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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

[LINK](#) to Accommodations Form

Check out Youth County Council!

Find the Zoom Link [HERE](#)



Check It Out!



EL PASO COUNTY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

4-H Youth County Council!

Upcoming Meetings!

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

MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30 PM!
Meetings have MOVED to the Extension Office (17 N. Spruce St. 80905)



- JANUARY 27, 2026
- FEBRUARY 24, 2026
- MARCH 31, 2026
- APRIL 28, 2026
- MAY 26, 2026

NEW Join us Via Zoom for All Regularly Scheduled Advisory Committee Meetings!
ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/94664978761>

Where: El Paso County Extension Office, 17. N. Spruce Street, 80905



2026 El Paso County 4-H Superintendent List

Find the Superintendent List on our website [HERE](#)



Opportunities at the Fairgrounds

The El Paso County Fair & Events Center has ongoing opportunities for 4-H families to get involved throughout the year! Family members (ages 8+) can earn hours by helping at Fair & Events Center activities and community events. Once a family reaches **30 hours**, they're invited to register early for Fair camping — a great way to both support the Fair and increase your chances of securing one of our **limited camping spaces**.

👉 Sign up here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RgMdCb-vuCheM63Cd_XMVTSWqycSQYDJyUacuZLLlc/edit?usp=sharing

We're also partnering with the **Calhan Christmas Parade of Lights** on **December 13th!** Hours are available for the **Holiday Fair** portion of the day, and we're encouraging 4-H clubs to join the parade to show off their holiday spirit. The parade is organized separately by

To request a scholarship, please email us a short paragraph describing your club's planned participation and reason for requesting funds.

Let's light up the holidays together and continue building community pride through 4-H!

[2025 Christmas in Calhan Guide](#)

[2025 Calhan Christmas Parade Registration](#)

Scholar Path

RSVP [HERE](#)

For more information on Scholar Path, click [HERE](#)



ScholarPath
TURNING ASPIRATIONS INTO ACHIEVEMENTS

**Unlock Opportunities,
Empower Dreams**

Jessyca Tierney- Smith
Founder & Presenter




IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING!

Key Features

In this power-packed workshop, students turn their career goals from "meh" to "heck yes!" Scholarship secrets, campus visits, college admissions, how to save thousands, finding your fit are a few of the focused topics. By the end of this workshop, students will have resources, connections, and the first step to pursue a career like the total rock star they are. You can also help us select which topics you are interested in!

Giveaways for Attendees:

(3) 1-hour private consulting meetings

\$10 PER YOUTH WITH LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

RSVP WITH LINK

TARGET AUDIENCE: 9-11 GRADE

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 7, 2026**

10:00 AM- 12:30 PM

17 N Spruce Street

Home
Turning Aspirations into Achievements Boost Your ScholarPath
ScholarPath empowers students to confidently navigate their path from high school to college and beyond. Through engaging workshops,...

Questions
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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EL PASO COUNTY EXTENSION

New 4-H Club Huddle



EL PASO COUNTY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

NEW 4-H CLUB

Huddle

BE PART OF SOMETHING GROWING!

WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE FORMATION OF A BRAND-NEW 4-H CLUB IN OUR COMMUNITY ON THE WEST SIDE OF TOWN! COME MEET OTHER INTERESTED FAMILIES, ASK QUESTIONS, GET TO KNOW THE CLUB LEADER, AND HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THIS NEW 4-H CLUB.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Contact
Kevin Kersey
kevinkersey01@gmail.com



MONDAY JANUARY 19, 2026 AT 6 PM

PROROEDO Hall of Fame Pavilion
103 Pro Rodeo Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80919

2026 El Paso County Contest Day

Save the Date: Saturday April 11th, 2026!

4-H COUNTY CONTEST DAY!

Get Ready to Share Your Voice at County Contest Day!

The El Paso County 4-H Contest Day is a GREAT opportunity to practice Public Speaking, Share a Skill, Perform, Act, Engage and **SHARE OUT LOUD!**

Prepare for the County Contest in April each year!



Bakeology Contest



- Ages - Cloverbuds, and 8-18
- Highlight your skills in Baking! Try out a new recipe and interview with a Judge! Members 8-18 will compete to be “Baker of the Day!”



Cake Decorating Contest



- Ages - By Unit, 8-18
- JR, INT and SR Winners advance to State Fair!
- Are you enrolled in Cake Decorating? Get ready to take your skills to the next level in this contest! Prepare and decorate your cake before the time runs out!



Demonstrations/ Illustrated Talks



- Ages - Cloverbuds, and 8-18
- Individual or Team
- Winners advance to State Fair!
- Do YOU have a 4-H Topic you think people need to know more about? Then participate in a Demonstration or Illustrated Talk! Share your knowledge with an audience and help teach them something new!



EPC Performing Arts Contest



- Ages - Cloverbuds, and 8-18
- Share your skills on the Big Stage! Participants can sing, act, dance or play a musical instrument!

Horse Public Speaking



- Ages - Seniors 14-18
- SR Winners advance to 4-H State Conference!
- Share some “Horse Sense” with your audience! Share information about Equine-related topics in this Senior-Only Contest!



Interpretive Reading



- Ages - Cloverbuds and 8-18
- JR, INT and SR Winners advance to State Fair!
- Participants prepare and deliver a rendition of a piece of pre-written material in this contest. How you interpret the words and deliver the performance is up to you!



Impromptu Speech



- Ages - 8-18
- SR Winners advance to 4-H State Conference!
- If you like speaking “off the cuff” then the Impromptu Speech Contest is for you! Get a topic, and 5 minutes later share your speech with the judge! Be Bold and give this contest a try!



Prepared Speech



- Ages - 8-18
- SR Winners advance to 4-H State Conference!
- Prepare a speech relevant to today’s youth—with a 4-H Flair! Participants in this category have the opportunity to win an additional cash sponsorship!



Join the Electricity Project!

JOIN THE 4-H ELECTRICITY PROJECT!



Dr. Phil Jahelka will be leading the Electricity project this year--project support is open to all 4-H members in El Paso County!

CHECK OUT THE 4-H ELECTRICITY PROJECT BAND, HERE:
<https://band.us/n/a8aeb0r5ifNeq>

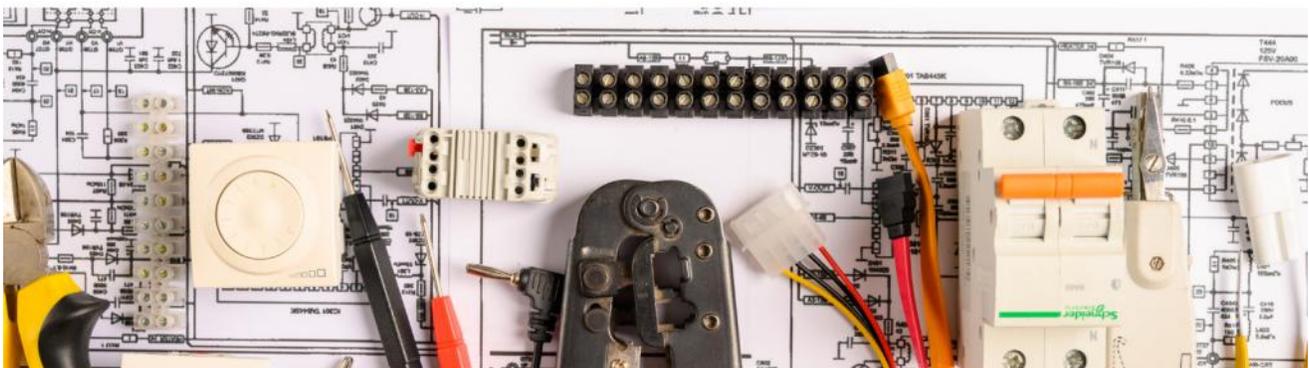


You Can Reach Phil at:
phillip.jahelka@gmail.com

Phil is an alum of the 4-H Electricity project and served as a judge at the 2025 County Fair, as he did not support any members last year.

In the past, he's conducted tours of local solar and wind farms and taught soldering skills in designing and making breadboards. He'll work via Zoom and in-person as he returns to Colorado often.

You can learn more about his professional experience with the CalTech Space Solar Power Project here, <https://atwater.caltech.edu/team-member/phil-jahelka>.



2025-2026 4-H E-RECORDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Hello 4-H families! The 2025-2026 E-Records (Record Books) are now available via Google Drive! Click on the project link name to download your copies. **If you do not have a Google account**, please email Shawna.Lamothe@colostate.edu and we can send you an Word/Excel version of the document.

Animal Science E-Records

- [Cats \(Display Board—Use if you don't show a cat\)](#)
- [Cats Junior \(Companion Animal\)](#)
- [Cats Intermediate \(Companion Animal\)](#)
- [Cats Senior \(Companion Animal\)](#)
- [Dog Junior](#)
- [Dog Intermediate](#)
- [Dog Senior](#)
- [Horseless Horse](#)
- [Horse](#)
- [Miniature Horse Supplement](#)
- [Livestock Junior \(Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine\)](#)
- [Livestock Intermediate \(Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine\)](#)
- [Livestock Senior \(Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine\)](#)
- **Livestock Supplements**
 - [Goat Doe Record](#)
 - [Breeding Goats](#)
 - [Angora Goats](#)
 - [Cashmere Goats](#)
 - [Dairy Cow Production Record](#)
 - [Poultry Egg Production Record](#)
 - [Individual Buck Rabbit Record](#)
 - [Individual Doe Rabbit Record](#)
 - [Individual Litter Record](#)
 - [Ewe Record](#)
 - [Sow Record](#)
 - [Veterinary Science](#)

2025-2026 4-H E-RECORDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Communication, Arts and Leisure Science E-Records

- [Ceramics](#)
- [Filmmaking](#)
- [Global Citizenship](#)
- [Leadership](#)
- [Leathercraft](#)
- [Photography Basics, Unit 1 \(Year 1\)](#)
- [Photography Basics Unit 2 \(Year 2\)](#)
- [Photography Next Level Unit 3](#)
- [Photography Mastering Unit 4](#)
- [Photography Low Light Unit 5](#)
- [Photography Advanced Unit 6](#)
- [Photography Digital Image Editing Unit 7](#)
- [Scrapbooking](#)
- [Visual Arts](#)

Family Consumer Science E-Records

- [Artistic Clothing](#)
- [Buymanship](#)
- [Cake Decorating](#)
- [Clothing Construction](#)
- [Foods and Nutrition](#)
- [Food Preservation](#)
- [Heritage Arts](#)
- [Home Design and Décor](#)

2025-2026 4-H E-RECORDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Mechanical Sciences E-Records

- [Computer Science](#)
- [Electricity](#)
- [Metalworking](#)
- [Model Rocketry](#)
- [Robotics and Engineering](#)
- [Small Engines Units 1-3](#)
- [Small Engines Unit 4](#)
- [Woodworking](#)

Natural Resources E-Records

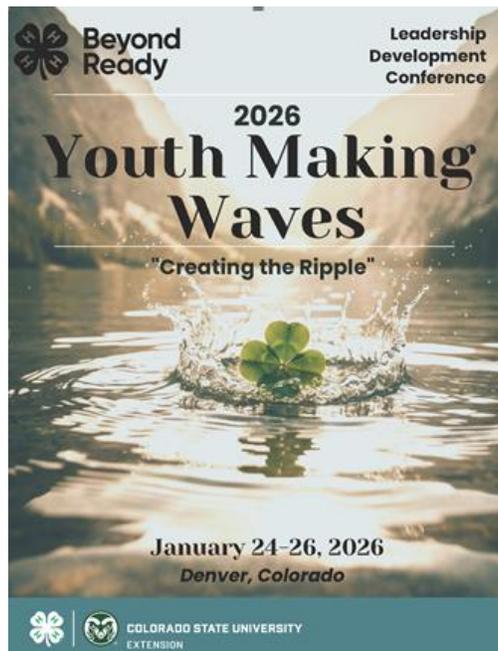
- [Beekeeping](#)
- [Beekeeping Units 2-4](#)
- [Entomology](#)
- [Gardening](#)
- [Outdoor Adventures](#)
- [Shooting Sports](#)
- [Sportfishing](#)
- [Wildlife](#)

Supplemental

- [Self-Determined](#)

Registration for Leadership Development Conference is now Open!

LDC is one of the most memorable Leadership opportunities offered by Colorado 4-H. Participants will have the opportunity to spend 3 days hanging out with 4-H members from across the State, participating in workshops, playing, doing team building activities, attending a Formal Banquet and Dancing the night away! Participants stay at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver, CO and will have the opportunity to visit the Denver Capitol and attend and fun “County Night Out” Activity!



Conference Details:

- 4-H Leadership Development Conference will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, **January 24-26, 2025, this year.**
- The Conference is **\$354.00 per participant.** Your fee includes conference registration, hotel stay, and banquet.
- Please plan to bring money for the County Night Out Dinner on Sunday Night (approx. \$35), and breakfast and lunch on Monday, plus any additional spending money you might need.

Transportation to and from the Conference will be provided by 4-H Chaperones.

How to Enroll:

Enrollment is now open in **4HOnline.**

- El Paso County online Registration CLOSSES on Friday, December 26.
- All registration payments are due to the Extension Office by 5:00 PM, Friday, January 9.

Leadership Development Conference Cont'd

Registration Payments:

- ALL Registration Fees are due to the Extension Office by **5:00 PM on Friday, January 9.**

There are three ways to pay your registration fee:

Write a check.

- Checks should be made out to Colorado State University Extension (please put “El Paso County 4-H – LDC” in the memo line)
- Checks should be brought to the Extension Office (17 N. Spruce Street, 80905).
- ***Please note that the Office is closed from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM each day for lunch.***

Pay with Cash.

- Cash should be brought to the Extension Office (17 N. Spruce Street, 80905)
- ***Please note that the Office is closed from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM each day for lunch.***

Credit/Debit Card payment in-person or over the phone.

- Please note that there MAY be a nominal service fee added to any credit or debit card charge.

Need Extra Support? Apply for a Scholarship through the El Paso County Ag Youth Foundation:

- Please see the application [HERE](#)

Please mail your application to:

El Paso County Ag Youth Foundation,
c/o Kathy Hisey, President
24 Circle C Road
Fountain, CO 80817

Or email to epcagyouth@gmail.com

- Please note that scholarships are retroactive, and any scholarship received will arrive after members pay the office.
- Members MUST pay the full fee to the Extension Office. All scholarships are handled through the El Paso County Ag Youth Foundation.

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES:

*Please note that our office is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM but **CLOSED** an hour for lunch each day between 12:00 and 1:00 PM. Our office will also be **CLOSED** in observance of these upcoming holidays:*

- Tuesday, December 2 (Staff training)
- Thursday, December 4 (Staff county holiday lunch – office will be open later afternoon)
- Wednesday, December 24
- Thursday, December 25
- Wednesday, December 31
- Thursday, January 1

Reporter’s Round Up

REPORTERS ROUND UP

4-H OFFICER TRAINING

CLUBS: A-OK, COUNTRY STYLE, & GOLDEN PRAIRIE



REPORTERS: KAYLEE MCDANIEL, SHANNON HUDSON, LYDIA GINSBURG, BOWEN ECKHARDT, & JACK DECKER

On November 6th and 17th, the El Paso County Extension Office hosted club officer training sessions. These workshops included an icebreaker game, officer/leadership breakout sessions, a Saving Sammy challenge, and raffle prizes. YCC members and club officers from 4-Bits, A-OK, Country Style, Frontier Pioneers, Grand Drive, Greener Pastures, Golden Prairie, Hearts ‘n’ Hooves, Pals of the Pines, Plainsmen, and Wildcats were in attendance. These participants represented the roles of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, and Reporter. The purpose of the training was to discuss officer roles and their record books, to teach officers about their specific duties and responsibilities, and to build teamwork and interact with 4-H members from across the county. These events went well for our clubs because everyone learned something new. Winning prizes and drawing from the Bucket of Doom for the icebreaker activity was fun. We also liked eating lots of good snacks and candy throughout the night. According to a poll on BAND, the Historians and Reporters enjoyed the officer breakout session best. One reporter especially delighted in goofing off with fellow 4-Hers



“My favorite part was making new friends and meeting other reporters.” — Shannon Hudson, YCC & Country Style Club

Beef Tag In

Date: February 21, 2026

Back Up Date: This date will only be used if communicated by the Extension Office and species Superintendents due to weather. Please make sure to have both dates clear on your calendar. There are no alternative dates for tag in due to the number of volunteers it takes to run this event.

February 28, 2026—evening

Location: Owens Livestock Arena at the El Paso County Fairgrounds

Required Sign Up (Time Slots): Time slots will be assigned this year so please fill out the Google Survey link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvv2IUcWe9fo0EA9bm5DPCwmk3N7RVsU-h6dY0pQOm7OqOzA/viewform>

This form **MUST** be filled out and submitted by January 30, 2026 to participate in Beef Tag In.

State Fair Nomination Cards and Premise ID's: Remember all 4-H and FFA exhibitors must have their Premise ID# on their nomination cards to be accepted for State Fair. This is a State Policy NOT a requirement to participate in the local 4-H program. This information should be completed on the nomination card 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 apply online at <https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>

Beef Tag In Continued

Expectations:

- All market beef **MUST** have an RFID tag before they cross the scale
- Please be on time or early! If you show up late or past your time slot, you will have to be moved to the back of the line. We believe in giving priority to those scheduled in their time slot so we will not allow families who are late or miss their time slot to cut in front of others.
- If our team is running behind, please be patient as we are working with live animals and technology.
- You must bring your animal with a halter already on before it is unloaded, or it will not be tagged, retinal scanned, or weighed.
- Any uncontrollable animals will NOT be tagged, retinal scanned, or weighed! This is at the discretion of the Extension Agent and Superintendent. The idea is to work with them ahead of time!
- Please have your calves brand inspected prior to coming to tag-in. Do not forget to bring your brand inspection papers.
- Tag-in is the only time State Fair Nominations will be taken, and it will cost \$3 per animal nominated.
- Retinal scans at tag-in are \$3.00 per animal due at tag in.
- The first 6 ear tags are free, \$1.00 per tag over six
- Fees are due before the animal can cross the scale and be tagged in
- ALL MARKET ANIMALS MUST BE CASTRATED PRIOR TO BEING WEIGHED AND TAGGED AS A 4-H MARKET PROJECT. CASTRATION MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS (NOT THE DAY OF TAG IN) AND HEALED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
- ALL ANIMALS MUST BE DEHORNED

2026 4-H County Fair Horse Show Office Fee

The 4-H Horse Project has continued with the implementation with a 4-H Horse Show Sponsorship for \$100 per exhibitor if money is deposited before April 1 or \$120 4-H Horse Show Office fee per exhibitor if the money is deposited after April 1. This is to help cover awards and expenses for the 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.

El Paso County Horse Project Manual

The El Paso County Horse Manual has been updated for the 2025-2026 4-H Year. Please make sure to save this manual and refer to it for all your horse project information. This is a great resource that answers a lot of questions concerning policies and opportunities.

[Find the Manual HERE](#)

Looking Forward

- January 30, 2026—Funding and Friends Workshop at the Extension Office at 6:00 PM (bring your favorite snack to share)
- February 28, 2026— Showmanship with Autumn H. as guest clinician



Showmanship Clinic

Please RSVP [HERE](#)



SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

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

AUTUMN & GUEST

28 FEBRUARY 2026
10:00 AM WALK TROT/NOVICE
11:00 AM LIMITED & ADVANCED
MINIATURE HORSES CAN ATTEND ANY SESSION

Owens Arena at the Fairgrounds



Looking Forward

- December 6, 2025—Cancelled due to EHV Outbreak
- January 3, 2026—Feed, nutrition and halter with Kelley H.
- January 30, 2026— Funding and Friends Workshop at the Extension Office at 6:00 PM (bring your favorite snack to share)
- January 31, 2026—Ground Driving and Driving with Kelley H.
- February 15, 2026—Ground Driving and Driving with Kelley H.
- February 28, 2026—Showmanship with Autumn H. & guest clinician



Small Animal Creation Stations

Please RSVP [Here](#)



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2026

9:00 AM-11:00 AM

El Paso County Fairgrounds- Swink

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

Emily.Green@colostate.edu

Cat Project Meetings

**CAT PROJECT
MEETINGS 2025-2026**

**HIGH PRAIRIE LIBRARY, FALCON
JANUARY 13, FEBRUARY 10, AND
MARCH 10 5-6PM**

**CSU EXTENSION OFFICE
BRING YOUR CATS!
APRIL 14, MAY 12, AND JUNE 9
5:30-6:30PM**

QUESTIONS? CONTACT RACHEAL
RBOYNTON15@HOTMAIL.COM



Rabbit and Cavy Project Meetings

Rabbit Meetings

Every second THURSDAY every month
Extention Office 17 N. Spruce St.
6:00 pm

Bring:

Rabbit or rabbits, something to put your rabbit on (carpet square, towel, ect.)

Please park in the south parking lot and wait by the employee entrance to be let in!



Cavy Meetings

First WEDNESDAY of every month
starting October!
Extention Office 17 N. Spruce St.
6:00pm

Bring:

Your cavy, something to put your cavy on (towel, puppy pads, ect.), Record book, notebook to take notes

Please park in the south parking lot and wait by the employee door to be let in!



Dog Orientation

Are you new to the 4-H Dog Project or thinking about joining? Come learn what the program is all about at our Dog Orientation Workshop!

Date: January 17, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Latigo Equestrian Center—Community Room (upstairs)

This workshop is perfect for new and interested 4-H members who want to understand project expectations, equipment needs, and how to get started for a successful year with their canine partner. Families will have the chance to meet project leaders, senior youth members, ask questions, and learn more about what the Dog Project has to offer. Whether you're brand new or just exploring your options, we'd love to see you there!



Gardening Project Meetings!

[Please RSVP HERE](#)

El Paso County 4-H GARDEN PROJECT



Lessons Include:

- Composting & Worms
- Companion Planting
- Growing What in What Season
- Building and Planning Your Garden
- Pesky Pests
- & Much More

Upcoming Meetings:

- 11.19.25
- 1.21.26
- 2.18.26
- 3.18.26
- 4.22.26
- 5.13.26
- June TBD

Meeting Location:

CSU Extension Office
17 N Spruce St
Colorado Springs, CO

6:00pm - 7:00p

Join the El Paso County Master Gardeners for in-person Gardening Classes!

Starting with 4-H Gardening Manuals A & B, the Master Gardeners will help 4-H members learn the ins and outs of gardening in Colorado



EL PASO COUNTY 4-H

ROBOTICS



Come join us!

Date: 2nd Tuesday of Each Month

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Falcon Fire Station 4
2710 Capital Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80939

Reach out on Band!



Visual Arts December Meeting



**Visual Arts
Zoom Meeting**

December 21st
Noon to 1 PM

Details in Band App:
El Paso County Visual Arts Project



Questions? Contact Kirsten Pyhtila via email or call:
kirstenpyhtila@gmail.com or 719-314-9841

What to Bring to Practice???

Anyone willing to volunteer to arrive early to help set up or stay late to help take down is always welcome and GREATLY appreciated!! All the Shooting Sports Leaders are volunteers. Please be nice to them!!

4-HERS FOR EVERY PRACTICE

Water and Snacks
Sunscreen

POSITIVE ATTITUDE ANDS DESIRE TO LEARN

FOR PARENTS

Water and Snacks
Sunscreen

Something to do like a good book

*<https://el Paso.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2024/03/Permission-to-Fire-a-Handgun-10.9.19.pdf>

** Optional but recommended items

Folding Chair

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

.22 Rifle

Rifle
Case
Ammunition
Eye Protection
Ear Protection
Clear Bore Indicator
**Mat
**Ammunition Block
**Binoculars or spotting scope

.22 Pistol

***Permission to Fire Handgun form**
Pistol
Case
Ammunition
Eye Protection
Ear Protection
Clear Bore Indicator
**Binoculars or spotting scope

Air Pistol

Pistol
Case
Ammunition
Co2 cartridges
** Ammunition Block
Eye Protection
Ear Protection
**Clear Bore Indicator
**Binoculars or spotting scope

Air Rifle

Rifle
Case
Ammunition
Co2 cartridges
Mat
Eye Protection
Ear Protection
**Clear Bore Indicator
**Ammunition Block
**Binoculars or spotting scope

Muzzleload Rifle and Pistol

Rifle/Pistol
Case
Powder,Patch and Ball (or it won't shoot at all)
Powder Flask/Powder Horn
Original Powder Container
Powder measure
Ball starter
Ramrod
Caps and capper
Cleaning patches and solution
Eye Protection
Ear Protection
**Binoculars or spotting scope

Archery

Bow
Case
Arrows
Quiver
Arm Guard
Finger Tab or Release
** Binoculars

Shotgun

Shotgun
Case
Ammunition
Eye Protection
Ear Protection
**Ammunition bag
**Shooting vest

Questions: contact us on Band or Facebook :

EPC 4H Shooting Sports

Email us at: epc.shootingsports@gmail.com

December:

Monday December 8th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Western Heritage 5:30 PM—8:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-59014043-12082025#/>

January:

Thursday January 8th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—Pistol 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-60780758-01082026#/>

Monday January 12th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Western Heritage 5:30 PM—8:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-60780757-01122026#/>

Thursday January 15th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Archery 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-60780761-01152026#/>

Sunday January 18th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—

Mandatory SQA Clinics & Range 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-58980845-01182026#/>

Monday January 19th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Air Rifle & Air Pistol 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-60780772-01192026#/>

Thursday January 22nd—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—Rifle 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-60780773-01222026#/>

February:

Thursday February 5th—Colorado Parks and Wildlife—
Pistol 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Monday February 9th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Western Heritage 5:30 PM—8:00 PM

Thursday February 19th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—Rifle 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Friday February 20th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Council Meeting 5:30PM—9:00 PM



March:

Monday March 9th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Western Heritage 5:00 PM—8:00 PM

Monday March 16th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—Archery 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Tuesday March 17th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—Rifle 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Saturday March 21st Frontier Sportsman Club Hanover—
Archery 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Sunday March 22nd—Frontier Sportsman Club Hanover—
Archery, Muzzleload & .22 Pistol 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

April:

Saturday April 4th—Frontier Sportsman Club Hanover—
Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleload 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Monday April 13th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Western Heritage—5:30 PM—8:00 PM

Friday April 17th Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Council Meeting 6:30 PM—9:00 PM

Saturday April 18th—Frontier Sportsman Club Hanover—
Archery 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Sunday April 19th—Frontier Sportsman Club Hanover—
Archery, Muzzleload & .22 Pistol 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

May:

Saturday May 2nd—Frontier Sportsman Club Hanover—
Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleload—9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Monday May 11th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Western Heritage 5:30 PM—8:00 PM

Friday May 16th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Council Meeting 6:30 PM—9:00 PM

Saturday May 16th—Frontier Sportsman Club Hanover—
Archery 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

Sunday May 17th—Frontier Sportsman Club Hanover—
Archery, Muzzleload & .22 Pistol 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

June:

Monday June 8th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Western Heritage 5:30 PM—8:00 PM

July:

Monday July 13th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Western Heritage 5:30 PM—8:00 PM

August:

Monday August 10th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Western Heritage 5:30 PM—8:00 PM

September:

Monday September 14th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Western Heritage—5:30 PM—8:00 PM

Shooting Sports—Fun Card Fundraising Event

Looking for some fun this fall break or upcoming Christmas break? Check out Main Event! El Paso County 4H Shooting Sports is pumped to launch our Main Event Fun Card Fundraising Campaign! Now, through December 31, 2025, when you purchase a Main Event Fun Card from our fundraising page, 50% of your order directly supports El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports! Whether it's classic arcade thrills, action-packed racing, or multiplayer challenge, enjoy endless gaming fun at any Main Event center nationwide when you purchase your Fun Card at the link below. Don't forget to share it with friends and family to join in the fun: grouprai.se/mainevent65918m.



Colorado State Competition Dates:

- Saturday August 22nd and Sunday August 23rd 2026:
 - Archery—Colorado City
 - .22 Rifle & Muzzleload—Pueblo West
 - .177 Rifle & .177 Pistol—Colorado State Fairgrounds Event Center
- Saturday September 19th and Sunday September 20th 2026: (date subject to change)
 - Western Heritage & Hunting & Outdoor Skills National Qualifiers
- Saturday September 5th and September 6th 2026
 - Shotgun & .22 Pistol—Pikes Peak Gun Club



Whittington Center Adventure Camp Scholarship Application

For 4-H Shooting Sports Members aged 13-17

Completed Applications Due: **Sunday, March 1, 2026, by 5:00 PM**

Applications must be emailed to Jen Loewen

at: 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 **THREE** El Paso County 4-H members to attend the NRA Whittington Center Adventure Camp program on June 28 – July 10, 2026. Enrolled 4-H 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/youthprograms/>

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.

Please follow this link to find this year's Required Application: <https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2025/09/NRAWhittingtonCenterApplication-2026.pdf>

International Foreign Youth Exchange Program (IFYE)

IFYE USA offers foreign exchange experiences for 4-H Alumni and young adults an opportunity to experience another way of life by living it; IFYE is truly a “learn by doing” experience. It’s a chance to see new places, make new friends, and soak in another culture. Also, Colorado has a very generous partial scholarship available for former 4-H members to support the program costs.

[Learn more about this amazing opportunity.](#)

To receive additional information or share your interest in IFYE, fill out the [IFYE Interest Form](#) or scan the QR code.



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Happy Holidays!

From everyone on the El Paso County 4-H Team!



And the entire
El Paso County Extension Team!

