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IMPORTANT DATES

Douglas County 4-H Calendar

December 12
4-H Leader Training -
Rescheduled for Feb 13th

December 16
Horse Steering Committee
meeting - CSU Extension
Office at 6:30pm

December 18
Firing Up on Livestock
Education Series - Pradera
Fire Station at 6:00pm

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**

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

Cloverbud Activity Club
RSVP - Required to
participate

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

November Youth Council
Secretary Report

November Leaders
Council Secretary Report

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

Running Rovers 4-H Dog Club Spirit Day

Thursday, December 12, 2024
6:00 am - 10:00 pm

Join us at either Chick-fil-A Castle Rock location on December 12th for a Spirit Day and 10% of the day's tagged sales will be donated to the Douglas County 4-H Club Running Rovers.

For a fast and easy experience, order through the Chick-fil-A App using the mobile destination of your choice: Mobile Dine-in, Mobile Carry-out, Mobile Drive-thru, or Curbside. On the order review screen, make sure to toggle the "Support Community Care Event" button and enter the code 'rovers' (case-sensitive) so that your order is tagged in our system.

SEDALIA MOUNTAINEERS

TOY DRIVE

**Accepting Donations Through
18 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 will be collecting toys now through our December club meeting on 12/18.

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

SAVE THE DATE - Creative Cooks February 22, 2025

The Creative Cooks Contest will be on February 22nd this 4-H year! Please mark your calendar for this fun event. It will be hosted at the Adams County Dome.

The Creative Cooks contest is an opportunity for members to showcase their creativity while learning more about meal planning, nutrition, and food safety. Registration information will be coming out soon.



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

«Passport to Success?»

Registration now open in 4-H Online!

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

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

 **Beyond Ready**

Contact Local Extension Office for details and deadlines

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**

[More info @ LDC tab](#)

[Schedule of Events](#)

Hotel Reservation Form

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
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 14-18yo 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

Register with this QR code to attend the meeting!

rsvp.oftours.com/wmjth9

Colorado 4-H is going to... Northern Italy!

I'm excited to share that Colorado 4-H is embarking upon an opportunity for members ages 14 -18 as of Jan. 1, 2025 to travel on a cross-cultural experience to learn about **Agriculture in Italy**. There is a very short window

for kids to sign-up and space is limited. Please share this with your members through social media and other communication methods.

New Brief

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Sign up for the informational session by going to rsvp.eftours.com/wmjtfh9

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

Shooting Sports Member Reference Manual

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

December 16

Horse Steering Committee meeting - CSU Extension Office at
6:30pm

Livestock

Livestock Opportunities






FIRING UP ON LIVESTOCK EDUCATION



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~~
 - ~~Location TBD~~
- ~~February 18: Feeding Livestock~~
 - ~~Location TBD~~
- ~~March 13: Advocacy for Ag and Livestock~~
 - ~~Location TBD~~
- ~~April 3: Record Keeping~~
 - ~~Location TBD~~
- ~~May 14: Show Ring~~
 - ~~Location TBD~~
- ~~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 Nutrition and will be held at the Franktown Firehouse. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. Email Mercedes.glenn@colostate.edu with any questions. We're excited to see you there!

Other Opportunities & Scholarships

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.

CONTACTS

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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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