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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



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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

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EPC Livestock Project

<https://band.us/n/acaf79qek5u8s>



EPC Horse Project

<https://band.us/n/a6ab71qfkcZ8z>



EPC Small Animal Project

<https://band.us/n/afaf7dq8kaxeb>



EPC Mini Horse Project

<https://band.us/n/a4a60dJ1A2qe0>



EPC Dog Project

<https://band.us/n/a9a703J2Aasar>



What is a 4-H Community Service?



WHAT IS 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE?

4-H Community Service (or “Service Learning”) is a critical part of the 4-H Learning Experience. Community Service projects provide an opportunity for 4-H members to participate in meaningful activities that help connect them to their community.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT?

A Good Community Service Project “TAPS!”

- **Timely**
 - Community Service projects should be relevant to the time in which they occur. Focusing a community service around a specific time of year (like an autumn leaf rake up, or a Valentine’s Day visit to a senior center) is a great way to brainstorm fun ideas! Be creative!
- **Active**
 - Community service projects should always involve some “doing.” Members should be taking an active role in their project.
- **Purposeful**
 - Community service projects should always start with a goal or purpose, and the service should always work towards completing that goal.
- **Selfless**
 - Ultimately, community service should end in a positive result that **does not provide a tangible reward or direct benefit** to the service learners-- although members should absolutely feel pride and personal satisfaction at a job well done!



What is a 4-H Community Service?

WHAT IS AN EXAMPLE OF A GOOD (AND NOT SO GOOD) COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT?

GOOD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS	NOT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with 4-H programs that benefit the community. Raise money through donations/drives/programs/etc., for charity organizations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note: funds raised <u>MUST</u> be directly given to the organization, and <u>CANNOT</u> be deposited first into a 4-H Club or Council account. Club funds <u>CAN</u> be used to further a Community Service Project, like buying notecards for letter writing, but <u>CANNOT</u> be directly donated.) Letter writing campaigns. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Military personnel, seniors, etc.) City/Community cleanups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (family homes, parks, waterways, cemeteries, etc.) Host a supply drive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (holiday toys, food, coats, school supplies, hygiene items) Host a garage sale to benefit a community service organization. Installing public space goods. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (wheelchair ramps, playgrounds, benches, etc.) Assist at an animal shelter. Organize & Host a Blood Drive. Visit folks in need. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Senior centers, children's hospitals, etc.) Plant flowers or trees/clean trails. Participate in a charity run/walk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any fundraising activities meant to benefit a 4-H club or council. Attending a community event and promoting 4-H. Walking in a parade. Assisting a club with regular club duties. Raising money on behalf of for-profit entities. Cleaning up/providing repairs to State or County Fairgrounds. Participating on behalf of political organizations. Cleaning up the barn/yard of a family member/friend.

4-H Promotional Activities vs. Community Service

Remember: 4-H Community Service should provide a positive, needed and ultimately selfless benefit to the community. Completing a community service project promotes the 4-H Program in a positive light.

4-H Promotional Activities, while a great way to show 4-H Leadership and promote 4-H, do not qualify as community service projects.

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Accommodations Form — **NEW in 2024**

Hello 4-H Families!

As a reminder to all, El Paso County 4-H and Colorado 4-H firmly believe that all 4-H members should be able to participate in 4-H Events and Activities with their peers successfully. This includes providing reasonable accommodation requests made on behalf of 4-H members. In an effort to streamline accommodations requests, El Paso County 4-H has developed a fillable form that can be accessed via the 4-H Website. **This form should be used to request accommodations for each 4-H Event that accommodations may be required.**

Colorado 4-H recognizes that accommodations may be requested orally and in person, up to the date of the event. However, the timing and manner of a request potentially reduces county extension’s ability to determine reasonable accommodation. Because it can take time to plan for some accommodations, El Paso County 4-H requests that the form be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the event or activity. Submitting a request for accommodation on shorter notice may reduce or limit county extension’s ability to implement the accommodations. Please note that the accommodation may not be the one proposed by the participant.

If you have any questions regarding your 4-H member’s participation in a 4-H Event, please email 4-H Specialists **Emily Green** (Emily.Green@colostate.edu) and **Jennifer Loewen** (Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu) and they can provide additional information.

[Link to Accommodations Form](#)

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 it is **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.

Dog Premium Book: [2024-El-Paso-County-Fair-Dog-Show-Premium.pdf \(colostate.edu\)](https://colostate.edu/2024-El-Paso-County-Fair-Dog-Show-Premium.pdf)

Horse Premium Book: [2024-Horse-Premium.pdf \(colostate.edu\)](https://colostate.edu/2024-Horse-Premium.pdf)

- 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 \(colostate.edu\)](https://colostate.edu/2024-Miniature-Horse-Premium.pdf)

- Added driving classes

Livestock Premium Book: [2024-Livestock-Rulebook_Final.pdf \(colostate.edu\)](https://colostate.edu/2024-Livestock-Rulebook_Final.pdf)

- 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 \(colostate.edu\)](https://colostate.edu/2024-Small-Animal-Premium-Book.pdf)

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

Animal ID's in 4HOnline due by April 30th, 2024

NEW RESOURCE THIS YEAR :

Checklist requirements for Animal ID's. A quick easy way to make sure you have all the information needed for your Animal ID to be approved. Please click this [LINK](#) for the checklist requirements.

Animal ID's in 4HOnline due by April 30th, 2024. Animals that need to be in 4HOnline are **horse, miniature horse, pygmy goat, dairy goat, breeding livestock, cat, dog, and camelids (llama/alpaca)**. If Animal ID's for the above projects are not in by April 30th, the animals are not eligible to show at the county fair.



Officer Training Q & A Session

Please let your club officers know that on **Friday, March 8, 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!

[Link to Register](#)



Saint Patrick's Day Parade

[Registration Link](#)



A vibrant green flyer for the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. At the top left is a cartoon leprechaun wearing a green top hat with a gold buckle. To his right, a white banner with a black border reads "JOIN EL PASO COUNTY 4-H AT THE". Below this, a large yellow rounded rectangle contains the text "SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE!" in bold black letters. To the right of the yellow box, a white speech bubble contains the text "SATURDAY, MARCH 16 @ 12:00". Below the yellow box is a white shield with a green border and a pattern of green shamrocks. The bottom section of the flyer is a white box with black text. It starts with "Come Join El Paso County 4-H in Promoting the 4-H Program!". This is followed by a paragraph: "4-H Members are invited to Walk/Ride on the Parade Route with the El Paso County 4-H Float! Wear your 4-H shirts, hoodies and jackets! Otherwise, wear some cool green and gold duds! Shamrock hats, headbands, glasses, etc. also encouraged!". Then, it says "All Walkers and Riders MUST RSVP at this Google Form to reserve their spot. More information about where to meet the group will be sent to participants before parade day." Below this is a "Please Note:" section with a bulleted list: "• All Cloverbud Members MUST ride on the float, and must be accompanied by a responsible adult.", "• All other members will either walk or ride on the float, depending on participation numbers.", and "• Any 4-H members in the Mini-Horse or Camelid Projects MUST coordinate with their 4-H Project leader to be eligible to walk their animals." At the bottom left, a yellow banner with black text says "QUESTIONS? EMAIL JEN @ JENNIFER.LOEWEN@COLOSTATE.EDU". At the bottom right, there is a logo for El Paso County Colorado State University Extension, which includes a four-leaf clover and a circular emblem with a mountain and a sun. A pair of green and yellow striped glasses with shamrock-shaped temples is also visible on the right side of the flyer.

JOIN EL PASO COUNTY 4-H AT THE

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE!

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County Contest

Registration is open March 4th -15th, 2024

More information and the link to register can be found [HERE](#)



REGISTER FOR THE...

El Paso 4-H County Contest Day!

**Show off your Skills on the
Big Stage!**

Featuring:

- Bakology Contest
- Public Speaking Contests
- Cake Decorating Contest
- Horse Project Presentation Contest
- Performing Arts Contests

SAT Contest Starts @ 9:00 AM
(schedule to follow)

APRIL 13, 2024

All Contests held at:
El Paso County Extension Office
17 N. Spruce Street, 80905

Register in FairEntry!

- Registration **OPENS** Monday, March 4, 2024
- Registration **CLOSES** Friday, March 15, 2024
- NO late registrations will be accepted.
 - \$7 per member
 - \$20 for families with 3 or more registrants
- All Fees due via Eventbrite.com by **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**
 - Payment link will be sent when registration is received
- Junior, Intermediates, Seniors and Cloverbud members encouraged to participate!

Email Jen at: Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu with questions!

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<https://colostate.edu/4H>

[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
[Registration Link](#)



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JOIN US FOR THE...


EL PASO COUNTY 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP!

Get ready for an evening of Fun Public Speaking Activities!

- Learn about the 7 Elements of Public Speaking
- Discover ways to Fight Stage Fright
- Play Fun Games
- Face the infamous "Bucket of Doom"
- ... and Much More!





Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
@ the El Paso County Extension Office
(17 N. Spruce Street, 80905)



This event is FREE--but Registration is Required.

- **Registration OPENS March 1, 2024.**
- Limited to first 30 registrants
- Cloverbud, Junior & Intermediate Members invited to attend!

Please register in 4HOnline by March 15, 2024.



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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](#)

Grand Drive Spaghetti Fundraiser

GRAND DRIVE'S 6TH ANNUAL *Spaghetti Supper*

Come join us at our 6th annual Spaghetti Supper fundraiser! We will have a delicious dinner served by members of our 4-H club, a silent auction, and educational demos. Thank you so much for your support and we hope to see you there!



Kit Carson Riding Club

APRIL 6TH AT 6PM

6775 Cowpoke Rd
Colorado Springs, Co
80908

RSVP by April 1st to:
GrandDrivespaghetti@gmail.com

Hearts 'n' Hooves Easter Basket Fundraiser

**Any Bunny can support
4-H Hearts 'n' Hooves Club
FUNDRAISER!**





~~\$61~~
\$40

~~\$31~~
\$25

~~\$61~~
\$40

~~\$31~~
\$25

Why not hop on in for ease and better value?

Skip the store, get **MORE** for less! Ready-made baskets at unbeatable prices. Hearts 'n' Hooves fundraiser has baskets for everyone. **Text 720.227.6328 with the word BUNNY for our complete selection in a PDF.** We will then notify the said "Bunny" with your preference so the baskets will be delivered on time.

- **Toddler Baskets:** Peppa Pig, and Knights!
- **Regular Baskets:** Paw Patrol, Transformers, Barbie, LOL, Frozen, Princess & Hot Wheels!
- **Mega Baskets:** LOL, Barbie, Star Wars, and Jurassic Park!

Pre-Made Baskets = Easy for You!



Midland Elementary Extravaganza

[Sign Up Here](#)

CALLING ALL 4-Her's

Please join us for an exciting night at Midland Elementary School to help promote our El Paso County 4-H program!



Midland Elementary Extravaganza!

Please bring you and your animals and help promote 4-H in our local community. Please sign up using the QR code by 3/11, the numbers will be capped at 10 so sign up fast!



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!



El Paso County 4-H Horse Judging

The Horse Judging Team is still in search of new members! We would love to see new faces at the weekly practices every Thursday that are held at the **Environmental Services Building (3255 Akers Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80922)** Come to the backdoor and knock as it stays locked.

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



Levels Testing at the Fairgrounds

March 17, 2024

- Please schedule with Emily Green at Emily.Green@colostate.edu



Looking Forward— Miniature Horse

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

April 27, 2024

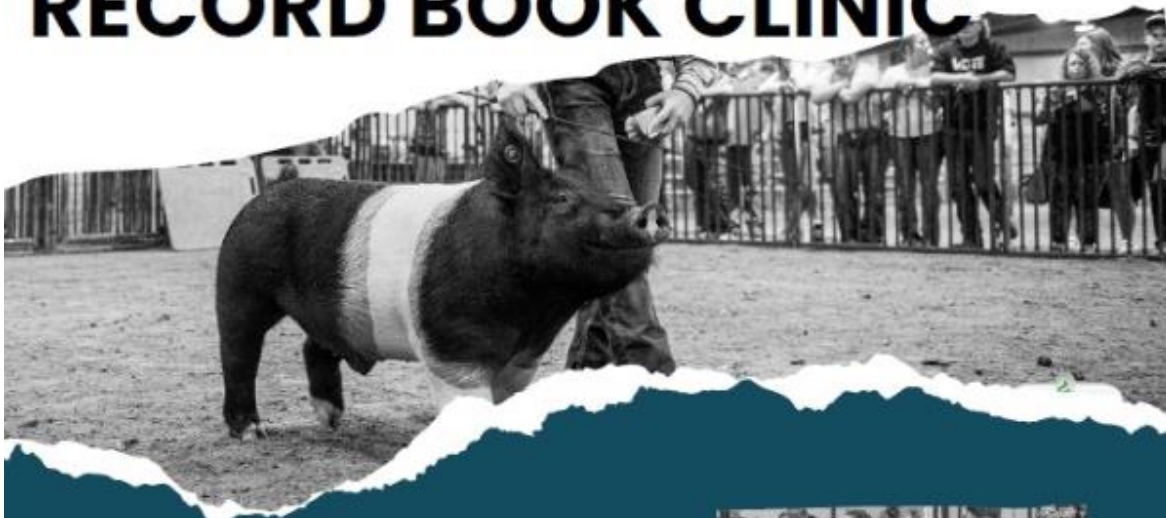
- In Hand Obstacle at 10:00 AM with ground driving and driving to follow



Livestock Record Book Clinic

[Registration Link](#)

Livestock RECORD BOOK CLINIC



Outline

- ✓ Tips and Tricks
- ✓ Q & A Session
- ✓ Review the rubric
- ✓ Drawing for free record book covers

April 3, 2024

6:00 PM in Swink Hall
(EPC Fairgrounds)



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[Registration Link](#)

BEEF SELECTION & NUTRITION CLINIC

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](#)

EL PASO COUNTY PRESENTS

2024

BEEF BLOW N GO

EL PASO COUNTY

DON'T MISS OUT ON:
BREEDING BEEF CLASSES
MARKET BEEF CLASSES
SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

PRE-ENTRY IS \$30 A HEAD AND MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE THROUGH EVENTBRITE BY APRIL 3, 2024

DAY OF ENTRY IS \$45 PER HEAD (CHECK OR CASH)

SHOWMANSHIP IS \$10 A HEAD AND PAID AT THE GATE (SPLIT 80/20)

PRIZE\$\$\$ WILL BE AWARDED TO GRAND AND RESERVE IN BREEDING AND MARKET

EMAIL EMILY.GREEN@COLOSTATE.EDU FOR QUESTIONS

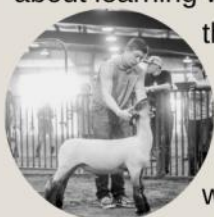
6TH APRIL 2024

WEIGH IN 7:30-9:00 AM
10:00 AM SHOW START TIME
366 10TH ST
CALHAN, CO 80808

4-H Sheep Clinics

**Nutrition Program to be held
April 23rd at 6:30pm at the
Akers Building (3274 Akers
Dr., 80922)**

Ever wonder what the best options and products to use to get your mkt lamb projects looking their best for the big show? How about learning why you feed sheep different



than you do some other species? At this educational workshop we are going to get into lamb nutrition. You will learn about the

sheep's digestive tract and what makes different from yours. What nutrients your lambs need and when. You will come away with a better understanding of how different feed stuffs work inside of the animal. We will also demonstrate how a ration is developed. We will get into the sometime head spinning world of supplements, how they are used, what works and what might just be a waste of money. **Please sign up by noon on April 23rd using the link below.**

**Sheep Training and Daily
Prep Workshop to be held
May 29th at 6:30pm at the El
Paso County Fairgrounds
(366 10th St, 80808)**

This hands-on program will help you learn how to train your animal to walk on a halter, and then by hand. We will also practice how to start teaching them to set their feet. We will cover daily care and conditioning so your animal will look and feel their best on show day. In fact, have you ever wondered what the judge is feeling your animal for in the show



ring or what judges mean when they say one animal feels fresh, 12 O'clock, washed the loin, over conditioned, too fat, green, stale etc.

will have some hands-on examples and let you handle and feel what different animals are like and discuss what different terms judges use to describe show lambs. For this workshop you will want to bring 1-2 of your project animals as well as a halter, any combs/brushes you use on your lambs and a bucket. Animals do not have to be clipped/sheared but if they are, that is good. **Please register by May 28th 4 p.m. using the link below.**

[April Registration LINK](#)

[May Registration LINK](#)

Market Swine Tag Pickup

1. Any youth member that plans on showing MARKET swine at the county fair needs to fill out the Google Survey **by April 4, 2024**, found at this [LINK](#)
2. Please make sure that the youth member is enrolled in the 4-H Program under the Market Swine Project in 4HOnline. Members/Families will not be given tags until the member is actively enrolled in the 4HOnline system. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule.
3. The Swine project members are responsible for tagging their own animals, pulling DNA samples, and if applicable, filling out county fair nomination forms.
4. Mark you calendars for Swine Tag Pick Up on April 25th, 2024, at Swink Hall (El Paso County Fairgrounds) from 5:00 - 6:30 PM to pick up tags. Please remember these important items the night you attend.
 - a. DNA envelopes cost \$3 per animal (CASH)
 - b. State fair nominations cost \$3 per animal (CASH)
 - c. The money will be collected on April 25, 2024, in CASH only
 - d. First year families are required to attend the tagging clinic at 4:30 PM that night in order to receive their tags

For tagging your own hogs, you will need to purchase a tagger if you do not already own one. It must be a specific brand to work with the Y-Tex tags that you will receive. There are two links attached as a reference to what you need to purchase.

- UltraTagger Compact by Y-Tex (This is the recommended one that features a quick release pin) <https://valleyvet.com/UltraTaggerCompact>
- UltraTagger Plus Applicator by Y-Tex <https://valleyvet.com/UltraTaggerPlus>

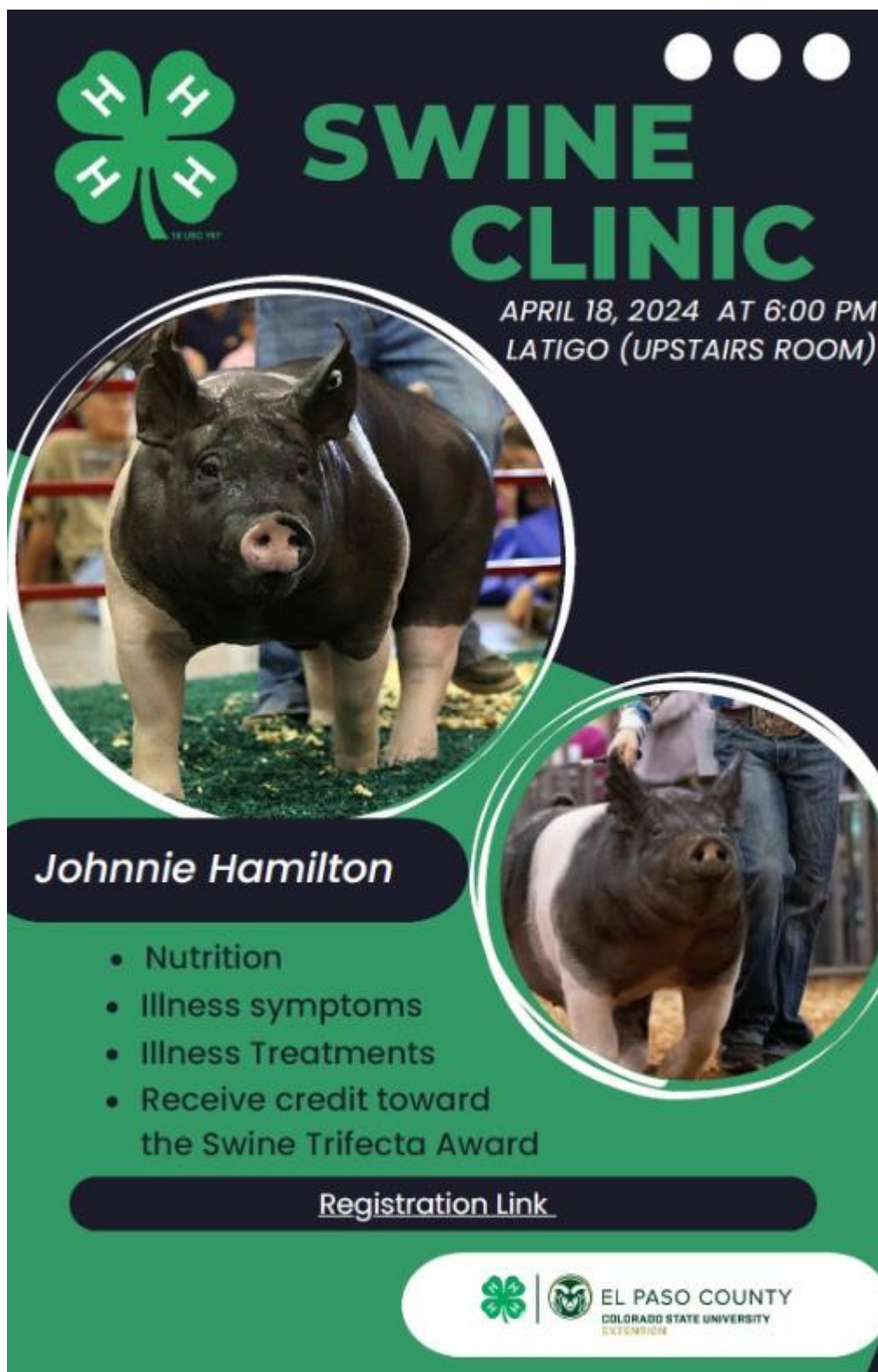
It is also recommended that you have blood stop, corn starch, or baking flour on hand in case you hit a vein when tagging. If you hit a vein and the bleeding does not stop within 15-20 minutes, contact your local vet. We will have detailed instructions in the packet available for families to use.

Once the 4-H families have picked up their packets, tagged their hogs, and filled out the required paperwork please mark your calendars for **Friday May 10th, 2024 from 5:00—6:30 PM to drop off your packets in Owens Arena (El Paso County Fairgrounds)**. Please use the original packet given to you to store all your required elements. The checklist of what should be in the packet is:


- DNA Envelopes sealed with provided sticker
- County Fair Nomination Forms (and State Fair Nomination Form if applicable) make sure all the information is filled out along with signatures
- Clearly printed photographs of hogs (what is required for the photos will be stated in your packet when you pick it up)
- Any extra tags you did not use

Swine Clinic


[Registration Link](#)



A promotional poster for a Swine Clinic event. The background is dark blue with green accents. At the top left is a green four-leaf clover logo with the letters 'H', 'E', 'L', and 'P' on its leaves. To the right of the logo, the words 'SWINE CLINIC' are written in large, bold, green capital letters. Below this, the event details 'APRIL 18, 2024 AT 6:00 PM' and 'LATIGO (UPSTAIRS ROOM)' are written in white. Two circular inset photos show pigs: a large black pig on the left and a smaller black pig on the right. Below the left photo, the name 'Johnnie Hamilton' is written in white. A list of topics is provided in white text: 'Nutrition', 'Illness symptoms', 'Illness Treatments', and 'Receive credit toward the Swine Trifecta Award'. At the bottom, a dark blue button contains the text 'Registration Link' in white. The footer features the El Paso County Colorado State University Extension logo, which includes a green clover and a circular seal with a mountain and sun, followed by the text 'EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION'.

 **SWINE CLINIC**


APRIL 18, 2024 AT 6:00 PM
LATIGO (UPSTAIRS ROOM)



Johnnie Hamilton

- Nutrition
- Illness symptoms
- Illness Treatments
- Receive credit toward the Swine Trifecta Award

[Registration Link](#)

 EL PASO COUNTY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

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

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



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

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 \(colostate.edu\)](http://colostate.edu)



Practices

Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleload Practice, 3/2/24, Frontier Sportsman's Club Hanover

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47981645-03022024#/>

Archery Practice, 3/7/24, CPW

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47981680-03072024#/>

Archery and Shotgun Practice, 3/16/24, Frontier Sportsman's Club Hanover

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-03042023#/>

Rifle Practice, 3/21/24, CPW

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47981716-03212024#/>

Pistol Practice, 3/28/24, CPW

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47981710-03282024#/>



CAT PROJECT MEETINGS UPDATE!

March 19- 5pm High
Prairie Library, Falcon

April 9-5:30pm
Extension Office
(Bring your cats)

May 21- 5:30pm
Extension Office
(Bring your cats)

June 18- 5:30 pm
Extension Office
(Bring your cats)





POCKET PET MEETING

This month we will be talking about what is inside your Pocket Pet Pantry. Please note your dietary limitations and what foods can help with illnesses.

March 9, 2024

10:00 a.m.

- 📞 Danielle - 719-651-7597
Cassandra - 719-659-0573
- 📍 17 N. Spruce Street





EPC 4-H CAMELIDS & DR. SIGNE BALCH

Are you a 4-H Lama or Alpaca (Camelids) Member in Colorado? If yes, then we have some exciting news for you! The El Paso County Camelid Project Group is proud to announce that we have successfully secured three Camelid Clinics with Dr. Balch during the 2023-2024

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.

Specializing in Camelids



January 9th, 2024
6:00 PM



February 6th, 2024
6:00 PM



March 5th, 2024
6:00 PM



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



IN-PERSON **EPC CAMELID** MEETING

Join us for an Obstacle Class where you can practice your skills!



OBSTACLE CLASS

This class will test your camelid's:

Obedience: Can they follow your commands through a variety of obstacles?

Willingness: Are they eager to participate and complete the tasks you present?

The course includes:

- Jumps
- Backing up
- Tire challenges
- Teeter-totter balancing
- Weaving through cones
- Changing pace
- Bridge crossing
- Tarp navigation

BONUS!

Brush up on Quarters for Showmanship: Learn how to expertly position your camelid for a winning presentation.

Social time and Kahoot! game: Mingle with fellow camelid owners and enjoy a fun, interactive quiz at the end.

This class isn't just fun! It also:

Demonstrates your Camelid's training: Show off their obedience and your successful partnership!

Provides valuable bonding time: Strengthen your connection with your Camelid through shared experience.



Contact
720.227.6328 or
253.677.2724



Address
6065 Mulberry Rd., Calhan 80808





Zoom Games **EPC CAMELID** **MEETING**

EPC Camelid Member Game Night!

Test your knowledge and win rewards!

Join us for a **fun and educational game** night where you can learn important information about:

Internal and External Parasites: Learn how to identify different types of parasites, their symptoms, and treatment options.

Vaccinations: Understand the importance of vaccinations and the recommended schedule for your Camelids.

Common Camelid Health Issues: Gain knowledge about various health conditions that can affect your Camelids and how to manage them.

Why is this information important?

By understanding these topics, you can:

Improve the health and well-being of your Camelids.
Prevent the spread of diseases.
Make informed decisions about your Camelids' care.

The game will be in a **BINGO GAME** format, so come prepared to answer questions and have fun!

Date: March 24th, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: EPC Camelid Zoom Room

Prizes will be awarded to those in attendance!

Don't miss out on this opportunity to **learn and have fun!**

See you there!



**EPC CAMELID
BAND APP**



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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](#)



Visual Arts Project Meetings

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:



JOIN PHELAN GARDENS & EL PASO COUNTY 4-H FOR

GARDENING PROJECT MEETINGS!

CLASSES WILL COVER CONTENT FROM:

- "SEE THEM SPROUT"
- "LET'S GET GROWING"
- "TAKE YOUR PICK"

ALL 4-H GARDENING
UNITS AND AGES
WELCOME!



UPCOMING
DATES:

MARCH 1, 2024
@ 6:00 PM

APRIL 5, 2024
@ 6:00 PM

MAY 3, 2024
@ 6:00 PM

CLASSES WILL BE HELD ONSITE AT PHELAN GARDENS
(4955 AUSTIN BLUFFS PKWY, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80918)

CONTACT JEN LOEWEN WITH QUESTIONS:
JENNIFER.LOEWE@COLOSTATE.EDU

Recap and Upcoming Meetings

The February youth county council Meeting was held at El Paso County Veterans Services. Twenty-one people were in attendance with 6 clubs represented.

There were no dog advisory, horse advisory, or livestock advisory reports. There will be a shooting sports leader training from the 8th through the 10th of March in Pueblo.

The small animal committee chose judges and ordered ribbons. The Tabletop committee approved star specifications and went over county contest; and fashion review. There will be a speech workshop on March 27th, limited to 25 kids. State conference is from June 18th, through the 21st. Youth County Council will be doing a Pop Tab fundraiser, so bring your pop tabs to the April meeting. Whoever has the most from each club will win ice cream sandwiches. Kaitlyn Painter and Caitlyn Hodge will be holding a dance class before the Fair Dance.

Laura Richards will post dates and locations for our March fundraiser on band. Summer Fest will be held on June 11th all day. Youth county council will serve lunch and more information will come at the next meeting. There was a motion to create a banner for Youth County Council. Conner Holiday decided to make that banner with with the 4-H logo and date that Youth County Council was established. On March 13th, at Middleton Elementary, starting at 5p, there will be an outreach to teach kids about 4H.


The St. Patrick's Day float was discussed decided regarding decorations for float and approved; Youth County Council is to spend less than 70 dollars.

The next Youth County Council meeting will be held on **March 26th at 6:30p** at the Veteran's Services Building located at 5850 Championship View Ste 130 Colorado Springs, 80922



Competitive Events Training

● ● ● ● 4-H Competitive Events
TRAINING
For 4-H Specialists & Volunteers ● ● ● ●



Increase your County's involvement and inspire youth
to learn new skills

● ● ● ● ● March 5, 2024 ● ● ● ● ●

4-H Specialists	1:30 pm
4-H Volunteers	7:00 pm

Learn how to prepare youth to participate in FCS Skillathon, Hippology, and Livestock Quizbowl

[Zoom Link for 4-H Specialist](#) [Zoom Link for 4-H Volunteer](#)



STATE WIDE 4-H Dog Expo

\$10 per member
Registration due March 29th
on 4honline.com

April 7th, 2024 8 AM - 5 PM
5280 Arena Cir, Loveland CO 80538

Workshops in Obedience, Rally and Showmanship!

Classes in Dog Behavior, Careers with Dogs, Vet
Talk, Class Progression, and more!

Classes available for parents/guardians!

Questions? Email anna4hleader@gmail.com



April 25-28, 2024

CAHC No Frills Show & 4-H Spring Extravaganza

Sponsored by the Colorado Arabian Horse Club

4-H COST: \$250

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!



April 19, 20 & 21st, 2024



Colorado State Fairgrounds, Pueblo, CO

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

Breakaway Roping & more



Stalls & Overnight Camping available

Sponsored by Pueblo County

4-H Horse Council

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.

For the entry form, please email **Shawna.Lamothe@colostate.com**