

# *Spring Gather*

## *Open Ranch Horse Show & Clinic*



**April 27 & 28, 2024**

**Grand Junction, Colorado**

**Mesa County Fairgrounds Grandstand Arena**

**Sponsored by: River Riders 4-H Club**

**Entry Deadline: April 15, 2024**

**Limited to the first 40 Entries Each Day**

**\$25 LATE FEE FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER April 15, 2024**

**Office opens at 7:30 AM • Riders Meeting 8:00 AM both days**

**Clinic Fee \$100 per person per horse**

**Clinic Classes: Individual Cow Work, Herd Work,  
Roping, Trail**

**Show Entry Fees (includes all 5 classes):**

**Open \$120, Adult \$120, 14-18 \$90, 11-13 \$90, 10 and under \$70**

***ALL FEES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COST OF CATTLE***

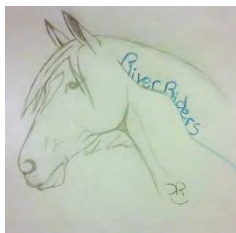
**Five Classes: Ranch Cutting, Individual Cow Work, Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, Ranch Halter**

**Rules and Entry Forms Will be Mailed after Feb. 10, 2023**

**Contact: Tom Sharpe, Show Manager**

**970-261-3528**

**hooftracks@outlook.com**



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Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.



**2024 Spring Gather Entry Form  
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Registration limited to first 40 riders each day  
Clinic starts 8:00 AM  
Office opens at 7:30 AM • Show starts at 8:00 AM  
Show Manager: Tom Sharpe 970-261-3528**

**Note: The following entry form contains the Mesa County Helmet Release, the CSU Informed Consent Form and releases and statements for Spring Gather and River Riders 4-H Club.**

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Foaled: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Clinic Entry Fee: \$100**

**Show: (Circle one) Open (\$120) Adult (\$120) 14-18 (\$90) 11-13 (\$90) 10 and under (\$70)**

Entry Fee Show	\$
Clinic Entry	\$
Number of Stalls: \$20/per stall/night	\$
Camping, \$27/night, (water & electricity)	\$
Late Fee \$25.00 entries received after April 15	\$
<b>Total Amount</b>	\$

Please make checks payable to:  
River Riders 4-H Club

Mail to:  
Tom Sharpe  
1227 M <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Road  
Loma, CO 81524

**Animal Welfare Agreement:** It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to pay for and remove any animal injured or killed by the exhibitor as determined by the judge and/or show manager. The owner of the livestock shall determine the price of these animals.

I grant to River Riders 4-H Club, its representatives and employees, the right to take photographs of me and my property in connection with Spring Gather. I authorize River Riders 4-H Club, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

**Release:** Warning: Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes. I (we), the owner and/or exhibitor, hereby request to enter the show indicated and agree to abide by the bylaws, standing rules, judging and show rules in the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book, Mesa County Fairgrounds and River Riders 4-H Club. I (we), hereby release Mesa County and River Riders 4-H Club, and its members and employees, and its and their officials, officers, members, employees agents and or volunteers from any loss to myself, employees, agents, horses and/or equipment while attending and/or participating in this show. The provisions contained herein are hereby made a part of this entry agreement.

**Statement of Responsibility:** I (we), the owner and/or exhibitor agree to exhibit the above horse at my own risk and subject to all rules and regulations in the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book, Mesa County, its commissioners, fair board of directors, organizers and employees. I further agree that if I suffer personal injury and/or damage, or loss occurs to me or my vehicle or equipment I may have or send with my horse, I will not hold the River Riders 4-H Club or any other persons connected with this event responsible, nor will I make claim against them.



## HELMET WAIVER OF LIABILITY

(Pursuant to Resolution MCM 01-2001-135)

The undersigned Releasor, on behalf of The Minor, his/her heirs, assigns, agents, as well as those taking by or through them, for and in consideration of being allowed to use the Mesa County Fairgrounds, hereby releases Mesa County, Colorado, its insurers and insureds, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers, whether elected or appointed, agents, heirs, predecessors, successors, administrators, assigns, (hereinafter referred to as Releasee) for and from any and all liabilities of whatsoever kind and nature, including but not limited to, constitutional claims, 42 U.S.C. '1983 claims, and any and all claims for damages from any and all actions, cause of actions, whether sounding in tort or negligence, contract or otherwise, claims, demands, compensatory and punitive damages, loss of service, loss of consortium, compensation, costs, attorney fees, and expenses, arising from or, in any way arising out of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, injuries, losses, damages, and liabilities which they may now or hereinafter have, resulting from the Minor's use of the Mesa County Fairgrounds.

The Releasor declares that it is his/her intention by this document to completely and fully waive any claims he/she may have or which could be made against the Releasee, regardless of any tolling or non-suit provisions. Releasor has carefully read this document and knows its contents, and the Releasor has signed it freely and voluntarily. The terms of this document are not simply a recital of facts, but contractual promises made by the Releasor in his/her capacity as the Minor's parent or guardian. Releasor warrants that no promise or inducement has been offered, and that the Releasor is legally competent, authorized, and/or appointed to execute this document and accept full responsibility therefore.



READ THIS DOCUMENT COMPLETELY BEFORE SIGNING. ITS EFFECT IS TO RELEASE Mesa COUNTY, COLORADO 4-H FOUNDATION, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, ITS GOVERNING BOARD, AND THE STATE OF COLORADO FROM ANY LIABILITY RESULTING FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED BELOW, AND TO WAIVE ALL CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES OR LOSSES AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY WHICH MAY ARISE FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES EVEN IF THEY RESULT FROM NEGLIGENCE.

Permission for Youth to Participate in Spring Gather

I understand that my child, , will be participating in the show and/or clinic Activities that will be offered during this event include contests, workshops, banquets, dances and optional activities may include numerous inherent risks. I am aware and have discussed the following inherent risks with my child: **Participation in horse related activities, including interacting with cattle, exposure to COVID-19.**

RELEASE FROM RESPONSIBILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER

I, the undersigned participant, exercising my own free choice to participate voluntarily in the activities described above, and promising to take due care during such participation, hereby acknowledge that I have been informed of the nature of the activities and that I am aware of the hazards and risks which may be associated with my participation in the above-named activities, including the risks of bodily injury, death or damage to property which may occur from known or unknown causes. I understand, accept, and assume all such hazards and risks, and waive all claims against Mesa County, Colorado 4-H Foundation, State of Colorado, The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System, Colorado State University, and other persons as set forth above. I understand that I am solely responsible for any costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage that I may sustain through my participation in normal or unusual acts associated with the above-named activities, regardless of whose fault may be the cause of my injuries or damages, EVEN IF CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS OR NEGLIGENCE, so long as the conduct which caused the injuries or damages was not grossly negligent, or willful and wanton.

Further, I hereby indemnify and hold harmless The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System and Colorado State University, Colorado 4-H Foundation, and their members, officers, agents, employees, and any other persons, or entities acting on their behalf, and the successors and assigns for any and all of the aforementioned persons and entities, against any and all claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, whether presently known or unknown, of any person who suffers any injury, disability, death or other harm, to person or property or both, as a result of my participation in and/or presence at the above listed activities. I have had sufficient time to review and seek explanation of the provisions contained above, have carefully read them, understand them fully, and agree to be bound by them. After careful deliberation, I voluntarily give my consent and agree to this Release From Responsibility, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver.

**If participant is under the age of 18, his or her parent or legal guardian must sign:**

**By signing below, I agree to the statements on page 2 and 3 of this document, including the animal welfare agreement, photo release, equine professional release, statement of responsibility, Mesa County helmet waiver of liability and CSUE/Colorado 4-H informed consent statement for Mesa County.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, (printed name) \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent or legal guardian of the participant who has signed above. I have read and I understand the provisions of this document, and acting on behalf of the participant, I consent to the participant taking part in the activities described above, and I fully enter into and agree to the above Release from Responsibility, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver as authorized pursuant to C.R.S. section 13-22-107.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_

**Spring Gather Rules  
2024 Open Ranch Horse Show**

4-H Ranch Horse Show Rules will apply with the following exceptions:

1. Entry
  - a. This is an all-breed open ranch horse show.
  - b. Contestant may enter the same horse in more than one division, but it has to be entered above lowest division contestant is qualified for. 14-18 riders who want to ride in two divisions, must ride in open division.
  - c. Contestants who want to ride only in a division higher than they are qualified for, must ride in the 14-18 division or open division.
  - d. Contestant may enter more than one horse in the same division.
  - e. Points go to the horse.
  - f. Must show in all five classes to place and receive awards.
  - g. If entering more than one horse in a division, **another contestant** may show the additional horse or horses in the halter class.
  - h. Entries must be in and paid by April 15, 2024. Entries not received by April 15, 2024 will be assessed a \$25 late fee.
  - i. Entries for each day will be limited to the first 40 riders in and paid. No reservations without payment.
  - j. **No refunds will be given after entry deadline date, April 15,2024.**
  - k. Refunds will only be given if there is a paid backup entry willing to participate prior to the entry deadline.
  - l. Entries may be transferred only with notification to show management prior to deadline date, and only with show management approval after deadline date.
2. Divisions
  - a. Open (Level III rules and patterns) for participants who have won the adult division, professional horsemen and women, those who are actively showing in ranch horse shows, and those who have shown in the youth 14-18 division.
  - b. Adult (Level II rules and patterns) for adults who are new to showing in ranch horse shows.
  - c. 14-18 (Level III rules and patterns)
  - d. 11-13 (Level II rules and patterns)
  - e. 10 and under (Level I rules and patterns)
3. Classes
  - a. Ranch Cutting, (Exhibitor will ride slowly into the herd, cut and hold one animal out, the call off turn back riders, drive the cow between the fence and cone then around the pen and back into the pen. Exhibitor has 2 ½ minutes to complete his run.)
  - b. Individual Cow work
    - i. Open riders and 14-18 ride as level III (Level III/IV riders will box, fence, and circle or rope. Riders are allowed 3 minutes to complete the class.)
    - ii. All others, ride as level II (Level II riders will box for 50 seconds. When notified by the announcer, the rider will take the cow down one side of the arena past the halfway mark and perform a responsive square stop. Rider must not attempt to stop or turn cow once it has gone down the fence. Riders are allowed a minute and a half to complete the class/run.)
  - c. Ranch Trail
    - i. See division patterns
  - d. Ranch Riding
    - i. See division patterns
  - e. Ranch Halter
4. Additional Rules:
  - a. Division high point will be calculated from placings in each class.
  - b. Youth (18 and under), must wear helmet or have a signed Mesa County Helmet Waiver.
  - c. Youth in the 10 and under division shall be allowed to ride curb bits with two hands.
  - d. Numbers must either be on horse or rider while horse is in arena.
  - e. All entry fees, less expenses, will go to River Riders 4-H Club.
  - f. No dogs will be allowed on premises.
  - g. 4-H Score sheets will be used and posted as soon as possible after classes.
  - h. Running a cow into the fence will be considered abuse of cow with a zero score and dismissal from arena.