

June + July 2024

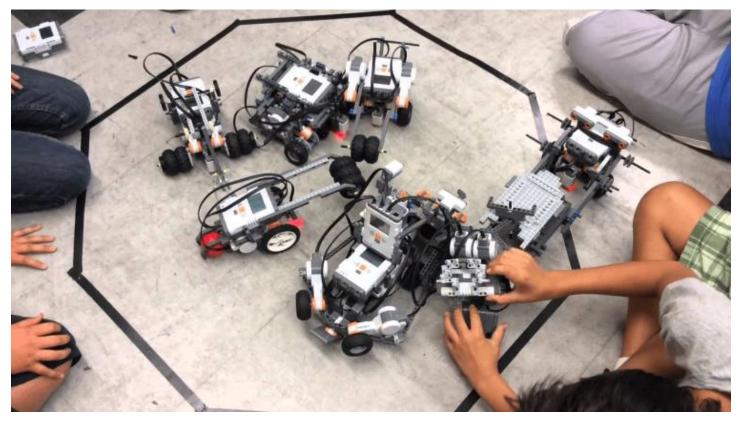


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### Youth County Council

Recap & Meeting Date and Time

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# Policy on 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



# **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 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** 

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**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/a4a60dJ1A2ge0



**EPC Dog Project** 

https://band.us/n/a9a703J2Aasar



## What is a 4-H Community Service?





## What is a 4-H Community Service? Continued.



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# **Registration for County Fair Dates**

## Mark Your Calendars!

### 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.



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# Fair Cleanup & Livestock Exhibitor Meeting

## Mark Your Calendars!

It is an expectation for all youth who are competing at the County Fair this year to attend Fair Cleanup on June 29, 2024, at the Fairgrounds starting at 8:00 AM.

There will be a livestock exhibitor meeting beginning at 8:00 AM in the Owens Grandstands and then a sign in sheet for attendance.

If you are enrolled in multiple projects, please pick an area to begin helping with and then check in with your other superintendents.

Tabletop will have a sign in sheet as well in the Whittemore Building.



# **4-H County Fair Pass Pickup**

For youth exhibitors participating in the El Paso County Fair and for enrolled 4-H volunteers, you can pick up your fair passes on June 29, 2024, in Swink Hall from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM. These passes are free and come with your participation in County Fair and 4-H volunteering.

However, if you have family members or parents that are NOT enrolled as 4-H volunteers or are 4-H youth NOT participating in County Fair, you need to purchase your fair passes from the fairgrounds through their website. They do provide discount rates for 4-H families. You can find the link to that web page here:



### https://www.elpasocountyfair.com/p/fair-information/2024-4-hdiscounted-tickets

Photo courtesy of National 4-H

# Load in Schedule for County Fair

To enter the fairgrounds, all livestock, camelids, and miniature horses MUST be accompanied by an official Health Certificate issued within 14 days to the start of fair. Each animal must be individually identified on the certificate. At fair, you will need to make sure you have a **printed**, **hard copy** of your health certificate for **EVERY DAY YOU ENTER THE FAIRGROUNDS WITH ANIMALS.** Families will enter through the south gate and proceed to the fire lane. Volunteers will direct trucks and trailers to that point.

**ONLY MARKET SWINE will weigh off the trailer, no exceptions.** Trucks and trailers will exit through the fire lane gate.

Please drive with caution when on the fairgrounds, there are CHILDREN.

**ONLY ANIMALS CAN BE UNLOADED.** All tack, feed, equipment, and bedding should have been brought in PRIOR to the start of fair.

Saturday July	/ 13 <sup>th</sup>			
6am-9am	Livestock Breeding Animal/Dairy/Pygmy Load In			
9-11am	Miniature Horse Load In			
9am-12pm	Small Animal Load In			
Monday July 15 <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		

# **County Fair Schedule—Slight Adjustment**

Due to the large number of youth and animals showing at the County Fair this year, we have had to make a slight adjustment to the schedule on Thursday July 18th. Priority will be given to 4-H shows and contests when it comes to using the indoor arena. Please see below the official changes for Thursday, July 18th.

### Thursday July 18<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
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	Miniature Horse Show- Ground Driving, Driving, and Liberty	Owens Livestock Arena



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# Health Certification Requirement for County Fair

Animals are required to have health certifications for County Fair issued within 14 days prior to the start of county fair. Animals required to have a health certification are camelids, miniature horses, and all livestock. Each animal must be individually identified on the certificate. When you load in your animals at county fair, you will need to make sure you have a **printed**, **hard copy** of your health certificate **for every day you enter the fairgrounds with animals**. The livestock office keeps these on file.



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# Affordable Health Certification for County Fair

Every year, the Livestock Advisory Committee offers 4-H members the opportunity to haul their animals to a specific location to receive a health certificate for county fair animals. This will take place on **Saturday July 6, 2024, from 8:00-11:00 AM at the El Paso County Fairgrounds.** 

Health Certifications cost \$5 per animal and we can only accept CASH (exact cash preferred). We will be set up by the Beer Dock so you will enter the South Gate, pull over by the Beer Dock, and you will exit the North Gate. A member of the family, adult or youth, must be in attendance to sign the health certificate.

If you would like to obtain a health certificate on this day you will need to show up from 8:00—11:00 AM. There is no sign-up or registration. It is first come, first serve.

Animals are required to have health certifications for County Fair issued within 14 days prior to the start of county fair. Animals required to have a health certification are camelids, miniature horses, and all livestock. Each animal must be individually identified on the certificate. When you load in your animals at county fair, you will need to make sure you have a **printed**, **hard copy** of your health certificate **for every day you enter the fairgrounds with animals**. The livestock office keeps these on file.



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# Judges for 2024 County Fair

Jonathan Despain—Breeding Livestock Jeremy Burkett—Market Livestock Donna Elkins—Dairy and Pygmy Goat Lacey Cooper—Horse Show Gary Martinez—Horse Show Kim Seipp—Miniature Horse Show Kara Wintersteen-Perez—Rabbit Show Ron Hopkins—Rabbit Showmanship Lisa Pordon—Cavy Show and Showmanship Libby Schelic—Poultry Showmanship Al Prado—Poultry Show Mary Killen—Cat Show Dawn Moon—Pocket Pets Amanda Van Cauwenberg—Dog Showmanship Alleah Barron—Dog Obedience and Rally Donette Belknap—Dog Agility



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# What is Premier Exhibitor?

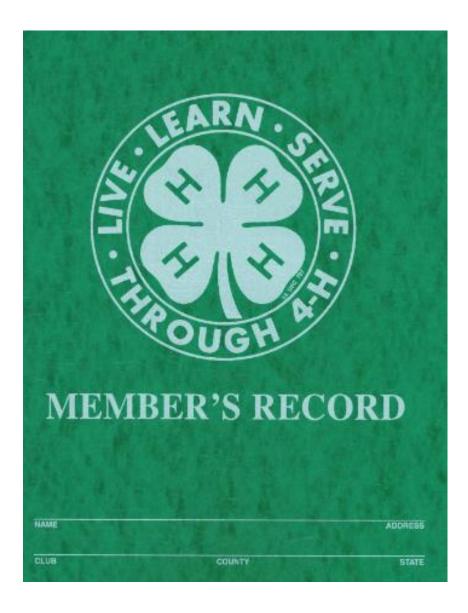
This award will be given to the outstanding 4-H member (ages 8-18) in each of the project species: beef, sheep, swine, goat (breeding, market, dairy, and pygmy), rabbit, poultry, dog, miniature horse, horse, cavy, and llama/alpaca. The focus of this award is on rewarding excellence in total project management. Contestants will be evaluated on several different areas depending on the species. Please refer to your premium books to see how the scoring is calculated in each of the species. All premier exhibitor study guides will be posted on the county fair resources page of the website (probably around June) for the youth who want to get a head start on studying for the premier exhibitor tests! All exhibitors are encouraged to enter! **All entries should be made in Fair Entry.** 



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# **Record Book Covers for Animal Record Books**

If the youth would like their record book to qualify for "higher grading" then they must submit their record book in an official 4-H record book folder. "Higher grading" refers to the process where the Extension Office sends out the best, qualified record books to an outside judge. The judge then places the record books, and the winners are recognized at the Achievement Awards in the fall. There are two options for purchasing, one is through the National 4-H website, or the Extension Office has them on hand for \$5 per folder. They will also be for sale at the Live-stock Office for \$5.



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WE CAN HARDLY "BEAR" THE EXCITEMENT!

# SAY "HELLO!" TO "OSO"!







**Welcome Home Oso!** 

Oso is the Newest Member of the El Paso County 4-H Team! He is "oh-so" excited to visit our Clubs & Meet the Members!



Oso is a "Traveling Bear" & he's all packed up and ready to start his 4-H Learning Journey with you! Take him to 4-H meetings, club events & project opportunities to promote El Paso County 4-H!

Log his adventures by snapping a photo, writing in his "Pawsport" book & sharing his adventures with everyone on Instagram @EPC\_4H\_CO !

We're "beary" excited to see what adventures Oso will find in El Paso County 4-H!



WANT TO HOST OSO THE BEAR AT YOUR NEXT 4-H CLUB ACTIVITY OR EVENT?

CALL OUR OFFICE AT (719) 520-7690 AND GET ADDED TO HIS CALENDAR!



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# FOLLOW OUR NEW FOLLOW OUR NEW EPC 4-H SOCIAL MEDIA!

The Extension Office will be posting weekly content including spotlights of our 4-H'ers and their projects, showcasing our members at county and state-wide events, as well as highlighting the travels of Oso Brown the Bear!



# @ El Paso County 4-H



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Want to be highlighted or know someone who deserves to be in the spotlight!?

Follow the QR code below to nominate! You may also find the links to nominate under the Family Resources > Social Media Tab of our website!



<u>Volunteer Highlight</u> <u>Member Highlight</u>



If you know a 4-H Alumni that would be interested in being featured, please email their contact info to Shawna.Lamothe@colostate.edu or send them the Alumni Form!



Animal Highlight

<u>Alumni Spotlight</u>

## **4-H Project Talks**



# 4-H Youth Camp Counselors Needed!



# **Youth County Council Silent Auction Fundraiser**

Sign up to bring a Silent Auction Basket HERE

# YOUTH COUNTY SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER





SIGN-UP TO BRING A SILENT AUCTION BASKET HERE!

#### SUPPORT THE YCC SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER!

Support the El Paso 4-H Youth County Council by sponsoring Silent Auction items/baskets to be auctioned off at this year's 4-H Achievement Ceremony!

All fundraiser proceeds go to support YCC members with travel costs associated with camps, conferences and other 4-H Opportunities. All 4-H Clubs & Councils are invited to participate!

#### SUGGESTED BASKETS/ITEMS:

Baskets should be labeled with approximate total value. Get creative with your themes! Some suggestions are:

- Movie Night theme basket
- · Livestock/show basket theme
- · Jewelry/lotions/bath bombs
- · Non-perishable food items
- 4-H theme basket
- Game night basket theme
- · Small toys/books
- Art supplies theme
- · Day at the Beach theme basket
- Please No alcohol/alcohol theme items

All Silent Auction Baskets/Items should be delivered to the Extension Office on E-Record Turn-In day Wednesday, September 4, and will be transported to the 4-H Achievement Celebration.

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

## Cam's Ag Academy

# Sign Up Link

## JOIN US FOR CAM'S AG ACADEMY AT THE EL PASO COUNTY FAIR!

# About CAA

CAM's Agricultural Academy is committed to the engagement of all students to improve relationships in agriculture and strengthen agriculture affinity, literacy, motivation and critical thinking.

# Booth Hours & Sign-Up

Be part of Cam's Crew on Wednesday July 17, Thursday July 18 or Friday July 19 during Fair. Booth hours are: 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Sign-Up By Clicking Here!

# "Ewe" Can Help!

4-H Members in El Paso County have the opportunity to sign up and help CSU students teach Cam's Ag Academy lessons at the El Paso County Fair!

No previous knowledge required-CSU students will teach you everything you need to know on the day!

Hours served will count towards <u>4-H community service!</u>

# **Questions?**

Contact Jonathan Vrabec with any questions regarding Cam's Ag Academy:

Jonathan.Vrabec@colostate.edu

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# **Congratulations! District 3 Results**



To El Paso County 4-H Senior Members Laura Richards & Conner Holiday!



Laura was elected as the 2024–2025 4–H District 3 President, and Conner was elected as 4–H District 3 Treasurer!

Best of Luck to them both as they represent El Paso County 4–H in their State Leadership Offices!



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# **4-H Career Award**



# Senior Send Off

This year we wanted to recognize the seniors who will be aging out of our 4-H program this year! We wish these members all the best in their future endeavors and we would love to see them back to help the next generation of 4-H members one day!

Our first graduating senior is Mary Gast. In her last 4-H year, she is competing in Cake Decorating and Shooting Sports. Her favorite 4-H memory was the first time she ever qualified for State Fair and in the fall she will be attending CSU Pueblo, majoring in Psychology. Best of luck Mary!





Next, we have John Turner. In his last year in 4-H, he is competing in Market Swine. His favorite 4-H memory is enjoying the downtime during County Fair, in the swine barn listening to music with his fellow 4-H'ers, and John has been in 4-H for 14 years! His future plans include continuing his schooling at Pikes Peak State College; his goal is to get his Associates of Applied Science in Welding. Best of luck John!

# **Senior Send Off**

Our next graduating senior is Evan Jaworski. In his last year in 4-H, he is competing in a variety of Poultry projects including Market Turkey, Geese, Ducks, and Chicken—Show Birds. His favorite 4-H memory is setting the record for the highest selling Poultry at the Jr. Livestock Auction, and beating his sisters previous record! He plans to start and electrical apprenticeship to become and electrician, best of luck Evan!



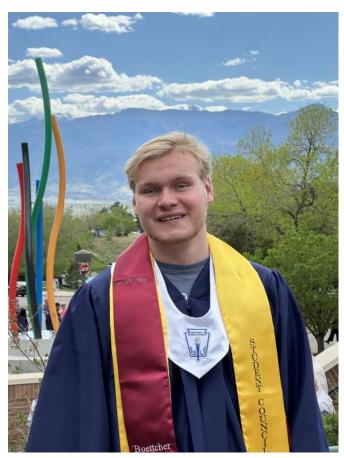


Erin Jaworski, a graduating senior from Angel Fire 4-H Club, is competing in Market Turkey, Geese, Ducks, and Chicken—Show Birds in her last year in 4-H. Her favorite 4-H memory is breaking the record for the highest selling Poultry at the Jr. Livestock Auction in 2022, only to have that record broken by her brother the next year! This fall she plans to attend UCCS to study crime scene forensics, and become a crime scene investigator in the future. Best of luck Erin!

# **Senior Send Off**

Our next graduating senior is Time Niemeyer. In his last 4-H year, he is competing in Breeding Beef. His favorite 4-H memories include competing at the 2022 and 2024 Western Roundup's in the demonstration and impromptu speech classes, and being named the 2024 Impromptu Champion. He plans to attend the Colorado School of Mines, double majoring in Math and Physics, and plans to earn his Ph.D. Best of luck Time!





Kaleb Gramsch is a senior 4-H'er in Grand Drive 4-H Club . During his last 4-H year, he is competing in Chicken— Show Birds, Dairy Goat, and Market Goat. His favorite 4-H memory is when he won high overall individual during a Livestock Quizbowl competition. In the fall, he plans to attend Cornell University, studying Animal Science to one day become a Veterinarian! Best of luck Kaleb!

# **Senior Send Off**

Taylor King is a graduating senior in the Grand Drive 4-H Club . In her last 4-H year, she is competing in Market Swine. Her favorite 4-H memory was the first time she was able to show her Market Steer at County Fair. She plans to continue her education at Pikes Peak State College in the fall. Best of luck Taylor!

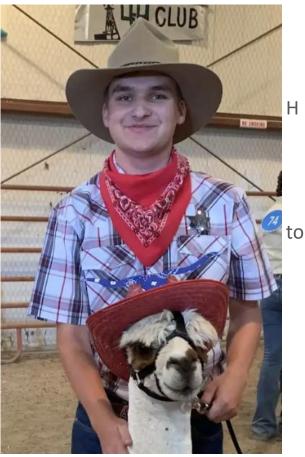




Our next graduating senior is Cheyenne Ettleman. During her last 4-H year, she is competing in Breeding Beef, Market Beef, and Pygmy Goat. Her favorite 4-H memory is being able to watch and coach the younger 4-H members and seeing them succeed! In the fall, she plans to attend the University of Wyoming, focusing on Agricultural Education. Best of luck Cheyenne!

# **Senior Send Off**

Walker Peterson is graduating out of the Hearts N Hooves Club this year. In his last 4year, he is competing in the Camelid project. His favorite 4-H memories include community services and events that his friends, family, and teachers have been able come to, to support 4-H. He plans to join the EdVenture team at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and hopes his future education and career involve teaching others about wild animals and wild places. Best of luck Walker!





Our last graduating senior is Juliet Newsome. In her last year in 4-H she is enrolled in the Dog, Horse, and Wildlife Conservation projects. Her favorite 4-H memories tie back to the dedicated support of her 4-H family, because of such amazing leaders, coaches, and volunteers she has been able to ride and show 2 wonderful horses, gain invaluable knowledge in horse judging, horse bowl, and hippology, and has been showing her heart dog, Teddy, since her 4-H career began. She plans to attend Colorado State University studying Zoology, and possibly Sports Medicine. Good luck Juliet!

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## Horse

## Looking Forward—Horse

### June 5, 2024 (Extension Office)

- County Fair Test, Interview, and Patterns at 5:30 PM
- Sign up for Premier Exhibitor Contest by May 21, 2024:
  - <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoQtcYSeoVCxHTDOksBCzvqjiR-</u> <u>Or0ZA9O99FH9TfpdjYXIA/viewform</u>

### June 8, 2024 (Eyleen's Arena)

- Qualifying Gymkhana Show at 10:00 AM
- Show bill is posted on the Band App
- Patterns (Showmanship) will be posted on the Band App

### June 22-23, 2024 (Latigo)

• County Fair Horse Show



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# **Miniature Equine**

## Looking Forward– Miniature Horse

### June 5, 2024 (Extension Office)

- County Fair Test. Interview, and Patterns at 5:30 PM
- Sign Up for Premier Exhibitor Contest by May 24, 2024:
  - <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScoQtcYSeoVCxHTDOksBCzvqjiR-Or0ZA9O99FH9TfpdjYXIA/viewform</u>

### June 7, 2024 (Fairgrounds)

• Miniature Horse Show



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# Livestock

# Ultrasounds

Every large livestock animal entered in the market show is required to have an ultrasound done at County Fair. This year it will be on Monday July 15, 2024. We will start with cattle at 2:00 PM, then go into swine, goat, and lastly, sheep. Please be close to your stalls and animals that day as you will need to be present when your animal is being ultrasounded. Updates will be posted on the Band App. For the ultrasound:

- Animals must be dry!
- Purple oil will be used
- For market steers: if they have a tough carcass or a lot of hair, grease will be used instead of purple oil. We will go over how to remove the grease, please have cornstarch on hand to help with the removal process.



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# Livestock

# **Open Pregnancy Verification for Market Heifers**

All market heifers must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian verifying the heifer is pregnancy tested OPEN within 30 days of the El Paso County Fair.

# **Exhibitor's Livestock Stall Preparation**

It is expected that all livestock exhibitor's set up their stalls with shavings and equipment before the start of fair. You can come to the fairgrounds on Wednesday July 10th after 3:00 PM, or all day Thursday July 11th, and July 12th. If the youth do not take advantage of the pre-set up, they will have to haul everything by hand from their parked trailer in the east lot outside the fairgrounds to the barns. **The youth and/or adults are not allowed to unload tack, equipment, or feed during our scheduled animal load in times.** 

# **Livestock Stalling**

Livestock Stalling will be paid at the Livestock Office (CASH ONLY) when the youth pick up their exhibitor packet, so please plan accordingly. Stalling assignments will be posted in the respective barns on June 29, 2024. Please remember that exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own bedding for their animals, please make sure it aligns with the rules outlined in the premium books.



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# Livestock

# **Out of County Form for Showing Livestock**

In reference to the 2024 4-H/FFA Livestock Premium Book we have two items concerning multiple animals in the same class. In the event an exhibitor has multiple animals in the same class:

- A 4-H/FFA youth in good standing from the county with parent permission may show the extra animal .
- OR a 4-H/FFA youth in good standing from out of county with parent permission may show the extra animal in addition to meeting these requirements:
  - An Out of County Form request must be filled out and submitted to the CSU Extension agent four weeks before the first day of county fair (June 13, 2024). A youth member is limited to 2 forms maximum. Each form will cost \$5. <u>https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2024/03/EPC-Out-of-County-Form\_24.pdf</u>
  - OR if an exhibitor in a market class ends up with multiple animals in the same class, they can elect to move one animal up to the next heavier weight class but not down to the lighter class. The Out of County form has been attached for reference and you can find it on the El Paso County website



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# **Shooting Sports**

# **Competition Dates**

- June 1—Shotgun @ Pikes Peak Gun Club
- June 2—Archery @ Frontier Sportsmans Club Hanover Range
- June 2—.177 Air Rifle, .22 Rifle & .177 Air Pistol @ Colorado Parks and Wildlife Sinton Rd.
- June 8—Muzzleload/.22 Pistol @ Frontier Sportsmans Club Hanover Range
- June 9—.177 Air Rifle, .22 Rifle & .177 Air Pistol @ Colorado Parks and Wildlife Sinton Rd.

## **Shooting Sports Awards**

June 23, 2024

## 12:30 PM

Fountain Creek Regional Park

2010 Duckwood Rd

Fountain, CO 80817



Photo courtesy of National 4-H

# **Shooting Sports**

# Shooting Sports Tattoo Party at the County Fair!

## Sign Up Link



## Hello 4-H Tabletop Exhibitors!

The **2024 El Paso County Fair Guide for Project Exhibits & Contests** is now available! Please visit: <u>https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/county-fair/</u> to view the guide.

If you are interested in exhibiting your project at the El Paso County Fair, or participating in a County Fair Contest, this guide is for you!

### The Guide will provide an important overview of:

- Important County Fair Dates
- El Paso County County-Level Exhibit Requirements
  - Cloverbuds, Pocket Pets exhibits (NEW this year!), Self-Determined exhibits
- All State-Level Projects and Exhibit Requirements
- El Paso County Fair General 4-H Exhibit Rules & Premiums
- All State-Level Contests
  - 4-H Shooting Sports County Competition, Creative Cooks & Fashion Revue
- STAR Award & El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports Marksmanship Award Requirements
- AND MORE!

Please let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing what you plan to exhibit at the El Paso County Fair this year!

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# Tabletop

# **Fashion Revue**



# **Recap and Upcoming Meetings**

The meeting was called to order by President Kaleb Gramsch. There was no secretary or treasurer reports. The Livestock Committee reported that 2024 County Fair Judges have been announced, Tabletop's report included information about their interview day at fair, and the Extension report was that the livestock barns will be slightly different this year due to the large number of entries, and that State Conference is coming up in June.

Barn Olympics planning is underway, there will be 10 game stations, 6 kids per team, and prizes are finalized, but volunteers are still needed! Donation sign up will be at the next mtg. Intermediate and Senior members are still needed for Cam's Ag Academy at County Fair and in Old Business, the Oklahoma 4-H'ers met with Youth Council 4-H'ers on May 21st! There will be a Parli Pro Team going to State Conference and in New Business, t shirt designs are needed at the June mtg.

The next Youth Council meeting is June 25th at 6:30 PM.

Thanks, Conner Holiday

