

**Weld County 4-H Foundation Policy  
re: Club Participation in Mardi Gras**

As time nears for the Weld County 4-H Mardi Gras, it is appropriate to remind club members and leaders of the Foundation's policy regarding Mardi Gras:

In order for Weld County 4-H members to be eligible for funds from the Weld County 4-H Foundation, their club must actively participate with a booth at 4-H Mardi Gras.

Annually, the Foundation budgets in excess of \$50,000 that is used to provide financial support to Weld County 4-H members and leaders in a variety of 4-H endeavors. Support is given to nearly 40 different programs and activities such as judging teams, State Fair entries, Fashion Revue, adult leader development, Western 4-H Roundup, and Citizenship Washington Focus. Additionally, 13 scholarships are funded through Foundation for graduating seniors and college students.

Mardi Gras is the sole fund raiser for Foundation. Through the years, it has provided approximately 20% of the Foundation's annual operating revenue. Club involvement in Mardi Gras is essential if the Foundation is to continue to provide this level of support.

Mardi Gras has a great history of success for both 4-H and the community. We look forward to your participation in it again this year! If you have any questions about this policy please do not hesitate to contact Kim Eastwood at the Extension Office, 970-4002079 . Exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case-by-case basis by contacting Kim Eastwood, Weld County 4-H Agent, at 970-400-2079.

**May 1, 2023**

To: 4-H Organizational Leader

**SUBJECT:** Mardi Gras 4-H Carnival

The Weld County Annual Mardi Gras 4-H Carnival is scheduled for **Saturday, November 18**, in the Exhibition Building, Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley. **ADMISSION IS FREE!**

**EVERY WELD COUNTY 4-H CLUB IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT**

This is your fund raising campaign for the Weld County 4-H Foundation.  
**HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOUNDATION THAT SUPPORTS YOU!**

**THEME:** Back to the 80's! Please decorate according to the theme. Prize will be given for booth with best 80's theme.

**PRE-SALE TICKETS**

Selling advance tickets is the best way to raise money for the Weld County 4-H Foundation. 4-H youth are responsible for selling a minimum of 15 tickets each. Members could mention that this is a fund raising activity for the Weld County 4-H Foundation and that money raised will be used to sponsor scholarships, state and national trips, and other educational programs. Ticket stubs are redeemable for 1 game ticket the day of the carnival and will also be used for the buyer and seller door prize drawings.

If your 4-H members need identification cards for the purpose of identifying themselves as 4-H members when selling, please contact the Extension Office.

**PLEASE NOTE MAJOR CHANGES TO TURNING IN MARDI GRAS FUNDS:**

- **Every 4-H member is expected to sell a minimum of 15 \$1.00 tickets;**
- **Clubs who do not sell at least 75% of issued tickets may be reviewed.**
- If more tickets are needed, the club leader can contact Teresa Johnson (970-400-2070).
- **ALL SOLD AND UNSOLD TICKETS ARE TURNED BACK IN.**
- **Tickets & money must be turned in by club leader NO LATER than Monday, November 20th @ 1:00pm**
- **Tickets & money may be turned in prior to or during event; directly to Teresa or Kim in sealed envelopes**
- **There will not be a "Financial Office" during Mardi Gras.**

Enclosed you will find tickets for your club members, envelopes for returning money, door prize drawing sections, and unsold tickets. *The enclosed envelopes must be used for this purpose to insure proper credit by the Financial Committee. The envelope should be sealed with ALL MONEY and COUNTING FORMS, a provided label placed across the seal and turned in to Teresa Johnson or Kim Sterkel. Because the unsold tickets have value, it is VERY important to make sure they are returned to you so that you can then turn them in to the Financial Committee.*

**TICKET STUBS AND UNSOLD TICKETS SHOULD ALSO BE PLACED INTO A MANILA ENVELOPE, PLACING PROVIDED LABEL ACROSS SEAL AND TURNED IN. BE SURE THAT YOUR CLUB NAME IS IDENTIFIABLE ON EACH ENVELOPE.**

**THE DRAWING WILL BE DONE FOLLOWING MARDI GRAS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>.** If your tickets & money are not turned in by the deadline, they will not be able to be submitted for the drawings.

- When a club sells a minimum 50 pre-sale tickets, they will receive 20% of the gross pre-sale tickets they sold. The more tickets a club sells the more money they will earn for the club.
- **CLUBS MUST fill out and return the Check Guidelines letter with their pre-sale monies.**
- *A three part ticket is used. (1) Left hand portion is redeemable for 1 game ticket. (2) Give the middle portion to the person who bought the ticket as a receipt of the donation made to 4-H. (3) Right hand portion has the purchaser's name, address, and phone number, along with sellers name and should be kept by the 4-H member selling the ticket to be turned in to the club leader for the door prize drawing. Be sure to fill in the sellers name so that he or she is eligible for the sellers drawing*
- Each ticket sold will entitle the buyer to a chance at 4 cash door prizes & the seller for 1 cash prize, drawing held after Mardi Gras On Monday, November 21.
- 4-H members must turn ticket money in to the club leaders, not to the Extension Office.
- Cash awards will be given to the **THREE CLUBS SELLING THE MOST TICKETS BY PERCENTAGE OF WHAT THE CLUB SOLD TO HOW MANY MEMBERS IN THE CLUB:** \$20.00 – First; \$15.00 – Second; and \$10.00 – Third. Only tickets submitted by the Club Leader will be counted toward these awards.
- **Please note: Any checks not cashed by 4-H Clubs within 60 days of event will be canceled & no reissues will be made, if you do not want a check made out to your club please notify us prior to Mardi Gras.**

## **BOOTH REQUESTS**

***NOTE: APPLICATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR THE NEXT YEAR AFTER JANUARY 1.***

***REQUESTS MUST BE MADE BY 10/23 AND REQUEST FORM RETURNED TO EXTENSION OFFICE***

**Only one booth request will be honored per club until Mardi Gras information is sent to all County 4-H Clubs**

### **MARDI GRAS BOOTHS**

1. After your club selects a booth for the carnival, **fill out the online application at [weld4h.org/youth opportunity/4H Events/Mardi Gras](http://weld4h.org/youth_opportunity/4H_Events/Mardi_Gras)** it will automatically be submitted to Weld County Extension Office, IF ELECTRICITY IS NEEDED, IT MUST BE NOTED ON BOOTH APPLICATION. Booths are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Applications are dated as received at the Extension Office..
2. List of booth ideas. If your club desires a booth not on the list, submit it. For explanation of listed booths, contact the Extension Office (970) 400-2070. PLEASE REFER TO ENCLOSED LETTER. Some booths may be taken through early reservations.

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| Wheel of Fortune | Lollipop Tree  | Basketball Throw | Ring Toss     |                 |
| Darts            | Treasure Chest | Candy Walk       | Bell Ringer   | Deal or No Deal |
| Horse Shoe       | 7-11 Board     | Nail Drive       | Cutting Cards | Ring The Bottle |
3. Prize bucks for booths are furnished, members collect bucks & purchase prizes. Clubs must furnish decorations, equipment & booth structure to operate the booth. **Clubs MUST also furnish helpers & bring their own tools for booth setup on Thursday before Mardi Gras, clubs are encouraged to design a booth that does not require a wooden structure (Club must supply wood & supplies for wooden booths). Please consider canopies, tents, curtains, livestock panels, etc. for your booth. Curtain supplies are limited and are first come first served.**
4. Mardi Gras Bucks will be used instead of prizes and may be accumulated to allow carnival participants to receive a prize of his/her choosing at a special prize booth located in the lobby. A few booths, such as Food Booth, Cake Walk, Bingo, Silent Auction, Popcorn and Snow cones, Inflatable Games and face painting will not give out Mardi Gras Bucks.

### **RULES TO BE FOLLOWED:**

1. "Bucks" and prizes are distributed from the Prize Booth. Records are kept of all "Bucks" and prizes distributed. **CLUBS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR Counting game tickets and turning in tally sheets and tickets back to the PRIZE BOOTH at the close of Mardi Gras, you will be asked to sign in your information. Be sure that you keep track of how many prize bucks you pick up from the prize booth, and that you return ALL UNUSED PRIZE bucks.**
2. Use care in giving out "Bucks"!!! If your booth is giving too many "Bucks", you will be asked to make the game more difficult. **You should be collecting a minimum of 2 game tickets for every one Mardi Gras Buck given out.**
3. There **MUST** be an adult in your booth at **ALL** times. If you fail to comply, your booth will be closed until an adult is present.
4. Members cannot use "Bucks" to purchase game tickets or play games.

### **BUILDING BOOTHS-wood booths are discouraged!**

- Booth framework will be setup on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm. **EACH CLUB IS REQUIRED TO HELP and BRING OWN SUPPLIES.** Light dinner will be provided. After general setup, clubs may work on their specific booth.
- Booth sizes have been changed to 10x10 or 10x20 to make using popup canopies easier, please think about the fact that these may be dark inside, and you may need to supply twinkle lights. As well, if you need sides, think of sheets, tarps or shower curtains as items that might help you to enclose your booth.
- After the carnival, each club will dismantle its booth, & clean its area,
- **CLUBS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVAL OF POSTERS FROM EXHIBITION HALL (NO FLYERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON FLOOR)**

**DO NOT OVERLOAD THE DUMPSTERS, BREAK DOWN YOU TRASH, OR TAKE IT WITH YOU.**

## **BOOTH SET-UP-CHANGE TO BASE SIZE NOW 10X10 TO 10X20 TO ACCOMMODATE CANOPIES**

- Booth spaces will be laid out and ready for clubs to move into **on Friday November 17<sup>TH</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and at 8:00 a.m.-1:00p.m. Saturday, November 18<sup>TH</sup>**, to start decorating, equipping, stocking, etc.
- **DO NOT USE PAINT IN EXHIBITION BUILDING.** All painting must be done outside.
- Make sign for booth. Include name of booth, club name and instructions for winning. Sign should be hung from top frame and easily read.

-Signs may be hung around the building using **painters tape & MUST BE REMOVED AT END OF EVENT.**

### **- NO FLYERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FLOOR.**

- Use only thumb tacks or painters tape. **DO NOT USE STAPLES/SCOTCH TAPE/PACKING TAPE/DUCT TAPE**
- **USE ONLY FLAME-PROOF MATERIAL. (NO HAY, STRAW OR OTHER NATURAL DRIED MATERIALS)**
- Clean up area around booth after completion of booth; help with cleanup of common areas.
- Do provide your own back wall to fit your booth and other framework to help your club decorate if you do not have a wood booth.
- Provide sheet plastic if your booth involves water, shaving cream, etc.
- Clubs should be aware that supplies are limited and curtains, dividers, frame work are not guaranteed, even when requested early. Clubs should plan a booth that they are able to build without depending on the County for materials.

## **BOOTH JUDGING**

- Booths will be judged for cash awards.
- Each booth will be judged on taste, beauty, originality, theme and work done by the club's members.  
Prizes to be awarded as follows: 1st - \$75; 2nd - \$50; 3rd - \$25; and ribbons 4th through 10th
- **ALL BOOTHS MUST BE DECORATED BY 1:00 P.M. 11/18 FOR JUDGING.**

## **GAME TICKETS**

- Game tickets are used at all booths.
- Game ticket sales booths are placed at front of hall and are run by adults.
- Each club must furnish a tightly sealed box for game tickets; shoe box will work.
- **CLUBS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR Counting game tickets collected, turning tally sheets TO PRIZE BOOTH. Unused prize bucks are returned to the PRIZE BOOTH at the close of Mardi Gras, you will be asked to sign in your information. Be sure that you keep track of how many prize bucks you pick up from the prize booth, and that you return ALL UNUSED PRIZE bucks.**

## **WORKING BOOTH**

- Workers ONLY on the first shift may enter the carnival at 2:50**
- Doors will open to public from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Have at least two people (**ONE ADULT**) in booth at all times.
- At closing time, each club will dismantle its booth completely.
- All clubs must assist cleanup. We hope to be cleaned up & closed by 9:30 p.m.
- Members should stay at their own booth – Please stay out of other booths!
- If children younger than 4-H age need to be present while decorating booths, each club is responsible for having an adult watching them.
- **CLUBS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVAL OF POSTERS FROM EXHIBITION. NO POSTERS ON FLOORS.**

## **CAKES AND PIES**

We are asking each 4-H club to furnish four items (2) cakes and one(1) pie (no refrigeration-type pies including cream pies)and 1 baked good (brownies, cookies, bars, etc) in disposable pans for the cake walk and food stand at the 4-H Mardi Gras Carnival. Please have the cakes and pies at the Exhibition building, Island Grove Regional Park, by 1:00 p.m., Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **MARDI GRAS DANCE**

Weld County 4-H Youth Executive Council will be sponsoring the Mardi Gras Dance in the 4-H Building from 9:30 p.m. until midnight. The dance will cost \$5.00 per person. All 4-H rules apply. **The dance will begin as soon as clean up is finished, including removal of all posters.**

If you have any questions or suggestions, please bring them to the attention of Teresa Johnson at the Extension office-970-400-2070.

Sincerely,  
Weld County 4-H Mardi Gras Committee

# BACK TO 80S PARTY

## MARDI GRAS

### 11/18/23

Booth Applications available at  
[Weld4h.org](http://Weld4h.org)



# MARDI GRAS

## CLUB

## BASKET

## CHALLENGE

Which 4-H Club Basket will win the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual basket challenge?

# START PLANNING YOUR BASKET NOW

**Clubs are challenged to provide a unique Gift basket to be placed on the silent auction, the basket selling for the highest bid will be crowned the 2023 winner!**

All Bidding & Payments will be online! Watch for Info

### WINNING CLUBS RECEIVE A "CLUB PARTY"

**Please deliver all baskets to the Extension Office by November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Include basket value & photo of all items in basket!**

## 2022 WINNERS:



**Highest Value Magic Spurs**

**Outdoor Theatre**



**Highest Profit Severance 4-H**

**Raking in the \$**



**Most Creative Galeton 4-H**

**"Cars" Basket**

 PICK A THEME

 GATHER ITEMS

 INVOLVE YOUR MEMBERS!



# Mardi Gras Silent Auction

## *Call for Items*

**AGAIN IN 2023  
the SILENT AUCTION  
will be held virtually.**

**Items will be displayed  
at the Mardi Gras, but  
all bidding will be done  
online.**

**Clubs are requested to  
deliver their donations  
for the auction to the  
Extension Office by  
November 6**

**Winning items can be  
picked up, with  
paid receipt  
at Mardi Gras  
or at the Extension office  
before 11/22.**

*If you, your business or  
your club are interested in  
donating please contact*

*Kris Stevens at  
970-302-7258 or  
Teresa Johnson  
970-302-9040*

*Donations will be picked up for  
your convenience upon request.*

**Don't forget the Club Basket Challenge!**



Don't forget



# The Cakewalk!

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Each club is asked to bring  
3 cakes    1 pie    1 baked good

Your help with the cakewalk  
and concession stand is  
greatly appreciated.

**Please bring your items in disposable pans  
by 1pm on Saturday, November 18th to the Exhibition Building**



# MARDI GRAS DANCE



SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 18

9:00PM-11:45PM

\$5.00/PERSON



**Once You're in You're In. If you leave, you will not be readmitted.  
4-H Code of conduct & dress rules will be enforced.**

Sponsored by Weld County 4-H Youth Executive Council