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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

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.

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



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!



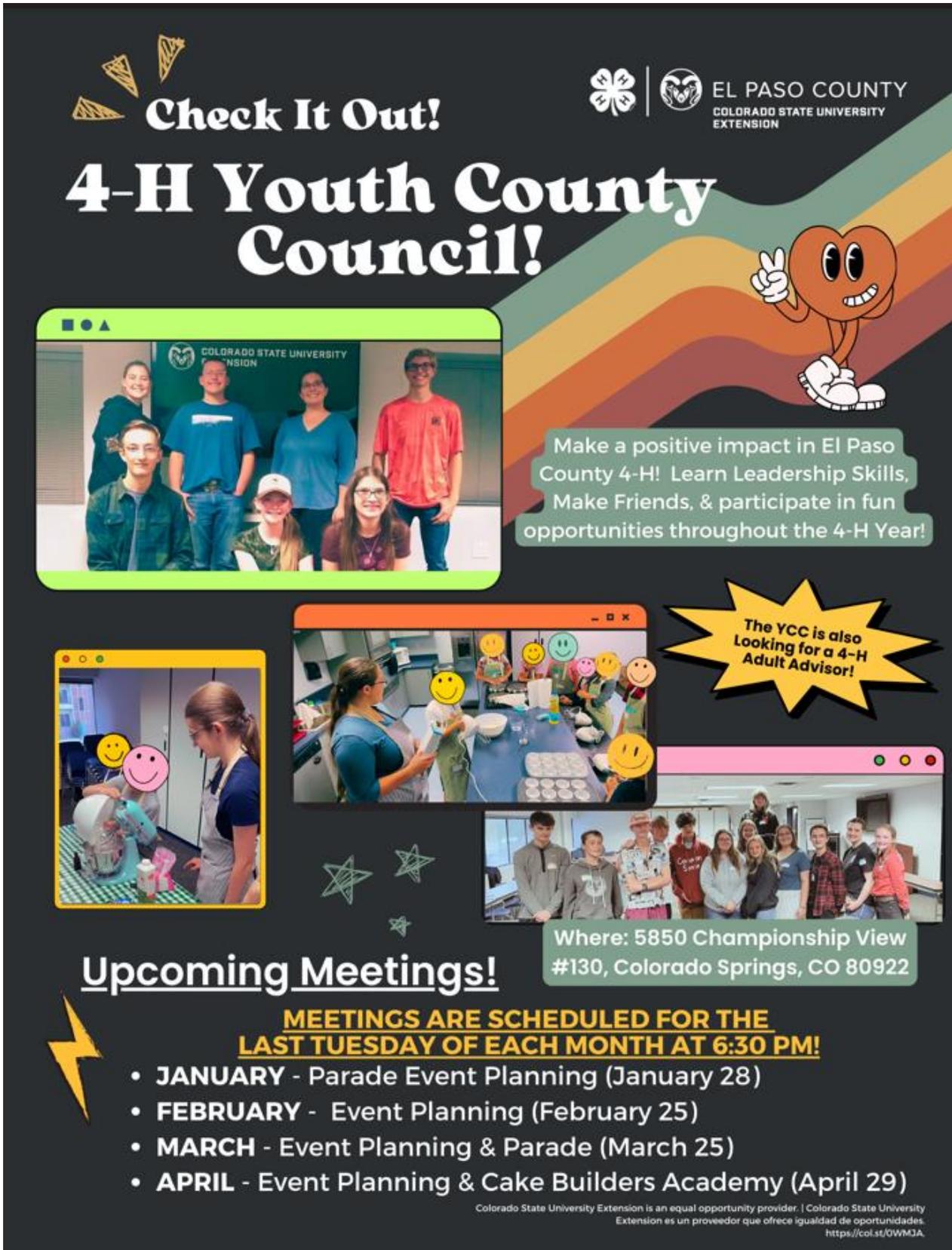


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Join Youth County Council!



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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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.



Photo courtesy of Flying M Photography

Life Skills Workshop & Summer Dance Flyer

Registration [LINK](#)

FREE LIFE SKILLS WORKSHOP!

AGES 14-18

INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO BETTER MANAGE STRESS?

WANT TO LEARN HOW TO DEVELOP COPING STRATEGIES THAT MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER?

WANT TO KNOW HOW YOUR MENTAL HEALTH CAN BE IMPACTED BY ACADEMICS, SOCIAL MEDIA & PEER PRESSURE?

LEARN ALL THESE SKILLS AND MORE AT THE 1-HOUR WORKSHOP SPONSORED BY EL PASO COUNTY 4-H & TESSA!

Registered Workshop participants are invited to attend the Summer Bash Dance for FREE directly after the workshop!

Life Skills Workshop Start Time: 6:00 PM on May 2, 2025

MAY 2, 2025

Live DJ!

Dance: 7:00-9:00 PM

- Concessions will be available for purchase!

Pricing:

- \$1 for Ages 12 & under
- \$5 for Ages 14 & Up (youth 14 and up attend for free if the member attends the workshop schedule prior to the dance)

Address:

Swink Hall at 366 10th St Calhan, CO 80808

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4-H Fashion Revue Contest at County Fair!



4-H Fashion Revue is an event to help 4-H members develop self-esteem, self-confidence and to explore their unique, personal style. It offers the opportunity for members to become more at ease in any public appearance to demonstrate the art of Fashion, Coordination and Confidence.

Wednesday, July 16 @ the El Paso County Fair!

Learn more about “What's New” with FR on Saturday, April 12 at 1:45 PM @ the Extension Office before County Contest Awards!

CONTESTS OFFERED:

- **FASHION REVUE**

- For 4-H Members enrolled in Clothing Construction, Artistic Clothing, Heritage Arts or Leathercraft.
- Show off your constructed garment onstage!

- **MODELING FOR FUN**

- Open to ALL 4-H Members in El Paso County!
- Put together a coordinated outfit of your choice and model it onstage!

- **Present your created or coordinated outfit on stage! Design your individual commentary.**
- **Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors & Cloverbuds Invited to Participate!**



End of School Summer Celebration

[Registration Link](#)



BRING A POTLUCK ITEM TO SHARE & ENJOY
PLAYING OUTDOOR GAMES WITH THE
4-H YOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL!

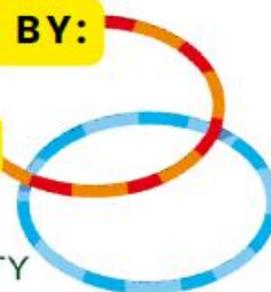
LOCATION: BEAR CREEK REGIONAL PARK



PLEASE RSVP TO ATTEND BY:

FRIDAY, MAY 9

[RSVP GOOGLE LINK](#)



Wildcats Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Order Online [HERE](#)—Order online or in person by April 30th!



Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens

to Support
4-H Wildcats

Redeemable at
ANY standalone
Krispy Kreme
location!

1 time use
vouchers that
never expire!



[Click to BUY NOW](#)

<https://tinyurl.com/4-H-Wildcats>



\$15
per order



50%
donated back

Save \$2.49/dozen vs. buying in store.



March 1, 2025-April 30, 2025

Registration for County Fair (FairEntry)

Mark Your Calendars!

Entry for the El Paso County Fair opens on **Monday May 19th** and is required for all 4-H General Projects, 4-H Cloverbud, and 4-H Animal Projects who would like to exhibit at the 2025 El Paso County Fair. All exhibits/animals **MUST** be entered into the online FairEntry system. 4-H families will use their “4honline.com” username and password to log into the FairEntry system.

[Link to 2025 Fair Entry Instructions](#)

Exhibits must be entered by **Wednesday May 28, 2025**. A late fee of \$35.00 per family will be assessed for entries received between May 29-30, 2025. After May 30, 2025, 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 Wednesday June 4, 2025**. It is the member’s responsibility to check with the Extension Office to make sure the entry and payment were completed by the deadline.

For help with computer pre-entry, be sure to attend our Help Desk Day on Tuesday May 20, 2025 from 4:00 PM—6:00 PM at the East Library!

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 28, 2025, at the Fairgrounds starting at 8:00 AM. There will be a livestock exhibitor meeting beginning at 8:00 AM in the Owens Grandstands with a sign-in sheet for attendance. Tabletop will have a sign in sheet in the Whittemore Building.



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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 28, 2025, in Swink Hall from 9:00 AM—12:00 PM. These passes are free and come with your participation in the County Fair, and in 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.



Photo courtesy of Flying M Photography

4-H Camping Pass Volunteer Hours & El Paso County Fair Tickets

Last Call for Volunteer Hours!

Hey 4-H families! Time is almost up to complete your **30 volunteer hours** and secure **early access to 4-H Fair camping**. Families who meet the requirement will get priority when selecting their camping spot—so don't miss out!

Volunteering is a great way to support our fair, meet other amazing families, and make a difference in our 4-H community.

If you still need hours, there's **still time to sign up!** Just head over to our [Volunteer Sign-Up](#) and grab a spot.

2025 El Paso County Fair Updates

Important Dates:

April 1st - 4-H Tickets available! [4-H Ticket Page](#)

- **May 14th** – Early Camping Registration (4-H families that completed their volunteer hours)
- **May 19th** – 4-H Camping Registration

Got questions? We're happy to help! Call us at **719-520-7880** or send an email to events@elpasoco.com. Thank you for all you do—we couldn't do it without you!



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Grand Drive 4-H Club’s Italian Supper Fundraiser



Grand Drive 4-H Club’s
Italian Supper

Kit Carson Riding Club

6775 Cowpoke Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Please join us for our 7th Annual Fundraiser.

Meal will be served by our own 4-H members.

All money raised go to helping members with dues,
county fair fees, scholarships, and club apparel.

April 11, 2025
at 6pm

RSVP by April 7th

GrandDrive4H@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!
We hope to see you there.

- Homemade Lasagna with beef raised by 4-H families
- Silent Auction
- Demos by 4-H members

Hammersmith Sponsors the Speech Contest at County Contest!

**EL PASO COUNTY 4-H WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND
A SPECIAL THANKS TO...**



**Thank you for Sponsoring the
Speech Contest at El Paso
County Contest Day This
Year!**



Miniature Horse Clinics

April 26, 2025—Gymkhana & Clipping Clinic at Owens Arena 10:00 AM

May 11, 2025—Open Show at Two Hawks Arena (show bill is posted on Band App)

June 5-6, 2025—4-H Miniature Horse Camp with Qualifying Show



Photo courtesy of Flying M Photography

Showmanship Clinic



SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

**LEARN FROM THE BEST
INSTRUCTORS IN OUR COUNTY!**

AUTUMN & JESSE

26 APRIL 2025

1:00 PM WALK TROT/NOVICE

2:00 PM LIMITED & ADVANCED

Owens Arena at the Fairgrounds



English Western Horse Show



EL PASO COUNTY

ENGLISH WESTERN

HORSE SHOW

Written Test begins at 8:30 AM
Show begins at 9:00 AM
Classes are \$5

JUNE 7, 2025

LATIGO EQUESTRAIN CENTER



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Swine Tag Pick Up

1. Any youth member that plans on showing MARKET Swine at the County Fair needs to fill out the Google Survey by April 2, 2025.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsnyO6lFcukk3SVZFYXo1pS7ex4J52Uz9d46pexoqwNWk8pA/viewform?usp=dialog>

2. Please make sure that the youth member is enrolled in the 4-H Program under the Market Swine Project in 4HOnline. Members/Families will not be given tags until the member is actively enrolled in the 4HOnline system. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule.

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

4. Mark your calendars for **Swine Tag Pick Up on April 17th, 2025 at Swink Hall (El Paso County Fairgrounds) from 5:00 PM—6:00 PM to pick up tags.** Please remember important items the night you attend.

A. DNA envelopes cost \$3 per animal (CASH)

B. State fair nominations cost \$3 per animal (CASH)

C. The money will be collected on April 17, 2025, in CASH only

D. First year families are required to attend the tagging clinic at 4:30 PM that night BEFORE they can receive their tags.



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Swine Tag Pick Up Continued

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

A. UltraTagger Compact by Y-Text (This is the recommended one that features a quick release pin) https://www.valleyvet.com/ct_detail.html?pgguid=448C7D11-2EAE-430F-B7F7-8D0D12EE88D4

B. UltraTagger Plus Applicator by Y-Text https://www.valleyvet.com/ct_detail.html?pgguid=30E0767B-7B6A-11D5-A192-00B0D0204AE5

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

6. We will have detailed instructions in the packet available for families to use.

7. Once the 4-H Families have picked up their packets, tagged their hogs, and filled out the required paperwork please mark your calendars for **Thursday May 1st, 2025 from 5:00 PM—6:00 PM to drop off your packets in Owens Arena (El Paso County Fairgrounds).**

8. Please use the original packet given to you to store all your required elements.

The checklist of what should be in the packet is:

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

Market Goat and Sheep Tag In

Thursday May 1, 2025 Owens Arena—El Paso County Fairgrounds

- Any youth member that plans on showing MARKET Goat and/or Sheep at County Fair needs to fill out this Google Survey below by April 16, 2025.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNnpT9GgZJo8nl6SadHiHM-axBMCsUX3twhbg2nZsZT4H-2w/viewform>
- We will not be differentiating between species so being goats and/or sheep. Families can come between 5:00 PM—7:00 PM. Please note the office closes at 7:00 PM SHARP. No Exceptions.
- If our team is running behind, please be patient as we are working with live animals, technology, and a new process so sometimes it does not go as planned or expected.
- Only CASH will be accepted on the day of tag in (read below for details on price breakouts)
- REMEMBER: All animals must be castrated prior to being weighed and tagged in a 4-H Market project. Castration must be done prior to arriving at the fairgrounds (Not the day of tag in) and healed as much as possible.



Photo courtesy of Flying M Photography

Market Goat and Sheep Tag In Continued

- Things to know before coming:
 - You must bring your animal with a halter already on before it is unloaded, or it will not be tagged or weighed. The idea is to work with them ahead of time.
 - If your animals are sick or show signs of sore mouth and/or fungus, please email Emily.Green@colostate.edu and we will have you go across the scale and tag in at the end.
 - Market ewes and market does MUST have scrapies tags before tag in .
 - Please park your truck and trailers in the South Parking Lot and stay off the concrete in the Owens Livestock Arena.
 - Youth will walk their animals through the south sheep/goat barn and into the arena.
 - Tag in is the only time State Fair Nominations will be taken and will cost \$3 to nominate per animal (CASH ONLY).
 - Remember all 4-H Exhibitors must have their premise ID# on their nomination cards to be accepted for State Fair. This is a State Fair Policy. NOT a requirement to participate at the County Level. This information should be completed on ALL cards at the time of tag in.
 - You will need to apply for your premise ID number well in advance of tag in, so they have time to assign you one. Please do so 3-4 weeks before you need it. Please call 303-869-9000 to get your ID or visit the website at <https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>
 - Retinal scans at tag in are \$3 per animal due at tag in (CASH ONLY).
 - The first 6 ear tags are free, \$1 per tag over 6.
 - Only cash will be accepted.
 - Fees are due on the date of tag in.
 - If the weather is bad, please understand we will need to block off a different day in May.

Market Beef Re-Weigh for Rate of Gain Contest

If you have youth enrolled in the market beef project that are interested in entering the rate of gain contest for market beef, the re-weigh in date will be on **FRIDAY May 9th from 5:00 PM—6:00 PM**. If you miss the time frame for re-weigh you will not be eligible for the contest, no exceptions. The animals must be led across the parking lot and scale as there will not be any alley ways to help guide. To be eligible for this contest, one of the required steps is going to the re-weigh date listed above. The entire contest is outlined in the premium book if you have more questions.



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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 for questions

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

April 5, 2025

366 10th St. Calhan, CO 80808 <<<

Registration [LINK](#)



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SWINE SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

Join us for upcoming clinic that concentrates on showmanship and becoming a standout competitor in the ring! You can observe or bring your hog!

Clinician: Jessy Barger grew up showing pigs for 10 years across the Northwest. She judged competitively at college and has now judged all over the Northwest region.

MAY 9, 2025 AT 6:30 PM
Owens Livestock Arena

RSVP



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Market and Dairy Goat Fitting & Showmanship Clinic

Link to Register [HERE](#)

2025

El Paso County Market and Dairy Goat Fitting and Showmanship Clinic

BRING YOUR GOAT ON **MAY 24, 2025** El Paso County Fairgrounds -
366 10th St, Calhan, CO 80808

FITTING IN THE AM

9 - 11:30 AM

Watch and then Learn By Doing!

The morning session is dedicated to pre-show tips, tricks, and live illustrations of current fitting trends!

- Fitting demonstrations for market and dairy
- Hands-on application
- We will help YOU fit YOUR goat!

Let's SHOW!

The afternoon session is dedicated to champion showmen level showmanship skills!

- Specific instruction by market and dairy showmanship experts
- Showmanship practice with individualized advice
- Mock showmanship classes with a few fun prizes!

12:30-4 PM

SHOWING IN THE PM

Come all day or join for just one session!

MORE INFO: Contact Lora Bailey 719-629-6938
lorabailey02@gmail.com

Carcass Ultrasound Clinic

Link to Register [HERE](#)

What do we measure on each species?

Livestock trends over the years

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**CARCASS
CONTEST
CLINIC**

June 12, 2025 at 4:00 PM
Latigo Equestrian Center

Why do we slaughter when we do?

What is a carcass contest?

How do animals deposit fat?

What does a champion carcass look like?

Sheep, Goat and Swine Producer Forms

Please remember that the Sheep, Goat, and Swine Producer Forms are due by May 1, 2025. They should be emailed to Emily.Green@colostate.edu and include the dam and offspring information on the form. **The youth need to be enrolled in the breeding project to participate in the producer class at County Fair.** In addition, please remember to gather all the signatures on the form and attach pictures to the email.



Photo courtesy of Flying M Photography

First Year Market Lamb Program

Application can be found [HERE](#)

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 24th at 6:30pm Akers
- March 26th at 6:30 p.m. Akers
- April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Akers
- May 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds
- June 4th 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!

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



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



2025 Rabbit and Cavy Rally

RABBIT AND CAVY RALLY

May 3rd, 2025

SMALL ANIMAL BARN (NEW BARN)

EL PASO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

366 10th St, Calhan, CO 80808

Registration Begins at 9:30 a.m. with
the show starting at 10:00 a.m.

RALLY INCLUDES:

Concessions

Show for rabbits and cavy

Showmanship for rabbits and cavy

Informational game

Silent auction/door prizes

prices:

\$4 per rabbit/cavy for the show

\$2 per showman (optional)

\$1 Informational game (optional)

Cash (exact preferred) and Checks ONLY

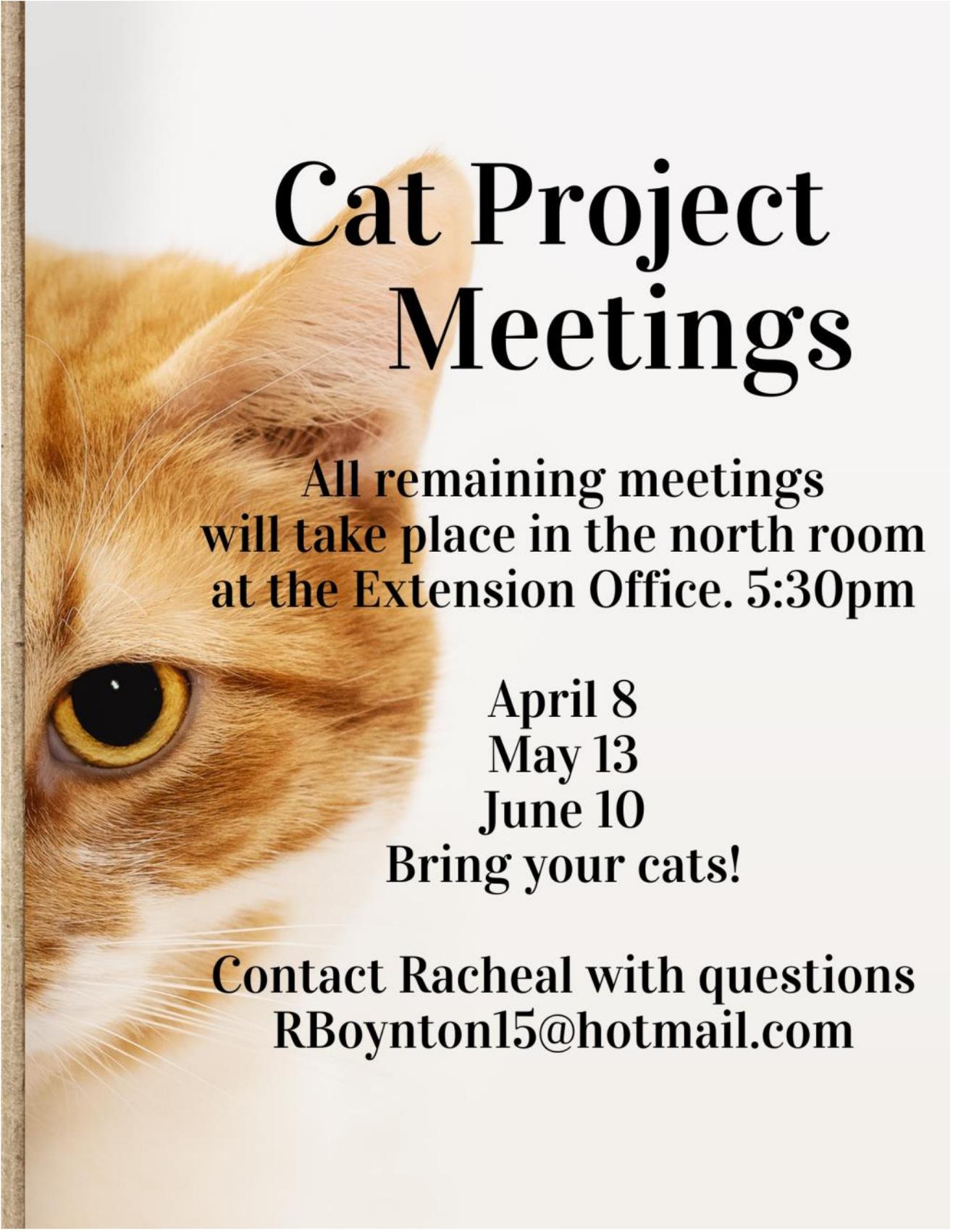
For questions, please email Kylie Farr at smiley.kyliejk94@gmail.com or
Samantha Taylor at rabit_luver_5@hotmail.com

** If RHDV2 cases are within 25 miles of Calhan and within 45 days of
the show, we will move the show to a different location or we will cancel
the show.



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Cat Project Meetings



Cat Project Meetings

All remaining meetings
will take place in the north room
at the Extension Office. 5:30pm

April 8

May 13

June 10

Bring your cats!

Contact Racheal with questions
RBoynton15@hotmail.com

Mock Dog Show

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpefihv7mEdPuiUb5-0w8VBAZWt5s8zOXO62ektaYFhBE-rw/viewform>



El Paso County Fairgrounds in Whittemore
366 10th St Calhan, CO 80808
Start Time- 9:00 AM

APRIL 13, 2025



Receive guidance and support from seasoned volunteers and youth



Practice a show ring setting



Scent Work Demonstration



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El Paso County Dog Show

Link to Register [HERE](#)



EL PASO COUNTY
DOG SHOW

Come join us for a fun day of showing your dogs at the El Paso County Fairgrounds! This is a great way to practice for County Fair and have fun with your 4-H peers!

Show Information
 \$5 per class (Cash or check)
 Check In Time is 8:00 AM
 Show Start Time is 9:00 AM
 Pre-registration is required and closes on May 15, 2025

Events:

- ✓ Showmanship
- ✓ Rally
- ✓ Obedience
- ✓ Silent Auction



REGISTRATION LINK

MAY 31, 2025

 Rboynton15@hotmail.com
 366 10th St Calhan, CO 80808




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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



Hello 4-H Tabletop & 4-H Shooting Sports Members!

Are you planning on entering County Fair and/or competing in the 4-H Shooting Sports County Competition? *Check out your rules and requirements today!*

The County Fair Tabletop Competition Rules AND 4-H Shooting Sports County Competition Rules are available on the [El Paso County 4-H Website](#) right now!

All Tabletop Project County Fair Requirements can be found starting on page 4.

All 4-H Shooting Sports County Competition Rules and competition forms can be found starting on page 21.

Find ALL Rules and Requirements by visiting the El Paso County Website [HERE](#).

2025

El Paso County Fair

4-H Members' Guide to 4-H Tabletop

Project Exhibits & Contests

General Consumer Science, 4-H Shooting Sports, Tabletop, & other Non-Living Animal Exhibits



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/>

April:

- Saturday 5th Pistol Berm (25 & 50)
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54337088-04052025#/>
- Sunday 13th 12:00 PM—4:00 PM Classroom for SQA
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54642617-04132025#/>
- Friday 18th 5:30—9:00 PM Council Meeting
- Saturday 19th Archery & Shotgun
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54337198-04192025#/>
- Sunday 27th 12:00 PM—4:00 PM Classroom for Hunting & Outdoor Skills training
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54337202-04272025#/>
- Wednesday 30th 6:00 PM—8:30 PM Range Only Rifle
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-54337230-04302025#/>



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) and 4-H Admin Shawna Lamothe (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) and 4-H Admin Shawna Lamothe (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 with any questions!

Recap and Upcoming Meetings

The Youth County Council held their meeting on March 25. Cake Builders Academy, Summerfest, and End of School party are in the works. Please come join the fun and help plan these activities at our next meeting April 29! Each club should have a representative at each youth council meeting.



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

Currently the following opportunities coming up are:

- Weld County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitationals
- Statewide 4-H Miniature Horse Camp
- Poudre River 4-H Dog Show
- CAHC Horse Show
- Jeffco 4-H Winter Classic Horse Show
- Statewide 4-H Horse Clinic
- Douglas County Horse Shows
- Spring Gather Open Horse Show & Clinic



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