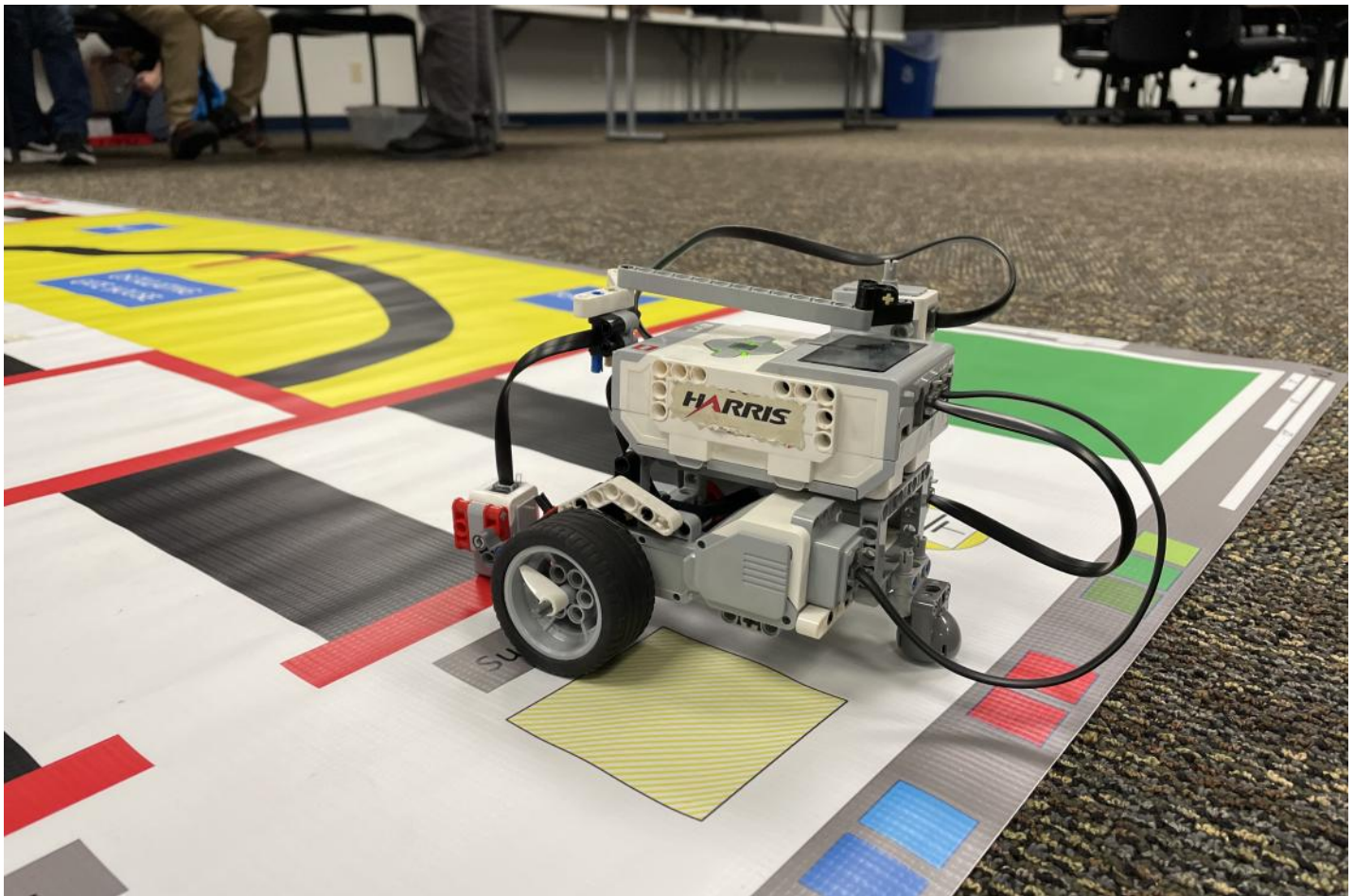




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***Please note that all articles and flyers in the 4-H newsletter will be run for a limited timeframe (usually 3-4 newsletters or less) then will be removed. Please be aware of this and review the 4-H newsletters starting in October of the current 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!



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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



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

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!



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.**

Appointments at Extension Office

As we get into the busy 4-H season, we want to kindly ask everyone to please, whenever possible, make an appointment before coming into the Extension Office. Our 4-H Staff are often offsite conducting programs during this time, and thus do not always keep typical office hours. To ensure we can meet your needs, please schedule an appointment with Shawna at Shawna.Lamothe@colostate.edu to ensure we are available and have the resources you need at that time. If Shawna is unavailable, please reach out to Jen or Emily at Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu or Emily.Green@colostate.edu. Thank you!

Registration for County Fair (FairEntry) Mark Your Calendars!

Entry for the 2026 El Paso County Fair through FairEntry opens on Monday June 1st and is required for all 4-H General Projects, 4-H Cloverbud, and 4-H Animal Projects who would like to exhibit at the 2026 El Paso County Fair. Exhibits must be entered before June 12, 2026, at 4:00 PM.

Individuals not complying with deadlines will lose privileges and the opportunity for awards. 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.

It is the member’s responsibility to check with the Extension Office to make sure the entry and payment was completed by the deadline.

** If a 4-H Contest takes place before FairEntry deadlines—all entries and payment must be complete 24 hours before the 4-H Contest.*



Fair Cleanup & Livestock Exhibitor Meeting—Mark Your Calendars!

It is an expectation for all youth who are competing at the County Fair to attend Fair Cleanup on June 27, 2026, at the Fairgrounds starting at 8:00 AM. There will be a livestock exhibitor meeting beginning at 8:00 AM in the Owens Grandstands with a sign-in sheet for attendance at the Livestock Office. The attendance sheet will be tracked by Superintendents. Tabletop will have a sign in sheet in the Whittemore Building.

Due to the later entry period for County Fair registration, stalling will NOT be posted on the day of Fair Cleanup.



Cake Builders Academy

Open to 4-H Members and Non-4-H Members going into the 4th and 5th grade next year—invite your friends! Register [HERE!](#)



El Paso County 4-H Presents:

CAKE BUILDERS ACADEMY!

Learn how to Design, Bake, Decorate & Display Creative Cake Confection Masterpieces!



June 9, 10, & 11, 2026
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Academy Schedule:

Day 1:

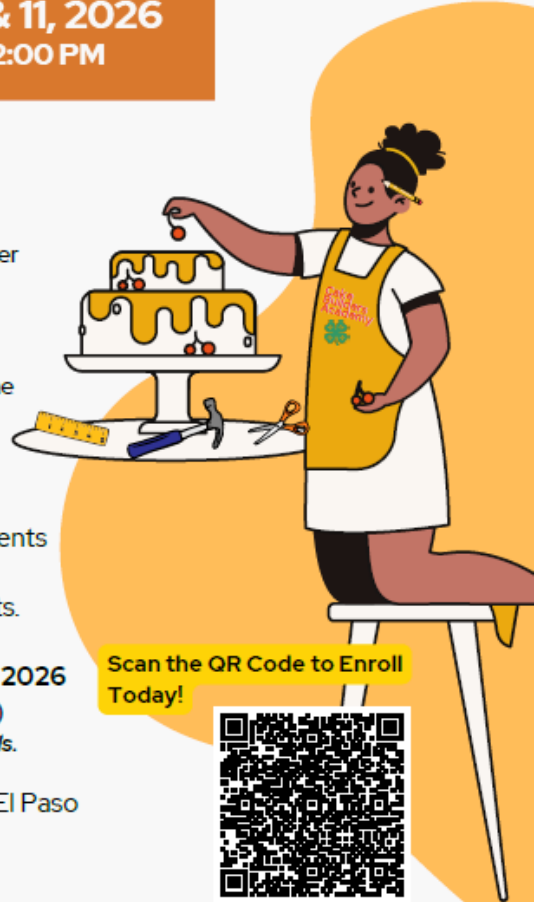
Kitchen Tool & Food Safety, Introduction to Frosting, Cake Making & Creative Candy Molding.

Day 2:

Build a Cupcake Display, use Frosting Tips, Food & Consumer Science Health Activity, & Building a Taste Profile.

Day 3:

Cake Builders Academy Challenge Day!
In Teams, Make, Decorate and Display your Cupcakes for the Panel of Judges before the Clock Runs Out!



Registration:

- Cake Builders Academy is for El Paso County students going into the **4th & 5th grade**.
- Registration is limited to the first 20 paid registrants.
- Registration will be Online via EventBrite
 - Registration will Open **April 1** & Closes **May 15, 2026**
 - Registration Fee: \$25.00 (plus EventBrite Fee)
 - *Program Fee Waiver available for high-need individuals. Please call 719-520-7698 to request assistance.*
- Cake Builders Academy will be held on-site at the El Paso County Extension Office.

Scan the QR Code to Enroll Today!



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Questions? Email Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu

Creative Cooks Workshop

RSVP [HERE!](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 28 2026

EL PASO COUNTY 4-H CREATIVE COOKS WORKSHOP!

Learn everything you need to know to participate in the 2026 El Paso County Fair Creative Cooks Contest!

Join us Thursday, May 28, 2026 @ 6:00 PM at the El Paso County Extension Office

- Workshop participants do not need to be enrolled in a Foods project, all are welcome!
- No experience or special knowledge needed.
- For 4-H members 4-H ages 8 and up!

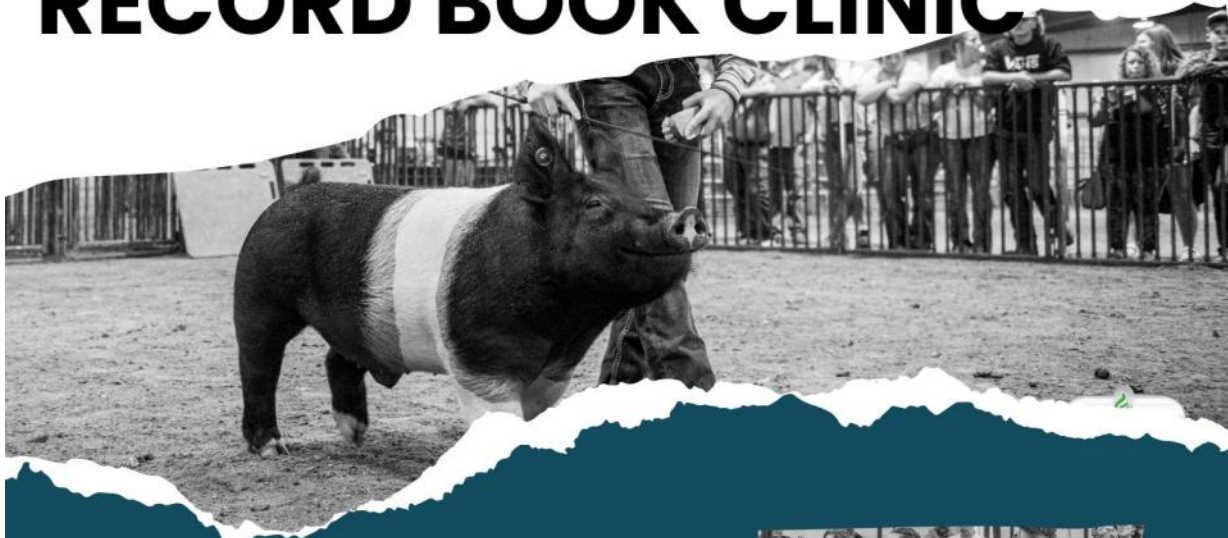
Join Contest Superintendent Tricia Schroeder and previous Creative Cooks Contest Winner, Caitlyn Hodge to learn how to make your Dish DAZZLE and your Theme SPARKLE!



Large Livestock Record Book Clinic

Registration Link [HERE](#)

Livestock RECORD BOOK CLINIC



Outline

- ✓ Tips and Tricks
- ✓ Q & A Session
- ✓ Review the rubric
- ✓ Drawing for free record book covers

May 28, 2026

6:30 PM at Swink Hall (Fairgrounds)



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Market Beef Re-Weigh for Rate of Gain Contest

If you have youth enrolled in the Market Beef Project who are interested in participating in the Rate of Gain Contest, please note that the required re-weigh date is Friday, May 15th from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM.

Participants must attend this re-weigh to remain eligible for the contest. If you miss this time frame, you will not be eligible—no exceptions.

Please be prepared to lead animals, as there will not be alleyways available to assist with containing them.

The Rate of Gain Contest requirements and full details are outlined in the premium book. Please refer to it if you have additional questions.



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 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.

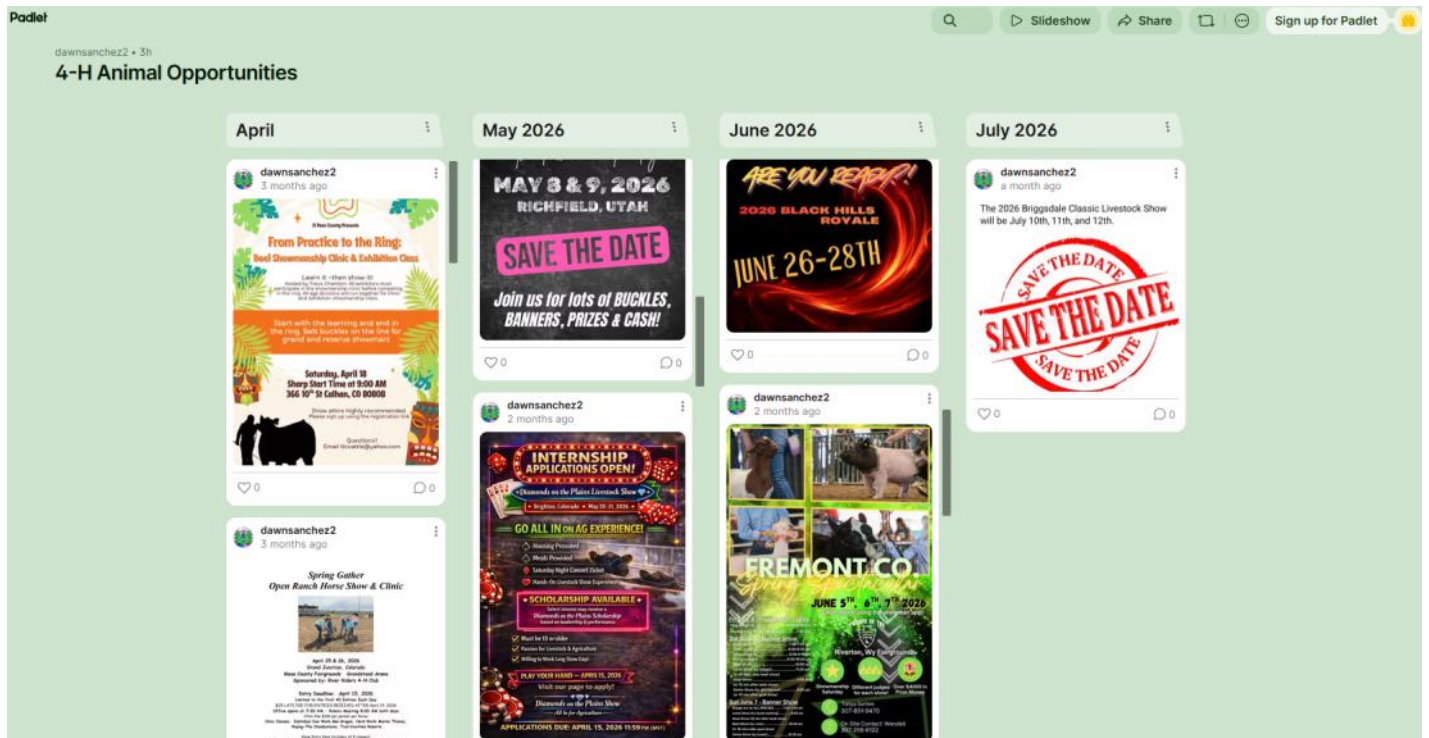
C. Clearly printed photographs of hogs (what is required for the photos to be stated in your packet when you pick it up)

D. Any extra tags you did not use.

Animal Opportunities

It is that time of year when we start getting lots of information on animal workshops, jackpots, sales, etc going on around the state. We want to make sure this information is accessible to our 4-H Families, so encourage we encourage you to check out all of the animal opportunities on the Padlet below. You can download this onto your phone and tablets and have information at the touch of a button.

Find them broken down by month [HERE](#)



Looking Forward

- **April 12, 2026**—Ride Smart Clinic (Pre-Registration Required)
- **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

- **April 25, 2026**
 - Miniature Horse Clinic—Hunter (Fairgrounds)
- **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!



El Paso County Dog Show

New this year we are offering open fun run classes for adults!

4-H Registration [HERE](#)— Open Fun Run Registration [HERE](#)

  **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**
EL PASO COUNTY EXTENSION

 *El Paso County*
Dog Show
4-H Classes & Open Fun Run Classes

 **Rally**

 **Obedience**

 **Showmanship**

Come join us at the El Paso County Dog Show for a day of fun featuring 4-H classes, open fun runs for adults, delicious concessions, and a silent auction full of great finds!

May 31, 2026
366 10th St
Calhan, CO 80808

Check In Time: 8:00 AM
show Start Time: 9:00 AM

Please bring cash or check the day of the event

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND CLOSSES MAY 25, 2026

Open Fun Run Registration
SHOWMANSHIP (\$10)
RALLY (\$10),
WRITTEN TEST (\$5)



4-H Registration
\$5 A CLASS

 **VACCINATIONS NEED TO BE UP TO DATE TO SHOW**

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL: rboynton15@hotmail.com

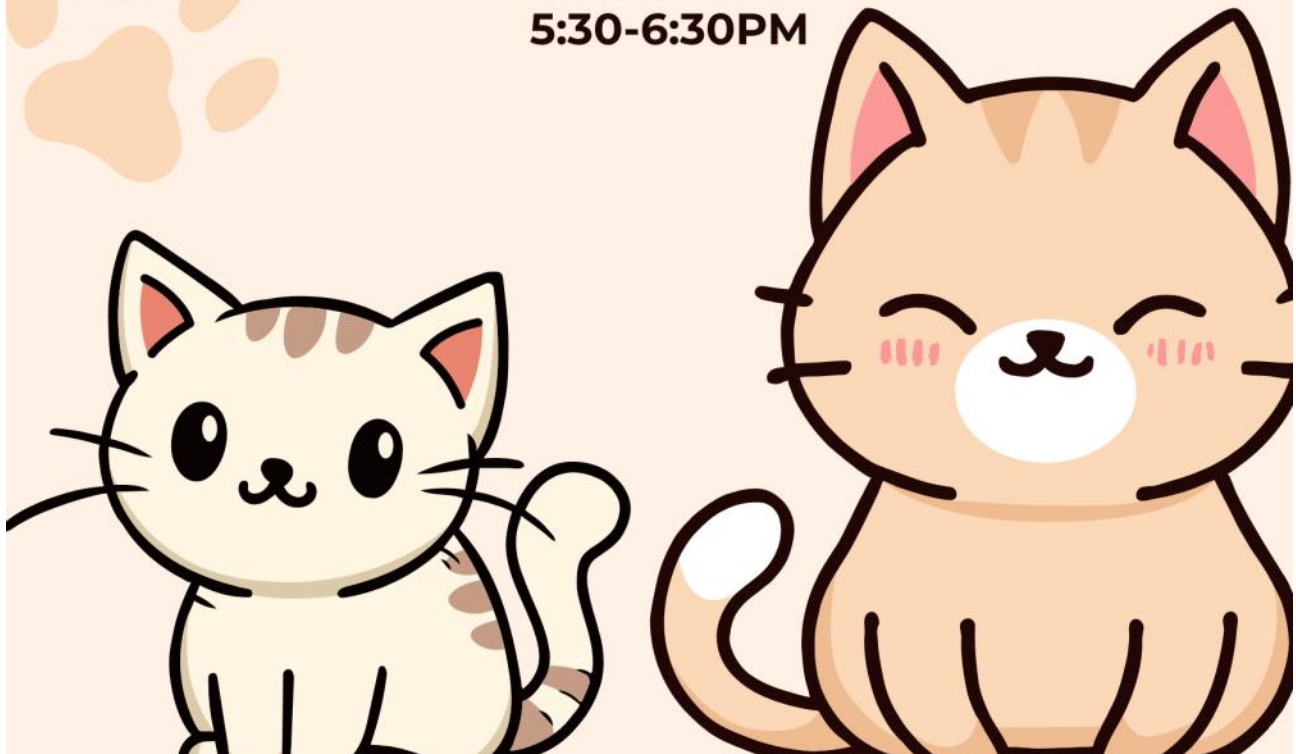
Cat Project Meetings

**CAT PROJECT
MEETINGS 2025-2026**

**THE REMAINING MEETINGS WILL TAKE
PLACE PENDING INTEREST.**

**PLEASE RSVP TO
RBOYNTON15@HOTMAIL.COM
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND**

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



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!



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 Rocketeers!

Are you enrolled in the 4-H Rocketry project, or are interested and want to learn more about it? Check out the Arapahoe County Rocketry Extravaganza coming up on **Saturday, June 6**, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds! You do not have to be enrolled in the Rocketry project to participate!

Please see the attached flyer for Sign up information! There is sign up links for:

- o Morning launch only [HERE](#)
- o Build a Rocket workshop + launch afterwards (ages 8-18), Cloverbuds (5-7) [HERE](#)

There will only be 20 spots for ages 8-18 and 20 spots for Cloverbuds. Sign up is going to go fast once registration opens! Registration will open on Wednesday, April 1. The cost will be \$10 for workshop+ launch. Please know that Jefferson County is on fire restrictions but that may change in coming months. We will keep families informed if the launch portion will be canceled due to restrictions.

Please reach out to Shay Florez (Shaylen Florez sflorez@arapahoegov.com) In Arapahoe County with any questions!

MODEL ROCKETRY LAUNCH DAY EXTRAVAGANZA



JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY OF MODEL ROCKETRY!

- Youth ages 8-18 can bring a model rocket to launch or register to build a rocket.
- Youth ages 7 and younger can build and fly an air rocket.
- Ask questions about ways to improve your rocket before fair.

When: June 6th

Where: Jefferson County Fairgrounds

Schedule of Events

Morning Launch (must bring your own model rocket)

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Rocket Launch

Rocketry Extravaganza – \$10.00 registration fee (Model rocket included)

*limited to 20 Cloverbuds and 20 4-H age participants

- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Rocket Building
- 10:00 - 12:00 Cloverbud Air Rocket Building
- 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch (bring your own sack lunch)
- 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Rocket Launch

Register for
Morning Launch at:
<https://col.st/a7n9i>



Register for
Rocketry
Extravaganza at:
<https://col.st/6joxg>



IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT :

- ADAM FRICKE - ANFRICKE20@YAHOO.COM
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Hello 4-H Shooting Sports Families!

This is a friendly check-in and reminder that members who wish to participate in the live-fire County Competition this summer must have completed the following requirements prior to competition:

REMEMBER: To be eligible to compete in the live-fire County Competition later this year, members must:

1. Be enrolled in the discipline in which you intend to compete

- o The deadline to add or drop 4-H projects is **April 1, 2026**. Make sure you know which projects/disciplines you are enrolled in!

2. Completed the SQA (Safety Quality Assurance training)

- The LAST opportunity to take this required training will be on **Saturday, April 25**. You can sign up for that training by [clicking HERE](#).
- 4-H Members who took the SQA in-person last year are eligible to take the SQA Online this year. You can **check your eligibility** and find the slide and test links by [clicking HERE](#). (***)*Navigate to the 4-H Shooting Sports Project Information Tab*(***)

3. Have a current [Hunters Safety Card](#)

- Please submit a copy of your card to Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu by **May 1, 2026**.

4. Have completed two county sanctioned practices (per discipline enrolled)

5. Filled out the [County Competition Form](#) (pages 10-11) and given to a coach at practice by **May 2, 2026**.

Deadlines are rapidly approaching, so be sure that you are “on target” for what is still required for you to be eligible to compete this year!

All 4-H Shooting Sports project and competition information can be found in the [2026 El Paso County Fair Shooting Sports Exhibitor Packet](#).

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

April:

Sunday April 12th—Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex—Shotgun Practice

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-63228637-04122026#/
/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-63228637-04122026#/)

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#/
/](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#/
/](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#/
/](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

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61877876-05022026#/
/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-61877876-05022026#/)

Sunday May 3rd—Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex—Shotgun Practice

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-63229185-05032026#/
/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-63229185-05032026#/)

Friday May 16th—Colorado Parks & Wildlife—

Council Meeting 6:30 PM—9:00 PM

Sunday May 17th—Cheyenne Mountain Shooting Complex—Shotgun Practice

8:30 AM—3:00 PM

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-63229329-05172026#/
/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45ABA62AA0FA7-63229329-05172026#/)

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



June 6th Registration [LINK](#)

June 7th Shotgun Registration [LINK](#)

June 7th Air Registration [LINK](#)

Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Rulebook [LINK](#)

Required Liability Waivers and Hold Harmless Agreements [LINK](#)

Weld County Shooting Sports Invationals

June 6th

Archery, .22 Rifle, .22
Pistol and Muzzleloading

Register at: [https://
www.signupgenius.com/
go/20F0A4DAFAC29A2F49
-48909513-weld](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4DAFAC29A2F49-48909513-weld)

- 8:00 AM Check-in
- 9:00 AM Contest Begins
- Junior and Senior Divisions
- Classes include: Archery (1 per member), .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol (Intermediate and Seniors ONLY), and Muzzleloading
- Maximum of 4 classes per member
- \$7/class if preregistered; \$14 if not preregistered. Payment required at sign-up
- Preregistration closes June 3rd to avoid late fee of \$14
- Location: South Platte Historical Society Range; 2001 Historic Parkway, Ft. Lupton

June 7th

Shotgun Only

Register at: [https://
www.signupgenius.com/
go/20F0A4DAFAC29A2F49
-48909542-weld](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4DAFAC29A2F49-48909542-weld)

- 7:30 AM Check-in
- 8:00 AM Contest Begins
- Junior and Senior Divisions
- Classes include: Skeet and Trap, 2 Rounds of each
- \$16/class if preregistered; \$21 if not preregistered by 6/3. Payment required at sign-up
- Preregistration closes June 3rd to avoid late fee
- Location: Weld County Fish and Wildlife; 38997 CR 51, Eaton, CO

June 7th

Air Only

Register at: [https://
www.signupgenius.com/
go/20F0A4DAFAC29A2F49
-55734025-2025](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4DAFAC29A2F49-55734025-2025)

- 8:00 AM Check-in
- 8:30 AM Contest Begins
- Junior and Senior Divisions
- Classes include: Air Rifle and Air Pistol
- \$7/class if preregistered; \$14 if not preregistered by 6/3. Payment required at sign-up
- Preregistration closes June 3rd to avoid late fee
- Location: Exhibition Building, Island Grove Park, 525 N 15th Ave, Greeley

Registration Questions contact Ray Sagehorn: 720-244-0238

Other Questions: Kim Eastwood, keastwood@weld.gov

Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Rulebook: [https://co4h.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/
sites/27/2025/12/ss-rulebook.pdf](https://co4h.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2025/12/ss-rulebook.pdf)

Orion Scoring will be used

Liability Waivers and Hold Harmless are required at both ranges. These can be found at: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vptQT5ELTrKV_UAnOaD6vvuyjySK8Mxd?
usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vptQT5ELTrKV_UAnOaD6vvuyjySK8Mxd?usp=sharing). Be sure to DOWNLOAD these before filling out

Register [HERE](#)

Join us for a **Poultry Producer Class**

Hosted by Western Small Flocks Collaborative

Wondering what you need for small scale poultry production? Join us to learn more about nutrition, poultry processing, basics, diseases, biosecurity, and more! This event is **free to the public**.

All ages are welcome. Lunch provided.



Saturday, May 2, 2026
9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Colorado State University
Diagnostic Medicine Center
2450 Gillette Drive, Fort Collins, CO, 80526

Must register by April 26

Questions? Contact us at
(970) 297 - 4008 or
avianhealth@colostate.edu

REGISTER HERE, or visit
<https://tinyurl.com/494fxbnt>



This class is funded by the USDA National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program (NADPRP)





Welcome to Western Small Flocks Collaborative

Who We Are

The Western Small Flocks Collaborative (WSFC) is a regional effort put forth by university and state officials in Colorado, New Mexico, Navajo Nation, and Wyoming to help small flock owners protect their birds and keep a healthy flock.

What We Do

WSCF supports small flock owners across the western region by providing practical information and trainings on biosecurity, basic flock care, and poultry diseases.

Your Local Contact

Email

Avianhealth@colostate.edu

Phone

970-297-4008

Scan for Website



Where To Find Us

Facebook

Western Small Flocks Collaborative

Website

www.healthybirds.info

Instagram

@wsfc_healthybirds



Click [HERE](#) to join the Shared Out Interest Form



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
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Save The Date

VOLUNTEER LEADERS SYMPOSIUM

Come together with volunteers from other counties to learn tips and tricks to grow as a leader! We will have guest speakers, train the trainer with volunteers, youth stories, networking and more!

NOVEMBER 14TH

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**EXHIBITION BUILDING, ISLAND GROVE PARK
525 N 15TH AVE, GREELEY**

Do you do something with your club/project that you'd like to share with other leaders? Please fill out the following interest form by July 1st!

<https://forms.gle/ctqnsxDZNyv4Mvt88>

Please see Coloring page on the next page

2026 WESTERN SPIRIT COLORING CONTEST



The mission of Western Heritage Spirit of Colorado Springs is to provide awareness and promotion of western heritage and culture in the Pikes Peak Region through an effort of collaboration and support.



★ Age Categories ★

5 years and younger

~6-8 years~

9-11 years

Deadline: April 30, 2026

Download entry WesternHeritageSpirit.com and print on 8.5x11 paper

Have your child complete it using any media (crayon, water color, colored pencil, paint etc.)

Mail Entry

ProRodeo Hall of Fame
101 ProRodeo Drive, 80919

Drop-Off Entry Wed-Sun 9-5

Kids FREE Entry with paying adult

Drop-Off Entry

Chick-fil-A
South Nevada

FREE Kids Meal or milkshake with paying adult

Entries Available at Other

Locations:

Big R at Falcon, Monument, Powers
Southgate and at WesternHeritageSpirit.com

Winner (in each age category) receives:

- ★ A family 4-pack coupon for tickets to the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo
- ★ Four tokens to Colorado Springs Western Street Breakfast, June 17
- ★ Winners will receive prizes on May 13 at ProRodeo Hall of Fame, 5:00-7p.m.
- ★ Gifts from Chick-fil-A and ProRodeo Hall of Fame

Questions: 719-528-4732 or shoffmann@prorodeo.com

Complete the information below and submit with entry

CHILD'S NAME: _____ AGE _____

PARENT(S) NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE _____

Western Heritage Spirit of Colorado Springs reserves the right to display and/or publish entries. Entries can be picked up at ProRodeo at the address above and will receive entry to the museum with a paying adult, contact Sloan to schedule.

SPONSORS

Western Heritage Spirit of Colorado Springs





Name (First, Last Initial) _____ Age _____

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

Please find the Zoom Link [HERE](#)

Making the Best Better



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
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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.



Colorado State 4-H Conference



Conference Details:

- **DATES:** 4-H State Conference will be held onsite at Colorado State University, **June 16, 2026 - June 19, 2026**
- **COST:** The Conference is **\$175 per youth participant** (including those participating in contests)
 - Please plan to bring money for a nice County Night Out Dinner on Thursday Night (approx. \$35), and lunch on Friday, plus any additional spending money for the campus bookstore or snacks as needed.
 - Contest fees will be covered this year.
 - **TRANSPORTATION:** Transportation to and from the Conference will be provided by 4-H Chaperones.
 - **Please find Workshop Descriptions and Tentative Schedule [HERE](#)**

How to Enroll:

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

- Login to 4HOnline, select “Events” and click blue “Register for a New Event” button. Complete all registration information, finish by selecting “Pay by Check” button and “Finish” button
 - ✦ **Please select the 3-Night Stay Option when you enroll (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)**
 - ✦ **UNLESS ENROLLED IN A CONTEST, ALL MEMBERS MUST SELECT A WORKSHOP/TOUR TRACK. IF YOU DO NOT SELECT ONE, ONE WILL BE ASSIGNED FOR YOU.**
 - ✦ If you are returning early from State Conference, you are responsible for getting transportation back home. [Please keep us updated in your transportation planning.](#)
 - ✦ All Contest Coaches must also register in 4HOnline before the registration deadline.
 - ✦ El Paso County Registration CLOSSES on **Friday, May 8.**
 - ✦ All payments are due to the Extension Office by **Friday, May 15.**

Registration Payments:

- ALL Registration Fees are due to the Extension Office by **Friday, May 15.**
- There are three ways to pay your registration fee:

Write a check.

- Checks should be made out to Colorado State University Extension (please put “El Paso County 4-H – State Conference” 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)
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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.

Poudre River 4-H Dog Show

Class Descriptions [HERE](#)

Register [HERE](#)



WELD COUNTY 4-H POUDE RIVER DOG SHOW

Exhibition Building, 525 N 15th Avenue, Greeley, CO
Bring proof of rabies, parvo and canine distemper immunizations.
Must be enrolled in the 4-H Dog Project to Show
Bitches in season, pregnant, or lactating cannot be shown. Dogs in obvious pain from illness or injury cannot be shown.
Please bring a crate for your dog when not in a class

When: May 2nd; Entry Fee: \$5/class
8:15 am Check-in; Show begins at 9:00 am with multiple rings; awards to follow

Showmanship Classes:	Rally Classes	Obedience Classes
Age as of 12/31/2025		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Junior Novice• Junior Open• Intermediate Novice• Intermediate Open• Intermediate Advanced• Senior Novice• Senior Open• Senior Advanced• Master Showmanship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Novice A• Novice B• Intermediate A• Intermediate B• Advanced A• Advanced B• Excellent A• Excellent B• Advanced/Excellent A• Advanced/Excellent B• Rally Masters A• Rally Masters B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pre-Beginner Novice A• Pre-Beginner Novice B• Beginner Novice A• Beginner Novice B• Novice A• Novice B• Veterans Class• Pre-Grad Novice A• Pre-Grad Novice B• Grad Novice A• Grad Novice B• Grad Open A• Grad Open B• Open A• Open B• Utility A• Utility B• Exhibition Class Only (Puppy/Senior)

For full class descriptions visit:
<https://co4h.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2026/02/State-4-H-Dog-Trials-2026.pdf>
Registration is ONLINE and will close at 11:50 pm April 26th!

No day of entries will be accepted!
Youth can register through:
<https://us.openforms.com/Form/24963970-2c3a-4da9-8848-550dea379738>

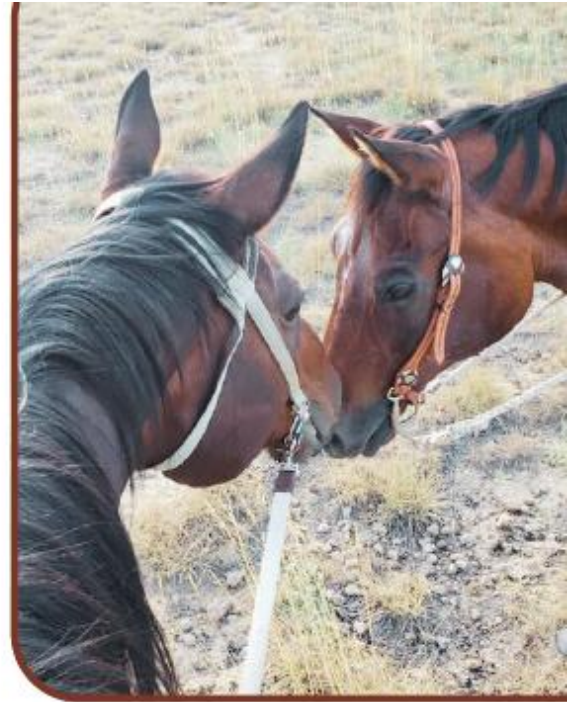
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Registration [LINK](#)



4-H Horse Project Educational Workshops

Join our expert led sessions and fun activities designed for novice, limited, and advanced riders to prepare for written levels testing and written testing at Fair. Parents, stay for the education, too!



What You'll Learn:

- 4-H Horse Safety
- Veterinary Care
- Hoof Care
- Nutrition
- Weed/Pasture Management
- What Judges Are Looking For
- Saddle Fitting



What You'll Do:

- Workshops
- Relays and Other Games
- Teamwork
- Levels Test Preparation (*topic notes & practice test*)
- Network with Others from the Area



**Cost
each day
per 4-H Member**

**\$10 PREPAY
WITH REGISTRATION**

**Lunch Will Be
Provided**

**Registration closes
3/31 for April 4th
and
5/10 for May 16th**

When:

Saturday, April 4, 2026 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday, May 16, 2026 9 am - 5 pm
Check-in at 8:30 am each day

Where:

SE Weld County Fairgrounds
7758 Co Rd 59, Keenesburg, CO 80643

Register HERE

<https://us.openforms.com/Form/7f39559c-6b54-41be-9a15-c186388101b2>

Questions?
Text *Deb Bokelman*
970.576.0565



4-H Horse Project Educational Workshops



April 4, 2026

SE Weld County Fairgrounds, 7758 Co Rd 59, Keenesburg, CO 80643

8:30-9:00 – Check-In & Welcome



9:00-9:45 – Horse Safety 101
Presenter: Sheridan McBee



9:45-9:50 – Transition Activity

9:50-10:00 – Restroom Break

10:00-10:45 – Veterinary Care
Presenter: Dr. Francesca Cerri



10:45-10:50 – Transition Activity



11:00-11:45 – Equine Nutrition
Presenter: Megan Bryant

11:45-11:50 – Transition Activity

12:00-12:45 – Lunch & Safety Video

1:00-3:00 – What Judges Are Looking For
Presenter: Rachel LeClere



3:00-3:05 – Transition Activity

3:05-3:15 – Restroom Break

3:15-4:20 – Saddle Fitting
Presenter: Danna Golden



4:20-4:25 – Transition Activity

4:25-4:50 – Games & Display Board Review

4:50-5:00 – Certificates & Closing



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4-H Horse Project Educational Workshops



May 16, 2026

SE Weld County Fairgrounds, 7758 Co Rd 59, Keenesburg, CO 80643

👋 8:30-9:00 – Check-In & Welcome



👟 9:00-9:45 – Horse Safety
Presenter: Sheridan McBee



🔄 9:45-9:50 – Transition Activity

🚻 9:50-10:00 – Restroom Break

🥕 10:00-10:45 – Nutrition: Meal Planning
Presenter: Megan Bryant



🔄 10:45-10:50 – Transition Activity



🐾 11:00-11:45 – Hoof Care
Presenter: Joe McClellan
Iron Horse Hoof Care

🔄 11:45-11:50 – Transition Activity

🍽️ 12:00-12:45 – Lunch & Safety Video

🚜 1:00-1:45 – Weed & Pasture Management
Presenter: Kathy Griffiee
Southwest Weld Weed Management



🔄 1:45-2:00 – Transition Activity

2:00-3:30 – Afternoon Rotations / Hands-On Stations

🚻 3:30-3:40 – Restroom Break

📋 3:40-4:10 – Games & Display Board Review

🖋️ 4:10-4:50 – Comprehensive Tests

🏆 4:50-5:00 – Certificates & Closing



Questions?
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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
March 8	TOBYMAC	10% off
March 9	Heart	20% off
March 11	Jeff Dunham	\$5 off
March 14	Harlem Globetrotters	25% off
March 14 - 15	Philharmonic: Grieg Piano	20% off
March 19 - 22	Disney On Ice	25% off
March 21	World Ballet Company: Cinderella	10% off
March 23 - 25	Clue Live On Stage!	10% off
March 28	The Neil Diamond Tribute	20% off
March 29	Hotel California - Eagles Tribute	20% off
March 31	Gregorian: Pure Chants	20% off
April 3 - 5	Shen Yun	10% off
April 10 - 11	Philharmonic: Wickedly Broadway	20% off
April 28 - 30	Mrs. Doubtfire Musical Comedy	10% off

With many more shows and discounts to be announced!

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Promo Code: **COMMUNITY26**

Questions? Call 719-477-2170



(List made 2.5.26, check website for up-to-date offers.)

