



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

Consumer Choices and Creative Cooks Contest Registrations are DUE TODAY (2/8/19)!





Contest registration deadlines are 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. Registration forms may be postmarked today (for Consumer Choices and Creative Cooks) or the forms can be scanned and emailed to Shaylen at sflorez@arapahoegov.com. **Late entries will NOT be accepted for ANY reason, so get them in on time.**

Headlines

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**.

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.

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](#).

Shooting Sports Help Needed

Help is needed from Arapahoe County Shooting Sports members on March 16th! The Arapahoe County Shooting Sports program is receiving a grant from the Friends of The NRA that night and we need to help set up, assist with stations and attend the banquet! It's a really fun time whether you are setting up or working the evening. Please come and join us!

When: March 16th

Where: Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock

We need people to fill two different shifts:

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Set up - this is great for juniors, intermediates and parents.

3 - 6 p.m. - helping with the banquet and accepting the grant! Best suited for older intermediates, seniors and parents.

For more information or to sign up to help, please text Kathy Euritt at 530-632-7737.

4-H Extravaganza = Success!

Just a short note to THANK EVERYONE who mad the Skill Building Extravaganza on Feb. 2nd possible. We really appreciate all the volunteer support we received that day! We had good attendance at this event once again. This is one of the largest non-fair related events we have annually! We think everyone came away with something new and useful.

Meeting Reminders

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

- Livestock Advisory Committee: February 19, 7 p.m., O'Malley's
- Horse Advisory Committee: February 21, 6:30 p.m., Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
- 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 Winter Workshop

February 24th at the Fairgrounds we will have a winter workshop for all disciplines at 1 p.m. Hunting and Outdoor Skills will also meet that day and will be going outside, so dress for the weather. Please let us know you will be attending. Email katydidklv@hotmail.com with your name and shooting discipline.

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.

Open Class Living Arts Department Seeks Coordinator

We are actively recruiting a Coordinator or Co-Coordinators to recruit, schedule and train other Open Class Living Arts volunteers for the Arapahoe County Fair. Our next committee meeting is Monday, February 25th at 1 p.m. at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds.

- This position helps recruit volunteers, works with the Arapahoe County Volunteer Coordinator to receive and accept on-line volunteer applications. Volunteer recruitment

activities are mostly done from home and require the ability to send and receive email, a telephone and transportation to attend meetings and fair activities. Recruitment starts mid-May through the fair.

Background: Adults and youth enter their creations for judging, competing for ribbons, premiums and bragging rights. Living Arts competitions include a variety of culinary arts (baking, food preservation, candies, etc.), visual arts (photography, painting & drawing), fiber arts (clothing construction, knitting, crocheting and needle arts) and skilled arts (soap making, wood working, metal art and leather craft).

If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact Kathy McDaniel at 303-919-2177.

Record Books

One of the most important life skills 4-H can offer members is good record keeping skills. That is why we require members to complete a record book for every project they are enrolled in. Our full record book policy is located in the Policies for Success document ported on our website, and it is copied below. To find the record book you should be using, click [here](#).

Record Book Policy

1. Members must complete a record book for each project the member is enrolled in receiving a score of 70% or above.
2. Please be aware that some record books have a supplemental form that must also be submitted.
3. Record books for Family Consumer Science, Shooting Sports and General projects will be turned in at the County Fair with the member's exhibit (only if the member chooses to exhibit) otherwise they will be turned in to their project leader and graded prior to the last Friday in August.
4. Record books for Dog, Horse, Livestock and Small Animal projects are to be graded by the project or club leader prior to being turned in to the Extension Office by September 4th.
5. The official score sheet should be used when grading record books. Score sheets (rubrics) are posted on the COUNTY 4-H website and can usually be found on the project area pages.

6. Animal project record books are to be one project area per book i.e. breeding beef in one book and market beef in a separate book. Those are two separate projects so they each should be in their own e-record book. Score sheets are posted on our website on the project pages. Please put books in record book binders or thin covers, NOT 3-ring binders as they take up too much space.

Note: In the event a member turns in an unsatisfactory record book, they should be given one week to revise their record book to reach a score of 70% or higher, prior to the final due date the first Monday in September. If revisions are required, they will not be eligible for end of the year record book awards, but will satisfy the completion requirement.

Important - any record book due after county fair (i.e. Animal project e-records) please do not hand it in in a 3-ring binder. Something like the picture below would be a great option. They help keep our record books easier to handle, store or transport as they go out to be graded. These are available from the extension office for \$3 each, or through [Shop 4-H](#) online. You can also pick up something similar at an office supply store or anywhere they sell school supplies.

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!



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

Consumer Choices Contest

Registration Deadline

February 8, 2019 - Click on the link in the Upcoming Events section below for more info and to register.

Creative Cooks Contest Registration Deadline

February 8, 2019 - Click on the link in the Upcoming Events section below for more info and to register.

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.



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[4-H Scholarships](#)



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