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December 2016/January 2017

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Want to see all the latest and the greatest that is happening with 4-H? Make sure to [like us on Facebook](#) today! Tell your friends to like us too. Have 4-H photos or news that you would like to share? Email Danielle at dardrey@arapahoegov.com.

E-Records Have Been Updated

E-records for the 2016—2017 4-H year have been updated. You may access them by clicking [here](#).

Arapahoe County 4-H Companion Animal Committee

The first official meeting of the 4-H Companion Animal Committee is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 pm**, Windmill Room in the Exhibition Hall at the Fairgrounds. Please come and join us and learn more about the committee (dogs and cats). This will be a brand new committee and will plan to meet on a quarterly basis. If there are a number of volunteers, there will be an application process. Please note that if you are interested, you will need to be a volunteer with the Arapahoe County 4-H Program.

Jr. Leaders Council

The next Jr. Leaders' Meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017, 7 p.m., at Centrepoint Plaza.

Leadership Development Conference

4-H members (14-18 as of December 31, 2016) can attend the Leadership Development Conference in Denver, CO. It will be held January 28-30, 2017. Registrations opened on 4honline on December 5 and are open for Arapahoe County until January 2, 2017. The registration cost of LDC is \$160 and does not include the cost of hotel rooms. More information may be found [here](#). If you have questions about this great opportunity please be in contact with Shaylen @ sflorez@arapahoegov.com or Jon @ jvrabec@arapahoegov.com.

Holiday Schedules

Please keep in mind that the holidays are fast approaching and the 4-H staff may be in and out of the office in December to spend some much needed time with family. We hope that you are doing the same and that all of you have a safe and joyous holiday.



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4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.



Headlines

Cowboy Ethics Training

We now have **TWO** trained facilitators in Cowboy Ethics! If you would like to offer some of the Cowboy Ethic program/activities to your club members or would like more information about what the program covers, please contact Danielle at DArdrey@arapahoegov.com or Katy at katy-didklv@hotmail.com if you are interested in having a Cowboy Ethics program at one of your club meetings!

Please review and follow 4-H Dress Code

The Colorado 4-H dress code is in effect at any 4-H function, including club sponsored horse shows and livestock shows. When attending an activity as part of 4-H, you are representing your family, yourself and your county, so dress appropriately as outlined in the dress code. This includes family members and friends who might also be attending the event. It is not just the responsibility of the club or the individuals who host the event job to enforce the dress code, but also of all 4-H leaders who are present.

Creative Cooks and Consumer Choices Contest Entry Deadlines Approaching

Contest entry deadlines will be here before we know it. Please click [here](#) for guidelines and entry forms.

Creative Cooks Contest

The Creative Cooks Contest is fast approaching us and the registration deadline is January 18! Please email or send in your registration and start thinking about your theme. This contest is open to any 4-H members 5-18 and you don't have to be enrolled in the Foods project to participate. Even cloverbuds can participate as an individual or in a cloverbud team or group! Please get the word out about this awesome contest!

Dog ID Forms

All 4-H Dog Project members are required to fill out a Colorado 4-H Dog Identification Form. Dog ID forms will be online this year. You do not need to send a hard copy of your Dog ID to the Extension Office. Go to 4honline.com. The deadline for completing the Colorado 4-H Dog Identification for 4honline is May 1, 2017. VERY IMPORTANT!

4-H Extravaganza

4-H Extravaganza is our Winter Member/Leader Training. The event for ALL Arapahoe County 4-H members, families and leaders! Mark your calendars for February 4, 2017 and plan to spend the day at the fairgrounds, to partake in some fun and education! This event will include things like fun project related activities, MQA, a Shooting Sports Safety Meeting, small and large animal clinics, leader trainings, and **4-H Club Officer Training! Watch for more details coming soon!**



Headlines (Cont.)

Youth Fest Camp

Youthfest will be held on February 10-12, 2017 at the Ponderosa Retreat Center, Larkspur, CO.

The cost is \$130 for campers and chaperons
Counselors will be \$80.
State Officers are free.

This year's theme is Oh! The Places You'll Grow!

Community Service will be stuff animals for shelters and then gather gently worn shoes. More information on the community services will be coming soon.

Workshops:

Head: On Target Challenge --modify a cup to zip down a line and drop a marble on a target.

Hands: Life Size Games: Team building exercises

Heart: Notes --write a note to a 4-H leader, parent, other 4-H member. Go back to your roots and thank those who helped form you.

Health: Dance --proper etiquette in how to ask a person to dance. Swing, two-step and line dances.

Registration will open the middle of January. You can simply register through your 4-H Online account. Online registration is the best way to guarantee yourself a spot! As soon as we receive more details we will email them out. Additionally, we will need a chaperon that is a registered 4-H volunteer to attend with our delegation.

4-H Grows Here Gear!

We have T-shirts and metal (yard/barn/fence) signs available for purchase for you to exhibit your 4-H pride. T-shirts are \$10 and Signs are \$15. Contact the Extension office if you would like to purchase some!



Robotics Contest

The San Luis Valley 4-H program has partnered with RoboRAVE International to bring a low cost robotics contest to Colorado. We'll be hosting the second annual RoboRAVE Colorado robotics competition at the Monte Vista High School here in the San Luis Valley on Saturday, April 1.

The contest is open to any youth robotics team (not just 4-Hers) that is working with a robot valued under \$1500. Cost is \$5 per youth to participate. It's a very fun day, and we'll have prizes for top teams in 4 different events (and 3 age divisions).

More information on the event will be posted on our website as it gets closer:

<http://sanluisvalley.colostate.edu/index.php/4-h/roborave-colorado>

Featured Article

How to Use Incentives and Encourage Behavior You Want to See Posted March 11, 2016 by **Darlene Beaulieu, 1-on-1 Coach**

Incentives are a powerful way to encourage certain behaviors in kids. Used correctly, they can motivate children to make change and stick with it.

Parents often have mixed feelings about using incentives, and they ask us how incentives differ from bribes.

Here's how incentives are different from bribes, and how to use them effectively.

An incentive is chosen in a calm moment before a behavior takes place. You and your child talk about – and agree on – the behavior and incentive ahead of time.

For instance, you might tell your younger child that if they are calm during grocery shopping, you will spend time at the playground afterwards. Or if your older child completes their homework before dinner, they will earn a half hour of something they enjoy.

A bribe is given in the middle of bad behavior as an attempt to make it stop. If your toddler is having a tantrum at the grocery store, you might promise the playground if they'll just stop screaming.

Bribes teach children that bad behavior will get them a reward. Incentives help children work toward a goal and celebrate their successes. Incentives shouldn't be used for everything. It's best to pick one or two behaviors you want to encourage and work on them with your kids.

We all enjoy incentives and use them as motivation. Kids love to earn rewards and praise. Strategically using incentives can be effective and fun for both kids and adults.

A behavior chart can be a powerful tool combined with an incentive. Feel free to download our [free behavior charts](#) to use with your children.

If you want more information about incentives, this is a very helpful article: [Bribing Kids vs. Rewarding Kids for Good Behavior: What's The Difference?](#)



Enrollment News

Enrollment Deadlines

All returning 4-H members and leaders need to be enrolled in 4honline by the end of the day on January 30th to get reenrolled but a \$25 late fee will be assessed.

Club/Organizational Leaders please have all paper work and fees handed into the Extension Office 4:30 p.m. on Dec 15th for your returning 4-H members.

New members still have time to get enrolled but the sooner new members are in the system and we have fees collected and paper work completed the better we are able to communicate and serve their needs. New members have until April 1st.

All members have until April 1st to add, make changes or drop projects providing project requirements can still be met. Any project a member is enrolled in after April 1st the member will be expected to complete that project.

Enrollment Fees

Enrollment Fees are increasing this year for members. Regular club members will be a \$50 flat fee for any number of projects (no more tracking of up to 3 projects and then \$5 for every project after 3). This is due to the increased quality and costs of project manuals etc. It has been several years since we have changed enrollment fees while our costs have increased. Enrollment fees also cover state support fees, insurance and other costs of servicing the 4-H program in Arapahoe County.

Cloverbuds are only increasing \$5 to \$40 this year.

Volunteer Leader fees are going to be a flat \$5 for all leaders new and returning.

This should also make it easier for organizational leaders to track enrollment fees as they receive them with it being one simple flat fee.



Policy Information

CSU Extension 4-H in Arapahoe County Policies Document

The CSU Extension 4-H in Arapahoe County Policies document is located on CSU Extension in Arapahoe County's web site on the 4-H page, and may be found by clicking [here](#).

We hope you will take the time to review this document. By having all of our policies in one place it allows for easier access and less searching for all members and volunteers. Our program is now more uniform and this document outlines the requirements in a more uniform way across all projects. Clubs may still set club specific requirements, but the basic over-riding requirements are now consistent and uniform.

We expect all 4-H members and their families to be familiar with both our local Arapahoe County Policies, as well as the Colorado State Policies. This policy document is intended to cover the non-competition related policies of 4-H in Arapahoe County. Some items, especially regarding eligibility for competitions, may also be found in this document. However, these policies DO NOT cover rules, regulations or requirements regarding specific competitions. You can find rules for specific competitions on our county website as they are updated each year. Currently the 2015 competition requirements are still posted and should still be useful in providing the basic information as to what is needed to show or exhibit at the county fair that would be needed at this time of year.

Helpful Tips

It is amazing how much misinformation there is about 4-H, even among 4-H people. Club organizational leaders have asked some interesting questions, so don't ever be afraid to ask. We love it when someone asks clarifying questions about club operations, policies, procedures, events and opportunities. It's as easy as a phone call to 303-730-1920 or an email. So far we have not found a problem that we cannot help you with. That really is the mission of Extension, to help find answers, solve problems and to be the most reliable source for information.



Get More Involved

Activities and Teams

As the new 4-H year begins it is time to start thinking about the various projects and activities you plan to get involved with this upcoming year. Several fun, rewarding and educational activities are available to kids interested in horses and livestock, (you do **not** have to be enrolled in these projects in order to participate in these activities). Below is a list of the various activities we will be having in Arapahoe County this year. These teams/activities are open to members of all ages but senior 4-H members (ages 14-18) have the opportunity to represent Arapahoe County in the State Contests in these Activities. In Horse & Livestock Judging there are scholarships to CSU awarded to the top 10 individuals at the state contest. As always you can contact Jonathan via email at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com if you need more information or have questions about any of these:

Livestock Judging (Tentative pending having a coach)

Livestock Quiz Bowl

Parliamentary Procedure Team

Horse Judging

Horse Speech and Demo- We will be having a contest again this year. Anyone is welcome to enter. It will be held during our County Speech and Demo Contests. This is a great way to satisfy your Demo requirement for completion and possibly receive an award and recognition for doing it!

Jr. Livestock Committee

What is the purpose of the Jr Livestock Committee, what do they do and how can YOU get involved? I will try to give you a brief overview of the committee and would like to invite anyone who might be interested to attend their next meeting.

First, membership is open to all Arapahoe County 4-H members who are enrolled in a livestock project. Members must attend meetings consecutively to gain and maintain voting privileges. Voting privileges can be lost if a member misses two consecutive meeting without an excused absence. Members may regain their voting rights if they attend two consecutive meetings after voting rights have been lost.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, except January, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. **The next meeting will be February 7, 2017.**

The Purpose of the committee as defined in their by-laws is to:

- Develop of leadership, responsibility and effective citizenship
- to provide educational and challenging experiences that will enable young people to become knowledgeable and skilled in their selected project areas.
- to provide information and training to 4-H members as members' interest dictate.
- to improve sportsmanship throughout the Colorado State University 4-H Program in Arapahoe County
- to promote changes within the program and to build support for 4-H

Last year the group held the Red Carpet Prospect Show and Clinics, did Barn Tours at the County Fair, took animals to an assisted living center, participated in the county media promotions for the county fair and served as camp counselors at Urban Ranchers Day Camp. They also play/practiced Livestock Quiz Bowl. We are gearing up for another great year. They just held a fun night at Skyzone to celebrate the holiday season! If you have ideas and would like to get involved please join us on Feb 7th! If you have questions or would like more information please contact Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com

Meeting REMINDERS

The following committee's will be holding elections in the coming months so if you would like to serve on one of these advisory committee's please contact Jonathan for details ASAP.

The **Livestock Advisory Committee** meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at O'Malley's Mercantile.

The next **Horse Committee** meeting will be December 15th at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.

The next **Shooting Sports** meeting will be January 2nd at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.

The next **Jr Livestock Committee** meeting will be February 7th at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.

The next **Jr. Leader** meetings will be held on December 12 at 6:30 at the CSU Extension Office and on January 9 at 7 at the CentrePoint Plaza.

Get More Involved (Cont.)

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

The parliamentary procedure contest will be held on **March 4th**. It will start at 1:30 p.m. it usually last about 3 hours depending on the number of teams who wish to participate. If you are interested in participating please contact Jonathan at the Extension Office via email jvrabec@arapahoegov.com by February 6th. Rules for the contest will follow the state rules with the exception of a shorter time limit and a reduced number of new business problems and fewer motions to be handled. State contest rules can be found by clicking [here](#).

All clubs are encouraged to enter their officer teams and an adult leader to supervise. Participants will test their skills at running meetings and handling different situations. The contest also includes a written test based off the parliamentary procedure handbook, officers receive during officer training. This should be a great hands-on learning experience and a lot of fun. The top team will qualify for the state contest in June. If the top team is a mixed team of multiple aged members, high scoring senior members from the other teams can be used to fill the team going to state.

Teams are made up of four to six members they can be a mix of any age members. If your club has a small membership you may combine with another club in order to field a team. The contest will be made up of three parts. The demonstration portion of the contest is where the team has 15 minutes to demonstrate proper parliamentary procedure. They will be presented with two items of new business and four motions. Teams will have 15 minutes to review and prepare before presenting. The second part is a Written Test, which will emphasize knowledge of parliamentary procedure on the part of each member. Tests will be taken individually. The last portion of the contest will be the Oral Questions portion where each team member will be asked one 10-point question that will pertain to the motions they used during the demonstration. Remember to register your team by Feb 6th by emailing Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com.



Horse News

IMPORTANT Horse Levels Testing Information!

Levels 3 & 4 Written Tests Taking Opportunity - We will offer those interested in taking Levels 3 & 4 Written tests an opportunity on Feb 16th at the Horse Advisory Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Please email me at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com at least 24 hours in advance and let me know if you plan to take the written test that night. Further test taking opportunities will be announced in future newsletters for the spring.

Level 2, 3 & 4 Riding Test Taking Opportunity is being arranged for this spring and scheduled. You are welcome to arrange and schedule your own levels riding test with a certified levels rater. Contact numbers for raters are available on the Colorado 4-H Web Site by clicking [here](#).

However, if you wish to take advantage of the county wide testing you must contact Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com to register and schedule your ride time. Space is VERY limited so register ASAP once we announce the date. There is a \$15 fee for each test.

Horse Judging Team Practices beginning!

Did you know that a study in Indiana found that 93% of 4-H judging team participants went on to attend college with 58% of those receiving a Bachelor's degree and 30% of those going on to earn a Master's degree. Now that I have your attention, it is time to start thinking about joining the Arapahoe County Horse Judging Team!

The Horse Judging Team has started practicing! Its holiday practices schedule will be January 4th and January 6th! The teams regular practice schedule will resume on January 19th and continue every Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30. They will be held at **the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds in the classrooms in the Main Hall (enter through the north doors)**. I (Jonathan Vrabec) will be coaching the team. I have had the privilege to coach and work with several State and World Champion Horse Judging Teams over my 20 years of coaching horse judging teams in addition to being a judge myself. Members of all ages and project areas are welcome to attend. We currently have 7 members practicing and preparing for contests in the spring! If you want more information or are not able to attend practice sessions please contact Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com. Judging Teams are a great way to make friends, have fun and build important life skills while learning about horses!

Horse Advisory Committee Fundraiser

Murdoch's in Parker will let our horse kids come and wrap presents on December 17th. Murdoch's supplies all of the wrapping paper etc. and we get to keep all of the tips earned for our horse program! This is an opportunity for the horse members to help raise money for prizes/clinics/judging competitions. We are asking that members and families in the horse project sign up for 2 hour shifts. We are scheduled to be there from 2pm to close. They are having an event with reindeer at that time and should have lots of customers. Please contact Suzy at cnssefcovic@yahoo.com or (970)412-6790 to schedule your shift.

Horse News (Cont.)

Horse Committee

The committee will be making revisions to the Fair Premium Book/Rules of Exhibition and Horse Show Schedule at their next meeting on December 15th. The meeting will be held at the fairgrounds starting at 6:30. They have open rides in the covered arena starting in March are scheduled and they just completed their tack swap fundraiser! They are still looking for people to participate in the gift wrapping fundraiser on Dec 17. Please let me know if you can help out. Proceeds directly benefit the 4-H Horse Project in Arapahoe County. We still need to finish our elections of officers as well at this next meeting. New people are always welcome to get involved on the committee. If you are interested please contact Jonathan via email at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com as soon as possible so you can get involved or just show up at one of the meetings!



Livestock News

Meat Quality Assurance

MQA training is required for anyone new to 4-H (which includes juniors (8-10) as well as first year intermediates age group (11-13) and first year seniors (14-18) if they are taking **cattle, dairy, hogs, goats, sheep, rabbits, or poultry you must attend a meat quality assurance workshop**. Regardless of whether it is a market project or a breeding project you must attend a Meat Quality Assurance workshop. The first MQA Workshop will be held Saturday February 4th at the Fairgrounds. **4-H'ers who are 13 and under must have a parent stay at the MQA with them.** There will be one other MQA Workshop held in Arapahoe County. The date and time is yet to be determined. Remember that if you are not able to attend a MQA Workshop in Arapahoe County you are welcome to attend MQA Workshops in other counties. Those counties will mail your certification to our office to show that you attended. However, Meat Quality Assurance certification must be completed 45 days prior to our County Fair. It is best to get this requirement accomplished early to avoid any unforeseen conflicts. More details on the MQA's and start times will be in future newsletters.

4-H Livestock Advisory Committee

4-H Livestock Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on January 17th at O'Malley's at 6:30 p.m. We are currently seeking volunteers to take over as Swine and Sheep Superintendents in 2017. Elections were held at the October meeting and the new chairmen is Rod Brockelman, Vice Kelly Sweeney, Secretary is Roxie Brockelman, Treasurer is Kim Harris and Parliamentarian is Shellie Miller. If you are interested in becoming a part of the committee please contact Jonathan via email at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com as soon as possible so the appropriate paperwork can be filled out. At their upcoming meetings they will be reviewing and updating the County Fair Book Livestock Rules and Schedules.

Livestock Quiz Bowl

We are looking for team members!! All 4-H members are welcome to participate, but seniors will have an opportunity to compete at the State 4-H Conference in June! All projects can participate; you do not have to be in a livestock project. Questions in the competitions will consist of questions relating to Sheep, Swine, Beef, Goats, Dairy Cattle, Rabbits and Poultry projects. This is a great opportunity to learn more about your project! If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com We will be practicing from 7:30-8:15 following Jr Livestock Committee meetings.



Livestock News (Cont.)

Leased Livestock Procedures

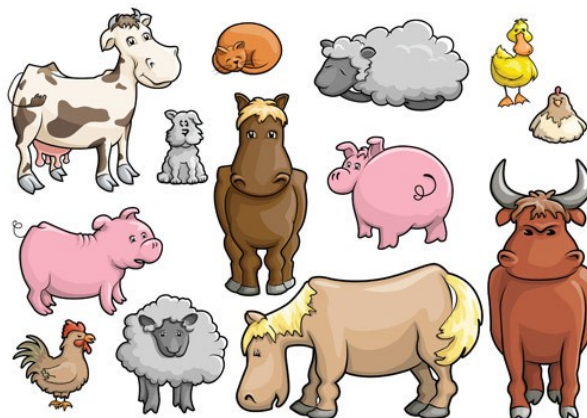
4-Hers may only lease two animals for project areas which they do not already own. For example, if you already own dairy goats you may not lease a dairy goat but if you own dairy goats and would also like to try fiber goats you are allowed to lease a fiber goat. Also, a standardized universal lease form has been developed that will require the animal's tattoo or ear tag number listed on it. This lease form is universal so anyone leasing an animal will need to use this form and **have it on file at the Extension Office by May 1st**. If you have additional requirements specified by the person or a written lease agreement with the person leasing the animal out, you should include that information as a separate sheet, but this "universal" form must be filled out if leasing an animal for 4-H. These projects ideally should begin in October and go through September since only breeding animals can be leased. Leases are not permitted on market livestock.

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for people interested in serving on the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee. We have a couple of superintendents that are looking to retire this year. If you are interested in joining the committee and possibly serving as a superintendent please contact jvrabec@arapahoegov.com as soon as possible so we can get you involved. Specifically, we are looking for Sheep and Swine superintendents but regardless of your project area of interest, if you want to get involved you are welcome to apply.

Jr. Livestock Committee Fundraiser

Arapahoe County Jr. 4-H livestock committee is selling 4-H kitchen towels. Cost is \$11 each or 2 for \$20. There are 2 designs, 1 is an embroidered 4-H clover, and the other is with 4-H green fabric. They will be ready for delivery/pick-up just in time for Christmas presents. Email order to kathy.euritt@yahoo.com or text to 530-632-7737.



Livestock News (Cont.)

Colorado Sheep Shearing School



**February 23, 24, 25 2017
Morgan County Fairgrounds
Brush, CO**

I wish to enroll in the three-day sheep shearing school. I understand enrollment is limited to 15 participants. Shearing school participants are responsible for their own breakfast, dinner and lodging. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Lodging information is available from Marlin Eisenach, Extension Livestock Agent, Morgan County at 970.542.3543 or cell 970.768.5154.

Enclosed is the \$150 registration fee.

Please make check payable to: **Morgan County Extension Fund**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: () _____

Email: _____

Registration form and payment due by February 1, 2017 to:

Marlin Eisenach
Morgan County Extension
P.O. Box 517
Fort Morgan, CO 80701
marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu

Livestock News (Cont.)

Veterinary Feed Directive

What do you need to know?



1. On January 1st, 2017, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will require a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) for all medically important antibiotics administered in livestock feed and water.
2. Over-the-counter sales of medically important antibiotics will also end.
3. In order to acquire a VFD you will need to have a Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) and then you will be able to gain access to these antibiotics. It then becomes your responsibility to keep records for two years.

How does this affect 4-H?

1. It will affect all individuals who have previously fed medicated feeds or used over the counter antibiotics in water.
2. You will need to update your VCPR and attain a VFD in order to acquire these antibiotics.
3. You will need to communicate with whoever you get your feed from to determine what you plan to do to address this change.
4. You will no longer be able to go purchase bagged feed or feed of any kind with medically important antibiotics unless you have a VFD in place.
5. Prepare for this change and make sure you have everything you need in place.

Resources

1. Colorado State University Extension Office
2. <http://feedstuffs.com/vfd.aspx>
3. <http://copork.org>
4. <http://fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/ucm449019.htm>
5. <http://fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/ucm071807.htm>
6. www.pork.org/certification
7. <http://www.bqa.org/certification>

Livestock News (Cont.)

Tag-ins

Tag-in for Market Beef will be held on March 4th

Tag-in for market sheep, goats and swine will be on April 29th so mark your calendars now!

BEEF Weigh-In

Beef Tag-In will be held March 4, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds.

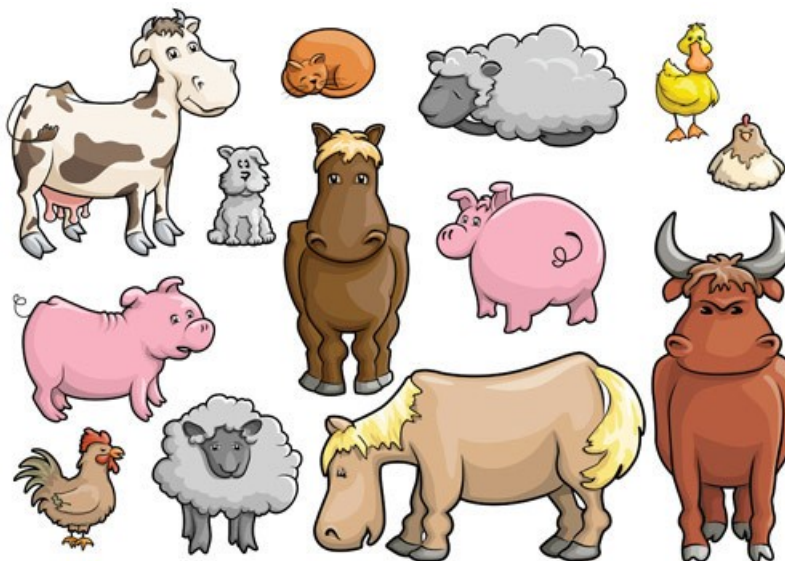
(Emergency date to be announced in the next newsletter only to be used only if you are notified of a cancellation) **Things to know before coming to Tag-In:**

- You must bring your animal with a halter already on before it will be unloaded, or it will not be tagged. **Any uncontrollable animals will NOT be tagged!!!! The idea is to work with them ahead of time!!!**
- Please have your calves brand inspected prior to coming to tag-in. Do not forget to bring your brand inspection papers.

REMEMBER ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CASTRATED PRIOR TO BEING TAGGED AS A 4-H MARKET PROJECT. CASTRATION MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE FAIR-GROUNDS (NOT THE DAY OF TAG-IN) AND HEALED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE! ALL CATTLE AND MARKET GOATS MUST BE DEHORNED.

State Fair Nomination Cards and Premise ID's

Remember all 4-H and FFA exhibitors must have their premise ID# on their nomination cards to be accepted for State Fair. This is a State Fair Policy NOT a requirement to participate in the local 4-H program. This information should be completed on ALL cards at the time of weigh-in. **You will need to apply for your premise ID number well in advance of weigh-in so they have time to assign you one. Please do so 3-4 weeks before you need it. Please call 303-869-9000 to get your ID.**



Shooting Sports

4H Shooting Sports

Reloadable King Soopers gift cards are available for the holidays! Looking for a gift to give or just want to support 4-H Shooting Sports? The Shooting Sports Committee has cards preloaded with \$5 that you can take load for your everyday grocery purchases or load up for a special gift to give someone! The cards only cost you \$5 so it's basically cash for cash. No fees involved. Then once we hit our mark, King Soopers sends us 5%!

The new year is ready to kick off and we are looking for parent volunteers to help! There are lots of ways to help from checking in at practices and organizing fundraising events to becoming a shooting sports leader! No experience is necessary and training is provided! Just ask Katy Vincent for more info: katy-didklv@hotmail.com

To become a shooting sports leader, you must take a 3 day state training workshop to be eligible. State leader training dates for adults and jr. leaders, ages 14-18 will be scheduled soon! If you are interested, let us know so we can keep you informed and help get you signed up!

Members may sign up this year in Archery, .22 Rifle, Shotgun, Air Pistol, .22 Pistol, Hunting and Outdoor Skills.

Shooting Sports dates for 2016/2017

Jan 7 - Workshop
Feb 4 - Safety Training (1 mandatory)
March 4 - Workshop
April 1 - Safety Training (1 mandatory)
April 23 - Practice at Sorbers
May 6 - Practice at Sorbers
May 21 - Practice at Sorbers
June 3 - Practice at Sorbers
June 25 - Practice at Sorbers
July 1 - Practice at Sorbers
July 8 - County Shoot

All members must attend 1 safety training, complete 5 practices (including workshops) and have their hunter's ed card by July 1 to be eligible for county shoot. Members will also exhibit a poster or stand alone project at fair along with their record books, receiving a blue or red award, to be eligible for state fair.



Club News

Learn To Paint On Canvas

Cove Circle Creations 4-H Club has space available for 10 members from other Arapahoe County clubs to join us at Streets of Southglen, February 18, 2017, at Canvas and Cocktails (we will have soda) to learn to paint an actual canvas painting. Everyone will arrive at Canvas and Cocktails at 1:40 pm, with the class starting at 2:00 pm and ending around 4:00pm. Wear clothing that might get some paint splatters. All painting supplies will be provided. Cost is \$34. Contact Carolyn Rudy, carolyn_rudy@comcast.net to reserve a spot in advance no later than February 4, 2017.

Mighty Bots 4-H Club Representatives

President:	Ayan Vaishnav
Vice-President:	Aditya Sapparapu
Secretary:	Shrey Agarwal & Vedanth Sampath
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Hats Off to You!

Congratulations!

- Congratulations to **Keri Stuebner, Lydia Bray, Audra Moyer** and **Jeff Moyer** for completing the volunteer process in a timely manner! Welcome to the Arapahoe County 4-H Volunteer Family.

Scholarship Information

Graduating Seniors

Please remember to apply for the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation Scholarship if you plan to continue your education. The deadline will be here before you know it, February 1, 2017 and the holiday break would be the perfect time to work on all your college scholarship applications. Please click [here](#) for the application.

Leader News

World Wear Project, LLC

This might be a good **community service project** if any clubs are interested. Collect wearable shoes. They send you a box with a UPS label and you let them know when it is full. There is no cost to you for shipping.

They pay for the wearable shoes that are collected and which they receive in the returned box. You can designate the charity of your choice for payment, or have the funds go to your club. Payment is as below:

63 lbs. and up per box = \$0.55 per pound

40-59 lbs. per box = \$0.45 per pound

0-39 lbs. per box = \$0.00 per pound

If you are interested in providing the convenience to your club members of repurposing their shoes and keeping them out of local landfills, please let them know and they will send you an agreement.

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How to Become a 4-H Leader

Are you interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer? Then take the time to go through the volunteer process to become a 4-H volunteer!

There are a few steps that you have to complete in order to become a volunteer:

- ◆ Complete 4-H online Volunteer Application, enrollment, and sign volunteer agreement- please fill out 3 complete reference names including mailing and email addresses
- ◆ Volunteer fee/ \$5
- ◆ Office will have to complete reference checks and background check
- ◆ Background check has to be passed
- ◆ Complete e-learning modules

All enrollments will be done via 4-H online this year. You may find helpful 4-H online information on our website, arapahoeextension.org.

Club Leader Reminders

Please remember to be getting your remaining new members enrollment fees and everyone's paperwork such as Code of Show Ring Ethics Form and Animal Care and Housing Form (if animals are not housed at members house) into the Extension Office. Hard copies of these forms are still needed and can be printed from <http://arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu/animal-paperwork/>.

Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
December 15	6:30 p.m.	Horse Comm. Mtg.	A.C. Fairgrounds
December 17	2—Close	Present Wrapping Fundraiser for Horse Adv. Comm.	Murdoch's, Parker
December 20	7 p.m.	Livestock Advisory Comm. Mtg.	O'Malley's Mercantile
January 1		Veterinary Feed Directive goes Into effect.	
January 2		Leadership Development Conference Registration Deadline	
January 2	6:30 p.m.	Shooting Sports Mtg.	A.C. Fairgrounds
January 4	6:30—8:30	Horse Judging Team Practice	A.C. Fairgrounds, Classrooms
January 6	6:30—8:30	Horse Judging Team Practice	A.C. Fairgrounds, Classrooms
January 9	7 p.m.	Jr. Leader Mtg.	CentrePoint Plaza
January 18		Creative Cooks Contest Registration Deadline	
January 19	6:30—8:30	Horse Judging Team Practice	A.C. Fairgrounds, Classrooms
January 24	6:30 p.m.	4-H Companion Animal Comm. Mtg.	Windmill Room, Exhibition Hall, A.C. Fairgrounds
January 26	6:30—8:30	Horse Judging Team Practice	A.C. Fairgrounds, Classrooms
January 28—30		Leadership Development Conference	Denver, CO.
January 30		Re-enrollment Deadline for Returning Members with \$25 late fee.	
February 4		4-H Extravaganza	A.C. Fairgrounds
February 4		Meat Quality Assurance Training	A.C. Fairgrounds
February 6		Parliamentary Procedure Contest Registration Deadline	
February 7	6:30 p.m.	Jr. Livestock Comm. Mtg.	A.C. Fairgrounds
February 16	6:30 p.m.	Horse Levels 3 & 4 Written Test	A.C. Fairgrounds
February 23—25		Colorado Sheep Shearing School	Morgan County Fairgrounds, Brush, CO



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Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions for the February/March 2017 Newsletter is: Feb. 1, 2017.

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The Colorado State University Extension in Arapahoe County requires a 10 day notice for special accommodations for ALL events. Please let us know if you need things such as interpreters, special handicap accessible accommodations, etc.

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