



*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

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### **Junior Jam's Got Talent**



District 2 would like to invite Colorado State 4-Hers between the ages of 8 - 13 to participate in a one-day leadership experience. They will learn about all the talent we have in the 4-H

community, do fun activities and learn new and exciting things!

Who: Any 4-H member between the ages of 8 - 13 in any county

When: March 16th from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. (early pick up at 6 p.m.)

Where: The McKee Building at The Ranch, Loveland, CO

Cost: \$25 - No refunds after March 4, 2019

For more information, click [here](#) or contact Megan at 970-498-6007.

## Headlines

### National Western Stock Show Passes

We have a VERY limited number of NWSS one-day passes available on a first come, first serve basis. Please email Jean at [jwalton@arapahoegov.com](mailto:jwalton@arapahoegov.com) if you would like tickets. Emailing is the **ONLY** way to ensure your place in line for the tickets. This way the email will show us who responded first and we do not have to juggle multiple phone calls. **We will give just two tickets** out per family from now until January 10th. On Monday, January 14th (if there are any left that are not spoken for, or some have not been picked up), we will go to the families on the wait list so we are sure to use them all up. In years past, all tickets were requested within 24 hours of this notice. You will need to come in to our office to pick them up. 4-H day at the NWSS is Friday, January 18th. Clubs can still buy group ticket packages through the Stock Show. The passes we have are for general gate admission and do not include any special or ticketed events.

### Horse Judging Team Practices Beginning

Did you know that a study in Indiana found that 93% of 4-H judging team participants went on to attend college with 58% of those receiving a Bachelor's degree and 30% of those going on to earn a Master's degree? Now that I have your attention, it is time to start thinking about joining the Arapahoe County Horse Judging Team!

The Horse Judging Team has started practicing! Its holiday practice schedule will be January 7 (Fairgrounds) and January 11 (at the NWSS in the Coliseum at 8:30 a.m.). The team's regular practice schedule will resume on January 14 and continue every Monday evening from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. There will be no practice on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. They will be held at the

Arapahoe County Fairgrounds in the classrooms in the Main Hall (enter through the North doors). I (Jonathan Vrabc) will be coaching the team. This past year the team was Reserve State Champions and represented Colorado at the American Quarter Horse Youth World Show competition and at the U.S. Arabian Nationals Judging Contest earning Reserve National Champion honors! I have been coaching for over 20 years in addition to being a judge myself. Members of all ages and project areas are welcome to attend. If you want more information, or are not able to attend practice sessions, please contact Jonathan at [jvrabc@arapahoegov.com](mailto:jvrabc@arapahoegov.com). Judging Teams are a great way to make friends, have fun and build important life skills while learning about horses! Contests will begin in March or April.

### **New - Volunteer Incentive Program**

We apologize if you were unable to view the video clip from two weeks ago. Please try clicking [here](#) if you would like to see it.

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 your 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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!



## Project Updates

[Dog](#)

[Family & Consumer Science](#)

[General & Natural Resources](#)

[Horse](#)

[Livestock](#)

[Shooting Sports](#)

**\*\*Please note** - the State Office is in the process of updating their website and if the links on our website do not work, this will be why. Once the State completes their site, we will then be able to update our links.

## Deadlines

### **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

### **Dog Classes**

January 9, 2019 - Class, 6 p.m. for beginners, 6:45 p.m. for advanced  
Email Debbie at [debbie.cuvelier@yahoo.com](mailto:debbie.cuvelier@yahoo.com) for more information, or to let her know you will be attending.

### **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

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[4-H Leader Resources](#)

[4-H Foundation](#)

[4-H Scholarships](#)



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