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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 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
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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



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>

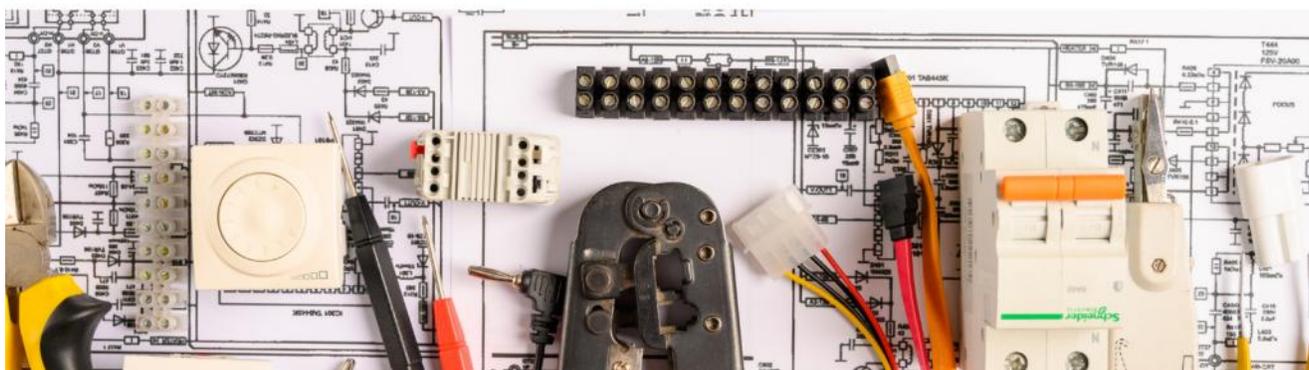


You Can Reach Phil at:
phillip.jahelka@gmail.com

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>.



2026 El Paso County Contest Day

Save the Date: Saturday April 11th, 2026!

Please review the 2026 County Contest Rules Packet [HERE](#)

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!



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](#)

2026 Important Dates—Part 1

2026 Important Dates

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Sat | February 21 | Beef Tag In

Sat | April 4 | Beef Blow N Go Show

Mon | April 13 | Swine Tag Pickup

Wed | April 29 | MQA

Mon | April 27 | Swine Tag Drop Off

Thurs | April 30 | Animal ID's due (Breeding livestock, dairy, pygmy, horse, mini horse, cat, dog, and camelid)

Thurs | May 7 | Market Goat & Sheep Tag In

2026 Important Dates—Part 2

2026 Important Dates

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Fri | May 15 Market Beef Re-Weigh

Mon | June 1 FairEntry Opens

Fri | June 12 FairEntry Closes at 4:00 PM

Tues | June 23 FairEntry payment is due at 4:00 PM

Sat | June 27 Fair Cleanup & Exhibitor Meeting

Sun | June 28 Health Certifications

**Dates are subject to change so please review the newsletter each month for verification of information*

Small Animal Creation Stations

Please RSVP [Here](#)



SMALL ANIMAL *Creation Stations*

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

Horse Judging Practices

Horse Judging Practices Begin in February!

The Horse Judging Team is gearing up to get a new team started after several members have moved on to pursue college judging careers. Introductory practices, for those who are interested in giving it a try, will start on Thursday February 19th! Practices are every Thursday from 6:30—8:30 PM. If you are new and wanting to try Horse Judging, these are the practices to attend! Horse Judging is available to anyone in any project (not just horse project members) for all ages. As the team progresses and develops, there will be opportunities to travel to the major shows; AQHYA World Show, Arabian Nationals, Paint Halter Millions, Quarter Horse Congress in Ohio (which the team just won this past fall) in addition to the instate regular season which runs from February through July 1st. Practices will be held at the **Environmental Services Building 93255 Akers Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80922**) **Come to the backdoor and knock as it stays locked.**

If you want more information, please contact Jonathan at Jonathan.Vrabec@colostate.edu



BYPD Youth Summit

Hello 4-H Members aged 8-18!

Colorado 4-H is excited to invite you to join us for the **BYPB Youth Summit** at the [U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum](#) on **Monday, May 4, 2026**, in **Colorado Springs!** Our *Becoming Your Personal Best* partners are providing lunch and museum tickets!

The total visit will last about two hours, and space is limited! **El Paso County 4-H has secured 10 youth participation slots—so please register HERE if you are interested in attending!** Registration closes **Monday, March 9 at 5:00 PM.**

Members must be dropped off and picked up from the museum by a parent/guardian, but will be chaperoned by El Paso County Chaperones during the event. **If you are interested in attending as a 4-H Volunteer Chaperone—please contact Jen Loewen!** 😊

Event Schedule

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.—Athlete Talk/Interaction

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.—Self-guided Tour

11:30 - 12:00 p.m.—Lunch

Lunch will be a sandwich, chips, fruit, dessert, and bottled water. The museum unfortunately cannot accommodate any dietary restrictions, and youth/chaperones are welcome to bring their own lunch if they want.

Please let Jen Loewen know if you have any questions and register today! 😊



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 the county extension's ability to determine reasonable accommodation. Because it can take time to plan for some accommodations, El Paso County 4-H requests that the form be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the event or activity. Submitting a request for accommodation on shorter notice may reduce or limit county extension's ability to implement the accommodations. Please note that the accommodation may not be the one proposed by the participant.

If you have any questions regarding your 4-H member's participation in a 4-H Event, please email 4-H Specialists Emily Green (Emily.Green@colostate.edu) and Jennifer Loewen (Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu) and they can provide additional information.

Accommodations Form [HERE](#)

Update on 4-H Schedule and Premium Books—Awaiting Approval

The Fair Advisory Board cancelled their January meeting so the 4-H Schedule and Premium Books will be published in the March Newsletter.



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

4-H/FFA Service Award

Dear 4-H/FFA Families,

Happy 2026 from your Fair Advisory Board Executive Committee! As we welcome in the new year, we would like to remind you all of the upcoming registration period for the 4-H/FFA Community Service Award. In an effort to make this award more accessible to our El Paso County 4-H and FFA participants, the new criterion for applicants is as follows:

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

If chosen to receive this award, you will receive a certificate, check, be featured in the Fair Guide, and an invitation to the VIP Reception at the Fair where you will be recognized. The award itself is \$1,000. Along with receiving the award, the recipient will be expected to give a presentation at one of the Fair Advisory Board Meetings, highlighting your plans to use the funds received whether it be your education, 4-H/FFA project, etc. Applications will be online at <https://www.elpasocountyfair.com/p/fair-information/4-h--ffa> and must be submitted by April 30 to be considered for the 2026 El Paso County 4-H/FFA Award.

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

Best Regards,

El Paso County Fair Advisory Board Executive Committee

-Michael Publicker—Chair

-Jeff Lapsansky—Vice Chair

- Grant Harris—Secretary

Check Out These Colorado 4-H Scholarship Opportunities!

Each year, Colorado 4-H and the Colorado 4-H Foundation offer scholarship opportunities to support members in pursuing higher education and career goals. These awards recognize the hard work, leadership, and dedication that youth demonstrate through their 4-H experiences.

All Scholarship applications are reviewed by a statewide committee of 4-H professionals and volunteers. Applications are due March 15, so apply today!

4-H Scholarship Requirements:

- Must be a current or former Colorado 4-H member.
- Minimum three years of participation in 4-H (some scholarships accept two years of high school membership).
- Open to students attending a college, university, community college, or trade school—please note there are scholarships available for youth outside of the CSU system!

Create an Online Application and Apply Today!

Follow this Link: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/scholarships/>

Additional Canvas Foundation Scholarships:

Canvas Foundation is proud to partner with Colorado State University System to offer **\$1000** scholarships to 4-H students. Please note, these scholarships are only available to students who are currently attending or plan to attend Colorado State University, CSU Pueblo, or CSU Global.

[Scholarship Application](#)

Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) Training—Last Session April 29, 2026

Meat Quality Assurance Training teaches the youth about the quality of meat and food products that come from livestock. Quality assurance for livestock producers means making a promise to the consumers, or the people who consume the meat, eggs, milk, and dairy products, from food production animals. The promise made is that products from livestock will be the highest possible quality and producers will do everything possible to make these products safe to eat.

- MQA Training will be offered twice. For 2025-2026, an interactive classroom style format will be used.
- The project areas required to complete MQA training is goats, sheep, cattle, swine, poultry, and rabbit.
- All first year 4-H members must complete Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) in the projects listed above.
- Current 4-H members advancing to intermediate (11 years old) or senior (14 years old) must complete a Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) in the projects listed above.
- This must be done at least 45 days prior to the El Paso County Fair to be eligible to exhibit at the county and/or state fair(s).
- Proof of compliance must be submitted to the El Paso County Extension Office.
- If the 4-H member is unable to attend a MQA workshop in El Paso County, the 4-H member may attend an MQA workshop in another county (information for completion must be sent to the El Paso County office by the deadline from the county that the MQA training was completed in.)

The last MQA Session for El Paso County will be offered Wednesday April 29, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office (17 N Spruce St). Please park on the south side parking lot and enter through the Staff Only door on the south side of the building. Please register for MQA with this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeH4tsNf0ygRBNli8tEtyZ2fXyhwwfB2BkbfUR8ZjjDq2clbw/viewform>

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 \(https://el Paso.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-family-resources/\)](https://el Paso.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-family-resources/)

for the checklist requirements. Animal ID's in 4HOnline due by April 30th, 2026. 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.



2026 Colorado State Fair Information

A couple things to remember about the Colorado State Fair:

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

Colorado State Fair 2026 Market Show Deadlines

<https://coloradostatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2026-Market-Animal-Deadlines.pdf>

- DNA Envelopes available to order March 2, 2026
- Last day to order DNA envelopes (beef) March 23, 2026
- Beef DNA due to Colorado State Fair (postmarked) April 6, 2026
- Last day to order DNA envelopes (goats, hogs, lambs) May 26, 2026
- Market Goat, Hog, & Lamb DNA due to Colorado State Fair (postmarked) June 8, 2026
- Market Poultry & Rabbit Nominations due to Colorado State Fair July 10, 2026
- All Market Entries Due (online) July 27, 2026

NEW Animal Science Discovery Project



Beyond Ready

Introducing Colorado 4-H: Animal Science Discovery Project !

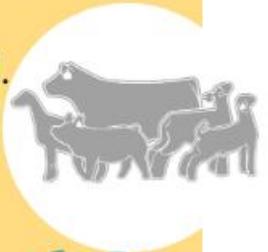
Do you have an interest in animals, but don't have the ability to raise one? Or do you raise animals and want to showcase what you have learned through a static exhibit? This project is for you!

4-H members learn about an animal species of their choice, excluding cats and horses. This project is open to youth who may not be showing an animal, as well as those who wish to expand their knowledge beyond raising and exhibiting an animal .

Curriculum for this project includes all the existing Livestock and Dog manuals from The Ohio State or Pet Pals and Wildlife Science manuals available from Shop 4-H.

Exhibit requirements include:

- Completing an Animal Science Discovery Display Board e-Record.
- Creating a display board illustrating a topic the youth investigated during the 4-H year.



Please reach out to your County Extension Office for more details!



Reporter’s Round Up

REPORTERS ROUND UP FRONT RANGE CREATIVE



COOKS WORKSHOP CLUBS: A-OK



REPORTERS: LYDIA GINSBURG

On January 31st, 4-H members and volunteers from Adams, Douglas, Elbert, El Paso, and Elbert counties attended the Front Range Creative Cooks Workshop at the Douglas County Co-Op Extension Office. During this workshop, participants learned about the Creative Cooks Contest through hands-on presentation stations. Lessons focused on the contest requirements, nutrition & food safety, table setting tips, theme selection, and menu planning. There was even an opportunity to watch an exhibitor’s demonstration and ask questions about the judging process. The workshop went very well! Everyone learned a lot and our volunteers are excited to expand contest participation in El Paso County.

Our Creative Cooks Contest will take place in July during the El Paso County Fair. This contest is open to all 4-H’ers and age levels (Cloverbuds, Junior, Intermediates, and Seniors). There is no requirement for contestants to be enrolled in a food project, and members can participate as individuals or in two-person teams. There is also the 2026 Colorado specialty food category, where exhibitors must feature chili peppers as a major ingredient in their menu and dish. Creative Cooks winners can choose to compete again at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo



HUGE THANKS to Jacie Rex, Julia Hurdelbrink, and Jen Loewen for organizing and hosting this fun and engaging workshop for the Front Range!

FCS National Champions!

Congratulations!



"Our 4-H Family and Consumer Sciences Quizbowl team had an amazing experience at Nationals this year, and we're excited to share that we came home with the win! Competing at the national level was both challenging and fun, and it gave us the chance to test our knowledge, work together as a team, and meet 4-H members from across the country. We learned a lot, made great memories, and are thankful for everyone who supported us along the way. As we look ahead to this coming year's competitions, we are also hoping to add a fourth team member. so if you're a senior interested in FCS and enjoy a fun challenge, we'd love to have you join us! It was an experience we won't forget!" ~ Lily Tam



Youth County Council Community Service Flyer

RSVP [HERE](#)—Filling out this RSVP form is REQUIRED if you plan to attend!

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SPOONFULS OF KINDNESS

4-H

Join the 4-H Youth County Council for a unique 4-H Community Service Opportunities this year!

4-H Members Aged 9 and up can join the YCC Officer Team sorting and preparing food donations at the Colorado Springs Care & Share Food Bank!

- **LOCATION:** 2605 Preamble Pt, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Participants ***MUST*** Register via the Volunteer Google Form by **Monday, April 6** so that we can RSVP with the center on your behalf. This is a REQUIREMENT.

ATTENDING THIS OPPORTUNITY COUNTS AS A 4-H COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT!

Please Note:

- Volunteers ages 9-15 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while volunteering
- Children 9-10 years old must have 1 adult per 3 children

Thursday, April 16
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

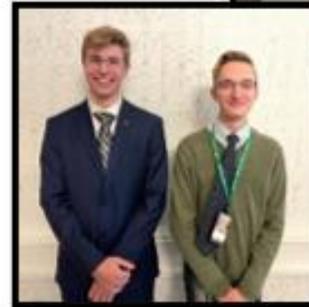
Saturday, April 19
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Ages 9 and up!

2026 LDC Recap

2026 4-H Leadership Development Conference (LDC) Recap

4-H members from El Paso County really “Created the Ripple” at the 4-H Leadership Development Conference this year!



4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Daniel Andersen and District 3 President Conner Holiday repped El Paso County 4-H by providing leadership in various areas over the 3-Day Event in January—running workshops in Civic Engagement and Parliamentary Procedure, leading group games and activities, and representing the Colorado 4-H Senate in District meetings.

El Paso County 4-H looks forward to growing its delegation next year and continued representation of our County at important 4-H State events. Go team!



Where is Oso?



OSO THE BEAR



*Goes to FCS
Nationals in
San Antonio,
Texas!*



**Interested in taking Oso the Bear
to your next 4-H Event?!**
Contact Shawna.Lamothe@colostate.edu



Shooting Sports Fundraiser



FUNDRAISER FOR

El Paso County CO 4-H Shooting Sports

Scan Here to Order Panda Express on February 13!



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FUNDRAISERS



When

Friday, February 13, 2026

Place your order for pickup or delivery on Friday, February 13!



Where

Available at Panda Express locations nationwide

www.pandaexpress.com



How

Online orders only

Apply code **9010593** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via App

28% of sales will be donated to: El Paso County CO 4-H Shooting Sports

Youth Development Program

SUE CROZIER LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP

More Information and Application [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, 2026. 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 2026.
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 of term and proof of registration for the following semester or term from the college/school/university.
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 20, 2026.
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

1. High school graduating senior or college freshman enrolled in any Market Projects, Large & Small Animal Projects with the expectation of completion in August 2026.
2. A Sue Crozier Livestock Committee Scholarship may be received only once.

SUE CROZIER LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP CONT'D

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Enrolled in the El Paso County 4-H or FFA Livestock Program the year applying.
2. Satisfactory completion of a livestock project the year applying
3. Minimum of three years in 4-H or FFA club work (can be elsewhere)
4. 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.
5. Participation in 4-H and FFA livestock activities, county fair, livestock judging, etc., to the degree your education or work schedule allows.
6. **Minimum of a 3.2 out of 4.0 high school grade point average**—and college GPA if applicable.

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 Homeschool 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, 2026. 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.

Beef Blow N Go Show

Register [HERE](#)

>>> EL PASO COUNTY BEEF BLOW N GO SHOW

April 4, 2026



BREEDING BEEF CLASSES
MARKET BEEF CLASSES
SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES



PRE-ENTRY is \$30 a head and must be paid in advance through Eventbrite before April 1, 2026



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

El Paso County Fairgrounds
366 10th St. Calhan, CO 80808

Beef Showmanship Clinic and Exhibition Class

Register [HERE](#)

El Paso County Presents

From Practice to the Ring: Beef Showmanship Clinic & Exhibition Class

Learn it –then show it!
Hosted by Travis Chamblin. All exhibitors must participate in the showmanship clinic before competing in the ring. All age divisions will run together for clinic and exhibition showmanship class.

Start with the learning and end in the ring. Belt buckles on the line for grand and reserve showman!

Saturday, April 18
Sharp Start Time at 9:00 AM
366 10th St Calhan, CO 80808

Show attire highly recommended
Please sign up using the registration link

Questions?
Email tlccattle@yahoo.com

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

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 1, 2026.
 - A. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDHojlFyZthdjSg5kJD30C_VM5amu7wo1yM64ZMnoGo0h8qQ/viewform
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 13th, 2026 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 13, 2026, 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.**

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)

1. https://www.valleyvet.com/ct_detail.html?pgguid=30e0767b-7b6a-11d5-a192-00b0d0204ae5

B. 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 April 27, 2026 from 5:00 PM—6:00 PM to drop off your packets in Swink Hall (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.

Looking Forward

- **February 28, 2026**— Showmanship (Fairgrounds) - *Sign up listed on separate page*
- **March 1, 2026**—Horse Clinic (Latigo)
- **March 21, 2026**— Fair Cleanup Date at Circle 3 Ranch
- **May 2, 2026**— Fair Cleanup Date at Black Forest Saddle Club
- **May 30, 2026**— Qualifying Ranch Horse Show (Black Forest)
- **June 6, 2026**— Qualifying Western/English Show (Latigo)
- **June 19, 2026**— Written Tests, Patterns, & Interviews (Extension Office)
- **June 27-28, 2026**— County Fair 4-H Horse Show (Latigo)
- **September 12, 2026**—County Fair 4-H Horse Show Awards (Black Forest Saddle Club)



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

- **February 28, 2026**
 - Miniature Horse Clinic—Showmanship—*Sign up on separate page*
- **March 14, 2026**
 - Jump Building Clinic
- **March 15, 2026**
 - Miniature Horse Clinic—In Hand Trail
- **April 25, 2026**
 - Miniature Horse Clinic Hunter
- **April 26, 2026**
 - Miniature Qualifying Show (Two Hawks)
- **May 9, 2026**
 - Miniature Horse Qualifying Show (Fairgrounds)
- **May 16, 2026**
 - Fundraising at Focus on the Family
- **June 4-5, 2026**
 - 4-H Miniature Horse Camp (Latigo)
 - 4-H Miniature Horse Qualifying Show (Latigo)
- **June 19, 2026**
 - Written Tests, Patterns, & Interviews (Extension Office)
- **Arena Workout Dates are listed in the Band App**
- **July 3, 2026**
 - Fair Clean Up
- **July 7, 2026**
 - Health Certifications

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!



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



Visual Arts Project Meeting!

Visual Arts E Records Zoom Meeting

February 15th

Noon to 1 PM

Details in Band App:
El Paso County Visual Arts Project



In-Person Project Meetings can be set up per
request

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

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!



Hello 4-H Volunteers!

Have you wanted to get more involved with the 4-H Shooting Sports Program? Do you want to learn more about helping 4-H members on the line or more about the Positive Youth Development aspects of the 4-H Shooting Sports program? ***Then consider signing up for a 4-H Shooting Sports Certified Leader training today!***

The Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training Registrations are opening soon! The closest training to us (Pueblo) as well as the other counties will open one-by-one as we move through the month of February. **Remember--trainings fill up fast, so be prepared to enroll ASAP to ensure you get into the class you want!**

Please see important registration dates below and [Sign-Up in 4HOnline](#).

Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings

March 13-15, 2026: Weld County (Offering: Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, and Orion system training)

- **Registration Opens: 1/30/26 Closes: 2/27/26.**

March 20-22, 2026: Pueblo County (Offering: Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)

- **Registration Opens: 2/6/26 Closes: 3/6/26**

March 27-29, 2026: Garfield County (Offering: Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage)

- **Registration Opens: 2/13/25 Closes: 3/13/26**

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

NEW THIS YEAR!!!:

Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Recertification Training:

- April 25, 2026: Morgan County (Offering: Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
 - **Registration Opens: 3/13/26 Closes: 4/10/26**

Volunteers who are in need of recertifying to keep their certificate up to date will be eligible to attend the recertification training held in Morgan County on April 25, 2026. This will be a modified version of the training and will be a combination of online modules and an in-person class. More information will be available soon*.

*Volunteers needing to recertify who chose to go to any of the other three trainings will be required to attend all 15 hours of the training.

March 20-22
2026



Colorado State
Fairgrounds
1001 Beulah Ave
Pueblo, CO 81004



Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training

 Hosted By: Pueblo County

Event Details:



4-H Online Registration:
Opens 02/06/26- 03/06/26

- Enter Family email and password
- Select event "2026 Pueblo SS Leader Training"
- Confirm Payment & "Finish" to complete your registration



Workshop Fees:

\$135/Person (4-H Volunteers or youth)
\$70/Person CSU Ext Staff



Lodging Information:

-Growing Minds Dorms (located on CS Fairgrounds)

*Dorms are free and gender specific.

-Hampton Inn & Suites Pueblo Southgate
3315 Gateway Dr, Pueblo, CO 81004
719.566.1726

-Wingate by Wyndham Pueblo
4711 N. Elizabeth St.
Pueblo, CO 81008
719.283.1341

SpringHill Suites by Marriott Pueblo Downtown
150 S. Santa Fe
Pueblo, CO 81003
719.546.1234

Disciplines:

Rifle
Pistol
Shotgun
Archery
Muzzleloader
Western Heritage and
Hunting/ Outdoor Skills



Checks payable to:

Pueblo County Extension Program
Fund

**Mail to: Pueblo County Extension,
Attn: 4-H Shooting Sports**
701 Court Street, Suite C
Pueblo, CO 81003-3054

***Note: One check per county for
all participants registered**



Questions:

Contact Shane Roberts
robertss@pueblocounty.us
719.583.6577

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EXTENSION



Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports State Leader Training Tentative Agenda

Friday Night

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 6:00 p.m. | Check-in |
| 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. | General Session 1
Welcome to 4-H Shooting Sports
Module 1 “What is 4-H?”
Module 3 “Creating & Implementing High Quality Programming” |
| 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. | Introduction to Disciplines |

Saturday – Discipline Instruction

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|-------------------|---|
| 8:00 a.m. | Instruction in Disciplines |
| 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. | Instruction in Disciplines |
| 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. | General Session 2
Dinner/Ambassador Presentation /
Module 2 “Introduction to 4-H Shooting Sports” |
| 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. | Instruction in Disciplines |

Sunday

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. | <u>Cross training in all disciplines</u> |
| 10:30 – 12:00 p.m. | General Session 3
Module 4 “Risk
Management” General
Information / Wrap Up Stem
Activity
Graduation, announcements. Closing |

NOTICE! Participants MUST attend the entire training to receive certification

Revised 1/22/2025

EL Paso County 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS **ONLINE SAFETY QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM (SQA)**

Hey 4-H Shooting Sports members! The El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports program is excited to share a new Safety Quality Assurance (SQA) opportunity with you!

Starting in 2026, 4-H members who have attended an In-Person SQA (*during the 2024-2025 4-H year*) are eligible to take the Online SQA this year!

As a reminder, **ALL** 4-H Shooting Sports participants **MUST** complete the annual 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Quality Assurance program (SQA) to be eligible to compete in County and State 4-H Shooting Sports competitions.

The Online SQA was developed to help streamline the required SQA process for members and families. Members who meet all requirements to take the Online SQA and receive a passing score (90%) are not required to attend an In-Person SQA in 2026.

Online SQA scores will be accepted through **April 1, 2026**.

Members MUST Review the Online Safety Quality Assurance Slides/Video prior to taking the Online SQA Test.

The Online SQA Video Slideshow and SQA Test will be available starting Monday, January 12, on the [El Paso County 4-H Website](#).

Have questions? Please email Jen Loewen at: Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu.



All Additional Information and Program Requirements are included on the next page:

“Safety Quality Assurance” (SQA) – 4-H Shooting Sports Annual Safety Training Requirements

The Safety Quality Assurance (SQA) is an annual, required safety training for 4-H Shooting Sports members, regardless of age or experience. Participation in the SQA ensures that all 4-H Shooting Sports participants engage in yearly, important 4-H Shooting Sports Safety topics.

Online SQA Results will be accepted through April 1, 2026.

When is the SQA Required?

- 4-H members enrolled in a 4-H Shooting Sports Project (regardless of discipline) will participate in an SQA Training Annually, regardless of age or experience.

A successfully completed SQA training is a **requirement** to compete in the El Paso County 4-H County Competition and the Colorado State 4-H Championships.

- The SQA can be taken in TWO separate ways: **In-Person**, or **Online**.
 - Eligible 4-H members who opt to take the SQA Online **MUST receive a 90% or better** to have successfully completed the requirement for the year.

Online SQA requirements MUST be completed by **April 1 of the current 4-H year.**

How can I take the SQA Training?

- **An In-Person SQA** training is *required* when:
 - A 4-H member joins 4-H Shooting Sports Program for the first time, regardless of age.
 - A current or former 4-H member skips a year in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program and returns to participate in the project the following year.
- ✦ *If a member skipped the 2024-2025 4-H year, and enrolls in Shooting Sports in 2025-2026, they are required to attend an In-Person SQA.*
- ✦ A 4-H member advances in age to the next age division in 4-H.
“4-H Age” is determined by the member’s age on December 31 of the current 4-H year. (Juniors are 8-10, Intermediates are 11-13, Seniors are 14-18.)
- **An Online SQA** training *can* be taken when:
 - A 4-H member has taken an In-Person SQA for their current age division, **and** is not advancing to the next age division.

A 4-H member has not skipped a year of 4-H Shooting Sports, **and** is not advancing to the next age division.

- **Additional SQA Program Information:**
 - No 4-H member is required to take the Online SQA. 4-H Shooting Sports members are eligible and encouraged to participate in an In-Person SQA each year, if preferred.
 - Though 4-H Shooting Sports is divided into 2 Age Divisions (Junior and Senior) for competition, for the purpose of the SQA, members will be required to take the In-Person SQA each year they advance in 4-H Age to the next age division, (Juniors – 8-10, Intermediates – 11-13, Seniors – 14-18).

If a 4-H member takes the Online SQA and is found to be ineligible to take the Online SQA, any scores received are considered invalid and an In-Person SQA must be completed.

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

February:

Thursday February 5th—Colorado Parks and Wildlife—

.22 Pistol 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61397556-02052026#/>

Monday February 16th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—***NEW***—

Air Rifle & Air Pistol 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61397559-02162026#/>

Thursday February 19th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—.22 Rifle 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61397560-02192026#/>

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



March:

Sunday March 1st—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—
Clinics & Range from 9:00 AM—4:00 PM
Rifle & Pistol Sight In Clinic

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61876796-03012026#/>

Rifle Positions Clinic

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61876646-03012026#/>

Monday March 16th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—**NEW**
Air Rifle & Air Pistol Practice 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61877022-03162026#/>

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61877118-03172026#/>

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61877153-03222026#/>

April:

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

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



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>



Life-changing



Confidence



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LifeSmarts

Learn it. Live it.

LifeSmarts is a free, national consumer literacy program that gives young people the 21st Century skills they need to become successful adults. LifeSmarts offers curricula for teachers, and exciting scholarship opportunities for students.

Why LifeSmarts?

LifeSmarts prepares the next generation of consumers and workers to take control of their lives and make more informed life decisions. In recent years, food, clothing, and entertainment purchases accounted for a majority of teen spending and an increased number of teens shopped online. Also, teens have become increasingly active in the workforce.

What makes LifeSmarts different?

Critical Thinking | Competition | Success

LifeSmarts provides teens with the skills and knowledge they need to evaluate risks and opportunities and make informed decisions for themselves and their families. LifeSmarts pushes students to use critical thinking skills, introduces them to new experiences, and allows them to forge new friendships with students from across the country. LifeSmarts also improves the quality of life of students who participate, instilling confidence and leadership skills that last a lifetime and have a positive impact on their communities.



By the numbers

125,000 teens

Reached a year online and in classrooms nationwide

50 states

Where LifeSmarts is active (in the District of Columbia too!)

3.5 million

Consumer literacy questions answered each program year

It works!

Pre- and post-tests of students who participate in LifeSmarts show a 15% to 25% increase in scores.

At a glance

- An educational program
- A scholarship opportunity
- A learning resource for students
- A teaching toolbox
- A resource for current consumer topics
- A program full of opportunities with many different partners
- A program that creates life long connections and experiences for everyone involved

To learn more about the educational strategies behind the LifeSmarts content and approach, visit lifesmarts.org/about-us/

What's in it for students?

As the nation's premier consumer program and competition for 30 years, LifeSmarts teaches students about core consumer topics and develops confidence, leadership, and teamwork. Students learn to succeed individually and with their teams.

Students credit LifeSmarts with making their high school years compelling and their adulthood a success. LifeSmarts alumni boast professionals in an array of fields including: elected officials, lawyers, entrepreneurs, pharmacists, military personnel, and more.

What's in it for educators?

LifeSmarts curriculum-based foundation has evolved in recent years to complement curricula already in place in middle- and high-schools and can also be used as an activity for classes, groups, clubs, and community organizations.

LifeSmarts excels at bringing real-world skills to students, building strong literacy skills and practical knowledge about core consumer topics that include:

-  **Personal finance** (credit & debt management, financial planning, taxes, and career planning)
-  **Consumer rights and responsibilities** (fraud, contracts, and marketplace economics)
-  **Health and safety** (disease & medicine, healthcare, first aid, and nutrition)
-  **Technology & workforce prep** (social networks, privacy and career planning)
-  **The environment** (waste management, water & land, energy, and atmosphere)

Who operates LifeSmarts?

LifeSmarts is a program of the National Consumers League, the country's oldest consumer advocacy organization. National partners include FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders America), and 4-H. LifeSmarts partners with agencies and organizations to run state programs, including attorneys general, JumpStart Coalitions, Councils on Economic of Education, Better Business Bureaus, Extension Agencies, 4-H leaders, and others.

For more information about LifeSmarts, contact Elena Robertson, elenar@nclnet.org.



From the students

LifeSmarts is the most enjoyable academic competition I have ever participated in, with the chance to meet awesome people from all across the country.

-Albert Enyedy, Massachusetts

LifeSmarts has provided me with skills that I will use in high school, college, and beyond.

-Tiffany Olson, North Dakota

Knowledge of this caliber is priceless at any age, let alone in youth. The knowledge I took away from Lifesmarts completely prepared me for the real world. This program changes the trajectory of students' lives.

-Andrew Gryskevicz, Pennsylvania



Educators say LifeSmarts

Challenges students to show they have the skills to make it in the "real world"

Motivates students with its interactive competition format

Provides educators with new and challenging material for students

Fosters excitement in the classroom

Presents an opportunity to work with students at a rigorous level

Is flexible

Teaches the teachers as much as the students



For sample questions, visit lifesmarts.org/resources/

Lamar Community College Horse Programs Spring Open House

Open House
Registration Form



RSVP by March 3rd



Students aged 16 and up and parents are welcome.
Lunch will be provided.

March 6th	9:30am-1:00pm	Lamar Community College Equine Complex
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What To Expect:

- Shadow students in Equine Business Management or Horse Training and Management depending on which program you are interested in.
- Information sessions in the classrooms about both programs and the Ranch Horse and Rodeo Team.

REGISTER NOW!

Fill out the jot form
or
Email Grace.wilson@lamarcc.edu
Call 719-336-1278

Our purpose is clear: To develop our students into the leaders of the horse industry. Are YOU ready to join our programs and become a leader of the horse industry?