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DATE: April 28, 2026

TO: FCS and General Project Members and Parents

FROM: Shaylen R. Florez, 4-H Program Coordinator

RE: **2026 ARAPAHOE COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION**

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Remember to do your entry online @ [arapahoecounty.fairentry.com](https://arapahoecounty.fairentry.com). The 4-H Fairbook is available via digital this year, <https://arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe-county-fair/>. Pre-entries are required if you expect to participate in pre-fair and fair events. Pre-entries will be accepted from **Monday, June 1- Monday, June 15**. Late entries with \$25 late fee per member will be accepted June 16-22. ***Absolutely NO entries will be accepted after June 22 for any reason.***

The Grand Champion fair awards will be presented at the annual Achievement Program that is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

The **FCS AND GENERAL JUDGING** is scheduled to begin at 8 AM on Monday, July 20, 2026, at the fairgrounds Exhibition Hall. You will have the chance to schedule your own interview times for your project(s) in FairEntry. There will be tip sheets available soon! Please pay attention to those times and we ask that you arrive 10 minutes ahead of time to check-in. Interview Judging may be scheduled past 3 PM depending on number of entries. ***If you do not plan to be there for an interview, please mark on online entry. If the projects are coming in for judging, but with no interview, they will need to be checked in by 8 am so that the judges can judge them during their down time.***

**PLEASE** read through project exhibit requirements, project display judging, **display board guidelines (including measurements)** and awards information in the 2026 Arapahoe County Fairbook. If display boards are not the proper size, they will be disqualified. Please make sure all projects are properly labeled. **Remember to bring complete E-RECORDS along with your projects to be judged.** Please make sure to get leaders' signatures prior to the day of fair.

**RELEASE** will be on Sunday, July 26 @ 6 PM-not any sooner! Please make sure to pick up your exhibits at that time or arrange for them to be picked up by a family member/friend/or club representative. Please be aware that we will only be there until 7 PM. Due to no room @ our Extension Office for storage of the projects, you must pick up your exhibits on July 26. If they move on to state, they will need to be returned to the Extension Office between Monday, August 10- Wednesday, August 12. For Food and Cake Decorating you will need to delivered to the office by Monday, August 17, 3 pm.

**THANK YOU NOTE POLICIES:**

1. A thank you note must be written to each donor (i.e. CORE, etc.).
2. The name and address of the donors to be thanked will be placed in envelopes and distributed to exhibitors at the following Fair exhibit check-in events:
  - 4-H Cat Show
  - 4-H Consumer Science & General Project Judging
  - 4-H Mandatory Livestock Meeting
  - 4-H Horse Show
3. All thank you notes for Fair donations (i.e. CORE, etc.) must be presented at the Fair check-in events listed above to receive the donation on the day of check-in.
4. The Donor(s) name and mailing address will also be available in the 4-H Fair office.
5. Exhibitors who do not present a thank you note at the listed check-in events will have the opportunity to bring their thank you notes to the 4-H Fair office by noon on Sunday, July 26 to receive exhibitor donations.
6. For exhibits to be released on Sunday, July 26, and donations distributed, a thank you note must be presented in an unsealed, addressed stamped envelope with the name and address of donor prior to receiving the donations at release.
7. If your thank you note is deemed unacceptable, you will be asked to re-write it.

**Thank You Note Envelopes:**

1. Must be properly addressed (in ink) and stamped to be considered complete.
2. Must have the complete name and address of the buyer/donor. Donor names and addresses will be available at each exhibit check in event.
3. Must have a complete return address with name and address of youth.

**Please know that if you are involved in more than one project area (example cat show and FCS/GEN judging day), you only need to write one set of thank you cards to the donors.**

We'll see you on judging day, Monday, July 20, 2026! If you have any questions, please contact me at [sflorez@arapahogov.com](mailto:sflorez@arapahogov.com).

Thanks.

