

# Beyond the 4-H Club: 4-H Camps, Contests, and Activities

## What's happening in 2018?

### January

**4-H Cooking Camp-** January 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 2019, Ages 8-13 *Approximate cost \$30-45* Half day camp where participants learning cooking skills from 4-H counselors and demonstrate what they have learned in a mock creative cooks competition

**Leadership Development Conference (LDC) and 4-H Capital Day-**Typically the last weekend and Monday of January. This is a leadership conference that enrolled 4-H members, 14-18 (as of December 31) can participate in. There are leadership sessions, District Senate Meetings, State Senate Meetings, banquet, and dances. Monday is typically 4-H Capital day and get to travel to the capital and possibly have meetings with different Senators or Representatives from our district. The cost TBD but is usually around \$160 (not including cost of hotel rooms). \*The Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation provides certain sponsorships for this conference. Please check with the Extension Office to see what funding is available.

### February

**4-Extravaganza-** Date TBD usually first Saturday in February- Ages- 5 to adult *Approximate cost \$0-10*. An event for 4-H and community members to learn more about what 4-H has to offer. Participants can go to a variety of sessions pertaining to a multitude of interest areas for youth, as well as adult volunteers.

**YouthFest-** Date is typically the second weekend in February. This camp is for Jr. 4-H members, 9-13 (as of December 31) can participate in. They have different leadership activities that are led by the State Officer team, icebreakers, and dance. The cost TBD but it is usually around \$130. \* The Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation provides certain sponsorships for this conference. Please check with the Extension Office to see what funding is available. A staff member does not attend this camp so will need chaperone to step in if there are interested youth. The chaperone registration cost is covered by the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation.

### March

**Consumer Choices Contest-** The county Consumer Choices Contest will be held Saturday **March 10** at the Arapahoe County CSU Extension Office, 6934 S. Lima Suite B, Centennial. The registration deadline is coming up fast, Feb 9. This contest is open to all 4-H members, 5-18 (as of December 31) and it is a great way for members to practice and learn decision making. It is one of the most popular contests in this county. There is no entry fee for this contest.

**Creative Cooks Contest-** The county Creative Cooks Contest will be held on Saturday **March 17** at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock. The registration deadline is coming up fast, Feb 9. This contest is open to all 4-H members 5-18 (as of December 31) and it is a great way for members to work on creative themes and meals. They can either work as an individual or team or group. Please see guidelines for more specifics. There is no entry fee for this contest.

**Dog Fun Match-** The annual companion animal committee dog fun match will be held Saturday, **March 24**. It is open to members across the state (8-18) that are enrolled in the dog project. The cost is \$15 for early registration and \$20 day of registration. The show offers Showmanship, Obedience, and Rally classes.

## April

**4-H STEAM Night-** April 19 Ages-TBD, Cost TBD An evening which combines art with science, technology, engineering, and math. Participants will explore their creative sides while gaining tools to be technical innovators and thinkers. More details coming soon!

**County Contest Night-** The County Contest Night will be Friday, **April 27 at** Englewood High School, Englewood. This event holds many different contests (Speech and Demonstration, Cake Decorating, Parliamentary Procedure, and Talent Show). This is open to all 4-H members 5-18 (as of December 31). Please check the website for information on each contest area. This gives the members a chance to participate in more than one contest and support others. There is no entry fee for this contest night.

## May

### Horse Judging Contest

Our annual Horse Judging Contest is open to both 4-H and FFA Teams from around the state. Arapahoe County 4-H members can participate by being a member of our 4-H Program's Horse Judging Team. The Contest is held the first Sunday in May at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. This is a great opportunity for kids to test their evaluation skills by judging both Halter and Performance classes. Additionally, Horse Judging Contestants also develop public speaking skills through the delivery of "reasons". Reasons are their oral justification explaining their rationale they used to place the class. This program develops life skills in teamwork, work ethic, dedication, communication and decision making to name a few.

## June

**June 12-15 See Colorado Tour** June 10-17 Applications due March 15<sup>th</sup>. Ages 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in fall of 2018. Cost \$250 Overnight tour around Colorado. All participants will have hands-on experiences in agriculture and commerce, water and transportation, and learn about careers and issues connected to the farm to plate pipeline.

**4-H State Conference-** State Conference is typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in June. It is open to enrolled 4-H members, 14-18 (as of December 31). This conference is held at Colorado State University and goes from Tuesday-Friday of that week. 4-H members typically go to compete in state contests and be involved with district and state senate meetings. There are wonderful workshops for those that are not there for contests. The Arapahoe County delegation usually travels together and sometimes will need a chaperone for the conference or help with transportation of the youth (we can only hold so many in our vehicles). Cost for conference TBD but typically is \$160. The Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation sponsors quite a bit of the remaining cost for the conference.

**National 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Trip- June 23-30** This is open to 4-H members, 15-18 (as of December 31) with experience in leadership. They have to apply to for the chance to be selected by the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation CWF Interview Committee. The committee selects (up to 2) members to represent Arapahoe County with the Colorado Delegation. The deadline to apply is coming up fast, Feb 5. The cost of the trip (remember you have to be selected) is around \$105. \*The Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation sponsors a huge portion of the cost so that the member can enjoy and makes sure that he/she has enough for spending money. Not too many take advantage of this opportunity so encourage your members to apply.

**Mountain to Metro Adventure-** June 26-27 Ages 10-12, *Approximate cost* \$75-100 Three day, two night overnight camp. Participants explore different cultures, communities, and environments in both mountain and metro settings

## July

**Urban Ranchers** -July 9-12 Ages 8-13 *Approximate Cost \$100-\$135* half-day camp where campers get to “adopt” their own goat for a week. Other livestock species featured daily along with crafts, games, and farm fresh snacks.

**Arapahoe County Fair**- The completion events for the Arapahoe County Fair are held not only the dates of **July 26-29** but the week prior to that as well. There is typically not an entry fee but may be fees related to your project (i.e. drug testing fees for livestock)

- Cat Show (tentative)
- Dog Show
- Home Ec and General Judging
- Fashion Revue
- Livestock Shows (Goat, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit, Llama, Sheep, Beef)
- Horse Show
- Shooting Sports Contest

## August

**4-H Find Your Food Exchange Trip**- August 1-4 Ages 13-16 *approximate cost \$150-200* Participants explore where their food comes from and experience what life is like in different parts of the state as they journey across Colorado.

## October

**District 3 Fall Retreat**- Dates TBD, Ages 13-18 *Approximate Cost \$50-100* Weekend overnight retreat. Participants explore, team build, and bond with members from Denver, Jefferson, Adams, Douglas, Gilpin, and Clear Creek counties

**4-H National Youth Science Day Experiment**- Date TBD, Ages TBD- *Approximate Cost \$5-15* Participants take part in the world’s largest youth led science experiment, focusing on important STEM topics and issues. Previous experiments have included Rockets to the Rescue, Motion Commotion, Drone Discovery, and Incredible Wearables.

## November

**\*Colorado Leadership Conference (CLC)** - Dates TBD usually first weekend in November, Ages 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade *Approximate Cost \$125-\$155* Overnight conference lead by the State 4-H Senate Officer team. The purpose of this camp is to provide an opportunity for youth to learn teamwork, leadership, communication, and citizenship skills through a variety of workshops. \* The Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation provides specific sponsorship for this camp.

## December

### Tack Swap

For the past two years our Horse Advisory Committee has held a tack swap in December at the Fairgrounds. There is discussion about possibly holding this event at a different time of year. Regardless the event serves as a fundraiser for our 4-H Horse Program and gives 4-H or the general public families to find inexpensive tack, equipment and clothing for both Horse and Livestock Projects. It also provides an opportunity for past members and the public to pass on useful items to current and future 4-H members.

## **Team Activities**

### **Horse Judging**

The Horse Judging Team is available to 4-H members of all ages. Kids learn the skills to evaluate a variety of horse show classes including conformation and riding disciplines. Additionally, Horse Judging Contestants also develop public speaking skills through the delivery of “reasons”. Reasons are their oral justification explaining their rationale they used to place the class. This program develops life skills in teamwork, work ethic, dedication, communication and decision making to name a few. Practices usually begin in November and run through June. The team will welcome new members at just about any time of the year. There are contests through the spring and culminate with the State Contest in June. Successful teams will have the opportunity to participate in National Contests that usually take place in the fall.

### **Livestock Quiz Bowl**

The primary objective of the Livestock Bowl contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of livestock-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. This contest will provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators. Participation is open to any age 4-H member but only Senior 4-H members can participate at the State Contest. The team practices monthly following the Jr Livestock Committee Meetings. As the team prepares for the state contest, they will begin to practice more frequently usually starting in April.

### **Livestock Judging**

The Livestock Judging Team is available to 4-H members of all ages. Kids learn the skills to evaluate Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Goats on both a Market and Breeding Basis. Additionally, Livestock Judging Contestants also develop public speaking skills through the delivery of “reasons”. Reasons are their oral justification explaining their rationale they used to place the class. This program develops life skills in teamwork, work ethic, dedication, communication and decision making to name a few. Practices usually begin in January and run through June. The team will welcome new members at just about any time of the year. There are contests through the spring and culminate with the State Contest in June. Successful teams will have the opportunity to participate in National Contests that usually take place in the fall.

### **Parliamentary Procedure Contest**

The parliamentary procedure contest is held in the spring. 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. 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 is a fun hands-on learning experience. The top team will qualify for the state contest in June. 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.