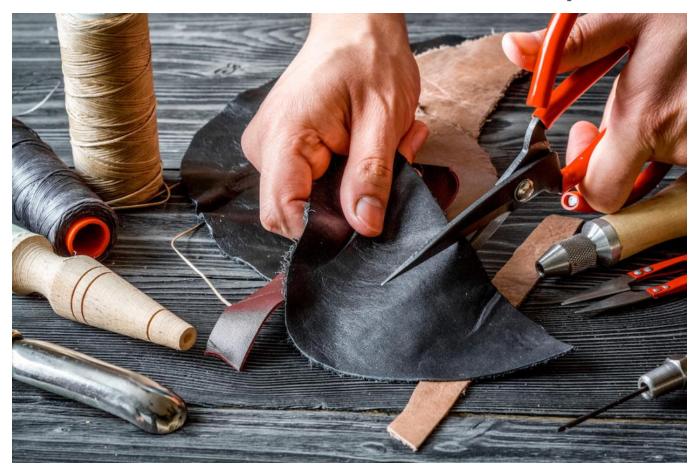


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Welcome our New Agent!!

Jennifer Loewen: 4-H Youth Development Specialist

Hi y'all! My name is Jen Loewen and I'm thrilled to be your new 4-H Youth Development Specialist! I grew up as a 4-H member in Pueblo County and later became an International 4-H Youth Exchangee. I earned my Bachelors in English from CSU-Pueblo, and received my Masters in Education & Human Development from the University of Colorado Denver. During that time I served as a 4-H AmeriCorps member in Denver 4-H, and managed the 4-H Military Adventure Camps for 4-H members with military families. I then served 4 years as Pueblo County's 4-H/Youth Development Specialist. 4-H has been a big, wonderful part of my personal life and professional career.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time traveling and going on outdoor adventures with my husband, Tommy, and spending time with my dog kids, Badger and Darla. I am looking forward to working with you all in El Paso County 4-H and "Making the Best Better!"





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

Band APP Communications-

Shooting Sports and 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 and 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!

EPC Shooting Sports

https://band.us/n/a1ae01J9A6u3h



EPC Tabletop

https://band.us/n/abaa06JdAau2J



Band APP Communications-

Livestock, Horse, Small Animal, Mini Horse & Dog

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 five project areas which include Horse, Mini Horse, Livestock, Dog, 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 Project

EPC Horse Project

EPC Small Animal Project

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https://band.us/n/afaf7dq8kaxeb







EPC Mini Horse Project

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EPC Dog Project

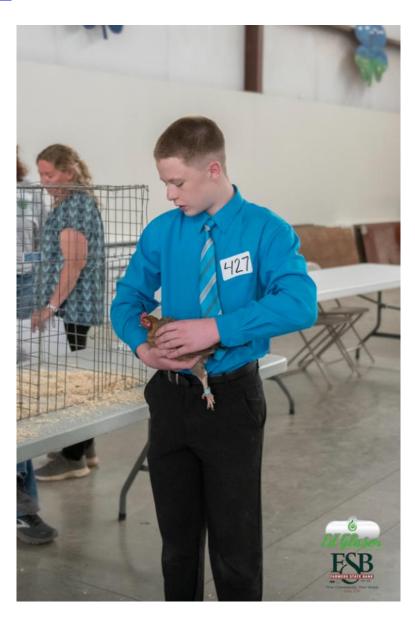
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2024 County Fair Schedule

The 2024 County Fair Schedule has been approved by the Fairboard in the January meeting and is posted for 4-H families and volunteers on our website. Please make sure you review the information carefully, thanks so much!

https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2024/01/24-El-Paso-County-Schedule.pdf



2024 Animal Premium Books

I encourage and highly suggest that 4-H families review the new Premium Books for the 2024 County Fair Contests. This is the rulebook and backbone to the expectations of competing at County Fair. I have tried to highlight as many changes as possible, however is it ultimately the responsibility of the 4-H families to know and understand the expectations of competing at County Fair. Please see a *rough outline of the changes* made this year below, and the link to each premium book.

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Dog Premium Book: 2024-El-Paso-County-Fair-Dog-Show-Premium.pdf (colostate.edu)

Horse Premium Book: 2024-Horse-Premium.pdf (colostate.edu)

- Must compete in three or more divisions for Overall High Point
- Outlined premier exhibitor if entered in multiple showmanship classes

Miniature Horse Premium Book: 2024-Miniature-Horse-Premium.pdf (colostate.edu)

Added driving classes

Livestock Premium Book: 2024-Livestock-Rulebook Final.pdf (colostate.edu)

- Clarified wording in the general section
- Added hard copy required for health certifications
- Animals must be housed in county
- Goat show—fitting products must be removed following the show
- Beef show—removed Select Sale classes.
- Swine show—each exhibitor can weigh and stall 4 hogs; 3 divisions instead of 5 divisions
- Outlined Premier Exhibitor for goat
- Livestock Master Showman—must show animals they won with in showmanship
- Removed Beef Pen of Three since there was no entries the previous year

Small Animal Premium Book: 2024-Small-Animal-Premium-Book.pdf (colostate.edu)

- Added multiple contests for individual species
- Adjusted market rabbit rules
- Camelid outlined contest requirements for not in hand classes

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) Recap

Live—Laugh—LEADERSHIP!

Several El Paso County 4-H members took the opportunity to attend the 4-H Leadership Development Conference this past weekend and had a memorable time meeting 4-H members from across the state! Participants spent time in various workshops, including a workshop on ethics, problem solving, team building, and "Service before Self" by completing a service-learning project for family members of deployed service men and women. 4-H members also enjoyed hearing from different speakers including Colonel Schmitt from the Space Force, an expert on fighting local hunger from the Colorado GROW Youth institute, and a Colorado 4-H Youth Exchangee who spent two months in Norway.

Members also had some fun at the Hibachi grill during County Night Out, attending a formal banquet, and then spent Monday morning seeing Democracy in action at the State Capitol in Denver. We hope El Paso County 4-H will continue to represent itself at LDC and other State events later this year!



Officer Training Q and A Session

Please let your club officers know that on **Friday, February 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office** we will be providing a Question and Answers Session for

Officers along with helping check the record books. This will be modeled as

breakout sessions and a great way to see if your officers are on track!



County Contest



Registration Link

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H HORSE ADVISORY

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Look for hidden eggs and interact with our Friendly Critter Corner!

MARCH 30, 2024 • SATURDAY • 10 AM - 1 PM KIT CARSON RIDING CLUB

Come and join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We offer a variety of courses :

- . On foot- Open to all ages of youth in the community
- . Horseback- Must be an enrolled member of the 4-H horse project and provide own animal
- . Mini Horse- Must be an enrolled member of the 4-H Mini Horse Project and provide own animal
- Goat (pygmy, utility, and dairy)- Must be an enrolled member of the 4-H Goat project and provide own animal

To participate in the Easter Egg Hunt Courses you must pre-register and submit payment by March 29, 2024



Seeking Additional Club Leaders

Have you ever thought about leading a 4-H Club? It takes a team of dedicated volunteers, and we are seeking more adults to become club leaders. We would like to expand the number of clubs offered throughout our county and provide more opportunities for youth in our county to join 4-H and find a club they can call home! If you are interested in becoming a club leader and what that entails, please email Emily.Green@colostate.edu so we can set up a time to go over the club leader roles within our 4-H program!



Meat Quality Assurance

Meat Quality Assurance Training teaches the youth about the quality of meat and food products that come from livestock. Quality assurance for livestock producers means making a promise to the consumers, or the people who consume meat, eggs, milk, and dairy products, from food production animals. The promise made is that products from livestock will be the highest possible quality and producers will do everything possible to make these products safe to eat.

- The project areas required to complete MQA training is goats, sheep, cattle, swine, poultry, and rabbit.
- MQA Training will be offered twice a year. For 2023-2024, a classroom style format will be used.
- All first year 4-H members and current 4-H members advancing to intermediate (11 years old)
 or senior (14 years old) 4-H members must complete a Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) workshop if enrolled in goat, beef, sheep, swine, poultry, or rabbit project (s).
- All 4-H members are required to attend a MQA training during their first year in a livestock/ rabbit/poultry projects regardless of their age.
- This must be done at least 45 days prior to the El Paso County Fair in order to be eligible to exhibit at the county and/or state fair (s).
- Proof of compliance must be submitted to the El Paso County Extension Office.
- If the 4-H member is unable to attend an MQA workshop in El Paso County, the 4-H member may attend an MQA workshop in another county (information for completion must be sent to the El Paso County Extension Office by the deadline from the county that the MQA training was completed in).

The last date MQA will be offered is **Tuesday April 16th, 2024** at 6:00PM at the Extension Office.

Please register for MQA with this **LINK**

Take Advantage of Colorado 4-H Scholarships!

Hello Senior 4-H members! The deadline to apply for Colorado 4-H Scholarships is fast approaching!

All Colorado 4-H Scholarship Applications are Due March 1, 2024.

The Colorado 4-H Scholarship process is competitive and requires a minimum of 2-3 years of 4-H experience. Scholarships span from \$500 to \$1000.

Scholarship recipients will be announced by early May 2024. There are opportunities available for a variety of students, including for those attending CSU or other universities, trade school, junior colleges, transfer students, and continuing students.

Take advantage of this great opportunity and earn some funds to pursue your educational goals!

Check out the Scholarships Available & Apply Now at: https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/



4-H Garage Sale



El Paso County 4-H Foundation



100% of Funds raised goes towards 4-H youth support

Garage Sale! Crafters!

Businesses Welcome!

When: June 15, 2024 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Set up between 7:00 & 7:30 a.m.

Where: El Paso County Fairgrounds

South Gate - Farmers State Bank Pavilion (Dance Tent) area

Limited availability, you must bring your own table (and canopy if desired for uncovered spaces).

Bring your table and items for sale, items not sold must go home with you!

To participate, please e-mail Kathy @ epc4HFoundation1@gmail.com

Covered Spaces (under the Pavilion) available for \$20 donation Uncovered Spaces (outside of the Pavilion) available for \$10 donation

Cash donations for your space will be collected at check-in before you set up

Facts about our Sale:

EACH AREA WILL BE 10° X 10°.

Remember, we support 4-H youth development – your sale items should be appropriate content for all ages. If in doubt, please leave it out...

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MONEY YOU COLLECT?? YOU (OR YOUR CLUB) KEEP IT

You are responsible for setting up your space, tearing it down and removing your items at the end of the garage sale.

Want to rent more than one space?? Let us know and we'll try to make it happen!





Western National Roundup

El Paso County had 10 4-H members representing Colorado at the Western National Roundup in Denver January 4-6. We had more members representing Colorado at this competition than any other county in the state. The El Paso County Horse Judging Team and Horse Team Demonstration competed for the National Title. In the livestock division our Livestock Quiz Bowl Team competed for a Western Roundup Championship. Additionally, Time Niemeyer also competed in the National Impromptu Speaking Contest.

- The Horse Team Demonstration Team was made up of Time Niemeyer and Moriah Hudson. Their topic was Comparing Regular Horses Vs Miniature Horses. Their presentation earned them a 3rd place finish.
- As previously mentioned, Time also competed in the National Impromptu Speaking Contest where he was given 3 topics to choose from and 3 minutes to prepare a speech. He took home the National Championship!

The livestock Quiz Bowl Team finished as Western Roundup Reserve Champions. The team was made up of Kaleb Gramsch, Mattea Zion, Rile Spurlock and Stephanie Taylor. Kaleb took home an individual award as well for being Reserve Champion Individually. The team was coached by Katelyn Robinson.

The Horse Judging Team consisted of Isla Anderson, Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein, Muireann Benn-Rothstein, and Lexi Vrabec. Coaches were Mercedes Glenn and Jonathan Vrabec. This group always seems to take things up a level when it comes time for competition. This competition was no different as they took home the 4-H National Champion title with the following results:

- High Team Halter by 29 points
- High Team Performance by 31 points
- High Team Reasons by 39 points
- High Team Overall by 61 points (National Champions)

Individually:

- Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein- 1st place halter, performance, reasons and overall. The impressive stat here is she was only 3 points away from a perfect total score in reasons and was high individual by 24 points. This was her last contest as a 4-Her but will continue her competitive judging career at West Texas A&M.
- Isla Anderson- 2nd in halter, 8th in performance, 2nd in reasons and 2nd overall.
- Muireann Benn-Rothstein- 4th in halter, 2nd in performance, 3rd in reasons and 3rd overall.
- Lexi Vrabec- 6th in performance, 6th in reasons and 9th overall.

I want to recognize that most of the time judging contests are only decided by a couple of points. Please see the article in this newsletter about horse judging practices starting this month. This senior team will be going on an Equine Tour with a group of colleges this April on their way to a contest in Texas thanks to their professionalism and the way they represent our program.

If you are interested in getting involved with one of these teams or any of the competitive team activities don't hesitate to reach out to one of the coaches or contacting the Extension office 4-H staff for more details.

To compete at this level against other teams who have earned the opportunity to be at this competition and to get these kinds of results is hard to do and always a special moment. It takes the support and dedication from the parents, the County Extension 4-H staff, State Colorado 4-H staff as well as the coaches and team members. We should never take these moments for granted. Please congratulate these 4-H members when you see them. All of these members deserve to be celebrated! What a way to cap off a great year by these outstanding 4-H members. We are proud to have them as part of the program here in El Paso County. Thank you all for setting the standard and showing the next generation what they can be capable of. They have demonstrated what hard work and determination can do! Nothing is impossible once you believe it can be achieved! Super proud of this group of El Paso County 4-H Members.

Western National Roundup Photos









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El Paso County 4-H Horse Judging

Practices Begin in February!

The Horse Judging Team is fresh off winning the 4-H National Championship. Introductory practices, for those who are interested in giving it a try, will start on Thursday February 15th! Practices are every Thursday from 6:30-8:30PM. If you are new and wanting to try Horse Judging, these are the practices to attend! Horse judging is available to anyone in any project (not just horse project members) for all ages. Senior and older intermediate members take note, we need to fill the place of Caoimhe since she has aged out. There is a spot up for grabs on the senior team that will travel to the majors this fall (AQHYA World Show, Arabian Nationals, Paint Halter Millions, etc.). Practices will be held at the Environmental Services Building (3255 Akers Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80922) Come to the backdoor and knock as it stats locked. Regular practices, for the full team, will start March 14th.

If you want more information, please contact Jonathan at Jonathan.vrabec@colostate.edu.



Looking Forward– Miniature Horse

March 2, 2024 – Owens Livestock Arena

• Gymkhana will be starting at 10:00 AM (there is no ground driving or driving section of the clinic this month)

March 16, 2024 — Saint Patrick's Day Parade

• See the Band App for information as it gets closer to the event

March 30, 2024—Easter Egg Hunt

• See the flyer for more information at the front of the newsletter



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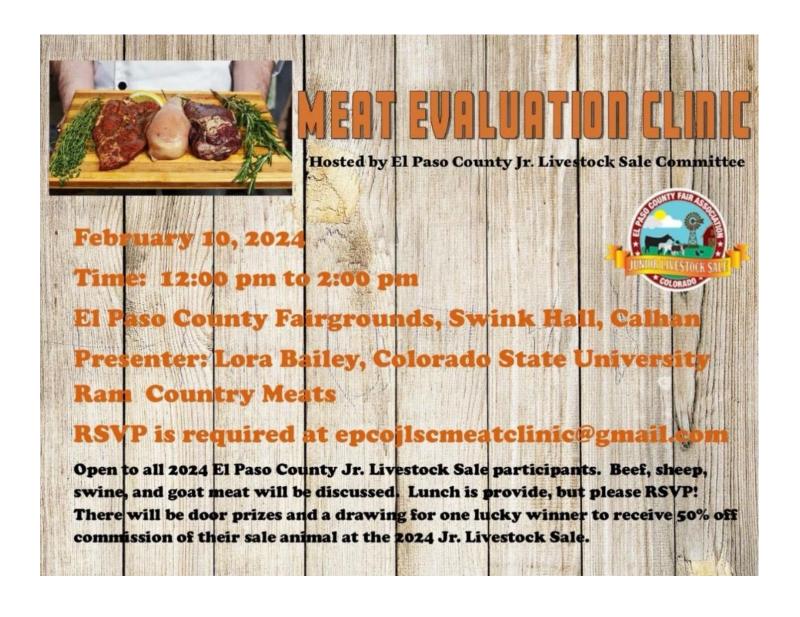
2024 Junior Livestock Sale Rulebook

The 2024 Junior Livestock Sale Rulebook can be found **HERE.**



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Meat Evaluation Clinic



Livestock Pg. 26

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



March 9, 2024 10:00 AM Swink Hall at the EPC Fairgrounds

Rick Leone DVM is an owner and operator of Peak View Animal Hospital and Peak View Ranch. He will be coming in from out of county to go over the fundamentals of selection and nutrition.

Improve your knowledge and step up your game for competition!



Registration LINK



Swine Superintendent

For the 2024 County Fair, Bill Spurlock has agreed to oversee the Swine Project. He is available for project specific questions, as well as overseeing the barn during County Fair. He will be the youth and families point of contact for the swine project during County Fair.

The show manager for the county fair swine show will be Becky Chamblin. She will handle the paperwork and management of the show during county fair.

I want to thank both of these dedicated volunteers for offering to step in to make sure our youth have a great experience and memories at our County Fair.



Livestock Checklist

4-H LIVESTOCK CHECKLIST

| Enroll in 4-H Online, dues/paperwork to club leaders, and join Livestock Band App (December 1) |
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| Producer Nomination due January 31st (Dam nomination/top half) email to Emily Green |
| MARKET TAG INS: Beef Tag In February 17, Swine Tag Pickup April 25, Swine Tag Drop Off May 10, and Goat/Sheep Tag In May 10 (time/location in Band App) |
| Register for market animal tag-in event via newsletter one month before tag in dates |
| April 30- Animal ID for Breeding Livestock, Pygmy, & Dairy Goat in 4HOnline due Producer Nomination emailed to Emily Green due (Offspring nomination/bottom half) Last day to drop or add projects in 4HOnline |
| Register for fair through FairEntry.com (May 28-June 7, 2024) |
| Pay for fair through Eventbrite after entries have been approved (June 13, 2024 last day) |
| Purchase parent passes, camping, and discounted additional 4-H passes through fairgrounds (May) |
| Fair Clean Up Day + Pickup Passes (June 29, 2024) |
| Sign up for health certificates via newsletter (July 6, 2024) |
| Set up stalls and tack at fairgrounds (July 10, 11, or 12, 2024) |
| Load in market animals for county fair (July 15, 2024) |
| Turn in record book(s) to club leader (see Club Leader for more information) |
| Attend year end banquet (Achievement Awards) on September 28, 2024 |
| |

^{*}Note that all deadlines have detailed information in the newsletter and are subject to change

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.

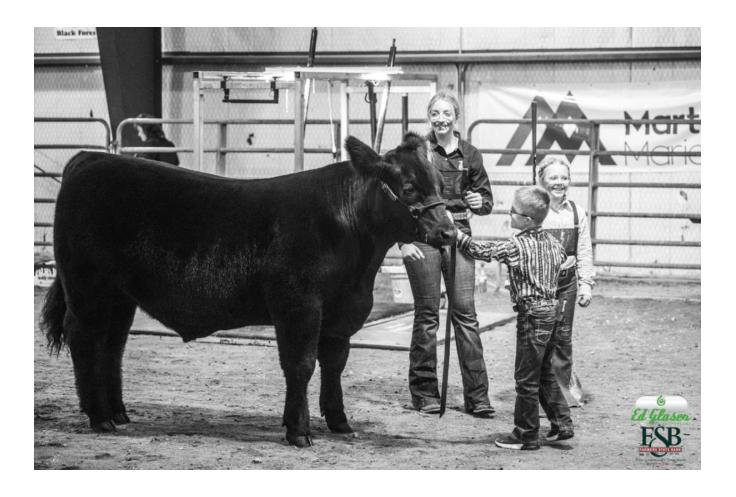




Sue Crozier Scholarship

High school seniors or college freshman are eligible for this scholarship. An applicant may receive this Scholarship only ONCE. Please visit the website below for more information on the eligibility requirements for this scholarship.

Scholarships - El Paso County Extension (colostate.edu)



Shooting Sports

Practices

Rifle, Pistol, and Muzzleloader Practice, 2/3/24, Frontier Sportsman's Club Hanover https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47361160-02032024#/

Archery Practice, 2/8/24, CPW, 5:45 PM

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47361204-02082024#/

.22 Pistol Silhouettes & Muzzleloader Gongs, 2/18/24, Frontier Sportman's Club Hanover

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47361212-02182024#/

Pistol Practice, 2/22/24, CPW, 5:45 PM

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47361523-02222024#/









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.

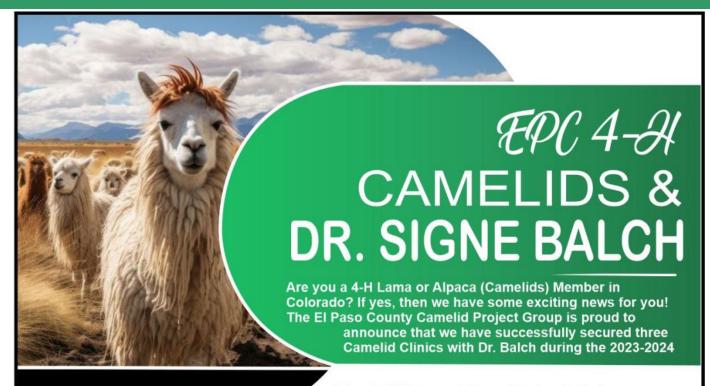




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Specializing in Camelids



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



El Paso County CAMELIDS

We will begin with obstacles, focusing on backing, jumping and hoops, then we will practice quarters and quick-release knots.

In-Person Meeting

Calling all El Paso County Fair Camelid Members! Gear up for practice stations and awesome volunteer squads for personalized help. Time to level up your skills and crush it at the Fair!

Three leaders and four Superintendents will be here to help you whip your skills into shape, whether you're a seasoned pro or a wide-eyed rookie.

Think of it as a turbocharged training ground where your furry friend transforms into a show-stopping superstar.



Showmanship / Obstacles

Forget boring basics, these staple items are the secret weapons you need to conquer each course! Master them, and victory is yours!



Kahoot! Game

Forget post-workout slumps, Champions! After you've slayed the practice stations, get ready for an epic and always enjoyed Kahoot! Game with your friends.



Leasing Available

Dream of joining the epic EPC Camelid Crew but lack a majestic mount or sprawling pasture? Worry not, champions! For the price of one shiny dollar per 4-H year, you can lease your way to glory!

Contact Stephanie Browner or Melinda Johnson







Join our game using this QR Code



Calling all 4-H animal experts! Ready to test your skills and learn more about caring for your awesome Camelids?





Gear up for the Ultimate Animal Care Kahoot Challenge! Prove your knowledge on topics like proper nutrition, handling techniques, quality assurance, and the 4-H values.

CAMELID KAHOOT!

A fun and interactive quiz game filled with questions about animal well-being, privileges, responsibilities, and more!

>>> WOOLY WISE

Discover new resources and best practices for responsible animal care.

> HERD HUDDLE

Most importantly, have a blast while learning alongside your fellow Camelidl enthusiasts!



Join Our EPC Camelid BAND Contact Stephanie Browner 720.227.6328 or Melinda Johnson 253.677.2724

Camelid Rulebook & Achievement Awards

The Camelid Rulebook has been updated for 4-H families and volunteers. Please make sure you take the time to read through the rulebook and understand expectations. It is the responsibility of the 4-H members and parents to understand policies and expectations.

Camelid Rulebook LINK

The updated achievement awards for the camelid project has also been updated so make sure to check it out to see what awards you want to aim for!

Camelid Achievement Awards LINK





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

On January 30th El Paso County Youth County Council had our monthly meeting at the El Paso County Veterans Services Building. During the meeting, we went over our youth county council Fun night, creation stations for small animal, speech workshop (A date still be to be determined in March) community service projects and fundraising dates and restaurants. Laura Richards led us in our community service project discussion and we decided to help pick up trash. She also led us on fundraising dates and restaurants. Our next fundraiser will be February 20th at Applebee's on North Academy from 11 AM to 11 PM Chipotle will be our next fundraiser in March (dates tbd).

In new business we installed new advisory committee representatives, talked about the St. Patrick's day parade and created a subcommittee for it. Then we went over SummerFest Day Camp, that will be on June 11th 2024.

We then discussed county fair activities led by youth county council like Barn Olympics and the 4-H Dance. For the dance, we went over themes and who would run the subcommittee. In announcements we went over the Panda Express fundraiser. Thank you to all those who supported our El Paso County Youth Council. The meeting was adjourned around 7:30.

Our next meeting will also be held at the El Paso County Veterans Services Building on Feb 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Thanks, Conner Holiday



April 25-28, 2024



CAHC No Frills Show

& 4-H Spring Extravaganza

Sponsored by the Colorado Arabian Horse Club



Includes: Clinics, Stall, and all 4-H classes for which a participant is eligible at the National Western Events Center Denver, CO.

*Additional breed specific and all-breed classes may be added for the additional class fee price.

4-H Classes will be split by age group,
13 & under and 14 & over if entries warrant
**Shavings are not included and must
be purchased through Sue Sayler and paid to
the show.

SCHEDULE:

Friday (April 26th) 12:00-4:00 pm 4-H Check in 3:00-5:00 pm Open Schooling 5:30-9:00 pm Clinic Rotations

**For Saturday and Sunday classes - see main show schedule for approximate times

CLASSES

- Showmanship
- Horsemanship
- Trail
- Ranch Rail Pleasure
- Hunter Under Saddle
- English Equitation
- Walk Trot/Jog classes

FOR MORE INFO:

HockeyandHorseMom@gmail.com

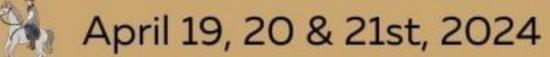
https://coloradoarabianhorseclub.org



Save the Date!!



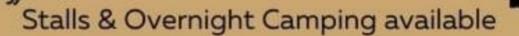
State Wide 4-H Horse Clinic!

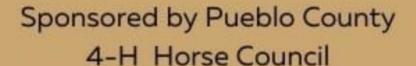


Colorado State Fairgrounds, Pueblo, CO

Top Clinicians for Western, English, Gymkhana, Ranch Horse (cow work)

Breakaway Roping & more





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More details to come!



Spring Gather Open Ranch Horse Show & Clinic



April 27 & 28, 2024
Grand Junction, Colorado
Mesa County Fairgrounds Grandstand Arena
Sponsored by: River Riders 4-H Club

Entry Deadline: April 15, 2024

Limited to the first 40 Entries Each Day

\$25 LATE FEE FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER April 15, 2024

Office opens at 7:30 AM · Riders Meeting 8:00 AM both days

Clinic Fee \$100 per person per horse

Clinic Classes: Individual Cow Work, Herd Work,

Roping, Trail

Show Entry Fees (includes all 5 classes):

Open \$120, Adult \$120, 14-18 \$90, 11-13 \$90, 10 and under \$70

ALL FEES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COST OF CATTLE

Five Classes: Ranch Cutting, Individual Cow Work, Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, Ranch Halter



Rules and Entry Forms Will be Mailed after Feb. 10, 2023

Contact: Tom Sharpe, Show Manager 970-261-3528 hooftracks@outlook.com

Colorado State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado counties cooperating. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

JEFFCO 4-H RANCH RIDING CLINIC WITH CLINICIAN MIKE BRASHEAR



Jefferson County 4-H Horse Council invites you to a Ranch Riding Clinic with Mike Brashear. Whether you are brushing up on your ranch riding skills or are a first timer, this clinic is for you!

Put the skills you learn at this clinic to use and participate in the Ranch Classes at the February 11th Winter Series Horse Show!

WHEN

February 10, 2024

Clinic: 9:00am -1:30pm

Schedule:

9:30 - 10:30 - Ages 8-10 11:00 - 12:00 - Ages 11-13 12:30 - 1:30 - Ages 14 - 18

WHERE

Jefferson County Fairgrounds Event Center 15200 W 6th Ave, Golden, CO 80401

COST

\$15.00 Jeffco 4-H member \$25.00 Other County 4-H member \$10.00 Audit (without a horse)

SPACE IS LIMITED:

15 participants per session Registration closes Thursday February 8!

SIGN UP:

https://bit.ly/Ranch_Clinic



Mike Brashear has been working with horses for thirty years. He concentrates on building a solid foundation through natural methods and gentle communication. This helps create a finished horse who is a soft, willing, and responsive partner. Establishing a mindful communication and understanding between horse and rider, and seeing them come together in a partnership, is important. The ultimate goal is for every horse and rider to work as one.

From the round pen and arena to riding outside, Mike's horsemanship and training techniques have proven to be exceptionally effective. He is excellent at working with riders of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, as well as horses of all sizes and breeds. He is outstanding at helping his students accomplish their horsemanship goals by breaking down lessons and explaining his philosophy in a way that is straightforward and attainable.

Acknowledging that horsemanship is a journey, Mike believes that one should always be a student in order to be an effective teacher. He continues to seek knowledge from his mentors, so he can share those ideals with his students.

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT: KERBI JACOBSON kurbs33@gmail.com

