

4-H Leaders Council Minutes

September 14, 2020

Call to Order

- 6:37 pm

Introductions

- Hold off until we can meet in person

Minutes

- No minutes for August

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance [email Kirsten for numbers]

Fair Board Report

- No meeting yet (9/17) Show management meeting to wrap up from fair

CALF Report

- Update for the Fall, no fall open house will be held. CALF will be focused on building new partnerships for their new 5 year strategic growth plan.

Old Business

• **2019-2020 4-H year & COVID**

- It has been tough, thank you for ALL the flexibility and creativity you have used to help our kids through this past year.
- What was the hardest part for you as leaders? What was something positive that came out of it?
 - Record books due after fair were difficult for some to manage the 2 deadlines (50% in July and having to wrap up after fair).
 - Positive aspects of this year – Shooting sports, county shoot went off very well and we learned some new ways to manage the events and make them more efficient. We may not have been able to do this without the challenge of managing within the guidelines.
 - Managing 4H club expectations and by-laws in a challenging year was tough.

• **2020 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo**

- From a 4-H Perspective – what areas do you think we could do a better job at? / What was confusing?
- What was the most common question you received from your families & youth?
- How do we use “make the best better” to improve the 4-H families experience?
 - Looking for consistent communication from Fair Office, 4-H, and leaders.

• **Douglas County 4-H COVID Protocol as of 9/14/2020**

- Please see attached!
 - Kirsten reviewed the document, contact Kirsten or Nicole for case by case questions.
 - If exceptions were applied for this summer, new paperwork must be filled out for the new 4H year.
- All leaders should be helping to set good examples for COVID policies – None of us like this, but this is what we have to work with and we need to put our best foot forward and set a good example for those around us.

New Business

- **4Honline 2.0** - 4Honline is going to be closed as it normally is September 30th. However, when it opens again it will be with a new format that we are calling “4Honline 2.0”
 - **New format will not keep any of the old information.**
 - **Members / parents will need to print or download any information**
 - **IMPORTANT** – This means all saved information stored in 4Honline 1.0 will be lost – **BE SURE TO BACKUP ALL IMPORANT INFORMATION**
 - Shooting Sports Hunter Safety Cards; MQA Training Cards/Certificates/Dates; Horse, Dog, Llama, Cat, and other companion animal ID Information; Breeding Animal ID information; Anything else you have stored in there that you would normally activate and use ever year!
- **Achievement Night**
 - Youth will be voting on how to best hold achievement night – The 4-H agents and youth council advisors have a few suggestions of paths to take – they will vote tonight and then we can take the next step as far as planning, advertising, etc.
 - Vote on sponsoring Achievement Night awards (Each one around \$20)
 - First Year General Project
 - First Year Consumer Science
 - Top General Project
 - Top Consumer Science
 - Unanimously approved
 - Leader gifts from youth council – Cost conscious option? Youth lost “typical” income for their scholarship funds this year with the livestock sale in a different format. Additionally, June show did not go as expected – How do we best help them?
 - Small things: thank you post cards, key chain, mug, little calendar,
- **Ambassadors**
 - Application coming soon in the blast and on the website
 - Due: October 28th
 - Interviews: November 4th
 - Training: November 18th
- **Educational Workshops 2020-2021 Year**
 - Greater number of STEM & General Project educational events
 - Ideas for workshop areas:
 - Cmputer programming
 - Leather Craft
 - Ceramics
 - Robotics
 - Could we spotlight a general project each week or each month?
 - Could we provide contact information for the spotlighted project and maybe some dates of project meetings?

- **Extension Thinking Outside the Box**
 - Douglas County Explores! – Thursday in October! – See attached Flyer
 - Ready in the Middle – youth emergency preparedness – October 24th – See attached flyer

- **Douglas County Fair Foundation's L.E.G. Up (Livestock Education Grant)**
 - More info attached & application in blast or email extension office
 - DEADLINE: 5pm September 28th

- **2020-2021 4-H Enrollment – *TENTATIVLY NOVEMBER 1st***
 - 4-H Re-Enrollment: \$50 enrollment fee and paperwork completed by **December 31st**
 - Returning 4-H Members may reenroll up to **March 1st** with a \$25 late fee in addition to regular enrollment fee
 - If a returning 4-H member fails to re-enroll on 4HOnline by March 1st, they will not be eligible to participate in county or state competitions, including the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo
 - New 4-H Regular Membership Enrollment: \$50 enrollment fee and paperwork completed by **March 1st**
 - New Enrollments will be accepted after March 1st; However, participation is limited to the Douglas County Discovery 4-H Activities; youth will not be eligible to compete at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo or Colorado State Fair.
 - Cloverbud enrollment: \$20* enrollment fee and may enroll at any point during the 4-H Year
 - * \$20 enrollment fee for the 2020-2021 year only (Normally \$40)
 - ***Financial Assistance is available for families in need – families can contact one of our Douglas County 4-H agents (Nicole or Kirsten) to find out more information. Requests and any information kept in confidence. New this year – Additional funds available through a TANF grant***

- **Leaders Council 2020-2021 Road to Leadership Excellence!**
 - We will be working with the amazing Kelly Wyngarden to do some level assessment of where we are at as a Douglas County 4-H community, identify where we would like to get to, and map out how we are going to get there!
 - October Leaders Council Meeting – Explaining the process, setting the groundwork, expectations, etc. Survey to follow
 - November Leaders Council Meeting – Examine the survey results, make additions, discuss, begin mapping our path forward
 - December Leaders Council Meeting – Finish our road map and introduce training modules to help us get to our goal

- **Leaders Council Executives!**
 - Even with Leaders council looking a little different this year we would still like to have nominations for:
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Very little extra time commitment for any of the three positions – Contact Kirsten for more information

- **Upcoming Important Dates** ~ Some dates subject to change as we work with CSU on COVID protocols. Extension office hopes to have the calendar updated and on the website by October 1.

September

September 1 – Animal Project Record Books Due to Extension Office
September 2nd – Pick up State Fair Projects
September 7th – Labor Day ~ Extension Office Closed
September 9th – Achievement Night Award Nominations Due
September 12th – Buckle Series Horse Show
September 14th – Youth & Leaders Council
September 19th – Youth Council Executive Officer Training (?)
September 18th – Horse Steering Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm in Extension Office
September 30th – LAST CHANCE TO SAVE 4Honline 1.0 data

October

October 1st – Douglas County Explores! Week 1
October 5th – Youth & Leaders Council
October 8th – Douglas County Explores! Week 2
October 12th-16th – Douglas County Fall Break
October 14th – Achievement Night
October 22nd – Douglas County Explores! Week 3
October 24th – Ready in the Middle Youth Preparedness Program
October 25th – Buckle Series Horse Show
October 26th – Horse Steering Committee Meeting at 6:30pm in Extension Office
October 28th – Ambassador Applications Due
October 29th – Douglas County Explores! Week 4

November

November 1st – 4-H Registration Opens!
November 2nd – Youth & Leaders Council
November 4th – Ambassador Interviews
November 7th – Douglas County 4-H Leadership Day
November 8th – Buckle Series Horse Show
November 11th – Veterans Day ~ Extension Office Closed
November 16th – Discover 4-H ~ Open House (Tentatively Scheduled – Date subject to change)
November 18th – Ambassador Training
November 23rd – Horse Steering Committee Meeting at 6:30pm in Extension Office

Douglas County 4-H COVID Protocol as of 9/14/2020

(always subject to change)

No one should be meeting in groups face to face without written permission from Agents Kirsten or Nicole.

Even if you received permission to practice this past summer or spring – please re-submit your request for the 2020-2021 4-H year!

Current Policy

- Up to 25 Youth* are permitted in one area at one time
- Instructors (leaders) would ***NOT*** be counted to this number
- Parents are also permitted to observe and are ***NOT*** counted in the 25-person limit for that area. Parents should maintain 6' of distance at all times
- Youth should maintain their 6' of distance to the greatest extent possible.
- Face masks are currently mandatory while inside and mandatory while outside if 6' of distance cannot be maintained.
- Current CSU COVID Liability Forms required for all youth and adults present at event

Current Exceptions from CSU: Club meetings/small group activities, Horse practices, Dog practices, Livestock practices, and Shooting Sports practices. We can apply for more – Just contact us and we can get going on this!

Points of Contact:

- **Kirsten** for all animal related practices/meetings/workshops/etc.
 - Kirsten.Cowan@Colostate.edu
- **Nicole** for general small group meetings and shooting sports practices
 - Nicole.speeding@Colostate.edu

Horse to get approval for Face to Face meetings & programming:

- **Step 1** – Contact the agent with the information below
 - **Leader Name(s)**
 - **Practice Location address and how social distancing is possible**
 - **Meeting Schedule/Expected meeting schedule**
 - **Participant/Expected Participant Numbers Total:** (how will you handle if more that 25 want to attend)
 - **Expected Participant Attendance**
- **Step 2** – Receive written permission from the agent to hold that meeting, agent will add the information to the exception through CSU, and send you the current rules & regulations for that type of activity.
- **Step 3** – Run your program, workshop, training, meeting using best policies as laid out in the exception paperwork. Take attendance of everyone present (including parents, leaders, helpers, siblings, etc.
- **Step 4** – Send attendance to agent following the meeting (We as agents need to send monthly updates to campus to cover all face to face programming that is taking place here in Douglas County)
- **Step 5** – If it is the same type of meeting (Example- Weekly dog practice or weekly horse ride nights) list all dates for the exception that you know of and keep agent updated of attendance and any changes that are made, you do **NOT** have to ask permission for each individual practice. IF you want to run a new or different type of event just send the above info for the new event to the agent and we will get you squared away.

**** For larger clubs or clubs that would be interesting in hosting events/activities/meetings/educational workshops with more than 25 youth – please contact the agents and we will work with you to see what we can do! These requests will be taken on a case by case basis and absolutely should not happen without a discussion with the agent.***

Thinking about a market livestock 4-H project?



Apply for a LEG Up!

The Douglas County Fair Foundation with support of generous sponsors and partners are excited to announce the return of the L.E.G. Up (Livestock Education Grant) for the 2020-2021 4-H year.

Volunteers, partners and sponsors have come together to bring 4-H Members an opportunity to raise market STEER, SWINE, GOAT AND LAMB. **Now is the time to apply!**

This is an amazing chance to have an unforgettable agricultural experience and participate at 2021 Douglas County Fair! You will learn by doing, how to care for, raise and sell a market animal.

The grant recipient details are on the attached application. Any prize money you earn belong to you. This is an excellent way to get involved and earn money toward your future education.

DON'T DELAY! The deadline to submit your applications is 5pm on September 28, no exceptions!

Send your L.E.G. Up questions to: DCLivestockGrant@gmail.com or call 303-907-4201.
We look forward to meeting you and an exciting new 4-H year!!

Douglas County Fair Foundation

2020
Douglas County Explores!



Plant Sciences
Public Safety
Horticulture



Leadership
Communications
Animal and
Veterinary Sciences



Thursdays in
October
3:30-6pm



Youth Education
and Development
Natural Resources



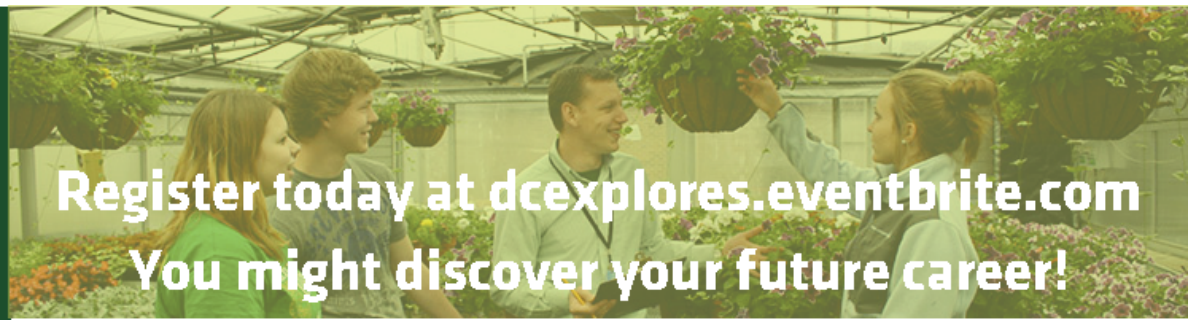
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Experience hands-on and fun career workshops.

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Douglas County Explores!



During October, Join CSU Extension for weekly hands-on and fun career workshops in topic areas like: Animal and Veterinary Sciences, Youth Education and Development, Public Safety, Natural Resources, Plant Sciences, Horticulture, Leadership, and Communications.

Choose from the Following Workshops

- **Wildlife Survives Where the Habitat Thrives (with Jackie Sanderson)**
- **A Day in the Life of a Public Safety Professional (with Nicole Speeding)**
- **Stand Up. Speak Out. Be a Leader! (with Kyle Christensen)**
- **Youth Education and Program Development (with Madelyn Granos)**
- **Animal and Veterinary Science (with Kirsten Cowan)**
- **Be a Plant Doctor for a Day! (with Mary Ortiz Castro and John Murgel)**

Who: Any Douglas County young adult, 14-18 years old.

What: You can join up to four different workshops. Choose among three different workshops each week. Each session will feature career-focused activities that resemble tasks performed on the job

When: October 1, 8, 22, and 29 from 3:30-6:00 pm.

Where: Different locations around Douglas County, including outdoor options

Cost: \$5 per workshop or \$20 for all four. Limited financial assistance is available - contact the Extension office at 720 733 6951 for more information

You should join us because...

- **We know you are looking for fun and safe* opportunities these days**
- **There will be lots of interesting and hands-on activities**
- **Workshops are led by local professionals in the field**
- **You'll learn about future career options so you can dream big**
- **Meet new friends from all over Douglas County**

Colorado State University Extension Douglas County is very excited to offer this workshop series in partnership with Douglas County Open Space, Sturm Collaboration Campus, Colorado Agricultural Leadership Foundation (CALF), and other community partners.

* CSU Extension takes the health and safety of the community very seriously. Visit our website at douglas.extension.colostate.edu to learn about our COVID considerations.

It's Your Future. It's Your Career. Make 'Em Great.



Did you know that nearly 50% of American adults do NOT have the resources and plans in place in the event of an emergency? Luckily, statistics show that in households where youth bring preparedness information and materials home are 75% more likely to have enhanced family preparedness! The more prepared families are, the less of a burden they are in the event of a disaster. They can actually become valuable assets to first responders!

Ready in the Middle is a youth emergency preparedness program that is created for 10-12 year olds. By exposing youth to critical thinking early on, you and your family can feel safer and be ready for any disaster. Wildfires have forced many Coloradans out of their homes in a hurry this summer. Being able to grab the essentials and leave safely is an enormous help to those who keep us safe. Ready in the Middle also teaches youth about the importance of home safety, ensuring their houses are safe for people of all ages.

On **Saturday, October 24th from 9am – 12pm**, drop your child off at the Douglas County Fairgrounds to come learn about the important checklist items to consider while maintaining a safe home and exit strategy! Three hours could be the difference of an instant when an emergency strikes.

Our event will be capped at 25 participants, so sign up early and remember to bring a mask!

Sign up here! >> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ready-in-the-middle-tickets-120249095281>