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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

Band App Links

Follow the Band links below to find more project specific information!

[LINK](#) to Livestock Band Group

[LINK](#) to Dairy + Pygmy Goat Group

[LINK](#) to Small Animal Band Group

[LINK](#) to Mini Horse Band Group

[LINK](#) to Horse Band Group

[LINK](#) to Dog Band Group

[LINK](#) to Tabletop Band Group

[LINK](#) to Electricity Band Group

[LINK](#) to 4-H Shooting Sports Band Group

[LINK](#) to Rocketry Band Group

[LINK](#) to Robotics Band Group

Check out Youth County Council!

Find the Zoom Link [HERE](#)



Check It Out!



EL PASO COUNTY
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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

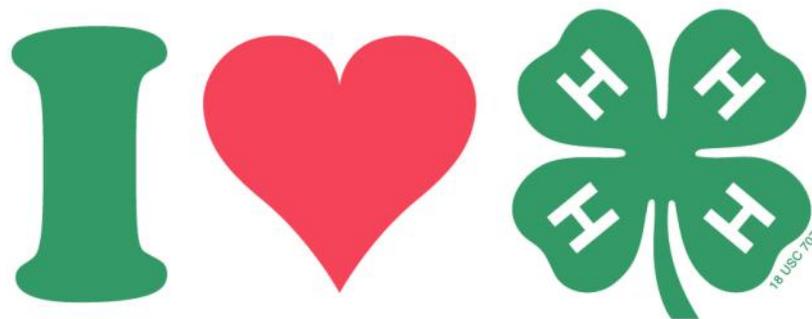
NEW Join us Via Zoom for All Regularly Scheduled Advisory Committee Meetings!
ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/94664978761>

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



2025-2026 4-H E-RECORDS

Please find the link to the 2025-2026 4-H E-Records [HERE](#). If you need the Google Doc or Google Sheets version, please refer to the February 2026 newsletter, or email Shawna.Lamothe@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](#)

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



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 3255 Akers Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80922**) **Come to the back-door and knock as it stays locked.**

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

NEW Animal Science Discovery Project



Beyond Ready

Introducing Colorado 4-H: Animal Science Discovery Project !

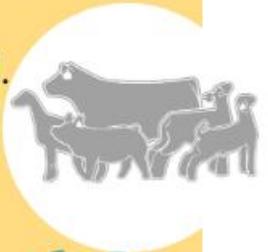
Do you have an interest in animals, but don't have the ability to raise one? Or do you raise animals and want to showcase what you have learned through a static exhibit? This project is for you!

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!



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

Join the 4-H Youth County Council for a unique 4-H Community Service Opportunity 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 18
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Ages 9 and up!

Application [HERE](#)



4-H YOUTH CAMP COUNSELORS WANTED!

We are looking for 4-H members aged 13 - 18 to serve as 4-H Camp Counselors at fun upcoming 4-H Events this summer!

4-H Youth Camp Counselors Will:

- Meet new people and make new friends.
- Learn new skills and gain valuable 4-H Leadership experience.
- Make a positive impact in the 4-H Community.
- Gain valuable 4-H-Sponsored Community Service hours!
- **APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026!**

WE WANT YOU!

COUNSELOR OPPORTUNITIES:

Cake Builders Academy Day Camp:

- June 9, 10, 11, 2026 (Multi-Day Camp)
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM each day
- Counselors will teach fun cake decorating skills--no experience needed!
- Counselors age 13-18



Summer Fest! Day Camp:

- Tuesday, June 23 (Single-Day Camp)
- 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
- Counselors will plan activities and lead workshops!



Gardening Day Camp:

- Thursday, June 25, 2026 (Single-Day Camp)
- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM



El Paso County 4-H Camp:

- June 30 - July 2, 2026 (Overnight Camp)
- **Must be a Senior, & 14 or older to apply**
- Counselors will help plan camp theme and activities, and lead 4-H groups!



Please Scan the QR to Apply to apply to become a 4-H Camp Counselor this summer!

Please email any questions to: Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu

County Contest 2026!

Enroll in County Contest through Fair Entry [HERE](#)

County Contest Rules can be found [HERE](#)

REGISTER FOR THE...

El Paso 4-H County Contest Day!

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

Contests:

- Bakeology Contest
 - *NEW*4-H Volunteer Bakeology Contest!
- Public Speaking Contests
- Cake Decorating Contest
- Horse Project Presentation Contest
- Performing Arts Contests

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

**SAT
APRIL 11,
2026**

**LOCATION: Lewis
Palmer Middle School
1776 Woodmoor Dr,
Monument, CO 80132**

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

Register in FairEntry!

- **Registration OPENS Monday, March 2, 2026**
- **Registration CLOSES Friday, March 13, 2026**
 - NO late registrations will be accepted.
 - \$7 per member (unlimited contests)
 - \$20 for families with 3 or more registrants (unlimited contests)
- **All Fees due via Eventbrite.com by Wednesday, March 18, 2026**
 - Payment link will be sent when registration is received

Email Jen at: Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu with questions!

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County Contest 2026!

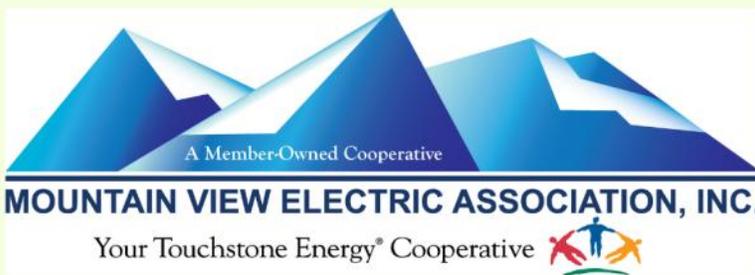


NEW THIS YEAR!

A \$100 Cash prize will go to the Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior member in the Prepared Speech and Impromptu Speech Categories!

THANK YOU TO OUR CASH AWARD SPONSORS:

Mountain View Electric Association & Hammersmith a RealManage Company!



THANK YOU!



Masters of Ceremony at the 2026 4-H Achievement Awards

If interested, click [HERE](#)

OPPORTUNITY

OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS!



Hey Senior 4-H Members! We are looking for 4-Hers who would like to be Masters of Ceremony at the 4-H Achievement Awards this year! Members will help announce award winners and assist at the podium during the event. Multiple youth may be selected to assist.

Interested? Members will be asked to “Audition” at County Contest (Saturday, April 11) by reading a piece of pre-prepared material in front of a judge. We encourage 4-H members aged 14-18 to apply! Please indicate your interest by filling out **This Form!**



El Paso County 4-H Camp 2026!

Register [HERE](#) on 4HOnline

JOIN US FOR...

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H CAMP!

JUNE 30 - JULY 2 2026

- ✓ **FOR 4-H MEMBERS AGED 8-13**
- ✓ **COST: \$125 PER CAMPER**
- ✓ **HELD AT THE BEAUTIFUL NATURE & WILDLIFE DISCOVERY CENTER IN BEULAH, CO**

Join your El Paso County 4-H Friends at 4-H Camp this Summer!

Make new friends, participate in exciting workshops, play fun games, enjoy a 4-H Dance...and much more!

Registration Information:

- Camp Registration Opens **March 9, 2026**
- Camp Registration Closes **April 6, 2026**
 - Payments Due **Friday, April 10, by 5:00 PM**
- Registration is complete when you have paid via EventBrite and Enrolled in 4HOnline.
 - Click for: [Eventbrite Payment Link](#)
 - Click for: [4HOnline Registration](#)

JOIN US FOR "S'MORE" FUN AT 4-H CAMP THIS SUMMER!

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**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EL PASO COUNTY EXTENSION**

El Paso County 4-H Camp 2026!

JOIN US FOR... EL PASO COUNTY 4-H CAMP!

Camp Information & What to Expect

Amenities:

- Location: 9112 Pueblo Mountain Park Rd #9706, Beulah, CO 81023
- Male and Female dorms with bunk beds
- Home-cooked meals, carefully accommodated for any dietary needs
- Indoor/Outdoor facilities
- Hiking Trails

Activities:

- Activities will be planned and led by El Paso County 4-H Camp Counselors!
 - Team-building activities (win team “ribbons” during activities!)
 - Outdoor challenge games
 - S’more roasting (if fire restrictions allow)
 - 4-H Dance
 - Interactive Workshops
 - In-camp arts and crafts
 - Outdoor appreciate hike
 -AND MORE!



El Paso County 4-H Camp 2026!

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H CAMP!

Tentative Schedule:

(Final Schedule to follow)

Day 1:

- 3:30 - 4:00 - Campers Arrive, Welcome Talk
- 4:00 - 5:00 - Get to Know you Games
- 5:00 - 5:30 - Dinner
- 5:30 - 6:00 - Design Team Flags + bandanas
- 6:30 - 7:30 - Move into dorms/group norms + expectations
- 7:30 - 8:30 - All group games
- 8:30 - 9:00 - Ice cream social
- 9:30 - Roundup and back to bunk house
- 10:00 - Lights out

Day 2:

- 7:00 - 7:45 - Rise and Shine!
- 7:45 - 8:00 - Flag Raising
- 8:00 - 8:30 - Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:15 - Group games/group picture
- 9:15 - 9:30 - Break - get to workshops
- 9:30 - 10:30 - Workshop Rotation 1
- 10:30 - 10:45 - Break - get to next workshop
- 10:45 - 11:45 - Workshop Rotation 2
- 11:45 - 12:00 - Break - wash for lunch
- 12:00 - 12:30 - Lunch
- 12:30 - 12:45 - Break - get to next workshop
- 12:45 - 1:45 - Workshop Rotation 3
- 1:45 - 2:00 - Break - get to next workshop
- 2:00 - 3:00 - Workshop Rotation 4
- 3:00 - 3:15 - wrap up workshops
- 3:15 - 4:00 - Scavenger Hunt
- 4:00 - 4:45 - Free Time/Rest/Outside Games
- 4:45 - 5:00 - wash for dinner
- 5:00 - 5:30 - Dinner
- 5:30 - 6:15 - Skit presentation
- 6:15 - 7:15 - Counselor Hunt
- 7:15 - 7:30 - Campfire time + S'mores
- 7:30 - 8:00 - Break, get ready for Dance
- 8:00 - 9:15 - Dance
- 9:15 - 9:30 - Group roundup
- 9:30 - 10:00 - Back to bunk house/get ready for bed
- 10:00 - Lights out

Day 3:

- 7:00 - 8:00 - Rise and Shine!
- 8:00 - 8:30 - Breakfast
- 8:30 - 12:00 - Hike/DIY Crafts
- 12:00 - 12:30 - Lunch
- 12:30 - 1:00 - Pack up dorms and clean up camp
- 1:00 - 2:00 - Capture the Flag/Group games
- 2:00 - 3:00 - Counselor Fashion Show
- 3:00 - 3:30 - Snack Break
- 3:30 - 5:30 - Group games/wind down
- 5:30 - 6:00 - Closing Ceremony/Awards
- 6:00 PM - Camper pick up - see you next year!



Reminder of Animal Care and Housing Guidelines

All 4-H animal project members and their parents must complete and sign the Animal Care and Housing form in 4HOnline and submit a hard copy to their club leader. Club leaders then submit these forms to the El Paso County CSU Extension Office.

All youth must have care and custody of their animal at their home on record (which is indicated on the Care and Housing Form) with the CSU Extension Office throughout the project. If this changes then they must update their Animal Care & Housing Form on file with the CSU Extension Office as soon as the animal is at another location. Temporary housing should not exceed 72 hours without notifying the Extension Office. Livestock animals must be housed within county lines. Unless they reside outside the county but have county membership then the animals can reside at their residence. Anything beyond that needs to have prior approval from the Extension Office.

Please note that by signing the Animal Care & Housing Form, you grant Extension Specialists permission to conduct site visits to verify the care and housing of the 4-H member's animals, provided advance notice is given.

Site visits will take place this year and going forward, so please ensure animals are properly housed and records are accurate and up to date.

El Paso County Fair Tabletop/General Projects & 4-H Shooting Sports Exhibitor Rules Now Posted!

The El Paso County Fair Rules are Now Posted!

Tabletop/General Projects:

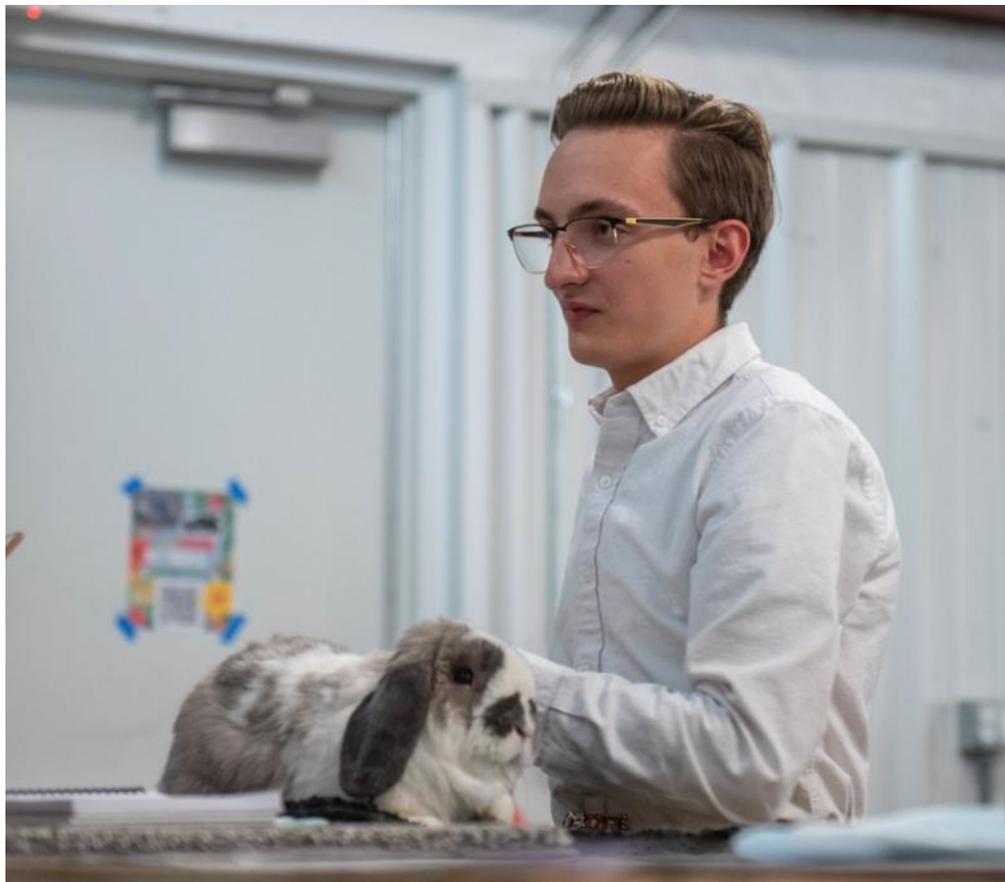
- [CLICK HERE](#) to view the County Fair requirements for all Tabletop/General projects. This will outline how to complete your 4-H E-Record and Exhibit for County Fair, should you choose to exhibit.
- **REMEMBER!** Read and Re-Read your rules for understanding! Exhibits that do not follow the exhibit requirements are not eligible to advance to the State Fair. Make sure your exhibit follows the requirements! Don't waste your hard work!

4-H Shooting Sports Projects:

- [CLICK HERE](#) to view the County Fair requirements for all 4-H Shooting Sports Projects, including Tabletop Projects AND the Live-Fire County Competition Form.
- **REMEMBER!** To be eligible for the live, 4-H Shooting Sports County Competition, members enrolled in 4-H Shooting Sports MUST HAVE:
 - Have attended a yearly 4-H Safety Quality Assurance program. The last one will be held **Saturday, April 25!**
 - SIGN UP FOR THE FINAL SQA HERE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61877674-04252026#/>
 - Have completed a [Hunter's Safety Course](#) and emailed their Hunters Safety Card to Jen Loewen (Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu) by **May 1, 2026.**
 - Have filled out the County Competition Form and turned it in at a 4-H Shooting Sports Practice no later than **May 2, 2026.**

Premium Books

Find ALL Finished Premium Books [HERE](#)



List of Premium Book Changes

I strongly encourage all 4-H families to carefully review the 2026 County Fair Premium Books for all competitions. The Premium Book serves as the official rulebook and foundation for participation, outlining the expectations, requirements, and guidelines for exhibiting at the County Fair.

While I have done my best to highlight key updates and changes, it is ultimately the responsibility of each 4-H family to read, understand, and follow the rules and expectations outlined in the Premium Book.

Below you will find a general summary of changes made this year, along with links to each Premium Book.

Please note: This is not a comprehensive list of all rules or revisions.

Dog

- Showmanship- First through sixth place ribbons will be awarded for scores over 170 and above.
- Obedience- Allowed collars include: leather or nylon collar with a buckle closure, a martingale style collar or a metal slip chain (choke chain)[A.
- Updated state fair entry deadline
- Fixed links and grammar

Horse

- Removed English Trail
- For any showmanship classes, bronc, rope, and knotted halters are not permitted. Silver is discouraged for English Showmanship.
- Fair Board- Horse To Take Home
- Sportsmanship-
 - Youth must be nominated by at least three separate exhibitors from different households to be considered.
 - The youth will be nominated throughout the year using a google form provided by the extension office. Youth must be nominated by at least three separate exhibitors from different households to be considered.
 - 4-H volunteers and adults are also allowed to submit nominations.

List of Premium Book Changes

Livestock

- Stall Forfeiture Policy: Assigned stalls not occupied by the exhibitor's animals by the posted check-in deadline will be considered forfeited. Superintendents and CSU Extension reserve the right to re-assign any unused stalls. No refunds will be given.
- Market swine will be allowed to stall and show up to FOUR (4) animals
- Wholesome Meat Act: The use by a non-veterinarian* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass will be considered fraud. Results of residue testing are subject to criminal investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution. "Certificate of Disclosure": Exhibitors and parents of all market animals must certify their compliance with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act by completing and signing a "Certification and Disclosure Statement". Exhibitors may not stall breeding animals or weigh-in market animals without this completed form on file in the livestock office.
- Animals exhibiting active bleeding during a show will not be permitted in the ring before being evaluated by the fair veterinarian. The animal may only resume showing upon approval from the fair veterinarian and superintendent confirming it is fit to continue.
- Original brand inspection papers for market beef must be presented at initial weigh-in/tag-in and at County Fair.
- All fitting products must be removed and cattle washed immediately following the show and free of any product prior to entry in Jr. Livestock Sale.

List of Premium Book Changes

Livestock

- To bring a porter cooler to the county fair grounds you must register in FairEntry and pay a \$25 fee. Exhibitors will be stalled on the west side of the beef pavilion (not with their club).
- Pygmy/dairy goats younger than 16 weeks of age on opening day of the fair are required to have a completed breed association application with an assigned microchip prior to check-in. They will present both the completed application and the microchip at the gate before check-in. The microchip must be present and in the possession of the owner while the animal is on the fairgrounds for the entire duration of the event. Unregistered stock younger than 16 weeks of age are required to have a scrapies tag assigned to them. They will present the scrapies tag at the gate before check-in. The scrapies tag must be present and in the possession of the owner while the animal is on the fairgrounds for the entire duration of the event.
- Dairy and Pygmy Goat exhibitors are limited to a maximum of two stalls per exhibitor. Families with one or more exhibitors showing Dairy and/or Pygmy Goats are limited to a maximum of five stalls per family. Final determinations of stall numbers will be at the discretion of CSU Extension and Superintendents.
- In the new barn, tack space along the walls will be assigned to ensure spacing is fair and consistent among exhibitors.
- Swine- If there are 100 or more animals there will be 5 divisions.
- Producer- complete a market book with the breeding supplement page, and all nomination forms must be emailed
- Premier Exhibitor- complete all five production areas to be eligible

List of Premium Book Changes

Miniature Horse

- In Jumper and Gymkhana classes lace up tennis shoes/cleats are allowed instead of boots.
- At 4-H events passengers are allowed in the carts if they are senior 4-H member, parent, or volunteer.
- Added in Gymkhana under disqualifications
 - Smacking or hitting with leadline or hand once the exhibitor has crossed the timer.
- Added in Gymkhana under 5 second penalty
 - Holding or touching the barrels with hands
- Header aged changed to 14 years old
- Reduced class list and will alternate classes every other year to alleviate strenuous hardship on the youth and animals
- Load in has been moved to Friday night from 6-8 pm and load out is from 7-9 AM with expectation that bedding and manure are removed by families (there is no stalling fee).
- Fair Board- Miniature Horse To Take Home
- Little Legend Rescue Award
- Sportsmanship-
 - Youth must be nominated by at least three separate exhibitors from different households to be considered.
 - The youth will be nominated throughout the year using a google form provided by the extension office. Youth must be nominated by at least three separate exhibitors from different households to be considered.
 - 4-H volunteers and adults are also allowed to submit nominations.

List of Premium Book Changes

Small Animal

- Wholesome Meat Act: The use by a non-veterinarian* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA is a violation of federal law. Any food animal must not exceed FDA/EPA/USDA established tolerances for any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance including drugs, pesticides, feed additives, or other chemicals. Violative results of residue testing are subject to investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution. Any misrepresentation of a food animal that can potentially affect the acceptability of the carcass will be considered fraud. Results of residue testing are subject to criminal investigation by USDA and FDA for prosecution. "Certificate of Disclosure": Exhibitors and parents of all market animals must certify their compliance with the USDA Wholesome Meat Act by completing and signing a "Certification and Disclosure Statement". Exhibitors may not stall breeding animals or weigh-in market animals without this completed form on file in the livestock office.
- Updated rules for Poultry Skillathon
- Removed public sale for rabbits , updated contests/verbiage
- Updated a few details to rabbit contests
- Camelid removed a few classes and updated verbiage

2026 El Paso County Fair Schedule

Find the Schedule [HERE](#)



Reporter's Round Up

REPORTERS ROUND UP

SMALL ANIMAL CREATION



STATIONS

CLUBS: A-OK

REPORTERS: KAYLEE MCDANIEL



The Small Animal Creation Station event was on Saturday, February 28th, at the El Paso County Fairgrounds from 9:00am to 11:00am. Each of the six stations included hands-on learning activities related to poultry, pocket pets, camelids, rabbits/cavies, cats, and dogs. At the chicken and wild bird station, people made cups of a seed and molasses mixture.

There was also a Shrinky Dinks station where 4-H'ers could color an alpaca, llama, or make their own design to shrink down and create a keychain. One station focused on healthy food and encouraged participants to make a fresh fruit and veggie string treat for different small animals. Another station had a rabbit silhouette maker with black paper and oil pastels. Last was the cat and dog station where 4-H'ers made some cat toys and an octopus tug toy. I'm planning to give the toys I made to a friend for their pets to play with.



"My favorite moment was the rabbit coloring activity. It was really fun to spread the oil pastels around the rabbit stencils. I got messy while doing it and enjoyed the blended effect." — Lilly Ramos, 4-Bits Club

"I enjoyed watching all the creativity from the kids and getting to connect with kind and helpful people." — Kirsten Pyhtila, 4-Bits Club

Market Goat and Sheep Tag In

Thursday May 7, 2026, Owens Arena—El Paso County Fairgrounds

- Any youth member that plans on showing MARKET Goat and/or Sheep at County Fair needs to fill out this Google Survey below by April 15, 2026.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeGk8bGUtZojwO8D77PKtX1R9SDSByW_rTpS1EB0-zlpnQ2Qw/viewform?usp=publish-editor
- We will not be differentiating between species so being goats and/or sheep. Families can come between 5:00 PM—7:00 PM. Please note the office closes at 7:00 PM SHARP. No Exceptions.
- 4-H members who fail to comply with deadlines for ownership, inspection, or exhibition will be prevented from exhibiting project(s) and/or denied any and all premiums or awards for their project.
- If our team of **VOLUNTEERS** are running behind, please be patient as we are working with live animals and technology so sometimes it does not go as planned or expected.
- Only CASH will be accepted on the day of tag in (read below for details on price breakouts)

Things to Know in Advance:

- All animals **must be castrated prior** to being weighed and tagged in as a 4-H Market project. Castration cannot happen on the day of tag in. The animals should be healed as much as possible.
- You must bring your animal with a halter already on before it is unloaded, or it will not be tagged or weighed. The idea is to work with them ahead of time.
 - However, please note that it is the decision of the exhibitor if they want to leave on wraps, blankets, halters, and chains. This only HINDERS the rate of gain scores; however, the choice does belong to the exhibitor.

Market Goat and Sheep Tag In

- If your animals are sick or show signs of sore mouth and/or fungus, please email Emily.Green@colostate.edu and we will have you go across the scale and tag in at the end.
- Market ewes and market does **MUST** have scrapies tags before tag in.
- Please enter and park your truck and trailers in the South Parking Lot
- Youth will walk their animals through the south sheep/goat barn and into the arena.
- Please stay off the concrete with your animals in the Owens Livestock Arena.
- Tag in is the only time State Fair Nominations will be taken and will cost \$3 to nominate per animal (CASH ONLY).
 - Remember all 4-H Exhibitors must have their premise ID# on their nomination cards to be accepted for State Fair. This is a State Fair Policy. **NOT** a requirement to participate at the County Level. This information should be completed on ALL cards at the time of tag in.
 - You will need to apply for your premise ID number well in advance of tag in, so they have time to assign you one. Please do so 3-4 weeks before you need it. Please call 303-869-9130 to get your ID or visit the website at <https://ag.colorado.gov/animals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>
- Retinal scans at tag in are \$3 per animal due at tag in (CASH ONLY).
 - The first 6 ear tags are free, \$1 per tag over 6.
- Fees are due on the date of tag in.
- In the event of an emergency, please contact the appropriate superintendent listed on the website via cell phone as soon as possible. While accommodation cannot be guaranteed, timely communication is essential in emergency situations (for example, a flat tire on the way to tag in).
- If the weather is bad, please understand we will need to block off a different day in May.

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.

Market Goat Clinic

Register [HERE](#)



**MARKET
CLINIC
GOAT**

FRIDAY JUNE 12, 2026
10:00 AM UNTIL 6:00 PM
EL PASO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

SHREVE SHOW STOCK, IS LOCATED IN NORTHERN COLORADO AND, RAISES SHOW GOATS AND CATTLE. HAVING LEARNED SHOWMANSHIP FROM SOME OF THE INDUSTRIES BEST. SHANNON IS A 4-H CLUB LEADER OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CLUBS IN LARIMER COUNTY\] AND IS ALSO THE MEAT GOAT SUPERINTENDENT. BRODY HAS HAD A LOT OF SUCCESS IN AND OUT OF THE RING IN HIS EIGHT YEARS IN 4-H. HAVING WON SHOWMANSHIP AT MULTIPLE SHOWS AS WELL AS ROUND ROBIN COMPETITIONS. HE HAS SPENT THE PAST THREE SUMMERS TEACHING NEW SHOWMAN AND HELPING BOOST THE EXPERIENCED SHOWMAN'S TECHNIQUE. HAVING EXPERIENCED SOME OF HIS BIGGEST WINS IN SEEING THE SHOWMAN THAT HE HAS TAUGHT GO ON AND BE SUCCESSFUL AND LOVE THE SPORT OF SHOWING! WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE ADVANCE AND BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE!

SCHEDULE
MORNING SESSION-SHOWMANSHIP
AFTERNOON SESSION- CLIPPING, FITTING, + MORE
SHOWMANSHIP

Swine Clinic

Register [HERE](#)

Friday April 10, 2026
6:00 PM
Calhan Sale Barn



Swine Clinic

Topics Covered:

General daily care and animal wellness

Preparing skin and hair for show

Washing, brushing, and basic grooming techniques

Creating a healthy, show-ready appearance

Q&A Session

Andrew Williams brings 25+ years of experience in commercial and show swine. Owner of AT Show Pigs in Lamar, CO, he teaches Agriculture at Lamar High School and coaches wrestling. Andrew holds degrees from Lamar Community College and Texas Tech University, and is pursuing a master's at New Mexico State University. He's excited to help exhibitors succeed through Selection, Showmanship, Feeding, and Fitting.

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

First Year Lamb Project Overview

[Find the First Year Lamb Application **HERE**](#)

Guidelines & Information

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

- 4-H Members enrolled in their first year of the lamb project will learn more about their project through monthly project meetings. Participants will need to attend 3 of 4 educational meetings or they may substitute one of the meetings by exhibiting at a prospect or jackpot show.

Clinics will be held on:

-March 25th at 6:30pm Akers

-April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Akers

-May 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

-June 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds

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

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

- **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)



Looking Forward

- **March 15, 2026**
 - In Hand Trail Clinic
- **March 28, 2026**
 - Jump Building Clinic
- **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

Mock Dog Show

Registration Link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebOfB4u6vKPixYtFDzcm-YCmCyBBCA-MZWGJQEOC8ekTvVg/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Prepare for County Fair at our upcoming Mock Dog Show! This practice event gives 4-H Dog Project members the opportunity to run showmanship, obedience, and rally courses while experiencing real show ring procedures in a supportive, learning-focused setting.

Leaders and experienced youth will provide helpful feedback and tips to build confidence and strengthen skills before competition day. Don't miss this chance to practice, prepare, and feel ring-ready!



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



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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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

March:

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61877482-04042026#/>

Friday April 17th Colorado Parks & Wildlife—

Council Meeting 6:30 PM—9:00 PM

Sunday April 19th—Frontier Sportsman Club Hanover—

Archery, Muzzleload & .22 Pistol 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61877631-04192026#/>

Monday April 20th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—NEW** Air Rifle & Air Pistol Practice 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61877640-04202026#/>

Saturday April 25th—Colorado Parks and Wildlife—**MANDATORY SQA** Clinics and Range 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61877674-04252026#/>

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



Recap and Upcoming Meetings

The monthly meeting of Youth County Council took place on 2/24/2026 at the Extension Office and Zoom. Our participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade was unfortunately canceled due to no available CSU staff. Members were reminded of the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum opportunity, and if you're interested to RSVP by March 9th. We also discussed hosting a YCC end of fair celebration, and came up with different ideas on what to do. 4-H camp will be on June 30th-July 2nd, and counselor applications will be out soon, so be on the lookout if you're interested in being a counselor!

~ Linnaea Boynton



Horse Science!

We're excited to introduce Extension Horses' all new Hippology/Horse Science educational course! For just \$40, you will gain access to an online course featuring four interactive lessons designed to build foundational knowledge in equine science through hands-on activities and multimedia content. You can even learn certificates for each lesson by passing the 10 question quizzes at the end of each lesson with an 80% or higher.

Lesson topics include:

- Internal Parasites
- Introduction to Horse Hoof Anatomy
- Parturition in Broodmares
- Evaluating Equine Conformation

Pricing for 6 month unlimited access is just \$40!

This resource is ideal for youth preparing for Hippology contests or anyone interested in expanding their horse science knowledge—regardless of experience level. Learn at your own pace and strengthen your understanding of equine care and anatomy.

Enroll today and start learning all about horses!

<https://campus.extension.org/enrol/index.php?id=2813>

If you're looking for new ways to put your new knowledge to the test, be on the lookout for Extension Horses' NEW Hippology Practice Contests—coming soon!



HIPPOLOGY / HORSE SCIENCE

LEARNING ALL ABOUT HORSES

ABOUT THIS CLASS

- \$40 for all 4 lessons
- Interactive lessons with quizzes and videos
- Unlimited access and attempts for 180 days



TOPICS

- INTERNAL PARASITES
- INTRODUCTION TO HORSE
HOOF ANATOMY
- PARTURITION IN
BROODMARES
- EVALUATING EQUINE
CONFORMATION

Resister for Any Session [HERE](#)



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4-H Project Series

Hear from Project Experts highlighting a variety of General Projects. Learn more about what each project entails and get all your questions answered.

Part 1 - Zoom Sessions

February 18th - Clothing & Artistic Clothing

Project Expert: Julia Hurdlebrink

February 25th - Metalworking

Project Expert: Scott Stinnett

March 4th - Foods and Nutrition & Food Preservation

Project Expert: Kaye Kasza

March 11th - Cake Decorating

Project Expert: Toni Lambeth

March 18th - Quilting (Heritage Arts)

Project Expert: Lorri Arnhold

March 25th - Cats

Project Expert: Marlena Griesse

Wednesdays | 7:00 pm

Register Here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/C6gggHXBZJ>



Resister for Any Session [HERE](#)



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4-H Animal Science 101: Selection Series

Ready to select your next 4-H livestock project?
Come learn from these industry leaders.
Workshops delivered via zoom.

MARKET SWINE SELECTION

Thursday, March 5, 2026 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Jessy Barger is a Montana native and currently serves as the Head Livestock Judging Coach and Agriculture Instructor at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colorado. She earned her degree in Agricultural Business from the University of Wyoming in Fall 2025.

Jessy Barger



Logan Despain



MARKET SHEEP SELECTION

Friday, March 6, 2026 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Logan was born and raised in Wyoming, where he and his family raised and exhibited livestock at the county, state, and national levels. He showed both sheep and hogs, finding success in each species. Logan went on to compete in collegiate livestock judging at Casper College and the University of Wyoming. Following his competitive career, he has spent the past five years coaching collegiate judging teams. He currently serves as the Livestock Judging Coach at Casper College.

MARKET GOAT SELECTION

Sunday, March 8, 2026 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Simon Raff of Nunn, Colorado, exhibited goats for over 12 years, consistently placing in the top five in market class and top ten in showmanship at every state and national competition he showed in. After high school, he attended Eastern Wyoming College, competing on both the show and livestock judging teams. Simon now attends the University of Wyoming, where he is pursuing a degree in animal science with a concentration in meat animal industries while competing on the university's livestock judging team.

Simon Raff



For questions: Dawn Sanchez (970) 491-0255
dawn.sanchez@colostate.edu

Please register to obtain zoom
Use the QR code or link: <https://bit.ly/4-HLivestockSelection>



2026 4-H YouthFest

Hello 4-H Members Aged 11-13!

Colorado 4-H Youth Fest is coming this March! Do you want the opportunity to meet with other 4-H members from across the state, play wacky games and participate in awesome leadership activities put on by the Colorado 4-H Senate?? Then 4-H Youth Fest is for you! 😊

- **Youth Fest will be held onsite at the Growing Minds Dorms at the Colorado State Fairgrounds in Pueblo, March 27-29 this year.**
- **The Camp cost is \$115.00 per participant.**

Transportation to and from the Fairgrounds must be provided by a 4-H parent/guardian. We encourage you to carpool!

How to Enroll:

Enrollment is open now in [4HOnline](#).

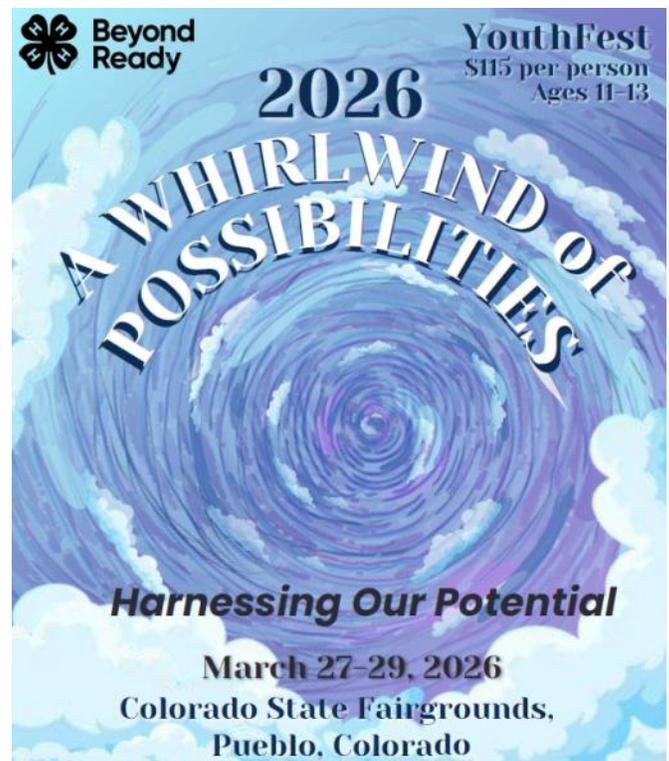
- **Registration CLOSSES Friday, March 6**
- **All payments are due to the Extension Office by Friday, March 13 by 5:00 PM.**

Registration Payments:

ALL Registration Fees are due to the Extension Office by Friday, March 13, by 5:00 PM.

There are three ways to pay your registration fee:

- **Write a check.**
 - Checks should be made out to Colorado State University Extension (please put “4-H Youth Fest” 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.



Register [HERE!](#)

FORECASTING FUTURE LEADERS

CALLING ALL METEOROLOGISTS!

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

- **Date:** Saturday, April 4
- **Time:** 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM
- **Location:** Kirk Hall, Douglas County Fairgrounds
- **For:** Ages 8-10 (as of 12/31/2025)
 - Open to Adams, Arapahoe, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson & Gilpin County 4-H Members!
- **Cost:** \$25 (Cash or check at the door)
- **Click Here to Register**
 - Registration Open **Now!**
 - Registration Closes Friday, March 13, 2026

This Retreat will "Blow You Away!"
Come "Chill" with us!
Don't "Mist" it!

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2026 Equine Education Summit

Southern CO Region



Come learn from CSU Equine Specialist, Dr. Devan Catalano, and other Extension Specialists!



Healthy Horses, Healthy Lands

Join us for a full day of classroom instruction and hands-on learning focused on real-world equine management topics including:

- Nutrition and feeding decisions
- Biosecurity and disease prevention
- Fitness and conditioning for horse health
- Managing horses and land during drought conditions
- Emergency planning for horse owners

Lunch and all reference materials are included with registration. This event is designed for adult learners, though youth ages 12 and older are welcome to attend.

For safety, please wear closed-toed shoes, as participants will be working directly with horses throughout the day.

WHERE

Pathfinder Event Center
6655 CO-115. Florence,
CO, 81226

WHEN

Saturday, March 14th
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

PRICE

\$30/Person



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Scan the QR code above or visit
this link to register: <https://col.st/seete>
Questions? Email us at: hayesb@pueblocounty.us

Please find the Zoom Link [HERE](#)



Statewide 4-H Equine Science Webinar Series

The State 4-H Horse Work Team will be offering a variety of free online webinars for those involved in 4-H Horse related projects (Horse, Miniature Horse, Horseless Horse and any other county specific projects that involve horses) to help supplement the 4-H member's educational experience. These are available to members, parents, or volunteers! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** Start times are at 6 pm every Thursdays starting March 26-May 7th The sessions can be accessed via the following zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/98227902145>

We hope you can join us for these educational programs and will enjoy these opportunities! Subjects are as follows but dates for each are not finalized yet. Specific dates for each topic will be sent out ASAP.

March 26th- Navigating Lease Horses

Rebecca Sheriff, Extension County Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, Chaffee and Lake Counties

This webinar provides practical guidance on understanding horse lease agreements. Listeners will learn about different lease types, financial responsibilities, and how to evaluate whether a lease arrangement may fit their goals & experience. The webinar will also address thoughts on risk management and care expectations while helping 4-H families approach leasing with confidence and clarity.

Interpreting Your Score Sheets- What's it all mean?

Jonathan Vrabec- CSU Extension Specialist/ Horse Show Judge

This webinar is designed to help horse show exhibitors better understand how to read and interpret score sheets across a variety of events. Participants will learn how judges evaluate performance, penalty application, and how scores are calculated and ranked. The session will break down common scoring systems used in events such as showmanship, English equitation/horsemanship, reining, ranch riding and individual cow work. You will be provided with clear explanations and real-life examples. By the end of the webinar, exhibitors will feel more confident reviewing their results, identifying strengths and areas for improvement, and using score sheet feedback to set meaningful goals for future competitions.

April 9th- Bits & Bridles

Rebecca Sheriff, Extension County Specialist, 4-H Youth Development, Chaffee and Lake Counties

This webinar explores the purpose, function, and proper selection of bits and bridles to support clear communication between horse and rider. Listeners will learn how different bits work, traditional training progression for horses, and how to match equipment to a horse's training level. The webinar will also cover proper bridle fit, adjustment, and common behavior issues. There will be an opportunity for Q&A, and information from the 4-H horse show rule book will be shared.

How to Manage and Run a 4-H Horse Show

Mercedes Glenn- Extension County Specialist, Douglas County

Managing and running a successful 4-H horse show required careful planning, knowledgeable volunteers, and attention to both educational and safety standards. This webinar will provide a comprehensive overview of the essential components involved in organizing a 4-H horse show, from initial planning to show-day execution. Topics will include: booking facilities, hiring judges, required paperwork and insurance considerations, assembling and coordinating volunteers and officials, selecting appropriate classes and divisions, and choosing effective patterns that support youth skill development. Participants will also gain insight into facility needs, budgeting, risk management, and common challenges faced by show managers and secretaries. Whether you are new to horse show management or looking to refine your process, this session will offer practical guidance and resources to help ensure a safe, efficient, and positive experience for exhibitors, families, and volunteers.

April 23rd- Horse Hauling/Trailer Safety

Kelsey Story- Extension Fremont County Specialist, Agriculture Natural Resources

This horse hauling webinar will provide essential guidance for transporting your horse with confidence and care. Participants will learn to implement safe loading and unloading practices, essential items to carry, routine trailer maintenance, and more! Whether hauling across town or across state lines, this session equips horse owners with the knowledge and tools to prioritize safety every mile of the journey.

Equine Careers

Devan Catalano, CSU Assistant Professor of Equine Science and Equine Extension Specialist

This webinar provides an overview of career opportunities in the equine industry. Learn about the variety of ways you can work in the industry, required skills and education pathways, and practical considerations for building a career in the horse world!

Navigating Colorado State Fair 2025 OR Miniature Horse Shows

Emily Green 4-H Youth Development Animal Science County Specialist- El Paso County

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Check Out the National 4-H Youth in Action Program!

Hosted by the National 4-H Council, the [4-H Youth in Action](#) program shines a light on outstanding 4-H leaders who are making a meaningful impact in their communities.

This national program elevates the voices and stories of 4-H'ers who demonstrate how their 4-H experiences have shaped their lives, strengthened their leadership skills, and prepared them to be ***Beyond Ready*** for the future.

What Award Winners Receive:

Four exceptional youth are chosen annually, each representing a different pillar of 4-H. Awardees are provided with a package of educational, professional, and leadership opportunities, including:

\$5,000 Scholarship

Awarded directly to the recipient's chosen institution, whether a two-year college, four-year university, trade school, or advanced learning program.

A Year of Media & Professional Development

Training, coaching, and networking opportunities designed to support their growth as national youth leaders and storytellers for 4-H.

All Expenses Paid Travel

Each award winner and a chaperone receive travel opportunities as they serve as national youth spokespeople throughout the year.

An Official Reference Letter

Provided by a National 4-H Council leader to support future academic or career pursuits.

The [4-H Youth in Action application](#) is now open through April 13, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. PST.



State 4-H Conference: Save the Date!!

Date: June 16-19, 2026

Registration Coming: Early April!

June 16-19, 2026
Colorado State University Campus
Fort Collins, CO

Beyond Ready

Boots on the ground...

hands in the dirt.

2026
Colorado State 4-H Conference
**Registration opens early April

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4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship for Graduating Seniors

Jonathan Marr Memorial Scholarships – Due April 1

Application information for the Jonathan Marr Memorial Scholarship can be found [here](#).

This is a great opportunity for graduating 4-H members!

**New this year: members who have been in Metal Working are also eligible to apply for the scholarship.



SPECIAL OFFERS THROUGH **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

Steps to get discounted tickets for shows at
The Broadmoor World Arena and Pikes Peak Center

1. Visit BroadmoorWorldArena.com/SuperGroup and scroll to find events (from both venues) that offer discounts.
2. Click the event's **SUPER GROUP** button, an AXS ticketing link will open.
3. Use promo code **COMMUNITY26** to continue. From there, the discount will automatically apply to selected seats.
4. Proceed to check out. When purchased, your tickets will load to your mobile AXS app.

Call **(719) 477-2170** to purchase 10+ tickets or if you have any questions.

Please note: AXS ticketing links do not work on government/military internet networks, please use a private wi-fi connection or data. There are no minimum requirements for these offers. Special offers close at midnight the day before each show. Offers are decided by the artist's team, so the discount will vary. Not all venue events will have one.





CURRENT SHOWS WITH SPECIAL DISCOUNTS

February 21	Xtreme International Ice Racing	\$5 off
Feb 21 - 22	Philharmonic: Carmen/Aranjuez	20% off
Feb 24 - 26	The Music Man	10% off
Feb 28 - March 1	Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live	\$10 off
March 6 - 7	Philharmonic: La Vida Loca	20% off
March 8	Bored Teachers Comedy Tour	10% off
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