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### What's New This Week

- Returning Members, Enroll for the 2024-25 4-H year before December 31st to avoid \$25 Late Fee.



### IMPORTANT DATES

### Douglas County 4-H Calendar

**December 31**  
**Last Day for Returning Members to Register for 4-H without Late Fees**

**Jan 1**  
 CSU Extension Office Holiday **Closure**

**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 Meeting - CSU Extension Office at 6:00 pm

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

**Sewing**

**January 16th @ 5:30-6:30pm**



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



DOUGLAS COUNTY  
**CLOVERBUDS**

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

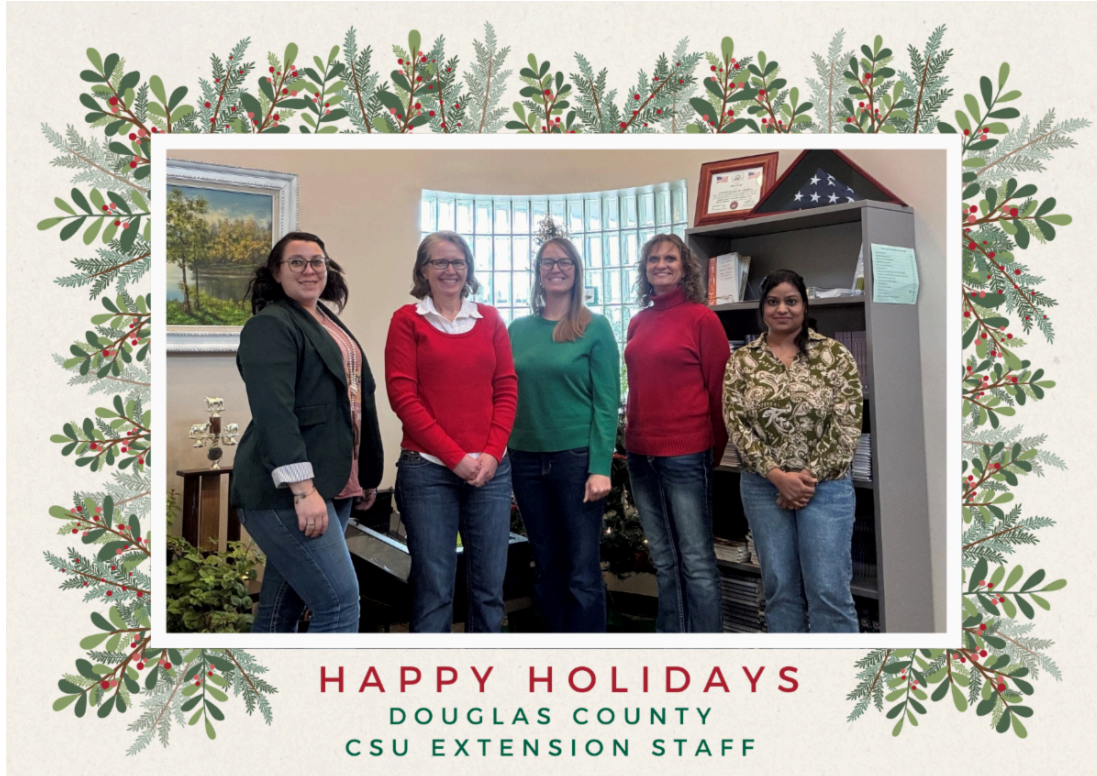
Need to add another email to receive the blast? Submit an email [here!](#)

**January 16**  
Cloverbud Activity Night - CSU  
Extension Office at 5:30 pm

**November Youth Council  
Secretary Report**

**November Leaders  
Council Secretary Report**

## Announcements





Happy Holidays and a Joyful New Year

Thank you on another successful year everyone!  
You've all been all-stars and we can't wait to see what  
we'll accomplish in the year to come.

From the Douglas County 4-H Staff

## 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**



**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/FPWNJHZEPR4Q6QL2Z7NQQZBXL>

[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

A promotional poster for the Leadership Development Conference. The background features a passport and a pen. The text "Do you have your 4-H" is at the top. Below it, "Passport to Success?" is written in a large, handwritten font. Underneath, it says "Registration now open in 4-H Online!". The main title is "Leadership Development Conference" followed by "January 25-27, 2025" and "Denver, Colorado". At the bottom left, it lists "Cost: \$215" and "4-H Ages: 14 and up!". At the bottom right is the "Beyond Ready" logo, which is a green four-leaf clover with the letters F, H, H, F in the leaves. A green banner at the very bottom says "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 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.**

[More info @ LDC tab](#)

[Schedule of Events](#)

[Hotel Reservation Form](#)



## Summer 2025 International Opportunity

[Link to Recorded Informational Session](#)

[Click here for Application](#)

# General Projects

4-H General Project Manual Order

# 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

**January 27**  
 Horse Steering Committee  
 meeting - CSU Extension Office  
 at 6:30pm



# Livestock Opportunities



## FIRING UP ON LIVESTOCK EDUCATION



DOUGLAS COUNTY  
 EDUCATION WITH DIFFERENCE  
 1.234.5678

**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](mailto: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!**

**Beyond Ready**

**TRAIL**  
THE COLORADO 4-H

**BEYOND READY**

### 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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  - [@Douglas County, Colorado, 4-H](#)
- Connect with us on Instagram.
  - [@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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