ARAPAHOE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

4-H Pipeline



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



February/March 2018

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Want to see all the latest and the greatest that is happening with 4-H? Make sure to <u>like us on Facebook</u> 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.

IFYE Potluck and Presentation

Please come join us on Monday, March 12 for our annual IFYE Potluck and Presentation at the Arapahoe County CSU Extension Office, 6934 S. Lima St., Suite B Centennial, CO 80112. Sage Rodgers will do a presentation on the country that he traveled to (Switzerland/Finland). 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 to Jean Walton @ 303-730-1920 or jwalton@arapahoegov.com no later than Monday, 3/5/18, so we know how many to prepare for.

Register by March 30 for 4-H Talent Show

April 27, 2018 (During County Contest Night), 6:30 p.m. Englewood High School Auditorium, 3800 S. Logan St., Englewood Deadline to Register: March 30

Do you have a flair for singing, dance, music or theater? Showcase your talent in the 2018 4-H Talent Show! Any member may participate as a solo artist or part of a group. Champions will be eligible to compete at State Fair! Visit our web site for more details, contest rules and registration.

Help Support our Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation

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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.



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!

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.

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.

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.

Attention Cloverbuds and Parents

We are starting some Cloverbud Sessions at the Arapahoe County CSU Extension Office, 6934 S. Lima St., Suite B, Centennial. We hope to start sessions at the end of March. We have two volunteers that are eager to work with the kiddos! Please mark your calendar with the dates below. Please email Shaylen Florez at sflorez@arapahoegov.com if you plan to attend!

Friday, March 30, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 18, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 8, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Llamas &/or Mini Horses Needed!

We are looking to expand our offerings at the Urban Ranchers day camp in July. We are in need of 5 mini horses or llamas/alpacas. If you know of anyone who has these animals that we could reach out to please email Jon at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com.

Feb 6th Extravaganza = Success!

Just a short note to THANK EVERYONE who made the Skill Building Extravaganza on Feb 3th possible. We really appreciate all the volunteer support we received that day!! We had our largest attendance at this event to date with over 200 people in attendance. Some were from other counties but that is still 2/3 of our club program taking advantage of this great educational opportunity! This is one of the largest non-fair related events we have annually! I (Jon) think everyone came away with something new and useful they could use!

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** No March Meeting. Next meeting will be April 17th. **Horse Committee** meeting will be March 19th at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.

The next **Shooting Sports** meeting will be March 5th at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.

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

The next **Jr. Leaders' Council** meeting will be March 12 at 6 p.m. at the Arapahoe County Extension Office.

The next **Companion Animal Committee** meeting will be March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Windmill Room at the Fairgrounds.

The next **District III Senate** Meeting will be on February 26 at the Arapahoe County Extension Office at 7 p.m.

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-didklv@hotmail.com if you are interested in having a Cowboy Ethics program at one of your club meetings!

Conservation District Scholarship

Please visit the scholarship page off of our Arapahoe County 4-H web site for more details and application.

Deer Trail and East Adams Conservation Districts are once again presenting scholarships in 2018. The scholarship is available to both high school seniors and students who are currently enrolled in college. Deadline for applications is in April.

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

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; and Talent Show (Performing Arts). 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 <a href="https://example.com/here-night-nig

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

The Parli Pro Contest 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 great hands-on learning experience and a lot of fun. The top team will qualify for the state contest in June. If the top team is a mixed team of multiple aged members, high scoring senior members from the other teams can be used to fill the team going to state.

Teams are made up of four to six members 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 by March 1st. Contest date, time and location will be determined once all teams have registered.

Note from Crochet Instructor at Extravaganza

"I am so grateful to have so many people interested in learning CROCHET!! I must apologize, the class was a bigger success that anticipated and I felt each person needed more individual time to learn. I have come up with a method whether you are 3 or 30 so please email me so I can schedule one on one classes with every one who wants to learn. My email is jporter@crochetthreadart.com. Lets spend some time really learning these stitches together. Thank You, Jeanette"

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 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 5th**.
- 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. <u>Animal Project Record Books</u> 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 Erecord 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 binder 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 for \$3 each, or through the 4-H mall online. You can also pick something similar up at an office supply stores or anywhere they sell school supplies.



See Colorado Tour

WHAT? The See Colorado Tour is an excellent opportunity for youth to travel around Colorado learning about what makes the state great!

All participants will have hands-on experiences in agriculture and commerce, water and transportation, and learn about careers and issues con-

nected to the farm to plate pipeline!

WHEN? June 10 - 17, 2018 - Applications due March 15th

WHO CAN JOIN? 8th through 12th Graders in fall of 2018

HOW MUCH? \$250 per Participant









MORE INFO -

The See Colorado Tour will travel through metro areas, farm and ranchland, and other food producing regions of Colorado!

Participants will be selected from a statewide application process, including a demonstration of leadership, career exploration and community involvement.

All participants will be required to create a presentation for local stakeholders after the Tour.

Extension Programs are available to all without discrimination. If you have a need for which you seek an accommodation, please notify our team at least 24 days before the event or program.

Featured Article

Strategies for Success: Motivation

Inspired by Lodestar Guidance, powered by Weaver Leather Livestock

What is Motivation?

Motivation is an inner power that pushes you toward taking action. It is driven by desire, passion and ambition. Who are some of your role models in life and in the show ring? It's likely that if your mentors have earned your respect, they possess the trait of motivation, which has boosted them to achieve their accomplishments.

Motivated people are inspired within themselves to work hard and achieve goals. Those who lack motivation rely on other people or things, hoping or wishing that they will receive inspiration from an outside source. Ultimately, motivation is a decision; you have to make the choice for yourself.



In the show ring, your motivation will stand out to the judge. It will be evident that you went the extra mile at home and plan to go the extra mile in the ring. Check out the following list of do's and don'ts of motivated people.

Do's and Don'ts of Motivation





Visualize a clear picture of what you want to accomplish. Whether it's mastering the art of clipping your animal or bringing home a purple banner, you need to know what your end goal is in order to acquire the skills you will need to achieve it.

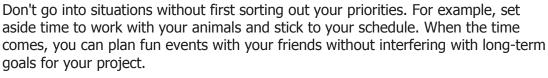
Desire To Succeed

When you choose to carve out extra time in your days, weeks and months to devote to your livestock project, your desire to succeed will refuse to waste your time and energy. Your self-motivation is increased by keeping your passion alive.

Be Optimistic

Things will not always go as planned with your animals when you set goals. Choose to react with optimism and a positive attitude instead of letting a little snag destroy your passion. Optimism fuels motivation.

Don't Neglect Responsibility





Don't Lack Independence

Don't expect to gain motivation by not taking responsibility and action. If you always expect another person or source to inspire you, you will not achieve your goals. Decide for yourself what you want, then determine how and when you will do it.

Don't Be Insecure

Don't let fear of failure keep you from working toward your goal. While it's natural to experience uncertainty, remember that every day is a chance to learn and grow with your animal. If you don't win this time, you'll know what to do differently next time.

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 <u>here</u>.

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 <u>Colorado 4-H Dress Code</u> 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

The committee has been busy making revisions to the Fair Premium Book/Rules of Exhibition and Horse Show Schedule. Their meetings are held at the fairgrounds starting at 6:30. The next meeting will be March 19th at 6:30 p.m. They have open rides in the covered arena starting in April on Thursdays so watch for the schedule as we get closer! They have been planning for their Open 4-H Horse Show that will be held on June 2nd at the fairgrounds. Additionally, they are trying to line up a couple of clinics this spring and summer. Details will be in future E-blasts or newsletters. 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!

CSU will be hosting a **Ranch Sorting Clinic** March 10. Cost will be \$60. Find the ad on page 14 of this newsletter for more details.

<u>Ride meetings</u> will start back up in April so watch for those dates.

Horse Judging Team

The team's regular practice schedule is every Monday evening from 6:30-8:30 at the fairgrounds. However, there will be no practice on February 19th in observance of Presidents Day. We are also working on a field trip to practice on live horses sometime in later this month and in March, details will be discussed at practice. 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

The next written test taking opportunity will be Monday April 16th at the fairgrounds at 6:30. email Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com by noon on April 16th to RSVP for the test.

Larimer County will be holding a Horse Levels Field Day on May 19th starting at 9 a.m. There will also be opportunities to levels test at this event. Please call the CSU Extension office in Larimer County to register. 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 http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/clover_guide/psg-livestock/horse/horse-levels-testing.php

Horse News (Cont.)

Horse ID Certificates

Horse ID Certificates are due uploaded in 4honline by **May 1st.** An ID Certificate on a second horse is suggested in case something unforeseen happens. Horse IDs are to be uploaded into your 4-H online account using the animal tab.

Directions to add an animal ID:

- Log in to 4honline, using your family email
- Go to the member page
- Scroll down to list of family members and click on "edit" next to your name (just like enrollment)
- Click on the "Animal/Livestock" button at the top
- Choose your animal type: Horse
- Select "Add Animal"
- Fill out the information and upload your and photos
- Click on "Save"

Enrollment

Enrollment Deadlines

<u>New members</u> 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.

Project Add/Drop

Do you need to change the projects you are enrolled in? This year you have until May 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. Failure to complete a project after the May 1 dead-line 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 <u>pay online</u> and <u>submit the Code of Show Ring Ethics Agreement</u> 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

Shooting Sports

Safety Training- Mandatory for members and parents to attend!

We had a great turnout from 4-H members on February 3rd! Thanks to all who came to the extravaganza at the fairgrounds for this.

Please contact Katy Vincent if you are enrolling late and still need to go through the safety class. We will hold another on April 15th – if needed only. Location will be either fairgrounds or Sorbers.

Winter workshops and other events- Must rsvp

March 3-2pm -Winter shooting sports workshop at the fairgrounds

March 17th – Friends of the NRA banquet- Castle Rock – Youth and Adult volunteers needed! We need help for the morning and afternoon set up, as well as parents and kids ages 13+ for the evening shift during the banquet. Please contact Kathy Euritt at 530-632-7737 to sign up asap!

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 (ages14-18) for Arapahoe County? This training is for you, and its right here this year 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 Feb 23rd.

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**March 5th at 6:30pm 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, orient-eering (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 4HOnline 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.

March 3- Fairgrounds- map and compass
April 15th – map and compass/wildlife ID- Sorber ranch
April 21st- YHEC-Flagler-Our State Championship for 4H 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. 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

March 9-11, 2018 B.W. Pickett Equine Center Colorado State University

CATTLE HANDLING/RANCH **SORTING CLINIC & COMPETITION**



Friday (optional)

5-6pm Arrival, stalling and warm-up

6-8pm Rider & Horse Tuneup Clinic

Saturday

7:15am Check-in and registration

9am Welcome

9:15am Cattle Maneuver Basics for Horses

10:30am Handling & Working Cattle

11:45am Lunch, along with 12pm session

12pm 'Horses, Kids & Ethics' and 'How to Enter a Sorting'

1:15pm Mechanics of Sorting

2:30pm Performance Horse

Readiness Check **3:45pm** Graduation

4:30pm Cinch RSNC

sanctioned Western Heritage

Sorting Class

Sunday (optional)

8am Cowboy Church 9am-Noon 4-H Ranch Horse Clinic

All Day Ranch Sorting Classes -see Cinch RSNC flyer



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In cooperation with:





- ~Schools for both <u>adults</u> and <u>youth</u>- all are welcome!
- ~All sessions take place in Pickett and Adams Arenas.
- ~Pre-registration is \$60. Space limited to 60 riders- first come, first served. Stalls available for use, \$13/night.
- ~Click here for more detailed information and printable registration. Click here to register online.
- ~For more information: Doug Householder, 979-777-2070 Dave Wolfe, 970-897-2901 or Sam Lowry, 970-491-6225



2017 CSU Ranch Sorting School Graduation Class

Online Registration Deadline March 6, 2018

Livestock News

Jr. Livestock Committee

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the Fairgrounds. **The next meeting will be March 6, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

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.

The group is planning the Red Carpet Prospect Show and Clinics which will be held on May 19^{th} at the fairgrounds.

They are also working on plans to host a 4-H Dance during the county fair and as always they play livestock quiz bowl at the end of most meetings.

At this last meeting they gave their input on the revamped livestock show schedule for county fair this year.

If you have ideas and would like to get involved please join us on March 6th! 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 work-shop**. Regardless of whether it is a market project or a breeding project you must attend a Meat Quality Assurance workshop. The remaining MQA Workshop held in Arapahoe County will be April 4th at the CSU Extension office in Arapahoe County Starting at 6:30 p.m.. **4-H'ers who are 13 and under must have a parent stay at the MQA with them.** 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.

Other MQA Trainings in the area are:

- Larimer County Livestock Field Day Feb 24th
- March 7, 4:00pm-6:30pm Adams County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
- Douglas County Fairgrounds April 26th
- May 7 & 8, Location tba (one will be held at Adams County Fairgrounds, one in Bennett)

Others will be announced as we receive notice.

Breeding Livestock Registration Required!

(Cattle, Sheep, Goats(Breeding Boer and Dairy) Llama Alpaca)

This year we will be requiring breeding livestock to be identified and uploaded (paperwork and photos) into 4honline by May 1st. Similar to Dog and Horse ID's. Details and instructions are below:

Directions to add an animal ID:

- Log in to 4honline, using your family email
- Go to the member page
- Scroll down to list of family members and click on "edit" next to your name (just like enrollment)
- Click on the "Animal/Livestock" button at the top
- Choose your animal type: Sheep, Beef Cattle, Goats, Llama/Alpaca
- Select "Add Animal" for the appropriate project area (NOT for MARKET ANIMALS Except Hogs)
- Fill out the information and upload your and photos
 - Upload the "Arapahoe County 4-H Breeding Registration Information Form (Non-Market Animals)" this form should be uploaded in the "County Use Form" section.
 - Upload a color photo showing any distinguishing characteristics and ear tag if applicable. (One photo required, but two are available).
 - Upload registration papers, your brand inspection papers or lease agreement . If applicable
 - Note: Ideally these should be in the 4-H members name or an immediate family member!
- Click on "Save"

You can find the Breeding ID forms on our website at: http://arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/4-h-livestock-projects/

Please read the note on the bottom of the form about animals not born yet.

Market Hog Project members will also be able to use this method to submit their mkt hog nominations once tags have been issued.

NOTE: THIS IS NOT THE PROCESS FOR MARKET BEEF PROJECTS. Market beef animals are required to come to the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds on March 3rd at 9AM to receive an official ear tag. There is no other way to identify your market beef animals. Do not get confused, ask questions ahead of time if you need clarification.

Attention 4-H Livestock Exhibitors

This year load-in for county fair will take place on Tuesday July 24th. All Livestock (market and breeding animals) will load-in and be stalled/caged/cooped for the remainder of county fair that day. Animals will be released on Sunday July 29th (the last day of fair) as usual. We have expanded the show schedule this year in hopes of creating a more relaxed atmosphere and family friendly fair for everyone to enjoy. Details and specific show schedule will be announced soon but we wanted to give you as much advanced notice as possible regarding the load-in being a day earlier than in previous years.



Livestock Quiz Bowl

Congratulations to our Livestock Quiz Bowl team of Brianna Lynnes, Evin Vincent and Kassidy Euritt for representing Colorado at the Western 4-H Round-up in Denver. The team finished 3rd overall out of 9 4-H and FFA teams from the western half of the United States. Evin Vincent was 3rd individual overall! They were the only 3 person team in the competition (teams usually have 4 members)!

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 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. I am hoping to host a contest for Junior and Senior 4-Hers in April or May. Details will be announced at practices.

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 1st and uploaded into the Breeding Animals Registration System outlined on Page 16. 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 Prospect and Jackpot Shows

As Jon receives information on these shows they will be posted on the Livestock project page of the web site. Please check back as we 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.



Tag-ins

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

Tag-in for market sheep, goats and swine will be on May 7th so mark your calendars now! **BEEF Weigh-In**

Beef Weigh-In will be held March 3, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. (Emergency date to be announced in the next newsletter only to be used only if you are notified of a cancellation) **Things to know before coming to Weigh-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 weighed!!!! The idea is to work with them ahead of time!!!
- Please have your calves brand inspected prior to coming to weigh-in. Do not forget to bring your brand inspection papers.
- Retinal scan fees (\$2 per animal) and Drug Testing fees (\$10 per animals) will be collected at this time.

REMEMBER ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CASTRATED PRIOR TO BEING WEIGHED IN AND TAGGED AS A 4-H MARKET PROJECT. CASTRATION MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS (NOT THE DAY OF WEIGH-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 Judging Team

The team's regular practice schedule is every Monday evening from 6:30-8:30 at the fairgrounds in one of the Main Hall classrooms. However, there will be no practice on February 19th in observance of Presidents Day. Please enter through the north doors. More kids are always welcome. Their first contest is coming up on March 16th in Cortez, CO. If you have questions or want more information please contact Shelby at 303-908-4114.

4-H Livestock Advisory Committee

4-H Livestock Advisory Committee will not hold a March meeting. Therefore, the next meeting will be April 17th. They are still looking for a few more buckle sponsorships. If you are interested in sponsoring a buckle please contact Roxie at 303-622-6849. 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!

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. **NEW** this year knowledge of the project as well as the exhibitors breeding record book score will be included in determining the producer class champion. This will be awarded at the Achievement Program in October.

<u>Sheep and Goat Tag-In – MONDAY MAY 7th</u>

Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

All market lambs and goats must attend to be eligible to be shown at County Fair. Animals must be owned by tag-in. All species must be castrated and healed as much as possible prior to tag-in.

Market Lambs & Market Goats - 5-8 p.m.

- All market lambs and market goats must be retinal scanned. There is a \$2 fee per animal.
- Weighing of lambs and goats at tag-in is optional.
- All market goats must be dehorned or tipped.
- Retinal scan fees (\$2 per animal) and Drug Testing fees (\$10 per animals) will be collected at this time.

Market Hogs Tag-in/nomination process— Will be tagged by the 4-H members at their homes again this year. Tags will be checked out to them and a procedure will need to be followed to qualify your animal to be shown at fair. The process will be similar to last year. A mandatory meeting will be held on April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Remember this years minimum weight for Mkt Hogs is 225lbs



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American Humane Rescue Presents

Disaster Sheltering for Companion Animals

1st Training February 24-25, 2018

Location: Foothills Animal Shelter 580 McIntyre Street Golden, CO 80401

2nd Training March 24-25, 2018

Location: Tri-County Health Department 6162 S. Willow Dr. Greenwood village, CO 80111

A two-day interactive workshop

Class Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Disaster Sheltering for Companion Animals is designed to help communities of any size actively and formally prepare for disasters affecting both animals and humans. Natural or manmade disasters can strike at any time, and depending on their scope and severity, the local community needs to be equipped to handle the resulting influx of dogs, cats and other small companion animals.

Topics of this intensive two-day training include:

- Identifying viable locations for emergency animal shelters
- Designing and setting up and emergency shelter
- Animal identification and record keeping
- Daily routines

- Safety and security concerns
- Decontamination
- Legal issues and liability
- Disposition of animals

Cost: Free - Sponsored by the Denver Urban Area Security Initiative for the North Central Region.

Includes two days of lectures and hands-on training, a course manual containing an outline of the course, illustrations, resources and recommendations, plus a certificate of completion

Attendees will need to bring their own water, snacks and lunch.

Register through CO.Train: www.co.train.org, course number 1075226

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Dog News

4-H Dog Members

The Colorado State 4-H Dog Advisory Training Team in conjunction with the Colorado Kennel Club is presenting a State-wide 4-H Dog Workshop on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the National Western Stock Show Complex, 4655 Humbolt St., Denver, CO 80216. The workshops will be held in the Expo Hall.

This training is open to all 4-H dog members. You will need to register through 4HOnline. Registration opens on Thursday, January 25 and will end on Feb. 12. There is no cost to the workshops. There is a parking fee of \$10.00.

This is a great way to gain more skills in dog obedience, rally and learn about agility. If your Dog ID is active in 4HOnline you will be able to pick your dog for the registration. Please click here for more information.

Dog Classes

It's not too late to sign up. The 4-H dog project offers you an opportunity to form lifelong bonds with your family dog. The dog project teaches you how to train and to predict unwanted behavior. The project also gives the dogs better life skills. They will learn obedience, rally obedience and showmanship. We also provide you an environment to work with professional handlers. This is a fun project, lots of commitment and great rewards. Please contact Janele Caldwell @ janele.caldwell@yahoo.com if you need more specifics. Come join us the classes are as follows:

February 19 Dog show at Fairgrounds February 26 Fairgrounds Feb 28 Bennett

Arapahoe County Dog Fun Match

Where: Arapahoe County Fairgrounds When: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Time: Registration 8 a.m., Judging starts at 9 a.m.

Cost: Pre-registration by March 15, \$15 per exhibitor; Day of event \$20 per exhibitor.

For more information, click here.

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!



All-Breed Showmanship, Obedience & Rally Fun Match

Sunday, February 25, 2018 Larimer County Fairgrounds @ The Ranch in Loveland

in the McKee 4-H Bldg . 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO



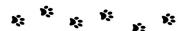
Pre-REGISTRATION: \$5/class or \$25 flat fee per child Day of Registration \$5/class or \$25 flat fee per child plus \$10/child office fee applied



Showmanship . Obedience . Rally Jr. (8-10); Int. (11-13); Sr. (14+)

Prizes:

1-5th Place each class **Overall High Point Exhibitor** Reserve High Point Exhibitor **High Point Mixed Breed**



Register Online at www.bitsnpiecesclub.org until Feb. 23rd or at the event. Payment Accepted: Cash/Check day of event (payable to Bits N Pieces 4H) or online. Pre-registration is encouraged:

> Mail Registration Payment only to : Bits N Pieces Fun Match . %Jennifer Wildman 103 Rock Bridge Ct., Windsor CO 80550 (please sign up for classes online)

> **CONCESSIONS WILL BE PROVIDED**





























Leader News

Club/Organizational Leaders: Community Service

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.

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.

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.

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/.

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 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 na.m.es 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 News

Jr. Leader Council

Several of the Jr. Leaders Council members were able to attend Leadership Development Conference at the end of January. At the conference they were able to participate in leadership ses-



sions, district senate meeting, state senate meeting and al-



so get to attend a banquet with our special guest County Direct, Tim Aston. They also participated in 4-H capital day where they were involved with meetings with 3 representatives that represent Arapahoe County.

Several of the Jr. Leaders Council members and parent advisors ran the Cloverbuds in Action workshop (all-day) for members 5-7 where they got to participate in Frog Fun



STEM activity, making cards, solving puzzles, and playing games with the Jr. Leaders. Thank you to everyone that was able to help.





Calendar

Date	<u>Time</u>	Event	Location
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
February 26	7 p.m.	District III Senate Meeting	Arapahoe County Extension Office
March 3	9 - 11 a.m.	Market Beef Tag-In	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
March 3	2 p.m.	Winter Shooting Sports Workshop	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
March 5	6:30 p.m.	Shooting Sports Committee Meeting	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
March 6	6:30 p.m.	Jr. Livestock Committee Meeting	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
March 10	8:30 a.m.	Consumer Choices Contest	Arapahoe County Extension Office
March 12	6 p.m.	IFYE Potluck and Presentation & Jr. Leader Meeting	Arapahoe County Extension Office
March 17	TBD	Creative Cooks Contest	Douglas County Fairgrounds
March 19	6:30 p.m.	Horse Committee Meeting	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
March 20	6:30 p.m.	Companion Animal Committee Meeting	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds, Windmill Room
March 24	8 a.m.	Arapahoe County Dog Fun Match	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
March 30		Registration Deadline for County Contest Night	
March 30	5 - 6:30 p.m.	Cloverbud Session	Arapahoe County Extension Office
April 4	6:30 p.m.	MQA Workshop	Arapahoe County Extension Office
April 6 - 8		Shooting Sports State Leader Training	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
April 15	2 p.m.	Shooting Practice	Sorber Ranch
April 16	6:30 p.m.	Horse Levels Written Test	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
April 17	7 p.m.	Livestock Advisory Committee Meeting	O'Malley's Mercantile
April 20	5 - 6:30 p.m.	Cloverbud Session	Arapahoe County Extension Office
April 23	6:30 p.m.	Mandatory Swine Meeting & Tag Check Out	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
April 27	5 - 9 p.m.	County Contest Night	Englewood High School
May 7	5 - 8 p.m.	Sheep and Goat Tag-In	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
May 19	TBD	Red Carpet Prospect Show & Clinics	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
May 19	9 a.m.	Horse Levels Field Day	Larimer County



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The deadline for submissions for the April/May 2018 Newsletter is: April 1, 2018.

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

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