

4-H is a welcoming, inclusive and vibrant community where youth and adults are empowered to grow into positive and productive citizens. 4-H is a trusted community partner that provides relevant, experiential learning for all youth.

## **4-H Spotlight**

### 2018 Achievement Program Successful



Congratulations to all of our 4-H members and leaders for another successful year! It is always so nice to come together and celebrate the year and everyone's accomplishments. We hope that those who attended the Arapahoe County 4-H Achievement program had a nice time. The Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation sponsored the event with a tasty dinner catered by Olive Garden. Thank you to everyone that helped with set up, tear down and serving dinner. A special thanks to the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds staff for allowing us to continue to have our celebration at the fairgrounds.

Those not in attendance, who won awards at the program, please remember to check with your organizational leader to see if they picked up your award. There are some here at the office, but it is best to check with your club leader first.

4-H members who won Grand Champion awards (jackets) and Reserve Grand Champion awards (sweatshirts), thank you for your patience on receiving your award. Once they are in stock and ready for distribution, we will keep you posted. The Fair Planning Committee, who sponsored those gifts, will find a way to distribute the awards to either the families or the organizational leaders.

Thank you and congratulations again!

## **Headlines**

#### **MQA & YQCA**

The Colorado 4-H Program will be utilizing our State 4-H MQA certification as we have in the past for the 2018 - 2019 4-H year. The youth PQA will no longer be available after May 31, 2018.

#### **Stock Show U Beef Fitting Clinic**

In conjunction with Back to the Basics XIII, our annual heifer sale which will be held Sunday, November 4th at 2 p.m. at Blind Badger Ranch will be hosting a Stock Show University fitting clinic on Saturday, November 3rd at 3 p.m., located at the Ranch in Fort Morgan, CO. The ranch is located at: Blind Badger Ranch; 3584 County Rd. 22; Fort Morgan, CO 80701; 970-

- This fitting/showing clinic is a free educational clinic open to all youth and adults
  interested in the beef project. This program will focus on all areas needed to achieve
  the Championship look for show day animal selection, showmanship, feeding, daily
  hair and animal care and show day grooming/clipping.
- A complimentary dinner will follow around 5 p.m.
- If interested, kindly RSVP to Paula Fox at <u>paula.marie.fox@hotmail.com</u> or by calling 970-483-5126.
- Check out the website, <u>www.blindbadgerranch.com</u> for more details regarding the sale or to request a sale catalog.

#### Would you like to Become a Junior Leader?

Are you looking to get more involved with the Arapahoe County 4-H Program and are ages 12 - 18? Then Jr. Leaders' Council is a perfect fit for you. We are looking for more 4-H members to

get involved with the council. It is a great way for you to make new friends, help with county events, do community service projects, as well as an opportunity to get involved at a District level. Our meetings are held at the Arapahoe County CSU Extension office, usually on the second Monday of the month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 19. Please come and join us at a meeting and



see if you want to get involved. You are more than welcome to come join us and have some fun at the same time.

#### 4-H Foundation Wreath Sale Reminders

All Arapahoe County 4-H members and leaders should have received their 4-H Foundation wreath sale information (either at the Achievement Program or in the mail). If you have not received yours, or if you need more brochures, please call Kathy at 303-919-2177.

The 4-H Foundation depends on Arapahoe County 4-H members and leaders to help make this fund raiser a success. The money raised goes towards scholarships, leadership training, awards and much more. Last year the sale brought in \$4,000. Our goal this year is \$5,000.

One tip from a former top sales club: If you think it's "too hard" to sell the wreaths/garlands, etc., or If it will take "too much organizing", and that's why your club doesn't participate, it doesn't have to be either of those. If each family in your club would buy just one item apiece, then there would be that many items sold for your club and that many more items to help the

Foundation reach their goal. If families don't want to keep them, they make great gifts for teachers, friends, etc. This way, your club would still be participating, and you might possibly earn a monetary incentive for your club, depending on how many items you sell.

Please make note of the following wreath/garland sale deadlines:

**Wednesday, Nov. 7** - All 4-H member orders due to designated Club Leader.

Friday, Nov. 9 - All 4-H orders due to CSU Extension Office

**Wednesday, Nov. 28** - Pickup all wreath sale items at Warehouse (Clubs on West side of Arapahoe County)

**Thursday, Nov. 29** - Pickup all wreath sale items at O'Malley's (Clubs on East side of Arapahoe County)

Friday, Nov. 30 thru Sunday, Dec. 2 - Deliver wreath sale products to customers

Friday, Dec. 7 - Sale monies due to Club wreath sale chairperson

Monday, Dec. 10 - Sale monies due to 4-H Office.

#### **Curriculum Orders**

Organizational Leaders, when doing your curriculum orders for the new year, please make sure to include all books that need to be ordered, even when they are updated (for example: the Horse Manual is being updated this year).

#### Ready for Re-Enrollment?

4-H Online has opened for the 2018 - 2019 4-H year. All returning members need to re-enroll by 12/1/18 to avoid a late fee. Returning members can re-enroll from 12/2/18 - 1/31/19 with a \$25 per member late fee. New members have until 4/1/19 to enroll, but the sooner they enroll, the sooner they can get started on their projects.

#### **Performing Arts Contest Update**

The State has decided not to hold a State Performing Arts contest this year, so we will not be doing an Arapahoe County Performing Arts Contest.



# 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TEAM





#### Fall Fun Shoot

Sunday, November 4th, 1:00pm-3:00pm

Sorber Ranch - 15 mi East of the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
or 10 minutes south of Bennett

Want to learn more about 4H Youth Shooting Sports?

Come join us for our Fall Fun Shoot! Certified leaders will be here to answer questions and to assist kids (ages 8-18) in

Archery, Shotgun,
.22 Rifle, Outdoor Skills and
Muzzleloading.

(\$5 fee to cover ammo & targets)

No experience or equipment required!







PUMPKIN SHOOT

#### **Horse Advisory Committee**

The Horse Advisory Committee would like to invite interested parents and youth to attend their monthly meetings as your input is important to them. They meet the third Monday of every month (except January and August) at 6:30 p.m. at the Arapahoe County

Fairgrounds. For months where the third Monday falls on a holiday, they meet on the third Thursday, same time and place. Jonathan will be sending out a survey via email in the coming weeks seeking feedback from the members. Please watch for it and respond. At the last meeting they elected their officers for the upcoming year. They are: Rhonda Dinan, Chair; Suzy Sefcovic, Vice; Shauna Frericks, Secretary and Sue Sarasin, Treasurer.

#### **Livestock Advisory Committee**

The Livestock Advisory Committee and myself (Jonathan) would like to thank Kelly Sweeney and Kim Harris for their years of service as members of the committee and as superintendents. They have decided to step down and give others the opportunity to serve in this leadership capacity. As such, Brian Hanlon has stepped into the Beef Superintendent role, but we are still seeking some interested individuals to pick up the reins and serve as Goat Superintendent. The committee is advisory in its function. It provides advice, program support, visibility, resource generation and assists in upholding county, state and national policies in support of the Arapahoe County 4-H Youth Development Program. They assist with coordination, promotion and scheduling of events, activities and shows in Arapahoe County with the CSU 4-H Youth Development Extension agent as well as other responsibilities as outlined in their bylaws. This is specifically accomplished by serving as superintendents at the County Fair although all members on the committee do not have to be superintendents. We would like to invite anyone interested in being a part of the committee to contact Jonathan at the CSU Extension Office via email at <a href="mailto:jvrabec@arapahoegov.com">jvrabec@arapahoegov.com</a>. The committee meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at O'Malley's Mercantile, however, in November, due to Thanksgiving, they will be meeting on Tuesday, November 13th (same time and location).



### **Deadlines**

Re-Enrollment Deadline for Returning
4- Members

December 1, 2018 (to avoid a late fee)

Late Re-Enrollment Deadline for Returning 4-H Members

December 2, 2018 - January 31, 2019

(with a \$25 per member late fee)

## **Enrollment Deadline for New 4-H Members**

April 1, 2019

## **Upcoming Events**

#### Jr. Leaders' Meeting

Monday, 11/19, 7 p.m., Arapahoe County CSU Extension Office

#### Office Closed to the Public

On Tuesday, 11/6, our office (along with the rest of the buildings on our campus) will be closed to the public due to Elections. Staff will still be available via phone and email.

#### **4-H Volunteer Appreciation Event**

Thursday, 12/6, More information will follow in the coming months to volunteers who are enrolled 4-H volunteers in 4-H Online.

#### 4-H Cooking Camp

Thursday, 1/3 and Friday, 1/4, 2019 for ages 8 - 13. More information will follow in the coming months. There will be a limit of 15 participants.





## **Project Updates**

**Dog - New Companion Animal** 

**Booklet posted** 

Family & Consumer Science

**General & Natural Resources** 

Horse

Livestock

**Shooting Sports** 



### 4-H Resources

4-H Policies and Procedures

4-H Leader Resources

4-H Foundation

4-H Scholarships







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