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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 Emily at espada@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](#).

Help Support our Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation

Please support the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation by doing all your Amazon.Com shopping through this Amazon Smiles link.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/84-0574592>

This link sets up your charity to be the 4-H Foundation. Then, in the future, if you remember to shop through smile.amazon.com with your internet browser (Firefox, Explorer, Chrome, Safari, etc), 0.5% of supporting purchases will go to the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation. Donations will not work through the Amazon mobile apps or using the basic Amazon.com to log in.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cindy Camp
Treasurer
Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation

State Conference Dates

June 20 - 23, 2017 at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins. For members 14 - 18 years old. More information will be available in the coming months. Please save the dates if your are thinking about attending.



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



Headlines

Re-Fashion Retreat

The Re-Fashion Retreat committee would like to invite 4-H members to a Re-Fashion Retreat on May 5-7, 2017. This retreat will be held in Pueblo at the Colorado State Fairgrounds. Participants will stay in the 4-H Growing Mind Dorms. The cost is \$50 for members and \$25 for adult chaperones.

Registration will be in 4HOnline and will open in April. There will be a limit of 20 youth and a minimum of 10 youth to make the retreat. Click [here](#) for more information.

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!

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!

Girls' Leadership Council

The [Girls' Leadership Council \(GLC\)](#) application is now open. This Women's Foundation of Colorado program gives 20 rising juniors the unique opportunity to become community leaders and philanthropists each summer. Over six days, July 23-29, the GLC will conduct site visits with nonprofits, meet local legends and leaders, build meaningful relationships, and go through an entire grant making process. Participants leave the program empowered and equipped to address and affect their own schools and communities. The application, [found here](#), is open and is due **Wednesday, March 1, 2017** at 5 p.m. Make sure to read [this page](#), which contains important information about application guidelines, program expectations, and more. Please spread the word! For more information, contact Claire Dixon at (303)271-6620 or claire.dixon@colostate.edu.



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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!



Judges' Training

Douglas County will be hosting a 4-H Judges' Training on Saturday, March 11 in Castle Rock at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. The space we have been able to secure for the training is not very large, so the number of participants will be limited. Workshops will cover 4-H foods and nutrition, cake decorating, clothing construction, and heritage arts. For more information, click [here](#).

High School Students, Let Your Voices Be Heard

Inspire Colorado is partnering with History Colorado to host the Colorado Youth Civic Engagement Forum on March 13th, 2017 from 5:00-8:00PM at History Colorado on 1200 Broadway in Denver. This is a free event.

This event will be an opportunity for high school students to have their voices heard by their elected officials.

Colorado Secretary of State Wayne Williams will give the opening keynote address about the importance of youth civic engagement.

The main event will be a panel of 5-6 Colorado elected officials from various levels of government and political parties who will be fielding questions from the 250 high school students in attendance about issues they care about. **This is an RSVP only event!**

[We encourage high school students to RSVP here to attend this opportunity to amplify their voice in the political process.](#)

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>

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Urban Ranchers Day Camp

Do you or someone you know want to learn more about handling ranch animals? Does adopting your "own" goat for a week sound like fun? Are you between the ages of 8-13? Then Urban Ranchers Day camp is just for you!

Join us for a fun filled adventure July 10th-13th at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. You will learn how to care for and handle your goat. Other animals such as chickens, cows, and horses/llamas will be there for you to discover how they are used on the farm. Camp counselors will lead daily games and projects which will help you explore where your food comes from. We will also try some of our favorite farm foods and make some crafts from our favorite farm animals. On Thursday you will get to show off your new farm skills for your parents and friends and celebrate at a cook out from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

Camp registration includes a t-shirt, snacks, activities, awards, and the Show Cook-out on the last day of camp!

Make sure to sign up today- space is limited to 20 participants. Register [here](#). Questions? Contact Danielle Ardrey- dardrey@arapahoegov.com or 303-738-7977.

County Contest Night

Come join us for a fun-filled night for a chance to participate in contests for Speech and Demonstration, Cake Decorating, Talent Show (Performing Arts), and Parli Pro. The County Contest Night will be held on **Friday, April 21, 2017 at Englewood High School, 3800 S. Logan St., Englewood, CO 80113**. The **registration deadline for all contests will be Friday, March 17**. Please click the link below for guidelines and registration forms for Speech and Demo and Cake Decorating. Other information will follow for Talent Show and Parli Pro. So mark your calendars and start planning on what you want to do. We hope to see many of you there! Times will be determined by entries. For contest guidelines and registration forms, please click [here](#).

IFYE Potluck and Presentation

Please come join us on Monday, March 13 for our annual IFYE Potluck and Presentation, Centrepoin Plaza, 14980 E. Alameda Dr., Aurora. Our very own Arapahoe County 4-H Alumni Julia Gaffney will do a presentation on the country that she traveled to (Germany). The night will begin @ 6 pm with a potluck and then presentation. Please bring an item to share with the group. Families with last names that start with "A" through "L", please bring a main dish or salad. Families with last names that start with "M" through "Z", please bring a side dish or dessert. If you plan to attend please RSVP with Jean Walton @ 303-730-1920 or jwalton@arapahoegov.com no later than Monday, 3/6/17, so we know how many to prepare for.

Cat Project

Are you interested in cats? Arapahoe County will be hosting a 4-H Cat Show again this year during pre-fair events on Saturday, July 22. More details will follow in the 2017 fair book. You will have to be enrolled in the cat project in order to participate in the 4-H Cat Show. So, if you are interested make sure to enroll in the cat project by April 1 at the latest. We would love to have more members involved this year!

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REMINDER DATES

- Jr. Leaders Council Meeting, Monday Feb 13, 2017 CPT Plaza, Littleton Rooms, 7 pm and Monday March 13, 2017, CPT Plaza, Littleton Rooms, 6 pm
- District 3 Senate Fun Night, Monday Feb 27, 2017 Park Meadows Mall, Food Court, 6:30 pm
- District 3 Meeting, Monday March 27, 2017 Arapahoe County CSU Extension Office, 7 pm
- Companion Animal Committee Meeting, Tuesday March 28, 2017, 6:30 pm, Windmill Room, Fairgrounds
- 4-H Dog Fun Match, Saturday April 29, 2017, Arapahoe County Fairgrounds - More details to follow.

Meeting REMINDERS

The following committees will hold regular meetings. If you would like to get involved please contact Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com.

We are in need of a Sheep Superintendent and Swine Superintendent for this coming year.

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 Feb 16th at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.

The next **Shooting Sports** meeting will be March 6th at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.

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

Activities and Teams

Teams are started and underway preparing for this year but it is not too late if you still want to get involved. 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!

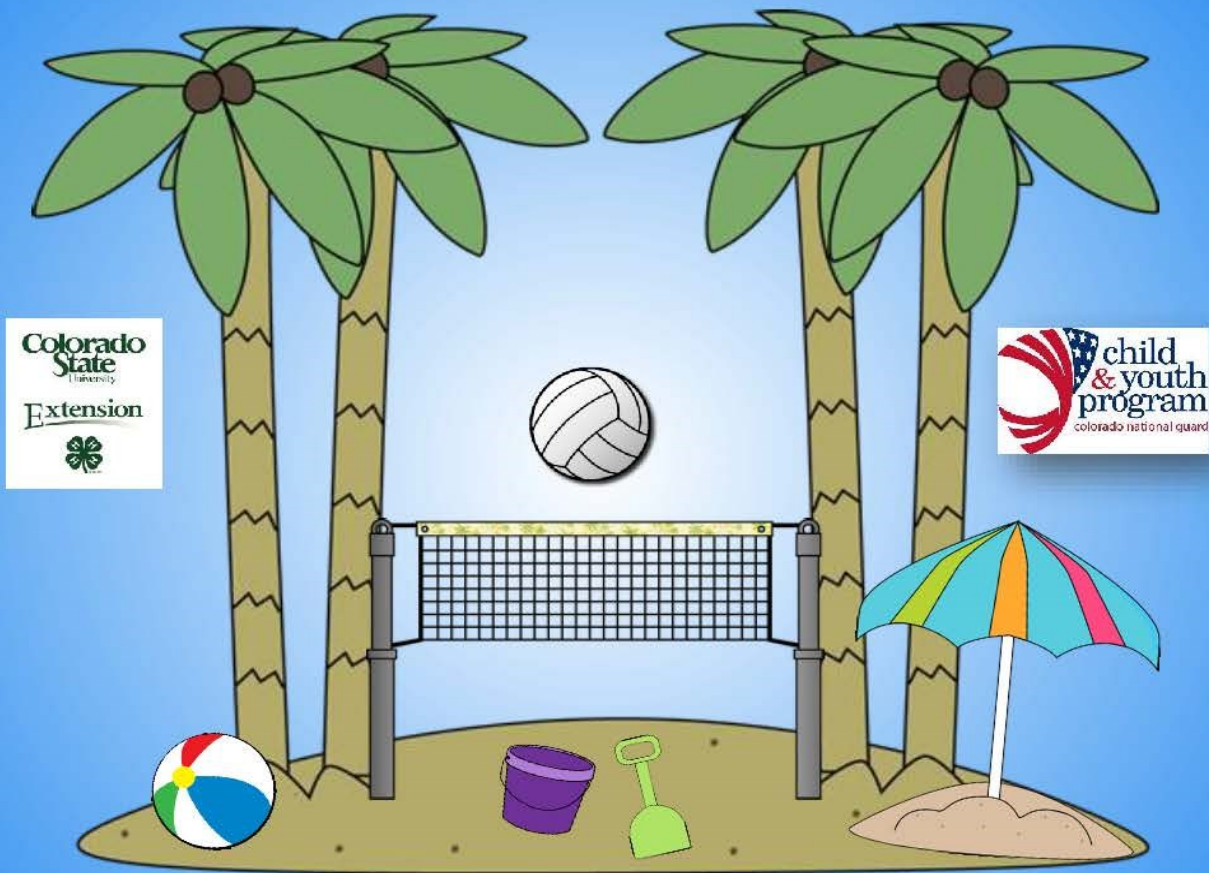
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3rd Annual

Month of the Military Child Celebration

At "The Island" (address below) Ages 6-18 welcome

Saturday, April 8th, 2017 from 7:00-10:00pm



Music, games, sand volleyball, nuke 'em tournament, food, fountain drinks, & more!
Paid on your behalf by the COARNG Youth Program.

We have ten 4-H spots available. Reserve space for you and your friends today!

RSVP to Danielle at dardrey@arapahoegov.com. RSVP deadline- March 8th, 2017

Childcare for ages 0-5 will not be provided.

Address for the Island: 2233 S. Geneva St., Denver, CO 80247

Featured Article

The heading to the Arapahoe County 4-H webpage states that “*4-H is a community of young people, ages 5-18, across America, learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.*” Arapahoe County Extension and 4-H, as an organization, is striving to create a safe and welcoming place for all youth to encourage these important ideals. Although our intentions are great for our youth, sometimes we fall short in our efforts to create spaces for all youth to feel welcomed and valued members of our communities. The following letter depicts an unfortunate experience a youth had as a 4-H member. Please reflect on the values, procedures, and activities of your club gatherings and help us to generate a welcoming environment for all.

Remember Me? I was in your club...

I’m the kid you asked to join your 4-H club last year. I’m the kid who was so enthused about a chance to be a 4-H club member that I could hardly wait for the first meeting, so I could stand up in front of all of you and promise to be a good 4-H member. Becoming a 4-H club member and reciting the club pledge were about the most important happenings in my life last year.

I came to every meeting after I was initiated, sometimes getting there before anyone else so I wouldn’t miss anything. It didn’t seem like anyone wanted to pay attention to me, though, even when I tried to be friendly with other kids. Being friendly has always been hard for me because I am naturally shy. My mom said 4-H would be good for me because I would be sure to make friends there. I sat down along with some of the kids I knew from the school bus, but they all had their buddies who they talked to, even when I volunteered some conversation. After that it was just easier to find a seat among the unfamiliar faces.

I hoped very much that a leader or an officer would ask me to participate or take charge of something or do some task like helping to serve refreshments, but no one asked me. I wanted very much to do something to help out, so I could show I was proud of being a 4-H member. But no one saw my hand when I volunteered. When I had to miss a meeting, the first since joining, it was because mom was sick and dad doesn’t get home from work until midnight, so I stayed home with her. But no one asked me at the next meeting where I was and why I hadn’t been there. I guess it really didn’t matter very much to the others whether I was there or not. It was at about this time that I began to wonder if it was really that big of a deal to be a 4-H member.

It amuses me now when I think back on the discussion in the club one evening shortly after I had become a 4-H member. The officers and leaders were all talking about why the club seemed to be losing members and what they could do about it. They spent an hour talking about how to get new members, when we could have been having some recreation—and I was there all the time. All they had to do was make me feel needed, wanted and welcomed.

I don’t like to think of myself as a loser, but I must have lost a great deal by not having 4-H experience—and perhaps the 4-H club lost too, by not accepting what I had to offer.

I am the statistic that says “4-H had nothing for me, so I dropped out,” but it really isn’t true. I was never really a member—and isn’t it a shame because that’s what I wanted so much to be.

— Author Unknown

Enrollment News

Enrollment Deadlines

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.

Project Add/Drop

Do you need to change the projects you are enrolled in? Remember, you only have until **April 1 at 5:00pm to change your projects!** After that the system will lock and you must complete all projects that you are enrolled in. Completion includes **either** exhibiting the project at the county fair OR doing a demonstration on the project **and** satisfactorily submitting a completed record book. Add/Drop is done ELECTRONICALLY using 4honline. **There is no paperwork for Add/Drop and it cannot be done over the phone.** The Add/Drop instructions are at the very top of this website: <http://arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu/enrollment-changes-project-adddrop/> If you have trouble with Add/Drop, please contact your club leader.

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 **across America** who are learning
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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.



Policy Information (Continued)

Record Books

One of the most important life skills 4-H can offer members is record keeping skills. That is why we require members to complete a record book for every project they are enrolled in. Our full record book policy is located in the 2015/2016 Policies for Success document posted on our website, and it is copied below. To find the record book you should be using, visit: http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/erecords/index.php

Record Book Policy

1. Members must complete a record book for each project the member is enrolled in receiving a score of 70% or above.
2. Please be aware that some record books have a supplemental form that must also be submitted.
3. Record books for Family Consumer Science, Shooting Sports and General projects will be turned in at the County Fair with the member's exhibit (only if the member chooses to exhibit) otherwise they will be turned in to their project leader and graded prior to the last Friday in August.
4. Record books for Dog, Horse, Livestock and Small Animal projects are to be graded by the project or club leader prior to being turned in to the Extension office by **September 6th**.
5. The official Score sheet should be used when grading record books. Score sheets (rubrics) are posted on the COUNTY 4-H website and can usually be found on the project area pages.
6. Animal Project Record Books are to be one project area per book i.e. breeding beef in one book and Mkt beef in a separate book. Those are two separate projects so they each should be in their own E-record book. Score sheets are posted on our web site on the project pages. Please put books in record book binders or thin covers, NOT 3 ring binders as they take up too much space.

NOTE: In the event a member turns in an unsatisfactory record book, they should be given one week to revise their record book to reach a score of 70% or higher, prior to the final due date of the first Monday in September. If revisions are required, they will not be eligible for end of the year record book awards but will satisfy the completion requirement.

Important— any record book due after county fair (i.e. Animal Project e-records) please do not hand it in, in a 3 ring binder. Something like the picture below would be a great option. They help keep our record books easier to handle, store or transport as they go out to be graded. These are available from the extension office or through the 4-H mall online. Or you can pick something similar up at an office supply store or anywhere they sell school supplies.



Get More Involved

Jr. Livestock Committee

The Jr. Livestock committee is starting the year off fast. So far they have already held a successful fundraiser, had a field trip to the National Western Stock Show and in February members will be attending the Governor's Forum on Agriculture! The group has started planning their Red Carpet Prospect Show and Clinics on May 20th. They are also planning their community service project for the spring and some other programs for this summer and fair. We always play/practice Livestock Quiz Bowl to end our meetings! We are gearing up for another great year. If you have ideas and would like to get involved please join us on March 7th! If you have questions or would like more information please contact Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com.

Feb 6th Extravaganza = Success!!!!

Just a short note to THANK EVERYONE who made the Skill Building Extravaganza on Feb 4th possible. We really appreciate all the volunteer support we received that day!! We had our largest attendance at this event to date with over 125 people in attendance and 82 pre-registers. We even had people from neighboring counties taking advantage of this fun educational opportunity! This is now one of the largest non-fair related events we have annually. I think everyone came away with something new and useful they could use!



4-H WANTS YOU

Horse News

IMPORTANT Horse Levels Testing Information!

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 riding test 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!

The Horse Judging Team is up and going we have 3 seniors and 4 juniors planning to participate. The teams regular practice schedule is every Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30 at the fairgrounds. They are **in the classrooms in the Main Hall (enter through the north doors)**. Members of all ages and project areas are welcome to attend (you do not have to be in the horse project, you just have to want to learn). 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! We are preparing for contests in March and April.

Horse Committee

The committee has been busy making revisions to the Fair Premium Book/Rules of Exhibition and Horse Show Schedule. This year the 4-H County fair Horse Show will be held on Saturday July 22nd in the covered arena! Their meetings are held at the fairgrounds starting at 6:30, with the next meeting on Feb 16th. They have open rides in the covered arena starting in March so watch for the schedule in the next E-blast. They also held Elections at the last meeting and the new officers are President Suzy Sefcovic, Vice Rachel Miller, Treasurer Sue Sarasin and Secretary Katy Vincent. 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. ***4-H'ers who are 13 and under must have a parent stay at the MQA with them.*** The only remaining MQA Workshop held in Arapahoe County will be on April 11th from 6:30-8:30 at the CSU Extension Office in Arapahoe County. 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 other County's MQA Trainings and start times will be in future newsletters. **NOTE:** Swine Exhibitors must attend MQA yearly or test out regardless of age group to satisfy national PQA/YQCA requirements.

4-H Livestock Advisory Committee

4-H Livestock Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on Feb 21st at O'Malley's at 7 p.m. We are currently seeking volunteers to take over as Sheep Superintendent in 2017. 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 last meeting they reviewed and updated the County Fair Book Livestock Rules and Schedules. They are also still looking for a few more buckle sponsorships. If you are interested in sponsoring a buckle please contact Roxie at 303-622-6849

Livestock Quiz Bowl

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.

4-H Rabbit Camp

March 3rd - 5th, 2017

La Plata County Fairgrounds

Cost: 4-H member \$50.00

2nd child \$40.00

Adults & Cloverbuds \$20.00 (to cover meals)

Calling all 4-H Rabbit members and leaders: you are invited to the 10th annual 4-H Rabbit Camp! This camp is open to 4-H members and potential 4-H members (you do not need to have a rabbit to attend). Cloverbuds are welcome Friday and Saturday. Sunday morning will be a mock judging contest. All meals are provided. 4-H members and chaperons will be sleeping at the fairgrounds. Bring your sleeping bags, air mattresses and cots. Parents are encouraged to come, stay, learn, help and share! For more information, or to register, please call or email Raejean at 970-946-4130 or reigelrabbit@gmail.com or Angela Fountain, La Plata County Extension, 970-382-6465 or fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us.

Youth Livestock Field Day

Market Beef, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat workshops February 25 at The Ranch in Loveland. Learn from the experts on Nutrition, Selection, Animal Health, Fitting and Showmanship. MQA/PQA Certification Available All Day. Workshop re-registration online is required by February 17, 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

Livestock Prospect and Jackpot Shows

As I receive information on these shows we will be posting them on the Livestock project page of the web site. Please check back as I will be updating it once a week. Please contact organizers of these shows directly for more information as the posted information will be all we have.

Livestock News (Cont.)

Tag-ins

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

Tag-in for market sheep, goats **Date Change** will be on **MONDAY MAY 1st** from 5 - 8 p.m. so mark your calendars now!

SWINE Tag-in will be handled individually by the 4-H members this year. Further details will be forthcoming but swine project members will be required to attend a mandatory meeting on Tuesday April 25 at the fairgrounds starting at 6:30 p.m.

BEEF Tag-In

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

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 weighed. **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.
- There is a \$2 per animal retinal scanning fee to be paid to the 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee.
- This year we will also be collecting the drug testing fee that you usually pay at the time of fair entry at the tag-ins for each animal tagged in. The fee will be \$5.

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.**

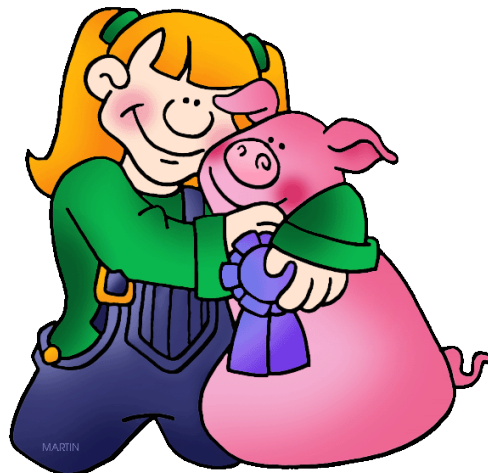


Livestock News (Cont.)

Producer Classes

What is a producer class? It's a market or breeding class for those of you who raise and show your own animals. Individuals who breed and raise their own show animals will show against one another. This class is in addition to the regular classes (Market and Breeding). In order to participate in the producer classes you must be signed up for the corresponding breeding project. Producer's Market Class Animals must be tagged in at the Tag-in for that species under the name of the producer. They must also make weight as well as abide by all other regulations in regards to showing of 4-H market animals. Proof of ownership of the dam must be established and certified by the superintendent prior to show. This can be accomplished by either a Bill of Sale OR a letter from the 4-H livestock leader OR a herd inspection by the superintendent. It is NOT required that the dam/sire of producer animals be shown at a previous County Fair

Market Hogs Tag-in (NEW Procedure) – *Will be tagged by the 4-H members at their homes. Tags will be checked out to them and a procedure will need to be followed to qualify your animal to be shown at fair. Specific details are still being worked out but the procedure will be published and announced as soon as possible. A mandatory meeting will be held on April 25th at the fairgrounds for all swine project members to review the procedure and to check out tags. Members will pay their county fair drug testing fee at this time per animal they wish to tag.*



Shooting Sports

Projects Offered

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

Safety Training

The first mandatory safety training was held at the Extravaganza the first weekend of February. Members who completed this, received their new green practice card with a safety training stamp. This card must come to each practice you attend this year and be endorsed by your leader each time before you leave.

Members must attend one safety training before being able to attend shooting practices and there is only one left this year! April 1st is your last chance, so be sure to mark your calendars.

King Soopers Gift Cards

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

Shooting Sports dates for 2016/2017

February 25 - Outdoor Skills - Orienteering - **RSVP by February 17th**

March 4 - Workshop - Fairgrounds

March 25 - YHEC - Outdoor Skills - State Qualifier for Nationals - Horsethief Canyon, Mesa County
(Register by March 11)

April 1 - Safety Training - mandatory - Last One! - **RSVP by March 24**

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 hunters education card by July 1 to be eligible for county shoot. Green practice card and e-records are required at each practice.

2017 Shooting Sports Raffle

The 2017 Shooting Sports Raffle is coming! Lots of awesome new prizes will be offered this year, so watch for info about this in the next newsletter and e-blasts. Tickets will be \$5/1 or \$20/5 and proceeds go to support and grow the Shooting Sports program in Arapahoe County!

Shooting Sports (Continued)

Shooting Sports Leader Process

Are you interested in becoming a Shooting Sports leader? Complete your volunteer requirements and then you must take a 3-day state training workshop to be eligible. If interested, let us know so we can keep you informed and help you get signed up!

Dates for 2017 are:

March 4	Garfield County, RSO only
March 24 - 26	Pueblo County
March 31 - April 2	Mesa County
April 7 - 9	Larimer County
April 28 - 30	Eagle County

Hunter Education

Though we try to arrange one late Spring Hunters' Education course through Parks and Wildlife for 4-Hers and their families, you are welcome and encouraged to find a course on your own also. You can find information on options and classes available by clicking [here](#). Colorado law requires that anyone born on or after January 1, 1949, complete an approved Hunter Education course before applying for or buying a Colorado Hunting license.

More Info

For questions regarding the Shooting Sports projects, or to RSVP for an event, please contact Katy Vincent at 303-913-7314 or katydidklv@hotmail.com.



Club News

Jr. Leaders Report

The Jr. Leaders Council had several members attend the annual Leadership Development Conference and 4-H Capital Day! It was an eventful weekend where the youth had the chance to meet with our special guests (Don Klemme, Community Resources Director, Tim Aston, Arapahoe County CSU Extension Director, Commissioner Baker, Yangson Baker) at the banquet. They also had the chance to meet with Senator Todd, Representative Rosenthal, Representative Wist, and Representative Weissman during 4-H Capital Day!



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Scholarship Information

State 4-H Scholarships

Attention graduating Seniors: you may be interested in applying for state 4-H scholarships. It's simple to apply for them, as they all have the same application. Fill it out once and you have applied for all scholarships. The application is available until March 31, 2017. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,200. For more information on state scholarships, click [here](#). Please contact Gary Small (gary.small@colostate.edu), Director of the Colorado 4-H Foundation, with any questions. The application is due on March 31, 2017.

Conservation District Scholarship

Deer Trail, West Arapahoe County and East Adams Conservation Districts are once again presenting scholarships in 2017. The scholarship is available to both high school seniors and students who are currently enrolled in college. Deadline for applications is April 6, 2017.

Students must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college, university, or vocational school, majoring in an agricultural field, and have a home address within the boundaries of the district to which you apply.

Application forms and information may be obtained at the Byers NRCS Office, or by calling 303-822-5257 ext. 101



Leader News

Club Leader Reminders

Please remember to be getting your remaining new members enrollment fees and everyone's paper work 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 this web page by clicking [here](#).

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

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.

Hats Off to You!

Congratulations!

- To Kristen Swartz, Debbie Cuvelier and Payton Bray for completing the volunteer process. Welcome!

Thank You!

- To all the volunteers, 4-H members, Jr. Leaders, Agents and Specialists that gave up part of their day on February 4th to help us with 4-H Extravaganza! It was a success and we could not do an event like that without all the wonderful people that help us put it on. So, THANK YOU!

Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 11		Registration Deadline for Consumer Choices Contest	
February 13	7 p.m.	Jr. Leaders' Council Meeting	CentrePoint Plaza
February 16	6:30 p.m.	Horse Levels 3 & 4 Testing	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
February 16	6:30 p.m.	Horse Committee Meeting	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
February 17		Registration Deadline for Youth Livestock Field Day	
February 17		Registration Deadline for Shooting Sports Orienteering	
February 21	7 p.m.	Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting	O'Malley's Mercantile
February 25	8:30 a.m.	Youth Livestock Field Day	The Ranch, Loveland
February 25		Shooting Sports - Outdoor Skills Orienteering	
February 27	6:30 p.m.	District III Senate Fun Night	Park Meadows Mall, Food Court
February 27		Registration Deadline for Shooting Sports Workshop on 3/4	
March 1		Registration Deadline for Girls' Leadership Council	
March 3 - 5		4-H Rabbit Camp	La Plata County Fairgrounds
March 4		Market Beef Tag-In	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
March 4		Shooting Sports Workshop	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
March 4		Shooting Sports Leader Training, RSO Only	Garfield County
March 6		Shooting Sports Meeting	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
March 7		Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
March 8		Registration Deadline for 3rd Annual Month of the Military Child Celebration	
March 11	9 a.m.	Judges' Training	Douglas County Fairgrounds
March 11		Registration Deadline for Shooting Sports YHEC Qualifier Event	
March 13	5 p.m.	Colorado Youth Civic Engagement Forum	History Colorado
March 13	6 p.m.	IFYE Potluck and Presentation	CentrePoint Plaza
March 21	7 p.m.	Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting	O'Malley's Mercantile
March 23	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Open Rides (Horse)	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Covered Arena
March 24 - 26		Shooting Sports Leader Training	Pueblo County
March 24		Registration Deadline for Shooting Sports Safety Training on 4/1.	
March 25		YHEC - Shooting Sports - Outdoor Skills - State Qualifier for Nationals	Horsethief Canyon, Mesa County
March 27	7 p.m.	District III Senate Meeting	Arapahoe County CSU Extension Office
March 28	6:30 p.m.	Companion Animal Committee Meeting	Windmill Room, Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
March 31		State 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline	
March 31 - April 2		Shooting Sports Leader Training	Mesa County
April 1		Project Add/Drop Deadline	
April 1	4:30 p.m.	Submission Deadline for Club News for April/May Pipeline	
April 1		Shooting Sports Safety Training - Last One	
April 6		Conservation District Scholarship Applications Due	
April 7 - 9		Shooting Sports Leader Training	Larimer County
April 11	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	MQA	Arapahoe County CSU Extension Office
April 13	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Open Rides (Horse)	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Covered Arena
April 23		Shooting Sports Practice	Sorbers
April 27	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Open Rides (Horse)	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Covered Arena
April 28 - 30		Shooting Sports Leader Training	Eagle County



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