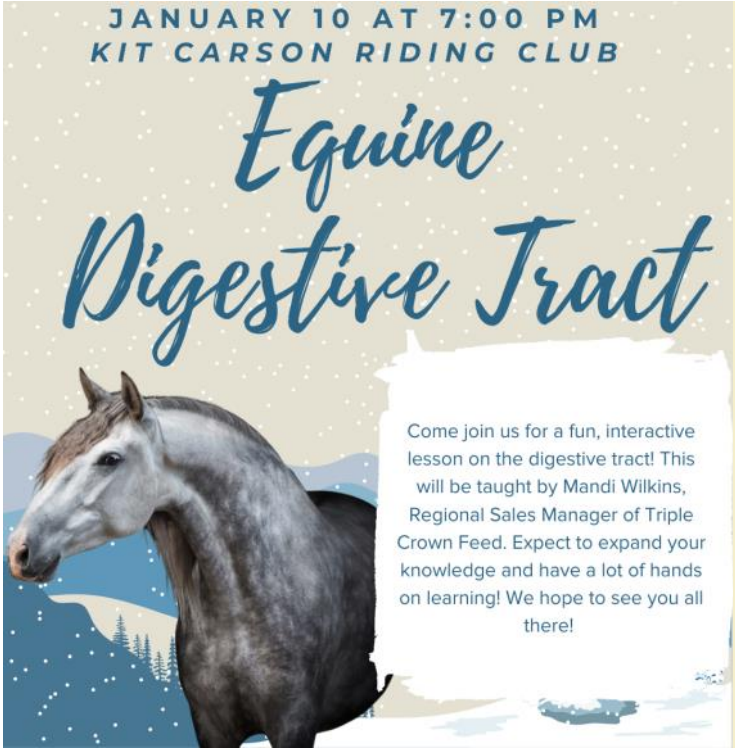
A big congratulations to all members of the Miniature Horse project for winning the Equestrian Division in the Calhan Parade of Lights! Randi will have the plaque at the January clinic and would like to get a picture of everyone with it to send into the parade organizers.

Miniature Horse Clinic

In-hand obstacle clinic and ground driving clinic on February 11, 2023. For more info on both of these clinics please check the Band App.

Date: February 11, 2023

Location: 18470 Lost Ranger Rd, Peyton CO 80831



4-H El Paso 4-H Horse Project Manual

We have updated the 4-H El Paso County 4-H Horse Project Manual for the 4-H members and families for the 2022-2023 4-H Year. **Please take the time to read it and become familiar with the expectations and opportunities available in the horse and miniature equine program.** The document will be available on the band app and website. I have attached the link below:

https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2022/11/2022-23-El-Paso-County-Horse-Project-Manual.pdf

Horse Judging Practices Begin

Did you know that a study in Indiana found that 93% of 4-H judging team participants went on to attend college? In addition, 58% of those receiving a Bachelor's degree and 30% of those going on to earn a Master's degree. Now that I have your attention, it is time to start thinking about joining the El Paso County Horse Judging Team!

The Horse Judging Team will start practicing Thursday January 12th at 6:30 pm! Practices will be every Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30. They will be held at Household Hazardous Waste Facility at **3255 Akers. Park and enter through the backside of the building (North side)**. Mercedes Glenn and I (Jonathan Vrabec) will be coaching the team. We have had the privilege to coach and work with several State and World/National Champion Horse Judging Teams over the past 25 years of coaching horse judging teams in addition to being judges ourselves. Members of all ages and project areas are welcome to attend. We currently have 6 returning members. Contests start in the spring. There is a novice division for young first year participants! If you want more information or are not able to attend practice sessions, please contact Jonathan at jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com. Judging Teams are a great way to make friends, have fun and build important life skills while learning about horses! We look forward to seeing you on the 12th!

Congratulations to the El Paso County National Horse Bowl Champions!

Congratulations to Isla Anderson, Muireann Benn-Rothstein, Juliet Newsome, Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein, and Coach Jackie Mead for winning the National Horse Bowl Contest at Western National Roundup! This group of individuals have shown so much dedication and work ethic to achieve such a high honor! We are proud of you representing El Paso County 4-H!

4-H LIVESTOCK CHECKLIST

- [ ] Enroll in 4-H Online and join Livestock Band App (December 15)
- [ ] Turn in 4-H Enrollment Fees + Animal Housing Form to club leader by December
- [ ] Producer Nomination due January 31st (Dam nomination/top half) email to Emily Tobler
- [ ] Register for market animal tag-in event via newsletter
- [ ] May 1- Animal ID for Breeding Livestock, Pygmy, & Dairy Goat in 4HOnline due
  Producer Nomination emailed to Emily Tobler due (Offspring nomination/bottom half)
  Last day to drop or add projects in 4HOnline
- [ ] Register for fair through FairEntry.com (May 30-June 9, 2023)
- [ ] Pay for fair through Eventbrite after entries have been approved (July 15, 2023 last day)
- [ ] Purchase parent passes, camping, and discounted additional 4-H passes through fairgrounds (May 30-June 9, 2023)
- [ ] Fair Clean Up Day + Pickup Passes (June 24, 2023)
- [ ] Sign up for health certificates via newsletter (July 1, 2023)
- [ ] Set up stalls and tack at fairgrounds (July 12, 13, or 14, 2023)
- [ ] Load in animals for county fair (July)
- [ ] Turn in record book(s) to club leader (August)
- [ ] Attend year end banquet (Achievement Awards) in October

Note that all deadlines have detailed information in the newsletter

Beef Tag In– Save the Date

Date: February 18, 2023

Location: Owens Livestock Arena at El Paso County Fair Grounds

Back-Up Date: This date will only be used if communicated by the extension office and species superintendent due to weather. Please make sure to have both dates clear on your calendar. There are no alternate dates for tag in due to the number of volunteers it takes to run this event. February 25, 2023.

Required Sign Up (Time Slots): Time slots will be assigned this year so please fill out the **google survey link** **https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3HnYhnjOoNCGGcuNuYVz2Nef4ZVoeh0Zd1kEgg4IQhEvFBg/viewform?usp=sf_link** to be assigned to a time slot. This form MUST be filled out and submitted by January 27 to participate in beef tag in.

Expectations:

- Please be on time or early! If you show up late or past your time slot you will have to be moved to the back of the line. We believe in giving priority to those scheduled in their time slot so we will not allow families who are late or miss their time slot to cut in front of others.
- If our team is running behind, please be patient as we are working with live animals and technology.
- You must bring your animal with a halter already on before it will be unloaded, or it will not be tagged, retinal scanned, or weighed.
- Any uncontrollable animals will NOT be tagged, retinal scanned, or weighed! This is at the discretion of the extension agent and species superintendent. The idea is to work with them ahead of time!
- Please have your calves brand inspected prior to coming to tag-in. Do not forget to bring your brand inspection papers.
- Tag-in is the only time State Fair Nominations will be taken and it will cost $3 per animal nominated
- Retinal scans at tag-in are $3.00 per animal due at tag in.
- The first 6 ear tags free, $1.00 per tag over six.
- Only CASH accepted.
- Fees are due before the animal can cross the scale and be tagged in.

ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CASTRATED PRIOR TO BEING WEIGHED AND TAGGED AS A 4-H MARKET PROJECT. CASTRATION MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS (NOT THE DAY OF TAG-IN) AND HEALED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. ALL MUST BE DEHORNED.

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Utility Goat Project

Tentative Schedule
(Watch the Newsletter and Band App for updates!)

December:
Meet and Greet for families wishing to lease a goat.

January-March:
Indoor Meetings, activities and guest speaker.

April-August:
Monthly hikes and community service on the trail.

August/September:
Fair demo and overnight camping trip.

What is Utility Goat?

- Utility Goat simply means working goat. This includes both packing and harness.

What kind of goat do I need?

- Use the goat you have! Any goat can be a working goat.
- If you don't have a goat large dairy breed wethers are ideal. Alpine and Lamancha are the most popular.
- Lease a goat! Several seasoned goats are available for lease.

What Gear Do I Need?

- Collar and/or halter with lead
- Pack saddle and panniers

What Activities Will We Do?

- Caring for and training your goat.
- Logging miles on the trail for a year end award
- Community Service with the Pike's Peak Ranger District
- Fair demo 1st year
- Overnight Campout!

Fun For The Whole Family!

For Questions Please Contact!
Project Leader: Madison Robertson
Phone: 720-560-1341
Email: qhlover46@hotmail.com

Livestock Quiz Bowl Practices!

Calling all youth interested in joining the El Paso County 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl team! This is a great opportunity to be a part of competitive team while also learning more about livestock. Practices will begin in February and run until June. Please join this Band App to find out all the upcoming details for practices!

2023 Livestock Quiz Bowl

Scan this QR code and join!

STOCK SHOW U

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT STOCK SHOW UNIVERSITY!

TWO-DAY 4-SPECIES GRAD PROGRAM

MAY 20-21, 2023

EL PASO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
CALHAN, COLORADO

OFFERED FREE COMPLIMENTS OF SULLIVAN SUPPLY AND EL PASO COUNTY 4-H

"We stay until the last question is answered!"

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT TESS MITTAG, STOCK SHOW U MANAGER
TESSA@SULLIVANSUPPLY.COM

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Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship

A $500.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to a 4-H Member who has been enrolled in Shooting Sports for a minimum of four years. This scholarship is intended to assist individuals entering a postsecondary vocational or technical field, such as welding, carpentry, mechanics, etc

Find more details here

Additional Date for SQA

***Each member enrolled in a shooting sports project must annually take the "Shooter Quality Assurance" class**, which reviews safety practices, range processes, and more. This is an interactive class, that will be held at the CPW (Colorado Parks & Wildlife) for 2 sessions, one morning, and one afternoon, on **Saturday, January 21, 2023** (SIGN UP INFO BELOW)*

***NOTE:** We are inviting 12 Seniors with at least 2 years of SQA attendance to sign up as presenters for the Skill-a-Thon. Being a presenter will fulfill your SQA requirement. Please arrive 1 hour early for check in. To be a youth presenter and gain credit for your SQA, you must be a Senior 4-H member and enrolled in a shooting sports project for at least 2 years. Youth presenters will run a skill a thon station in teams and all information will be provided beforehand.

Morning Session Registration COMING SOON (9 – 11AM)

Afternoon Session Registration COMING SOON (1 – 3PM)

- Please select either participant or youth presenter on the sign up session
- Youth participants, please arrive 10-20 minutes early for SQA check in.
- Please limit attendance to 4-H member(s) and one parent or guardian.

In addition, there is an annual $20 shooting sports project fee covers usable materials for the year (i.e. targets, safety glasses, ear plugs, etc.) This $20 Shooting Sports project fee for the 2022-2023 can be **paid by cash or check at this event**. If you need to pay by card, you may pay using this link (processing fee will apply)

County & State Shooting Eligibility

If El Paso County 4-H youth want to be eligible to compete in any county or state competition they must:

- Attend SQA for the current 4-H year
- Pay the $20 project fee (this payment can be made at SQA)
- Upload their hunter education card information **during** the 4-HOnline enrollment process
  - ⇒ *This is important to upload during enrollment as it **CANNOT** be added to the 4-Honline profile later in the year*
- Attend 2 county practices

SMALL ANIMAL *Creation Stations*

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2023

9:00 AM-12:00 PM
El Paso County Fairgounds- Whittemore

Pre-register:
https://forms.gle/bKE6fxgaLKSKB2Sg8

Education

There will be different learning stations with an educational component that are essential to the project area. It is also a great time to learn about other projects offered in the county!

Make-N-Take

The youth will be able to have a hands on experience at each station to create something relevant to the project area

Social Activities

This is a great time to meet other youth enrolled in or interested in the small animal project areas! Get to know your peers before the start of fair!

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL Emily.Tobler@colostate.edu

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POCKET PETS

Do you have a small pet at home? Come learn about the Pocket Pet Project at one of our monthly meetings!

PET CLASSES:

- Reptiles
- Small Mammals
- Invertebrates
- Amphibians
- Aquatics
- Rescued
- Avian

SUPERINTENDENT CONTACTS

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We Want You! Come Join Our Committee!

Are you the kind of person who likes helping youth thrive? Maybe you'd like to know more about helping support our youth in general, art, communication, mechanical science, natural resource, or family consumer science projects? If this describes you, please come share your ideas and voice at the Tabletop Advisory Committee Meetings. We meet the third Thursday of each month at the Extension Office (north community room). Please email Charity for more information if you are interested at Charity.Cagle@colostate.edu

2023 County Fair Exhibit Guide
Requesting Member Feedback

We're requesting your feedback and input for the 2023 Fair Exhibit Guide! It's almost time to publish the County Fair Exhibitor Guide for EPC 4-H Members exhibiting in any non-animal project area. Review the 2022 guide HERE and submit any feed back to Charity by email no later than January 13th

Community Service

Each year Colorado 4-H collectively combines efforts to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities around Colorado by collecting Pop Taps!

The sweetest way to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities

It takes approximately 1,128 pop tabs to equal one pound & the organization typically receives between $0.40 to $0.50 per pound of pop tabs. The tabs can come from energy drinks, soup cans, or anything with a metallic tab

The Ronald McDonald House exists to serve families who are experiencing medical treatments. They offer a safe shelter along with many home amenities to help provide a place to rest and recharge as they face current medical challenges

- Beginning in November, each club will have a collection box, at the Extension Office, for pop tabs
- Collecting now through January 17 (youth council January meeting date)
- Drop off can occur at any 4-H event held at the Extension Office, or during Youth Council or Tabletop Advisory Committee Meetings
- After the January meeting, each club's pop tab box will be weighed & the winning club will be announced
- Each Club in El Paso County is eligible to participate.

2023 Youth County Council Meeting Dates

Third Tuesday of the Month at the Extension Office (north community room – 1st floor)

January 17th

February 21th ****Tentative DATE****

March 21st

April 18th

May 16th

June 19 – 23 – STATE 4-H Conference in Fort Collins

Any timely changes to the schedule will be announced via the BAND app (see QR code above to join)

Youth County Council Senators are highly encouraged to attend State Conference

"Try It Tuesdays"- Classes, Project Workshops & Learning Adventures

At the last Youth Council meeting, several youth asked for help with project leaders. In an effort to help meet that request, we're implementing "Try It Tuesdays" with workshops and classes that will be held BEFORE the Youth Council Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

If you have ideas for classes you'd like to see, or if you're a project leader and you'd like to open a session up, please email Charity.

Listed below are the classes and workshops already scheduled for the year:

January 17 – Water Bath Canning (12 spaces available) – are you interested in learning abou the Foods preservation project? Or maybe you'd just like to learn how to simply can and preserve items with out a pressure cooker. Come join this hands on workshop! ***Sign up on Band***

March 21 – "Permission to Speak Badly" speech workshops – Have you ever said to many "ums" during a presentation? Fumbled over words? Come join us for some silly fun as we practice speaking skills that will help prepare 4-H members for many different types of speech and also help prepare those that want to compete at County Contest or State. ***Sign up on Band***

BAND APP- Youth County Council

El Paso County Youth Council is a busy group! While our events are advertised in the newsletter, the BAND APP is a great way for us to connect, get clarification, and stay updated. Please join our YCC Band group here *(the Band app can be utilized on both mobile or desktop devices)*

COLORADO FARM SHOW

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

JANUARY 24TH	JANUARY 25TH	JANUARY 26TH
BEEF DAY	DAIRY DAY	AG OUTLOOK FORUM
COLORADO PRODUCE	WEEDS DAY	EQUINE DAY
WATER	COLORADO WEATHER REPORT	COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE
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Colorado Farm Show: https://coloradofarmshow.com/
Island Grove Park, Greeley, Colorado
Scan QR Code for Session Details

2023 Show Series

Adams County Regional Park; 9755 Henderson Road; Brighton, CO 80601

Adams County Horse Shows

Performance & Gymkhana

June 17th & August 19th

Showmanship, English & Western; Barrels, Flags & Poles

✱ Registration @ 8 am ✱
✱ Shows Start @ 9 am ✱

Performance Ribbons or Show Bucks thru 6th

Gymkhana payouts through 5th

Daily Top 5 High Point awards in English & Western divisions

Ranch Horse

July 22-23rd & September 16-17th

Cutting, Individual Cow Work, Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, Ranch Reining & Ranch Pleasure

✱Registration @ 8 am✱
✱ Shows Start @ 9 am ✱

Ribbons or Show Bucks thru 6th
Daily Top 5 High Point awards in each division

CoWN/SH-approved points

Rain Dates: July 8-9th & October 14-15th

2023 Year End Discipline High Point Awards based on a 1-horse/1-rider combo in each AdCo discipline and age group (8-10, 11-13, 14-18, 19 & Over). Must show in both AdCo discipline shows to qualify. Membership is required for points to accrue.

Find us online at: ADCOHorse.com -or- ADCOHorse -or- adcohorse

Questions? Contact Brenda Berlin @ 720-219-8972 or Brendaberlin21@gmail.com