



*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**

### **4-H Leadership Development Conference**



Everyone had a nice weekend at Leadership Development Conference in Denver. It was a packed weekend full of state and district meetings, leadership sessions, final presentations, the banquet, County night out and, of course, dances. Thank you to our special guests that were able to attend Saturday night's banquet: Commissioner Conti, Commissioner Holen, Don Klemme - Community Resources Director and Tim Aston - Arapahoe County CSU Extension Director.

## Headlines

### 4-H Extravaganza - Last Call!

4-H Extravaganza is our Winter Member/Leader Training. The event is for ALL Arapahoe County 4-H members, families and leaders! This event is also open to non-members and their families as well. Have a friend that is interested in 4-H? Forward this article to them so they have the links to the info and the registration.

This event is **tomorrow, February 2, 2019** and 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 are available by clicking [here](#). You may register by clicking [here](#). Lunch will be available for purchase on-site if you didn't pre-order. Cash is MUCH preferred, but they can accept checks as well. No credit/debit cards.

### Shooting Sports Safety Meeting

The Shooting Sports Safety Meeting that is being held tomorrow at the 4-H Extravaganza is **MANDATORY** for all Shooting Sports members and their parents to attend in order to be eligible for practice this Spring. A second safety meeting may be scheduled at a later date if deemed necessary, but it will delay your participation at practices. See the link in the article above for the schedule and to register.

### 4-H Foundation Scholarships are DUE!!

If you are applying for a 4-H Foundation Scholarship this year, please note that **they are due today!** We would prefer that they are in our office (we close at 4:30 p.m.) today, but if you decide to mail yours in, it **MUST** be postmarked **TODAY, 2/1/19, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## **Citizenship Washington Focus - Deadline 2/4/19!!**

Are you interested in a trip to Washington D.C.? Then consider applying for the Citizenship Washington Focus trip that will be happening the week of June 22 - 29, 2019. You do have to be 15 as of December 31, 2018 and have 1 year experience in 4-H leadership. Please [click here](#) for more information on the application process. **The deadline to apply is Monday, February 4, 2019.** Take a chance and apply, it is a wonderful opportunity!

## **Contest Registration Deadlines are Coming Up SOON!**

Contest registration deadlines are almost here! Please look in the Upcoming Events section below to see the individual registration due dates and for the links for more information and/or to register. Late entries will **NOT** be accepted for **ANY** reason, so get them in on time.

## **Grand Champion Jackets**

Grand Champion jackets are in! Katy Vincent will bring them to the 4-H Extravaganza on February 2, 2019 at the Fairgrounds. She will also bring the remaining Reserve Grand Champion sweatshirts that have not yet been picked up. Any jackets and sweatshirts that are remaining after the Extravaganza will be sent home with club leaders to be distributed to their members. Questions? Contact Katy at [katydidklv@hotmail.com](mailto:katydidklv@hotmail.com).

## **Critter Corner Virtual Club**

The second Critter Corner Virtual Club meeting will be Monday, February 4, 2019 at 6 p.m. Registration is open in 4HOnline. This meeting's topic will be Veterinary Careers.

## **4-H Foundation IVY Award Applications Due**

The 4-H Foundation is once again accepting applications for their IVY (Important Volunteer of the Year) award. More information and the application can be found [here](#). The deadline for the application is Friday, February 15.

## **State-Wide 4-H Dog Workshop**

Colorado Kennel Club in conjunction with the 4-H State Training Team presents a State-Wide 4-H Dog Workshop. It will include showmanship, obedience, rally and agility. It will be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at the National Western Stock Show Complex (4655 Humbolt St., Denver). There will be rings on a rotating basis from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. There is no charge for

4-H members and immediate family. There is a \$10 parking fee. To register:

<https://co.4honline.com>.

### All-Breed Showmanship, Obedience & Rally Fun Match

Show off your pup! Sunday, February 24, 2019 at the Larimer County Fairgrounds (McKee Building) at The Ranch in Loveland (5280 Arena Cir., Loveland). Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and a showmanship test will follow at 8:45. No tests will be given after 9:15 a.m. The Show will begin at 9:15 a.m. The cost for pre-registration is: \$5/class or \$25 flat fee per child with a 3-dog maximum. Each additional dog is \$3/class. The cost for the day of the event is: \$5/class or \$25 flat fee per child plus a \$10/child office fee will be applied. Register online by clicking [here](#) until February 22 or at the event. Payment accepted: Cash/check day of event (payable to Bits N Pieces 4-H) or online. Pre-registration is encouraged: (please sign up for classes online). You may register online and pay at the door with no extra fee. Concessions will be available.

### Meat Quality Assurance Training Requirements

1. All new and current 4-H members advancing to intermediate (11 years old) or senior (14 years old) 4-H members must complete a Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) workshop if enrolled in any goat, beef, sheep, swine, poultry or rabbit project(s). This must be done at least 45 days prior to the Arapahoe County Fair in order to be eligible to exhibit at the county and/or state fair(s). Proof of compliance must be submitted to the Arapahoe County Extension Office.
2. All 4-H members are required to attend a MQA training during their first year in a livestock project regardless of their age.
3. 4-H members advancing to a new age group (intermediate and senior) must also attend an MQA training that year.
4. If the 4-H member is unable to attend an MQA workshop in Arapahoe County, the 4-H member may attend an MQA workshop in another county **OR** they may obtain a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification online or in person at their own expense. YQCA certification is only valid for 1 year and therefore the member will need to attend a Colorado MQA training the following year. A member cannot do YQCA in back to back years to satisfy MQA requirements at this time.
5. 4-H members enrolled in market and/or breeding livestock projects will complete and sign the Wholesome Meat Act Agreement at the Arapahoe County Fair. By signing the

agreement, 4-H members indicate their understanding of and compliance with the Wholesome Meat Act and the Ten Good Production Practices; i.e., taught during MQA. Additionally, the consequences of failing to comply with the Wholesome Meat Act Agreement may result in removal from all 4-H livestock projects for the 4-H member /family. This agreement must be completed for each livestock project the 4-H member is enrolled in.

### **YQCA formerly Pork Quality Assurance (Market and Breeding Swine Project Members Only) and/or National Show Requirements for ALL SPECIES**

PQA certification has been replaced with YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) which now includes all species. Members exhibiting mkt hog projects at state or national shows will be required to obtain an YQCA certification (each show will have their own requirements). This certification is only valid for 1 year. YQCA is available as an online program for youth everywhere in the United States and covers all species. YQCA in-person workshops may be available to youth where organizations have partnered with YQCA to have qualified trainers offer in-person workshops. YQCA certification is the responsibility of each individual exhibitor. YQCA may be required of all species at various national and regional shows. Please check individual show requirements if you plan to exhibit at the show. Meeting those requirements for YQCA will be the exhibitor's responsibility.

### **Horse Manure Needed**

A lady by the name of Shawn would like horse manure for her garden. She lives close to the Fairgrounds and would be happy to pick up and haul manure. Her phone number is 710-930-6611 or you can email her at [plsakunze@gmail.com](mailto:plsakunze@gmail.com) if you are interested in being in contact with her.



## 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

**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

## 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**.

## Arapahoe County Dog Fun Match

April 6, Arapahoe County Fairgrounds -  
More info to follow.

## 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](#)

## Rocket Fly Day

June 23, 9 a.m. We will be doing this with Douglas County. More information will be available as the date gets closer.





## 4-H Resources

[4-H Policies and Procedures](#)

[4-H Leader Resources](#)

[4-H Foundation](#)

[4-H Scholarships](#)



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