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## What's New This Week

- TODAY Firing Up on Livestock Education 6 pm at Extension Office
- SUPER SATURDAY Contest Registration Now OPEN at 4honline
- Rabbit/Cavy Roundoff
- CAHC 4-H Extravaganza Horse Show
- North Park Livestock Jackpot
- Fair & Rodeo Internship Opportunity

# **%**IMPORTANT DATES

# Douglas County 4-H Calendar

#### March 13

Firing Up On Livestock Education - CSU Extension Office at 6:00 pm

#### March 19

Cloverbud FUN Night - Kirk Hall at 4:00 pm

#### March 21

Club Officer Training - CSU Extension Basement at 9:00 am

#### March 22

Poultry Clinic - Multipurpose Barn (Northside) at 9:00 am

#### March 23

Douglas County Buckle Series Horse Show #2 - Indoor Arena at 7:00 am

#### March 24

Horse Steering Committee Meeting
- CSU Extension Basement at 6:30 pm

#### March 26

All Member/Parent Shooting Sports

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

New Families - Don't Miss the New 4-H Family Dinner coming up on April 21st



**RSVP for New Family Dinner** 

Meeting - Event Center at 6:00 pm

#### March 27

CO State Fair Beef Tag Pick-Up @Fairgrounds - Upper Parking Lot at 4:00 - 5:00 pm

#### March 31

Fair Foundation Scholarship Deadline

#### **April 1st**

Horse/Dog IDs Due 4-H Foundation and Project Grant Scholarship Deadline

Swine Tags Available for Pickup

#### **April 3rd**

Firing Up On Livestock Education - CSU Extension Office at 6:00 pm

### April 5th

District 3 Jamboree - Kirk Hall at 11:00 am - 3:30 pm

#### April 5th

Goat Fitting Clinic - Multipurpose Barn at 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

#### April 7th

Youth and Leader's Council - CSU Extension Basement at 6:30 pm

## April 15th

**Hunter Safety Cards Due** 

ALL HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION
CARDS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL
SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS.
DUE INTO 4HONLINE BY

## **APRIL 15TH, 2025**

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ACTIVITIES (PRACTICES, COMPETITIONS, ETC.)

# 2025 Exhibit and Contest Rules are now Available!

4-H Exhibit Requirements

**4-H Contest Rules** 

2025 Junior Division Competition Rules

# 4-H Youth and Leaders Council Meetings Next meetings will be on April 7th

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, practice your leadership skills, 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!

# **Local Opportunities**

**Cloverbud FUN Night March 19th** 

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





What: A dinner for all new 4-H

families to attend and learn

more information about our

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

great program!

Dinner

at 6 p.m.

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







## Saturday, April 12, 2025

Workshop starts at 10 a.m. & goes until to 4 p.m.

## <u>Douglas County Fairgrounds</u>, Castle Rock, CO.

Each participant will receive a leather project, a bag of supplies, practice leather, and awesome prizes!

The cost of the workshop is \$20 for youth age 8-18.

Leaders are free (We will probably put you to work!) and parents are welcome to come learn more about 4-H Leathercraft.

#### Please register soon!

We want to have enough project supplies for everyone!

This 4-H Leathercraft Workshop is being organized by <u>Kay Orton</u>, a 50 year 4-H Leathercraft leader. Please register with the Douglas County Extension office for the workshop.

If you have questions please call or email Kay Orton 970-216-9839 or kayorton@hotmail.com

Classes will be taught by several seasoned 4-H Leathercraft leaders from around Colorado.

4-H Leathercraft classes for all age groups and all levels of leaders

#### Lunch will be provided!

There will be some reasonable priced, new and used leather tools and leather working supplies for sale!

# 4-H Leather Craft LEADER TRAINING 2-4 p.m.

LEADERS-Please come spend the day with us, we will learn new ways to teach leathercraft and have some user friendly patterns and projects to share. From 2-4 p.m. Leaders will meet as a group and we'll go over the Colorado 4-H Leathercraft project requirements and a few new changes.

We'll answer questions about using the New Manual, 4-H Leathercraft Videos, & Leathercraft Leader Guide.

Bring all your leathercraft questions!

We'll find answers!

#### **Leather Craft Leaders**

Leaders are better leaders when they feel comfortable leading a project. Come Saturday, April 12 and learn some leather work teaching techniques to help your 4-H members learn leathercraft. Become familiar with the new leathercraft curriculum and experiment on some leather.

It is ok if you are just starting......or thinking about starting to be a Leather Craft Leader,

or if you have been a leader for many years.

We just want to help you be the best leader you can be.

All leathercraft leaders are welcome!

Register for Leathercraft Workshop at 4honline

## **Super Saturday Contest - Registration Now OPEN!**

Click HERE to Register for Super Saturday Contests

Save the Date for the Super Saturday Information Session on April 14th @ 5:30 pm via Zoom



<u>May 3rd, 2025</u> <u>Register via 4-H online</u>



# What is the Super Saturday Contest?



CAKE
DECORATING
CONTEST

SPEECH AND DEMO CONTEST

Join Jacie for a Zoom Information session to learn more about these contests. Click the link below for zoom information.

> <u>April 14th, 2025</u> @ <u>5:30 PM via Zoom</u>





Join us for this VIP experience where you'll meet with CSU faculty and instructors across campus, develop confidence in yourself and your future, and build college readiness skills.

Who: 10th - 12th Graders

What: 4-H Day at CSU - Cultivate Your Future

Where: CSU Fort Collins Campus When: March 27 - March 29

Cost: Hotel stay and all meals are included. Participants only need to cover

transportation costs.

Click Here to Register through 4-H Online, select the Event '4-H Day at CSU | Cultivate Your Future now through March 14th. Maximum of 50 youth, first come, first served.

# **General Projects**

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

## **4-H General Project Manual Order**

## **Updated Curriculum Posted**

The following documents have been updated on the State 4-H Website. Please notify 4-H families in your county/area.

- 2025 State Fair 4-H Exhibit Requirements Cake Decorating, Unit 7, was updated to allow royal icing.
- The <u>Leathercraft Leader Guide</u> is completely revised and improved to match the new unit structure.
- <u>Food Preservation Unit 2 Drying Judging Sheet</u> was updated to include a criteria for freeze dried fruits or vegetables.
- All Entomology <u>Judging Sheets</u> have been updated to match the new unit structure. (The Entomology Workbook is being revised.)

# **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. <a href="https://cpw.state.co.us/hunting/education-outreach">https://cpw.state.co.us/hunting/education-outreach</a>

REMINDER: Hunter Safety Cards are Due by April 15th Please take a picture of your card and email to <a href="mailto:info.douglascoextension@gmail.com">info.douglascoextension@gmail.com</a>

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## **All County Shooting Sports Meeting**

The all-County Shooting Sports Meeting is On Wednesday March 26 th at 6pm in the Douglas County Fairgrounds Event Center. 500 Fairgrounds Rd, Castle Rock, CO 80104

It is imperative to attend this meeting to learn about the shooting sports project and year. **Attendees will receive their specific practice card at the meeting**. Those who do not attend the meeting will have to pick up their practice card at the Douglas County Extension Office and discuss the missed materials with Jacie.

## SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

Click here to Register in 4honline

Payment should be made to DC Extension

- March 7-9, 2025: Morgan County
  - (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!



## Rabbit/Cavy Roundoff

Teller County will host their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Rabbit/Cavy Roundoff on June 14<sup>th</sup>. All 4-H members are welcome to participate. Members do not need to be enrolled in the 4-H project to register for the show.

## **Register HERE**



# Horse

Reminder: Horse Project ID's due by April 1st



## Next Show - Sunday, March 23rd

# **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

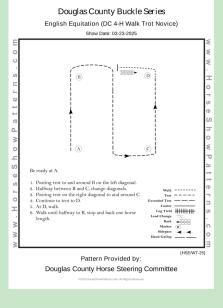
Mercedes.Glenn@colostate.edu if you are available to help.

Douglas County Buckle Series 2025 Show Bill



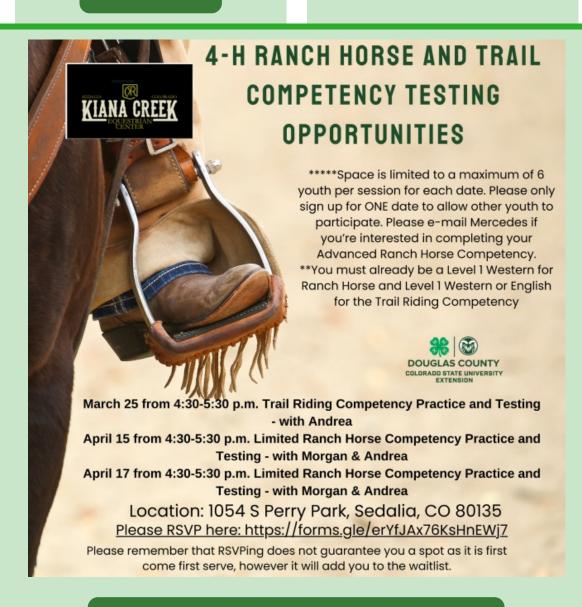
Statewide 4-H: Miniature Horse Camp Thursday & Friday June 5-6, 2025

**Register Here** 





**Show 2 Patterns** 



**RSVP for Horse Practice and Testing Opportunities Here** 



The Colorado Arabian Horse Club is excited to host our third annual 4-H Extravaganza in conjunction with the No Frills Spring Classic at the Denver National Western Event Center, **April 10-13th**.

This year, our Judge will be Ann Judge - Thunder's Rider for the Denver Broncos!!

#### Schedule:

Friday (April 11) 12:00-4:00 pm 4-H Check In 3:00-5:00 pm Open Schooling 5:30-9:00 pm Clinic Rotations.

#### 4-H Cost: \$250

This includes clinics, stall and all of the 4-H classes for which a participant is eligible. We will have additional All-Breed classes that can be added for the additional class fee. Shavings are not included and must be purchased through Sue Sayler and paid to the show. Entry Forms will be available soon on the CAHC website <a href="https://coloradoarabianhorseclub.org/colorado-arabian-horse-club-2/events/cahc-no-frills-show/">https://coloradoarabianhorseclub.org/colorado-arabian-horse-club-2/events/cahc-no-frills-show/</a>

Additionally this year, spectators will be able to view some amazing Saddlebred and Morgan horses along with the Arabian and Half Arabian classes. This is a GREAT opportunity for your county's judging teams as well!

# Dog

Reminder: Dog Project ID's due by April 1st

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

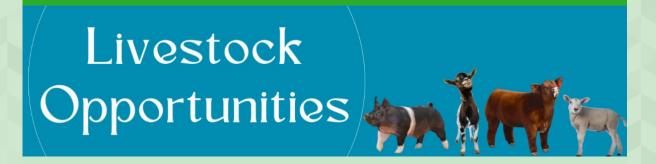
**RSVP by 5pm MONDAY:** 

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.







- March 13: Health and Diseases
  - Extension Office Basement Castle Rock, CO
  - o 6-7 p.m.
- April 3: Record Keeping and Advocacy in AG
  - Extension Office Basement Castle Rock, CO
  - o 6-7 p.m.
- May 14: Show Ring
  - Castle Rock, CO
  - 6-7 p.m.
- June 6: Master Showmanship Clinic and Competition
  - Douglas County Fairgrounds
  - o Clinic from 9-11 a.m.
  - Competition from 12-2 p.m.

\*All dates are TENTATIVE

# 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 Diseases and will be held at the South Metro Station #43 in Parker.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

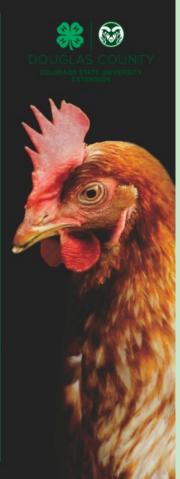
Email Mercedes.glenn@colostate.edu with any questions.

We're excited to see you there!

# **Poultry**

# 4-H Poultry Clinic

What: 4-H Poultry Clinic
When: March 22 from 9-11 a.m.
Where: South Multipurpose
Barns, Douglas County
Fairgrounds
Please RSVP here by March
20th:
https://forms.gle/AMtyfrGback
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## **RSVP for the Poultry Clinic on March 22nd**



Are you enrolled in an animal project and need a place to house your animal for this year? CALF has spots available for beef, swine, sheep, goats and poultry. You MUST apply for space no later than March 1st - no exceptions. You can find more information here: <a href="https://thecalf.org/calf-kids.html">https://thecalf.org/calf-kids.html</a>

Click for more Details about Animal Housing at CALF Ranch



Camp CALF!

Looking for a summertime adventure! Open to rising 3rd through 7th graders.
This is the perfect week for children who like animals, getting dirty and spending hours outside!

Camp CALF Page

CALF Summer Camp needs you!

Click the button below to Apply to

be a CALF Camp Counselor this summer. Applications are due by March 28th.

CALF Camp Counselor Application



Click Here for Information about Becoming a Big R Producing
PartnerEnrollment opens March 1st

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 <a href="http://wydga.org/">http://wydga.org/</a>

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



# **Educational Resources**

Request a STEM Kit - Click Here





This Spring Break, let kids explore, build, and create with our STEM kits! Perfect for learning through play and discovery.

Check one out from the DC extension office!

Make all kit requests through our online google doc form.
You can find the form by clicking the link HERE!



# Request an Embryology Kit - Click Here

• Embryology Program Chicks available - mid April to mid May - Click here for details



# 4-H Embryology Program



Students have the opportunity to learn about chickens, eggs, and embryonic development through observation of the egg hatching process. It's a great way for students to observe the growth of life in just three weeks. Lessons are designed to build student science, math, and language arts skills.

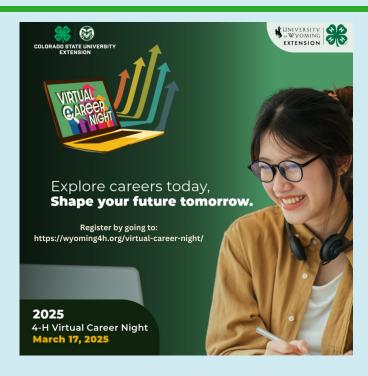
We have several different opportunities for your students to engage

from equipment rental to in-class visits.

Make all requests through our online google form HERE!

To learn more, please contact Pratima Chandra Kumar at pratima.chandrakumar@colostate.edu or 720-733-4807.





Ready to explore exciting career paths? From a veterinarian to journalist, from livestock nutritionist to natural resource investigator, and everything in between! Join us for an exclusive event where you can learn about various career options. Get your burning questions answered about degrees, internships, high school prep, and more!

Plus, don't miss out on door prizes and tons of fun! Learn more about speakers and topics

**WHEN:** March 17, 2025 - 6:00 p.m. (MDT)

**WHO CAN WATCH:** Any young person wanting to learn about career opportunities.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**: Online - Register for this free program and a Zoom link will emailed to you:

Register at <a href="https://wyoming4h.org/virtual-career-night">https://wyoming4h.org/virtual-career-night</a>



# 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!** 

# **Project Grants & Scholarships**

Visit our Website for Scholarship Details



4-H Foundation Scholarships and Project Grant Applications now OPEN through April 1st.

**Project Grants:** Apply now for a grant to support your current 4-H Project.

Graduating Seniors: Apply now for Scholarships for your future education

- 2 Year Institution
- 4 Year Institution
- Technical School or Certification Program/School



# Douglas County Fair Foundation Scholarship, Apply by March 31st

The Douglas County Fair Foundation is pleased to present 2 scholarships in the amount of \$1,500.00 each for the 2025-2026 school year.

Eligibility is for individuals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the Douglas

County Fair & Rodeo in support of the agricultural underpinnings and western heritage of Douglas County through 20 hours of volunteer activities.

Applicants should be currently enrolled in a two or four year academic program or a certification program or a trade school program for 2025. Please see attached application and submit a letter detailing the volunteer activity and how that activity helped gain experiences which have shaped their desire to be involved in the agricultural or western heritage industries.

**Douglas County Fair Foundation Scholarship Application** 

#### **National Youth in Action Awards**

Teen 4-H members aged 14-19 are encouraged to apply to the <u>4-H Youth in Action Program</u> to showcase how 4-H changed their lives and helped them change the lives of others. Four award winners receive a \$5,000 scholarship, professional and media development training, a trip to travel as a national youth spokesperson. Don't forget to have your outstanding 4-H'ers and/or their parents and volunteers register for our <u>February 26 Applicant/Parent Webinar</u>. This will be a great opportunity to learn how to submit a successful application for the Youth in Action Program. Here is a link to the <u>2026 YIA Application</u>. **Applications close on March 31**. Here are stories from previous winners:

- Meet Kaycie
- Meet Wyatt

## **Fair & Rodeo Internship Opportunity**

We're excited to share some great news! This opportunity came together much faster than anticipated, but we're thrilled to announce that we've been approved to add a brand-new seasonal internship position to support the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.



This additional role will make a huge impact, providing an extra pair of hands and a fresh set of eyesto help with the behind-the-scenes work that goes into making the Fair & Rodeo a success. The Fair & Rodeo Intern will play a key role inevent operations, sponsor relations, social media management, VIP event coordination, and more, gaining valuable hands-on experience while contributing to our strong and dedicated team.

#### **Position Highlights:**

- **\$20/hour** temporary position (May-August, flexible start and end dates)
- Work directly with Fair & Rodeo leadership on event operations, sponsor relations, and marketing
- Hands-on involvement in all aspects of the Fair & Rodeo, including daily preparation and execution

We'd greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word to potential candidates—whether they're students, community members, or anyone looking for an exciting, real-world experience in sports and event management. The full job description and application link can be found here:

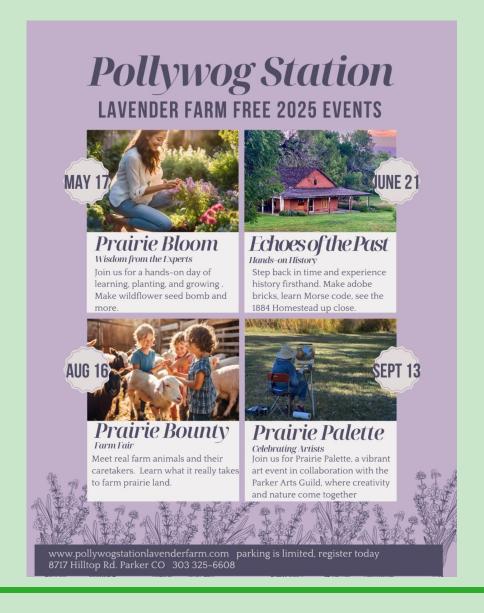
## **Apply Here**

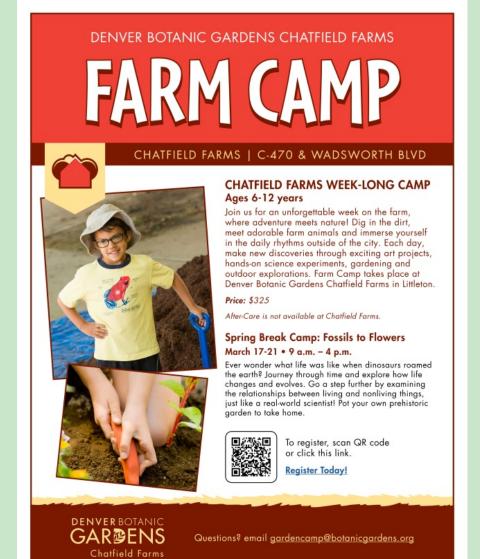
If you have any questions or know someone who might be a great fit, please

don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your support in helping us find an outstanding intern to join our team!

# **Community Opportunities**

Click on images below for Flyer Information





#### Follow us on Socials

- Connect with us on Facebook in our public and private groups.
  - @Douglascountyextension
  - @Douglas County, Colorado, 4-H
- Connect with us on Instagram.
  - @csudouglascoextension
- Stay up to date with our website! Be sure to check the <u>calendar</u> for upcoming dates.
  - https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/

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Any other inquiries can be sent to: info.douglascoextension@gmail.com

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Before You Would Like Your Information Added

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For more information, contact Eric Ishiwata.

https://col.st/0WMJA

Douglas County 4-H | 410 Fairgrounds Road | Castle Rock, CO 80104 US

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