

Completing Your 4-H Project

4-H 201 – Intro to 4-H and the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo



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2024 Douglas County Fair: July 27 - August 4

Extension Programs are available to all without discrimination.



Introductions!

Extension Office

- **Mercedes Glenn-**
Extension Agent, 4-H
Youth Development -
Livestock
- **Jacie Rex -**
Extension Agent, 4-H
Youth Development

Fair Board

- Dean Elliot – Fair Board
President

Fair Staff

- Michelle Mannes – Fair Event
Coordinator

The Plan Tonight

1. Steps to complete a 4-H Project
2. What youth will be judged on
3. Expectations for County Fair
4. How to have a successful 1st Fair and summer with Douglas County 4-H
5. Understanding the paperwork
6. ONLINE ENTRIES
7. Fair – What to Expect

One question???

- **What is one question are you hoping we answer tonight?**
- **Please write it down.**

What does the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Mean to You?



Douglas County Fair & Rodeo
Sylvia says it best: Think of 4-H as the school year and Douglas County Fair & Rodeo has the fun end of year party. Where we can show off a year's worth of hard work and celebrate accomplishments.
and 4-H work collaboratively!

It is important to sign up for BOTH separately!

FAIR REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1!

Completing a 4-H Project

Required Steps to Complete a 4-H Project

- 1. Must be a 4-H member in good standing**
 - Demonstration, Community Service, Attend 2/3 club meetings, Adhere to Code of Conduct
- 2. Submit a completed record book & project by deadline for each project enrolled**
 - 1. General Projects/Animal Projects have specific deadlines.**
 - 2. Project Drop Date: **May 1st****
- 3. For animal projects, must have demonstrated showmanship skills**
 - Can be done with a Leader, Agent, County Show, or Douglas County Fair & Rodeo

Animal Project Record Books

- **Record Books for Animal Projects**
 - **Will be checked by leader prior to Fair (Late June or Early July Meetings)**
 - **Horse checked at Test Night in July**
 - **Due in its final form to Extension Office**
September 1st
 - **Leaders usually collect them mid-August**
 - **Will be available for pick up at Achievement Night in October**
- **Record Books for Animal Projects are available at:**
<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>
 - Resources such as training video, presentation, and rubrics found on project pages at:
<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/programs-2/>
- Youth **must complete Animal Project Record Books to at least 50%** or they will not be allowed to show at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo or complete their project.

Non-Livestock Record Books

- Record Books for non-livestock projects (General Projects, Consumer Science Projects, Shooting Sports Projects, County Projects) are turned in on **Exhibit Day, July 24, 2021**
 - **They must be turned in WITH project exhibit or project board** (will discuss this in a few slides)
- One Record Book required for each general project taken (*except* shooting sports – 1 book for all disciplines – however, you must document all expenses for every project in SS.)
- General Projects, Consumer Science Projects, Shooting Sports Projects & County Projects e-records can be found on the Douglas County Extension Website.
 - **•Information on Shooting Sports Projects:**
<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/programs-2/shooting-sports/>
 - **•Information on Family & Consumer Science Projects:**
<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/programs-2/family-consumer-sciencegeneral-projectscontests/>
 - **•Information on General & Natural Resource Projects:**
<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/programs-2/generalnatural-resources/>
 - **•Information on County Projects:**
<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/county-projects/>
- **Record Books & Projects must be COMPLETE!**

Exhibiting a Non-Livestock Project

- **Non-Livestock Project Exhibit Details**
 - Complete Fair Entry Registration for Douglas County Fair ONLINE –
 - **Rocket Fly Day –**
 - **County Shoot –**
 - **Exhibit Day – Saturday, July 20**
 - **Fashion Revue –**
 - Must do a display board or stand alone project **and** record book for **each** project taken (exception is Shooting Sports, discussed later)
 - Must get a red or blue ribbon (Quality ribbon) to attend State Fair

Exhibiting an Animal Project



- **Animal Project Exhibit Details:**

- Complete ShoWorks Registration for Douglas County Fair ONLINE –
- Animal Show Days at Douglas County Fair & Rodeo
 - **July 24 – August 8, 2021** – See Schedule for more details.
- Your animal(s) count as your “exhibit”. Your child *must* be entered in “Showmanship” class for each species!
 - With the exception of the Dog Show – However, these youth will have to exhibit showmanship outside of the County Fair to their leader to complete their project.
 - Market & Breeding classes are optional

Judging the Projects

What will they be judged on?

- **4-H Project Non-Livestock Score Sheets:**
<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/score-sheets/>
- **Douglas County Fair follows the same requirements/uses the same score sheets as the Colorado State Fair**
- **2021 Douglas County 4-H Record Book Rubrics for: Livestock, Companion Animal, Horse, and Dog can be found on their project pages at:**
<https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/programs-2/>

Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Information



- **Douglas County Fair Website:** <http://www.fairandrodeofun.com/>
- **Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Competition Rules posed**
 - <http://www.fairandrodeofun.com/>
 - Please note the draft dates – State 4-H rules were published and slight changes are being proposed to align the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo CR with those where appropriate.
- **Be sure to keep an eye on the 4-H Blast for any updates**
 - Be sure to sign up for the **Douglas County Fair & Rodeo newsletter:** <https://bit.ly/3g5qHBZ>
- **All Fair Classes and Divisions listed** – Will be sent out as we get closer to June
 - New for 2021 – Additional registration support for animal projects – Be on the lookout for emails about this as we get closer to Fair Registration opening.
- **Fair Schedule** – Will be sent out as we get closer to June

Next up... State Fair!



- If your non-livestock project qualifies for State Fair:
- **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**
- Pick up your project(s) from the Events Center on Sunday (Aug 4, 2024) during release time and take to Extension Office
 -Or fix items and bring to office the following week
 - You must sign a release form for us to take to State Fair and enter for you
 - You must make a new cake, breads, etc. if these items are ***perishable***
 - Very large items cannot be transported by our staff
 - Talk with Nicole if you think your project might be too large

Next up... State Fair!



- **Animal Projects! Organized Chaos :-)**
- All a bit different ~ Be sure to check out the CSF Website
 - <https://coloradostatefair.com/participate/>
- Dog Youth must qualify through Douglas County Fair & Rodeo
- Beef, Goat, Sheep, Hog, and poultry must nominate by their deadlines
- Poultry youth – TBD as APAI continues to hang around CO
- **ALL YOUTH MUST BE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AND COMPLETE ALL CSF REQUIERMENTS & DEADLINES**

Expectations for Douglas County Fair & Rodeo

Exhibit Day – July 20 at Events Center, Douglas County Fairgrounds

- Aside from County Shoot & Rocket Fly Day, Exhibit Day is considered the “start” of Fair for General Project members.
- Exhibit Day is 8 am – 5 pm
- Exhibitors will interview with a judge and present their project - for each project
 - You are not required to interview with a judge to have your project “completed” for the year, however many 4-H members find tremendous value from this opportunity!
 - Interviewing also helps your project come to life & could help with the judging process.
- Time slots are assigned for each interview – Nicole will email Interview Times as we get closer
- Project Books and Project Exhibits (Poster Board or Stand Alone) are brought to Exhibit Day at 8 am and turned in ahead of the interview time

Exhibit Day – Continued
(General, Consumer Science, Shooting Sports & County Projects)

- What to Expect on Interview Day/Exhibit Day – July 20, 2024
- Check in procedures
- Waiting for the judge
- Project Only Drop Off



Club Duties at Fair

- Event Center Duties
- 4-H Promotional Booth Activities (Discovery Ranch)
- 4-H Dress Code
- 4-H Code of Conduct
- Clean up after yourselves
- Clean up after shows
- Setup Day
- Tear Down Day (Aug 8th)
- Ambassadors to the community
- **HAVE FUN!**



Douglas County Fair & Rodeo – Where to Start?!

Forms & Deadlines

- Important forms and deadlines to watch for:
 - **Animal Projects:**
 - Animal ID's
 - MQA
 - Animal Care & Housing
 - Breeding Dates (Rabbits)
 - Purchase Dates/Age (Poultry)
 - Show Ring Code of Ethics (Horse)
 - CSF Nominations, Entries, DNA, etc.
 - ***We know there are a lot of deadlines, but we will be there to help you every step of the way***



Entry For Fair- 100% ONLINE!!

- ALL Entries including: Cloverbuds Primary Fair, Exhibit Day, County Shoot, Fashion Revue, Rocket Fly Day & Livestock/Horse/Dog/Cat/Llama

Online Entries

- <http://www.douglascountyfairandrodeo.com/junior-division/>
 - **Details, Directions, Checklists, etc.**
 - **Fair Entry Link will be sent out to 4-H community as we get closer to June.**
- **“Junior” Division means YOUTH**
- **Registering for Fair is as easy as Shopping online**
 - Pick what you want
 - Review your “cart”
 - Submit!
 - If problems with cart – Contact Douglas County Extension Office at 720-733-6940

Surviving & Thriving
at Fair – Project
Entries that need
extra attention 😊

Cloverbuds Primary Fair – July 20

- Must Register online by **June 16, 2021**
- Can have a project interview and that is also an online registration by June 16, 2021
- Fun activities around a theme
- Fashion Revue
- Etc.

FUN. FOOD.
AND GAMES



Fashion Revue – August 6, 2021

- Online registration
- Private judging (first)
- Public show (second)
- ***Any clothing item made for the 4-Her, by the 4-Her (no accessories) will be able to be modeled.***

Must be enrolled in: Clothing Construction, Heritage Arts, Leathercraft, Artistic Clothing or Buymanship Projects. Enroll by May 1!



Shooting Sports (2 Entries in Fair Entry)

- 1st Entry – Exhibiting the project (required)
 - Complete Entry ONLINE- **Due June 16, 2021**
 - Choose Project Board or Stand Alone or Decorative Item
 - 1 Entry for all shooting sport projects, regardless of how many disciplines are taken
 - Must choose which discipline to exhibit

Shooting Sports (2 Entries in Fair Entry)

- **2nd Entry - County Shoot**

(not required to participate for your project to be "complete")

- Complete Fair Entry ONLINE-
- **July** (Thursday) – Archery (4pm start)
- **July** (Friday) – Air Rifle and Air Pistol (4pm start)
- **July** (Saturday) - .22 rifle, .22 pistol, Muzzle loading, Western Heritage (ALL DAY EVENT @ Highlands Ranch Law Enforcement Range)
- July (Sunday)- Shotgun Events (ALL DAY EVENT @ Pikes Peak Gun Club)
- Day of shoot: Arrive at registration time with equipment
 - Two lines- one for targets and the other for equipment check
 - Bring release form for Saturday events
- Awards at end of each day's event – tentative this year
- Youth should know if they would like to attend the State Competition (they must tell us that day) – tentative this year

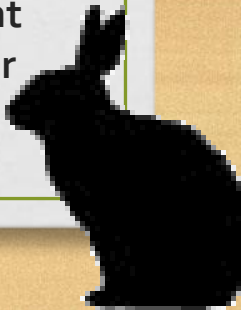
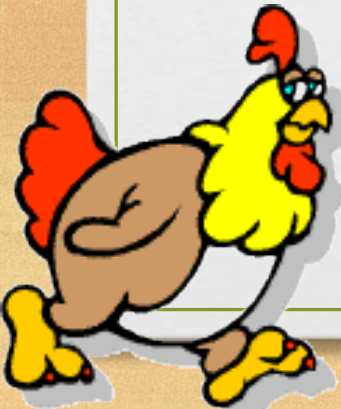
Horse

- **July 16th** – Horse test night & Record Book Checks
– 6PM
 - Youth must attend and take a test and get their record books checked by Mercedes.
 - Youth and adults must attend and review their entries for fair. (last chance to verify classes)
 - Test is required to compete for High Point

Poultry/Rabbits –ONLINE AT ID DAY

or at home following ID Day

- The classes you enter will be identified at Poultry ID Day: June 9th and Rabbit ID Day on June 11 & 12
- A copy of your ID form with entry information is provided to the youth and you can enter online right then and there at ID day (we set up computer stations) or take your information home to enter yourself.
 - We encourage you to do other Junior Exhibitor entries prior to poultry ID day, but do not suggest entering poultry entries until ID day so that the information is correct.
 - We do recommend completing your junior exhibitor entries right there at ID day where we can help you as all Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Entries are due June 16th with no exceptions.



Douglas County Fair & Rodeo

Junior Livestock Sale

- Much deeper dive at the next Livestock specific info session **May 11th**

Quick Facts

- **How do I qualify for the sale?**
 - Register for Livestock Market classes
 - All Grand and Reserve Champions must sell
- **Mandatory Sale Meeting For ALL Kids- August 6th at 8am**
 - If they do not attend, they do not sell.
- **Substituting State Animals?**
 - Must have class placing top 3 of species, must notify Superintendent in writing before Sale Committee Meeting, Grand and Reserve not eligible.
- **Participating in the Sale is a privilege not a right!**
- **Youth should be connecting with community partners and potential buyers throughout the year and doing the best they can to bring their buyers to the sale – don't leave it to chance.**

Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Chain of Command

- **ALWAYS** start with show/event superintendent
 - Don't know who they are? They will have superintendent t-shirt on, a name tag, or just ask someone.
- 4-H Agent (Nicole Speeding or Kirsten Cowan)
- Fair Coordinator – Michelle Bartlett
- Fair Board Member – (Ex: Hayden Schmidt, Dean Elliot)
- All three parties work together, so we can help get you to the appropriate person! 😊

Opportunities to Serve at Fair

Exhibit Day – July 24, 2021 @ Events Center

- **Runners - 4-H Youth Volunteers needed**
- **Judges Assistants - 4-H Parent Volunteers needed**



Fair Club Duties

- Events Center Duties – Volunteers!
- 4-H Promotional Booth Activities (Discovery Ranch)
- Community educational events (animal education, agriculture education, tours, scavenger hunts, etc)
- Clean up after yourselves
- Clean up after shows
- Setup Day (August 5th for Event Center AND July 30th for Barns)
- Tear Down Day (Aug 2th)



Wrapping Up

Questions you had!!

- From the Beginning



Support

- Who to ask???

- Your Club Leader
- Other members in your club
- Extension Office: 720-733-6940
- 4-H Agents
 - Nicole Speeding: nicole.speeding@colostate.edu
 - Kirsten Cowan: kirsten.cowan@colostate.edu
- Fair Office: 720-733-6900
- Fair Coordinator, Michelle Bartlett: mbartlett@douglas.co.us
- Website: Douglas County Extension
www.douglascountyextension.org
- Website: Douglas County Fair & Rodeo
<http://www.fairandrodeofun.com/>



Communication and Support

EMAIL

- 4-H Thursday Blasts – email updates each week.
- 4-H Project Specific Emails
 - Nicole's General Project Biweekly Updates
 - Kirsten's Animal Project Updates (Typically monthly/As needed)
- Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Emails: <https://bit.ly/3g5qHBZ>

Facebook Pages:

- Douglas County, Colorado, 4-H
- CSU Extension, Douglas County
- Douglas County Fair & Rodeo

Websites

- Douglas County Extension
www.douglascountyextension.org
- Douglas County Fair & Rodeo
<http://www.fairandrodeofun.com/>



Phone calls

Staff

Douglas County 4-H Staff & Fair Staff are here to help you!

- **Nicole Speeding:** 4-H Agent (General, Consumer Science, Shooting Sports & County Projects)
- **Kirsten Cowan:** 4-H Agent (Livestock)
- **Madelyn Granos:** 4-H Program Associate
- **Kyle Christensen:** County Director
- **Sylvia Worcester** (4-H Administrative Assistant) – general projects, Exhibit Day
- **Hayden Schmidt:** Fair Board, Co-Chair Show Management
- **Dean Elliot:** Fair Board, Chair
- **Michelle Bartlett:** Fair Staff/Coordinator







Questions and Evaluation

- More questions?
- Please help us improve by completing the evaluation!

THANK YOU!!!