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Policy on 4-H Branding

This is a friendly reminder that any branding (i.e clothing, awards, logos) for committees, clubs and 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 or Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu.



Band App Communications-

To help with delivering clear communications, provide an updated event calendar, and send out reminders of county wide programming; we have utilized an app for seven project areas. 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! Stay informed and connected through this communication tool!

EPC Shooting Sports

<https://band.us/n/a1ae01J9A6u3h>



EPC Tabletop

<https://band.us/n/abaa06JdAau2J>



Band App Communications-

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? Continued.

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

GOOD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

- Assist with 4-H programs that benefit the community.
- Raise money through donations/drives/programs/etc., for charity organizations.
 - *Note: funds raised MUST be directly given to the organization, and CANNOT be deposited first into a 4-H Club or Council account. Club funds CAN be used to further a Community Service Project, like buying notecards for letter writing, but CANNOT be directly donated.)*
- Letter writing campaigns.
 - (Military personnel, seniors, etc.)
- City/Community cleanups.
 - (family homes, parks, waterways, cemeteries, etc.)
- Host a supply drive.
 - (holiday toys, food, coats, school supplies, hygiene items)
- Host a garage sale to benefit a community service organization.
- Installing public space goods.
 - (wheelchair ramps, playgrounds, benches, etc.)
- Assist at an animal shelter.
- Organize & Host a Blood Drive.
- Visit folks in need.
 - (Senior centers, children's hospitals, etc.)
- Plant flowers or trees/clean trails.
- Participate in a charity run/walk.

NOT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

- 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.



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](#)



Animal ID's in 4HOnline

NEW RESOURCE THIS YEAR :

Checklist requirements for Animal ID's has been made. 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 are 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.



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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 are goats, sheep, cattle, swine, poultry, and rabbit.
- MQA Training will be offered twice a year. For 2023-2024, an interactive 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) age groups 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](#)

Registration for County Fair Dates

Mark Your Calendars!

Entry for the El Paso County Fair opens on Tuesday May 28th and is required for all 4-H General Projects, 4-H Cloverbud, and 4-H Animal projects who would like to exhibit at the 2024 County Fair. All exhibits/animals **MUST** be entered into the online FairEntry system. 4-H families will use their “4honline.com” username and password to log into the FairEntry system.

[Link to 2024 Fair Entry Instructions](#)

Exhibits must be entered by Friday June 7, 2024. A late fee of \$35.00 per family will be assessed for entries received between June 8-11, 2024. After June 11, 2024, absolutely no entries will be accepted.

Once registration is complete and submitted by the family for **ALL** members participating in county fair, it will be reviewed by CSU Extension 4-H staff for approval. Once approved, payment instructions will be sent via email. Please look for these instructions to come from an office staff member. Payment **SHOULD NOT** be sent until all classes are approved by CSU Extension staff.

Payment must be received by 4:30 PM Thursday June 13, 2024.

It is the member’s responsibility to check with the Extension Office to make sure the entry and payment were completed by the deadline.

For help with computer pre-entry, be sure to attend our Help Desk Day on Thursday May 30, 2024 from 3:00 PM—6:00 PM at the East Library located at 5550 N. Union Blvd, 80918!

Reserving Your Camp Space for County Fair

For any questions about this article please reach out to andschanaaljets@elpasoco.com

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2024 El Paso County Fair! Thank you for your dedication to your projects and the 4-H program. **The 4-H discounted ticket page is now open** and you may purchase season passes, additional tickets, carnival passes, and event tickets now.

Camping Registration Opens on May 28th @ 11am on the same page as the discounted tickets.

Directions/Additional Information:

Camping spots are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Review the map in advance (already visible) and then **select the space you want from the pull-down menu.**

Last year we sold out in 6 minutes, with many people still having spaces in their carts. If you are looking for an electric space, buy your other tickets before or after, but **check-out campsites individually and quickly.** The computer does not remove them from the inventory until the purchase is complete, so you could lose the one in your cart if you take too long to complete your order.

You may only reserve one space. Each family must reserve their own space. If multiple spaces are purchased by the same account, we will cancel the purchase and make the space available to the next person in line.

Volunteers who earned the 20 hours in 2024 to qualify for early registration will be contacted separately with instructions.

If you plan to bring a dog, they must be approved in advance. Please see the dog form attached to the camping guidelines and email the information to events@elpasoco.com.

For questions or assistance, you can contact the fair office (719) 520-7880.

Packets & Passes will be available for pick up on June 29th from 9am to 12pm at the fair office 366 10th Street Calhan, CO (SWINK HALL). If you're picking up packets for additional people you will be required to sign for each of those packets. If you need to make arrangements to pick up another day, please contact the Fair office to schedule pick up during office hours. All passes must be picked up before the first day of Fair.

4-H Discount Page – Do Not Share.

<https://www.elpasocountyfair.com/p/fair-information/2024-4-h-discounted-tickets>

El Paso County Fair Board Award 4-H/FFA Community Service Award

The El Paso County Fair Board would like to honor an outstanding 4-H or FFA participant that goes above and beyond their normal club responsibilities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Active 4-H or FFA youth in El Paso County

WHO CAN NOMINATE: Only 4-H or FFA General or Project Leaders

WHO WILL MAKE FINAL SELECTION: Fair Advisory Board

APPLICATION: Submit a one-page letter describing the nominee’s accomplishments to

theresaodello@elpasoco.com

DEADLINE: April 30, 2024

AWARD WINNER WILL RECEIVE:

- Framed Certificate
- \$500 Scholarship
- Invitation/ Recognition at the VIP Reception
- Free fair passes for the entire family



Youth County Council Great American Cleanup

RSVP [HERE](#)

JOIN THE 4-H YOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE

GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27,
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Meet with 4-H members from the Youth County Council, and earn some 4-H Community Service hours!

4-H Members MUST RSVP BY FRIDAY, APRIL 19
AT THIS GOOGLE FORM.

Please bring gloves and wear good shoes.
All other supplies will be provided!

4-H Volunteer Jen Niehus is the Contact for this event.
• jenniehus@earthlink.net
• 719-337-3214

**PLEASE MEET AT:
320 PEPPERGRASS LN.
FOUNTAIN, CO 80817**

Parking Directions: From I-25 Exit, 132A, go East on CO 16 to US Highway 85, then South one-half mile. Turn West on Cattail Marsh Road to parking area.

  **EL PASO COUNTY**
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

 **FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED
FLOOD CONTROL & GREENWAY DISTRICT**

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FREE!



April 1 - April 19
@ the Extension Office,
17 N. Spruce Street, 80905
Downstairs Community Room



EL PASO COUNTY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

Free Leather & Fabric! Great for practice 4-H Projects or hobbies! Tons of colors, sizes and types. First come first served, no holds--take a whole box or two!

Please call 4-H Admin Shawna Lamothe to schedule a pick-up: 719-520-7698.

Looking Forward—Horse

HAC Qualifying Cattle Clinic on April 28, 2024, at Latigo at 9:00 AM

- This is a required qualifying clinic for youth who would like to show in cattle classes at County Fair. They must attend the clinic and demonstrate safely working cattle. It is available to all 4-H El Paso County youth in the horse project (even if they do not plan to show in cattle classes).
- Payment for the cattle fee is due by April 15, 2024, in the amount of \$45 per rider to the Horse Advisory Committee (NOT the Extension Office) for the clinic. If you plan on taking a Ranch Levels Test I or Ranch Levels Test II it will cost an additional \$20, in addition to the cattle fees. You can drop off that check at the upcoming HAC meeting on April 2, 2024 at the Extension Office at 6:00 PM. Or you can mail a check to our Treasurer at (if mailed it must be postmarked by April 15, 2024).

Trish Manyik
23958 E State Highway 110
Calhan, CO 80808

- Once payment is submitted there are no refunds.
- [Link for Registration](#)

HAC Qualifying Hunter Hack Clinic on May 19, 2024, at Latigo at 9:00 AM

This is a required qualifying clinic for youth who would like to show in the Hunter Hack class offered at County Fair. They must attend the clinic and safely pass jumping. It is available to all 4-H El Paso County youth in the horse project (even if they do not plan to show in the Hunter Hack classes).

The first session will be poles which is offered for anyone NOT planning on showing Hunter Hack classes at fair. This gives them a chance to safely learn the fundamentals and begin the building blocks to jumping. This will go from 9:00-10:30 AM .

The second session will be for those youth who have been practicing and are ready to show the Hunter Hack class at county fair. This will go from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM.

[Link for Registration](#)

Looking Forward—Horse

May 11, 2024

- Qualifying Ranch Horse Show (Eyleen's Arena)

June 1, 2024

- Qualifying English/Western Show (Latigo)

June 5, 2024

- Written Test, Patterns, and Interview for County Fair (Extension Office) at 5:30 PM

June 8, 2024

- Qualifying Gymkhana Show (Eyleen's Arena)

June 22-23, 2024

- County Fair (Latigo)



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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.



Photo courtesy of the Arabian Horse Association

Looking Forward– Miniature Horse

April 27, 2024 (Fairgrounds)

- In Hand Obstacle at 10:00 AM with Ground Driving and Driving to follow

May 12, 2024 (Fairgrounds)

- Miniature Horse Show

May 24-26, 2024 (Longmont)

- Rocky Mountain Miniature Horse Club Horse Show

May 31, 2024 (Fairgrounds)

- Hunter Course at 10:00 AM and Ground Driving/Driving to follow



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Market Goat and Sheep Tag In

Friday May 10th, 2024

Owens Arena- El Paso County Fairgrounds

Any youth member that plans on showing MARKET goat and/or sheep at county fair needs to fill out the Google Survey below **by April 19, 2024.**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwSrB-DLFfgGyQx92qZ27AyOjIKSngzXpDHZs2NjeulUoz6g/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwSrB-DLFfgGyQx92qZ27AyOjIKSngzXpDHZs2NjeulUoz6g/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Time Blocks: We will not be differentiating between species so bring goats and/or sheep based on your last name.

Family has youth in the swine project (5:30-6:00 PM)

Last name beginning with A through L (6:00-7:00 PM)

Last name beginning with M through Z (7:00-8:00 PM)

Expectations:

- Please be on time!
- We believe in giving priority to those scheduled in their 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, technology, and a new process so sometimes it does not go as planned or expected.
- Only **CASH** will be accepted the day of tag in (read below for details on price breakouts)
- State Fair Nominations will only be accepted the day of tag in (make sure you have your premise ID and cash), no exceptions.

REMEMBER: All animals must be castrated prior to being weighed and tagged in 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.

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Market Goat and Sheep Tag In Continued.

Things to know before coming:

- You must bring your animal with a halter already on before it is unloaded, or it will not be tagged or weighed. The idea is to work with them ahead of time.
- If your animals are sick or show signs of sore mouth and/or fungus, please email Emily.Green@colostate.edu and we will have you go across the scale and tag in at the end.
- Market ewes and market does MUST be scrapies tagged before tag-in.
- Must Park in the South Parking Lot and stay off the concrete in the Owens Livestock Arena. Youth will walk their animals through the south sheep/goat barn and into the arena.
- Tag-in is the only time State Fair Nominations will be taken and will cost \$3 to nominate per animal (cash only)
 - Remember all 4-H 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 ALL cards 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 visit the website at <https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-locationidentification-lid-registration-premises>.
- Retinal scans at tag-in are \$3.00 per animal due at tag in (CASH ONLY). The first 6 ear tags free, \$1.00 per tag over six. Only cash will be accepted. Fees are due on the date of tag in.
- If the weather is bad, please understand we will need to block off a different weekend.

“Learn by doing”

Market Swine Tag Pickup

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](#)

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.

The Swine project members are responsible for tagging their own animals, pulling DNA samples, and if applicable, filling out county fair nomination forms.

Mark your 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).

[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.

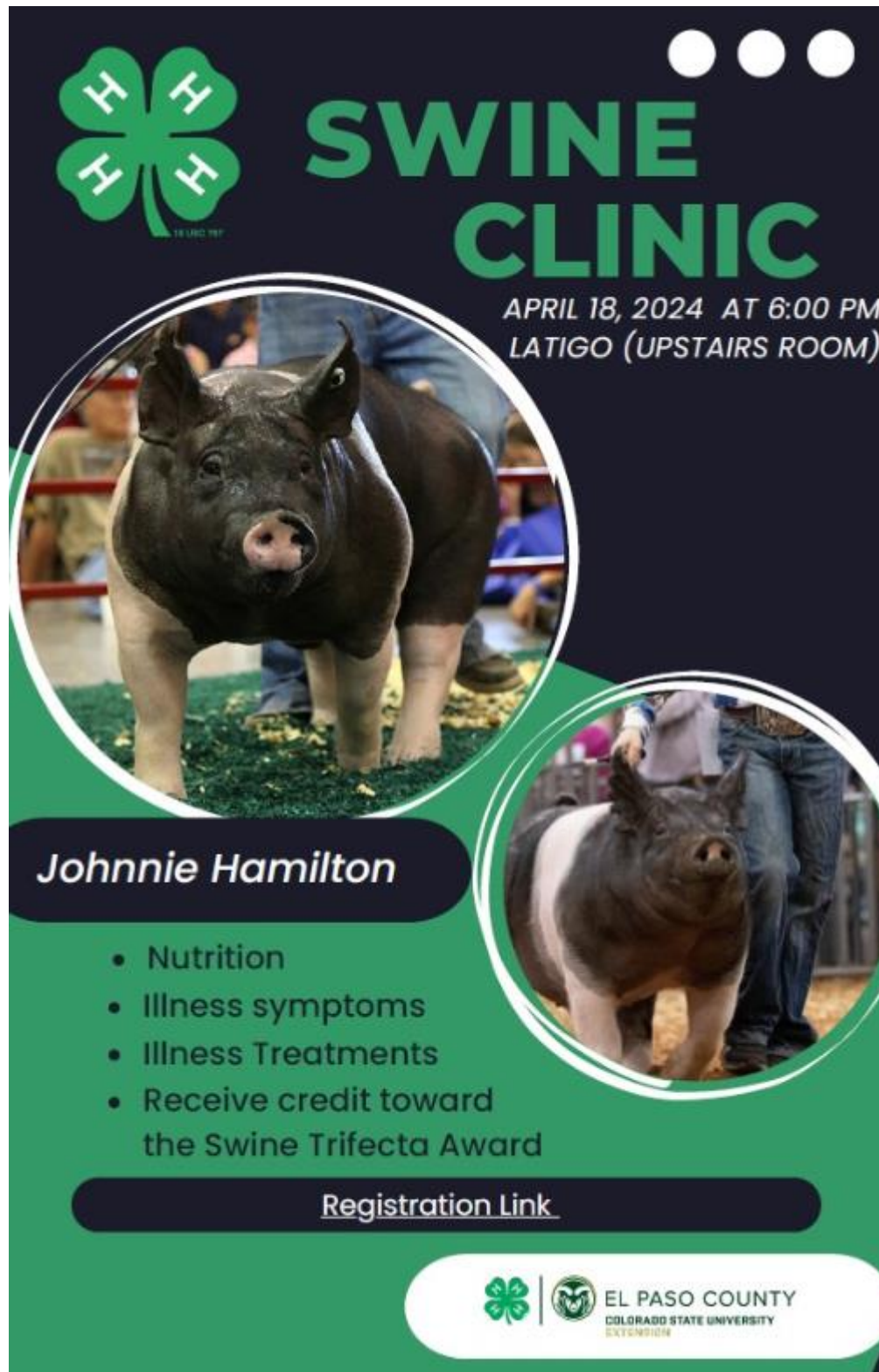
will have some hands-on examples and let you handle and feel what different animals are like and discuss what different terms judges use to describe show lambs. For this workshop you will want to bring 1-2 of your project animals as well as a halter, any combs/brushes you use on your lambs and a bucket. 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](#)

Swine Clinic

[Registration Link](#)



The poster features a dark blue background with green accents. At the top left is a green four-leaf clover logo with white 'H' characters on each leaf. To the right, 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 listed in white. Two circular inset photos show a large black pig with white markings on its face and legs, standing in a pen. A dark blue rounded rectangle contains the name 'Johnnie Hamilton' in white. Below this, a list of topics is provided in white text. At the bottom, a dark blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'Registration Link' in white. The footer includes the El Paso County logo (a green clover) and the text 'EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION'.


SWINE CLINIC

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

Johnnie Hamilton

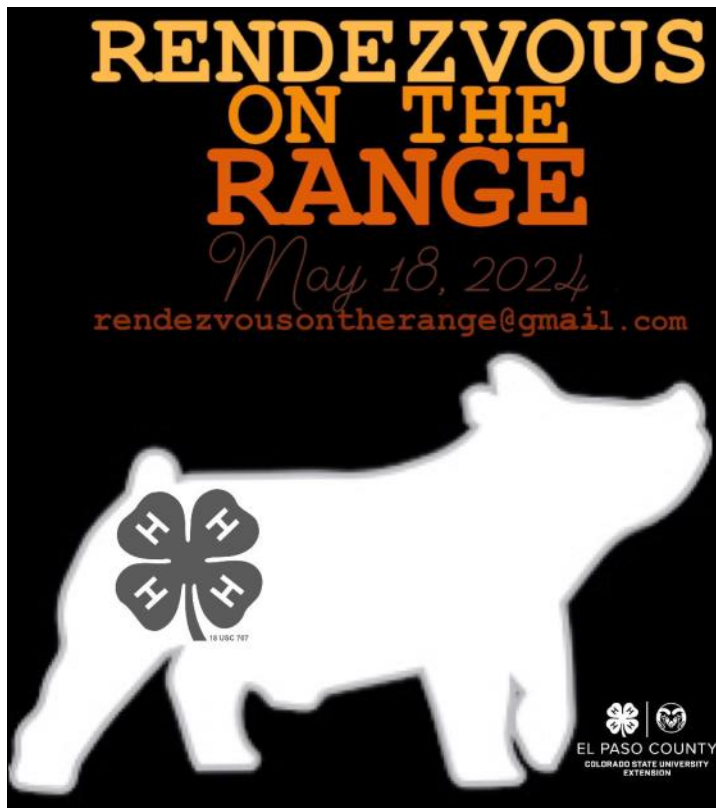
- Nutrition
- Illness symptoms
- Illness Treatments
- Receive credit toward the Swine Trifecta Award

[Registration Link](#)

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Rendezvous on the Range Show

[Registration Link](#)



**RENDEZVOUS
ON THE
RANGE**

May 18, 2024
rendezvousontherange@gmail.com

EL PASO COUNTY
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Show Start Time: 9:00am
Show will start with breeding at 9:00am.
Market will follow 30 minutes after the breeding show ends.
Weights will be declared before the show starts. Weight cards are due by 8am. The scale will be open from 6:30-7:45am.
Pre-Entry: \$30/head. Use the link to register and pay on Eventbrite by May 15th at 11:59pm.
Day of show entry: \$45/head
CASH AND CHECK ONLY
Showmanship: \$10 CASH ONLY at the gate.
Judge: JT Gilmore
El Paso County Fairgrounds
366 10th St, Calhan, CO 80808

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-rendezvous-on-the-range-swine-show-tickets-853931350657?aff=oddticketcreator>



Market Beef Re-Weigh for Rate of Gain Contest

If you have youth enrolled in the market beef project that are interested in entering the rate of gain contest for market beef, **the re-weigh in date will be on May 11th from 7:00 AM—8:00 AM.** If you miss the time frame for the re-weigh you will not be eligible for the contest, no exceptions. The animals must be led across the parking lot and scale as there will not be any alley ways to help guide. To be eligible for this contest, one of the required steps is going to the re-weigh date listed above. The entire contest is outlined in the premium book if you have more questions.

Sheep, Goat, and Swine Producer Forms

Please remember that the **Sheep, Goat, and Swine Producer Forms are due May 1, 2024.** They should be emailed to Emily.Green@colostate.edu and include the dam and offspring information on the form. In addition, please remember to gather all signatures on the form and attach pictures to the email.

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 \(colostate.edu\)](#)

Practices

Thursday April 4th—Archery @ CPW

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47982303-04042024#/>

Saturday April 6th—Rifle, Pistol, & Muzzleload @ Frontier Sportsman's Club Hanover

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47982306-04062024#/>

Sunday April 7th—Archery & Beginner Shotgun @ Frontier Sportsman's Club Hanover

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-48264591-04072024#/>

Sunday April 14th—Shotgun @ Pikes Peak Gun Club

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-48264281-04142024#/>

Thursday April 18th—Rifle @ CPW

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47982332-04182024#/>

Sunday April 21st—.22 Pistol Silhouettes & Muzzleload Gongs @ Frontier Sportsman's Club Hanover

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47982355-04212024#/>

Thursday April 25th—Pistol @ CPW

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-47982354-04252024#/>



Photo courtesy of National 4-H

[Pre Registration Link](#)

2024 EL PASO COUNTY 4-H MOCK DOG SHOW

Who: Calling all new members in the El Paso County 4-H dog project!

When- Saturday April 20th; check in opens at 9:00 AM

Where- El Paso County Fairgrounds, Whitmore building

What- The mock dog show simulates a dog show for new members in the dog project to gain experience. Members will show their dogs in showmanship, obedience, and rally. This will differ from a regular show in that “judges” will be giving members tips and training advice during their time in the ring and participants will not receive an official score. Demonstrations on dog show etiquette, obedience, rally, showmanship, and trick dog will be held prior to the start of each ring.

Pre-registration is Required for this event (register by 04/15/2024):



[Pre-Registration Link](#)

2024 EL PASO COUNTY 4-H DOG SHOWS

Who: Calling all members in the Colorado 4-H dog project!

When- June 1st and 2nd; Check in at 8:00 A.M; Show will start at 9:00

Where- El Paso County Fairgrounds, Whitmore building

What- Join us for 2 days of fun at El Paso County's annual dog shows! We will be offering all showmanship, obedience, and rally classes both days!

Food- Concessions will be available.

REGISTRATION FEES- \$5 per dog per discipline/event (cash or check paid at Check in)

Contact-

Alicia Christie: allnatural74@gmail.com or text (719)351-6098

Sabrina Christie: 4hgirl.sc@gmail.com

***Pre-registration Required; Registration closes May 15th:**

<https://forms.gle/98cwDaUEEvUzw3Mt7>



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)





CAT PROJECT MEMBERS!

Garden of the Cats (a group affiliated with TICA), has offered to let our 4-H kids show their cats for FREE at their cat show next month (house pets welcome!) This is a great chance to see how these cat shows run, and to practice showing! There are many 4-H parents and alumni who will be there to help the kids, and it promises to be an incredible time! Please email Racheal ASAP if you're interested in more info:
RBoynton15@hotmail.com

RABBIT AND CAVY RALLY

MAY 4TH, 2024

WHITTEMORE BUILDING ON
THE EL PASO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M. WITH
THE SHOW STARTING AT 10:00 A.M.

RALLY INCLUDES:

CONCESSIONS

SHOW FOR RABBITS AND CAVY

SHOWMANSHIP FOR RABBITS AND CAVY

INFORMATIONAL GAME

SILENT AUCTION/DOOR PRIZES

PRICES:

\$4 PER RABBIT/CAVY FOR THE SHOW

\$2 PER SHOWMAN (OPTIONAL)

\$1 INFORMATIONAL GAME (OPTIONAL)

Cash (exact preferred) and Checks ONLY

For questions, please email Samantha Taylor at rabit_luver_5@hotmail.com
or Kylie Farr at smiley.kyliejk94@gmail.com



April 28th at 6:00 PM



EPC CAMELIDS

Blookit Game Night

✔ Choosing the Right Animals

Learn what qualities to look for in llamas and alpacas for breeding success (conformation, temperament, reproductive history).

✔ Breeding Behavior and Ovulation

Learn what qualities to look for in llamas and alpacas for breeding success (conformation, temperament, reproductive history).

✔ Timing is Everything

Discover how llamas and alpacas breed (induced ovulation) and the signs of receptivity.

✔ Mama Llama/Alpaca Care

Tips on how to manage the specific needs of pregnant females.



Join Us on Band
or Contact Us by Phone
Stephanie Brown 720.227.6326
or Melinda Johnson 353.877.2724

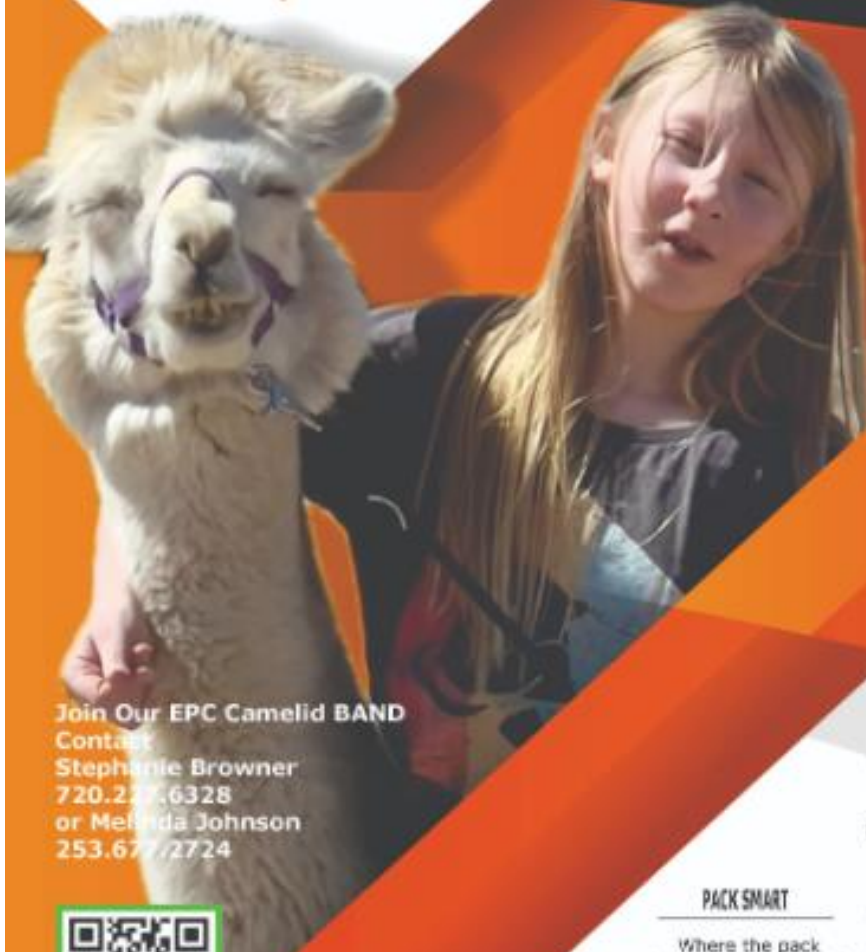
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EPC CAMELIDS

Llama Pack Demonstration: GUEST INSTRUCTORS

Join us for a hands-on demonstration with special guest instructors Bella Moore and our very own Alexia Moore. Learn the proper techniques and skills for fitting a pack.



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



We'll cover everything you need to know, including:

PREP WORK

What to do before you even place the pack on your animal.

PERFECT PLACEMENT

Where to position the pack for walking and resting.

PACK SMART

Where the pack should sit before and after you put it.

STRAP SAVVY

Which straps to tighten first and how to get the perfect fit.

WEIGHTY MATTERS

How much your camelid can safely carry.

Juniors, relax! You won't be putting packs on alone in the arena. Guardians are there to help you!

Remember: Proper pack fitting isn't just about competition scores – it's about your animal's safety and comfort!

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](#)



Photo courtesy of Flying M Photography

TAKE YOUR 4-H DISPLAY BOARD FROM **MeH** TO:

MARVELOUS



4-H EXHIBIT BOARD WORKSHOP

Junior, Intermediate & Senior Members Invited to Attend!

FREE REGISTRATION THRU 4HONLINE! CLOSING APRIL 12!

LED BY 4-H YOUTH LEADER LIZZIE SCHROEDER, LEARN "HOW TO WOW" WITH SKILLS, TIPS & TRICKS TO MAKE YOUR DISPLAY BOARD "POP!"

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 @ 6:00 PM

El Paso County Extension Office
17 N. Spruce Street
80905

Registration limited to first 35 members to enroll

Questions? Email Jen at: Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu



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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)

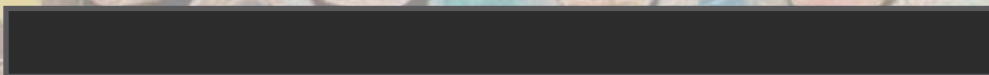
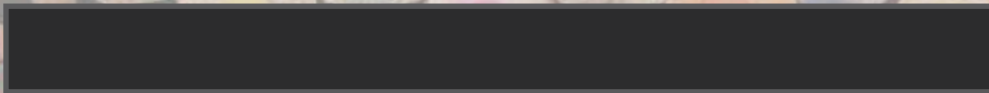
CONTACT JEN LOEWEN WITH QUESTIONS:
JENNIFER.LOEWEN@COLOSTATE.EDU

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:



Or join in Band:



Recap and Upcoming Meetings

The March youth county council meeting had ten members in attendance. The meeting was held at El Paso County Veteran's Services, the meeting started at 6:42 pm.

The tabletop advisory committee discussed county contest and finalized judges for County Fair. The shooting sports county competition sign up is out and is accepting people.

During fundraising, we discussed the March Fundraiser at Bubba's 33 Pizza, online order only until April 12th. We then debated what the April and May fundraisers are going to be, we decided on Modern Market on April 30th and Smash Burger on May 28th, locations to come. We were reminded about the Labor Day lift off fundraiser in September, more information to come, we were also reminded about baskets for the Achievements Ceremony that will be auctioned off. A community service event was approved for Fountain Creek on April 27th at 10am, all those available please come and help clean. The pop tab community service is still ongoing and will be collected at the April meeting to determine a winner.

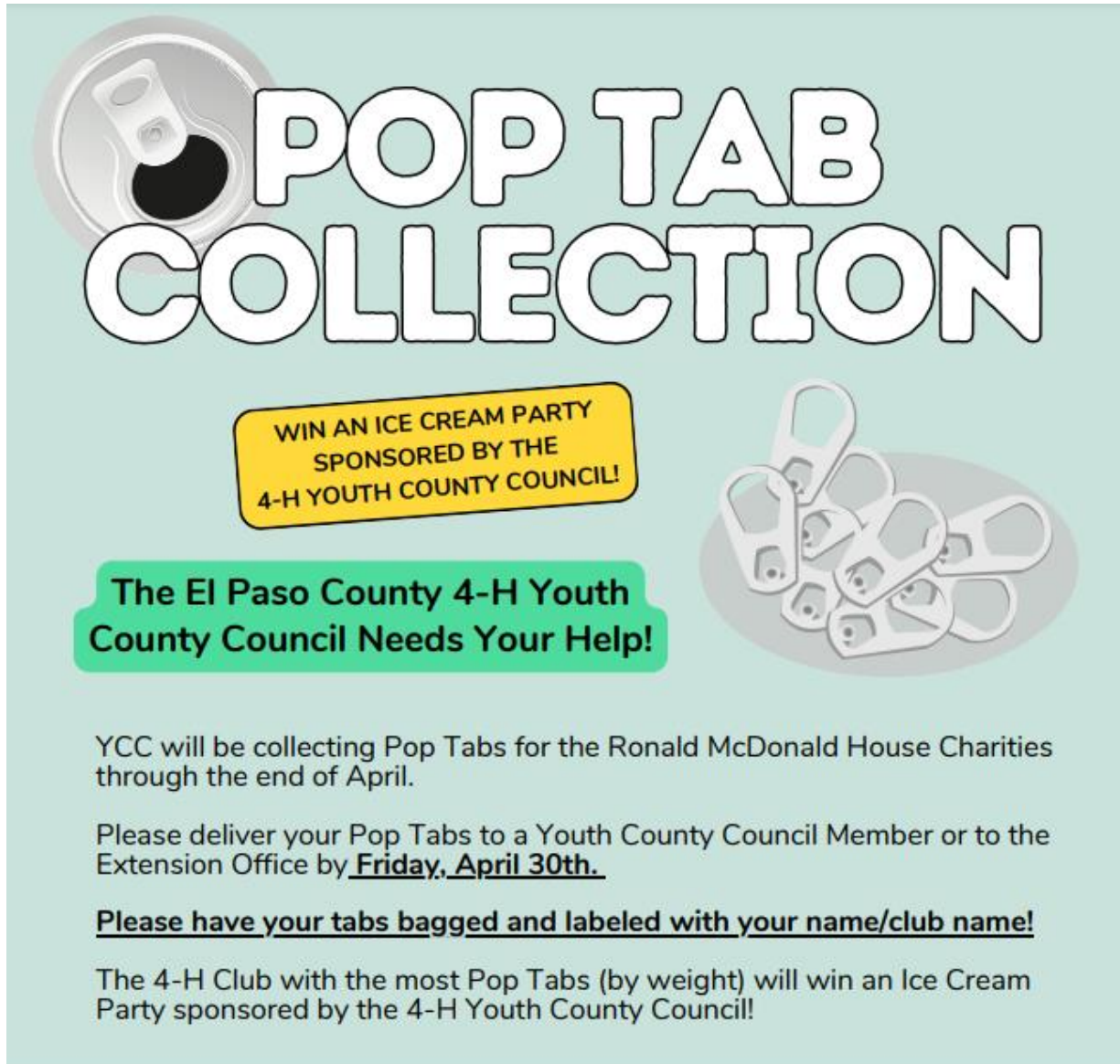
There will be a dance workshop before the fair dance from 7:30 to 8:00 PM teaching kids line dances. After the meeting, Jonathan talked to a group of kids wanting to go make a Parli Pro Team for State Conference competitions. Cam's Ag Academy will be at county fair and we still need people to help run those booths , please look for a signup in the newsletters.

Thanks, Conner Holiday



Youth County Council Pop Tab Fundraiser

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Ronald McDonald House Charities



The graphic features a light teal background. At the top left is a circular inset showing a close-up of a pop tab being pulled from a can. The main title 'POP TAB COLLECTION' is written in large, white, outlined letters. Below the title is a yellow speech bubble with the text 'WIN AN ICE CREAM PARTY SPONSORED BY THE 4-H YOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL!'. To the right of the speech bubble is a pile of several white pop tabs. Below the speech bubble is a green speech bubble with the text 'The El Paso County 4-H Youth County Council Needs Your Help!'. At the bottom of the graphic, there are three paragraphs of text: 'YCC will be collecting Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities through the end of April.', 'Please deliver your Pop Tabs to a Youth County Council Member or to the Extension Office by Friday, April 30th.', and 'Please have your tabs bagged and labeled with your name/club name!'. The final paragraph states 'The 4-H Club with the most Pop Tabs (by weight) will win an Ice Cream Party sponsored by the 4-H Youth County Council!'.

POP TAB COLLECTION

WIN AN ICE CREAM PARTY
SPONSORED BY THE
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The 4-H Club with the most Pop Tabs (by weight) will win an Ice Cream Party sponsored by the 4-H Youth County Council!

Participation in this fundraiser counts as a 4-H Sponsored Community Service--so please include it in your E-Records!

You Can Learn More About Ronald McDonald House Charities [HERE](#).

Questions? Email Jen Loewen at:
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