



Weld County Horse Packet



WELD COUNTY
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Project Reminders Continued

Primary Care of Livestock and Horse Projects

- The Colorado 4-H current project recommendation for primary care states “4-H members will provide primary and continuous care of their project animals.” Primary care is defined as the 4-H member making the decisions for and/or providing the care, handling, and training of their animal project a majority of the time. Exemptions to providing primary care must be approved by an Extension agent and Fair Board representative. Animal Care & Housing Forms can be downloaded at www.weld4h.org then click on Projects, then click on “Animal Care and Housing Form” or they can be obtained at the Weld County Extension Office.

Ranch Horse Division

- We offer limited classes for Level 1. To participate in this division, you must have passed your appropriate Ranch Horse Level advancement test. The Ranch Horse division demonstrates common chores involved in working cattle and general ranch work. The exhibitor should be able to demonstrate horsemanship and stockmanship skills with a quiet and responsive horse both mounted and on the ground. Classes include: Horsemanship, Trail, Steer Daubing, Cattle Sorting, Individual Cattle Work and Ranch Roping.
- Roping cattle in the Ranch Horse Cattle Sorting, Individual Cattle Work, Steer Stopping and Ranch Roping classes is an option available only to those exhibitors who have a roping certification on file by July 1st. Refer to the rule book for appropriate tack & attire. Attend the advertised Ranch Roping Clinic to learn about this exciting division!

Helmet Policy

- Colorado State 4-H policy reads: “A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in, over fences classes and gymkhana events, activities and practice sessions (including the Schooling Equitation Over Obstacles class). It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to ensure the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The State 4-H office encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against. Gymkhana generally refers to horseback speed events (timed or un-timed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole and flag race, stake race, rescue race, pony express race, etc. Events that are not intended to be included in the helmet policy are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed but use livestock.”

Horse and Livestock Project Interviews

- In a manner similar to interview judging for general and natural resource projects, 4-H & FFA members with horse projects will go through an interview process as a prerequisite to show at the upcoming Weld County Fair. Watch your newsletter for updates.



2025 Horse Project Packet

Welcome to the 2025 Weld County 4-H show season. The information in this Horse Packet will help the member successfully complete their 4-H Horse Project. If you have any questions, contact the individuals below or any appropriate resource listed on the back page.

Your tips for success:

- Please review and be familiar with information contained in this packet
- Any updates will be published in the Weld County 4-H Newsletter, either accessed at www.weld4h.org or through special member mailings, emails and Facebook updates
- Online resources are available with updated information, downloadable forms and the latest horse events and clinics.

* CSU Equine Extension web site at www.colorado4h.org

Colorado State Fair Spotlight Winners



Gymkhana Adv 14-18 Grand Champion

Jonathan Malovich



Colorado State Fair

All-Around Advanced

Champion Saddle Winner

English/Western/Speed/Ranch

Addelynn Schaffnerody

Colorado State Fair

All-Around Advanced

Champion Saddle Winner

Ranch Horse

Addelynn Schaffner

English Adv 14-18

Reserve Champion

Adelynn Schaffner

Gymkhana Adv 14-18

Reserve Grand Champion

Adelynn Schaffner



Western Adv 14-18 Res. Champion

Jadalynn Frazier

Project Reminders

Horse ID Requirements

- All horses must be ID'd by May 1st in 4-H Online, there are no carry overs from previous years so ALL horses must be updated/added.
 - Photos of both sides of the horse
 - One proof of ownership: Brand Inspection, Bill of Sale, Registration Papers or signed lease agreement.
 - Negative Coggins: ALL ID'd horses with intent to exhibit at Weld County Fair MUST have a Coggins uploaded with their ID by May 1st that is good through August 1st of the current year. This gets uploaded in the "County Use Only" section in the ID
- Back-up Horse: An identified horse specified as "Back-up" for use if regularly ID'd horse is declared unusable by veterinarian.
 - Horse must be ID'd with same documentation through 4-H Online
 - ALL regularly ID'd horses MUST be declared unusable for a back-up horse to be used.
 - Back-up horses are typically only ID'd when there are multiple individuals in a family with horses; otherwise the single individual should ID all horses normally.
 - A back-up horse can be ID'd as a regular use horse for another sibling or both siblings can share the same back-up horse.



Horse Project Record Book

- The Horse e-Record Project book is specifically designed for the Horse Project. A new version of the e-Record book is available at <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/projects/e-records/>. From there, select the appropriate Horse e-Record link for your age group (junior, intermediate or senior). The Horse e-Record book is available in Excel and PDF formats. If you do not have Excel on your computer, you may obtain a free copy of Open Office software for your computer by going to www.openoffice.org and downloading it from there.

Premises ID Required for Weld County Fair

- The Premises ID provides quick and accurate traceability of livestock and locations in the event of an animal health concern, which will help maintain the health of all Colorado livestock. For this program, a premises is defined as a location or site where livestock are born, handled, housed, managed, marketed, processed or exhibited. Premises ID is managed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture. A Premises ID is required to exhibit at the Weld County Fair and Colorado State Fair. If you don't already have a Premises ID, you can obtain one by calling the Colorado Animal ID coordinator at 303-869-9130 or visiting <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/aganimals/colorado-location-identification-lid-registration-premises>.

Levels Testing - NEW UPDATES

Levels Testing is required to exhibit at Weld County Fair, Southeast Weld County Fair, and Colorado State Fair (except for Novice Exhibitors. There are both written and riding tests that youth must complete to exhibit at the different levels.

New Guidelines

- ALL RIDING TESTS ARE NOW HORSE AND RIDER COMBINED; TESTS DO NOT APPLY TO ALL HORSES MOVING FORWARD. WRITTEN TESTS STILL ONLY NEED TO BE PASSED ONE TIME.
- Pre-Level 1 Safety Tests
 - Safety Ground Work Test: This is a foundation test to be used to evaluate members and their horses who are not ready for riding their horse. It is used to ensure the member has the basic handling skills to be safe. It will also evaluate the general temperament of the horse and the safety.
 - Safety Riding Test: This is a foundation test to be used to evaluate members and their horses who are not yet ready to pass Level 1. It is used to ensure horse and rider have the basic handling and riding skills to be safe.
- English and Western Divisions: 4 Levels - Novice (1), Limited (2), Performer (3), and Horsemaster (4)
- Competencies (NEW): Riders must hold a Level 1 or higher in order to test for a competency. These again are horse and rider COMBINATION.
 - Gymkhana (must be taken on any horse you plan to participate in Gymkhana on)
 - Roping: Will have 2 parts where youth can do the basic roping or advanced
 - Ranch: There will be 3 different levels of competencies (Horse/Rider Combination)
 - Jumping: There will be 3 different levels of competencies (Horse/Rider Combination)

Transition

- Returning Members:
 - All members who currently hold a Levels test, Roping Certificate, and/or Jumping Certificate will be grandfathered into the appropriate level/competency with horses PREVIOUSLY ID'd.
 - New Horse: Can either test at the highest level they hold in that discipline or drop back to Level 2 (if rated higher).
- New Members:
 - You will progress through the Levels with each being tied directly to the horse you test on.

Additional Details

- Visit: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/horse/guidelines-levels.pdf> and <https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/horse/Transition-Chart-4-H-Horse-Advancement-Levels.pdf> for additional details

Teams and Opportunities

Horse Judging

Develop an eye for horses and understand what exactly goes on in the show ring. The State Horse Judging Contest is held in Fort Collins in conjunction with the State 4-H Conference in June. There are opportunities for members of top placing teams to travel to national contests. Workouts are every Wednesday, from 6-8PM and held in the 4-H Building at Island Grove Park, Greeley. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Coach Rachel LeClere at 720-936-6408.

Hippology

Very similar to Horse Bowl is the Hippology Contest. It's a fun and competitive setting for youth enrolled in a horse project to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of equine science, and in particular the practical application of this knowledge and skill. A hippology contest consists of four phases: judging, written test, stations, and team problem solving. Senior and Junior members are encouraged to join the team. For more information contact Teresa Johnson 970-302-9040 for more details.

Tuesday Night Rides

Did you know that Weld County offers a chance for all project members to ride in a clinic setting at the Island Grove Arena? Join us on Tuesday evenings beginning after Memorial Weekend from 6:00pm 8:00pm, as we work with trainers and skilled equestrians. Horse Project members have the opportunity to improve our skills, get to know other showmen and get our horses out into the "Big Arena". Project horses should only be ridden by the horse project member. Adults and/or trainers may assist if safety concerns are evident. Also available to all members is a Ranch Roping Clinic. Roping Certificate testing will be available prior to cattle work.

Horse Bowl

Come join the Weld County Horse Bowl Team and learn about the horse in a fun setting. This group not only competes in several events throughout the year, they are also active with community service and have a great time getting to know other horse project members! This team competes in knowledge bowl contests that demonstrate their understanding of equine science and management with a winter/spring contest season. Contact Teresa Johnson 970-302-9040 for more information and details.

Scholarships for Horse Members

Up to four \$500 scholarships sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Horse Council are available to eligible applicants who have completed three years of 4-H horse project work. Applicant must be an incoming college freshman or be actively enrolled in an accredited institution. Application must be received by Spring scholarship deadline. The application for this scholarship, as well as many other 4-H scholarships can be picked up at the Weld County Extension Office or downloaded from the web site at www.weld4h.org.

Volunteers Needed

From helping at Fair, coaching, clinics or fund raising, we are a very active group. We believe in a positive attitude that helps our members achieve their goals. The 4-H Horse Program will only be as strong as you make it! To maintain the quality of the program and to meet the needs of project members, we need volunteers! Contact Kim Eastwood at the Weld County Extension Office 970-400-2079 or Teresa Johnson Horse Show Superintendent 970-302-9040.



Horse Project Year Calendar

Date	Event	Location
3/8/25	4-H Horse Levels Workshop/Written Test	4-H Building @ I.G.
4/12/25	Western & Ranch Horse Trail Clinic with Diana Quintana MUST RSVP	TBA
5/1/25	DEADLINE for Horse ID forms & Coggins test to be submitted to 4-H Online	4-H Online
5/27/25	Equitation Program workout 6pm-8pm	Island Grove Arena
6/3/25	Level III/IV Western & English Levels testing (Diana Quintana) MUST RSVP	Island Grove Arena
6/10/25	Jumping Clinic/Jump Certificate Libby Die MUST RSVP	Island Grove Arena
6/10/25	Equitation Program workout 6pm-8pm with Christa Nerone	Island Grove Arena
6/12/25	Ranch Roping Clinic & Ranch Levels Testing MUST RSVP	Double G Arena, Briggsdale
6/17/25	Equitation Program workout INTRO TO FAIR NOVICE (arena available to all levels)	TBD
6/24/25	Cattle Class workout with Hailey Carroll, Kassandra Shoemaker & Clay Kinnison 6-8pm	Montera Arena 34283 CR 33 Greeley
7/1/25	DEADLINE FOR ALL LEVELS TESTING AND COMPETENCY CERTIFICATES	TURNED IN AT EXTENSION OFFICE
7/1/25	NO EQUITATION PROGRAM	6

Horse Project Year Calendar Cont

Date	Event	Location
7/7/25	WELD COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES DUE	Online
7/8/25- 7/11/25	LATE ENTRIES FOR FAIR ACCEPTED WITH FEE	Extension Office
7/8/25	Equitation Program workout 6pm-8pm Speed Event workouts	Montera Arena 34283 CR 33 Greeley
7/15/25	Equitation Program workout 6pm-8pm FAIR PATTERN PRACTICE	Island Grove Arena
7/21/25	WELD COUNTY FAIR GREEN HORSE 9AM	Island Grove Arena
7/21/25	WESTERN SHOWMANSHIP, HALTER, WESTERN PERFORMANCE NOT BEFORE 11AM	Island Grove Arena
7/22/25	WELD COUNTY FAIR Ranch Horse Division 7am Speed Events not before 3pm	Island Grove Arena
7/23/25	WELD COUNTY FAIR English Halter & Performance 7:30am ; Premiere Exhibitor Test	Island Grove Arena
7/27/25	FAIR HORSE SHOW AWARDS 1:30pm (following Award BBQ in park)	Extensopmo Office
9/5/25	Completed Record Books Due to Extension Office for Judging	Extension Office

Outside Opportunites



Little American Royal Horse Show

Sponsored by Platte Valley FFA



YOUTH SHOW

May 3, 2025

Check-in: 7:00-8:00 am
Show Starts: 9:00 am

BUCKLES TO JR. & SR. CHAMPION SHOWMEN!



HORSE SHOW CASH PRIZES & BELT BUCKLES
\$200 FOR Jr & Sr Highpoints
Novice not eligible

Classes include:
Halter
Showmanship
Western Pleasure
Western Horsemanship
Reining
Trail
Ranch Horsemanship
Ranch Riding
Ranch Trail
English Pleasure
English Equitation

The rules & regulations will follow the 4-H rule book.



Platte Valley Middle School Field House
700 Hill Street, Kersey Colorado

For more information, download catalog at www.pvra7.org

Click on LAR banner, call the Platte Valley FFA at (970)-336-8740, or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/plattevalleyffa






MOUNTAIN & PLAINS RANCH HORSE SHOW

OPEN CLASSES

BELT BUCKLE HIGHPOINT SADDLE PAD RESERVE HIGHPOINT AWARDED AT EACH SHOW

MAY 9 & 10

SEPTEMBER 5 & 6

BOULDER CO. INDOOR ARENA, LONGMONT CO

ALL BREED RANCH CLASSES INCLUDE:

OPEN	YOUTH	AMATUER	WALK/TROT	GREEN
RANCH TRAIL	RANCH RAIL PLS	RANCH REINING		
COWHORSE	BOX DRIVE BOX	AB RANCH RIDING		
	CONFORMATION			

ALL BREED PERFORMANCE CLASSES INCLUDE:

BARREL RACE	POLE BENDING	FIGURE 8	KEYHOLE
SHOWMANSHIP	WESTERN PLEASURE	WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP	
HUNTER UNDER SADDLE	HUNT SEAT EQ		

FOR MORE INFO:
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Johnstown Saddle Club

2025 Schedule

2025 Meetings

January 4th

February 1st

March 8th

April 5th

May 2nd

June 6th

July 11th

August 8th

September 5th

October 4th

April 13th Clean up Day

Royalty Fun Day

Gymkhanas

May 18th

October 12th

(Halloween edition)

2025 Show Schedule

May 3rd

June 7th

July 12th

August 9th

September 6th

2025 Gymkhana Schedule

May 4th

June 8th

July 13th

August 10th

September 7th



GREELEY SADDLE CLUB

2025 EVENT DATES

899 11TH NORTH AVENUE, GREELEY, COLORADO

Performance Series

May 4th
May 25th
July 13th
August 24th
September 21st

*Western & English Classes
8 AM start time*



Ranch Series

May 11th
June 8th
September 7th

*Non-Cattle Ranch
Classes 8 AM start time*



Gymkhana Series

May 4th
May 11th
May 25th
June 8th
July 13th
August 24th
September 7th
September 21st

*Classes begin after show
classes but not before
1 PM*

DAILY HIGH POINTS IN EACH SERIES DIVISIONS
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FAMILY FUN SINCE 1946!

More details and information will be available soon at www.greeleysaddleclub.us




www.greeleysaddleclub.us
[@greeleysaddleclub](https://www.instagram.com/greeleysaddleclub)
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Weld County Resources

Weld County Extension
525 N 15th Ave Greeley CO 80631
970-400-2066

Weld County 4-H Newsletter:

Watch for this great resource to provide you with upcoming events, deadlines and meetings. Also, educational information regarding your project and record book. published monthly, sent to your email address

find online at: www.weld4h.org

Weld County 4-H Website & Facebook

www.weld4h.org www.facebook.com/4hweldcounty

The Weld County 4-H Website & Facebook page are your up to the minute spots for information regarding events, projects and happenings.

We try to keep the sites up to date with information that may affect your project, or an upcoming deadline or unforeseen cancellations.

Weld County Fair Website

www.weldcountyfair.com

This contains all the information regarding the Weld Co. Fair.

You will find everything you need regarding Fair in one spot including entry forms, schedule, sponsorship & Vendor information.

Colorado 4-H Website

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/>

The state 4-H website is a great resource for information about all of the projects offered in Colorado. You can select a project, find the requirements for that project and also find resources to help you complete your project. You can find education & leadership opportunities for youth and adults alike.

All e-records can be found on this website.

National 4-H Website

www.4-h.org

A youth development organization serving more than 6.5 million young people, 4-H provides youth development programs with a focus on science, health and citizenship.

4-H Mall

www.shop4-h.org

This is the one stop shop for items such as Club Supplies, 4-H Curriculum, Educational Resources & Awards. Don't forget to look at the Tees, Sweats, Caps & Toys as well!