



## News Release

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### **Fun for everyone with 4-H youth and animals at the Arapahoe County Fair** *Enjoy shows, competitions and the Livestock Auction during the Fair, July 28 - 31*

**LITTLETON, CO** – Mark your calendar for four days of family fun and entertainment at the 2016 Arapahoe County Fair, July 28 - 31, just east of E-470 on Quincy Avenue in Aurora. There are 4-H shows and activities throughout the Fair and on Saturday, general admission includes the 4-H Youth Livestock Auction at 6:30 p.m. in the Livestock Pavilion.

The Youth Livestock Auction is a long-standing tradition at the Fair where citizens and businesses are invited to attend and bid on locally-raised lambs, hogs, goats, poultry, rabbits and beef in support of local 4-H youth. Proceeds go directly to the individual 4-H exhibitors to invest in their future education and to help offset the cost of raising the animal.

4-H participants follow quality production practices in nutrition, health, care and handling of their livestock. Animals are judged at the Fair by experienced livestock evaluators, and those that meet established market quality standards may be auctioned at the Youth Livestock Auction.

Arapahoe County 4-H is a youth development program offered through Colorado State University Extension that brings together members, ages 5-18, to learn life skills, leadership skills, build friendships and have fun. 4-H has long been the heart of the Arapahoe County Fair. Local youth spend months preparing projects and animals for the Fair, where they contend for prize ribbons, cash premiums and bragging rights.

In addition to the Youth Livestock Auction, discover the 4-H Home Economic and General Projects from Woodworking and Baking to Sewing, Photography and Cake Decorating throughout the Fair displayed in the exhibition hall. There are also pre-fair events including the new Cat Show July 23, Dog Show July 24 and Fashion Revue July 27.

This year, there are 320 active 4-H members in Arapahoe County. Enrollment has increased 9 percent from the previous 4-H program year.

Enrollment for the 2016/2017 4-H program begins in October. Parents who are interested in finding out more about 4-H for their kids can do the following:

- Call the CSU-Extension 4-H office at 303-730-1920

- Go online and fill out a form: <http://arapahoe.wufoo.com/forms/request-more-information-from-arapahoe-county-4h/>
- Fill out a 4-H inquiry card available at the 4-H information table during the Fair

Admission includes unlimited carnival rides, fireworks, kids corral with family activities, concerts on the main stage, rodeos, the high-flying dock dogs, 4-H exhibits and shows, open class contests including daily pie eating contests, tractor pulls, and mud bog.

The Arapahoe County Fair will be held July 28 - 31, with 4-H activities throughout. Pre-sale daily admission tickets are available online through 4 p.m., July 28 for \$10 plus a convenience fee. The pre-sale price is \$5 cheaper than at the gate. For a full schedule of events and ticket information, visit [www.arapahoecountyfair.com](http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com).

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