

4-H ENROLLMENT

REGISTER IN 4HONLINE TODAY

ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE TO COLORADO STATE
UNIVERSITY BY CHECK, CASH OR CARD

Returning Members, pay
dues before Dec. 31st to
avoid a \$25 Late Fee



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What's New This Week

- Creative Cooks Contest Registration is OPEN
- Sedalia Mountaineers Club Toy Drive - Bring a new/unwrapped toy by this **Friday AM** to the Extension Office to donate to needy families
- Agriculture Livestock Career Tours
- Follow Douglas County 4-H on Socials!

IMPORTANT DATES

Douglas County 4-H Calendar

December 19

Cloverbud Activity Night - CSU
Extension Office at 5:30pm

December 24-25, Jan 1

CSU Extension Office Holiday
Closure

December 31

**Last Day for Returning
Members to Register for 4-H
without Late Fees**

January 5

Leadership Development
Conference (LDC) Registration
Deadline

January 7

Firing Up on Livestock
Education - Health and
Disease - South Metro Station
42 - Parker

January 15

Shooting Sports Advisory

Join the CLOVERBUD Activity Club
Practice 4-H meeting procedures
and participate in learning about
Ceramics

December 19th @ 5:30-6:30pm
Bring a Gift to Exchange < \$15



at the Douglas County
Extension Office
410 Fairgrounds Road
Castle Rock, CO
RSVP BELOW

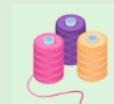


DOUGLAS COUNTY
CLOVERBUDS

**December Cloverbud
Activity Club RSVP -
Required to participate**

Save the Date -

January 16th Cloverbud
Activity Night - Learn
about Sewing!



**Need to add another
email to receive the
blast? Submit an email
here!**

Announcements

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY CSU EXTENSION OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED TO OBSERVE HOLIDAYS ON...

- **DECEMBER 24th-25th**
- **JANUARY 1st**



THE DOUGLAS COUNTY CSU EXTENSION OFFICE
WILL HAVE LIMITED STAFF AVAILABILITY TO
ALLOW OUR TEAM TO CELEBRATE HOLIDAYS
WITH THEIR FAMILIES ON...

- **DECEMBER 23rd - JANUARY 2nd**

PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE AND PLAN
ACCORDINGLY. WE ARE HAPPY TO
ACCOMODATE WITH PRIOR
COMMUNICATIONS

2024-2025 4-H ENROLLMENT

2024-2025 4-H ENROLLMENT IS OPEN



NOW THROUGH MARCH 1ST

CALL 720-733-6340
WITH QUESTIONS

- **Returning 4-H members who enroll and pay dues BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST will pay \$60 each**
- **Returning 4-H members who enroll and pay dues AFTER DECEMBER 31ST will pay \$85 each**
 - **\$60 Enrollment Fee + \$25 Late Fee after December 31st = \$85**
- **New 4-H members are able to enroll until March 1st, 2025, without a late fee, \$60 each**
- **All 4-H members must enroll by March 1st, 2025, NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **All Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) will be \$40 each, year-round.**

**ALL MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED
AND PAID BY MARCH 1ST, 2025.
ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS**

Pay annual enrollment fees online, [click here](#), or by cash, check, or card to the CSU Extension office in Douglas County. Financial assistance is available upon request.

Complete enrollment means annual dues are paid and youth are approved within 4HOnline.

Enroll in 4HOnline now! Click here!

Click here to pay annual dues online!

Local Opportunities

SEDALIA MOUNTAINEERS

TOY DRIVE

Accepting Donations Through
20 DECEMBER 2024



**Join the Sedalia Mountaineers 4-H Club in spreading holiday cheer
with our annual Toy Drive!**

**We are partnering with the Outlets at Castle Rock to ensure every
child in our community has a magical holiday season.**

**We invite other 4-H clubs to participate by bringing new and
unwrapped toys to the CSU Extension Office by **Friday AM,
December 20th** or delivering to the Outlets at Castle Rock drop off
locations.**



**Registration now
open!**



**2025 Front Range Regional
Creative Cooks Contest**

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Adams County Regional Park

9755 Henderson Road, Brighton

**Register for Creative Cooks Contest on February 22nd!
Registration open now through February 7th.**

Creative Cooks is a fun contest where you can learn more about and be creative with meal planning. You select a theme, prepare food and create a table setting around your chosen theme. This contest gives youth a chance to show their knowledge of nutrition, meal planning and food preparation in a creative way!

The contest will be held on Saturday, February 22 in the Waymire Dome Building at the Adams County Fairgrounds. The cost to enter is \$6 per member.

The 2025 Colorado Specialty Food Ingredient - Eggs

Register here: <https://forms.gle/EpK2DCqcw3Sj9Gh48>

\$6 per member, pay here:

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/FPWNJHZEPR4Q6QL2Z7NQZBXL>

Creative Cooks Contest Rules and Regulations



Explore 4-H learning online with CLOVER - Start **HERE!**

"Proud to Be Colorado 4-H" T-shirt for sale - \$10 each

Leadership Opportunities

Do you have your 4-H



Registration now open in 4-H Online!

Leadership Development Conference
January 25-27, 2025
Denver, Colorado

Cost: \$215
4-H Ages: 14 and up!



Contact Local Extension Office for details and deadlines

[More info @ LDC tab](#)

[Schedule of Events](#)

[Hotel Reservation Form](#)

Colorado 4-H Leadership Development Conference
Registration is now OPEN
in 4honline!

January 25th - 27th, ending with 4-H Day at the Capitol

- **State Deadline to register is January 5 @ 11:59 PM**
- **No cancellations after the deadline. If you are inviting any special guests to the banquet, please add that information to ONE Adult Staff registration.**
- **Registration Fee: \$215 for 4-H Ages 14 & up and Adults, this does not include hotel. Meals that are included will be Saturday Banquet (Dinner) and Sunday Lunch.**
- **Youth Council will pay 1/2 of the Registration Fee for youth.**
- **Registration and payment are due to the Extension Office NO LATER THAN January 6 by 5 p.m.**

Summer 2025 International Opportunity

[Link to Recorded Informational Session](#)

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Summer 2025

Colorado 4-H

is going to... **NORTHERN ITALY**
June 3-12, 2025

Colorado 4-H is embarking upon an opportunity to travel on a cross cultural experience to learn about Agriculture in Italy

Learn more about this exciting educational opportunity during an informational Zoom session: December 10, 2024, 6PM

During the informational session, we will discuss:

- What we'll see and do: This is an **ag-focused** tour with unique hands-on activities. We will visit producers and experience off-the-beaten path tourist highlights. We begin in Turin and end in Nice, France.
- Travel Logistics
- How to earn high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options and how to enroll!

**** This trip is available for 4-H members ages 14-18 years as of January 1, 2025**

Join us at the virtual meeting for more details!

For more info contact
Colorado State 4-H Office
Dawn Sanchez ~ (970) 491-0255
dawn.sanchez@colostate.edu

Scan with the QR code to attend the meeting!
www.4h.org/sum25

[Click here for Application](#)

General Projects

[4-H General Project Manual Order](#)

New this year!!!

ANIMAL EDUCATION GENERAL PROJECT

Do you have a love of animals outside of horses, pocket pets, and cats that you'd like to explore but owning that animal is not an option? Or have you been interested in exploring the science side of a breeding or market project? NEW this year, we are starting a general project for animal education just like horseless horse, pocket pets, or cats!

You will use the manual for the species that you choose for the year and select an area that you'd like to learn. You will use the "Self-Determined" record book for this project. This project is only available on the county level and NOT eligible for State Fair.

Please contact Mercedes Glenn for more information!

Shooting Sports

Members new to Shooting Sports this year: Please refer to these [Helpful Information and Links](#). All Shooting Sports members are required to complete the **Colorado Hunter Safety Class** including a Live Fire Test. Please see more information below.

[Douglas County 4-H Shooting Sports Webpage](#)

Douglas County 4-H Hunter Safety Education Course

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday February 22nd

**Location: Colorado Parks and Wildlife Service Center
6060 Broadway, Denver, CO 80216**

This course is only for 4-H youth. This location will allow for more youth to participate. Registration will be capped at 60 participants. First come, first serve, this class will fill up quickly. The registration link will be posted in the 4-H blast only.



SAVE THE 2025

SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING DATES

- **March 7-9, 2025: Morgan County**
 - (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, and Archery)
- **March 14-16, 2025: Weld County**
 - (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, and Archery)
- **March 21-23, 2025: Pueblo County**
 - (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
- **March 28-30, 2025: Garfield County**
 - (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)

Registration information will be available in January.
All volunteers must be enrolled and approved in
4HOnline before they can register for the trainings.

Companion Animal



[Find an ARBA Show Here](#)

Attention Rabbit Showmen!
Click the link above to find
local ARBA Shows
throughout the year!

Horse

January 27
Horse Steering Committee

meeting - CSU Extension Office
at 6:30pm



Livestock Opportunities



FIRING UP ON LIVESTOCK EDUCATION



DOUGLAS COUNTY
EQUINE AFFAIRS OFFICE
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Times will be 6-7 p.m. *All dates are TENTATIVE*

- **October 29: Animal Selection**
 - DC Extension Office Basement
- **November 20: Nutrition**
 - Station 181, Franktown, CO
- **December 18: Animal Care and Housing**
 - Pradera Fire Station, Parker, CO
- **January 7: Health and Disease**
 - South Metro Station 42, Parker, CO
- **February 18: Feeding Livestock**
 - South Metro Station 46, Parker, CO
- **March 13: Advocacy for Ag and Livestock**
 - Location TBD
- **April 3: Record Keeping**
 - Extension Office Basement Castle Rock, CO
- **May 14: Show Ring**
 - Castle Rock, CO
- **June 4: Master Showmanship Clinic and Competition**
 - Douglas County Fairgrounds

PRIZES ARE AVAILABLE!!!

RSVP here!: <https://forms.gle/ByGY5mpfYBghRW2U9>

Firing Up on Livestock Education RSVP

Mercedes and the DC Livestock Advisory Committee are

excited to present the Firing Up On Livestock Education Series. Each month will focus on a different topic and be held in different parts of the county in an effort to bring educational programming closer to you! Prizes will be available for each session (show equipment, 4-H branded swag, etc.) The next topic will cover Animal Health and Disease and will be held at the South Metro Station #42 in Parker. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Email Mercedes.glenn@colostate.edu with any questions. We're excited to see you there!

Agricultural Career Tours

The Colorado State 4-H Office is excited to be partnering with the CSU Ag. Department to offer Agricultural Tours for groups that may be traveling to Denver for the NWSS 4-H day. On January 17 & 18, 2025 groups can choose to visit a feedlot, packing plant, dairy operation, or cattle reproduction business.

[Tour Dates and Information](#)

[Register by December 30](#)

Each tour has a capacity of 20 participants, so be sure to sign-up early if interested in attending. Please share the attached flyer with your 4-H families. The registration deadline is December 30 or until the tour is full.

Other Opportunities & Scholarships



COLORADO 4-H scholarships



Visit <https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/> to learn more about the scholarships available. There are opportunities available for a variety of students, including for those attending CSU or other universities, trade school, junior colleges, transfer students, and continuing students.

OPEN NOW!

**ATTENTION 4-H SENIOR
YEAR MEMBERS!
APPLY TODAY!**



Attention 4-H Senior Year Members:

Colorado 4-H awards scholarships annually to outstanding youth who have actively engaged in Colorado 4-H clubs for at least three years.

The scholarship process is open from December 1, 2024, through March 1, 2025.

Scholarship recipients will be announced in May 2025. There are opportunities available for all kinds of students, including those attending CSU or other universities, trade schools or junior colleges, transfer students, and continuing students. We encourage our 4-H participants to apply.

For more information on the scholarship process and scholarships available, visit <https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/>



Canvas Foundation will be offering a brand new 4-H scholarship opportunity to current or future CSU students.

The deadline to Apply is February 25, 2025. [Click here to Apply](#)

All scholarship recipients will be invited to the 2025 Canvas Scholarship Banquet which will take place in Thorton on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

4-H Scholarships

Canvas Foundation is proud to partner with Colorado State University Extension to offer **\$1,000** scholarships to 4-H students that are currently attending CSU or planning to attend CSU in the coming year.



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 - [@csudouglascoextension](#)
- Stay up to date with our website! Be sure to check the [calendar](#) for upcoming dates.
 - <https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/>

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**All Blast Submissions Must Be Sent into the Office by 12:00 PM the
Wednesday Before You Would Like Your Information Added**

Effective March 1st, 2023

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