

# 4-H ENROLLMENT IS OPEN

## REGISTER IN 4HONLINE TODAY

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



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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Douglas County 4-H Calendar

##### December 6

Youth Council Holiday  
Dance - Douglas County  
Fairgrounds Kirk Hall at  
6:00pm - Bring a dessert!

##### December 11

Shooting Sports  
Advisory Committee  
meeting - CSU Extension  
Office at 6:00pm

##### December 12

4-H Leader Training -  
CSU Extension Office at  
6:00pm

##### 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

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

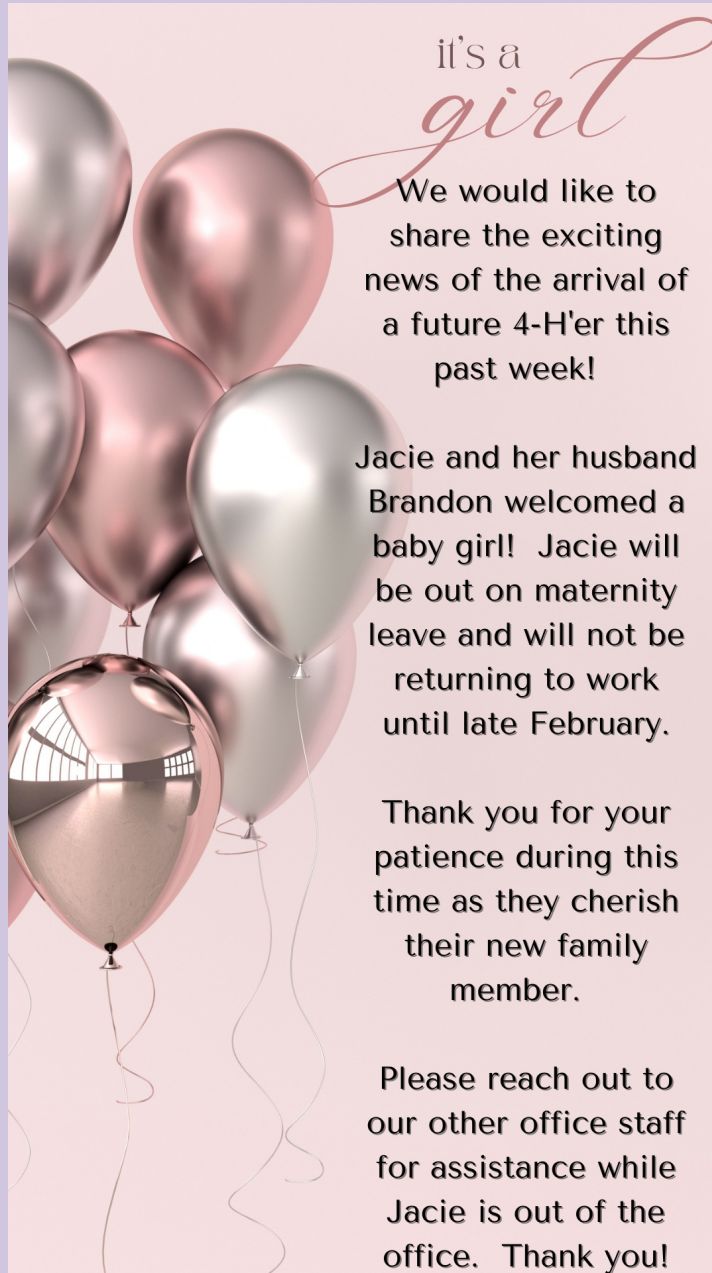
**Cloverbud  
Activity Club  
RSVP - Required  
to participate**

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

**November Youth  
Council Secretary  
Report**

**November Leaders  
Council Secretary  
Report**

# Announcements



We would like to share the exciting news of the arrival of a future 4-H'er this past week!

Jacie and her husband Brandon welcomed a baby girl! Jacie will be out on maternity leave and will not be returning to work until late February.

Thank you for your patience during this time as they cherish their new family member.

Please reach out to our other office staff for assistance while Jacie is out of the office. Thank you!

#### **For Assistance while Jacie is Out:**

- For questions about Youth Council, the Holiday Dance, fundraising, or project completion please contact Mercedes Glenn [mercedes.glenn@colostate.edu](mailto:mercedes.glenn@colostate.edu)
- For questions about shooting sports please contact Guinevere Nelson [guinevere.nelson@colostate.edu](mailto:guinevere.nelson@colostate.edu)
- For questions about enrollment or general projects please contact Sylvia Worcester [sylvia.worcester@colostate.edu](mailto:sylvia.worcester@colostate.edu)
- For questions about Cloverbuds please reach out to Julie Tanaka. [julie.tanaka@colostate.edu](mailto:julie.tanaka@colostate.edu)
- For questions about National Western Stock Show, please contact Pratima Chandra Kumar [pratima.chandrakumar@colostate.edu](mailto:pratima.chandrakumar@colostate.edu)
- All other inquiries can be sent to the general Douglas County account. [info.douglascoextension@gmail.com](mailto:info.douglascoextension@gmail.com)

## 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**

**ACCOMMODATE 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

Get Ready to Rock Your Ugliest Sweater!



## YOUTH COUNCIL UGLY SWEATER Dance

**Friday, December 6th | 6-10pm**

**Cost: \$5 dollars per person or \$25 per family  
All donations will be given to St. Jude Children's Hospital.**

**Bring a fun snack or treat to share! There will be a  
craft for members as well! All 4-H'ers, families, and  
volunteers are invited to attend.**

**Kirk Hall, Douglas County Fairgrounds  
500 Fairgrounds Road, Castle Rock, CO**

## 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.



**DOUGLAS COUNTY**  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXTENSION

# DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H *Leader's Training*

**What:**

All approved 4-H volunteers welcome and encouraged to attend. We will cover a broad range of topics- some fun, some more serious, but helpful to supporting you and role in Douglas County 4-H

**When:**

December 12, 2024  
from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Where:**

Douglas County CSU Extension Office.  
Please RSVP by December 9th with this link - <https://col.st/mT2HQ>



**For questions regarding this training, please contact Guinevere at the Douglas County Extension Office 720-733-6940**

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<https://col.st/DWMJA>

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!

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO MURDOCH'S

Murdoch's generously donated funds to the Douglas County 4-H program, generated through their Round Up at the Register this summer.

Murdoch's Home and Ranch Supply through their statewide partnership with Colorado 4-H donated \$8,853 to the Douglas County 4-H program.

Thank you to Murdoch's of Castle Rock and Parker for this donation and all your year-round support.



"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

**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.
- 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](#)



[Learn more about Citizenship Washington Focus Here!](#)

### **Citizenship Washington Focus**

Rooted in legacy but reimagined for today, CWF is THE event for teens to learn leadership and communication skills through history, democracy, and our amendments.

For 7 days, teens from around the nation will gather to have meaningful discussions, hear from prominent speakers, influential leaders, and engaging young people who have created an impact. They will connect with 500 other teens and learn the skills they need to lead their local communities and become change agents to build a brighter future.

**CWF will be June 21-27, 2025 and Douglas County 4-H would love to send a representative!**

**What:** Citizen Washington Focus

**Where:** Washington, DC

**When:** June 21-27, 2025

**Cost:** \$2700 per youth

**Deadline to register: January 27<sup>th</sup> by 5 p.m.**  
Register via 4HOnline



## 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.eftours.com/wmjtfh9](https://rsvp.eftours.com/wmjtfh9)**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**

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** - June 3-12, 2025. An informational session will be held on **December 10, 2024** at 6:00 p.m. via zoom to learn more about this opportunity.

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- Travel Logistics
- How to earn high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options and how to enroll!

Sign up for the informational session by going to  
[rsvp.eftours.com/wmjtfh9](https://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

# 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.**

**Shooting Sports Member Reference  
Manual**

**Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Championships Results**

**2024 County Shoot Competition  
Results**

## **Companion Animal**

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

**[Find an ARBA Show Here](#)**

## **Horse**

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



## **Livestock**

**Livestock  
Opportunities**



**2024 Junior Division Supreme and  
Carcass Contest Winners**



# 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>

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](mailto:Mercedes.glenn@colostate.edu) with any questions. We're excited to see you there!

[Firing Up on Livestock Education RSVP](#)

## Other Opportunities

**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

### 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/>**

#### 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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