



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION



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CREATIVE COOKS CONTEST ENTER BY TOMORROW!

Members select a theme and prepare a menu, food, a table setting and an outfit around that theme (outfit optional). They use their knowledge of nutrition, meal planning, and food preparation in a creative way. Awards program follows the contest. Winners in each age group and event are eligible to compete at the Colorado State Fair contest (with the exception of club entries and Cloverbuds). Any 4-H member can participate.

Contest will be held on March 17th at Kirk Hall, Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Registration begins at 8:15 am and judging starts at 9 am. Entry form is on our website; click the button below.

Entry deadline is 5 pm on February 15th to the Extension Office: kobryan@douglas.co.us

[Creative Cooks Contest Entry Form](#)

[Contest Information](#)

**4-H COUNCIL SPAGHETTI DINNER
FUNDRAISER TOMORROW!**

Friday February 16th, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Kirk Hall, Douglas County Fairgrounds

All are invited!

Thank you to all who have donated items for the auction! **Items to bid on include:**

- Themed Gift Baskets (\$100-\$200)
- Pottery & Crafts
- Castle Rock Zipline Tours
- Gift Cards - and more!



Hungry?

4-H YOUTH COUNCIL SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION

Cost is \$10 for adults (12 and older) and \$8 for kids (kids age 5-11 and under 5 is free). Tickets will only be sold at the door.

Monies raised will be used for fees for youth camps, conferences, trips and awards.

MEET DANI BASH! ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Dani is the newest member of the CSU Extension Office team. Please introduce yourself and welcome Dani!

She enjoys hiking, spending time with her 2 dogs, and took sewing projects as a 4-Her.



WESTERN HERITAGE 4-H PROJECT

The 4-H Western Heritage Project is a combination of 4-H Shooting Sports and a living history of the "Old West" from 1860 to 1900. Participants in this project compete in a modified Cowboy Action Shooting event designed specifically for 4-H. In addition, the participants learn about the old west and develop a "character" or persona as well as an outfit to use as part of the shooting competition. This is the second year for the project to be included as an official event at county shoot.

**.22 Pistol & Western Heritage
Projects require a Permission form**

[Western Heritage Information](#)

Horse Judging

Youth interested in participating in the 4-H Horse Judging Program are encouraged to attend the first meeting on Thursday, March 1 at 5:00 PM in the basement of the Douglas County Extension Office.

Horse judging is an excellent program for both youth with and without horses. 4-H Leader, Lindsay Griffith will be coaching the team.

2018 Colorado State Fair 4-H Exhibit Requirements

Requirements are now available. Please consider these requirements when completing your project. Contact the Extension office if you have any questions.

[2018 State Fair Requirements](#)

Horse Level Study and Test Night

The Horse Level Study and Test Night will be held on February 22nd at 5:30 pm at Kirk Hall. Study session will be from 5:30 pm to 7 pm and the test will be from 7:30 pm to 8 pm.

Please RSVP to claudia.meeks@colostate.edu with your name and the level of test you will be taking.



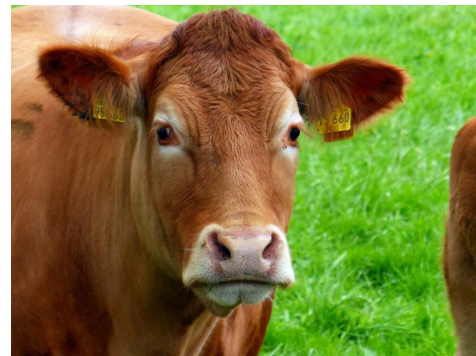
Beef Enrollment and Weigh-In

The beef project enrollment deadline is **March 1st**. You must be enrolled in the beef project in 4honline.com by this date or you will not be able to participate.

Beef tagging and weigh-in will be held on **Saturday, March 3rd** at the Pavillion. You must attend to participate in this project.

Make sure ALL brand papers are in the youth's name. Breeding projects must have the brand papers to Extension office before March 3rd or can bring the paperwork to beef weigh in.

Animal care forms (if animal is not housed at your house) must be turned in by March 3rd or can be brought to beef weigh in. Forms can be emailed to claudia.meeks@colostate.edu



[Animal Care & Housing Form](#)

[Breeding Beef Form](#)



Thank you to our Volunteers!

We would like to give a big shout out to the 28 volunteers who weathered the storm on Saturday to come in and make blankets for the Brookside Inn residents in Douglas County. Collectively we made 65 fleece blankets that were delivered on Valentines Day. An honorable mention must go out to Sarah Hathaway from the Sedalia Mountaineers, for making 6 blankets with her father! Way to go Sarah, and all of the 4-H and community members who helped make this event possible!

Cattle Handling and 4-H Ranch Horse Clinic Register Online by March 6

The State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee is collaborating with the Cinch Ranch Sorting National Championships to offer a cattle handling and 4-H Ranch Horse Clinic March 9-11 at the CSU Equine Center in Fort Collins. This clinic is for 4-H members and adults alike. This isn't your high speed ranch sorting type of clinic but rather helping people learn the basics cattle handling skills, Horse maneuver basics etc. Please see the linked flyer, program description, and registration information.

Clinic Flyer with more Info

Registration Information

LIVESTOCK EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM- MARKET SWINE PROJECT

The Douglas County Fair Foundation in partnership with the Douglas County Fair Board, FFA and Douglas County 4-H is excited to share a new opportunity for 2018! The Livestock Education Grant Program will provide a deserving 4-H or FFA member the opportunity to raise and complete a market swine project. If a steer is just a bit more than you're ready to tackle, this is an amazing chance to get an unforgettable experience with a market project by caring for and raising a pig to show at the 2018 Douglas County Fair!

The Livestock Educational Grant Program swine project is a structured educational program that teaches members about the market swine project. You will learn by doing, how to care for, raise and sell a market swine. The grant recipient receives \$800 for animal purchase, feed and bedding. All prize money and sale proceeds earned belong to the participating 4-H or FFA member. Market animal housing opportunities may be available at www.thecalf.org in Castle Rock so this allows almost any 4-H or FFA member a chance to get involved.

Applications are due to the Extension office by 5 pm on Friday, February 23, 2018. No exceptions for late entries so please submit early. Interviews will be held between February 28th-March 1st. Winner will be notified on March 5th.

Grant Program Application

CALF Kids Program

CHANGES TO THE 4-H OFFICE STAFF

Claudia Meeks - 4-H Agent

Mary Baldwin - 4-H Outreach Agent

Tina O'Bryan - 4-H Program Coordinator

Dani Bash - Administrative Assistant

MEMBER ACCOMMODATIONS: If your child is a member who will need accommodations at any 4-H event, please make an appointment with our office to discuss his/her individual needs. Any accommodation must be received at least 2 weeks in advance of the event. A verifying letter from a parent or guardian may be required before any accommodation is provided.



Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.