

4-H Leaders Council Minutes

March 1, 2021

Call to Order 6:34

Minutes (Posted at <https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/douglas-county-4-h-leadership-resources>)

Treasurer's Report [REDACTED]

Fair Board Report (<https://www.douglascountyfairandrodeo.com/p/get-involved/fair-board2>)

- Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Rules Posted
 - <https://www.douglascountyfairandrodeo.com/p/exhibitors>
 - Old west days instead of the carnival

CALF Report – No new news

Director Report

Old Business

- Douglas County – “Safer at Home: Level Yellow – Concern” – As of 2/12/21
 - Please see attached!
 - **NO 4-H GROUP, CLUB, or PROGRAMMING SHOULD BE CURRENTLY MEETING IN PERSON UNLESS THEY HAVE RECEIVED WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM AGENTS NICOLE OR KIRSTEN AFTER 11/20/20.**
 - All previous approved programs, meetings, trainings, lessons, etc. will need to be re-approved.
 - <https://tchd.org/818/Coronavirus-COVID-19>
- Extension Office Hours – Our doors may be locked, but we are here to serve you! Following local public health guidelines our office is staffed at a lower capacity than normal and our doors are locked throughout the day. However, we have staffing each business day from 8am-5pm and lunch from 12:30-1:30. Agents and staff are filtering into the office as need be. Please give them a call or email if you would like to speak to someone specifically to make sure we are there!
- 4Honline Update – If you have any problems with 4Honline2.0 please reach out to the office asap!
- 2020-2021 4-H Enrollment – **CLOSES MONDAY 3/1/21!**
 - 4-H Re-Enrollment & New 4-H Regular Membership Enrollment: Closes today
 - 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 (see flier attached)**
 - Register: <https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/>
 - Leader Registration – BE SURE TO SIGN UP AS PROJECT ELADERS IF YOU INTEND TO!



- **Leaders Council 2020-2021 Road to Leadership Excellence!**

- February – Prioritize our plan of attack
- March – Move forward towards a better future from our already strong foundation.
 - Top Priorities: #2 How do we want to be known in Douglas County & #3 Clarity in communication and expectations
 - Middle Priorities: #1 – expanding 4-H reach, #4- leader training, #7 – who to go to for what/conflict resolution, #9 – Reducing leader paperwork
 - All points were identified by the DC 4-H leaders as important and will be worked on. – Full list attached.

- **Front Range Leader's Training**

- January's "Keeping the fun in 4-H virtually" by Boulder County and February's "4-H Money Matters" by Adams County will be linked to our website just as soon as they are available:
 - <https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/resources/>
- **March 25th @ 6pm** – Helping Youth Connect, Heal, and Thrive
 - Join Douglas County 4-H, Jerry Van Leuven, President of The Aspen Effect, and Julie Fisher, MA, LPC, CFI for an open discussion on how to best help youth connect, heal, and thrive.
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/30693Vq>
- **April 27th @ 6pm** – Adams County hosts Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with Denver's Extension Director Parker McMullen Part I
- **May 25th @ 6pm** – Larimer County, topic TBA
- **June 9th @ 6pm** – Jefferson County hosts 4-H Chartering!
- **June 22nd @ 6pm** – Adams County hosts Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with Denver's Extension Director Parker McMullen Part II
- These will continue into the fall as well!

- **Beef Tag-In ~ Saturday March 6th 7am-11am**

- All Market Beef planning on competing in the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo and/or Colorado State Fair must be present and tagged-in.
 - Those planning on nominating for State Fair will be retinal scanned, nomination paperwork filled out, \$5/nomination
- All Breeding Beef must have their animal ID uploaded to 4Honline by March 6th. More information and paperwork can be found at: <https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/programs-2/livestock/>

- **School Break Week Camp Options! See attached flyers**

- **Cloverbuds (5-7 years) - March 17th from 4:30-5:30pm**
 - Registrants will receive a box of activities and supplies to be able to follow along during a live Zoom session. Boxes will need to be picked up from the Extension Office
 - **Cost: Free**
 - **Register HERE:** <https://douglassuextension.wufoo.com/forms/m3qa54412t49sq/>
- **4-H Members (8-18 years) - March 15-19th or March 22-26 from 9:00am - 12:00pm daily**
 - This is a statewide collaboration between county extension offices! The camp will be held live over Zoom the week of March 15-19th and March 22-26th. Participants will each be provided a box with the supplies needed for the 5 days of activities, besides common household perishable supplies i.e.



butter, flour, eggs, etc. You will also include instructions for each activity if you are unable to join the live Zoom call. Boxes will need to be picked up from the Extension Office.

- **Cost:** Box with all Supplies = **\$25** or purchase supplies yourself and attend camp for **FREE!**
- **Register HERE:** <https://douglascsuextension.wufoo.com/forms/z187154i1hcd2gs/>

- **STEM 1st Flight has been a success thanks to the leadership of Robert Palmer!**

- This was an 8-week series of building a 6' wingspan model airplane, while teaching 4-H members all about aerospace dynamics.
- The model airplane will be displayed at the 2021 Douglas County Fair in the Events Center
- Hoping to do this series again in January 2022 – See pictures attached!

New Business

- **Youth Council Officer Applications Now Open!** DUE: March 26th at 5pm – More information attached
 - Opportunities for youth 10 and up!

- **Chick Adoptions begin March 1st!** Free to a good home, variety of breeds available

- Contact Maddy at (720) 733-6930 or email Madelyn.Granos@colostate.edu

- **June Show - Friday, June 4 & Saturday June 5**

- Details (more to come as it gets closer):
 - Friday species: Hogs and Beef // Saturday species: Goats and sheep
 - We need youth volunteers! Please reach out to Nicole or Kirsten if 4-H members are interested in helping at this event.
 - Voted to not offer poultry or rabbit this year as they are adding hogs
 - Kirsten will help to coordinate rabbit and poultry events later this summer



- **Secondhand Sale for Youth Council Scholarship Fundraiser – April 24 in the Multipurpose Barn**

- Debbie Mills – Speaker
- In a typical year Youth council gives out scholarships to seniors with money donated to them by the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Livestock Sale buyback sale from the previous year's sale. Because of COVID the sale did not have a buyback sale this past year. So youth council are looking for ways to help raise extra funds to be able to offer scholarships this year. Youth Council President Rebekah Palmer approached Fair Foundation for a donation and Fair Foundation has generously agreed to match any funds raised towards this mission up until \$4,000.
- To help them get off to a strong start with this Debbie Mills has come up with an amazing idea to have a secondhand sale at the fairgrounds.
- Current plan is as follows (please note this could shift a bit as plans solidify)
 - 15 Rental booth spaces will be sold, \$50/space and \$35 for any 4-H club/group
 - Groups can come and sell used equipment or donate equipment to the youth council to sell and keep any funds raised.

- If anyone is interested in helping – booking a space – or just have questions feel free to reach out to Debbie at millsfamily@aaahawk.com
- A HUGE thank you to the Fair Foundation for not only matching funds raised by our youth council but giving them a leg up to get started!
- **Record Book Training Sessions**
 - Animal Record Books – March 17th 5:30-7:30 via zoom
 - Horse Record Books 5:30-6:30
 - Companion & Market 6:30-7:30
 - Dog Record Books – Separate Date coming soon!
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/3b6omEc>
 - General Project Record Books – March 31st at 6pm via zoom
 - Shooting Sports Record Books at 6:00
 - All other General Projects at 6:45
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/2MBju0e>
 - All sessions will be recorded and posted for those who cannot attend
- **4-H 200 Series ~ 4-H & The Douglas County Fair & Rodeo**
 - **4-H 201** ~ Basic Intro to 4-H and Fair ~ April 13th at 6pm in Kirk Hall
 - **4-H 202** ~ Livestock at Fair ~ May 11th at 6pm in Kirk Hall
 - **4-H 203** ~ General Projects, Displays, & Exhibit Day ~ May 19th at 6pm in Kirk Hall
- **MQA Training – April 22nd & 23rd** (possibly 21st to allow for more spread-out sessions) in Kirk Hall
 - Meat Quality Assurance
 - All first-year project members exhibiting any livestock project are required to attend quality assurance training. This does include all poultry and rabbit members.
 - Members their first year in the Senior division (14-18) exhibiting any livestock project are required to attend quality assurance training. This does include all poultry and rabbit members.
 - Reports will be run tomorrow (following March 1st deadline) and signups will be sent out. Each time section will have limited spaces to allow for proper social distancing and time will be allowed between groups for proper disinfection.
- **Upcoming General Project Workshops**
 - Tuesday, March 2 at 6pm: Vet Science Project Workshop (Zoom)
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/304Tqhk>
 - Saturday, March 6 at 9am: Beekeeping Project Workshop (at Kirk Hall)
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/3q2s8m1>
 - Tuesday, March 23 at 6pm: Rocketry Project Workshop (at Kirk Hall)
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/2Oe0mWq>
- **Super Saturday ~ 4-H Contest: Creative Cooks, Cake Decoration, and Speech & Demonstration Contests.**
 - SUPER fun contests open to all 4-Hers (including cloverbuds!!). Any 4-H youth can participate regardless of their projects (with the exception of cake decorating, all CD contest competitors must be in the CD project) – Qualify for State Fair or Sate Conference!
 - Contest Rules: <https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/programs-2/douglas-county-4-h-super-saturday/>

- **Tuesday, March 30 at 6pm: Super Saturday Q&A** – Come learn what Super Saturday is all about! (via Zoom)
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/3b5Y98D>
- **Saturday, April 24th at 8am: Super Saturday Contests**
 - Deadline – Register for Super Saturday by April 7, 2021 at 5pm
 - Register: <https://douglasscuextension.wufoo.com/forms/z1axc7c41e136xe/>
- **General Project Updates**
 - General and Shooting Sports will be displayed at the Events Center at the Douglas County Fairgrounds during Fair this year. Exhibit Day will also take place here. Exhibit Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 24th this year.
 - Calling all volunteers! Interested in helping out at Douglas County Fair in the General Project Displays? Reach out to Nicole at Nicole.Speeding@Colostate.edu
 - Deadline – Enroll in all other General Projects (excluding Shooting Sports) by May 1, 2021 11. Deadline – Last day to drop all projects is May 1, 2021
 - Nicole is working on getting a birdhouse woodworking workshop for those in the project. That will likely take place in May/June.
- **Shooting Sports Updates – Please see attached for ALL the updates**
 - Many Shooting Sports Leader Training Certification registrations are closing soon! See attached for all details
 - **Saturday, March 13 from 12pm-6pm: Hunter Safety Completion Course taught by Eric Harper**
 - Location: Ag Barn at CALF in Castle Rock
 - Contact to register: Eric Harper eaharper.co@gmail.com
 - Spots are limited to about 20 seats
 - See attached flyer, but this course is mainly for 8-10 year old's who need to obtain their HSC. 11-18 year old's are able to finish the entire HSC online until May 15, 2021.
 - **2021 Douglas County 4-H Shooting Sports Presents: Spring Fun Shoot!!**
 - March 27th & March 28th
 - Register by March 15th at 5pm: <https://bit.ly/3q6TrM3>
 - BE SURE YOUTH HAVE AN UPDATED HUNTER SAFETY CERTIFICATION IF PLANNING ON ATTENDING SPRING SHOOT
 - More information on the flyer attached.
 - If new members have not received equipment –
 - NOTHING is a barrier
 - Older kids coming and helping younger kids
 - Practice cards – count as a practice? Frances
 - March 16th
 - **Tuesday, March 23 at 6pm:** Shooting Sports Advisory Committee Meeting (via Teams) – Link attached
 - **Thursday, March 25 at 6pm:** Spring Shoot Planning Meeting #3 (via Zoom) – Link attached
 - **Friday, April 9 – Sunday, April 11:** Virtual Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training
 - **Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30pm:** All Parent and Member Shooting Sports Meeting (still deciding on virtual or in-person)
 - **Shooting Sports Common Q&A's** – Attached

- **Animal Project Workshops** – Dates & More information coming soon, planned events had to be juggled around a bit as DougCo opened a bit more slowly than originally anticipated before the holidays! Stay tuned to the blast and project emails.
 - Sheep & Goat Introduction
 - Sheep & Goat Hoof Trimming Workshop
 - Showmanship Clinics for all species
 - Marketing Workshop
 - What else?!
 - Beef Fitting & Showmanship Workshop
 - Steer & Heifer hoof trimming day
 - Finishing Nutrition Workshop
- **DC 4-H Buckle Series Community Service Opportunity**
 - We need clubs to sign up to help with cleanup for each show. Especially important now as the fairgrounds have increased what they require facility rentals to do post-event.
 - March 21st _____
 - April 17th _____
 - May 23rd _____
 - June 12th _____
- **Leader Council Executives**
 - On the back burner for our few months of work with Kelly – Would love to turn back over the reins to the leaders and incorporate an agent update/training session each month that aligns with the work we did with Kelly.
 - Treasurer – Transition is being made! Official change will be with the new fiscal year
 - Secretary- _____
 - President- _____
- **Discussion**
 - How do leaders help new kids learn Roberts Rule of Order?
 - Shawn assigned chapter out of the book – did their demos on it
 - Jenn– Older FFA kids help to keep the younger kids involved -perhaps reaching out
 - How are clubs doing with scheduling demonstrations?
 - Dawn – waiting in person
 - Kim– wait for the in person meetings demos
 - Jenn– demos online via zoom meetings – signup genius, 10spots per month
 - Sedalia spurs – doing it virtually, at the end of the meetings – giving dates
 - Linda– her club has the kids split up by having cloverbuds early come , parents at second location, and older kids run the meeting – last year she had kids could do the demo and post to facebook page – this year they are doing a signup genius – 10 kids each month, 3minute limit
 - Woodworking – school project can be used to enter fair? Match to the unit in woodworking to qualify it for the correct unity in County & State Fair
 - Kirsten will follow up with Nicole about this so we make sure the youth is entered into the correct unity
 - Entomology – Levels changes – consolidated – reason why? Where the next level would be after Level 1
 - Kirsten will follow up with Nicole about this so we make sure the youth is entered into the correct unity
 - Frances – Clubs donating to youth council to help support the youth council senior scholarships
 - Krisi Fitch – Are clubs are doing hybrid club formats? Club grew to just over the 25 person limit –
 - Dawn – did both, had signups to see who would come in person vs. who would do it online

- DC Rabbitears are hosting an in person showmanship clinic on March 8th at 7:15. If interested, please email dcrabbitears@gmail.com for more information no later than Friday the 5th. Please note that all rabbits MUST be vaccinated and the vaccination certificate must be provided prior to the clinic.
 - PERFECT opportunity for youth who are new to rabbit or are interested in owning a rabbit in the future! Come meet a great club with a ton of knowledge to get you off to the right start!

Next Meeting: Monday April 5th, 2021

Upcoming Important Dates

Some dates subject to change as we work with CSU on COVID protocols

Calendar Posted: <https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/resources/>

March

March 1st – Deadline to sign up for 4-H for the 2020-2021 Year

March 1st – Deadline to sign up for animal projects, shooting sports, and beekeeping

March 2nd – Vet Science Project Workshop – Via Zoom

~~March 3rd – Livestock Education Series – Tentative~~ Postponed until we can meet in larger groups

March 6th – Beef Tag-In

March 6th – Beekeeping Project Workshop at Kirk Hall

March 9th – Rescheduled Horse Level 3/4 Written Test Study Session @ 6:30pm -- Virtual

March 10th – Cloverbud Fun Night – Reimagined Format

March 17th – Record Book Training Part I – Animal projects: Horse, Companion, and Livestock

March 21st – Douglas County 4-H Buckle Series Horse Show

March 22nd – Horse Steering Committee @ 6:30 via Zoom

March 23rd – Rocketry Project Workshop

March 23rd – Shooting Sports Advisory Committee

March 25th – Spring Shoot Planning Meeting #2

March 27th – Poultry Workshop

March 27th & 28th – Spring Shoot

March 30th – Super Saturday Overview Session I

March 31st – Record Book Training Part II – Shooting Sports & General Projects

April

April 1st – Horse & Dog ID's & all paperwork Due

April 1st – Scholarship Applications Due

April 1st – Swine Tags available for pickup at the Extension Office

April 5th – Youth & Leaders Council Meeting

April 7th – Deadline to signup for Super Saturday Contests

April 13th – 4-H 201 ~ Intro to 4-H and Douglas County Fair & Rodeo

April 14th – Deadline to signup for MQA Training in DougCo

April 14th – Shooting Sports Meeting for all SS Parents & Members

April 15th – Deadline for SS Hunter safety & western heritage permission forms uploaded to 4Honline

April 17th – Cat Project Workshop

April 20th – Super Saturday Overview Session II

April 22nd – 23rd – MQA Training (Possibly April 21st as well)

April 24th – Super Saturday (Creative Cooks, Cake Decorating, Speech & Demo Contests)

April 26th – Horse Steering Committee @ 6:30 via Zoom

April 29th – All Swine ID Paperwork due to the office

April 30th – CO State 4-H Scholarships Due

Douglas County 4-H COVID-19 Protocol* as of 2/8/2021

(*Always subject to change)

NOTICE: No one should be meeting in groups face-to-face without written permission from Douglas County 4-H Agents Kirsten Cowan or Nicole Speeding. Requests must be sent in the form of an email.

Current Policy – Level Yellow

- **Up to 25 people*** are permitted in one area at one time (this number encompasses: members, leaders, parents, siblings, etc.)
 - *For larger clubs or clubs that would be interesting in hosting events/activities/meetings/educational workshops with more than 25 youth, contact the 4-H 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 4-H Agent.
- Everyone should maintain 6' of social distance from one another at all times.
- Face masks are mandatory while indoors and mandatory outdoors if 6' of distance cannot be maintained.
- 4-H is considered "Group Sports & Camps"
- More details can be found here: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial-dashboard>
- From the February 5, 2021 Colorado Public Health Order 20-36:
 - Distancing Requirements: To reduce the risk of disease transmission, individuals shall maintain at least a six-foot distance from other individuals, wash hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible or using hand sanitizer, cover coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly clean high-touch surfaces, and not shake hands.

Current exceptions from Colorado State University

- 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 this in motion.

Points of Contact – Douglas County 4-H Agents

- Kirsten Cowan – kirsten.cowan@colostate.edu
 - Email for permission for any group gatherings that relate to: all animal related practices/meetings/workshops/etc.
- Nicole Speeding – nicole.speeding@colostate.edu
 - Email for permission for any group gatherings that relate to: monthly club meetings, general project workshops, shooting sports practices/workshop and any STEM related gathering.

How to get approval for face to face meetings & programming:

- **Step 1**
 - Email the perspective agent with the below information:
 - 1) Leader name(s)
 - 2) Practice location address and how social distancing/masks/all current Colorado COVID-19 requirements will be followed
 - 3) Expected meeting schedule & layout
 - 4) Total expected participant number (& how you will handle if more than 25 want to attend)
 - 5) How you plan to offer an alternative method to this meeting for those who do not feel comfortable (Zoom, call in number, send out notes after meeting for member to sign and send back, etc.)
- **Step 2**
 - Receive written permission from the 4-H Agent to hold that meeting. The Agent will add the information to the exception through Colorado State University and send you the current rules and 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.
- **Step 4**
 - Send attendance to 4-H Agent following the meeting in a timely manner.
 - (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 4-H Agent updated of attendance and any changes that are made.
 - You do NOT have to ask permission for each individual practice if your numbers, locations & protocols remain the same.
 - IF you want to run a new or different type of event just send the above info for the new event to the 4-H Agent and we will get you squared away.

Identified Action Items Per Question

Middle Priority

#1.

- a. 4-H more known for agriculture and animals. Develop communication method to expand on all the things 4-H does.
- b. Developers a method for clubs to be more inclusive of other club projects members outside of state shoot practice

Top Priority

2 How do we want to be known in Douglas County?

- a. focus on youth development and leadership.
- b. positive youth development
- c. learn by doing making the best better
- d. get out in the community and show that 4-H is more than just animals.
- e. Set up an community event for all the different projects at calf and different 4-H clubs at fair.

Top Priority

#3 Theme: Clarity in communication & expectations

Action Items

- a. Communicate rules, deadlines, expectations early and clearly
- b. Video/Picture demonstrations and explanations for products (record books, showmanship patterns, what judges look for in market classes, etc)
- c. CONSISTENT communication (across everyone in the extension office & state office)
- d. Leader Manual (project vs. org) Job descriptions

Middle Priority

#4

- a. Create an adult leader training program like there is for the kids
- b. Pairing new leaders with experienced leaders in something of a mentorship program

#5

- a. Have project and org leaders meet regularly to recognize youth making positive progress and accomplishments. Perhaps for publication in the Blast / website.
- b. On a regular / semi-regular basis as an agenda item for club meetings solicit whether anyone has a life lesson to share from the month.

#6

- a. Create literature/content to recruit volunteers to partner with our youth highlighting the high points of giving to the youth program
- b. Create a volunteer outreach program to engage more volunteers, using positive impacts and examples that have been mentioned
- c. Youth based outreach to help the leaders get out of the rut of teaching or leading a project. Renew interest and motivation to continue to be involved in the program in new ways.

Middle Priority

#7.

- a. Knowing who to contact for questions.
- b. Conflict resolution techniques.
- c. Ideas on meeting format.
- d. Talk to other clubs on how they conduct a meeting.

#8

- a. Pair an experienced leader with a new leader to assisted with the process of leading.
- b. Have each leader make one slide about their 4-H story and what they are getting out of 4-H.
- c. Have leaders and older kids go to other clubs to help others.
- d. Rules for activities and shows are clearly communicated and are transparent prior to activity or show. Including any changes from previous years.

Middle Priority

#9

How to improve efficiencies: reduce leader paperwork

Short term Solution

- a. Simpler Registration Steps from 4-H to Fair to future registrations - streamline
- b. Flowchart/Graph Visual Registration Process . Provide video of registration process for each area such as livestock, companion animal, shooting sports, general projects, etc.
- c. Confirmation of registration information (reports, identify missing/incorrect information) prior to deadline
- d. Easy access to registration information (do not push out reports in emails, rather have access to information)

Long term Solution

- a. Provide technology to watch members progress throughout the 4-H process for leaders / parents / members to help mentor
- b. Setup technology like registering for CSU college classes where leaders are teachers, members are students, and parents are parents
- c. Tracking progress digitally
- d. Replace paperwork for digital
- e. Maintain historical information on 4-H members previous years projects progression for those projects that are based on qualifications from previous years and provide to leaders

#10

- a. A list of project leaders and expertise areas
- b. More meet and great opportunities for leaders
- c. All information on website as a static resource, Blast is reminder to check website for updates

Join Us For

CLOVERBUD

Games

FUN

Projects

NIGHT

Projects

Snacks

Date: Wednesday, March 17

Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Where: zoom

Why: To have FUN!

FUN

Deadline: Please register [HERE](#)
by **March 3**. Free to all Cloverbuds.

FUN

Open to all 4-H Cloverbud members

FUN

Questions? – Call Nicole or Sylvia at 720-733-6940



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION



4-H CAMP IN A BOX

- **When:** March 15th - March 19th & March 22nd- March 27th
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day
- **Cost:** \$25/box or FREE for no box
- **Location:** Zoom

Registration required by March 5th

<https://douglascsuextension.wufoo.com/forms/z187154i1hcd2gs/>

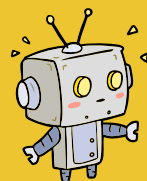
MONDAY

MAKE IT WORK



Get your gears turning by following along with these three awesome sessions!

- Junk Drawer Robotics
- Electricity
- Rocketry



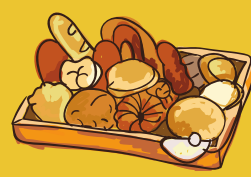
TUESDAY

TASTY TUESDAY



Put on your chef's hat and try out these tasty sessions!

- Food Safety (Cottage Foods Certificate)
- Bread in a Bag
- Cookie Decorating



WEDNESDAY

WACKY DIY



Show off your fun artistic side with this neat DIY project sessions.

- Scrapbooking, 1 page
- Tie-Dye
- Picture Frame Updo



THURSDAY

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY



Give back to your community by creating some neat homemade items you can share with others.

- Kindness Rocks
- Dog Toys
- No Sew Hat or Scarf



FRIDAY

FARM FRIDAY - AG LITERACY & UNDERSTANDING



Jump into the world of agriculture and have fun with this farm Friday sessions.

- Water Filtration Systems
- Corn Bio-Plastic Renewable Energy
- Food Facts - Ice cream in a bag



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Email questions to madelyn.granos@colostate.edu
- Supply lists are available & will be emailed out
- This is open to all Colorado 4-H members aged 8-18 years old



Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION





Share Your Photos With Us!

We love getting to support your projects. In return, we hope you can share any of your livestock and/or Big R product images with us!

Use the hashtag **#BigRProducingPartners** and **#bigrstores** as well as tagging our pages on Facebook and Instagram.

By using these hashtags and tagging our pages, you give Big R the right to repost and share your images through our own marketing channels.

If you are under the age of 18, please do not post without parent/guardian permission.

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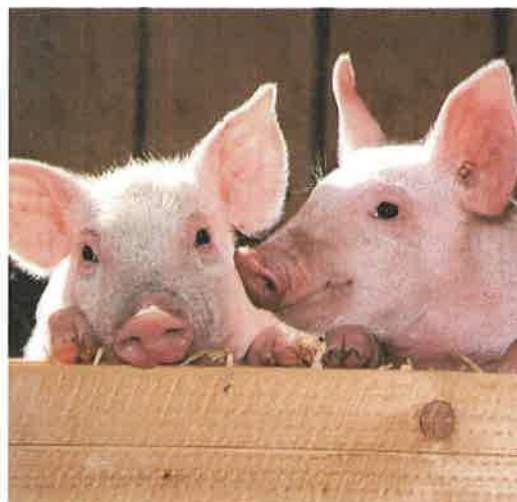


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We can't wait to see your projects!





Producing Partners 2021

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LEADER CONTACTED _____

CARD DONE _____

CHILD CONTACTED _____ PU _____

Big R is proud to support and encourage our 4-H, FFA, & other livestock exhibitors to join our **Producing Partners Program**. It is a large investment for the feed, supplies and clothing needed to be a livestock exhibitor and Big R wants to help and invite you to be a part of our program.

Big R has combined all of the traditional discounts we have offered in the past for feed, show supplies and clothing into one simple program. The combined amounts have been taken into consideration to determine how much support each **Producing Partner** will receive for the project they have chosen.

Big R will sponsor a maximum of 1 large animal and 2 small animals per participant. You may mix and match your 1 large animal and 2 small animals across 4-H, FFA, and other livestock exhibition programs as long as the maximum limit is not exceeded.

Listed below is the information needed to enroll in **Big R's Producing Partners** as well as the amount we will give for each animal you are raising.

INFORMATION NEEDED:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Chapter / Club Name: _____ ☐ FFA ☐ 4-H ☐ OTHER

Chapter / Club Leader Name & Phone#: _____

Please Enter Quantity of Animals (1 Large & 2 Small Max.)

Check the selected box for the following animals. Mark the # '2' if enrolling two of the same small animal.

Large Animals: ☐ HORSE - \$110 ☐ CATTLE - \$215

Small Animals: ☐ RABBIT - \$35 ☐ FOWL - \$35 ☐ CHICKEN - \$35 ☐ TURKEY - \$45

☐ DOG - \$50 ☐ LLAMA / ALPACA - \$60 ☐ GOAT - \$60 ☐ LAMB - \$65 ☐ SWINE - \$80

Important: All funds are issued on a Big R gift card after verification with Chapter/Club Leader has taken place. **Limits do apply.** Max of 1 large animal and 2 small animal sponsorships per person. **Start date to enroll is from March 1st, 2021 to April 15th, 2021.** Signup is limited to one Big R location. Signing at multiple Big R locations is prohibited. **Program is limited to groups that are considered in our trade area for each store.** This typically includes a radius of 15 miles from a Big R store with some exceptions. Program can be ended at any time should limits be reached.

Good Luck & We'll See You At The Fair!

2021 March Leader's Council Updates from General Projects, Shooting Sports & STEM 4-H Agent, Nicole Speeding



General Project Updates:

New: General and Shooting Sports will be displayed at the Events Center at the Douglas County Fairgrounds during Fair this year. Exhibit Day will also take place here. Exhibit Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 24th this year.

Calling all volunteers! Interested in helping out at Douglas County Fair in the General Project Displays? Reach out to me!

1. **Tuesday, March 2 at 6pm: Vet Science Project Workshop (Zoom)**
 - a. Register for workshop [here](#)
2. **Saturday, March 6 at 9am: Beekeeping Project Workshop (at Kirk Hall)**
 - a. Register for in-person workshop [here](#)
3. **Tuesday, March 23 at 6pm: Rocketry Project Workshop (at Kirk Hall)**
 - a. Register for in-person workshop [here](#)
4. **Tuesday, March 30 at 6pm: Super Saturday Q&A – Come learn what Super Saturday is all about! (via Zoom)**
 - a. Register for Zoom link [here](#)
5. **Wednesday, March 31 at 6pm: Record Book Training for all General Projects (via Zoom)**
 - a. Register for Zoom link [here](#)
 - b. This will be recorded for those who cannot attend.
6. **Deadline – Register for Super Saturday by April 7, 2021 at 5pm**
 - a. Register online [here](#)
7. **Wednesday, April 13 at 6pm: 4-H 201 – Intro to Fair (at Kirk Hall)**
8. **Tuesday, April 20 at 6pm: Super Saturday Q&A – Come learn what Super Saturday is all about! (via Zoom)**

- a. Link to register is under bullet point #4
9. **Saturday, April 24 at 8am: Super Saturday Contests (Cake Decorating, Speech/Demo & Creative Cooks)**
 - a. Link to register is under bullet point #6
 - b. **Link to rules for the contest:** <https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/programs-2/douglas-county-4-h-super-saturday/>

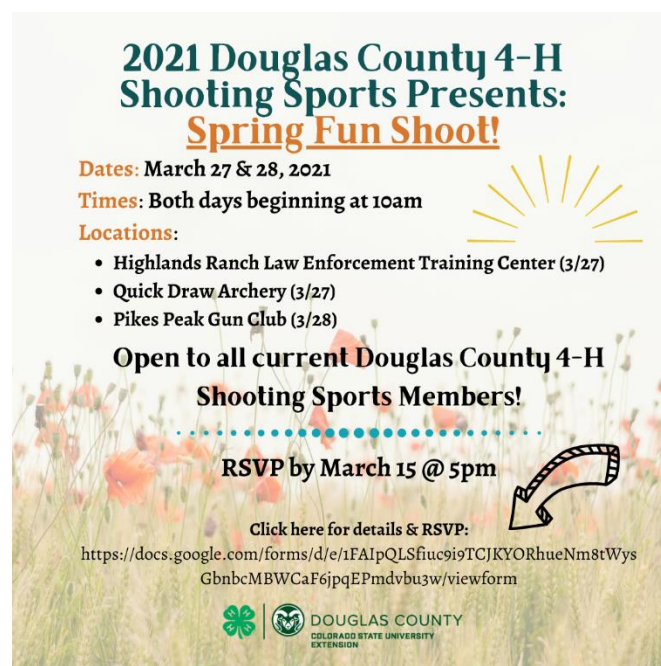


10. **Deadline – Enroll in all other General Projects (excluding Shooting Sports) by May 1, 2021**
11. **Deadline – Last day to drop all projects is May 1, 2021**
 - I am working on getting a **birdhouse woodworking workshop** for those in the project. That will likely take place in May/June.

Shooting Sports Project Updates

1. **Deadline – Pueblo County Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training Registration closes on Friday, March 5 at 11:59pm**
 - a. Sign up for this event in your 4-H Online profile
2. **Friday, March 5 – Sunday, March 7: Morgan County Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training**
3. **Deadline – Garfield County Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training Registration closes on Friday, March 12 at 11:59pm**
 - a. Sign up for this event in your 4-H Online profile
4. **Friday, March 12 – Sunday, March 14: Larimer County Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training**
5. **Saturday, March 13 from 12pm-6pm: Hunter Safety Completion Course taught by Eric Harper**
 - a. **Location: Ag Barn at CALF in Castle Rock**

- b. **Contact to register:** Eric Harper eaharper.co@gmail.com
 - c. Spots are limited to about 20 seats
 - d. See attached flyer, but **this course is mainly for 8-10 year old's** who need to obtain their HSC. 11-18 year old's are able to finish the entire HSC online until May 15, 2021.
6. **Deadline – Sign up for Spring Fun Shoot by March 15, 2021 at 5pm!**
 - a. Sign up [here](#)
7. **Deadline – Upload Hunter Safety Certification if you plan on attending Spring Fun Shoot by March 15, 2021 at 5pm!**
8. **Tuesday, March 19 at 6pm: Spring Shoot Planning Meeting #2 (via Teams)**
Invite: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
Or call in (audio only)
[+1 970-628-0547,,732738872#](tel:+19706280547732738872) United States, Grand Junction
Phone Conference ID: 732 738 872#
9. **Friday, March 19 – Sunday, March 21: Pueblo County Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training**
10. **Tuesday, March 23 at 6pm: Shooting Sports Advisory Committee Meeting (via Teams)**
Invite: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
Or call in (audio only)
[+1 970-628-0547,,112745242#](tel:+19706280547112745242) United States, Grand Junction
Phone Conference ID: 112 745 242#
11. **Thursday, March 25 at 6pm: Spring Shoot Planning Meeting #3 (via Zoom)**
Invite: [Join on your computer or mobile app](#)
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
Or call in (audio only)
[+1 970-628-0547,,112745242#](tel:+19706280547112745242) United States, Grand Junction
Phone Conference ID: 112 745 242#
12. **Friday, March 26 – Sunday, March 28: Garfield County Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training**
13. **Saturday, March 27 & Sunday, March 28: SPRING FUN SHOOT!**



14. Wednesday, March 31 at 6pm: Record Book Training for Shooting Sports Training (via Zoom)
 - a. RSVP for Zoom link [here](#)
 15. Friday, April 9 – Sunday, April 11: Virtual Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training
 16. Wednesday, April 14 at 6:30pm: All Parent and Member Shooting Sports Meeting (still deciding on virtual or in-person)
 - a. RSVP will come soon
 17. Deadline – Upload Hunter Safety Certification in order to practice with clubs and participate in County Shoot by Thursday, April 15 at 11:59pm
 18. Deadline – Last day to drop all projects is May 1, 2021
- Please see the following link <http://co4h.colostate.edu/ss/forms/jonathan-marr-scholarship.pdf> or attached information regarding the Jonathan Marr Memorial Scholarship opportunity.
 - **Common 4-H Shooting Sports Question Topics & Answers:**
 - **Equipment Rules & Competition Rules:** <http://co4h.colostate.edu/ss/forms/ss-rulebook.pdf>
 - **Hunter Safety Certification**
 - If your 4-H member is 8-10 years old, please see attached flyer
 - If your 4-H member is 11-18/19 years old, please see attached flyer
 - Once your 4-H member gets their HSC, they have it for life.
 - **Leader Certification Training**
 - This is for leaders who are wanting to become certified in a shooting sports discipline in order to help run a line during practice or competition. This training is not required of all parents, but for those who are wanting to become CERTIFIED on the line.
 - *More details on this:*
 - **A) If you have never been to an in-person Shooting Sports Certification, have not been an active Shooting Sports Leader for the past 2+ years, AND/OR have never been certified in that specific discipline you want to be certified in...**
 - It is **recommended** you attend an in-person training. Please note that you can only become certified in 1 discipline per training.
 - Trainings are \$135 per person.
 - See attached flyer for details
 - **B) If you have been to an in-person Shooting Sports Certification, have been active Shooting Sports Leader within the past 2 years AND you are trying to recertify in a discipline that you have already attended an in-person training for...**
 - It is **recommended** you attend the April 9th – 11th ONLINE training.
 - Unlike the in-person trainings – this is a general recertification that is **FREE**

- If you have a scheduling conflict or prefer the in-person trainings, you are not excluded from them. The online option is great option for those who do not have the resources to attend an in-person training.
 - **Contact Nicole for more info on the 2021 Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Training**
- **If you have been certified through law enforcement/military/etc. and are wondering if you still need to take the 4-H Training?**
 - The answer is **YES**.
 - Colorado 4-H has an extra positive youth development component to their trainings that is required in order to become a certified 4-H Shooting Sports Leader.
- **Western Heritage Member Eligibility**
 - All 4-H members must be 9 years old as of the start of the current 4-H year. Members must have completed at least one project year of 4-H Shooting Sports that includes live fire range experience with a firearm or air gun. No handgun use will be permitted for 4-H members enrolled in the Western Heritage project who are not 12 years old as of the start of the current 4-H year. Members must be 12 years old as of the start of the current 4-H year to participate in the handgun portion of the Western Heritage project. Members must have written permission from parent or legal guardian to participate in this project in compliance with the Gun Control Act of 1968 and the Youth Handgun Safety Act of 1994.
- **.22 Pistol Membership Eligibility**
 - All 4-H members must be 9 years old as of the start of the current 4-H year. Members must have completed at least one project year of 4-H Shooting Sports that includes live fire range experience with a firearm or air gun. Members must have written permission from parent or legal guardian to participate in this project in compliance with the Gun Control Act of 1968 and the Youth Handgun Safety Act of 1994.
- **Cloverbud Shooting Sports Policy**
 - Cloverbud age youth and younger are not allowed to participate in any 4-H Shooting Sports activity which includes Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, Western Heritage, or Hunting disciplines or equipment.
- **AR / Assault & Modular Platform & Primarily Tactical in design type firearms and air guns**
 - AR, Assault & Modular Platform and Primarily Tactical in design type firearms and air guns are not allowed in Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports events and activities. The Colorado 4-H Program Director has final determination regarding any information or matters not listed in these policies. Items that are not in the afore mentioned policies and not in the spirit of 4-H Positive Youth Development are subject to review and maybe considered outside of the scope.

STEM Program Updates

- **STEM 1st Flight has been a success thanks to the leadership of Robert Palmer!**
 - This was an 8-week series of building a 6' wingspan model airplane, while teaching 4-H members all about aerospace dynamics.
 - *The model airplane will be displayed at the 2021 Douglas County Fair in the Events Center*
 - Hoping to do this series again in January 2022



- **Health Rocks! Program**
 - I have been collaborating with other Douglas County 4-H team members and the Front Range 4-H Extension Agents to create a website for our Health Rocks curriculum.
 - Through the power of youth/adult partnerships, Health Rocks! instills in youth participants invaluable confidence and communication skills necessary to make responsible decisions and develop the internal strength to resist risky behaviors.
 - We are hoping to have this launched in the beginning of March
 - **Learn more here:** <https://4-h.org/parents/healthy-living/health-rocks/>
 - This program will be free!
 - **We hope to launch this program the second week of March**
- **Cookie Decorating Demonstration Workshop (Hosted by Arapahoe 4-H)**
 - Interested in cookie decorating?! Then come join us for the Cookie Decorating Demonstration that will be put on by our 4-H Alumni Julie Marie Shepherd Macklin, owner of Frosted Jules Cookies. She is an amazing cookie artist so you don't want to miss out! Registration opens on February 15.
 - Cookie Decorating Demonstration – **Friday, April 9 at 5:00 PM**
 - **Free event!** For youth ages 8-18.
 - Link to registration – <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/138791281459>



- **2021 Colorado State Fair 4-H Robotics Challenge Updates**
 - In today's world, automation using robots is commonplace and is a key enabling technology of our modern manufacturing and logistics systems. These systems use a variety of product identifiers such as barcode or UPC symbols, 2D barcodes or QR codes, character recognition, and RFID chips. Our warehouse system will use colored dots to identify each different product.
 - **Link to FAQ & General Rules:** <https://routt.extension.colostate.edu/2021-state-4-h-robotics-competition/>
 - **Stay updated with this competition here:**
<http://www.4hstemk12.colostate.edu/state-robotics-challenge/>
- **Entomology Virtual Session (Hosted by Arapahoe 4-H)**
 - Date/Time: March 6 at 9am
 - Come join us for a wonderful Entomology virtual experience open to Colorado youth ages 8-18. We have a new volunteer with CSU Extension Arapahoe County, Andrew Miller that wants to share his knowledge on this topic! Please click on the Eventbrite link for more information.
 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-entomology-learning-session-co-youth-only-tickets-138348298485>



Youth Council Updates:

1. **2021-2022 Youth Council Officer Applications are NOW OPEN until March 26, 2021 at 5pm.**

Here are the details...

- **Applications are due to Extension Office by Wednesday, May 26, 2020**
- *Late applications will not be accepted.*
- **Please read each officer description and requirement before applying for your preferred position. Click here for each officer description and requirement:**
<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/douglas-county-4-hleadership-resources/>
- **Elections will be held during the June meeting on June 7, 2021 at 6:30pm**
- There are certain age requirements per position
- Must be a current member in Douglas County 4-H and be a member in good standing.
- **Must send one letter of recommendation from a leader, employer, teacher, or youth organization, etc. to Nicole.speeding@colostate.edu by Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 5pm**
- Must also have a 2-3 minute prepared speech on why you want that position to present at the June 7th Meeting
- **Positions for 4-H AGE 10 AND UP:**
 - Shooting Sports Representative
 - 4-H Foundation Representative
- **Positions for 4-H AGE 12 AND UP:**
 - CALF Representative
- **Positions for 4-H AGE 14 AND UP:**
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Parliamentarian
 - Reporter
 - District 3 Senator
 - District 3 Alternate Senator
 - Fair Board Representative
 - FFA Representative
- **Applicants must attend the June Council meeting and be prepared to give a 2-3 minute election speech. If applicant is elected, there will be TWO required summer meetings in June and July.**

Important tips to keep in mind:

- **Make sure you read all of the requirements for the position you are applying for.**
- Youth Council is an extracurricular group that **greatly** benefits your preparedness for adulthood and professionalism. When requesting a letter of recommendation, please keep in mind that asking **at least 1 month in advance** is appropriate. Waiting until the last minute can be perceived negatively. Set yourselves up for success and be proactive!
- While the application is not officially due until May 26th, keep in mind that submitting a complete, thorough application ahead of time is perceived as responsible and intentional. **You have from March 1st – May 26th to complete this application.**
- Lastly, really put a lot of thought into this application and try to make it reflect who **you** are as much as possible. Don't try to do it all in one night.

Electronic application:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeL4jb1iYICj70c7fScjxaVOVzfg9f8qN7FECXeV0S55B0Y0A/viewform>

Hard copy application: attached to this email

I will accept either an electronic or hard copy of the application.



2. June Show Planning

- a. Details (more to come as it gets closer):
 - i. **Friday, June 4 & Saturday June 5**
 - ii. Friday species: Hogs and Beef // Saturday species: Goats and sheep
 - iii. **We need youth volunteers! Please reach out to Nicole or Kirsten if 4-H members are interested in helping at this event.**

3. Secondhand Sale for Youth Council Scholarship Fundraiser – April 24

- a. Multipurpose Barn
- b. Debbie Mills - Speaker