### ALL MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED IN 4HONLINE AND PAID ANNUAL DUES

ALL ANIMAL AND SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECTS MUST BE ADDED BY

# MARCH 1ST, 2025 ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

**NO EXCEPTIONS** 

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## What's New This Week

- Save the Date New Family Dinner April 21st
- Horse Project Opportunities
- Buckle Series Horse Show Volunteers Needed
- Dog Project Meeting Feb. 18th for ALL interested in Dog Project
- Summer Internships with CSU Extension Deadline Feb. 17th



## Douglas County 4-H Calendar

## February 13

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

### February 17

CSU Extension Office closed for Presidents Day

#### February 18

Firing Up on Livestock Education -Parker South Metro Station 46 at 6:00 pm

#### February 19

Dog Project Meeting - CSU Extension Office at 6:00 pm

#### February 21 & 26 4-H 101

2-21 Highlands Ranch Library at 4:30 pm 2-26 Parker Library at 6:00 pm

#### February 22

Creative Cooks Contest - Adams
County Regional Park - Dome

#### February 23

DC Buckle Series Horse Show - Indoor Arena @ Fairgrounds -

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



RSVP for 4-H Leader Training

Firing Up on Livestock Education Feb. 18th - Feeding Livestock

7:00 am

#### March 1

Deadline for 4-H Enrollment Deadline to Add Animal or Shooting Sports Projects

#### March 1

Beef Tag-in Pavilion @ DC Fairgrounds

#### March 3

Youth and Leaders Council Meetings - CSU Extension Office at 6:30 pm



RSVP for Livestock Education

2025 Exhibit and Contest Rules are now Available!

4-H Exhibit Requirements

**4-H Contest Rules** 

## **2024-2025 4-H ENROLLMENT**



## DEADLINE IS MARCH 1ST

CALL 720-733-6340 WITH QUESTIONS

- 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, <u>click here</u>, 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!

# 4-H Youth and Leaders Council Meetings Next meetings will be on March 3rd

Meetings are held the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in the CSU Extension Basement Conference Rooms

All 4-H members are welcome to participate in the Youth Council meeting. Meet kids from other Clubs in the County, learn together and have FUN!

4-H Leaders and Parents are welcome to participate in the Leaders Council meeting for Adults. Bring your kids to the Youth meeting and meet other parents at the Leaders meeting!

**February Leader Council Minutes** 

**Ideas for FUN Games for Club Meetings** 

## **Local Opportunities**

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

February 20th @ 5:30-6:30pm

Douglas County Extension Office 410 Fairgrounds Road Castle Rock, CO



**RSVP BELOW** 



RSVP for Feb. 20 Cloverbud Activity Club RSVP Required to participate

## SAVE the DATE - Cloverbud Fun Night coming March 19th

Spring Break - 2 hour event of FUN for Cloverbuds in the **Wild West!** Registration coming soon at 4honline. You must be <u>enrolled in 4-H</u> to attend this event.





April 21

Dinner at 6 p.m. Where: Kirk Hall @ DC Fairgrounds

What: A dinner for all new 4-H families to attend and learn more information about our great program!

Please RSVP here: <a href="https://forms.gle/hEd4b24dFJjcJ5u19">https://forms.gle/hEd4b24dFJjcJ5u19</a>

**RSVP for New Family Dinner on April 21** 

## 2025 Front Range Regional Creative Cooks

Good luck to all of our Douglas County Kids participating Saturday, February 22, 2025

Adams County Regional Park 9755 Henderson Road, Brighton

**Creative Cooks Contest Rules and Regulations** 

## **General Projects**

**General Project Tips, Online Manuals and eRecord Books** 

**4-H General Project Manual Order** 

# DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H Cake Decorating Workshops



Please bring the required items found in the RSVP.



## Cake Decorating Project Workshops

March 6th - Unit 1 Workshop Kirk Hall 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

RSVP Here - Unit 1 Workshop by March 3rd

## **Shooting Sports**

**Douglas County 4-H Shooting Sports Webpage** 

**Shooting Sports Member Reference Manual** 

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

For the February 22nd 4-H class, this will be an Online + Conclusion Course (one day in person course). You can get started now to complete the Online portion that is required to be completed before attending the Feb. 22 Conclusion Class.

- Online course can be found here: <a href="https://www.hunter-ed.com/colorado/">https://www.hunter-ed.com/colorado/</a>
- Register for 4-H Conclusion Course here: <a href="https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/223706">https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/223706</a>

## **4-H Hunter Safety Education Class**

## **Saturday February 22nd**

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

# Registration is now open!

Click here to register.

# This is a first come, first serve opportunity and will fill up.

Please <u>read all instructions</u> in the registration, this is a conclusion course, only. If you are unable to go to this class, please make sure that you sign up for another one.

<u>Hunter Safety Cards are due to the office</u> <u>by April 15th. No exceptions.</u>

## **SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING**

Click here to Register in 4honline

Payment should be made to DC Extension

- March 7-9, 2025: Morgan County
  - o (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, and Archery)
  - o Registration open Jan. 24 Feb. 21



- (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery and Orion)
- Registration open Jan. 31 Feb. 28
- March 21-23, 2025: Pueblo County
  - (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
  - Registration open Feb. 7 March 7
- March 28-30, 2025: Garfield County
  - (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
  - Registration open Feb. 14 March 14

All volunteers must be enrolled and approved in 4HOnline before they can register for the trainings.

## **Animal Projects**

**Animal Project Tips, Online Manuals and eRecord Books** 

**Animal Project Manual Order** 

## **Companion Animals**



Find an ARBA Show Here

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



## Llama

### Do you Wanna, Show a Llama?

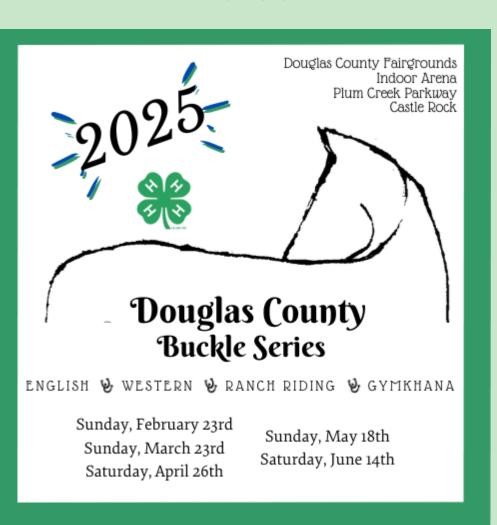
We are looking for more kids to join the Llama/Alpaca project this year and show at the Douglas County Fair! We especially need a few more Senior kids aged 14 - 18 yrs old.

Don't have your own llama? No problem! The Surry Family will work with families to borrow their llamas and train for the project and show!

Contact Kim Surry at <a href="mailto:kimberlysurry@yahoo.com">kimberlysurry@yahoo.com</a> to find out more!



## Horse



#### **Buckle Series Volunteers Needed in these areas**

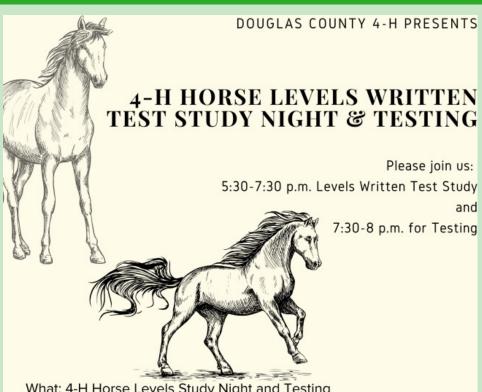
- Gate Person English / Showmanship
- Gate Person Western
- Gate Person Gymkhana

• Gymkhana Helpers - set up courses, flagger (many hands make light work with respect to setup)

Please contact <u>Mercedes.Glenn@colostate.edu</u> if you are available to help.

**Douglas County Buckle Series 2025 Show Bill** 

**Show Patterns** 



What: 4-H Horse Levels Study Night and Testing

When: March 5, 2025

5:30-7:30 p.m.: Levels Written Test Study Session

7:30-8 p.m.: Testing for Levels

Where: Kirk Hall at the Douglas County Fairgrounds

**RSVP HERE:** 

HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/UX82AM4E8U8XFVP27

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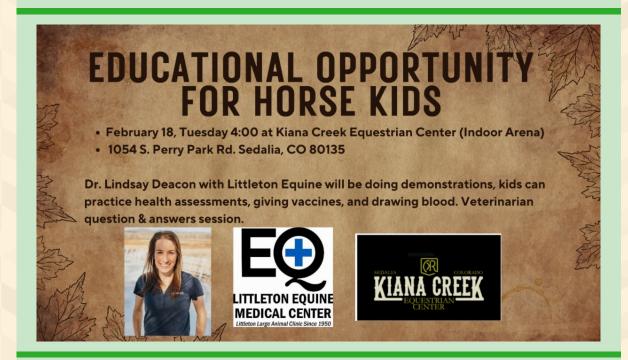
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#### **Jeffco 4-H Winter Classic Series**

All shows are open to anyone 8 or older, 4-H and non 4-H welcome. Registration for all the shows is on our website: <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/jeffco-4h-winter-series/home">https://sites.google.com/view/jeffco-4h-winter-series/home</a> [sites.google.com] There will be a 2 part gymkhana series in February and a 2 part pleasure series in March-April. All shows are at the Westernaires indoor arena at the Jeffco Fairgrounds with an indoor warmup area.





## Dog

Click here to RSVP for Dog Practices



What: 4-H Dog Project Meetings hosted by Cowboys

4-H Club

When: Tuesday Nights starting January 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Multipurpose Barns @ DC Fairgrounds

**RSVP by 5pm MONDAY:** 

https://forms.gle/cGccxxT4Jjsa6w399

If you do not RSVP you might not be able to participate. If RSVPs are low-practices are subject to cancellation. Other information:

- MUST BE ENROLLED in Dog Project
- · Dogs MUST be ID'd in 4HOnline
- Up-to-date on vaccinations
- No Aggressive dogs

Please contact mercedes.glenn@colostate.edu with any questions.

Click here to RSVP for Dog Project Meeting









### 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!

## Beef Tag-in Save the Date

Market Beef tag-in for DC Fair will be held on March 1, 2025. This will be the ONLY date available for exhibitors to tag their market beef projects for the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.



\*\*Beef tag-in update for 2025. Due to the conflict of the Showtimes Blackout Show being held over the same weekend as the scheduled beef tag-in, 4-H will be allowing for youth members that show at the Blackout to have an additional tag-in date. This date will only be allowed for youth that can furnish proof that they competed at the Blackout Show. Additionally, there will not be an option to weigh-in at this makeup date and all market beef not at the original tag-in will be required to have an up-to-date brand inspection dated before March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Additional Tag-In Date: March 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-9 a.m. at CALF Lowell Ranch please contact Mercedes with any questions. Please arrive as close to 8 as possible. Requirements to be able to attend the additional tag-in date:

- This is an opportunity for youth to learn more about their project and is a great in-State educational learning opportunity.
- Must furnish proof that the animal and youth showed at the Showtimes Blackout in Loveland. No other show will count for this additional tag-in date. If you are not attending the Blackout, you must be present at the March 1<sup>st</sup> tag-in date, no exceptions.
- Must have a Brand Inspection in the youth's name dated before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- This will be the only time that tag-in will be moved. No other species tag-in will be moved.
- Must contact Mercedes by February 28<sup>th</sup> to advise that the youth and animal(s) will be tagging in on March 8<sup>th</sup> instead of March 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Poultry**

- SAVE the DATE March 22 Douglas County 4-H Poultry Clinic -Multipurpose Barn
- Calling all Youth "Egg Entrepreneurs" we have been asked if we

- have any farm fresh eggs to sell. You are welcome to post a flyer at our office to sell your eggs. Eggs are a hot commodity now!
- We are gauging Interest in a Market Poultry Order, please let us know if you are interested by Feb 13th HERE
- Embryology Program Chicks available mid April to mid May Click here for details



Register HERE for Beef Blow n
Go Show



## OPPORTUNITES FOR THOSE IN THE GOAT PROJECT

Weld County Goat Extravaganza: April 25-27 Greeley, CO https://colodga.org/index\_files/Page497.htm

You WDGA Fuzzy Goat Show May 23-25 Cheyenne, WY http://wydga.org/

Colorado Summer Showdown: June 13-14 Brighton, CO

WDGA & Wyoming State Fair: Douglas, WY

CDGA Harvest Show: September 13-14 Longmont, CO

Black Hills Goat Show: Sundance, WY

You can also find Jackpots, Shows, and Clinics here: facebook.com/groups.543028621179651/?ref=share&mibextid=nsmwbt







Click on Image for Links

Sunglo Feed Webinar Feb. 19th

Ag Business Recordkeeping Class Feb. 14th



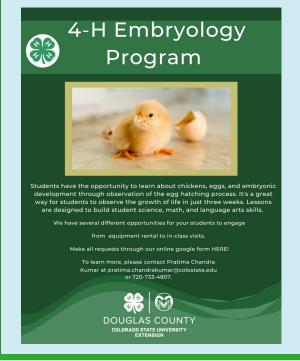


## **Educational Resources**

Request a STEM Kit - Click Here



Request an Embryology Kit - Click Here





## **Mental Health First Aid for Rural Communities**

Sign up for Mental Health First Aid training to learn how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use issues. This course is especially important for rural communities, where access to care can be limited, and will equip you with the skills to offer crucial support during a crisis.

Join us in strengthening our community's mental health resilience!

May 21st & May 22nd Signup

June 14th Signup



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

# Summer Internships & Scholarships

Apply for a Summer Internship with CSU Extension

Applications Due by February 17th Apply here: <a href="https://intern.colostate.edu">https://intern.colostate.edu</a>



Spend your summer gaining hands-on experience, addressing critical social and environmental issues across the state, supporting community change, and building career skills.

#### 10-Week Commitment

• 30 hours per week and flexible summer start dates

#### Wide Range of Topics

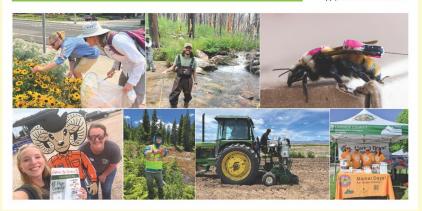
• Agriculture, natural resources, health, youth development, and more!

#### Compensation

- Undergrads: \$5,000, Grad students: \$7,000
- · Housing and travel reimbursement available

#### 2025 applications open January 13-February 17







#### **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 <a href="https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/">https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/</a>



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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- Stay up to date with our website! Be sure to check the <u>calendar</u> for upcoming dates.
  - <a href="https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/">https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/</a>

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8 am - 5 pm, Closed Fridays

## 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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For more information, contact Eric Ishiwata.

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