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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

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](#)

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.**

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 (**except horse**) who would like to exhibit at the 2026 El Paso County Fair. All exhibits/animals must be entered into the online FairEntry system. 4-H families will use their ‘4honlie.com’ username and password to log into the FairEntry system.

[Link to 2026 Fair Entry Instructions](#)

Exhibits must be entered by Friday June 12, 2026. A late fee of \$35.00 per family will be assessed for entries received between June 13-19, 2026. After June 19, 2026 absolutely no entries will be accepted. 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.

Once registration is complete and submitted by the family for ALL members participating in County Fair, it will be reviewed by CSU Extension 4-H staff for approval. Once approved, payment instructions will be sent via email. Please look for these instructions to come from an office staff member. Payment SHOULD NOT be sent until all classes are approved by CSU Extension Staff. Payment must be received by 4:30 PM Tuesday June 23, 2026. It is the member’s responsibility to check with the Extension Office to make sure the entry and payment were 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.

For help with computer pre-entry, be sure to attend our Help Desk Day on Monday June 8, 2026 from 4:00 PM—6:00 PM at the East Library!

Fair Cleanup & Livestock Exhibitor Meeting—Mark Your Calendars!

It is an expectation for all youth who are competing at the County Fair 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.







Thinking About Using AI (Artificial Intelligence) in your 4-H Project this year? Use the SIFT Method and Read this Important Guidance!


CSU-Extension: Guidance for Using (AI) Artificial Intelligence in 4-H Project Work:

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/27/2026/04/Guidance-for-Using-AI-in-4-H-Project-Work.pdf>

Use the SIFT Method:

-  **Stop** – Pause before you trust or share.
-  **Investigate the source** – Who created it? Are they credible?
-  **Find better coverage** – Look for other sources to confirm.
-  **Trace claims** – Go back to the original context or data.

This helps you know if your information is reliable.



The SIFT Method is an evaluation strategy developed by digital literacy expert, Mike Caulfield, to help determine whether online content can be trusted for credible or reliable sources of information. SIFT information is adapted from his materials.

Remember—There is no expectation/requirement for you to use AI in your 4-H project work.

Any and All AI resources used MUST be cited in your project work!

From the State 4-H Exhibit Requirements:

The project work, including writing, must be the member’s own work. If the work was not created by the 4-H member or if it was submitted as a representation of the member’s work without proper acknowledgement that it was created by another, then it is considered plagiarism. **Sources must be cited. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.**

Images used in a 4-H project should be a true representation accurate to real life. Images that are AI-generated in all display boards, project notebooks, or e-Records, etc. should be labeled as such. AI-generated images or text must include a caption or label with this format:

Image (or Text) generated by Name of Generative AI tool, developer, date created and link to the tool.

Examples:

Image generated by DALL-E, Bing, March 31, 2026, <https://www.bing.com/images/create>

Text generated by ChatGPT, OpenAI, March 7, 2026, <https://chat.openai.com/chat>

Please send any questions to Jen Loewen at: Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu.

Click [HERE](#) to Purchase Your Meal Tickets for the 4-H Dance!

Under the
STARS & STRIPES
4-H Dance

 <i>July</i> 17TH	 7:30 ★ PM ★	 IN SWINK HALL
 YARD GAMES	 PHOTO BOOTH	 MEAL OPTION AVAILABLE

★  **THE DANCE IS FREE!**
PURCHASE YOUR HOT DOG MEAL PLATE TO ENJOY AT THE DANCE! - \$5

 **SCAN THE CODE TO PURCHASE YOUR MEAL TICKET!**

★ GRAB YOUR FRIENDS & ★
come dance under the stars!

★ **HOSTED BY 4-H YOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL** ★



Affordable Health Certification for County Fair

Every year, the Livestock Advisory Committee offers 4-H members the opportunity to haul their animals to a specific location to receive a health certificate for County Fair. This will take place on Sunday June 28th, 2026, from 8:00 AM—11:00 AM at the El Paso County Fairgrounds.

Health Certifications cost \$5 per animal and CASH ONLY (exact cash preferred). We will be set up by the Beer Dock so you will enter the south gate, pull over by the Beer Dock, and you will exit the North Gate. A member of the family, an adult or youth, must be in attendance to sign the health certificate. If you would like to obtain a health certificate on this day you will need to show up from 8:00 AM—11:00 AM. There is no sign up or registration. It is first come first serve.

Animals are required to have health certifications for the County Fair issues within 14 days prior to the start of the County Fair. Animals required to have a health certification are camelids, miniature horses, and all livestock. Each animal must be individually identified on the certificate. When you load in your animals at the County Fair, you will need to make sure you have a **printed, hard copy of your health certificate every day you enter the fairgrounds with animals.** The livestock office keeps these on file.

Exhibitor Stall Preparation

It is expected that all exhibitors will set up their stalls with bedding and equipment before the start of the County Fair. You can come to the Fairgrounds on Wednesday July 8th after 3:00 PM, or all day Thursday July 9th, or all day July 10th. If the youth do not take advantage of the pre-set up, they will have to haul everything by hand from their parked trailer in the east lot outside the Fairgrounds to the barns. The youth and/or adults are not allowed to unload tack, equipment, or feed during our scheduled animal load in times.

Camping and 4-H Tickets

Fair Ready: Tickets are LIVE & Camping is Coming Soon!

Get ready to call the fairgrounds home! While **4-H ticket sales are officially live now**, make sure to set your alarms for camping reservations, which open on **Monday, May 18th at 9:00 am**.

Secure your tickets and prep for camping here: [4-H/FFA Tickets & Camping](#)

Before the portal opens, please head over to the link above to view our **new camping map** for this year. We also highly encourage everyone to review the camping guidelines posted on the page; while they haven't changed, a quick refresher will ensure you're all set for a smooth experience when registration begins!

Barn Decoration Contest

"United We Celebrate" Barn Decorating Contest

It's time to get creative! In honor of the nation's 250th anniversary and Colorado's 150th, we invite every club to participate in our **"United We Celebrate"** Barn Decorating Contest. Let's bring our history and heritage to life right in the stalls!

Our Fair Staff, Advisory Board, and County Commissioners will be touring the barns to judge the displays. The winning club will earn bragging rights and a **Free Pizza Party** sponsored by the Fair Team!

We are looking for winners in these categories:

- **Best Overall Theme Representation**
- **Most Patriotic Display**
- **Best Colorado Heritage Showcase**
- **Most Creative Interpretation**

Community Spirit Award

Show us your pride, your history, and your 4-H spirit! We can't wait to see the barns transformed.

East Gate Procedures

East Gate Access & Safety Procedures

To ensure a safer and more streamlined experience for our public, 4-H families, and staff, the **East Gate will be closed to all vehicles (including 4-H golf carts) daily from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm**. These changes are designed to reduce congestion and help us maintain consistent enforcement of our fairgrounds policies.

- **Vehicle Access:** During these restricted hours, the East Gate will only allow vehicle entrance for designated Grandstand events and entertainment.
- **Pedestrians:** Pedestrian access will remain open and will be monitored by our gate attendants throughout the day.

Feed & Supplies: Please transport feed & supplies **before 11 am or after 7 pm**, in alignment with Cart Hours.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us create a safer environment for everyone working and attending the Fair!

Golf Cart at County Fair

New Golf Cart Registration & Policies

We have officially updated our Golf Cart Policy for 2026. Please review the full document here: [2026 Golf Cart Policy](#).

Please note: To ensure public safety during our busiest hours, golf cart operation between **11:00 am and 7:00 pm** is strictly limited to courtesy shuttles, emergency vehicles, and maintenance staff only.

Registration will take place at the **Swink Office** on **Wednesday, July 8th and Thursday, July 9th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Please keep the following in mind:

- **Vehicle Inspection:** You must bring the cart with you to registration so it can be inspected by our team.
- **Mandatory Signatures:** Anyone who will be driving the cart must sign the policy to show agreement and compliance. If you do not have the paperwork signed ahead of time, all drivers must be present at registration to sign in person.
- **Limited Availability:** There are **20 slots available** for golf carts this year. Registration is first-come, first-served, so be sure to arrive early!

IMPORTANT: UPCOMING 4-H WEBSITE AND 4-H NEWSLETTER CHANGES & CONSTRUCTION



Hello 4-H Families and Volunteers!

CSU and Extension have been undergoing required and necessary website accessibility changes to make Extension resources more accessible for folks who use screen-readers, need high-contrast documents or other accessible materials. This means that each County Extension Office Website will undergo these same changes.

What does this mean for our County Website?

Our El Paso County Website will be changing! It will become more accessible and hopefully more streamlined. This does mean that many of the documents, tabs and pages will be moving, changed, or updated to make them more accessible.

What does this mean for the 4-H Newsletter/4-H Documents?

Because of accessibility and other required changes, we will be updating the way we present our 4-H Newsletter. We are currently looking into an updated digital format that will still land in your inbox each month and will be accessible on mobile devices.

Documents that live on the County Website will still be accessible, but may not be stored directly on the new county website. We are working on a solution to make sure everyone has access to what they need to make their clubs, programs and projects function.

When will this change happen?

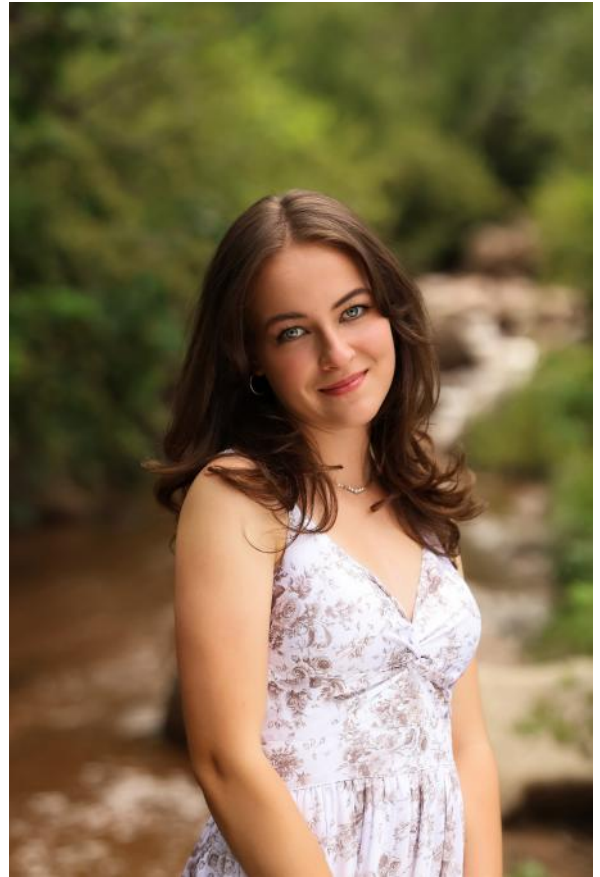
We have requested our website go under construction AFTER the County Fair. This will ensure the least amount of disruption to our services. However, should the change happen sooner than expected, and if you need access to a document, please email Emily Green, Jen Loewen or Shawna Lamothe and we will help you track down what you need.

Thank you for your patience as we prepare to migrate to our new and improved website!

~ The El Paso County 4-H Team

Senior Send Off

Our first graduating senior is Olivia Nau! In her last year in 4-H, she is enrolled in Pocket Pets and Vet Science. Her favorite memory from the past 11 years in 4-H is connecting people with animals during Pocket Pet Shows and the annual Water World trip with her club. This fall she plans to attend Colorado State University majoring in Biomedical Sciences and will be on the pre-vet track. Good luck, Olivia!



Our next graduating senior is Keegan Johnson! In his last year in 4-H, he is in the Market Swine project. His favorite memory in his 4 years in 4-H is spending invaluable time with his friends at County Fair. Keegan will continue his Associate at Pikes Peak Community College in the Welding and Automotive fields. Best of luck, Keegan!

Senior Send Off

Our next graduating senior is Clare Edwards! In her last year in 4-H, she is enrolled in the Heritage Arts, Crochet project. Her favorite memory from the past 11 years in 4-H is competing in the timed cake decorating contest at the State Fair and getting second place in the whole state during her first year of the project. This fall she plans to serve as a US Youth Ambassador in Germany with the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program. She plans to study Business Management at Grand Canyon University. Good luck Clare!



Kadence Baker is our next graduating senior! In her last year in 4-H she is enrolled in the Market Beef, Market Goat, and Shooting Sports projects. Her favorite memory from the past 10 years in 4-H is making life long friends, spending a week at Fair with all my friends every year and trying so many different projects. This fall she plans to attend North Eastern Junior Collage and study Early Childhood Education and Welding. Best of luck Kadence!

Fair Passes

Please note that exhibitor and volunteer County Fair passes will be available for **PICKUP** on Fair Cleanup Day (Saturday June 27th) from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM at the Fairgrounds Live-stock Office.

The expectation is that parents will pick up the passes while youth are completing their assigned cleaning duties. This will help the pickup process run smoothly and allow youth to remain focused on fair cleanup responsibilities.

If passes are not picked up at Fair Cleanup, please make an appointment at the Extension Office to pick up your Fair Passes. Only appointments will be available (no walk-ins) due to short staffing.

For **DROP OFF** of the Fair Passes (after Fair is over) please refer to the article written by the Fairgrounds Staff on the next page. **Please note that this year the Extension Office will NOT accept any returns of the Fair Passes.**

The biggest change is the Badge Return Process. To streamline everything, we are launching a dedicated Fair Information Booth on Vendor Row (near the Small Pavillion).

Where to Drop Off:

- Daily: Fair Information Booth on Vendor Row from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
- Sunday July 19th: You can also drop off your badges at the Swink Office between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
- Pro Tip: We highly recommend returning your badge yourself! Since you are personally responsible for your badge, dropping it off directly ensures nothing gets lost in the shuffle between leaders or friends. This new system is designed to make the end-of-fair wrap-up easier for everyone!

Load in Schedule for County Fair

To enter the Fairgrounds, all Livestock, Camelids, and Miniature Horses MUST be accompanied by an official Health Certificate issued within 14 days of the start of Fair. Each animal must be individually identified on the certificate. At Fair, you will need to make sure you have a **printed, hard** copy of your health certificate for EVERY DAY YOU ENTER THE FAIR-GROUNDS WITH ANIMALS. Families will enter through the South Gate and proceed to the fire lane. Volunteers will direct trucks and trailers to that point. ONLY MARKET SWINE will weigh off the trailer, no exceptions. Trucks and trailers will exit through the fire lane gate. Please drive with caution when on the Fairgrounds, there are CHILDREN.

ONLY ANIMALS CAN BE UNLOADED FOR LARGE LIVESTOCK. All tack, feed, equipment, and bedding should have been brought in **PRIOR** to the start of Fair.

Miniature Horse

- Friday July 10, 2026 starting at 6:00 PM

Breeding/Dairy/Pygmy

Saturday July 11th 2026

6am-9am	Livestock Breeding Animal/Dairy/Pygmy Load In
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Small

Animal

- Saturday July 11, 2026 from 9:00AM—12:00 PM

Market

Monday July 13th 2026

6:00-7:30am	Market Swine Load-In & MUST weigh off trailer	Owens Livestock Arena
7:30-9:00am	Market Cattle Load In & Weigh In	Owens Livestock Arena
9:00-10:00am	Market Sheep & Market Goat Load In & Weigh In	Owens Livestock Arena

Animal Judges for County Fair

Breeding Livestock—Drew Jacobson
Market Beef & Swine—Tony Morris
Market Sheep & Goat—Tony Morris
Dairy & Pygmy Goat—Eva Morgan
Horse Show (English/Western) - Evelyn MacKenzie
Horse Show (Ranch/Gymkhana) - Abigail Schmidt
Miniature Horse Show—Karla Mayne
Rabbit & Cavy Show – Ron Hopkins
Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship—Connie Hopkins
Poultry Showmanship—Bruce Murdoch
Poultry Show—Libby Schelic
Cat Show—Kara McKenzie
Pocket Pets—Dawn Moon
Camelid—Hillary Devin
Dog Judges—TBA

Livestock Ultrasounds

Large livestock animals entering the market shows have the option for ultrasounds. This year it will be on Monday July 13th, 2026. We will start with cattle at 2:00 PM, then go into swine, goat, and lastly, sheep. Please be near your stalls and animals that day as you will need to be present when your animal is being ultrasounded. For the ultrasound:

- Animals must be dry!
- Purple oil or cooking oil will be used
- Please have cornstarch on hand to help with the removal process

Save the Date for the El Paso County 4-H Achievement Awards Ceremony!



Where: Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame

- 103 Pro Rodeo Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

When: Friday, October 23, 2026

Event Schedule:

- 4:30 - 5:30 PM Club Table Decorating
- 5:30 - 6:00 PM Appetizers/Group Social
- 6:00 PM - 4-H Awards Ceremony

2026 Table Decorating Theme: "Fall"ing in Love with Colorado!
Participate in the Club Table Decorating Contest to be in the running for a Pizza or Ice Cream Social Party!



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CONGRATULATIONS!

To El Paso County 4-H Senior
Member Linnaea Boynton!



**Linnaea was elected 4-H District 3 Secretary
for the 2026-2027 4-H Year!**

Join us in Congratulating Linnaea on her
successful campaign as she goes on to represent
El Paso County in the D3 Senate!



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
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It is time for our 2nd Annual EPC Jr Livestock Golf Scramble, and we are looking for youth and adult volunteers to come spend a day at the course helping out to make this event a success. There are several areas where help is needed, please click the link below to sign up where you can.

We value the partnership with our clubs and youth in helping to make this event a great event for all involved. Proceeds from this fundraising event go into improving the sale experience and improvements to the fairgrounds that we all use and benefit from.

In addition to the help needed, we would love it if you could promote our event through your own social media outlets and within your clubs and communities.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Dawn Wheeler at wheelersmadhouse@hotmail.com

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849A9A72AAAF85-63914359-golf>

EL PASO COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE
COLORADO

EPC JR LIVESTOCK
GOLF
SCRAMBLE

INDIVIDUAL TEAM
[QR CODE] [QR CODE]

TEE OFF FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS

JUNE 13, 2026
ANTLER CREEK GOLF COURSE
9650 ANTLER CREEK DRIVE
FALCON, CO 80831
SHOTGUN START 8:00 AM!

Registration fee includes 18 holes of golf, range balls, cart, and a catered lunch.
\$450 - per Foursome
\$120 - per Individual

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!
Contact: epcjrLivestockSalecommittee@gmail.com
More info: www.epcjrLivestockSale.com

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Linnea Frates : (719) 440-9215
Peggy Gaddy : (719) 650-6202
Patty Woodard : (719) 439-2010

SCRAMBLE PRIZES & COURSE GAMES

2026 Colorado 4-H Digital Photo Contest

Who Can Enter:

All Colorado 4-H members ages 8–18 and you do not need to be in the Photography project.

Photo Requirements:

- Must be taken by the 4-H member
- Photo must be taken during the current 4-H year
- Submission Process:

Submit entries via the [Colorado 4-H State FairEntry system](#).

Log in using your current 4-H Online family email and password.

Deadline: July 17

Winning Photos: Displayed during the Colorado State Fair in the 4-H Exhibit Display Dining Hall

Contest Details located on the website under the [4-H State Fair Contest Requirements](#)

Open Pregnancy Verification for Market Heifers

All market heifers must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian verifying the heifer is pregnancy tested OPEN within 30 days of the El Paso County Fair.

Out of County Form for Showing Livestock

In reference to the 2026 4-H/FFA Livestock Premium Book, we have two items concerning multiple animals in the same class. In the event an exhibitor has multiple animals in the same class.

- A 4-H/FFA youth in good standing from out of county with parents permission may show the extra animal
- OR the 4-H/FFA youth in good standing from out of county with parent permission may show the extra animal in addition to meeting these requirements
 - An Out of County Form request must be filled out and submitted to the Extension agent four weeks before the first day of the County Fair (June 12, 2026). A youth member is limited to 2 forms maximum. Each form will cost \$5.

Find the form [HERE](#)

OR if an exhibitor in a market class ends up with multiple animals in the same class, they can elect to move one animal up to the next heavier weight class but not down to the lighter class. The Out of County Form has been linked above for reference, and you can find it on the El Paso County website.

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

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 10 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.

Looking Forward

- **June 6, 2026**— Qualifying Western/English Show (Latigo)
- **June 19, 2026**— County Fair Registrations, 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)

County Fair Registrations, Written Test, Patterns & Premier Exhibitor Interviews

The County Fair Horse Class Registration, Written Test, Patterns, & Premier Exhibitor Interviews will take place on Friday June 19, 2026 starting at 4:00 PM at the Extension Office.

For class registration make sure you bring a blank check (will fill in at the registration table) or cash (must be exact change so please plan accordingly and do your work in advance).

Make sure the youth that have signed up for the premium exhibitor interview are dressed accordingly. A google form will be sent out for sign ups.

Looking Forward

- **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

County Fair Written Test, Patterns & Premier Exhibitor Interviews

The County Fair Miniature Horse Written Test, Patterns, & Premier Exhibitor Interviews will take place on Friday June 19, 2026, starting at 4:00 PM at the Extension Office.

Make sure the youth have signed up for the premium exhibitor interview are dressed accordingly. A google form will be sent out for sign ups.

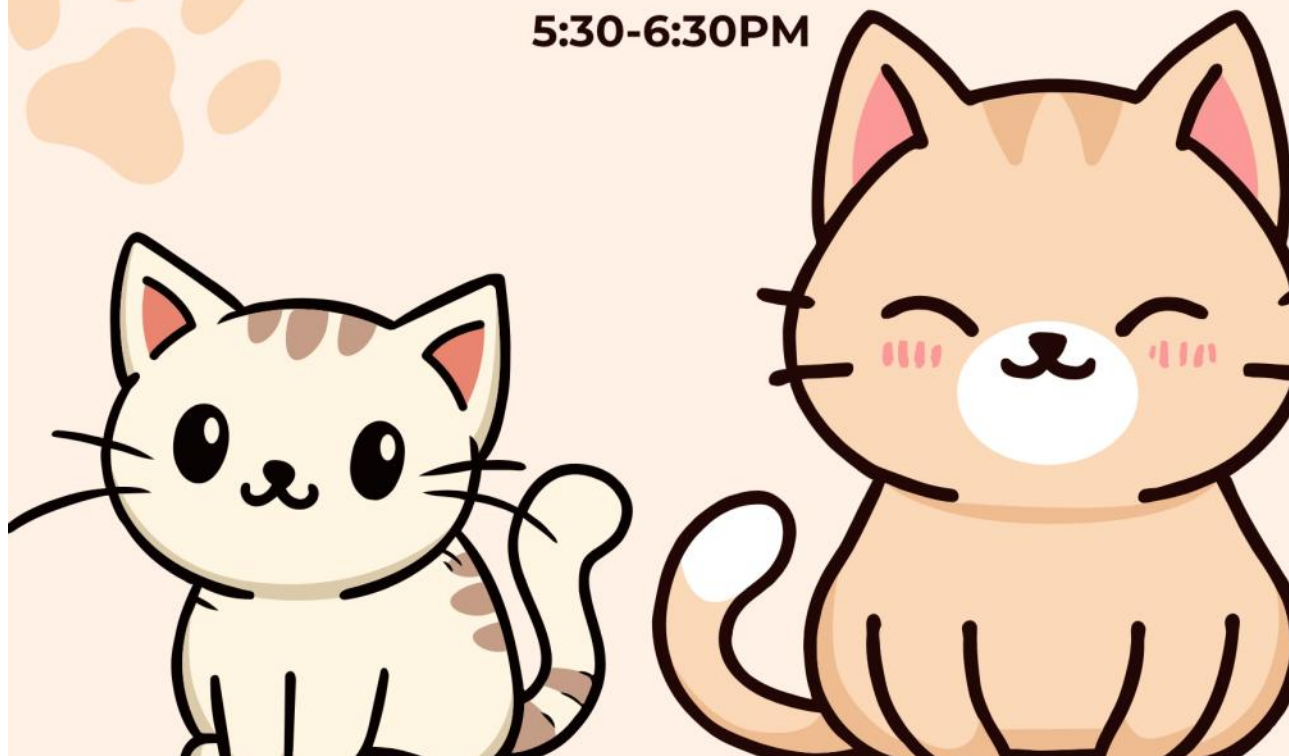
Cat Project Meetings

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!



Important Dates for Tabletop/General Projects for the El Paso County Fair

Please make sure you have these important dates on your calendar!

June 1 – June 12, 2026 FairEntry Online Registration Opens

Online 4-H Entry Closes June 12 at 4:00 PM.

All payments due by Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

Saturday, June 27 – Fair Clean-Up Day at the Fairgrounds (8:00 AM)

Required for all members intending to participate in County Fair

Tabletop exhibitors should plan to meet in the Whittemore Building to sign-in.

Monday, July 6, 2026 – 4-H Fashion Revue Commentaries due

Please email your commentaries to: Tricia Schroeder majesticwonderacademy@gmail.com & 4-H Admin Shawna Lamothe shawna.lamothe@colostate.edu

An additional hard copy must be presented with exhibit on Tabletop Exhibit Day, Friday, July 10, 2026

Thursday, July 9, 2026 – Tabletop/General Exhibit Drop Off, in Whittemore Building at the Fairgrounds (4:00-7:00 PM)

Don't forget to bring your exhibit **AND** your corresponding E-Record book!

Friday, July 10, 2026 Tabletop Exhibit Day (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, individual schedule to follow)

Exhibit and interview judging day

Check out all other important dates, details and rules in the [2026 4-H Tabletop & Contest Exhibitor Guide!](#)



4-H County Fair Contests for All! Enroll in FairEntry Today!

4-H Creative Cooks Contest:

Don't forget to enroll in the Creative Cooks Contest during the FairEntry period! This Creative Contest gives you the opportunity to design and present your very own creative menu and create a dish from that menu to present to the judge! You do not need to be enrolled in a foods project to participate! You can participate as an individual or team.

Check out the other contest rules [HERE](#).

When: During the El Paso County Fair, **Monday, July 13 at 2:00 PM in Swink Hall**

Enrollment: Enroll in this contest in FairEntry with your other county fair projects.



4-H Fashion Revue Contest:

Reserve your spot at the upcoming Fashion Revue Workshop on Monday, June 15!

The 4-H Fashion Revue is an event to help 4-H members develop self-esteem, self-confidence and to explore their unique, personal style. It offers the opportunity for members to become more at ease in any public appearance to demonstrate the art of Fashion, Coordination and Confidence. *No experience required--ages 4-H age 8 and up!*

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

MODELING FOR FUN: Open to ALL 4-H Members in El Paso County! Put together a coordinated outfit of your choice and model it onstage! Check out the other contest rules [HERE](#).

Participants should plan to join us for the **Fashion Revue Workshop to be held Monday, June 15, 1-3 PM at the Extension Office** (17 N. Spruce Street, 80905). [Please RSVP HERE](#).

When: Contest will be held during the El Paso County Fair, **Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 12:30 PM, in Swink Hall.**

Enrollment: Enroll in this contest in FairEntry with your other county fair projects.



Tabletop Project Rules [HERE](#)

E-Records [HERE](#)

Hey Tabletop Exhibitors! Are You Ready...

FOR COUNTY FAIR?

County Fair Judging is very exciting, but it can be nerve-wracking too! Make sure you have everything you need to have a successful Tabletop Judging & Interview Day at the County Fair this year!

STEP 1: READ YOUR RULES!

It is VERY important to make sure you have followed the project requirements for your Tabletop exhibit--Don't get marked down on judging day for something that was stated in the rules! Read, and Re-read your rules!

- You can find all the [Tabletop Project Rules](#) by [Clicking Here](#).



STEP 2: PREPARE YOUR E-RECORD

ALL Tabletop Projects require a completed, corresponding Project E-Record to be presented with your exhibit/project on judging day. Don't forget it at home!

- You can access all the [Colorado 4-H E-Records](#) by [Clicking Here](#).



STEP 3: INTERVIEW ON JUDGING DAY!

An interview with the judge is NOT required during Tabletop Judging Day.

However, it is a really great way to practice your interview skills and have a conversation with the judge about the challenges and successes you had during your 4-H project this year. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity!



Have Questions about Tabletop Interview & Judging Day?
Send Jen an email at: Jennifer.Loewen@elpasoco.com.

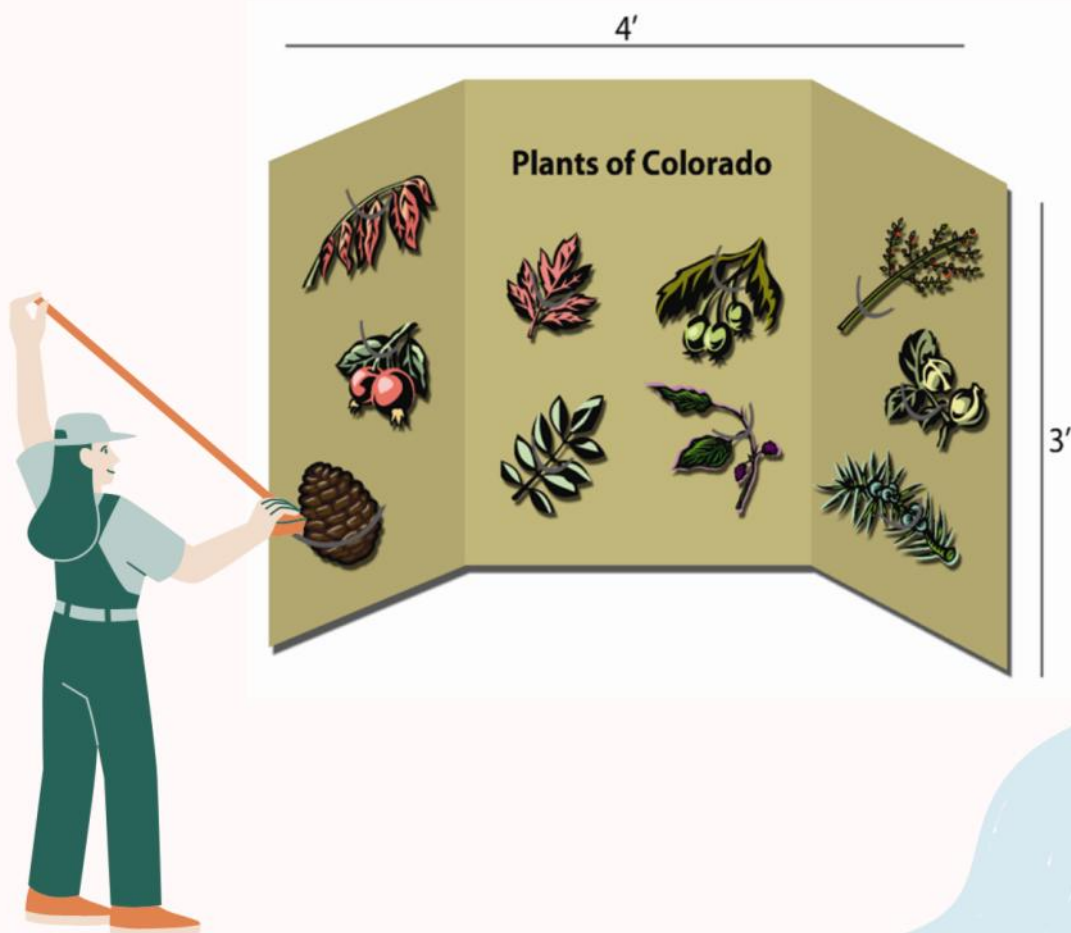


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EXPERT EXHIBIT TIPS!

4-H EXHIBIT BOARDS:

- **MAKE SURE YOUR EXHIBIT BOARD IS THE CORRECT SIZE!**
 - **The standard and correct display board size is 4 feet x 3 feet.**
 - *The tri-fold display boards commonly sold at the Dollar Store are often NOT the correct size.*
 - *Cloverbuds may use an exhibit board no larger than 2 foot x 2 foot.*
- **Display boards must meet the specifications and should fold flat for transport.**
 - *No items on the board should be too bulky that it will not fold flat.*
- **No sharp items including but not limited to blades, thumb tacks, fishing hooks, knives, etc. are allowed on display boards or as part of any other exhibit.**
 - *Consider using photos of any sharp items, if necessary. Any exhibit considered to be a safety hazard will not be displayed and is not eligible to advance to the State Fair.*
 - *Rubber Cement is encouraged for gluing any paper items to your exhibit board. Glue stick may not hold up to the heat and humidity at fair, and pieces may fall off and be lost.*



EXPERT EXHIBIT TIPS!

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS EXHIBITS:

- **No live ammo, projectiles or bows will be allowed as an exhibit.**
 - **Examples include but are not limited to:** pellets, round balls, or arrows (with or without field points, broadheads), knives, functional or nonfunctional firearms, replica firearms, hand-made, or toy-type, etc.
 - 2-D cardboard or paper cutouts resembling firearms or bows are allowed for display purposes.
 - Spent shells **ONLY** can be used in the Decorative item class.
- **Do not use the word "weapon" when creating your display.**
 - Use the terms "equipment," "tool," "firearm" "archery equipment", etc.
- **Make sure that there are no safety violations in your display.**
 - Safety violations include, but are not limited to: no earplugs, no safety glasses on a photo of a youth firing his/her gun, no archery arm guard, etc.
- **Do not use pictures of firearms that are primarily tactical in design in your display.**
 - Example: AR platform or military type firearms.
- **Historic photos or artist depictions used in exhibits that are not displaying current 4-H practices must have the following disclaimer posted with them:**
 - *"These are historic photographs and artist renderings. Therefore, they do not follow modern safety protocols for Colorado 4-H."*
- **Photos/artist renderings of firearms/archery equipment pointed towards people/humanoid targets are not permitted.**



USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) IN EXHIBITS:

- **Images used in a 4-H project should be a true representation accurate to real life. Images that are AI-generated in all display boards, project notebooks, or E-Records, etc. should be labeled as such.**
 - AI-generated images or text must include a caption or label with this format: Image (or Text) generated by Name of Generative AI tool, developer, date created and link to the tool used.
- **The project work, including writing, must be the member's own work.**
 - If the work was not created by the 4-H member or if it was submitted as a representation of the member's work without proper acknowledgement that it was created by another, then it is considered plagiarism. **Sources must be cited. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.**



EXPERT EXHIBIT TIPS!

CAKE DECORATING EXHIBITS

- **All Cakes should be placed on a very firm, disposable surface (foam core, strong cardboard, plywood, particle board, etc.), cut parallel to the shape of the cake and must be 1½ Inch on each side from the base of the icing border, not the cake.**
 - The edges of the cake board should be straight, not scalloped or beveled.
 - The surface of your cake board should be covered. The cake board must be covered with a food safe material, such as aluminum foil. Freezer paper is not advised because it absorbs grease. If you use decorative or gift wrap paper or fabric, it must be covered in food quality plastic wrap.



- Check your cake board size! **It should be 1½ inch all the way around**, from the base of the icing border.
- If you can't find a board in the store that fits your cake, make your own board with some sturdy cardboard!

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

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

DRIVING SAFETY ON 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS RANGES

Hello 4-H Shooting Sports Folks!

As we continue with spring practices and get closer to the live-fire County Competition, this is a friendly reminder to drive **SAFELY, SLOWLY, and FOLLOW ALL SIGNAGE** on 4-H ranges.

It is very important for the safety of staff, volunteers and members that vehicles do not exceed the speed limit and pay close attention to potential hazards on dirt roads, such as washouts, berms, rough patches, and any other hazards that can cause vehicles to move dangerously.

4-H members or volunteers may be crossing the road, so be also on the lookout for people and give pedestrians the right-of-way.

It is also VERY important to adhere to parking and driving locations on the ranges. **Please do not drive offroad!**

If you have any questions about where to park on the ranges, please email Jen Loewen at: Jennifer.Loewen@colostate.edu.

Thank you for helping keep our members, volunteers and attendees safe!

El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports Annual “Shoot for the Peaches” Fundraiser!

Get ready because our annual "Shoot for the Peaches" fundraiser is officially kicking off, and we're so excited to get things rolling! This is always such a fantastic event, and your generosity truly helps us make a real difference.

We've got a little something extra special for you this year! Along with our beloved peaches, we're also super excited to offer **delicious, juicy pears!** Double your delicious fun while supporting a great cause.

Making a contribution is easier than ever before! You can now hop online and complete your purchase with just a few clicks – no need for cash or complicated forms. *Super convenient!*

We'd absolutely love it if you could help us spread the word far and wide. Whether it's a quick share on social media, telling your friends and family, or even just mentioning it to your neighbors, every bit of promotion helps us reach our goals.

Thanks so much for always being so supportive and for helping us make this year's fundraiser our best one yet!

Can them, slice them—stick them in a pie—don't let these DELICIOUS Palisade Peaches and Pears pass you by!

Ready to purchase Peaches and Pears for yourself right now?

[Click Here!](#)

Want to share the fundraiser flyer with your friends and family?

[Click Here!](#)



SHOOT FOR THE PEACHES

Palisade peaches
\$50 for 18 Lbs box
Pears
\$55 for 18lbs box

What is 4-H shooting sports?
4-H nurtures positive youth development by providing opportunities to develop life skills, self worth, and conservation ethics through the safe and proper use of firearms.

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“Learn by doing”
Email: Dungan4H@yahoo.com



Agronomy Youth Field Day

June 30, 2026

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CT
NCTA Campus - Curtis, NE
Ag Education Center

For More Information Contact:
Nebraska Extension-Frontier County
(308) 367-4424
ksnyder2@unl.edu

Free to
Participants!

**Registration
due June 23rd!**

Learn About

- ✓ Plant Cells
- ✓ Soil Characteristics
- ✓ Alternative/Cover Crops
- ✓ Irrigation Technology
- ✓ Insect Scouting
- ✓ Sprayer Technology



<https://go.unl.edu/agronomyyouthfieldday2026>



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2026 IFYE Opportunities—Host an Exchangee!

IFYE USA (formerly called International Farm Youth Exchange) offers international exchanges for young adults 19-29. In 2026, IFYA will be welcoming one delegate to Colorado, June 8—August 14. We are seeking 4-5 families to host for 2-3 weeks during that time.

While the specific delegate has not yet been identified, we anticipate hosting a participant from one of the following countries: Chile, Estonia, Germany, Kenya, Norway, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, or Zambia. As members of American families, delegates experience the American way of life firsthand while also sharing their own culture in meaningful and memorable ways. It is truly an unforgettable experience.

Host families provide housing, meals, and transportation. Delegates bring their own spending money and are fully covered by health and liability insurance. Hosting a young person from another country is the next best thing to traveling abroad yourself, right from your own home.

If you are interested or have questions, contact the state IFYE inbound coordinator, [Beth Roren](#).