



4-H Pipeline



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December 2017/January 2018

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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.

D3 Senate Fundraiser

Tuesday, December 19

Bass Pro Shops, 7970 Northfield Blvd.

Come and support D3 4-H Senate by shopping at Bass Pro Shops (Denver location) on Tuesday, December 19 between 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. You can then swing by the wrapping station and get your presents wrapped by D3 4-H Senate members. We would appreciate your support and hope to see some familiar faces.



2018 Leadership Development Conference

The Leadership Development Conference and 4-H Day at the Capitol are in the planning phases, so please mark your calendars for January 27-29, 2018, with 4-H Day at the Capitol on Monday, January 29. The conference will be held at the Renaissance Denver Hotel. Total cost of attending the conference, including cost of the banquet, is approximately \$160. Registration will be accomplished through your 4-HOnline account. Registration will run from 12/4/17—1/2/18. If you register, Shaylen will send more specifics on the conference and hotel room cost (it will be separate from the registration cost).

Holiday Office Hours

Our office will be closed on Monday, 12/25 in observance of the Christmas Holiday and Monday, 1/1/18 in observance of the New Year's Day Holiday. Please keep in mind that 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.

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.a.m.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.



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



Headlines

District III Senate Community Service Opportunity

D3 4-H Senate is doing a community service project called Wands 4 Wildlife. If you would like to take part in the community service project please talk with the Senators and Alternate Senators about it! Our Senators are Sarah Lind and Lauren Stuck. Our Alternate Senators are Alyssa Bray and Faith Lind. Wands can also be dropped off at the Jr. Leader Council Meeting on January 8. We plan to collect the wands and send to the organization.

RECYCLE & SAVE WILD LIVES! Old mascara wands are used to remove fly eggs and larva from the fur of wild animals. They work great because the bristles are close together. Don't feel like saving wands? That's fine! Visit their [website](#) and donate money straight to them or check their wish list!

2017 - 2018 Project List

The 2017 - 2018 Arapahoe County 4-H Project list is now ready. It can be found by clicking [here](#). There have been some changes this year, so please do not use last year's project list.

Awesome Summer Adventures Await

Colorado's electric cooperatives are now accepting applications for their 2018 summer youth programs. Students have the opportunity to attend the Washington D.C. Youth Tour and the Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, CO. Each program is all-expenses-paid. Current high school students between the ages of 16 and 18, as of June 2018, are encouraged to apply.

The Washington D.C. Youth Tour will take place June 7 – 14, 2018 in Washington, D.C. The week of activities begins in Denver where students from around the state visit the state capitol and are introduced to the electric cooperative program. The students then head to Washington D.C. with more than 1,800 of their peers for a week of learning and exploring. They will visit the Arlington National Cemetery, stroll through the Smithsonian museums, tour historic monuments, meet elected officials and learn about the role of electric cooperatives in today's world.

The Youth Leadership Camp will take place July 14 - 19, 2018. This weeklong adventure brings together about 100 students from Colorado, Kansas, Wyoming and Oklahoma to the mountains near Steamboat Springs, CO. Students will learn about the cooperative business model and leadership skills that will serve them well throughout their life. The students will be asked to form their own cooperative, electing board members and voting on issues. They will participate in a variety of activities designed to develop leadership skills, including communication and teamwork. There is also plenty of time set aside for campers to explore and enjoy the mountains including a raft trip on the Colorado River, a gondola ride to the top of Mt. Werner and a camp that takes advantage of Colorado's great outdoors.

Your electric cooperative covers all costs to participate in either program, including travel, lodging, and food. Each program is all-expenses-paid, with the only costs to the students being spending money for souvenirs or extra snacks.

Interested students must complete an application form and short essay. For more details go to your electric cooperative's website or call 720-407-0700 and ask for information about who to contact at your electric cooperative for details.

Headlines (Cont.)

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. 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

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! See specific articles in this newsletter for more details about these activities.

Fair Premium Checks

The following people have not yet cashed their premium checks from this year's Fair. If your name is on this list, please cash your check immediately. **All un-cashed checks WILL BE VOIDED as of 12/31/17, no exceptions.**

Carolynn Ames, Madeleine Ames, Kathryn Anderson, Rani Blauw, Raegan Bradley, Soren Cacek, Jordan Camp, Chris Camper, Rhea Chan, Kumaran, Chandrashekar, Hope Cleveland, Garrett Crecelius, Arianna Dominguez, Gianna Falise, Bridget Gittere, Donna Gordon, Alyssa Hollingworth, Abhinav Krishna, Kenneth Lange, Pam Low, Benjamin Mathis, Breanna Mathis, Vivian Mello, Jake Miller, Nathan Moyer, Cody Murray, Matthew Murray, Vedarth Reddy Naga, Joanie Niel, Braidyn O'Malley, Jacob Osborn, Kathy Peterson, Kaiden Powell, Katie Powell, Kaylin Powell, Lakota Sater, Victoria Shelton, Rachel Suh, Nicolena Taylor, Tayler Thompson, Sara Townsend, Olivia Vialpando, Lily Wall, Isabella Williams, Mitchell Williams, Carla Wise, John Young, Rebecca Young, Larece Younger, Aria Zimmerman.

Save 15% at JOANN Fabrics

JOANN Fabrics and National 4-H Council are partnering to bring more hands-on 4-H programs to youth in local communities across the nation. Just in time for the holidays, you can now save 15% off your JOANN purchases with the free 4-H Reward Card. When you use this card, JOANN will donate 2.5% of all eligible purchases to National 4-H Council. Click [here](#) for more information.



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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!



Meeting REMINDERS

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

The **Livestock Advisory Committee** meetings will be held on Tuesday January 23 at 7 p.m. at O'Malley's Mercantile.

The next **Horse Committee** meeting will be January 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

The next **Shooting Sports** meeting will be January 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

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

The next **Jr. Leaders' Council** meeting will be January 8 at 7 p.m. at the Arapahoe County Extension Office.

The next **Companion Animal Committee** meeting will be January 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Windmill Room at the Fairgrounds.

The next **District III Senate** Meeting will be at LDC on January 27 in the afternoon.

Cowboy Ethics Training

We now have **TWO** trained facilitators in Cowboy Ethics! If you would like to offer some of the Cowboy Ethics 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-didkly@hotmail.com if you are interested in having a Cowboy Ethics program at one of your club meetings!



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Save the Date for 4-H Extravaganza

4-H Extravaganza is our Winter Member/Leader Training. The event is for ALL Arapahoe County 4-H members, families and leaders! Mark your calendars for February 3, 2018 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! A tentative schedule can be found on page seven of this newsletter.

County Contest Night

Come join us for a fun-filled night for a chance to participate in contests for Speech, Demonstration, and Interpretive Reading; Cake Decorating; Talent Show (Performing Arts); and Parli Pro. Note that the Cake Decorating contest is only open to those who have enrolled in the Cake Decorating project via 4-HOnline. Mark your calendars and start planning on what you want to do! We hope to see many of you there! It will be Friday, April 27 at Englewood High School. Entry forms and information to contests can be found [here](#).

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

The parliamentary procedure contest will be held during our Contest Night in April. It usually lasts about 1.5 to 2 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. 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 at http://www.colorado4-H.org/events_opportunities/stateconference/index.php

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 fun hands-on learning experience. 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 and 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 emailing Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com.

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Don't Forget the Thank You Notes!

If you received a Grand Champion award at the Achievement Program, please send thank you letters to:

Corral Western Wear

18885 E Colfax Ave

Aurora, CO 80011

Attn: Jen Huston

and...

Arapahoe County Fair Planning Committee

6934 S Lima St. Suite B

Centennial, CO 80112

4-H Foundation Wreath Sale Top Sales

CLUB SALES:

1 st Cove Circle Creations 4-H Club	68 items
2 nd Bit of Class 4-H Club	52 items
3 rd Antelope Crossing 4-H Club	37 items

INDIVIDUAL SALES:

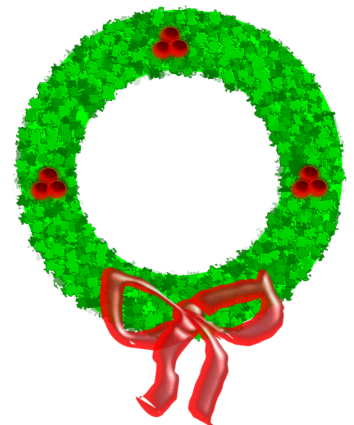
Nora Tholen	1 st Place
Lauren Stuck	2 nd Place
Vivian Mello	3 rd Place

Cat Superintendent Needed

Do you love cats? Then contact Shaylen Florez at sflorez@arapahoegov.com if you are interested in being our Cat Superintendent.

Youth Fest Camp

This leadership camp for 4-H members between the ages of 9-13 is scheduled for February (usually President's day weekend). The camp is organized by the State 4-H Senate and will be held at Ponderosa Camp near Monument. This camp will be limited to the first 195 paying campers. This camp will fill so do not hesitate to get registered! Registration fee will be around \$140. Registration should open in January via 4-H Online. 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 chaperone that is a registered 4-H volunteer to attend with our delegation.



CSU Extension 4-H in Arapahoe County
4-H Skill Building Extravaganza
 Saturday, February 3, 2018



Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
Tentative Schedule

9:00a.m.		Shooting Sports Safety Orientation Meeting			Those workshops highlighted in BLUE are specific to leaders and/or adults.		
9:30a.m.	<u>Windmill Room South</u>	Main Exhibition Hall From 9-10:30					
10:00a.m.	Officer Training —Parli Pro, Running Meetings	<u>Windmill Room North</u>	<u>VIP Room South</u>	<u>VIP Room North</u>	Maker Trailer Demos: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics	Cloverbuds In Action	MQA Trailer— Available from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
10:30a.m.		New Member Questions	STEM - Woodworking	Needle Felting			
11:00a.m.							
11:30 p.m.	Tandy Leather	Public Speaking	Animal Nutrition: Balancing rations, feeds and feeding.	County Contests and YOU!			
12:00 p.m.							
12:30p.m.	Club Engagement	Lunch					
1:00p.m.	Fundraising & Promoting 4-H Event Opportunities—	Cat Showmanship	Carcass Merchandising??	Crochet workshop	Maker Trailer Demos: Science Technology Engineering Mathematics	Cloverbuds In Action	MQA Trailer— Available all day
1:30p.m.							
2:00p.m.	4-H for Everyone	Dog Training 101	Horse: Saddle and Tack Fitting	How to become a Grand Champion			
2:30 p.m.	Project Leader 101-						
3:00 p.m.	Member Recruitment	Dance Workshop Main Exhibition Hall					
4:00 p.m.							

We require 10 day advance notice for special accommodations.

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 Extension Programs are available to all without discrimination.*

Enrollment

Enrollment Deadlines

All returning 4-H members who missed the December 1st deadline still have until January 31 to get re-enrolled, 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 15 for your returning 4-H members.

New members have until April 1 to enroll on 4-HOnline, but the sooner new members enroll, the better we are able to communicate and serve their needs.

All members have until May 1 to make changes/add/drop projects, providing project requirements can still be met. Members will be expected to complete all projects they are enrolled in after the May 1 deadline. Failure to complete a project after the May 1 deadline results in the member not being permitted to enroll in that project the following year.

Enrollment Fees

Enrollment fees cover state support fees, insurance, project manuals and other expenses that pertain to serving 4-H members and leaders in Arapahoe County. Members can now [pay online](#) and [submit the Code of Show Ring Ethics Agreement](#) online!

4-H Club Members ages 8-18:	\$50 for unlimited projects
4-H Cloverbud Members ages 5-7:	\$40 for the Cloverbud Project
Volunteer Leader fees:	\$5
LATE Enrollments (12/2-1/31):	Additional \$25 assessed

Featured Article

Volunteer opportunity for 4-H youth (Intermediate-Senior): The Family Leadership Training Institute

In 2018, CSU Extension will offer the Family Leadership Training Institute (FLTI) to Sheridan and its surrounding communities. This training educates and equips participants to be more civically engaged and stronger community leaders. We are in need of 2-3 youth, with an adult leader, to provide educational and life skills activities to the children during training sessions. We will meet on Tuesdays from 5 – 9 p.m. at the Sheridan Recreation Center from January – May 2018. Volunteers can choose their session dates and can serve in 2- or 3-hour blocks (6 - 8 p.m. or 5 - 8 p.m.) If serving for 3 hours, volunteers will be provided dinner. Please contact Taylor McKinney at tmckinney@arapahoegov.com or 303-738-7945 for details.



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Policy Information

CSU Extension 4-H in Arapahoe County Policies Document

The CSU Extension 4-H in Arapahoe County Policies is located on the CSU Extension in Arapahoe County website on the 4-H page, click [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 overriding 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 2017 competition requirements are still posted and should 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.

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.



Horse News

Arapahoe County 4-H Horse Project has a Facebook group!

Come join us to stay up to date on horse project happenings in the county. Leaders will post open ride updates, trail ride info, upcoming shows and additional opportunities for the horse project members to participate in. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/115297432340862/>



Horse Committee Meetings for 2018 will be changing to the 3rd Monday of the month at the fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m.

December- no meeting

January 18 (due to MLK day)

CSU will be hosting a **Ranch Sorting Clinic** March 10. Cost will be \$60. Watch for more info to come!

Ride meetings will start back up in April so watch for those dates in 2018.

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 practice schedule will be January 2 and January 5. The team's regular practice schedule will resume on January 8 and continue every Monday evening from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 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. Last year's team was Reserve State Champions! Members of all ages and project areas are welcome to attend. We currently have 9 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!

IMPORTANT Horse Levels Testing Information!

Levels 3 & 4 Written Tests Opportunity - We will offer those interested in taking Levels 3 & 4 Written tests an opportunity on February 15 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 can be arranged for this spring and scheduled if there is enough interest. 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 Website:

http://www.colorado4-H.org/project_resources/clover_guide/psg-livestock/horse/horse-levels-testing.php

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

Shooting Sports

Safety Training- Mandatory for members and parents to attend!

February 3 9 - 10:30 a.m. during Extravaganza at the fairgrounds– There will be a parents meeting right after the training. Please sign up through the Extravaganza link.

April 15 – location TBD (either fairgrounds or Sorbers)

Winter workshops and other events- Must rsvp

January 20 - 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. - **Olympic Training Center** field trip and tour in Colorado Springs! RSVP required to Katy Vincent no later than January 10. Our leader Ken Read has arranged a tour of this amazing shooting facility and to watch the Junior Olympic State Competition in Air and Small Bore! A meet and greet with some of the youth competitors has also been set up for us!

March 3- 2 p.m. -Winter shooting sports workshop at the fairgrounds

March 17 – Friends of the NRA banquet- Castle Rock – Youth and Adult volunteers needed! Shifts will be for the morning set up and during the banquet that evening. Watch for more info.

State Shooting Sports Leader Training

April 6-8 – Shooting Sports State Leader Training at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds-

Interested in becoming a shooting sports leader or Jr. leader for Arapahoe County? This training is for you, and its right here in our county! Adults and 4-H youth 14-18 are invited to come get trained as an instructor in a shooting sports discipline. Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Hunting/Outdoor Skills Muzzleloader, Western Heritage and RSO will be offered at this training. Class sizes are very limited and adults must have completed the volunteer process and background check prior to signing up. Cost is \$135. Please let us know if you are interested. The registration will open the end of February or beginning of March.

Other training dates throughout the state:

Weld County March 9-11

Pueblo County March 23-25

Mesa County April 13-15

Shooting Sports Committee

We are looking for parents, 4-H members and other volunteers to help with administrative, concessions, raffle coordination, etc., in addition to recruiting new shooting sports leaders! If you are interested in getting involved, please join us for **our next Shooting Sports Committee meeting January 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.**

Shooting Practices- 2 p.m. at the Sorber Ranch – weather pending

April 15

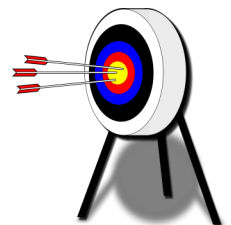
May 5

May 20

June 2

June 24

Additional practices will be scheduled as we get into spring/summer.



Shooting Sports (Cont.)

Hunting and Outdoor Skills Project

This shooting sports discipline's focus is to help you to become well rounded in wildlife identification, orienteering (map and compass), ethics and safety, .22 rifle, archery and shotgun. Lots of other fun things in this project will include Dutch oven cooking, kayaking this summer and some trips to the mountains, all of which you will help plan. Sign up in 4-HOnline and give Katy a call or email (listed below) to get on the list and to RSVP for the first meeting. Updates for this project will be sent via email.

January 6, 4 p.m. Strasburg- Informational meeting and overview

January 27-12 p.m. – Strasburg - indoor/outdoor-weather dependent

February 3 – 10:30 a.m. Fairgrounds - wildlife id after the safety training

March 3- 2 p.m. - Fairgrounds -map and compass-

April 15 – 3 p.m. - Sorber ranch - map and compass/wildlife ID

April 21- YHEC-Flagler-Our State Championship for 4-H Hunting and Outdoor Skills

June 3- Rocky Mountain National Park – day trip hike

TBD- Hike a 14er, kayak, campout

Fall of 2018- Guided pheasant hunt

Competitions

April 21- YHEC – Youth Hunter Education Challenge – Kit Carson County (shooting, wildlife ID, map and compass course, hunter ethics) **State qualifier for Hunting and Outdoor Skills**

Weld County Invitational- TBD

County Shoot

July 14

State Fair

August 18-19

Sept 1-3

2018 Shooting Sports Raffle

The 2018 Shooting Sports Raffle is coming after the first of the year! Lots of awesome new prizes will be offered this year, such as a PSE Fang 350 Crossbow, 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!

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%!

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 also welcome and encouraged to find a course on your own. You can find information on options and classes available by clicking [here](http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx). 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: <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx>

For info or questions regarding the Shooting Sports projects, or to RSVP for an event, please contact Katy Vincent at 303-913-7314, 720-456-8447 or katydidklv@hotmail.com

Livestock News

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 6, 2018.**

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

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

Last year the group held the Red Carpet Prospect Show and Clinics, did Barn Tours at the County Fair, volunteered at an animal rescue facility, 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. We just held a fun night at Boondocks to celebrate the holiday season! If you have ideas and would like to get involved please join us on February 6! If you have questions or would like more information please contact Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com.

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 3 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 later in the spring. The date and time is yet to be determined for that one. 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 MQAs 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 23 at O'Malley's at 7:00 p.m. Those interested in getting involved, offering feedback or seeking to be more informed are welcome to attend. If you are interested please contact Jonathan via email at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com As always if you or anyone in your club is interested in becoming a member of the committee for the upcoming year please let me know!

Livestock News (Cont.)

4-H Goat Project and Goat Lease Information

Goats are amazing creatures and can be so much fun! From dairy goats to meat goats, pack goats to driving goats and even some fiber goat experience, this will be a great year to get started in the 4-H goat project!

The Elk Creek 4-H Club will be hosting workshops and field trips throughout the year for anyone interested in participating and gaining so much more out of these diverse and unique animals. You will learn to make cheeses and soaps, build your showmanship skills, evaluate conformation, genetics and have fun trip planning and hitting the trails with your goats too!

You don't own a goat or can't have one where you live? That's ok too! The Elk Creek 4-H Club has goats to lease and many spring babies on the way. The goat lease program is pretty inexpensive but it will require some hard work and dedication. Goat lease participants will start by learning to evaluate genetics and conformation to be able to pick out the mother goat to their baby for the year, then come join us for baby watch and delivery in the spring, either via camping out in the barn on the due date or by "barn cam."! Throughout the winter, spring and summer, farm participation (cleaning, milking, feeding and bottle raising) will be part of your lease and there will be lots of dairy goat shows and a few jackpot market shows we will be attending together to help get you ready for county fair as well as a select opportunity for sponsorship to join our youth fitting team going to the ADGA National Show in Ohio next June!

The possibilities with goats are incredibly endless...are you ready? To get on the email list or to inquire about goat leasing contact Katy Vincent at: katydidklv@hotmail.com 720-456-8447 or Regina Hopping regina.r.hopping@gmail.com



Breeding Livestock (Cattle, Sheep, Goats)

This year we will be requiring breeding livestock to be identified and uploaded into 4-Honline by May 1, similar to Dog and Horse IDs. Details and instructions are still being worked out but will be published in the next newsletter.

Livestock News (Cont.)

Livestock Quiz Bowl

The Livestock Quiz Bowl Team will be competing at the Western 4-H round-up in Denver on January 4 - 7! Wish them luck! The team of Brianna Lynnes, Evin Vincent and Kassidy Euritt will be representing Colorado at this contest.

We are looking for team members for this year's team! 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 relate 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 p.m. following Jr. Livestock Committee meetings.

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 breeding Boer goats you are allowed to lease a breeding Boer 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 1**. 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.



Livestock News (Cont.)

Tag-ins

Tag-in for Market Beef will be held on March 3

Tag-in for Market Sheep and Goats will be on May 7 so mark your calendars now!

Swine tagging will be done by the members again this year and tag check-out will be in April. All Tag information will be due to the Extension Office by May 7.

BEEF Tag-In

Beef Tag-In will be held March 3, 9 - 11 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 weighed! 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 IDs

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 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 Livestock Judging Team! They will begin their spring practices on January 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in one of the Main Hall classrooms. Please enter through the north doors. We had a good interest at the first informational meeting in December, but more kids are always welcome. If you missed the informational meeting please plan to start attending on January 8. If you have questions or want more information please contact Shelby at 303-908-4114.

Dog News

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 again this year. You do not need to send a hard copy of your Dog ID to the Extension Office. Go to 4-Honline.com. The deadline for completing the Colorado 4-H Dog Identification for 4-Honline is May 1, 2018. VERY IMPORTANT!

Leader News

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 is \$5
- ◆ Office will have to complete reference checks
- ◆ Background check has to be passed
- ◆ Complete e-learning modules

All enrollments are done via 4-H online. You may find helpful 4-Honline information on our [website](#).

Club Leader Reminders

Please remember to get your remaining new member 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 <http://arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu/animal-paperwork/>.



Leader News (Cont.)

Club/Organizational Leaders: Community Service

It is that time of year when clubs start making decisions about what they are going to do for their Community Service projects. Don't forget all clubs should be doing some kind of community service project at some point during the 4-H year. Participation in a community service project is required as part of completion for 4-H members.

By doing community service when the 4-H program is asked, we cannot only point to the impact we make on the youth enrolled in the 4-H program but also the impact we make on the community. Both are vital to the future of the 4-H program.

I would also like to clarify that a community service project is NOT a project for which the club gets paid unless those funds derived from the project are being donated to some other kind of charity. Cleaning-up a facility used by your club or project group is a community service project but that is the contribution your club or group should make for the use of the facility and it should NOT be the only community service your group or club does. The 4-H program benefits from its use and the quality of the facilities. Community service projects should be things that benefit others and outside groups, not our own program.

It is our desire that all clubs should be doing other community service projects at the club level in-addition to any organized through the overall 4-H program. Projects we do or have organized as part of the 4-H program that benefit the 4-H program are things we should all pitch in and do anyway to help make the program and/or the facilities we use better. Those types of things should be done in-addition to your community service projects because it is the right thing to do! When selecting a community service project for your club try and select one that is not self-serving but rather one that benefits the community or a segment of the community/county.

Clubs should select their Community Service Projects as a group and work on them as a group so as to make a more noticeable impact. If individuals or project groups want to do a community service project that is also related to their project they are welcome to do that as well. If clubs are in need of ideas for community service projects we usually have things come our way through the year. You are welcome to contact us and we can assist you in finding a project.

Also there will be a state-wide project announced for Leadership Development Conference again this year. They will be collecting items to donate to the Rescue Mission. Each district will be assigned a particular item. Once we find out what our item is, we will let you know in an upcoming e-blast. It would be great if clubs would also participate in that and increase Arapahoe County's contribution to it. This opportunity will have a short turn around as LDC is held at the end of January.



Club News

Elk Creek 4-H Club

The holidays can be a joyous celebration for families and friends to get together. Though within our communities the holidays can also be a stressful and sad for those who are less fortunate. To bring joy into the lives of those who are less fortunate the Elk Creek 4-H Club took time out of their holiday party to make over 150 "Blessing Bags" to be distributed through out our surrounding communities.

Blessing bags are made from the heart: They are not just \$5 bills pulled from adults' wallets. They are made of things like granola bars for grumbling tummies, water for purity, a napkin for dignity and other nonperishable and hygiene items to show that everyone is valued.

Throughout our communities over 150 less fortunate folks will be blessed this season with a zip lock bag full of goodies.

To learn more about how to spread cheer though blessing bags, Google "Blessing Bags".



Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
December 15	4:30 p.m.	All Paper Work and Fees due from Club Organizational Leaders for Returning 4-H Members	Arapahoe County Extension Office
December 19 December 25	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	District 3 Senate Fundraiser Arapahoe County CSU Extension Office Closed for Christmas	Bass Pro Shops, 7970 Northfield Blvd.
December 31		Uncashed Fair Premium Checks Voided	
January 1		Arapahoe County CSU Extension Office Closed for New Year's	
January 2		Registration Closes in 4-HOnline for LDC	
January 2	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Horse/Livestock Judging Team Practice	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Main Hall
January 5	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Horse/Livestock Judging Team Practice	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Main Hall
January 8	7 p.m.	Jr. Leader Council Meeting	Arapahoe County Extension Office
January 8	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Horse/Livestock Judging Team Practice	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Main Hall
January 15	6:30 p.m.	Shooting Sports Meeting	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
January 18	6:30 p.m.	Horse Committee Meeting	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
January 20	10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Shooting Sports Field Trip to Olympic Training Center	Colorado Springs
January 22	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Horse/Livestock Judging Team Practice	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Main Hall
January 23	7 p.m.	Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting	O'Malley's Mercantile
January 23	6:30 p.m.	Companion Animal Committee Meeting	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Windmill Room
January 27 - 29		Leadership Development Conference	Renaissance Denver Hotel
January 27	Afternoon	District 3 Senate Meeting (short meeting)	LDC
January 29		4-H Day at the Capitol	
January 29	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Horse/Livestock Judging Team Practice	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Main Hall
January 31		Last Re-enrollment Day for Returning 4-H Members with Late Fee	
February 1	4:30 p.m.	Submission Deadline for February/March 4-H Newsletter	
February 3		4-H Extravaganza	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
February 3	9 - 10:30 a.m.	Shooting Sports Safety Training	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, during Extravaganza
February 5	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Horse/Livestock Judging Team Practice	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Main Hall
February 6	6:30 p.m.	Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
February 12	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Horse/Livestock Judging Team Practice	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Main Hall
February 19	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Horse/Livestock Judging Team Practice	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Main Hall
February 26	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Horse/Livestock Judging Team Practice	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Main Hall
March 3	9 - 11 a.m.	Market Beef Tag-In	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
March 10	8:30 a.m.	Consumer Choices Contest	Arapahoe County Extension Office
March 17	TBD	Creative Cooks Contest	Douglas County Fairgrounds
March 30		Registration Deadline for County Contest Night	
April 27	5 - 9 p.m.	County Contest Night	Englewood High School



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