



IMPORTANT DUE DATES
COMING SOON
APRIL 1st: HORSE & DOG IDs DUE
APRIL 15th: HUNTER SAFETY
CARDS DUE

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What's New This Week

- Reminder: All Shooting Sports Member Meeting - March 26th at 6 pm
- New Rabbit, Dog & Horse Show Opportunities
- Camp CALF Registration is OPEN for youth
- CALF Ranch Farm & Ranch Day May 10th
- CALF Showmanship Clinic & Blow n Go Showmanship Jackpot

 **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Douglas County
4-H Calendar**

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
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

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

**ALL HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION
CARDS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL
SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS.
DUE INTO 4HONLINE BY
APRIL 15TH, 2025
EMAILED TO Ext. Office**
(4HONLINE WILL NO LONGER ALLOW UPLOADS)
ANY MEMBER WITHOUT A HUNTER SAFETY
EDUCATION CARD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO
PARTICIPATE IN ANY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
ACTIVITIES (PRACTICES, COMPETITIONS, ETC.)


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

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

You are invited to:
NEW 4-H Family Dinner



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: <https://forms.gle/hFd4b24dFJcJ5u19>

RSVP for New Family Dinner

**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!

March Youth Council Meeting Minutes

Local Opportunities

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EASTERN SLOPE of Colorado



4-H LEATHER CRAFT WORKSHOP & Leathercraft Leader Training



Saturday, April 12, 2025

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

Douglas County Fairgrounds, 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 **Kay Orton**, 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

DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS 2025 SUPER SATURDAY CONTEST



CAKE DECORATING CONTEST

DOUGLAS COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS KIRK HALL
CHECK-IN AT 8:00AM,
CONTEST BEGINS AT 9:00AM



SPEECH AND DEMO CONTEST

CSU EXTENSION OFFICE
LOWER LEVEL
CONTEST BEGINS AT 9:00AM
ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE
YOUR SLOTTED TIME

May 3rd, 2025

Register via 4-H online



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.

April 14th, 2025

@5:30 PM via Zoom



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 Leathercraft Leader Guide is completely revised and improved to match the new unit structure.
- Food Preservation Unit 2 – Drying Judging Sheet was updated to include a criteria for freeze dried fruits or vegetables.
- All Entomology Judging Sheets 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](#)

All County Shooting Sports Meeting

The all-County Shooting Sports Meeting is On Wednesday March 26th 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.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT MEETING **SAVE THE DATE**

March 26th, 6:00-8:00PM

**EVENT CENTER, DC FAIRGROUNDS, 500
FAIRGROUNDS ROAD, CASTLE ROCK, CO**



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. <https://cpw.state.co.us/hunting/education-outreach>

REMINDER: Hunter Safety Cards are Due by April 15th
Please take a picture of your card and email to info.douglascoextension@gmail.com

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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)
- Registration open Jan. 24 - Feb. 21



- **March 14-16, 2025: Weld County**

- (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 AND CAVY RALLY
 May 3rd, 2025
 SMALL ANIMAL BARN (NEW BARN)
 EL PASO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 366 10th St, Calhan, CO 80808

Registration Begins at 9:30 a.m. with the show starting at 10:00 a.m.

RALLY INCLUDES:
 Concessions
 Show for rabbits and cavy
 Showmanship for rabbits and cavy
 Informational game
 Silent auction/door prizes

prices:
 \$4 per rabbit/cavy for the show
 \$2 per showman (optional)
 \$1 Informational game (optional)

Cash (exact preferred) and Checks ONLY

For questions, please email Kylie Farr at smiley.kyliejk94@gmail.com or Samantha Taylor at rabit_luver_5@hotmail.com

** If RHDV2 cases are within 25 miles of Calhan and within 45 days of the show, we will move the show to a different location or we will cancel the show.


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TELLER COUNTY 4-H
Rabbit & Cavy
ROUND OFF/CLINIC

June 14, 2025
 Mountain View United
 Methodist Church
 1101 Rampart Range Road
 Woodland Park, CO 80863

Welcome ALL 4-H'ers & 4-H Counties!

Activities

- Show for Rabbits/Cavy (Breed, Market, Pet Class)
- Showmanship for Rabbits/Cavy
- Informational Games
- Silent Auction/Door Prizes
- Concessions (Breakfast/Lunch)

CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 8:30 AM
SHOW STARTS AT 9:00 AM

Register Now

Preregistration is required by June 9, 2025.

Small fees to cover costs. Cash/Card accepted.

?? Melissa Orme 719-747-4183 ormem@tellercounty.gov

Rabbit/Cavy Roundoff

Teller County will host their 2nd annual Rabbit/Cavy Roundoff on June 14th. 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

Douglas County Fairgrounds
 Indoor Arena
 Plum Creek Parkway
 Castle Rock

2025



Douglas County
Buckle Series

ENGLISH | WESTERN | RANCH RIDING | GYMKHANA

Sunday, February 23rd
 Sunday, March 23rd
 Saturday, April 26th

Sunday, May 18th
 Saturday, June 14th

**Next Show - Sunday,
 March 23rd**
**Buckle Series Volunteers
 Needed in these areas**

- Gate Person - English /

Presented by
Pueblo County
Trailblazers 4-H Club

Ervin Ranch Arena
 3775 36th Lane
 Ayondale, CO 81022

REGISTER BY APRIL 21ST FOR AN
 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!

8 & OLDER

REGISTER NOW

Open Horse Show

May 4, 2025
 Office opens 8am
 Start 9am

EXHIBITIONS AVAILABLE

classes:
 barrels/poles/trail/ranch riding/
 boxing/box drive box drive box/breakaway

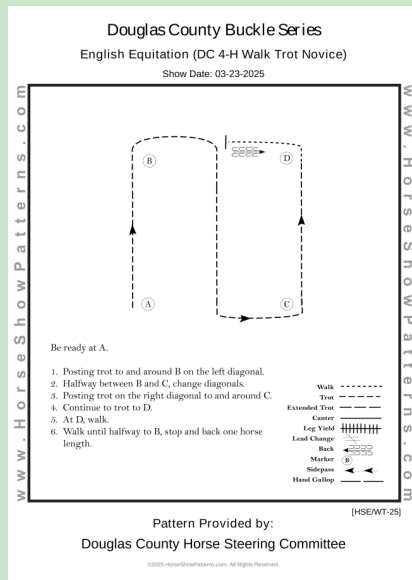
\$6 CLASS FEE
\$15 CATTLE FEE

E-mail, Call or Text, Any
 720-470-2379
trailblazerspueblo4h@gmail.com

- 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



Show 2 Patterns



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

Register Here





4-H RANCH HORSE AND TRAIL COMPETENCY TESTING OPPORTUNITIES

*****Space is limited to a maximum of 6 youth per session for each date. Please only sign up for ONE date to allow other youth to participate. Please e-mail Mercedes if you're interested in completing your Advanced Ranch Horse Competency.
**You must already be a Level 1 Western for Ranch Horse and Level 1 Western or English for the Trail Riding Competency



- March 25 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Trail Riding Competency Practice and Testing - with Andrea**
- April 15 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Limited Ranch Horse Competency Practice and Testing - with Morgan & Andrea**
- April 17 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Limited Ranch Horse Competency Practice and Testing - with Morgan & Andrea**

Location: 1054 S Perry Park, Sedalia, CO 80135
Please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/erYfJAx76KsHnEWj7>

Please remember that RSVPing does not guarantee you a spot as it is first come first serve, however it will add you to the waitlist.

RSVP for Horse Practice and Testing Opportunities Here

Show Dates: April 10-13, 2025



CAHC No Frills Classic Horse Show & 4-H Extravaganza

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



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CLASSES

- Showmanship
- Horsemanship
- Trail
- Ranch Rail Pleasure
- Hunter Under Saddle
- English Equitation
- Walk Trot/Jog Classes

4-H COST: \$250

Includes: Clinics, Stall, and all 4-H classes for which a participant is eligible at the National Western Event Center Denver, CO.

*Additional breed specific and all-breed classes may be added for the additional class fee.

**Shavings are not included and must be purchased through Sue Saylor and paid to the show.

4-H Classes will be split by age group,
13& Under and 14 & over, or by rider
experience as entries warrant.

Contact Us:



hockeyandhorsemom@gmail.com



<https://coloradoarabianhorseclub.org>

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 Saylor and paid to the show. Entry Forms will be available soon on the CAHC website <https://coloradoarabianhorseclub.org/colorado-arabian-horse-club-2/events/cahc-no-frills-show/>

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!

**Save the Dates April 25 - 17th - Statewide 4-H Horse Clinic
Registration will open at the beginning of April**

 **Save the Dates!! April 25, 26 & 27th** 
Statewide 4-H Horse Clinic
Colorado State Fairgrounds - Pueblo

Friday - April 25th

Mini Horse Clinic in the afternoon

Friday night will be classroom time with various topics and lessons

Dinner will be available for purchase



Saturday, April 26th

Clinic Sessions through the day
Western, English, Ranch, Cattle
Gymkhana

Saturday night will be classroom learning with different speakers & topics

Dinner available for purchase

Sunday, April 27th

Clinic Sessions through the day
Western, English, Ranch, Cattle
Gymkhana

This clinic is open to any enrolled horse project member in the state of Colorado, 4-H Program.

Levels Testing will be available

We have some great clinicians lined up for this year!!

Camper/LQ hookups will be available, as well as the Dorms.

**Tack Sale on Saturday and Sunday
(bring your items to sell, buy items you need)**

More information to come.

Registration will open the beginning of April

Hosted by Pueblo County 4-H
And organized by the Pueblo County Horse Superintendents

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Dog

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

Click here to RSVP for Dog Practices



DOG PROJECT 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.

Dog Show Opportunities

Poudre River Dog Show May
3rd

Dog Fun Match - May
10th

El Paso Dog Show - May
15th

Livestock Opportunities





SAVE THE DATE



DOUGLAS COUNTY

**JUNE LIVESTOCK
SHOW**



JUNE 6 & 7



WITH RYAN RASH
JUDGING BEEF AND HOGS!

PRESENTED BY DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H
YOUTH COUNCIL



DOUGLAS COUNTY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
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FIRING UP ON LIVESTOCK EDUCATION



DOUGLAS COUNTY
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- March 13: Health and Diseases
 - Extension Office Basement
Castle Rock, CO
 - 6-7 p.m.
- April 3: Record Keeping and Advocacy in AG
 - Extension Office Basement
Castle Rock, CO
 - 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
 - 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!



Camp CALF!

[Camp CALF Page](#)

[Register TODAY for Camp CALF](#)

CAMP CALF REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Ever wondered what it's like to spend summer days on a ranch—feeding chickens, exploring the creek, climbing trees, and making unforgettable memories? Now's your chance!

Camp CALF at Lowell Ranch is a fun-filled agriculture day camp where kids get to run, play, learn, and get their hands dirty while discovering the importance of agriculture from June 9th-13th.

Not for the faint of heart—you'll get muddy, wet, and maybe even a little smelly as you care for animals, track frogs and snakes, and tackle ranch chores. But we promise, you'll love every minute of it!

Spots fill up fast—register now to give your kids a summer adventure they'll never forget!



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: <https://thecalf.org/calf-kids.html>

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 for more Details about Animal Housing at CALF Ranch



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

Register HERE for Beef Blow n Go Show

EL PASO COUNTY PRESENTS BEEF BLOW N GO SHOW BREEDING BEEF CLASSES MARKET BEEF CLASSES SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES PRE-ENTRY is \$30 a head... DAY OF ENTRY is \$45 a head... SHOWMANSHIP is \$10 a head... PRIZES will be awarded to Grand and Reserve Champion in Breeding and Market EMAIL Emily.Green@colostate.edu for questions WEIGH IN 7:30-9:00 AM SHOW START TIME 10:00 AM April 5, 2025 366 10th St. Calhan, CO 80808

OPPORTUNITIES 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 https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aprt59...5ZyXf98ajYfE5BIDo5iv50a8/view?usp=drive_link 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=nsmbwt



Click on Image for Links

SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2025

JACKSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
686 JCR 42, WALDEN, COLORADO 80480

Educational Resources

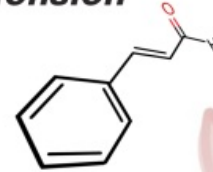
[Request a STEM Kit - Click Here](#)



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!**

Deposit:\$25 per kit (This fee is refundable if the kit is returned in good condition)



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.



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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**

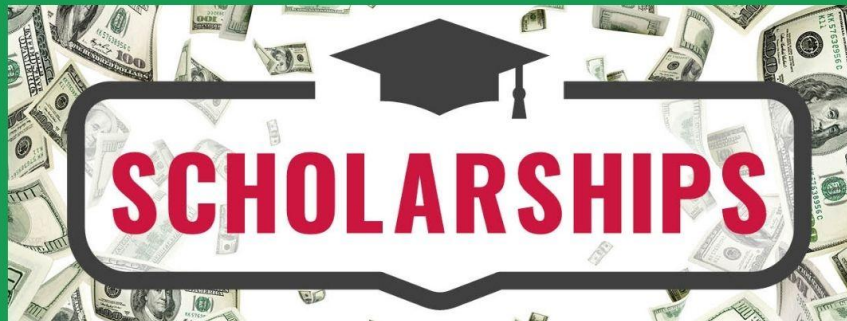


Explore 4-H learning online with CLOVER - Start **HERE!**

Project Grants & Scholarships

Visit our Website for Scholarship Details

Douglas County 4-H Foundation



Project Grants

Apply Now!

- 2 Year
 - 4 Year
 - Technical Schools
- Applications Open
February 1st - April 1st

<https://dc4hfoundation.com>

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 [4-H Youth in Action Program](#) 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 [February 26 Applicant/Parent Webinar](#). 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 [2026 YIA Application](#). **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 eyes** to 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 in **event 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:

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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

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Showmanship Clinic AND Blow and Go Showmanship Jackpot

May 10, 2025

CALF's Farm and Ranch Day

Open to all active 4-H and FFA members of all experience levels.

Learn from seasoned experts.

- Beef - Sara Shields, NWSS Beef Superintendent, 25+ year Custer County 4-H Leader, Westcliffe Cattle Rancher
- Sheep and Goats - Clint Chitsey, Vice President of Livestock and Event Operations
- Hogs (Clinic Only)- Lindsay Gillmor, Custer County



Bring your own livestock project
(except hogs CALF will provide hogs for clinic)
Wash racks and pens are not available.

\$10 Jackpot Entry fee per animal

8:00 am check-in

CALF's Lowell Ranch

Register: www.thecalf.org





Farm and Ranch Day

Enjoy a day at the ranch with a Mother's Day
pancake breakfast, a chance to visit the
livestock, and shop at our Annual Plant Sale!

**FREE Agricultural Fun for All
Ages!**



May 10th, 2025
Saturday 9 am till 2 pm

2330 Interstate 25
Castle Rock CO

Pollywog Station

LAVENDER FARM FREE 2025 EVENTS



MAY 17

Prairie Bloom

Wisdom from the Experts

Join us for a hands-on day of learning, planting, and growing. Make wildflower seed bomb and more.



JUNE 21

Echoes of the Past

Hands-on History

Step back in time and experience history firsthand. Make adobe bricks, learn Morse code, see the 1884 Homestead up close.



AUG 16

Prairie Bounty

Farm Fair

Meet real farm animals and their caretakers. Learn what it really takes to farm prairie land.



SEPT 13

Prairie Palette

Celebrating Artists

Join us for Prairie Palette, a vibrant art event in collaboration with the Parker Arts Guild, where creativity and nature come together

www.pollywogstationlavenderfarm.com parking is limited, register today
8717 Hilltop Rd. Parker CO 303 325-6608

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