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4-H Enrollment

Members and Leaders need to re-enroll by January 15, 2024 through 4-H Online. No paper enrollments are allowed. If you need help re-enrolling, please look at the helpful tips on page 2 or the re-enrolling instructions in the Bulletin Board of the home page at www.weld4h.org.

4-H enrollment fees are due to your Organizational Leader by January 15, 2024 or by your club deadline.

Enrollment deadline to be eligible to exhibit at the Weld County Fair is March 1, 2024. **Project add/drop deadline is March 1, 2024.**

The Extension Office can only accept enrollment fees from 4-H Organizational Leaders.

4-H 101

New parent and volunteer welcome night.

Join us for an evening of learning,
meeting new people & fun!
February 27, 2024

Complimentary dinner begins at 6:00 pm
& program begins at 6:30 pm at the
4-H Building, Island Grove Park, Greeley.
Prizes! Materials! Fun!

Please RSVP by February 20, 2024
Call 970-400-2076

4-H Showcase

January 13th, 10: 00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Exhibition Building, Island Grove Regional Park

Who: Invite all of your friends!

What: Activities, demonstrations, exhibits & lots of fun!

Activities may include cake decorating, model rocketry, pinwheels, leathercraft, scrapbooking and much more! If you would like to lead an activity or do a demonstration, contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

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Closed January 15, 2024

The Weld County Extension Office will be closed on January 15, 2024 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. January 15th is the re-enrollment deadline. If you are re-enrolling January 13th-15th and need help with your re-enrollment, we will not be available until January 16th. If you re-enroll after January 15th, there will be an additional \$10.00 late fee you will need to pay per re-enrollment. Please do not wait to re-enroll.

Please remember, when you get to the payment section of your re-enrollment, you must click on Show Payment Options button, then select Pay By Check, then click Confirm, then click Next, then click Submit. 4-H Online will not collect any banking information, it is just a step to get to the end of the enrollment so you can submit your enrollment. Once you click the Submit button, you are enrolled. If you do not complete the payment page, you are not enrolled. You will still pay your club the enrollment fees.

You can still add or drop projects through March 1, 2024.

Help Wanted!

Weld County Extension is looking for one summer intern to assist with 4-H Livestock opportunities. The 4-H Livestock intern will help with livestock activities leading up to the Weld County Fair shows and will work closely with Larry Hooker. For more information and full job description, please visit the Employment Opportunity at www.weldextension.com or contact Larry at lhooker@weld.gov or 970-400-2093. Applications are due online by March 1st and interviews will occur after that date.

Clubs Needed!

Do you live in or around the Eaton/Galeton area and have a desire to further your leadership within Weld County 4-H?! Due to increased involvement in those areas, we are seeking volunteer leaders to step into the role of Organizational Leaders and start new clubs! With only one club in the Eaton/Galeton area, it has become impossible to serve all the members who want to be involved. If you are interested in stepping into this role, please contact Kim Eastwood at 970-400-2079.

Club Challenge

We are challenging clubs to a competition to generate new 4-H membership (does not include 2023 members that transfer to your club from another club). Cash awards of \$100 will be awarded to the club with the most new members and to the club with the highest percentage of new members. Members must be new to 4-H. To enter, send an email to Kim at keastwood@co.weld.co.us by March 4, 2024.

Ice Breaker

Have the members partner with someone new to the club or a person they do not know very well. Give them 3-5 minutes to find out information about their partner. Examples may include: favorite color, what they did over break, 4-H projects, etc. After the time is up, have them introduce their partner to the group and share the information that they gathered.

Members/Leaders

Who Ya Gonna Call?!

Members: If you are planning to transfer to another club, please do the following:

1. Call your current Organizational Leader to let them know you will be transferring clubs.
2. Call the Extension Office at 970-400-2066.

4-H Membership

The 4-H year runs from October 1 to September 30. 4-H age is the age of the individual on December 31 of the current 4-H year.

- Cloverbud: 5-7 years old
- Junior member: 8-10 years old
- Intermediate member: 11-13 years old
- Senior member: 14-18 years old

Leader Requirements

Recognized leaders may hold 4-H functions, are covered by 4-H insurance, and may serve as chaperones in the name of 4-H.

Everyone interested in becoming an Organizational Leader is required to interview with the 4-H Agent(s), even if you are already an approved project leader. If your club is dissolving or if you are considering change in leadership, call the Extension Office at 970-400-2066.

In order to be recognized as a volunteer 4-H leader in Weld County, all **NEW** leaders must complete the following requirements:

1. Complete a volunteer application through 4-H Online and receive two positive references
2. Complete a 4-H enrollment form through 4-H Online
3. Complete leader training
4. Pass a background check
5. Interview with 4-H Agent (All organizational leader applicants or as requested)

Interested in Becoming an Organizational Leader?

Remember, Organizational Leaders must be approved, enrolled leaders AND they must have an interview with 4-H Agents before being accepted as an Organizational Leader. If your club is considering changing leadership (new leader or adding a co-leader), please contact the Extension Office at 970-400-2066 to complete all requirements.

4-H Leaders Re-Enroll

All Returning leaders must re-enroll. Every 4-H Leader must submit an enrollment form every year. All volunteers absent from 4-H for one year or longer will be required to re-apply and complete all new volunteer requirements.

4-H Enrollment

Online enrollment will open in early-October, 2023. Re-enrolling in 4-H as a member or a leader is easy. Each family will login using their family email address and password to enroll electronically. If you don't remember your family email to start this process, please get with your Organizational Leader to verify your family email. Members will be able to log in at any time to refresh their memory of what projects they are enrolled in!

Signatures for the forms are electronic. **AN ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE IS TYPING THE FIRST AND LAST NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL. The only paperwork you will have to print out is the Animal Care and Housing Form if your animals are located at a different property.** When you get to the payment section, select 'Check', then click next. 4-H Online will not collect any payment information. It is just a step to get to the submit button. Once families submit their enrollment, please pay your club the enrollment fees. The 4-H staff in our county will view and approve each enrollment in mid-January. Families will continue to be able to make some changes throughout the year – such as address, email address, phone number, etc. You can add or drop a project after your initial enrollment by updating your online account prior to March 1st.

We will email everyone when enrollment is open in early-October. After confirming your family email with your leader, 4-H members and leaders can enroll themselves online. There will be step by step instructions to help you enroll posted in the bulletin board on the Weld County 4-H website www.weld4h.org by October 6, 2023.

Horse and Dog ID Forms

All Horse and Dog ID Forms must be done on an annual basis through 4-H Online by May 1st. If you identified a horse or dog last year, you must activate each animal account. For the Dog ID, you will need to update and upload new vaccine information.

Breeding Animal ID Forms

Members with breeding animals to fill out the ID Form for each breeding animal in 4-H Online this year. This year all breeding animals are required to complete the ID Form in 4-H Online.

Signing up for Shooting Sports

Members interested in Shooting Sports *must* enroll in each discipline that they are planning to shoot in addition to the discipline they are wanting to do their 4-H project on. This helps with record keeping, safety tracking, and ensuring that all members are enrolled correctly for their different projects. If you have any questions, please contact Kim.

What is the 4-H re-enrollment deadline for re-enrolling members?

The deadline for re-enrolling members and clubs is January 15, 2024. You must have your enrollment completed and fee turned in to your club leader by the club deadline so they can get them turned into the Extension Office. The 4-H enrollment deadline for new members and for all members who wish to exhibit at the Weld County Fair is March 1, 2024. There are other deadlines associated with specific projects. Check with your leader if you have questions.

What is the enrollment fee?

The annual enrollment fee is \$50.00 when submitted by the January 15th deadline. The Cloverbud member fee is \$40.00. The fee is an additional \$10.00 for each when re-enrollment submitted after the January 15th deadline.

How to enroll for Weld County CWF?

The Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is not included in the project list in 4-H online. Please follow these instructions to enroll.

For the members signing up for the 2026 trip, you will sign up under the CWF group you want to be part of once your account has been approved.

Signing up for Judging Teams

Members who wants to be on a judging team will need to sign up through 4-H Online in the Group Section once your account has been approved.

The Extension Office will ONLY accept enrollment fees from 4-H club leaders.

The 2024 Weld County 4-H Scholarship Packet is Available!

Did you know that the Weld County 4-H Program offers over 20 scholarships to graduating 4-H members? You could be eligible to receive one of them, or more! Applicants must be presently enrolled & active in a Weld County 4-H Club (Exception: college students applying for the Norgren, Ben Wilson, Aurora Organic Dairy, Leaders Council or Youth Executive Council Scholarships) & must have completed at least three (3) years of project work immediately prior to current year of enrollment. All you have to do is fill out one application to be considered for most scholarships (some require additional application information). You can find the application in the Bulletin Board at www.weld4h.org. **The application is an online form only and must be submitted by 11:59 pm on March 1, 2024.**

Two \$1500 Paul and Jean Hoshiko Family 4-H Scholarships - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. These scholarships will be awarded to outstanding 4-H members based on demonstrated 4-H leadership, community service and 4-H accomplishments.

\$1500 Beef Excellence Committee Scholarship - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. Members must have completed at least four years of Market or Breeding Beef project work and exhibited a Market Beef or Breeding Beef animal at the Weld County Junior Fair or the Colorado State Fair at least one time during the last four years. Special supplemental page must be completed and submitted with scholarship application.

Five \$1000 Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarships - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project.

\$1300 Norgren Family 4-H Scholarship for College Students - Sponsored by the Norgren family through the Weld County 4-H Foundation. Must have completed one year of college working towards a degree in agriculture. Preference will be given to upper classmen. Must have at least 4 years of project work in the Weld County 4-H program.

\$1000 Ben Wilson Memorial Scholarship for College Students - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation through a donation in the memory of Ben Wilson. Must have completed one year of college. Must have a minimum of 4 years of project work in the Weld County 4-H program. Must be enrolled in a college program leading to a degree in an agricultural discipline.

\$1000 Dorothy Martin Zabka Memorial Scholarship for High School Senior or a College Student - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation through a donation in the memory of Dorothy Martin Zabka. Eligible college students must be enrolled in a college program leading to a degree in an agricultural discipline. Must have at least 4 years of project work in the Weld County 4-H program.

\$800 Helmut and Bob Brunner Memorial 4-H Scholarship - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. This scholarship will be awarded to a member enrolled in an agricultural project and who will be attending Colorado State University.

One \$500 - Tim Seltzer Scholarship - Sponsored by the Seltzer Family. At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an acceptable applicant in a given calendar year. Applicants must meet the certain criteria.

\$500 Weld County 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarships - Sponsored by the Weld County Shooting Sports Council. Members must be enrolled in the Weld County Shooting Sports program. One additional scholarship, as funds are available, in any amount up to \$500 for qualifying graduating senior or college student who is actively participating and/or volunteering. Special supplemental page must be completed and submitted with scholarship application.

Five \$500 Aurora Organic Dairy High School & Five \$500 Aurora Organic Dairy College Scholarships - Sponsored by Aurora Organic Dairy. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project.

Leaders Council Scholarships one \$525 for college and one \$525 for high school student. - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Leaders Council. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project. Minimum of 1 year leadership responsibility in any organization.

Up to Four \$500 - Weld County 4-H Horse Scholarships - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Horse Council. Eligible applicants must have completed three years of 4-H horse project work. Applicant must be an incoming freshman or be actively enrolled in an accredited institution.

\$500 Weld County 4-H Dairy Scholarship and \$500 Alvie Rothe 4-H Dairy Scholarship - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Dairy Advisory Council. Members must be enrolled in the Weld County 4-H Dairy project. Must have completed at least three years of dairy project work immediately prior to current year enrollment. Special supplemental page must be completed and submitted with scholarship application.

\$500 Weld County 4-H Youth Executive Council Scholarships - Sponsored by Weld County 4-H Executive Council. Members may be enrolled in any 4-H project. Demonstrated leadership in 4-H activities beyond the local club level will be a major determining factor in selecting recipients.

Two \$500 Weld County 4-H Youth Executive Council Leadership Award - For high school or college students. Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Youth Executive Council. Must have served and been active on the Weld County Youth Executive Council for three years. Special supplemental page must be completed and submitted with scholarship application.

\$500 Greeley Kennel Club 4-H Scholarship - Sponsored by the Greeley Kennel Club. The member must have completed two years of dog obedience in 4-H to be eligible. This scholarship would be renewable for the recipient's second year at college if established criteria are met. Special supplemental page must be completed and submitted with scholarship application.

\$500 Gene Inloes Memorial 4-H Livestock Judging Scholarship - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. Members must have participated in the Weld County 4-H Livestock Judging program for three years. Special supplemental page must be completed and submitted with scholarship application.

\$250 Kenneth & Clarice Benson Memorial 4-H Scholarship - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project.

\$100 Josh Jarman Memorial 4-H Scholarship - Sponsored by the Josh Jarman Memorial Fund in memory of Jarman, a former 4-H member. The recipient should show exemplary leadership in 4-H community service. This scholarship may be awarded to an applicant who is receiving another county 4-H scholarship. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project.

PLEASE LET FORMER 4-H'ERS IN COLLEGE WHO MEET THE DEGREE CRITERIA KNOW ABOUT THESE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Weld County Goat Extravaganza Scholarship

The Weld County Goat Extravaganza will be offering one \$500.00 scholarship to graduating high school seniors or undergraduates furthering their education at a college, university, or trade school in the 2023 - 2024 academic year.

These are the qualifications to be eligible to apply for a scholarship:

- Current or past member of a 4-H or FFA program.
- At some point in your 4-H or FFA career, you have shown at the Weld County Goat Extravaganza.
- Have not previously received a Weld County Goat Extravaganza scholarship.

Applications open on December 18, 2023 and close on March 1, 2024. There is an online only application at <https://www.weldgov.com/Government/Departments/CSU-Extension/Weld-County-Goat-Extravaganza/Scholarship>.

Colorado 4-H Scholarships

For The 2024 Colorado 4-H Scholarship application form is available at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/>.

2024 Scholarship Application Procedure

- All application materials will be submitted using the electronic universal application form.
- No letters of reference, transcripts or signature pages are required. Students will supply the names of three people we may contact for references. Needed transcripts will be requested directly from the High Schools.
- All applications will be evaluated for the Holthaus, Murdoch's and Smith scholarships.

Helpful Hints:

- Fill out and submit only one electronic 4-H scholarship application form.
- Review the requirements for the CADA, Kimberling, Portouw and Sandstead scholarships. If you meet the requirements, highlight the boxes on the electronic application form.

Visit Colorado 4-H website for scholarship details.

All required materials are due no later than March 1, 2024.

If you have scholarship questions, please contact OEE_Giving@colostate.edu.

Central Colorado Water Conservancy Scholarship

Central Colorado Water Conservancy District funds a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving student who is interested in pursuing a career in natural resources, agriculture, water resources, and related areas of study. The chosen student must be a high school senior, who is currently enrolled in a high school within the District boundaries. Check-in with your school counselor for more information. Or, contact CCWCD at (970) 330-4540, by email to TRusch@ccwcd.org, or visit our website at [Central Colorado Water Conservancy District Scholarship Application](#). **Applications are accepted January 1st through February 29, 2029.**

Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship

One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to a 4-H Member who has been enrolled in Shooting Sports for a minimum of four years.

This scholarship is intended to assist individuals entering a postsecondary vocational or technical field, such as welding, carpentry, mechanics, etc.

Applicants will need to submit three letters of recommendation. One from their Extension 4-H Agent, one from their County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or Coach and one from a non-relative adult. Each applicant will also need to provide an essay on what they have done in 4-H, why they are applying and what they plan to do in the future.

Don and Margaret Marr will select a committee to determine the recipient. Please send all required materials listed above to Margaret Marr at 7108 Highway 34, Yuma, CO, 80759.

All required materials are due no later than April 1, 2024.

2023 Scholarship Recipients

If you received a scholarship greater than \$500 make sure you resubmit your proof of registration for your second semester payment. We will not automatically pay out the remainder of the scholarship without that. If you need that form, please contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

Leader's Council Corner

Weld County 4-H Leader's Council is open to all Weld County 4-H leaders & parents. Our meetings are every other month (February, April, June, August, October & December) on the first Tuesday (with the exception of October and sometimes August) at 7:00 pm in the Exhibition Building in Greeley.

Have you ever wondered what Weld County 4-H Leader's Council works on every year or how you can get involved? Leader's Council has several committees that meet throughout the year. The committees include: Expansion & Review, Awards & Scholarships, Budget, Leaders Food Booth (Happy Days Café), Other Fundraisers, Organizational Leaders Mentor, & Remembrance.

The Expansion & Review committee works with the Weld County Extension Office with topics brought to the council & monitoring efforts being done to reach these diverse audiences & help provide ideas on how 4-H can reach diverse & non-traditional audiences. The Awards and Scholarship committee is to establish & monitor scholarship and awards criteria. The Budget committee puts an annual budget together & presents the budget to the Leader's Council in November. The Leader's Food Booth committee organizes a concession stand during the Weld County Fair. They plan, organize & help with the day-to-day operations of the Happy Days Café. The Other Fundraisers committee plans & organizes any additional fundraisers to raise money so we can support more activities & events members or leaders can attend. The Organizational Leaders Mentor committee puts together helpful information & ideas for organizational leaders. The Remembrance committee honors present & past leaders who have passed away.

If you would like to join leader's council and help with any of these committees, please join us at our next meeting on February 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Exhibition Building.

Michelle Langston
Leader's Council President

CSU College Connection Webinar Series

CSU College Connection is hosting a webinar series. Please share the link with 4-H senior members, 4-H Volunteer Leaders, and high school teachers/counselors who you work with

<https://engagement.source.colostate.edu/college-connection-series/>

Family History Workshop

Our first workshop will be February 3rd, at 10 am at the new LINC Library in Greeley, in the Genealogy section. We'll go thru what's expected for the project and work thru a few pages of the manual. If you have not enrolled in the project yet, but want to learn more, join us! Questions? Email Michelle... highlandclovers@gmail.com

Dog ID Forms

All Dog ID Forms must be filled out by May 1st through 4-H Online this year. There are step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the Dog ID Form at www.weld4h.org/projects.

4-H Shooting Sports

Last year 231 youth enrolled in the Shooting Sports project here in Weld County. Ask any one of those members why they love the project and you are likely to hear about how much fun they have, about the life skills they learn like discipline, concentration and confidence. It is just as likely that they will tell you about the amazing leaders who plan and organize the project and serve as instructors.

Shooting Sports takes a lot of volunteer power to make it happen! Without parent and other adult participation, this experience would not be possible for 4-H'ers.

In order to keep this project going strong in the 2023-2024 4-H year we need your help. Having a county program **REQUIRES** the use of trained and certified 4-H instructors. You can become certified by participating in a workshop and it requires no special skill to start beyond being an involved parent who cares about young people. There are many other ways that you can support this project as well.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Council is a group of dedicated, hard working leaders who have made it possible for your child to have this wonderful opportunity. Now we need your help.

Please plan to attend a special meeting!

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 7-8 pm
4-H Building
527 N. 15th Avenue
Greeley, CO

Together, we can make sure the Shooting Sports project continues to change young lives in Weld County 4-H.

Signing up for Shooting Sports

Members interested in Shooting Sports *must* enroll in each discipline that they are planning to shoot in addition to the discipline they are wanting to do their 4-H project on. This helps with record keeping, safety tracking, and ensuring that all members are enrolled correctly for their different projects. If you have any questions, contact Kim.

Do you love the Shooting Sports Project?

To become a shooting sports instructor, individuals are required to become an authorized Weld County 4-H Leader and to complete the shooting sports certification workshop (see schedule below). To find out more about this wonderful volunteer opportunity and becoming a shooting sports instructor, contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

Shooting Sports Certification Training

Interested in being a part of the growing Weld County Shooting Sports program? Then mark your calendars because there are only 4 Leader and Jr. Leader Shooting Sports Certification workshops in the state. You can register for this workshop through 4-H Online, registration will tentatively open in 4-H Online mid to late January and will close one week prior to the start of the training. **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Discipline classes are capped so register early!

You must be an enrolled leader to be able to attend one of these Certification Workshops. If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor and you are not an enrolled leader, there is still time to go through the leader process.

You must be in the process of becoming a leader a minimum of 4 weeks before the training registration deadline. To start your leader application, login to your 4-H Online family account & add yourself as an adult.

Please contact the Weld County Extension office for more information or visit <http://colorado4h.org/ss/>

There are only 4 shooting sports certification workshops in the state including:

- ◆ Morgan County (Ft. Morgan), March 1 – March 3, 2024 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery
- ◆ Pueblo County (Pueblo), March 8 - March 10, 2024 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Muzzleloader, and Western Heritage
- ◆ Weld County (Greeley), March 15 – March 17, 2024 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery
- ◆ Garfield County (Rifle), March 22 – March 24, 2024 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Muzzleloader, and Western Heritage

All workshops are tentative and may be cancelled or adjusted to meet current Colorado State Government, CSU and or County restrictions and requirements. Additional trainings may be added to the schedule tentatively, should circumstances allow.



Programs for October 2023-March 2024

October: Lunar and Solar Eclipses

Youth will prepare for the Lunar eclipse that is coming on October 14th, 2023. They will have hands on activities that explain the phenomenon.

November: Cool Coding

Youth will learn how to duplicate a written code from the Inventr.io program and connect wires and LED light bulbs to create a circuit and make the bulb light up.

December: Mathematics and Making

Youth will learn about pi (3.14159265) and its special relationship between diameter and circumference found in all circles.

January: Science of Sound

Youth will learn how the science of sound works and explore various objects that make sounds including musical instruments.

February: Feed the Birds

Youth will create their own bird feeders out of pine cones, peanut butter (or sunflower butter) and bird seed. These will then be hung from trees for birds to eat.

March: Rockets and Orions Belt

Youth will be able to explore various types of rockets such as straw rockets, water rockets, and even meet up on a specific day to launch a live rocket in the air.



Contact Patrick Pulis 4-H youth developer at
ppulis@weldgov.com or (970)400-2086

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Front Range 4-H Regional Creative Cooks Contest

Save the Date for the Front Range Regional 4-H Creative Cooks Contest on Saturday, February 24th at Riverdale Regional Park in Adams County! The Creative Cooks contest is an opportunity for members to showcase their creativity while learning more about meal planning, nutrition, and food safety. Registration information will be coming out soon.

SAVE THE DATE

FRONT RANGE REGIONAL 4-H CREATIVE COOKS CONTEST

RIVERDALE REGIONAL PARK
ADAMS COUNTY

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

Registration information and rules coming soon!

Members/Leaders



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE



Looking at the **BIGGER PICTURE**

- ☒ For Youth Ages 14-18
- ☒ \$215 per youth/adult and \$85 for extra banquet tickets
- ☒ January 29th, 4-H Day at the Capitol

Register Through Weld Co.

<https://form.jotform.com/81074868533161>

Registration Deadline 1/2/2024

Watch your Email for info.

Questions?
Contact Teresa Johnson
970-302-9040
tjohnson@co.weld.co.us

**27-28
JANUARY**
DENVER, CO



Youth Executive Council Corner

3! 2! 1! Happy New Year! Let's take a dive into how YEC finished up the year 2023 and is starting 2024!

At our December meeting, we had a potluck and participated in a gift exchange. On December 28th, YEC and other 4-H members helped out at the Weld Food Bank. If you missed it this year, we volunteer at the Food Bank yearly around the same time.

Later this month, many of our YEC members will be attending the Leadership Development Conference. If you are 14 years or older and are fully enrolled in 4-H, don't forget to sign up! It will be a blast!

Our next meeting will be January 2, 2024 at 7 pm in the Extension Office. We are accepting members 12 and up! Don't want to join but want to see what happens, you are more than welcome to join us!

The YEC Reporters,
Isabelle Bokelman and Kara Schleiger

District II Meetings

- January – At LDC
- March 3rd at 2:30 pm – The Ranch, Loveland

**Elevate
Your
Tailgate
Raffle**

**2024
4-H Raffle**
watch for details!

Members/Leaders

Family Consumer Science Class

Sheila Beckley offers a wide variety of classes open to all. Below are a few of the upcoming classes. For a full list of upcoming classes, please visit the [Family Consumer Science page](#).

Facebook Live Events

This is a series of short 10–15-minute live discussion/demo on Facebook that you can watch while having lunch. Tune in on the **last Wednesday** of the month at **noon** on [High Plains Library District Facebook](#) Page. Just scroll down on the News Feed on the date indicated below at noon and it will pop up live. Free and no need to register.

December 27th at noon: Budgeting Tips and Guides Start afresh! New year new resolutions! Learn a few budgeting tips and guides for the coming year. Free digital handouts!

Officer Training February 6, 2024 6:30pm, 4-H Building

The Weld County Youth Executive Council will present an officer training and team building workshop which is open to all club officers & members wanting to learn more about officers.

Members will learn about how to run 4-H meetings and other similar events, as well as team building skills.

The YEC will host the event on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30pm. Members & Officers should RSVP if they plan to attend, snacks will be served.

The workshop should be a great learning tool for club officers & we encourage everyone to come, all ages welcome.

**Please RSVP by
February 1, 2024**

To RSVP or for more information
Teresa Johnson 970-400-2070
tjohnson@co.weld.co.us



4-H Day @ the Weld Food Bank



Sign up as a club or as an individual.

**You MUST pre-register for this
community service project
with Teresa Johnson.**

**RSVP by
12/23**



Limited number of volunteer spots available

Thursday 12/28

**For full details
contact tjohnson@co.weld.co.us
970-400-2070**

**MEMBERS MUST BE 12 YEARS OLD,
OR BRING AN ADULT WITH THEM TO WORK.**

Come dressed to work! Closed Toed Shoes!

Save the Date!



Saturday February 10

**SE Weld County Fairgrounds
Keenesburg, CO**

Open to kids 5-8

drop-off day camp, lunch served

**Thanks to Aims Community College
Ag Club &
Agricultural Sciences and Technology Department**

Working with Club Officers

The officers of the club sit at the table in the front of the community building and nervously wait for the noise to stop so they can start the meeting. Finally, the leader speaks loud enough to get everyone's attention and calls for order. The club president asks what they need to talk about first. The leader tells her and things begin. With every item of business, parents and leaders talk about the pros and cons of issues to ensure the members make the *right* decisions. The president was disorganized, there was no agenda, the group didn't focus on discussion items and there was continuous personal chit chat going on. Does any of this feel familiar? 4-H club meetings are great opportunities to teach life skills such as decision making, problem solving, critical thinking, leadership, contributing to the group effort and teamwork. However, it takes some intentional effort to create a climate where those life skills can best be developed. People feel frustrated, disorganized and question the use of their time at 4-H club meetings when an effort hasn't been made to create a productive experience for the meeting. The best organizational leaders that work as facilitators and advisors acknowledge five characteristics of all productive meetings.

1. **Purpose** - There is a goal or reason to meet.
 2. **Setting** - There needs to be an atmosphere that encourages participation and discourages cliques.
 3. **People** - Who needs to be at the meeting and who has the authority and responsibility to follow-up on decisions?
 4. **Agenda** - Is the plan for the group defined from beginning to end?
 5. **Follow-up** - Dividing responsibilities among members, taking notes, gathering information and doing the work. The responsibilities of the leaders and parents are to help the members achieve goals and get things done by providing influence and guidance. Leadership is **no accident**.
- **Notify** - members and parents of time, place and expectations.
 - **Organize** - resources, information and agendas with the officers ahead of time.
 - **Acknowledge** - people. Trust needs to be built by getting to know one another.
 - **Contact** - prior to meeting contact the officers to discuss business at hand.
 - **Communicate** - to avoid breakdowns and keep everyone informed.
 - **Identify skills** - so that no one's strengths are overlooked.
 - **Divide and delegate** - responsibilities among the group with committees that can support individuals.
 - **Encourage** - sparks of interest and enthusiasm. They are contagious!
 - **Notes** - are the record of what needs to be done and what is accomplished.
 - **Thank you** - are the two powerful words which help value the efforts of others.

Helping 4-H clubs and their members requires you to advise them in decision making. They learn by practicing their skills and facing challenges and failures. Jim Fey, an educational consultant said, "*The price of learning is as cheap now as it will ever be.*" Explore how you can work with youth to define problems, gather information, explore alternatives, weigh the consequences, decide on an action and evaluate the results. It's a blue light special now, while the price is right!

4-H Club Officer Information

4-H Club Officers

Congratulations! It is an honor to be selected by your fellow 4-H members to serve in the important position of a club officer. 4-H Club Officer guides are available at the Extension Office. Call to arrange to pick up a copy.

An Officer Training will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 6:30 pm at the 4-H Building at Island Grove Park, Greeley. For more information, contact Teresa at 970-400-2070.

4-H Club Secretary

Serving as 4-H secretary is certainly an honor, but it also includes many duties and responsibilities. You should become familiar with these so you can serve your club well and keep a good record of all the club's activities through the year. You are required to keep accurate minutes of meetings and records of attendance. You also will maintain the 4-H Club Activities calendar. A complete list of your responsibilities and all of the forms that you need are included in the 4-H Secretary Book. The book is available on the web at: www.colorado4h.org or you may call and arrange to pick up a copy at the Extension Office.

Clubs are required to submit a copy of their Secretary Book to the Extension Office at the end of the 4-H year!

4-H Club Treasurer

You have a very important job! The treasurer is responsible for taking care of the club's money and bank accounts. This responsibility requires honesty, integrity, cooperation and communication with the members of your club. 4-H clubs must complete an Annual Financial Summary report and submit it to the Extension Office. This report creates an open, public record of each nonprofit group receiving public donations and it also fulfills the audit concerns of CSU and federal requirements for financial accounting by 4-H clubs. The USDA requires that 4-H clubs file financial statements and plans with the Extension Office. You should review all of your responsibilities as treasurer with your club leader. The complete 4-H Treasurer Book, which includes all of the forms that you need is available on the web at www.colorado4h.org or you may call to arrange to pick up your copy at the Extension Office.

Members & Leaders/Horse

Colorado State University Conducts Background Checks on all Volunteers

Volunteers serve at the request of Colorado State University Extension. That request can be withdrawn for any reason, or no reason, at any time. Volunteers agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct and to enforce the Code of Conduct with 4-H members they supervise.

Interested in being a Key Leader?

If you have an interest in sharing your time and talent to help 4-H members with a particular project please give us a call. You can help by being a resource leader, key leader, or by simply offering a single workshop.

For General and Natural Resource, Family Consumer Science and Horse projects call Kim at 970-400-2079. For Livestock projects call Larry at 970-400-2093.

Becoming a Leader

The Weld County 4-H program is a team effort. The volunteers, Extension staff, parents and members work together to plan and carry out a program for the growth and development of young people. If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a volunteer leader, here are the steps that need to be completed to become an approved leader in Weld County 4-H:

1. Fill out and submit an enrollment form, volunteer leader application and background disclosure form through 4-H Online
2. Have two positive references
3. Have a complete background check
4. Complete an online orientation training
5. Have an interview with the 4-H agents (all organizational leaders and others in some cases)

Once you are approved as a leader you will receive a letter in the mail stating you are approved as a leader. You must complete and submit an enrollment form through 4-H Online on an annual basis in order to stay active in the system. **If you do not submit enrollment annually, the system will drop you as a leader and will be required to reapply.** If you are active in a specific club, the organizational leader will confirm your enrollment form along with the rest of the club. If you are a key leader, resource leader, or an activity leader, you may re-enroll through 4-H Online and the Extension Office will see your enrollment.

Volunteer Reporting Hours

New this year is an opportunity for volunteers to share how many hours you spend in your positions. Whether this is your time spent for club meetings, leading workshops, or helping at different events all can be shared! Things can be lumped together (all workshop hours, club hours, etc.) or you can put in dates for each thing, it is all up to you. You can find instructions on how to input these hours in the Bulletin Board at www.weld4h.org. Go to the Bulletin Board and click on Leader Volunteer Hours to get the instructions. These hours will need to be put in by the end of the 4-H year next August. If you would rather e-mail in your hours spent you can send them to keastwood@weldgov.com.

4-H Horse Project Night

A Mandatory Horse Project Night is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024 in the 4-H Building at Island Grove Park, Greeley, pizza at 6:30 pm & meeting at 7:00 pm. Some of the items to be covered are:

- Horse ID requirements
 - ⇒ ID packets will be available from last year to update and resubmit by the May 1st deadline.
- Advancement Levels
 - ⇒ Recognition of individuals who attained levels certifications in 2023
 - ⇒ Opportunities for levels certification in 2024
- Weld County Fair information
- Colorado State Fair information
- Horse project opportunities (Judging, Horse Bowl, etc.)

For more information on Horse Project Night contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

Horse ID Forms

All Horse ID Forms must be filled out by May 1st through 4-H Online. You can enter horse ID and upload the Coggins test form beginning the first part of January. There are step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the Horse ID Form at www.weld4h.org/projects.

Horse Advancement Levels for 2023

Congratulations to the following individuals for their accomplishments in achieving one or more certifications in the Colorado 4-H Horse Advancement Levels program in 2023!

Any corrections to this list should be reported to Kim Eastwood at the Extension Office, 970-400-2079.

Western Level I

Laramie Ferguseon
Faith Johnson
Ryan Loya
Natalie Prater
Kizzy Reinick
Elsa Schaffner

Western Level II

Riley Mahon
Savannah Schorre

Western Level I and II

Jenna Webb
Kendall Webb

English Level I

Elsa Schaffner

English Level II

Savannah Schorre

Ranch I

Beau Gardner
Katy Gardner
Ryan Loya
Paisley Martinez
Elsa Schaffner

Ranch I and II

Lana Johnson
Audrey Koehn
Bonnie Koehn
Riley Mahon
Jenna Webb
Kendall Webb

Horse/Livestock/Small Animals

Premises ID

A premises identification number (PIN) or location identifier (LID) is a unique code that is permanently assigned to a single physical location. PIN or LID registration is administered by each State and allows animal health officials to quickly and precisely identify where animals are located in the event of an animal health or food safety emergency. A PIN or LID is required to purchase official animal identification tags.

If you move, the Premises ID stays with the property you are moving from and you will need to get a new Premises ID for your new home.

You can obtain a Premises ID at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/traceability/state-pin/>.

PID may be obtained by contacting the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-869-9130 or online at www.coloradodepartmentofagriculture/animals-ag.colorado.gov.

4-H Animal Care and Housing Form

All 4-H members with animal projects will be required to have a completed, signed and approved Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects form on file at the Extension Office. This form will be provided in two ways:

- 1. 4-H online for those that have their animals at their place of residence and on our 4-H Website** www.weld4h.org/projects/ for those that have their animals some place other than their residence. **If your animal project is housed at your place of residence you can fill out this form while filling out your paperwork during the enrollment process online.**
- 2. If your animal project is not housed at your place of residence then you will need to go to our 4-H Website, print the Animal Care and Housing form and fill out both sides of that form. This gives us additional information about your specific situation and helps with the approval process. Please give us detailed information or we will send them back for you to adjust your comments.**

Talk to your club leader or contact Larry at 970-400-2093 if you have any questions.

FFA Animal Care and Housing Form

All FFA members with animal projects will be required to have a completed, signed and approved Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado FFA Livestock Projects form on file at the Weld County Fair Office.

- FFA Members who want to show at the 2024 Weld County Fair must fill out and turn in an Animal Care and Housing Form by 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2024 to the Weld County Extension Office to be eligible to show at the 2024 Weld County Fair. These forms will not be accepted via email. You can download the FFA Animal Care and Housing Form at http://weldcountyfair.com/entries_events/fair_book_entry_forms.

4-H Livestock, Small Animal, Horse & Dog Manuals

Each household will receive one manual to be shared by siblings for the projects they are enrolled in. If a family wishes to purchase additional manuals they are welcome to do so at the Extension Office. The manuals are for all livestock, small animals, horse & dog projects.

Avian Flu

Avian Flu is back. We encourage you to keep an eye on your flocks and practice good biosecurity. We have an Avian Flu page on the Extension website that has lots of information and contact phone numbers and links to multiple websites. We have also created an Avian Flu link on the 4-H website to the left of the Projects page.

Poultry Project Information Meeting

Are you interested in poultry, but not sure what to do? We'll come to the meeting on January 11, 2024. It will be in the 4-H Building at 6:30 pm. You can see what is all involved in doing poultry. If you have any questions about poultry this is the meeting for you. Hope to see you there!

2023 Poultry Meeting Schedule

- January 11th, 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, 527 N. 15th Avenue, Greeley, Poultry 101
- February 15th, 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Poultry Antimony
- March 21st, 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Market Chickens and Turkeys
- April 18th, 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Record Books
- May 16th, 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Poultry Showmanship
- June 20th at Pheasant Run Park in Greeley, Preparing for Fair

Market Beef Identification Day

February 3, 2024 To be eligible for the 2024 Weld County Fair and Junior Livestock Sale, all market beef animals must be identified.

- Identifying will be done ONLY on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at the following location:

GREELEY PRODUCERS SALE YARD, 711 "O" Street, Greeley, 8:00 am to 11:00 am

- We are unsure if there will be a scale available, if so, animals will be weighed. Please watch for updates next month for the possibility of a scale. Retinal scans will be collected on ALL market beef for the Weld County Fair and Colorado State Fair.
- A \$4.00 fee for retinal scans and ear tags will be collected at this time. Checks can be made payable to Weld County Fair.

Calves will be brand inspected. You need to bring the following documentation with you:

- Valid proof of ownership**
 - ⇒ In-state animal needs a brand certificate, including the home raised cattle
 - ⇒ If coming from Out-of-state, animal needs purchase invoice or brand inspection and health papers
- You are required to contact the Brand Office (970-352-8622) prior the weigh-in to get your brand certificates. Brand Certificates will not be written at weigh-in. All Brand Certificate fees will be paid by the exhibitor to the Brand Office.**

There will be NO make-up date. All cattle need to be identified on February 3, 2024.

Horse/Livestock/Small Animals

Breeding Animal ID Forms – Required This Year

We are requiring all members with breeding animals (Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine) to fill out an ID Form in 4-H Online. We hope that many of you filled these forms out and submit them as we suggested last year, then this year you will just update them and re-submit the form and you are done. Regardless, this year you will need to fill out the Breeding Animal ID Forms by May 15th through 4-H Online. Please remember that you cannot nominate the same animal for market and breeding. Each breeding animal can only be nominated by only one member. There are step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the Breeding Animal ID Form on each species pages at <https://www.weld4h.org/Projects>.

Weld County Goat Extravaganza

Nominations are being taken for persons interested in serving on the Weld County Goat Extravaganza Planning Committee. The purpose of this committee is to help plan the Weld County Goat Extravaganza that takes place in the end of April, the 2024 show will take place on April 26-28. If you are interested or have questions about this committee, please contact Larry Hooker, lhooker@co.weld.co.us.

Meat Quality Assurance

Weld County 4-H and FFA members enrolling in any market and/or breeding livestock or small animal projects for the first time regardless of age, must attend a Colorado Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) program. 4-H and FFA members will be required to attend a Face to Face Colorado MQA program a minimum of twice during the course of their career – once as a junior (8-13 years old, age as of December 31st) and once again within one year after becoming a senior (14-18 years old, age as of December 31st) member. The virtual MQA training last year was valid for one year only.

We are planning a MQA training on March 26th and March 27th from 4:00-7:00 pm in the 4-H Building, Greeley. Please check in no later than 6:00 pm for the training. Please take a look at the list that is posted in the Bulletin Board on the Weld County 4-H website to see if you need to take this class. This list was last updated on October 3rd and will be updated next on March 10th.

There will be a virtual class in late spring. The virtual class is only valid for one year.

Youth Loan Program

American AgCredit's AgYouth Program provides interest-free loan funds for qualifying beef, sheep, goat, swine, and dairy projects to 4-H and FFA members. For information, please contact MacKenzie Stoaks at American AgCredit in Greeley at 970-330-4071 or agyouth@agloan.com.

Judging Opportunities for 4-H Members

Judging is a great opportunity for 4-H members to improve decision making, communication, problem solving, and time management skills in a fun, team-oriented setting. Members do not have to be involved in any specific project to take part in judging programs. Some potential benefits of judging include college scholarships, opportunity to travel, personal and team awards. Check out one or more of these judging opportunities!

Signing up for Judging Teams

Members who want to be on a judging team will need to sign up through 4-H Online in the Group Section once your account has been approved.

Horse Judging

Develop an eye for horses and understand what exactly goes on in the show ring. Workouts generally start in January or February. 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 level contests. For more information contact Rachel LeClere at 720-936-6408 or weldhorsejudging@gmail.com.

Horse Bowl

By participating in Horse Bowl, you can learn about the horse in a fun setting. The team competes in knowledge bowl contests that demonstrate understanding of equine science and management. Work-outs generally start in October or November. The State Horse Bowl Contest is held in conjunction with the State 4-H Conference in June. There are opportunities for members of top placing teams to travel to national level contests. For more information contact coach Teresa Johnson at 970-302-9040.

Horse Hippology

Very similar to Horse Bowl is the Hippology program. 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. Top state teams have the opportunity to travel to national level contests. Practices normally start in October or November. For more information contact coach Teresa Johnson at 970-302-9040.

Livestock Judging

Workouts for Livestock Judging normally start in early March. Generally, the team will also compete in several county contests prior to the State contest in June, held in conjunction with the State 4-H Conference in Fort Collins. Team members will learn livestock evaluation skills for beef, sheep and swine. Top placing teams have the opportunity to participate in national level contests. For further information contact coaches Ben and Larissa Fritz at 970-396-7395 (Ben) or 970-759-6404 (Larissa).

Dairy Judging

Dairy judging is a state-based program where members participate on an individual basis. Following the State Contest, generally held in July, the top individuals are chosen and have the opportunity to participate in national level contests. In dairy judging members will learn about the parts of a dairy cow and dairy cattle evaluation skills. Workouts normally start in June. For more information contact coaches Debbie Carpio at 970-397-6718 or Sarah Callender at 970-381-7675.

Weld County 4-H/FFA Dairy Heifer Replacement Project (DHRP)

The purpose of the program is to provide 4-H and FFA members an opportunity to:

1. Learn how to select a dairy heifer that has the potential to be a good producing cow.
2. Learn how to raise a good quality animal, demonstrating approved management principles.
3. Offer for sale a top quality dairy replacement animal at the conclusion of the program.
4. Give non-farm members the opportunity to gain valuable experience in the dairy industry.

The Weld County 4-H Dairy Advisory Council will oversee and assist in managing this project.

Eligibility

1. Any duly enrolled Weld County 4-H or FFA member is eligible for this program.
2. The member must enroll, or be enrolled, in a 4-H or FFA dairy cattle project.
3. The member must specifically enroll their project heifer in the DHRP by **March 15th** of the project year. Forms are available online only at www.weld4h.org, then click on "projects", then click on Dairy Cattle.

Requirements

1. Members may enroll up to three (3) heifers each year. All nominated heifers may be shown, but you are limited to showing one (1) heifer in the DHRP class and to selling that same one (1) heifer. Members must designate their DHRP heifer on their Fair entry.
2. Member must be the sole owner of the animal. A copy of the brand certificate must be submitted with enrollment. Two photos of the heifer, one of each side, must be included with the enrollment.
3. The animal must be:
 - a. Born September 1 – November, 2022 (21-23 months old at Fair time).
 - b. From a registered sire (AI or natural breeding).
 - c. From a dam that is either registered or grade. Production records must accompany enrollment.
 - d. Positively identified by a 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, Extension Agent, or member of the Council.
 - e. A minimum of 40 days pregnant as of March 1. A certificate of pregnancy from a licensed veterinarian or other qualified individual must be turned in with enrollment. Heifers MUST be due to calve no earlier than September 1st and no later than November 30th.
4. Any breed of dairy is acceptable. Heifers must be bred to a registered service sire (AI or natural).
5. Heifers must be exhibited at the Weld County Fair. All heifers enrolled in this project will show in a separate "Dairy Replacement Heifer" class.
6. Members are strongly encouraged to participate with their project heifer at the Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza, June 9-11, 2024 at Island Grove Park in Greeley.

Sale

1. Heifers will be sold at the Weld County Fair.
2. Heifers will be inspected and pregnancy checked at the Weld County Fair prior to the sale. Heifers will not be allowed to sell if:
 - a. They are not at least six (6) months pregnant,
 - b. They are not healthy or in good condition according to breed standards. Heifers are expected to meet the following height and weight measurements (measurements listed are for Holstein heifers; for other breeds contact the Weld County Extension Office):
 - i. 21 month old heifer – 1086-1372 lbs; 52-56" at withers
 - ii. 22 month old heifer – 1148-1420 lbs; 52-57" at withers
 - iii. 23 month old heifer – 1148-1420 lbs; 53-57" at withers
3. Members will receive all proceeds from the sale less a five percent (5%) commission, if they have turned in a completed record book after the Fair.
4. Members are encouraged to contact potential buyers for their animals. Buy back opportunities will be available for businesses that purchase animals.

Dairy cattle project members wanted!

Weld County Dairy Council will help with finding a place to purchase an animal and help teach about grooming, showing, nutrition, the dairy industry and more. We have a Dairy Heifer Replacement program where you purchase an older, bred heifer and sell her at Weld County Fair. If you are interested in just getting a young animal, we would be glad to help with that too. All ages are encouraged to join. For more information contact Shani McBride at suncow22@gmail.com or Larry Hooker at lhooker@co.weld.co.us.

Options for dairy cattle project

1. Purchase a heifer for the Dairy Heifer Replacement Program Options:
 - a. Purchase an 18-month-old dairy heifer before March 1 (born September or October) which will be sold in July at Weld County Fair. (See requirements for the program before purchasing an animal.)
 - b. Purchase a heifer approximately 6 months old by March 1 and make a 2-year project. (See requirements for the program before purchasing an animal.)
2. Purchase any age dairy female and use for the project. Cannot sell at Weld County Fair but can sell on your own if desired.

Dairy shows in Weld County:

1. Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza is a 3 day show in June at Island Grove.
 2. Weld County Fair in July.
- Other Shows: Colorado State Fair

What the Weld County Dairy Council can help you with:

1. Finding an animal
2. Animal nutrition
3. Guidance with training & showing
4. Education regarding dairy cattle and the dairy industry (Possible in person or online meetings and/or field trips)
5. Education regarding advertising and how to sell a dairy animal

Contact Weld County 4-H Extension Office, Larry Hooker at lhooker@co.weld.co.us or Shani McBride with Weld County Dairy Council and Weld County 4-H Dairy Cattle Leader at suncow22@gmail.com.

County Fair

Royalty Corner

Hi, everyone. My name is Jadalynn Frazier, and I am so excited to be your 2023-2024 Weld County Fair Princess. I have had so much fun, and I am so excited to see what the new year has in store. I am so excited to meet all of you in 2024 as your Weld County Fair Princess. We attend the Erie Parade of Lights on the first of December. We also had a blast handing out hot cocoa and cookies to the children in Fort Lupton at the Cocoa with Santa event on December 2nd. After that, we attended the Frederick Festival of Lights on December 2nd. We also had a blast at the Eaton Parade of Lights on December 9th and the Lasalle Parade of Lights on December 16th. In January, we have some fun events lined up. We will be attending the National Western Stock Show on January 13th. I look forward to meeting all of you in the coming year and visiting the different communities in our county!

Jadalynn Frazier, Weld County Fair Princess

Record Book Class

Any 4-H member who scored below 70% on your record book must attend a record book class on Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm online via Zoom only to be eligible to show at the 2024 Weld County Fair. This year there is no in person option for the class. You will receive a link to the Zoom meeting by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 20, 2023. There is a letter in your record book talking about this class if you scored below 70%. A letter has been mailed to you to remind you about this class. If you have any questions, please contact Larry at 970-400-2093 or lhooker@weld.gov.

Fair Camping Reservations

Reminder that we are **NOT** doing Camping reservations in January. Reservations will open in March of 2024! We will post more on the newsletter when we get closer.

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Celebrating 106 Years

Mark your calendars for the 106th celebration of the Weld County Fair! Our pre-fair will begin on July 20th with our official fair kicking off mid-week & wrapping up with the Junior Livestock Sale on Monday, July 29th. Visit Weld County Fair for a tentative schedule!

Weld County Fair Committees

Do you have an idea on how to complement & get involved in the 106th Weld County Fair? The Weld County Fair Board invites applications to its Fair Committees for 2024 Fair planning at any time up until the Fair.

- All Around Showmanship Committee
- Carcass Contest Committee
- Drug Testing Committee
- Jr. Livestock, Animal Health Committee
- Jr. Livestock, Sale Committee
- Premier Exhibitor Committee
- Royalty Committee
- Security, Parking and Risk Management Committee

If you are interested in serving, the Board looks forward to your application which can be found at Fair Committees Weld County Fair.

Family Consumer Project & General & Natural Resources Exhibitors

Each year there are changes to the requirements for these projects at County and State Fair. Changes will be in the Newsletter so be sure to read it carefully.

Livestock Exhibitors

Fair Board makes some changes to the rules every year so be sure to read the Newsletters. Some of the changes may apply to you.

Please feel free to contact the editors at any time at (970) 400-2066. We are here for you and welcome your comments and suggestions.

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Master Calendar

December	
21	Weld County Fair Record Book Class, virtual only at 7:00 pm
25-26	Weld County Extension Office Closed
28	4-H Day at the Weld Food Bank

January	
1	Weld County Extension Office Closed
2	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
3	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
6-24	National Western Stock Show, Denver
11	Poultry Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H
13	4-H Showcase, 10 am - 1 pm, EB
15	Weld County Extension Office Closed
15	4-H Re-enrollment closes at 11 pm through 4-H Online
16	Horse Council Meeting, 7 pm, EO
23-25	Colorado Farm Show, Greeley
27-29	Leadership Development Conference, Denver
	District II Meeting at LDC

February	
3	Market Beef ID Day, Producers Sale Barn, Greeley
6	Officer Training, 6:30 pm, 4-H
6	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
7	Shooting Sports Parents Night, 7 pm, 4-H
10	Camp Cloverbud, Keenesburg
15	Poultry Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H
19	Weld County Extension Office Closed
24	Front Range Regional 4-H Creative Cooks Contest, Adams
26	Horse Project Night, 6:30 pm, EB

March	
1	Last Day to join 4-H through 4-H Online by 11:00 pm
1	4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline through 4-H Online
1	Weld County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due Online
1	Weld County Goat Extravaganza Scholarship Applications Due Online
1-3	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Morgan County (Fort Morgan)
3	District II Meeting, 2:30 pm, The Ranch, Loveland
5	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
6	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
8-10	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Pueblo County (Pueblo)
15	Dairy Heifer Replacement Project Application Due by 11:59 pm
15-17	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Weld County (Greeley)
19	Horse Council Meeting 7 pm, EO
21	Poultry Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H
22-24	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Garfield County (Rifle)
26	MQA Training, 4-7 pm, 4-H
27	MQA Training, 4-7 pm, 4-H

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2	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
2	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
3	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB

Due to the many events scheduled at Island Grove and through our 4-H program, locations, dates, & times are subject to change. Please CHECK THE WEBSITE (www.weld4h.org) regularly for the most up to date & accurate information!

Guide to Location Codes

Island Grove Park is 525 N. 15th Avenue, Greeley
EO = Extension Office, Island Grove Park
BH = Bunkhouse, Island Grove Park

4-H = 4-H Building, Island Grove Park
EB = Exhibition Building, Island Grove Park
LB = Livestock Barn, Island Grove Park