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Welcome to New Staff!

Shawna Lamothe: 4-H Administrative Assistant

"Hi everyone! My name is Shawna and I am so thrilled to be joining the team and looking forward to meeting all of you! I graduated from Colorado State University up in Fort Collins in May of this year with a Bachelor's in Equine Science and minored in Ag Business and I am excited to stay within the Colorado State University family. I also got married this year and have 3 horses of my own, so it has been a busy, but wonderful year! I grew up here in Colorado; specifically, the Black Forest area and was in 4-H myself for 10 years! I showed my dog, horses, and raised rabbits during that time and I know what a profound impact the 4-H program can have on youth and that is why I am so excited to be a part of the program again!"



4-H Camping & Volunteer Service Opportunity

The success of the County Fair relies heavily on a partnership between the El Paso County Fair staff and resources and the 4-H/ CSU Extension staff and participants. Growing participation in both County Programs and 4-H Programs has led to increased use of the Fair facilities all year.

As the demand for camping space and the need for volunteers rise, the El Paso County Fair Staff are initiating a volunteer/community service opportunity available to 4-H participants to earn early reservation access to camping reservations. The Fair & Events Center will provide a list of upcoming volunteer opportunities to the 4-H community, volunteers will sign up for those opportunities, log their hours at the Fair Office, and be verified by the appropriate Fair Staff. On May 1st, Fair Staff will total those hours and families having served more than 20 hours will be instructed on how to access early registration for camping. Camping space is not guaranteed, only early access. Reservation limits of one space per family do apply. The 4-H Clean Up Day in June does NOT qualify for hours.

Example Opportunities for Volunteer Service:

- Workdays as arranged by Park Ops Staff.
- Fair & Events Center Programs Fall Fest, Holiday Fair, Boots in the Park, etc.
- Individual projects to be arranged directly with Park Ops Supervisor or Fair & Event Center Program Supervisor.

Upcoming Events:

Game Expo - February 16 (9am-2pm) Set-up

Game Expo – February 17 (8am-6pm) Event Support

Game Expo – February 17 (6pm-8pm) Clean-up

Spring Fair – March 29th (9am-4pm) Set-up

Spring Fair – March 30th (8am – 5pm) Event Support

Spring Fair – March 30th (5pm-8pm) Clean-up

Boots in the Park – April 26th (10am – 4pm) Set-up

Boots in the Park – April 26th (4pm – 10pm) Event Support

Boots in the Park – April 27th (9am-12pm) Clean-up

Sign-up required – email events @elpasoco.com or call 719-520-7880.

Individual service times can be set up directly with County Fair Staff at 719-520-7880.

For questions please reach out to:

Andschana Aljets

Fair & Events Program Supervisor

andschanaaljets@elpasoco.com

Policy on Branding for Clubs, Project Groups, and Committees

This is a friendly reminder that any branding (IE clothing, awards, logos) for committees, clubs or project groups should be sent to the extension office for approval. It is important that we are following the branding guidelines of 4-H and Colorado State University, so we are in compliance with organization standards as well as proper representation.

Common mistakes in branding are not putting a dash in "4-H", using the correct 4-H Logo, etc. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Emily.Green@colostate.edu

Updates on Policies for Success

The changes to the Policies for Success are listed below:

- Membership and cloverbud fees are \$55 for the 4-H Year
- Treasurer and Secretary books are required
- Livestock animals must be housed within county lines. Unless they reside outside the county, but
 have county membership then the animals can reside at their residence. Anything beyond that needs
 to have prior approval from the Extension Office.
- Families/youth will belong to one 4-H club (no splitting membership between multiple clubs for youth member or family members). For special circumstances please reach out to the extension office.

Link to complete document: Policies of Success

NEW

Band APP Communications-Shooting Sports & Tabletop

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 two project areas which include Shooting Sports & Tabletop. 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!

Shooting Sports



LINK

Tabletop



LINK

Band APP Communications-

Horse, Livestock, & Small Animal

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EPC Livestock Projects

https://band.us/n/acaf79qek5u8s

EPC Horse Projects

https://band.us/n/a6ab71qfkcZ8z

EPC Small Animal Projects

https://band.us/n/afaf7dq8kaxeb







Enrollment is Now Open in 4HOnline!

For returning 4-H members and volunteers please remember to enroll by December 1, 2023! 4HOnline is now open for new member and returning member/volunteer enrollments! Please see user guide for step by step outline.

https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/4ho/family-guide.pdf





When

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Place your order for pickup or delivery on Tuesday, January 30th!
Where

Available at Panda Express locations nationwide

www.pandaexpress.com

HOW

Online orders only

Apply code **VFR-20149** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via App

28% of sales will be donated to: El Paso County 4-H Youth Council

Pre-registration Link



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024

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

Pre-registeration Link



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-Jake

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!







Leadership Development Conference (LDC)

Senior (14 years old or older) 4-H Members The State 4-H Senate is excited to announce that Leadership Development Conference (LDC) registration is now open in 4-H Online. LDC is for youth 14-18, and it will be held January 27-28 at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver with 4-H Day at the Capitol on January 29, 2024.

Registration is \$215 a person, and closes at 11:59 on January 12.

Attached is a tentative schedule for the event for LDC. The El Paso County 4-H delegation stays for 4-H Day at the capitol and returns home late afternoon on Monday January 29th.

It is important to note we are working on the hotel room costs at this time, but members may have additional costs to cover the hotel room on top of the \$215 registrations fee. (Approximately \$120 for the hotel).

Please let Jonathan Vrabec know if you have additional questions or would like more information. If you try to register and your enrollment has not been approved yet please notify Jonathan Vrabec and I can check into expediting your enrollment approval.





2024 LDC Tentative Schedule of Events Renaissance Hotel- Denver, CO

"Looking at the Bigger Picture"

Saturday, January 27, 2024

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. LDC Registration - Boulder Creek Foyer 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Introductions/Rules/Schedule/Community Service 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Opening Session/Ice Breakers 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 28, 2024

7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast on your own 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. - 12:45 p.m. Breakout Session Three 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Agent/Volunteer Session Two 12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Breakout Session Four Breakout Session Five 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Breakout Session Six** 3:30 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, 29, 2024

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

Looking Forward- Miniature Horse

January 20, 2024 – Owens Livestock Arena

- 11:00 AM- Written test for driving (must have passed Mastery Test 2 before taking the written test for driving). To qualify for the practical driving test the youth must pass the written test first. Test question will be pulled from https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/4-h1321
- 12:00 PM- In- Hand Clinic for Jumping
- Driving Test to follow In-Hand Clinic
- This clinic is extremely important for any miniature horse members who plan on driving at county fair.

February 3, 2024 – Owens Livestock Arena

 The first half of the clinic will focus on in-hand (hunter), and the last-half of the clinic will focus on driving/ground driving.

Band APP- Miniature Horse

If you are in the Miniature Horse Project please make sure to join the Band App with the link below!

Link: https://band.us/n/aba19dMas6S5e

Calhan Parade of Lights – Most Festive Equestrian Group



Showmanship Clinic

Inviting all youth members in the horse project to our annual Showmanship Clinic with Autumn and Jesse! This year it will be held at **OWENS LIVESTOCK ARENA** on January 20th, 2023 from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.

Level 2 and Higher will go from 9:00-10:00 AM

Level 1 and lower will go from 10:00-11:00 AM





Livestock Pg. 16

Beef Tag In-Save the Date

Date: February 17, 2024

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 24, 2024.

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/1FAlpQLSf2suEaoiNV0swc0TNxGj pewalq 7iwZbR23J8r5C <a

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.

State Fair Nomination Cards and Premise ID's: Remember all 4-H and FFA exhibitors must have their premise ID# on their nomination cards to be accepted for State Fair. This is a State Fair Policy NOT a requirement to participate in the local 4-H program. This information should be completed on nomination card at the time of tag-in. You will need to apply for your premise ID number well in advance of tag-in, so they have time to assign you one. Please do so 3-4 weeks before you need it. Please call 303- 869 - 9000 to get your ID or apply online at https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises

Registration LINK



Attention Graduating Seniors in Livestock Projects (Last Year in the 4-H Program and County Fair)

For all the livestock 4-H members whose <u>last year in the 4-H program</u> for the 2024 County Fair please send Becky Chamblin a high-quality senior picture for your livestock senior banner. Please send it to <u>Becky Chamblin by Monday April 1, 2024</u> at becco75@yahoo.com.





Shooting Sports

Additional SQA Date

SQA Class, 1/27/24, CPW, 10:00am

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-46464754-012724#/

Please remember SQA is a yearly **required class**. We will also be collecting the extra \$20 shooting sports fee on this day.

Practices

Archery Practice, 1/11/24, CPW, 5:45pm

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-46465117-011124#/

Rifle Practice, 1/18/24, CPW, 5:45pm

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-46465107-011824#/





Small Animal Pg. 21

Dog Orientation

Inviting all youth members in the dog project to attend the Dog Orientation. This is great way to learn all about the dog project and set up your team for success in 4-H.

Please mark your calendars for January 20, 2024 at Under The Sun Dog Training.







Small Animal Pg. 23

THE MINI PIG PROJECT

This project will expand participants knowledge of pigs as we teach your pig fun new tricks and improve your pig's socialization.

Project meetings usually consist of agility, public, and harness training. Meetings also consist of public speaking and knowledge sharing about the wellness and standard needs for your loving pet.

Mini pigs include any domesticated pig breed that is bred to be smaller than the average pig. For example, mini pig breads include potbelly, American Juliana, Kunekune, Gottingen, Etc. There are 14 different mini pig breads.





kianadungan@yahoo.com

(719)464-7618



EPC CAMELIDSZOOM

JANUARY 28TH

Challenging CROSWORD



teamwork sportsmanship

Get ready for a brain-bending showdown!

memory recall

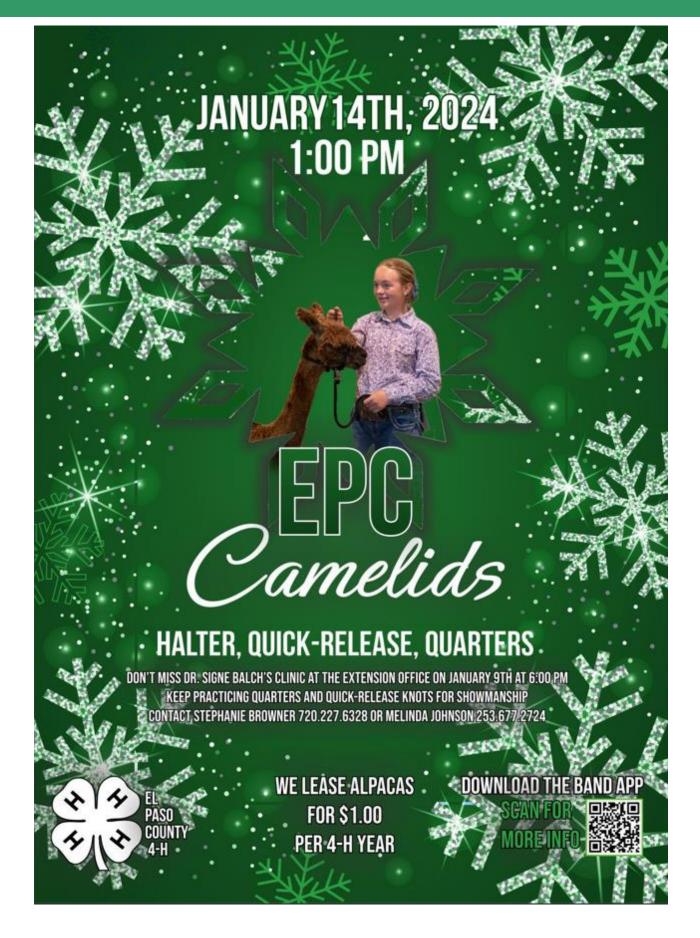
Remember the El Paso County Fair? That 10-point question the judge asked last year came in the Public Relations Coursestraight from this chapter! Be prepared to shine this year!"

creative thought

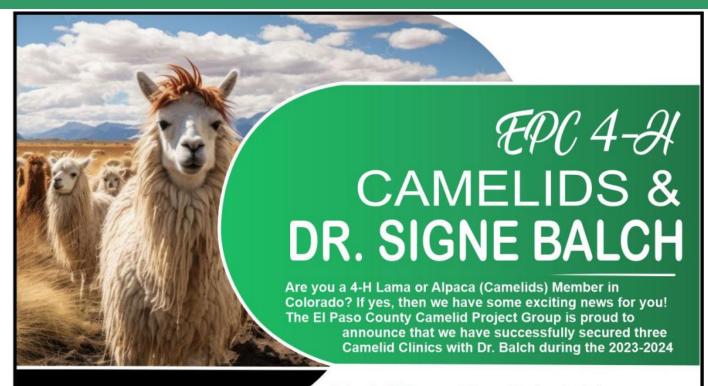
January 28th at 6:00 PM in the EPC Camelids ZOOM Meeting



Small Animal Pg. 25



Small Animal Pg. 26



Specializing in Camelids



January 9th, 2024



February 6th, 2024



March 5th, 2024

Colorado 4-H Llama and Alpaca Members Invited

These clinics, each with a different subject, are a rare and invaluable opportunity for you to receive direct advice and instruction from a highly respected Veterinarian specializing in Camelids, among other species.



Learn

What you need to know about taking care of your beloved animals and how to keep them healthy and happy.



Ask

This is your chance to ask questions, share your experiences, and gain valuable insights from a true expert.



Opportunity

Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to learn from the best in the field. We hope to see you at the clinics.

Please RSVP to reserve your spot at least one week before each clinic. Also, feel free to bring along 4-H Member guests, and parents. We would love to have them join us for these informative and valuable clinics. Simply send an RSVP email to teppi99home@gmail.com and let us know how many people will be attending.

These clinics will be held at the Extension Office, located at 17 North Spruce St., Colorado Springs, CO



Location: TBD- will be determined on number of participants

Time: 3rd Sunday of the Month

12pm to 2pm

Email or call Kirsten or Valentino:

kirstenpyhtila@gmail.com 719-314-9841

tino1369@yahoo.com 719-360-8750

Or join in Band:



Recap and Upcoming Meetings

The county Youth Council held their Fun Night at Main Event on Dec 27th. We had 21 people participate in bowling, video games and fun. We did hold a brief meeting where we elected our senators to represent EL Paso County 4-H at Leadership Development Conference. Additionally, we selected a more central meeting location for our upcoming meetings. Also on January 30th the County Council will be working with Panda Express once again for our monthly restaurant fundraiser. You can place an order online or in person at one of the locations **ANYWHERE** in the United states (so tell your friends and family to support the program). Just use the code 920149 and the County Youth Council will get a portion of the proceeds. Look for the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

Our next meeting will be held at El Paso County Veterans Services 5850 Championship View, Suite 130 Colorado Springs, CO. 80922 starting at 6:30 on January 30th (last Tuesday of the month).

