



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

NEW - Volunteer Incentive Program



Please click on the image above (you might have to hold down the Ctrl key while you click) to view the video explaining the new Volunteer Incentive Program.

Volunteer Participation Incentive Program Details

By attending the following educational programs and 4-H related events, we will be awarding clubs points based on the percentage of volunteers they get to attend. Included are:

- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Extravaganza - Each volunteer session will be counted independently (Feb. 2)
- What to Expect at Fair meeting (May)
- Club/Organizational Leader Training (October)
- Achievement Program (October)
- Completion of online volunteer modules in 4HOnline

The points are based on the percentage of leaders your club has attend the previously mentioned programs and events:

- 100% = 10 points
- 90% = 9 points
- 86% = 8.6 points
- Further, for every new volunteer enrolled in your club, you will get 5 points.

Incentives are:

- 1st place club - we will waive you club's volunteer enrollment fees for the 2019/2020 4-H year and give a \$10 discount on each club members' enrollment fee.
- 2nd place club - the members will get a \$5 discount on their 2019/2020 member enrollment fees.
- The first club that gets 100% of their volunteers to complete the online volunteer modules will have their choice of either a club banner or \$50 to spend in the 4-H Mall.

Headlines

No Newsletter for Next Week

Due to the upcoming holiday, this will be the last 4-H newsletter until after the New Year.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from all of us to you!

Cash Premium Checks

Just a reminder that premium checks need to be cashed before **December 31, 2018**. [Click 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:

1. **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).
3. **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.

5. 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 while 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.

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 2, 2019 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 and leader trainings. A schedule and program descriptions will be published the week of January 7th.

Beef Blow and Go Show

The Jr. Livestock Committee and the Livestock Advisory Committee will be holding a Blow & Go Prospect Market Show following the Weigh-In on March 2nd. Out of county calves that come in just for the show and are not part of the Arapahoe County 4-H Program will be weighed from 11 - 11:30 a.m. The show will begin at 12 p.m. Calves may be clipped and exhibitors may use oil or other hair compounds on the calves. **Adhesives will not be allowed.** ANY calf with adhesive will be dismissed from the show without refund. **This year we will once again offer classes for both heifers and steers.** Here is a chance to get your breeding heifers out as well. Entry fee will be \$10 per head and a minimum of 50% will be paid back. A showmanship class will be held as well with a \$5 entry fee and 100% payback. Limited electricity will be available. Wash racks are available but it may be cold out so it would be best

to get your steers cleaned and clipped before coming to the show. Also, please be prepared to clean up after yourself if you do any clipping or your steer leaves any manure in the parking lots or while tied.

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 and 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!

4-H Foundation Wreath Sale Winners

The Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation would like to thank all the 4-H members who helped make the Wreath and Evergreen fund raiser a success this year. The total amount earned will be announced as soon as expenses have been paid. Member and club incentives will be sent to each 4-H club organizational leader for distribution.

Also a big thank you to those who helped decorate and distribute the wreaths. Congratulations to those 4-H members who won the high individual sale incentives.

Individual Sales:

Andrea Bray - 1st Place
Lauren Stuck - 2nd Place
Tayler Thompson - 3rd Place

Club Sales:

Antelope Crossing 4-H Club - 1st (63 items)
Cove Circle Creations 4-H Club - 2nd (33 items)
Elk Creek 4-H Club - 3rd (29 items)



Project Updates

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Deadlines

Producer Dam Nomination Due Date

January 1, 2019

**Late Re-Enrollment Deadline for
Returning 4-H Members**

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

**Leadership Development Registration
Deadline**



January 4, 2019 in 4-H Online. Click [here](#) for more information.

Returning Volunteer Training

January 5, 2019 - [click here](#) 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 24 & 25, 2018 - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

January 1, 2019 - New Year's Day

Dog Classes

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](#)



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