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

IFYE Potluck and Presentation
Come and join us at our annual IFYE potluck and presentation on **Monday, March 11, 2019** at the Arapahoe County CSU Extension Office, 6934 S. Lima St., Centennial, CO, 80112. This year we will host Emily Haver and she will present on her trip to Japan. We are looking forward to having her at this program. The event will start at 6 p.m. with a potluck. Please bring an item to share with the group. Families with last names that start with "A" through "L", please bring a main dish or salad. Families with last names that start with "M" through "Z" please bring a side dish or dessert. If you plan to attend, please RSVP (total # attending and what dish you are bringing) with Jean Walton at 303-730-1920 or jwalton@arapahoegov.com **no later than Friday, March 8** so we know how many to plan for.

**Headlines**

**Shooting Sports Winter Workshop - CANCELLED!**
The Winter Workshop that was to be held on February 24th at the Fairgrounds has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

**Grand Champion Jacket & Reserve Grand Champion Sweatshirt Thank You Notes**
If you received a Grand Champion Jacket, please send your thank you notes to:
**Corral Western Wear**
Jen Huston
18885 E. Colfax Ave.
Aurora, CO  80011  **and**

**Arapahoe County Fair Planning Committee**
6934 S. Lima St., Ste. B
Centennial, CO  80112

If you received a Reserve Grand Champion Sweatshirt, please send your thank you note to:
**Arapahoe County Fair Planning Committee**
6934 S. Lima St., Ste. B
Katy Vincent still has a few jackets and sweatshirts that were not picked up at the Extravaganza by club leaders. Please call her at 303-913-7314 to make arrangements to meet and get them.

**Larimer County Livestock Field Day**
They will be holding a Livestock Field Day **this Saturday, February 23**. This is another opportunity for Livestock members to complete their MQA training.

MQA training is required by the State Office for all Livestock members. **This does include all Rabbits, including Companion, Breeding/Show and Market and All Poultry, including Breeding Chickens, Market Chickens, Breeding Ducks, Market Ducks, Breeding Geese, Market Geese, Breeding Turkeys, Market Turkeys and Pigeons, Breeding & Market Beef, Breeding & Market Goat, Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat, Breeding & Market Sheep, Breeding & Market Swine and Dairy Cattle.**

You need to attend once as a Junior member, ages 8 - 13 and once as a Senior member, ages 14 - 18. So if you are new to Livestock or if you turned 14 in 2018, then you will be required to attend the MQA training.

It will be held at The Ranch Events Complex, Loveland, Colorado - 4-H McKee Building. We will also be holding project workshops during the day.

MQA training will begin at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please arrive by 2:30 at the latest to complete the MQA training by 3 p.m.

For more information on the project workshops that are being held, or if you have questions, please contact Megan at 970-498-6012 or via email at mblaser@larimer.org.

**Beef Tag-In and Weigh-In**

**Tag-In for Market Beef will be held on March 2, 2019.**

Beef Weigh-In will be held March 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Emergency date for cancellation only TBA. **For more detailed information, please click here.**
**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. The show will begin at 12 p.m. For more information, including weigh-in times for out-of-county calves, please click [here](#).

**Weld County 4-H Dog Project Day**
This day will be filled with tips and tricks of how to be successful with your Dog project! Sunday, March 10, 1 - 4 p.m. Check-in from 12:30 - 12:50. Exhibition Building, 525 N. 15th Ave., Greeley. For more information, click [here](#). RSVP to Kim at ksterkel@co.weld.co.us by March 6th at 5 p.m.

**Horse Levels Rating Opportunity**
Jefferson County will be holding a leveling day on Sunday, March 17 from 8 - 4:30. They have two raters in the morning who can test to level 2 and then 2 raters in the afternoon who can test to level 4. One hour time slots available. Fee is the standard $15 per test per discipline fee which is paid to the rater. Riders need one time slot per discipline. Two separate time slots will be needed to test Level 2 English and Western. Contact Lisa Stavig for questions or more info on how to register at 303-271-6623 (office), 720-317-9685 (cell) or via email at lstavig@co.jefferson.co.us.

**Meeting Reminders**
If you would like to serve on one of these advisory committees, please contact Jonathan for details ASAP.

- Livestock Advisory Committee: March 19, 7 p.m., O'Malley's
- Shooting Sports Advisory Committee: March 4, 6:30 p.m., Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
- Jr. Livestock Committee: March 5, 6:30 p.m., Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

**Shooting Sports Olympic Training Center**
We have an exciting opportunity arranged to tour and shoot at the Olympic Training Center coming up on Sunday, March 17! We will meet at and caravan from Cabela’s (Lone Tree) at 12 noon. Anyone can attend, but only shooters with one year of 4-H Shotgun participation will be allowed to shoot. Please RSVP to Shotgun leader Ken Read at Kendal.read@gmail.com.
Activities and Teams
As the new 4-H year continues, there is still time to get involved with the various activities and teams this 4-H 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!

Cat and Dog ID
The deadline for Cat and Dog ID in 4HOnline is May 1. Please take the time to get that completed. The sooner the better!

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

**Registration Deadline for Speech and Demonstration Contest**
March 29, 2019 - See "Upcoming Events" section below for a link to more information.

**Enrollment Deadline for New 4-H Members**
April 1, 2019

Upcoming Events

**Arapahoe County Dog Fun Match**
April 6, Arapahoe County Fairgrounds - for more information, please click [here](#).

**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
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4-H Scholarships

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