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4-H Spotlight

Critter Corner Virtual 4-H Club



The Curriculum and Projects work team (Marlena Griesse and Lori Arnold) have put together a Critter Corner Virtual 4-H Club for 4-H members.

This club is for those 4-H members (in any county) who are doing Pocket Pets, Dogs, Cats, Rabbits, Cavies and any other small animals. 4-H members will register for this club through 4HOnline. Registration is open now through January 4. The virtual club will be through Zoom. Once the members have registered online, then they will receive an email with the link for the Zoom.

The first meeting will be January 7, 2019 at 6 p.m. Kathy Wolyn - DVM, Pueblo Zoo will be the guest speaker. If you have questions about the club, please contact Marlena Griesse at Marlena.Griesse@colostate.edu.

Headlines

Leadership Development Conference

Please <u>visit the website here</u> for information on the Leadership Conference that is offered each year to 4-H members across the state, ages 14 - 18 as of December 31, 2018. 4-H Online registration began on Friday, December 7, 2018 and is open until Friday, January 4, 2019 (for Arapahoe County). Please make sure that you have enrolled and paid your enrollment fees before registering for this event. A tentative agenda will be posted on the website once that is provided by the state 4-H Office. The dates of LDC are Saturday, Jan. 26 - Monday, Jan. 28.

Cash Premium Checks

Just a reminder that premium checks need to be cashed before December 31, 2018. <u>Click</u> here to see if you still need to cash your check.

Producer Dam Nomination Process and Due Date

Producers classes nominations due for Beef, Sheep, Goat and Swine. Are you a 4-H member who has breeding stock and raises your own animals? There are new requirements for the Producers Classes! Nomination forms can be found on the Livestock Program Page. Please read through the rules below.

Eligibility:

- Ownership of the dam must be in the name and sole ownership of the exhibitor. This
 means the dam must be part of the exhibitor's personal herd, not mom/dad's, family's
 or relatives' breed stock and nominated by January 1, 2019.
- 2. Dam must be owned by the exhibitor prior to the birth of the offspring. Only offspring may be shown in producers' market or breeding classes (dam is not shown).
- The 4-H member must be enrolled in the corresponding breeding project by January 1 in 4-H Online regardless if you intend to enter the breeding or market producer classes.
- 4. The Nomination Form NEW Dam's Submittal Form (top half of nomination form only) must be filled out and submitted with all required supportive documentation to the Extension Office no later than January 1. Keep a copy for your records. For cattle nominations of dams by Jan. 1, 2019 will be for calves born in 2019 to be eligible for the 2020 County Fair. This year's calves for the 2019 County Fair will follow the previous nomination rules.

- The bottom half of the Nomination Form must be completed, signed and submitted with all required supportive documentation no later than May 1. Keep a copy for your records.
- 6. There is no limit to how many animal nominations a 4-H member may make.
- 7. The breeding project record book must be completed.
- 8. The 4-H member is not required to exhibit in the breeding project at the county fair, just the producer's class.
- 9. The Club or Project Leader, Superintendent or County Agent will visit the member and take pictures will the animal is still nursing to assure that the animal was born at the exhibitor's place of residence. They must also sign and date the nomination form. These can be uploaded into your 4-H Online account, same as last year.
- 10. All market producer entries must comply with the required tag-in procedures, weight requirements and all other rules for market animals.

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.

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. 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.



Project Updates

Dog

Family & Consumer Science

General & Natural Resources

<u>Horse</u>

Livestock - New Info. Posted

Shooting Sports - **New Info. Posted**



Deadlines

Producer Dam Nomination Due DateJanuary 1, 2019

Late Re-Enrollment Deadline for Returning 4-H Members

December 2, 2018 - January 31, 2019 (with a \$25 per member late fee)

Returning Volunteer Training

January 5, 2019 - <u>click here</u> for instructions

4-H Foundation Scholarship Application

February 1, 2019 - click here for more info

Enrollment Deadline for New 4-H Members

April 1, 2019

Upcoming Events

Office Closures

December 14 - All staff will be out of the office at an off-site staff meeting.

December 24 & 25, 2018 - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

January 1, 2019 - New Year's Day

Dog Classes

December 19, 2018 - Holiday party, 7 p.m.

December 26, 2018 - NO CLASS

January 2, 2019 - NO CLASS

January 9, 2019 - Class, 6 p.m. for beginners, 6:45 p.m. for advanced

Email Debbie at debbie.cuvelier@yahoo.com for more information, or to let her know you will be attending.

4-H Cooking Camp

January 3-4, 2019. No spots left, Cooking Camp is FULL.

Consumer Choices Contest

March 9, 2019 - Registration and more info The deadline for entries is Friday, February 8, 2019.

Creative Cooks Contest

March 16, 2019 - Registration and more info



The deadline for entries is Friday, February 8, 2019.

Speech and Demonstration Contest

April 26, 2019 - Registration and more info Registration deadline: Friday, March 29, 2019.

Cake Decorating Contest

May 10, 2019 - Registration and more info



4-H Resources

4-H Policies and Procedures

4-H Leader Resources - New Info.

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4-H Foundation

4-H Scholarships







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