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*\*\*Please note that all articles and flyers in the 4-H newsletter will be run for a limited timeframe (usually 3-4 newsletters or less) then will be removed. Please be aware of this and review the 4-H newsletters starting in October of the current program year. This will ensure you are not missing out on any important program information. Thank you!*

Please click the links below to find the following documents on the El Paso County Extension Website.

[Link](#) to Band App QR Codes

[Link](#) to What is a Community Service Document

[Link](#) to 4-H Branding Document

[LINK](#) to El Paso County 4-H Policies for Success

[LINK](#) to “More Than 4 Projects” Rule

[LINK](#) to Animal Record Book Policies

[LINK](#) to Oso the Bear

## IMPORTANT ENROLLMENT DATES CHANGES

**\*\*\*NEW FOR 2024-2025\*\*\***

Welcome to the new 4-H Year! We are excited to have you join us for another year of Leadership, Learning and “Making the Best Better!”

Please read through this important information regarding Enrollment Dates, Project Add/Drop Dates and the More-Than-4 Project Rule in El Paso County 4-H this year.

### **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* 4-H NEW Member Enrollment Deadline – March 1, 2025**

This deadline is for any **NEW** 4-H members enrolling in 4-H—this includes 4-H families new to the program, or new members from existing families enrolling for the first time.

[Please enroll in 4HOnline.](#)

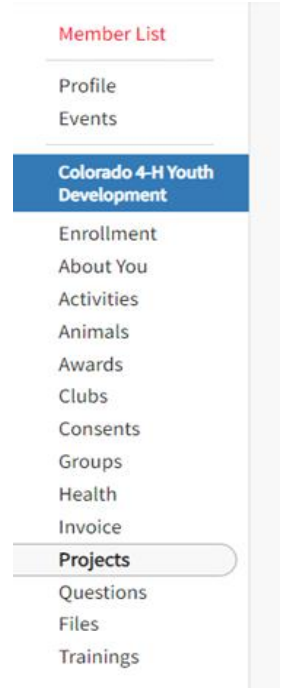
### **\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* 4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline – April 1, 2025 at 5:00 PM**

This deadline is for **TABLETOP & 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECTS ONLY.**

Members must add or drop any Tabletop (general projects) and 4-H Shooting Sports Projects by this deadline. **After April 1, 2025 at 5:00 PM**, any general/4-H shooting sports projects the member is enrolled in is what they will be eligible to participate in at County Fair, and must be completed for the 4-H year.

**Any 4-H ANIMAL PROJECTS have an Add/Drop Deadline of May 1, 2025.** If you wish to Add or Drop a 4-H Animal Project after April 1, please email Emily Green at: [Emily.Green@colostate.edu](mailto:Emily.Green@colostate.edu) and ask to Add or Drop the Animal Project. Emily will Add or Drop the 4-H Animal Project on your behalf.

[All 4-H Projects can be Added or Dropped in 4HOnline under the “Projects” Tab.](#)



## Colorado 4-H Scholarships

Colorado 4-H awards scholarships annually to outstanding youth who have actively engaged in Colorado 4-H clubs for at least three years. **The scholarship process is open from December 1, 2024, through March 1, 2025.** Scholarship recipients will be announced in May 2025. There are opportunities available for all kinds of students, including those attending CSU or other universities, trade schools or junior colleges, transfer students, and continuing students. We encourage our 4-H participants to apply.

For more information on the scholarship process and scholarships available, visit <https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/>.

If you have scholarship questions, please contact [OEE\\_4-h\\_scholarships@colostate.edu](mailto:OEE_4-h_scholarships@colostate.edu).



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**4-H**  
*scholarships*

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**OPEN NOW!**

**ATTENTION 4-H SENIOR YEAR MEMBERS!  
APPLY TODAY!**

**Beyond Ready**

**PROUD TO BE COLORADO 4-H**

**EARHEAD**

**4-H**

The graphic features a central photograph of a young woman in a green 4-H shirt and a young man in a grey baseball cap and black shirt. The background is a collage of colorful geometric shapes (triangles, circles) in shades of red, yellow, and green. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a mix of bold sans-serif and cursive fonts.

## Colorado 4-H 2024-2025 E-Records Now Available for Download!

### Hello 4-H Families!

All 4-H E-Records for the 2024-2025 year are NOW AVAILABLE!

Remember—an E-Record is an important element of your 4-H project and required for all Tabletop/General Projects, 4-H Shooting Sports Projects, and for specific Livestock/Animal Projects.

You can find all E-Record requirements in the [El Paso County 4-H Policies for Success](#).

### How To Access & Download 4-H E-Records

All 4-H E-Records can be found on the Colorado 4-H Website. E-Records can be downloaded as a PDF or Word Document and can be filled out with a computer or printed out and (neatly!) handwritten.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the PDF or Word Document versions of the 4-H E-Records.

**MAKE SURE** to download a copy to your files before you begin your work, so you don't lose any data!

E-Records are also available as Google Docs/Sheets this year! Users will be prompted to make a copy of the E-Record file into their own Google Drive before they can edit it.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the Google Docs/Sheets versions of the 4-H E-Records.

**MAKE SURE** to download a copy to your Google Drive before you begin your work, so you don't lose any data!

Please contact our office with any questions. As a reminder, 4-H Project Manuals are also available for those projects that require them, and can be viewed on the **“Tabletop Project Resources”** Tab. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to that page.

Families can purchase their project manuals/curriculum individually, or through the El Paso County Extension office. Please make sure you give our office a call at: **719-520-7698** to ensure we have what you need in stock before coming in to make your purchases.

Please sign up [HERE](#)



**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

9:00 AM-11:00 AM  
El Paso County Fairgrounds- Swink

[Pre-registration 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-Take**  
The youth will be able to have a hands on experience at each station to create something relevant to the project area
-  **Social Activities**  
This is a great time to meet other youth enrolled in or interested in the small animal project areas! Get to know your peers before the start of fair!



FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL



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## New Families Dessert Night

Please RSVP [HERE](#)



JOIN US FOR THE  
FIRST YEAR FAMILY

# DESSERT PARTY

First Year Families can connect with Extension Staff for resources, questions, and guidance during their first 4-H year.

\*First Year Families is a general term, and if you are relatively new to the 4-H program we would love to have you!



**Wednesday February 26, 2025:**

**6:00 - 7:00 pm**

17 N Spruce Street

**RSVP**



## El Paso County 4-H Summer Camp 2025

# SAVE THE DATE!

## EL PASO COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP!

- FOR 4-H MEMBERS AGED 8 - 13
- 4-H COUNSELORS (AGE 14-18) APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE LATER THIS YEAR!



**JUNE 1 - 3, 2025**  
**HORSESHOE LODGE & RETREAT CENTER,**  
**BEULAH, CO**



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## Accommodations Form

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 accommodation 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 a 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



## El Paso County Fair Schedule

### Friday June 20, 2025

4pm-6pm	Horse & Mini Horse Written Test, Interviews & Patterns	Extension Office
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### Friday June 20, 2025

9am	Camelid Show	Owens Livestock Arena
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### Saturday June 21, 2025

10am Saturday	Dog Show- Obedience, Rally, and Showmanship	All Breed Dog Rescue
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### Monday June 23, 2025

4pm	Dog Show- Agility	Owens Livestock Arena
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### Friday June 27, 2025

4pm	Cat Show	CSU Extension Office
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### Sunday June 29-Monday June 30, 2025

9am-5pm	Horse Show	Latigo Equestrian Center
9am-5pm	Horse Show	Latigo Equestrian Center

### Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>

8am-5pm	Livestock, Miniature Horse, and Camelid Stall Setup (stalls MUST be setup and equipment unloaded on one of these days)	
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### Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>

4-7pm	Exhibit Drop-Off	Whittemore Building
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## El Paso County Fair Schedule

### Friday July 11<sup>th</sup>

	Tabletop Interview Day	Whittemore Building
	Livestock and Small Animal Tests & Interviews	Whittemore Building

### Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>

6am-9am	Livestock Breeding Animal/Dairy/Pygmy Load In	
9-11am	Miniature Horse Load In	
9am-12pm	Small Animal Load In	
10:30am	Breeding Sheep Show	Owens Livestock Arena
11:30am	Breeding Cattle Show	Owens Livestock Arena
1pm	Poultry Weigh In	Poultry Barn
2:30pm	Breeding Boer Goat Show	Owens Livestock Arena
5:30pm	Breeding Swine Show	Owens Livestock Arena
7-8:30pm	Breeding Animals Move Out	

### Sunday July 13<sup>h</sup>

8am	Poultry Show	Poultry Barn
8am	Rabbit/Cavy Show	New Barn
10am	Miniature Horse Show- In Hand/Ground Driving	Owens Livestock Arena
7:30pm	Miniature Horse Show- Driving	Owens Livestock Arena

### Monday July 14<sup>th</sup>

6:00-7:30am	Market Swine Load-In & MUST weigh off trailer	Owens Livestock Arena
7:30-9:00am	Market Cattle Load In & Weigh In	Owens Livestock Arena
9:00-10:00am	Market Sheep & Market Goat Load In & Weigh In	Owens Livestock Arena
11:00am	Camelid	Owens Livestock Arena
2pm	Creative Cooks	Swink Hall
2pm	Ultrasound (Beef, Swine, Goat, Sheep)	Owens Livestock Arena
7:00pm	Small Animal Master Showman TEST	Outside Livestock Office
7:30pm	Barn Olympics	Owens Livestock Arena

### Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup>

9am	Market Rabbit and Poultry Pictures	Owens Livestock Arena
10am	Market Sheep Show- Market Sheep photos to be taken as you leave the arena	Owens Livestock Arena
	Pee Wee Sheep Show immediately following the market show	Owens Livestock Arena
10am	Pocket Pet Show	Whittemore Building
2:30pm	Small Animal Master Showman	Whittemore
5:30pm	Pee Wee Swine Show	Owens Livestock Arena
6pm	Market Swine Show	Owens Livestock Arena
	Market Beef Exercising and Arena Setup following market swine show	Owens Livestock Arena

## El Paso County Fair Schedule

Wednesday July 16 <sup>th</sup>		
7am	Market Hog Photos- Time slots will be assigned (please don't feed your hog before photos)	Owens Livestock Arena
10am	Market Goat Show- Market photos to be taken following the show as you leave the arena	Owens Livestock Arena
	Pee Wee Goat Show immediately following the Market Goat Show	Owens Livestock Arena
1:00pm	Fashion Revue Judging	Swink Hall
3:00pm	Fashion Revue Community Show	Swink Hall
4pm	Poultry Skillathon	Lawn West of Poultry Barn
6pm	Market Beef Show	Owens Livestock Arena
	Bucket Calf immediately following the Market Beef Show	Owens Livestock Arena

Thursday July 17 <sup>th</sup>		
7-8:30am	Market Hog Photos-Time slots will be assigned (please don't feed your hog before photos)	Owens Livestock Arena
9:00am	Dairy & Pygmy Goat Show	Owens Livestock Arena
11am	Pee Wee Poultry	Poultry Barn
12pm	Pee Wee Rabbit	New Barn
2pm	Poultry Agility	Lawn West of Poultry Barn
4-5:30pm	Fitting Contest	Owens Livestock Arena
6:00pm	Livestock Master Showman TEST	Owens Livestock Arena
6:30pm	Specialty Master Showman TEST	Owens Livestock Arena
7:30pm	Goat-khana	Owens Livestock Arena

Friday July 18 <sup>th</sup>		
8am	Champion of Champions	Owens Livestock Arena
9-11:15am	Livestock Master Showman	Owens Livestock Arena
1-3pm	Specialty Master Showman	Owens Livestock Arena
3:30-6pm	Livestock Judging Contest	Owens Livestock Arena
6pm	Tabletop Awards	Swink Hall
7:30-10pm	4-H Dance	Swink Hall

Saturday July 19 <sup>th</sup>		
10:30am	Jr. Livestock Hospitality	Entertainment Pavilion
10am-5pm	Public Rabbit & Poultry Sale	Poultry and Rabbit Barn
1pm	Jr. Livestock Sale	Owens Livestock Arena

Sunday July 20 <sup>st</sup>		
9am-12pm	Small Animal Load Out	
Starting at 9am	Animal Load Out	
9am-12pm	4-H Exhibit Pick up	

The 2025 El Paso County Fair will take place Saturday July 12-Sunday July 20 at the El Paso County Fairgrounds in Calhan, CO. This list does not include other events at fair, for more information please visit:

<https://www.elpasocountyfair.com/>.

\*Information is tentative.

## Leadership Development Conference 2025

Several Senior 4-H members had the opportunity to attend 4-H Leadership Development Conference this past weekend with the theme of “Passport to Success” in Denver, Colorado. Attendees participated in various workshops on teamwork and leadership throughout the weekend, and members participated in a Service Learning activity by making care packages for patients at the Children’s Hospital of Colorado.

On Monday, participants traveled to the Capitol and had the opportunity to tour the Capitol, visit the Dome, and meet Senator Liston. Participants also had the unique opportunity to meet with Governor Polis and ask questions about his work for the State of Colorado.

Members had fun playing games, meeting with 4-H members form across the State, and participating in a County-Night-Out activity. If you are interested in attending LDC next year, be sure to watch for information in the County Newsletter!



## **Congratulations to the El Paso County Parliamentary Procedure Team—RESERVE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

The Parliamentary Procedure Team, which was mainly comprised of the Youth County Council Officer Team from 2024 being Grace Candela, Kaleb Gramsch, Connor Holiday and Laura Richards who earned the opportunity to represent Colorado at the National Competition in Denver on January 9<sup>th</sup> by being State Champions.

The team started prepping for the national contest in November and worked diligently over the Christmas break to prepare. The team comes prepared with some unfinished business and a few other standard items to get their mock meeting started but then are given 3 problems or items of new business and at least 6 different types of motions they must apply to address the items of new business. They have 20 minutes to prepare and strategize prior to presenting their meeting to the judges. They must complete this mock meeting in 20 minutes or less.

Following their presentation, they are each asked a series of knowledge questions about Parliamentary Procedure and Roberts Rules of Order. They received nearly perfect scores on their ability to conduct opening ceremonies and order of business which includes minutes, reports and handling unfinished business. They scored an impressive 88% on the new business portion which was worth 1590 points across 3 judges. Further, they accomplished it all within the 20-minute time limit (they even took a calculated risk and incorporated a recess into the meeting. Most teams would have voted that down but not these risk takers, they went after the points!).

I am really proud of this group and the hard work and dedication they put in. I think if you ask them, they will tell you Parliamentary Procedure and Roberts Rules Of Order can be FUN! There were plenty of laughs along the way. If you see them, thank them for representing El Paso County and Colorado so well and give them a BIG high five for a job well done!



## Oso's Adventure to the National Western Stock Show!

Hello, my name is Oso the Bear, and I must tell you about my recent adventure with Country Style 4-H. Several members of the Country Style 4-H Club took me on a trip to the National Western Stock Show in Denver! They were there for a fundraiser, however, before the work began, they had a chance to enjoy the National Western Stock Show and were nice enough to bring me along. We had so much fun! We went to the CSU Ag Academy, and I even became a Junior Ag Ambassador! The Education Hall was fantastic, I learned so much, and met really nice people including some National Western Royalty! The Country Style 4'Her's also took me to the Beef Barn where we saw the Champion and Reserve Champion 2024 Catch-a-Calves. After all the fun and education at the National Western Stock Show, it was time to get to work. I helped the hardworking Country Style 4-H'ers by pulling the muck cart and supervising. The club cleaned stalls for several hours, but we all still had a blast!



## County Contest Day 2025

[LINK](#) to the County Contest Rule Packet, Scoresheets, & more

**REGISTER FOR THE...**

# **El Paso 4-H County Contest Day!**

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

**Featuring:**

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

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

**APRIL 12, 2025** All Contests held at:  
El Paso County Extension Office  
17 N. Spruce Street, 80905

**Register in FairEntry!**

- Registration **OPENS Monday, March 3, 2025**
- Registration **CLOSES Friday, March 14, 2025**
  - 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 26, 2025**
  - Payment link will be sent when registration is received

**Junior, Intermediates, Seniors and Cloverbud members are all encouraged to participate!**

Email Jen at: [Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu) with questions!

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## Ice Cream Social!

[LINK](#) to RSVP by March 1



El Paso County Extension Office  
17 N. Spruce St, 80905

# Ice Cream Social!

**MARCH 6, 2025**

**Starts at 6:00 PM**

Come join the El Paso County 4-H Youth  
County Council at the Extension Office  
for a "Sweet" Night Out!

Bring your favorite ice cream or a  
topping to share!

***(Due to Allergies, please, no nuts)***

**Attendees MUST RSVP by  
March 1 by Clicking [HERE](#)**



## Join an Advisory Committee!



# WHAT IS A 4-H ADVISORY COMMITTEE?



**4-H Advisory Committees are a GREAT way to “Level Up” your involvement in the 4-H Program; especially as a Youth Leader or Adult Volunteer!**

- **What do 4-H Advisory Committees do?**

- Advisory members support the committee and 4-H overall with fundraising, constructive feedback and goal-setting.
- Support the creation and evolution of county and project programming.
- Create new and novel educational opportunities for 4-H members.
- Support other 4-H volunteers & members through service and education.
- ...And MUCH MORE!

- **What 4-H Advisory Committees are out there?**

- Dog Advisory Committee
  - Meets: 2nd Monday at 6:00 PM via Zoom
- 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee
  - Meets: 3rd Friday at 6:30 PM at CPW
- Horse Advisory Committee
  - Meets: 2nd Tuesday at 6:00 PM at Akers
- Large Animal/Livestock Advisory Committee
  - Meets: 2nd Thursday at 7:00 PM at Latigo
- Small Animal Advisory Committee
  - Meets 2nd Wednesday 6:00 PM at Akers
- Tabletop Advisory Committee
  - Meets 3rd Thursday at 5:15 PM at the Extension Office



## Cloverbud Opportunities



# 4-H CLOVERBUD NEWS

**Hello 4-H Cloverbud Families!**  
Check out these upcoming fun learning opportunities for Cloverbuds this year!

### UPCOMING CLOVERBUD OPPORTUNITIES

**El Paso County 4-H - County Contest Day**

- Scheduled Saturday, April 12, 2025
- Registration opens Monday, March 3
- Cloverbuds can participate in Bakeology, Interpretive Reading, Performing Arts, & Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks Contests!

**El Paso County Fair - Fashion Revue Contest**

- Scheduled Wednesday, July 16, 2025
- Registration opens Monday, May 19
- Cloverbuds can participate in Modeling for Fun as well as model their made Clothing Projects!

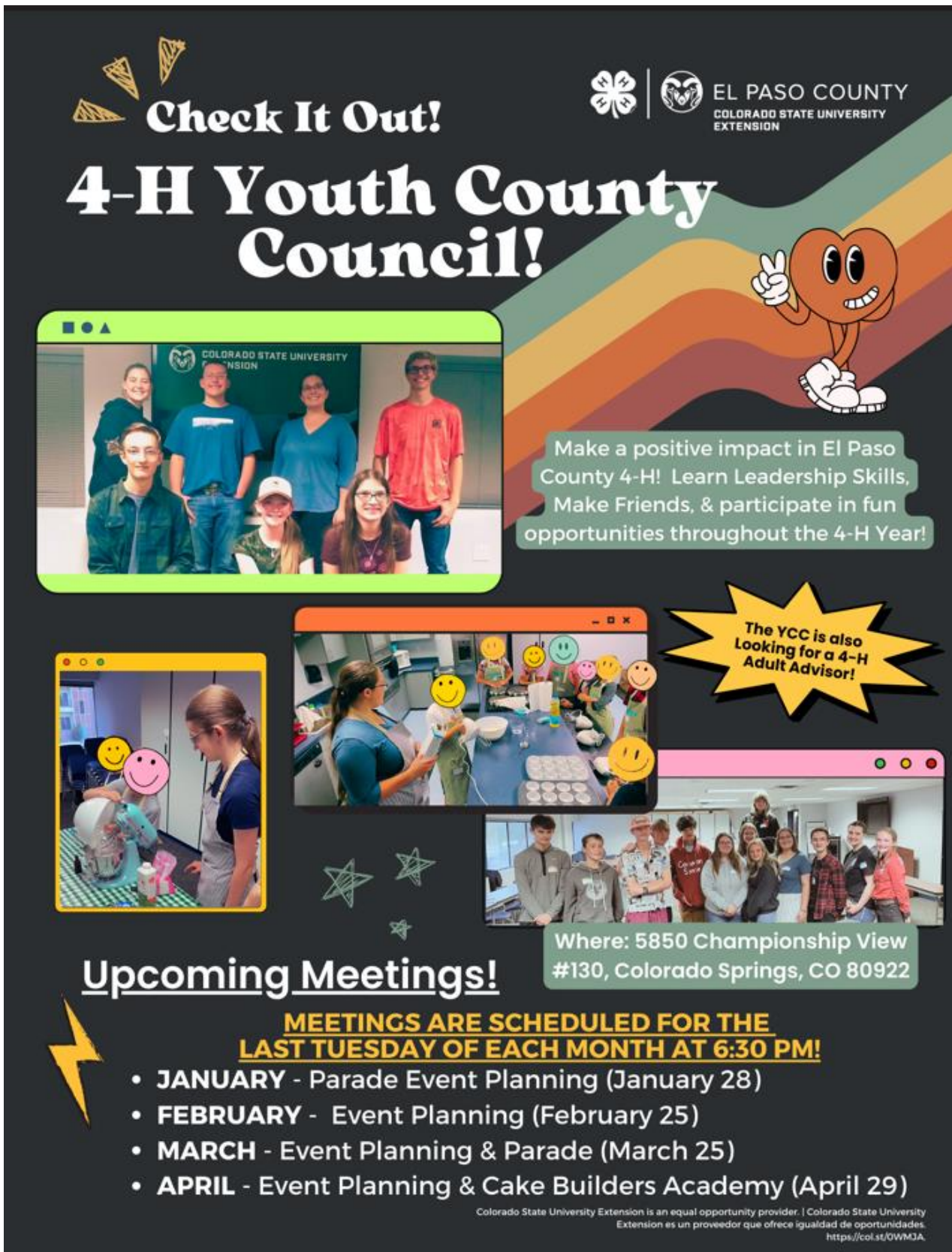
**El Paso County Fair - Tabletop Exhibits**

- Exhibits are displayed during El Paso County Fair
- Registration opens Monday, May 19
- Cloverbuds can interview with a judge and have their projects displayed during Fair!



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## Join Youth County Council!



**Check It Out!**

**4-H Youth County Council!**

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Make a positive impact in El Paso County 4-H! Learn Leadership Skills, Make Friends, & participate in fun opportunities throughout the 4-H Year!

The YCC is also Looking for a 4-H Adult Advisor!

**Upcoming Meetings!**

**MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM!**

- **JANUARY** - Parade Event Planning (January 28)
- **FEBRUARY** - Event Planning (February 25)
- **MARCH** - Event Planning & Parade (March 25)
- **APRIL** - Event Planning & Cake Builders Academy (April 29)

Where: 5850 Championship View #130, Colorado Springs, CO 80922

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## Saint Patrick's Day Parade

RSVP [HERE](#)



The flyer features a green background with a yellow banner for the event title. It includes a leprechaun character, a shamrock bowtie, and a pair of glasses with shamrock accents. A white text box contains details about the parade route, attire, and RSVP information. The bottom of the flyer includes contact information and logos for Colorado State University Extension and El Paso County.

 JOIN EL PASO COUNTY 4-H AT THE

**SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15 @ 12:00**



**Come Join El Paso County 4-H in Promoting the 4-H Program!**

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!

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.

Please Note:

- 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.

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL JEN @ JENNIFERLOEWEN@ELPASOCO.COM**

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## RESCHEDULED Speech Workshop

**Rescheduled**

JOIN THE  
**SPEECH  
WORKSHOP**

February 24, 5:30-7 pm

**Why Participate?**

- Sharpen Your Skills
- Engage in Community service
- Parliamentary Procedure and Demo help

**How Participate?**

Please RSVP as soon as possible, walk-ins welcome!

<https://bit.ly/3DEtsTZ>

4-H Alumni Guest Speaker

learn new skills



## Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) Training— Last Session April 3, 2025

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 the 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. •

MQA Training will be offered twice. For 2024-2025, an interactive classroom style format will be used. The April MQA will be the last session offered.

The project areas required to complete MQA training is goats, sheep, cattle, swine, poultry, and rabbit.

All first year 4-H members must complete Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) in the projects listed above.

Current 4-H members advancing to intermediate (11 years old) or senior (14 years old) must complete a Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) in the projects listed above.

This must be done at least 45 days prior to the El Paso County Fair 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 El Paso County office by the deadline from the county that the MQA training was completed in)

The last MQA session will be offered **April 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM** at the Extension Office (17 N Spruce Street). Please park on the south side parking lot and enter through the Staff Only door on the south side of the building. Please register for MQA with this link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepPe6DJlZJQyzkyvgaWo2ag3rl\\_Yi6WZBKVzyoFt2eJL80Rg/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepPe6DJlZJQyzkyvgaWo2ag3rl_Yi6WZBKVzyoFt2eJL80Rg/viewform?usp=header)

## Animal ID's

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, 2025**. Animals that need to be in 4HOnline are horse, miniature horse, pygmy goat, dairy goat, breeding livestock (swine, goat, sheep, and cattle), 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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## 2025 Animal Premium Books

- [4-H Dog Show Premium Book](#)
- [4-H Horse Show Premium Book](#)
- [4-H/FFA Livestock Premium Book](#)
- [4-H Miniature Horse Premium Book](#)
- [4-H/FFA Small Animal Premium Book](#)



JULY 12 - 19 | CALHAN, CO

**2025 PREMIUM BOOK**

MINIATURE HORSE PROJECT



JULY 12 - 19 | CALHAN, CO

**2025 PREMIUM BOOK**

SMALL ANIMAL PROJECT

## 2025 Animal Premium Book Changes

I encourage and highly suggest that 4-H families review the new Premium Books for the 2025 County Fair Competitions. 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. \*\*\***Please note this is NOT a comprehensive list**\*\*\*

### Dog

- The main change coming from Colorado State 4-H, is that they don't give NQ's (Non-Qualifying) to the 4-H kids.
- Deleted some NQ language from the premium book.
- Colorado State 4-H changed one exercise for the Pre-Graduate Novice Class.

### Horse

- No longer one horse and rider combination required for Overall
- Exhibitors can show up a division (not down)
- Once an exhibitor was won Overall in Walk Trot, Novice, and Limited they are no longer eligible for that award again
- Added wording about "Levels" on how they work in conjunction with showing
- New To You and the county version of novice has been removed
- Hunter Hack and Cattle classes has been removed

### Livestock

- Once stall assignments have been posted there will be no switching with other families or moving from assigned stalling.
- For livestock/horse/miniature horse/camelid shows the exhibitors must always have closed-toed shoes and long pants in the show arena and when handling animals for safety and risk management.
- Fair treatment concerns must be filed in writing on the Fair Treatment Challenge Form with the CSU Extension 4-H staff person on duty at the fairgrounds accompanied with a fee of \$100 in cash (no checks) within 24 hours of the incident. Please see the Fair Treatment Protocol attached to the Fair Treatment Challenge Form for further information and procedures.
- "Point of contact" emergency contact information for each exhibitor and species must be on file in the Livestock Office for Superintendents. Contact list for superintendents is posted on the CSU Extension website.
- Drenching will be allowed with drench guns. The use of stomach pumping devices is prohibited.

## 2025 Animal Premium Book Changes

### Beef

- To bring a porter cooler to the county fair grounds you must register in FairEntry and pay a \$25 fee.
- All cattle shown at County Fair MUST have RFID tags.
- During the beef shows, the staging area is limited to two adults per exhibitor.
- If there is less than 40 entries in the market show, we will eliminate divisions and move to the Top 5 Overall out of the class winners (the judge can continue to pull multiple entries from one class in placing order to the Top 5 Overall if they so choose).
- All market beef will be weighed in per official fair schedule. Market beef must weigh a minimum of 1100 pounds to be eligible to show.

### Goat

- Goat-khana/Sheep-khana brought back

### Swine

- Market swine will be allowed to stall and show up to TWO (2) animals.

### Miniature Horse

- Added \$10 stalling fee
- Added Performance Halter and Versatility classes
- Jump heights lowered to 24" maximum
- Ground driving cones changed to 4 feet instead of 3 feet
- Ground Driving and Driving cones changed to 10 cone maximum
- Reinsmanship patterns and section have been completely redone
- Show will be on one day (Sunday)

### Small Animal

- Pocket pets- Class 7: Rescued (The rescue class is to include pocket pets that have been rescued that display irreversible malformations or deformities but are in current good health due to care.)
- Exhibitors will be expected to explain to the judge the background of their rescued pet and the rehabilitation process.

## 2025 Animal Premium Book Changes

### Rabbit

- Exhibitors are required to complete a maximum of 2 hours in the rabbit barn.
- All rabbit members that were not able to attend fair clean up are required to help with rabbit fair tear down.
- It is highly recommended that project members bring bottled/jugged water from home.
- Market rabbit members need to keep their carrying cages under the tables for pictures and sale.
- All market rabbit exhibitors must be enrolled in the breeding project in addition to the market project. Project members are required to produce their own market rabbits.
- Meat Pen Class- The age limit is not over 70 days.
- Rabbit showman will only be allowed the following minutes based on age group: Senior and Intermediates – 8 minutes, Juniors – 10 minutes. Sign-ups will be first come, first serve basis. If an exhibitor needs a specific time, please communicate the time on cage in day. We work with other specie superintendents to ensure when multiple shows are occurring simultaneously, we will work around showmanship times so exhibitors don't miss their turn for showmanship in any species.
- Supreme Market Rabbit- Attending a clinic/show (MQA, SAAC organized clinic or rabbit show outside of county fair)
- Showmen are to wear a plain white long-sleeve (no pockets preferred) shirt and dark pants. Participants should be free of hats, jewelry, nail polish or anything that is distracting and takes away from their showmanship. Hair should be pulled back and away from the participants face.

### Poultry

- All leg bands must have preprinted numbers on them.
- Feed and bedding may be stored neatly under the cages or behind counters in the barn. Any supplies stored behind the counters cannot block access to the shelves.
- The exhibitor is responsible for letting their buyer know that no birds may be removed from the barn until Sunday between 9:00- 10:00 AM. Exhibitors must be in the barn to meet their buyer allowing them to remove bird(s).
- Showmanship buckles will NOT be released until the champion showman who earned the buckle turns in an unsealed thank you letter.
- Class 12- Game Bird (any non-standard poultry species such as quail, pigeon, peafowl, etc.) A champion and reserve will be chosen from all species. This class will not be eligible for bird of show or reserve bird awards.
- Supreme Market Fowl- Attending a clinic/show (MQA, SAAC organized clinic, or poultry show outside of County Fair)
- Poultry Agility contest will be held in the poultry barn. Check fair schedule for date/time. Exhibitors must be signed up 30 minutes prior to start time.
- Poultry Skillathon- Poultry Knowledge placing as new category  
Score cards must be turned in 1 hour after start time of the contest to be counted.
- September 5 deadline for Poultry Achievement Award

## 2025 Animal Premium Book Changes

### Camelid

- High Point award is the exhibitor with the overall highest score. This score is derived by adding the placement points from classes 1-8 together. Classes will use a 6-1 point scale with 0-6 points max. Champions and reserve champions will receive ribbons in each age division.
- Exhibitors must wear long-sleeved western or white collared shirts tucked in or appropriately tailored, along with dark-colored jeans or slacks, or a dark ankle-length skirt. Jackets, vests, and/or western hats are also permitted but not required. Shoes should be boots or sturdy shoes for the show ring and completely cover the foot. Inappropriate footwear will disqualify the exhibitor, who will be dismissed from the ring immediately. Vest and western hats are allowed.
- Sportsmanship Award
- Camelid Mentor Award

### Cat

- Must be registered in 4HOnline in the Activity for Cat Showing
- REMOVED- All 4-H cat exhibitors are required to present a tri-fold board and a completed record book. These will be judged with tabletop and are eligible for State Fair.

### Cavy

- Cavy must be treated for mites one month before the County Fair. Please provide paper documentation with date, time, the name and signature of person who administered treatment if not done by one of the superintendents at the time of County Fair cage in.
- Only ten cavies per breed, per exhibitor may be shown.
- All cavy are required to have an ear tag to be shown, unless under the age of 3 months. In the case of multiple similar looking cavy a sticker ear tag may be used for the cavy under 3 months of age. All other cavy the age of 4 months and older MUST have an ear tag. If ear tag has been ripped out and ear is ripped significantly, a sticker ear tag may be used instead of retagging.

## 2025 El Paso County Livestock Sale Rules

### Highlighted Changes

The 2025 El Paso County Livestock Rules can be found [HERE](#)

#### **Item #2 Page 3:**

The Sale Release deadline for any extra qualifying animals resulting from an Exhibitor having Grand and/or Reserve Grand Champion animals is due by the stated deadline for the Exhibitor’s last Market Show.

#### **Item #15 Page 4:**

The hide of the Sale Animal needs to be free of water, oil, and/or conditioners when entering the sale arena.

#### **Item #19 Page 4:**

Any Exhibitor needing additional help in the sale ring must complete and submit the Accompaniment Request Form no later than the Exhibitor’s Sale Release deadline to obtain approval from the Sale Manager for the request. In such circumstances, any parties providing assistance must be currently enrolled 4-H/FFA members.

#### **Item #20 Page 4:**

Any market animal missing a tag or having a tag that appears to have been tampered with or altered must be retinal scanned and/or DNA tested at the initial Fair weigh-in and appropriately retagged prior to the Sale.

#### **Item #21 Page 4:**

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals will be retinal scanned or have DNA specimens pulled prior to the Sale.

#### **Item #29 Page 5**

The thank you notes are due on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Prior arrangements must be made with the Sale Manager if thank you notes cannot be returned



## 4-H/FFA Community Service Award

Dear 4-H/FFA Families,

Happy 2025 from your Fair Advisory Board Executive Committee! As we welcome in the new year, we would like to make you all aware of the big changes we have made to what was previously the 4-H/FFA Community Service Award. After much consideration, we wanted to make this award more accessible to our El Paso County 4-H and FFA participants. The new criterion for applicants is as follows:

1. Applicant must be an active member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter.
2. Applicant must have completed at least 20 volunteer hours within the past year.
3. Applicant must demonstrate leadership, teamwork, and commitment to community service.
4. Applicant must be over eight years of age at the time of application.
5. Applicant must be an exhibitor in the current year’s County fair.

If chosen to receive this award, you will receive a certificate, check, be featured in the Fair Guide, and an invitation to the VIP Reception at the Fair where you will be recognized. The award itself has been doubled and is now \$1,000. Along with receiving the award, the recipient will be expected to give a presentation at one of the Fair Advisory Meetings, highlighting your plans to use the funds received whether it be your education, 4-H/FFA project, etc.

Applications will be online at [ElPasoCountyFair.com](http://ElPasoCountyFair.com) and must be submitted by April 30 to be considered for the 2025 El Paso County 4-H/FFA Award.

We are very excited for the future of this program as well as the future of our exceptional youth in agriculture.

Best Regards,

El Paso County Fair Advisory Board Executive Committee

Kate Johnson – Chair

Michael Publicker – Vice Chair

Jeff Lapsansky – Secretary

## 4-H/FFA Community Service Award Continued

For more award information, click [HERE](#)

# 4-H/FFA Community Service **AWARD**



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

### Eligibility

- ✓ 1. Active member of a 4-H club or FFA chapter.
- ✓ 2. Completed at least 20 volunteer hours within the past year.
- ✓ 3. Demonstrate leadership, teamwork, and commitment to community service.
- ✓ 4. Over eight years of age at the time of application.
- ✓ 5. Exhibit in the current year's County fair.



Scan the QR Code to go directly to the website

**APPLY BY APRIL 30, 2025**

## March Miniature Horse Clinic

March 1, 2025—Jumping, Ground Driving, and Driving  
Owens Arena 10:00 AM



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## Showmanship Clinic



# SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

LEARN FROM THE BEST  
INSTRUCTORS IN OUR COUNTY!

*AUTUMN & JESSE*

16 FEBRUARY, 2025  
09:00 AM WALK TROT/NOVICE  
10:00 AM LIMITED & ADVANCED  
Latigo Equestrian Center



# Jimmy Daurio Clinic

Clinic for 4-H Youth

# JIMMY DAURIO



MARCH  
15  
2025

Come spend a day and ride with multiple title champion, Jimmy Daurio! He and his clients have won numerous titles in Trail, English, Western, Ranch, Showmanship, and so much more! He is your true all-around clinician! This clinic is limited to 10 spots at \$70 per youth member! First come first serve.

#### SCHEDULE OUTLINE

- 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM MORNING RIDE SESSION
- 12:00-1:00 PM LUNCH BREAK (PACK A LUNCH)
- 1:00-3:00 PM AFTERNOON RIDE SESSION



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Two Hawks Ranch in Larkspur, CO

# Ring Etiquette & Show Clothing Course

**Ring Etiquette & Show Clothing Course**

March 5 2025

Come learn about the importance of show etiquette and expectations of showing while also going over ideas for show clothes. Feel free to bring show clothes you are wanting to sell or get out of your closet for others to look at!

6:00 PM  
LATIGO  
COMMUNITY  
ROOM

The flyer features a dark blue riding helmet and a black cowboy hat. At the bottom, there is a white picket fence and some autumn leaves. A dashed arrow points from the top right towards the main title.

# How To: Riding Patterns

 March 16, 2025

# HOW TO RIDE A PATTERN

Plus Open Ride

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

This is a great opportunity to practice riding patterns and spend time in the Latigo arena

LATIGO 

The flyer features a circular image of a person standing next to a horse in a field at sunset. At the bottom, there is an orange and white traffic cone.

## 2025 4-H County Fair Horse Show Office Fee

The 4-H Horse Project has recently implemented a new 4-H County Fair 4-H Horse Show Office Fee of \$100 to help cover awards and expenses for the show. Or, the 4-H youth/family will have the option to bring in \$120 in sponsorships by March 1, 2025 that will then WAIVE the \$100 office fee.

The new \$100 office fee for the 4-H County Fair Horse Show aims to cover awards and expenses, addressing the fundraising shortfall. This change ensures that participants receive appropriate recognition and support for their efforts at the 4-H County Fair Horse Show.

Additionally, the Horse Advisory Committee will continue to enhance their fundraising efforts to supplement the awards. By combining the new office fee or sponsorship income with ongoing fundraising from the Horse Advisory Committee, we hope to continue the quality of awards and recognition we give to the 4-H youth in the horse project.

If you have any questions or need the sponsorship form sent to you please do not hesitate to reach out to [Emily.Green@colostate.edu](mailto:Emily.Green@colostate.edu)



Registration [LINK](#)

>>> EL PASO COUNTY PRESENTS

# BEEF BLOW N GO SHOW

BREEDING BEEF CLASSES  
MARKET BEEF CLASSES  
SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

- PRE-ENTRY** is \$30 a head and must be paid in advance through Eventbrite by April 2, 2025
- DAY OF ENTRY** is \$45 a head (check or cash)
- SHOWMANSHIP** is \$10 a head and paid at the gate in cash (80/20 split)
- PRIZES\$\$\$** will be awarded to Grand and Reserve Champion in Breeding and Market
- EMAIL** [Emily.Green@colostate.edu](mailto:Emily.Green@colostate.edu) for questions

WEIGH IN 7:30-9:00 AM  
SHOW START TIME 10:00 AM

## April 5, 2025

366 10th St. Calhan, CO 80808



## Senior Banners for Livestock Youth

For all large livestock 4-H members in their senior year of high school for the 2025 County Fair please email a high quality senior picture for your large livestock senior banner. You must be enrolled in a livestock project and SHOW AT THE 2025 COUNTY FAIR to request a banner. Please send it to Becky Chamblin by Tuesday April 1, 2025 at [becco75@yahoo.com](mailto:becco75@yahoo.com).

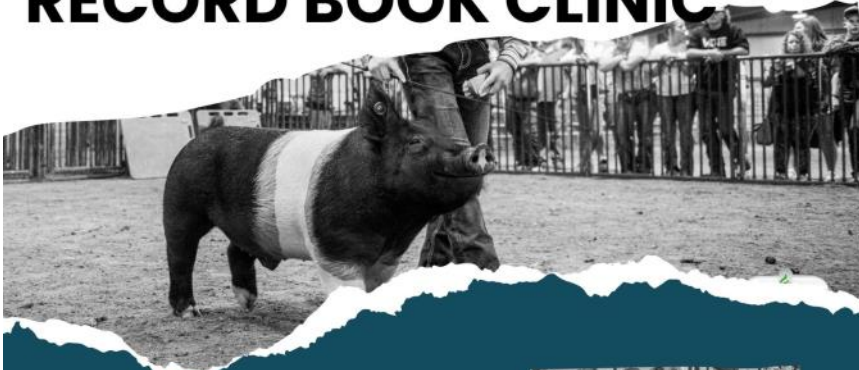


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## Livestock Record Book Clinic & Swine Clinic

Registration Link for Record Book Clinic [HERE](#)

# Livestock RECORD BOOK CLINIC



### Outline

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

April 1, 2025

6:00 PM at 3255 Akers



Registration Link for Swine Clinic [HERE](#)



# SWINE CLINIC

FEBRUARY 21, 2025 AT 7:00 PM  
SWINK AT THE FAIRGROUNDS



*Johnnie Hamilton*

- Selection
- Receive credit toward the Swine Trifecta Award



## 2025 Colorado State Fair Information

A couple things to remember for 2025:

1. Beginning in 2025, the Colorado State Fair will only accept DNA for identification, retinal scans are no longer accepted. DNA envelopes will be available for exhibitors to purchase around March 1st. Details will be posted on the website. Remember, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to order and submit DNA, not the Extension/FFA offices.
2. They will continue to do family nominations, just make sure each exhibitor fills out a form listing all family nominated animals. They will not accept forms made out to the "Smith Family".
3. The procedures will be posted on the website, just not the nomination forms as the office will not accept nomination forms from exhibitors.
4. The tentative livestock schedule and market deadlines will be posted on the website around the first of January.



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## First Year Market Lamb Program

To help grow and incentivize starting a Market Lamb Project, we have started the First Year Market Lamb Program. This program will provide the 4-H member with a market lamb to show at this year's County Fair. The member will exhibit the lamb in both the regular market class as well as a special class for first year market lamb program participants.

Guidelines include the following:

- 4-H Members enrolled in their first year of the lamb project will learn more about their project through monthly project meetings. Participants will need to attend 3 of 5 educational meetings or they may substitute one of the meetings by exhibiting at a prospect or jackpot show.
- Any member is welcome to attend one of the clinics (Open to anyone interested in learning about the sheep project).

### Clinics will be held on:

- Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm Akers
- March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Akers
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Akers
- May 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds
- June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

Subjects and speakers will be announced in 4-H Friday Emails.

- Members will receive one market lamb through this program to be paid for from their sale proceeds (from any animal they choose to sell through the junior livestock sale at the county fair not to exceed \$500).
- They will exhibit in the special First Year Program Class during the County Fair, as well as the regular market class and showmanship. Youth should plan on purchasing a second market lamb on their own. Members do not need to purchase the second, but lambs do not do well alone, so a buddy should be purchased. Siblings may not need to do this if both qualify for the First Year Program.
- The First Year Program is only available to 4-H Members in their first year of the project, but the educational sessions are open to all 4-H Members, regardless of experience. Watch for more details in the next newsletter as well as the dates of the educational programs which will start in February!

The application for the First Year Market Lamb Program will be coming out later this month in one of the 4-H Friday Emails but start attending clinics now.

## Sue Crozier Livestock Scholarship

### Find the Application Form [HERE](#)

All materials should be sent directly to:

EL PASO COUNTY JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE  
%Patty Woodard  
33004 E. US Highway 24  
Calhan, CO 80808



All envelopes must bear a courier postmark indicating it was accepted at a postal outlet by or on April 15, 2025. A metered postmark is not acceptable.

#### SCHOLARSHIP DETAIL

1. As many as two (2) scholarships of up to \$1,000 each will be budgeted for 2025.
2. The El Paso County Junior Livestock Sale Committee (Sale Committee) will determine the number of scholarships and amounts awarded.
3. Applicants may be interviewed by a panel of members designated by the Sale Committee.
4. All decisions by the Sale Committee will be final.
5. Scholarships will be awarded to the recipient after providing proof of satisfactory performance of being a full-time student for one semester or term and proof of registration for the following semester or term from the school/college/university.
  - A. Transcript and proof of enrollment should be sent to the Manager of the Sale Committee for payment of the scholarship funds to either the recipient or educational institution as directed.
6. In the event that the scholarship recipient leaves school, the recipient will be allowed a **one (1)** year period to re-register at an institution of higher learning in order to continue the scholarship.
7. Scholarship recipients will be chosen and notified no later than June 10, 2025.
8. Announcement of scholarship award winners will be made during the Junior Livestock Sale at the El Paso County Fair.
9. Any violations of the 4-H or FFA Code of Conduct and/or Code of Ethics by a scholarship recipient will be grounds for the Sale Committee to rescind an awarded scholarship.

#### ELIGIBILITY

High School graduating senior or college freshman enrolled in any Market Projects, Large & Small Animal Projects with the expectation for completion in August 2025.

A Sue Crozier Livestock Committee Scholarship may be received only once.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

Enrolled in the El Paso County 4-H or FFA Livestock Program the year applying.

Satisfactory completion of a livestock project the year applying.

Minimum of three years in 4-H or FFA club work (can be elsewhere).

Minimum of three years successful completion of market livestock projects.

Students applying for the Scholarship must be enrolled in a livestock project, but do not necessarily have to be enrolled in a market livestock project, as long as they have successfully previously completed three years in a market livestock project.

Participation in 4-H and FFA livestock activities, county fair, livestock judging, etc., to the degree your education or work schedule allows.

**Minimum of a 3.2 out of 4.0 high school grade point average** – and college GPA if applicable.

## Sue Crozier Livestock Scholarship Continued

### Find the Application Form [HERE](#)

#### REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application.

A. Signed by applicant

B. Signed by parent/guardian

2. OFFICIAL transcripts from school(s) attended. If currently enrolled in college, include **BOTH** high school and college transcripts.

A. High school transcripts must include grades 10, 11 and 12.

B. Transcripts must be **certified and sealed by the issuing schools** and may be included with the application or sent directly from the school(s) to the Committee.

C. Students already in college must be designated as “full-time students” by their institution

D. Home-schooled applicants should contact the committee for guidelines on submitting Home- school transcripts.

**3. TWO** Letters of Recommendation are required as follows:

**A. One** from your **Club or Project Leader**

**B** The **second** from a **current teacher or professor**.

i. If home-schooled, the applicant should endeavor to get a recommendation from an educational mentor other than, or in addition to, his/her parent instructor.

**C. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION SHOULD CONTAIN:**

1. Applicant's potential for doing satisfactory work in higher education.

2. Applicant's interest in 4-H/FFA purposes and interest in activities involving livestock.

3. Letters should be in **sealed envelopes** and may be included in packets from the applicant or mailed directly to the Committee by the author.

4. A photo of you and your livestock project.

5. The following **must bear a courier postmark indicating it was accepted at a postal outlet by or on April 15, 2025. A metered postmark is not acceptable.**





A. Completed and signed application;

B. Required transcripts;

C. Two letters of recommendation; and



D. Photo of you and your livestock project.

6. The application will be reviewed by the Sale Committee to ensure all qualification and requirements are satisfied. The applicant may then be contacted to schedule an interview



## MARKET PRODUCER *Checklist*

- Enroll in breeding project in 4HOnline
- Email Dam Nomination Form (January 31)
- Add dam in 4HOnline as breeding animal (April 1)
- Email Offspring Nomination Form (May 1)
- Fair Entry- enroll in market class AND producer class
- Let scale master at County Fair know your animal is a producer so they can check them in
- Producer Record Book must be in its own book with a breeding supplement page to be eligible for a record book score





# Rabbit Meetings

El Paso County 4-H Extension Office

17 N. Spruce St. North classroom bottom floor

Bring your bunny in a carrier with no hay please!

Every second Thursday of the month

5:30pm

Please park on the south side and wait by the employee entrance door

Starting  
October  
2024

November meeting will be on the 12th same time and place, then things will go back to normal starting December.



Questions?  
Kylie Farr  
719-400-5041



# CAVY MEETINGS

Bring your cavy in a carrier, PLEASE NO HAY, come ready to learn and practice showmanship

First Wednesdays | At 5:30 PM

Extension Office 17 N. Spruce St. North classroom

Questions?

 719-400-5041

 Smiley.kyliejk94@gmail.com







# Cat Project Meeting

February 11, 5pm  
High Prairie Library

No cats at this meeting, please!  
Questions? Contact Racheal  
[RBoynton15@hotmail.com](mailto:RBoynton15@hotmail.com)

## Tabletop Project Manuals

### 4-H TABLETOP PROJECT MEMBERS – ORDER YOUR 4-H PROJECT MANUALS TODAY!

Welcome to another exciting 4-H year! Are you interested in participating in a 4-H Tabletop/General Project this year? Not sure where to get started?

Start by taking a look at the 4-H Project Manual and Curriculum for each project!

To see all Project 4-H Manuals in use for the 2024-2025 4-H year, please [CLICK THIS LINK](#).

Families can purchase their project manuals/curriculum individually, or through the El Paso County Extension office. Please make sure you give our office a call at: **719-520-7698** to ensure we have what you need in stock before coming in to make your purchases.

Not all Tabletop/General Projects require a manual purchase each year—please review the 4-H Project Manual list for further information about what books are required each year, for each project.

For more project information, please check out the [Colorado 4-H Project Information](#) page.

*Keep an eye out for the El Paso County 4-H Exhibit Requirements expected in the next couple months!*

Please contact Jen Loewen with any Tabletop/General Project questions!

Jen Loewen

[JenniferLoewen@elpasoco.com](mailto:JenniferLoewen@elpasoco.com)



## Tabletop Temperatures

Find this brand new guide to help pick your Tabletop Project!

[Tabletop Temperatures Guide LINK](#)



Find award details [HERE](#)



## EL PASO COUNTY 4-H TABLETOP STAR AWARD



**YOU could be eligible to Compete for the Tabletop STAR Award -- Get Qualified Today!**



**STEP 1:**  
Enroll in 2 or More  
Tabletop Projects!

Select Projects  
by **April 1**

To qualify as a STAR Award Candidate, members must enroll in 2 Tabletop projects (or 2 units within a project) **AND receive a Blue award in BOTH** at the El Paso County Fair. You **MUST** enroll in your Tabletop projects by April 1, 2025!



**STEP 3:**  
Fill out/return your  
STAR Activity Chart!

STAR Chart Due  
**Friday,**  
**September 5**

Once you've qualified by participating in a County Contest and receiving 2 or more Blue awards, you will need to fill out your El Paso County STAR Activity Chart. These points will be totaled and added to your final point total!



**STEP 5:**  
Top 5 Candidates are  
Selected to Interview!

Interviews Held  
**3rd Week of**  
**September**

Once the Top 5 Candidates in each age division are selected based on their point totals, candidates will be invited to interview with the Tabletop Advisory Committee! Candidates will:

- Interview with the Committee
- Take a 4-H Knowledge Quiz
- Bring in a Representative E-Record from the current year



County Contest  
is held **Saturday**  
**April 12**

**STEP 2:**  
Participate in a  
County Contest!

To qualify as a STAR Award Candidate, members must participate in a County Contest or a County Contest held during the El Paso County Fair. Participation in the 4-H Shooting Sports Competition & Robotics/Rocketry Contest count too! Enrollment for the County Contest starts in **March, 2025**, El Paso County Fair Registration starts in **May, 2025**

Points Talled in  
**1st Week of**  
**September**

**STEP 4:**  
Point Totals are Talled  
by the Committee!

In the 1st week of September, the Tabletop Advisory Committee will tally all the points earned by Candidates in several areas:

- STAR Activity Charts
- County Fair Awards received
- State Fair Awards received
- County Competition Awards received

4-H Achievement  
Awards is in  
**October!**

**STEP 6:**  
Attend 4-H  
Achievement Awards!

Attend the 4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony--the Top 3 Candidates in each age division will be awarded Gold, Silver or Bronze STAR Awards!



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Find all Award Details at:  
<https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-family-resources/>

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<https://colst/0WM3A>

Fundraiser for

## El Paso County 4-H Dog Project

20% of event sales will be donated

Needing to raise funds for dog training equipment and awards for our dogs show.



### When

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

**Time: 9:30 AM to 9:30 PM**

### Where

**Panda Express located at:**

**7545 Falcon Market Pl Falcon CO 80831  
(719) 888 - 6779**

### How to Order



Online

**PandaExpress.com or the App.**  
**Enter 3832573 in the fundraiser code box**

or



In-Person

**Bring paper flyer or show it on  
your smartphone**

**Order ahead or on the event day Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit towards the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within the vicinity of the restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during the fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. ("PRG") reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events, if the Neighborhood Fundraiser Terms and Conditions are not followed. If the organization is not in good standing with the IRS, Franchise Tax Board, or the State of California (for California organizations only), then donations may not be made to the organization. You must present your unique code or a copy of this flyer (digital copies are accepted) at the designated date, time, and your Panda Express location at check-out. PRG will donate 20% of all pre-tax purchases made, provided that the organization raises a minimum of \$100 in total event sales pre-tax. PRG does not charge the organization fees related to the event. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible. The donation from PRG to the organization is tax deductible. The organization receiving the donation must be a tax exempt organization. PRG will issue the donation check and provide an accounting statement to the organization within 45 days of the completion of the event. Participants in the fundraiser may request the total dollar amount donated to the organization by emailing [communityprograms@pandarg.com](mailto:communityprograms@pandarg.com) or by submitting the question at <https://community.pandaexpress.com/faq>.



Find a local hiring event or apply online at **PandaCareers.com**

## February:

- Wednesday 5th—6:00—8:30 PM Range Only Pistol Practice
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54639262-02052025#/>
- Sunday 9th—12:00 Noon—4:00 PM—Classroom for Hunting & Outdoor Skills Training
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54336983-02092025#/>
- Wednesday 12th 6:00—8:30 PM Range Only Archery
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54336877-02122025#/>
- Thursday 13th—6:00—8:30 PM Range Only Archery
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54336875-02132025#/>
- Saturday 15th—Archery & Shotgun
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54337015-02152025#/>
- Sunday 16th Large Informal Pit Hanover
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54337067-02162025#/>
- Thursday 20th 6:00—8:30 PM Range Only Rifle
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54336912-02202025#/>
- Sunday 23rd—12:00 Noon—4:00 PM Classroom for Hunting & Outdoor Skills Training CPW
  - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54336985-02232025#/>

## NRA Whittington Center Adventure Camp Scholarship Application

Completed Applications Due: **Saturday, March 1, 2025 by 5:00 PM**

Applications must be emailed to Jen Loewen at: [JenniferLoewen@elpasoco.com](mailto:JenniferLoewen@elpasoco.com) by the deadline.

**No Late Applications will be Accepted**

Biggs Contracting Services Inc. has generously provided the El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee with funding for **TWO** El Paso County 4-H members to attend the NRA Whittington Center Adventure Camp program on **June 22 – July 4, 2025**. Members ages 13 to 17 are invited to apply for this scholarship opportunity.

The NRA Whittington Center Adventure Camp's purpose is to teach the safe use and stewardship of firearms. In addition to the recreational and competitive shooting curriculum, hunting, camping and survival skills are added as part of the total experience. For more information on the NRA, the Whittington Center and Adventure Camp, please visit: <http://www.nrawc.org/wc-experience/youth-programs/>

***Please note:** This camp is conducted by the NRA, not by Colorado State University Extension*

*4-H. The opportunities provided to the camp participants, as well as the opinions and viewpoints expressed by the instructors and camp staff, do not necessarily represent those of Colorado State University – Extension/4-H.*

Requirements for Applicants:

- Youth must be 4-H members in good standing and enrolled in at least one 4-H Shooting Sports Project in El Paso County 4-H.
- Youth must be between 13 and 17 years old (actual age) at the time travel.
- Youth must submit a complete application, including essay questions, by the deadline.
- If requested, youth must be able to attend an interview with Extension Staff and the El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee.
- Youth must be able to travel to the NRA Whittington Center **June 22 – July 4, 2025** and be able to attend the duration of the camp.
- If chosen to attend, youth participants must be able to provide a current physical before camp begins.
- Youth must be able to travel under a strenuous schedule (health, homesickness, physical stamina, comfortable with traveling, hiking, camping, meeting new people, and trying new foods and activities, etc.).
- While the registration fees are covered by the scholarship, youth may want to bring spending money for other items such as gifts or souvenirs.
- Youth must be willing and have the time to write thank you notes and give a short presentation to donating organizations and other interested groups. Therefore, youth must have an interest, availability and willingness to speak publicly (based upon their experiences on this trip) on a prearranged basis.
- Youth must agree to complete the online New Mexico Hunter Education training as a prerequisite to attending class at Adventure Camp. Participants must complete the test, print the certificate and send it in prior to attending the camp.

○ <http://www.hunter-ed.com/newmexico/>

## NRA Whittington Center Adventure Camp Scholarship Application

Due to the Extension Office:

**No Late Applications will be Accepted**

Please fill out this application in full and attach additional pages as necessary. Applications must be emailed to Jen Loewen at: [JenniferLoewen@elpasoco.com](mailto:JenniferLoewen@elpasoco.com) by the deadline.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current 4-H Projects: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have transportation to the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM? \_\_\_\_\_

(Trip award is not dependent on this answer – transportation may be available.)

Non 4-H Positions of Responsibility: (Student Council, FFA, FBLA, music groups, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

On a separate page please answer the following four questions. Please type (or neatly write) your response and use no more than one page per question. Primary criterion for assessing your answers will be their content; however, spelling and grammar will be considered.

1. Describe how 4-H has changed you.
2. Explain how one of your 4-H projects has changed your understanding of that project area.
3. Describe an event, activity or a person that has had a big impact on you.
4. How has your participation in 4-H shooting sports changed how you view or handle firearms and archery equipment?



## **Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings - Registrations dates now available!**

Hello 4-H Volunteers and Senior 4-H Members! Are you interested in earning a certification in a 4-H Shooting Sports Discipline? Becoming a State-Certified 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer/ Youth Leader makes you eligible to help train and assist 4-H members on the line! Interested? Consider enrolling in a training today!

- **Cost:** \$135 per training, per person – **Cash or Check ONLY**
  - o Please make checks out to the EPC 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee, with the name of the county training in the MEMO line.
- Volunteers can only certify in ONE discipline per weekend.
- Volunteers MUST attend the duration of the training to receive their certification.

### **Schedule for all trainings:**

- March 7-9, 2025: Morgan County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, and Archery)
  - o Registration opens January 24 - February 21
- March 14-16, 2025: Weld County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, and Orion), Orion training in conjunction with this training
  - o Registration opens January 31 - February 28
- March 21-23, 2025: Pueblo County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
  - o Registration opens February 7 - March 7
- March 28-30, 2025: Garfield County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
  - o Registration opens February 14 - March 14

**Reminder: All volunteers must be enrolled and approved 4-H volunteers before they can register for the trainings.**

Flyers for individual trainings can be viewed on the [State Website](#).

## Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship

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

### Application Requirements:

- Applicants will need to submit three letters of recommendation. **One from their Extension 4-H Agent, one from their County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or Coach and one from a non-relative adult.**
- Each applicant will also need to provide an essay on what they have done in 4-H, what they have learned or gained from being involved in 4-H, why they are applying and what they plan to do in the future.
- All required materials are due no later than April 1 of the current year.

A committee comprised of 4-H shooting sport instructors and Marr family members will determine the recipient. Please send all required materials listed above to Margaret Marr at 7108 Highway 34, Yuma, Colorado 80759. All required materials are due no later than April 1 of the current year.

[https://co4h.colostate.edu/ss/forms/jonathan-marr-scholarship.pdf?utm\\_source=marketingcloud&utm\\_medium=email](https://co4h.colostate.edu/ss/forms/jonathan-marr-scholarship.pdf?utm_source=marketingcloud&utm_medium=email)

## Hello 4-H Shooting Sports Members (and potential members!)

Are you enrolled in 4-H Shooting Sports? Do you have your Hunters Safety & Education Certification Card? Read On!

To be eligible to compete in the El Paso County 4-H County and State Competitions, 4-H members enrolled in any 4-H Shooting Sports Discipline **MUST** obtain a Colorado Division of Wildlife Hunters Education/Safety Certification Card by **May 1, 2025**.

### **Don't have your Card yet? Don't Sweat!**

Go to the Colorado Division of Wildlife website and register for a class!

### **[CLICK HERE TO SEE CURRENT CLASS OFFERINGS.](#)**

Once you've completed your class, email a photo of your Hunter's Safety Card (front and back) to 4-H Specialist Jen Loewen ([jenniferloewen@elpasoco.com](mailto:jenniferloewen@elpasoco.com)) and 4-H Admin Shawna Lamothe ([shawna.lamothe@colostate.edu](mailto:shawna.lamothe@colostate.edu)) by **MAY 1, 2025**.

### **\*\*NEW\*\*** **Already Have your Card? Get a copy to the Extension Office!**

Even if you already have your Hunters Safety/Education Card, it is a requirement to upload it to 4HOnline, **OR** email a photo of the card (front and back) to 4-H Specialist Jen Loewen ([jenniferloewen@elpasoco.com](mailto:jenniferloewen@elpasoco.com)) and 4-H Admin Shawna Lamothe ([shawna.lamothe@colostate.edu](mailto:shawna.lamothe@colostate.edu)) by **May 1, 2025**.

If you were able to upload your Hunters Safety Card to 4HOnline during enrollment this year, please let us know!

Once we have a copy of your card on file, we can re-upload it into 4HOnline each year on your behalf—save yourself time and a headache, and send us your card photos!

For all other 4-H Shooting Sports Policies, please refer to the [El Paso County 4-H Policies for Success](#).

Please email Jen Loewen at: [jenniferloewen@elpasoco.com](mailto:jenniferloewen@elpasoco.com) with any questions!

# Do You Have Your Hunters Safety Card??

**4-H Shooting Sports Members:**  
**PLEASE SCAN AND COMPLETE THIS**  
**30-SECOND SURVEY**

To notify the 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee of  
your current hunters safety card status!



***Click Here for the Survey if Viewing on Mobile.***

**[MOBILE LINK HERE](#)**

## Recap and Upcoming Meetings

The January meeting of the El Paso Youth County Council was held on Jan. 28, 2025 at Veterans Service Center. The County Fair schedule was posted, it was decided to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade, nominations for District were made, future activities were discussed like an ice cream social. Please join YCC for the next meeting on Feb. 25 @ 6:30.



Please find the link to all current Other Opportunities [HERE](#).

Currently the following opportunities coming up are:

- Jefferson County Horse Shows
- Statewide 4-H Dog Expo
- Let's Get Piggie Clinic
- Douglas County Horse Shows
- Forecasting Future Leaders Event in Douglas County
- Colorado 4-H goes to Italy



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Link to Register [HERE](#)



**FORECASTING FUTURE LEADERS**

**CALLING ALL METEOROLOGISTS!**

The District 3 Senate invites you to spend a day of Weather-Related Fun with us at the Douglas County Fairgrounds!

- **Date:** Saturday, April 5
- **Time:** 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM
- **Location:** Kirk Hall, Douglas County Fairgrounds
- **For:** Ages 8-10 (as of 12/31/2024)
  - Open to Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson & Gilpin County 4-H Members
- **Cost:** \$25 (Cash or check at the door)
- **Click Here to Register**
  - Registration Opens January 16, 2025
  - Registration Closes Friday, March 7, 2025

*This Retreat will “Blow You Away!”  
Come “Chill” with us! Don’t “Mist” it!*

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