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New County Project

Genealogy: New for County Project this year. Look for more information as we finalize project requirements.

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.

Volunteer Reporting Hours

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. These hours will need to be put in by the end of the 4-H year in August. If you would rather e-mail in your hours spent you can send them to keastwood@weldgov.com.

Laser Tag

As we begin the new 4-H year there are policies in place from Colorado 4-H regarding laser tag. 4-H groups are no longer allowed to participate in laser tag as it promotes the idea of pointing guns at other people. Please be aware of this when planning club outings.

Icebreaker Activity

Through this activity, members will be able to learn what they have in common with other members of the group. You will start out by asking the group a question, examples listed below, and everyone will start calling out their answers. The goal is to find other members who are saying the same thing that you do. If you find someone saying the same thing, you will link arms & continue to move around the room to find everyone that is saying the same

answer. Give the group 1 minute for each question to find the others that have the same answers.

Example Questions:

- Favorite Color
- Favorite pizza topping
- Favorite animal

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Weld County 4-H Yeti Tailgate Bundle

We are holding a Yeti Tailgate Bundle Raffle to raise funds for Weld County 4-H! The Grand Prize is The Ultimate Yeti Tailgate Bundle. The drawing will be held November 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the annual Mardi Gras.

Great 4-H Club Fundraiser

The Weld County 4-H Foundation raffle returns half of the ticket sales money to the club or group that sold the tickets. This is a much better rate of return than the 25% (one quarter percent) returns grocery store card sales yield and what other fundraising companies provide. If you are interested in selling raffle tickets to raise money, contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

CSU College Connection Webinar Series

Good afternoon! Click on the link below to read a short article about the CSU College Connection webinar series. Please share the link with 4-H senior members, 4-H Volunteer Leaders, and high school teachers/counselors who you work with. I hope you enjoy the long weekend.

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

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.

Colorado Farm Show Scholarships

The Colorado Farm Show is offering over \$25,000 in scholarships to Colorado High School Seniors graduating in the winter of 2023 or the spring of 2024. Applicants must be pursuing a degree in an Agricultural field of study at the college or university of their choice. To date, the Farm Show has awarded a total of \$250,000 in scholarships!

Scholarship applications and guidelines can be found at www.coloradofarmshow.com. Applications must be submitted no later than November 1, 2023. Applications that are incomplete or late will not be considered.

Colorado Women In Ag Conference



Weld County Extension is hosting a Colorado Women in Ag Conference at the Event Center at Island Grove Park, Greeley, CO on November 17th & 18th. We are currently accepting registration through November 1, 2023, and sponsors. For more information, visit Colorado Women In Ag website.

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.

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 and lots of fun!

Activities may include cake decorating, model rocketry, pinwheels, leathercraft, scrapbooking and much more! There will be door prizes and free hot dogs and popcorn. If you would like to lead an activity or do a demonstration, contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

Shooting Sports Certification Training

If you are interested in becoming a Certified Shooting Sports Leader, in any discipline, trainings will be offered across the state this Spring. To attend the training, you must be an enrolled, approved leader for Weld County 4-H. This requires online training videos, background check, and reference check. Dates for the coming trainings will be released as soon as they are available. You must be in the process of becoming a leader a minimum of 4 weeks before the deadline for registration for the trainings.

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Leaders Council Corner

We just closed out a successful year and are already starting a great new 4-H year.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00pm. In addition to our normal business meeting, we will be hosting our Holiday Party. Dinner will be provided; Nacho bar please feel free to bring a dessert. A White Elephant exchange will also be happening, so please bring a wrapped gift, up to a \$10 value to participate.

We encourage everyone who can make it to attend. We have several topics to cover during our business meeting that were tabled during our October Business Meeting including Officer Elections, College Scholarships, The Endowment fund and Recognition night. We will also have a Club Share. If you have any topics that you would like to have covered, please contact Shellie Jacobucci.

We hope to see you in December!

Shellie Jacobucci
Vice President, Leaders Council

Weld County 4-H Leader's Council T-Shirts for Sale

Weld County Leaders Council has two t-shirts for sale. We have two styles of t-shirts, "Catch The Clover". The t-shirt was designed by Ryan Hamilton. These t-shirts cost \$12.00 each for youth and adult sizes S-XL and \$15.00 for adult sizes 2XL-4XL. We also have "Weld County 4-H Est. 1917" t-shirts for sale. These t-shirts cost \$17.00 each for adults and \$12.00 each for youth sizes. If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt, please contact Michelle at 970-400-2076. To view the t-shirts, please visit [Weld County Leaders T-Shirts](#).

Members/Leaders

Family Consumer Science Classes

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.

- **October 25th at noon: FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** Do you have a college bound student? Find out why you need to get this done as soon as FAFSA is open for the year.
- **November 15th at noon: Breathing Exercises**
Studies have shown that many people experience stress the most during the holidays. Learn a few breathing exercises to help you go through the coming holiday preparations.
- **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!

Older Adult Classes with the Aspen Club (UCHealth)

To **register** for any of the classes below, please call the Aspen Club (UCHealth) registration line at **(970) 495-8565**.

Living with Alzheimer's – Early Stage

2:00-3:30 p.m. Monday, November 6, High Plains Library

In the early stage of Alzheimer's disease, families face new questions as they adjust. What does the diagnosis mean? What kinds of plans need to be made? What resources are available to help? This program provides practical answers to the questions that arise in the early stage. Hear from those directly affected and learn what you can do to cope with the changes that come with an early-stage diagnosis.

Living with Alzheimer's – Middle Stage

2:00-3:30 p.m. Monday, November 13, High Plains Library

In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, those who were care partners now become hands-on caregivers. Join us to hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective, and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer's.

Living with Alzheimer's – Late Stage

2:00-3:30 p.m. Monday, November 20, High Plains Library

In the late stage of Alzheimer's disease, caregiving typically involves new ways of connecting and interacting with the person with the disease. You'll hear from caregivers and professionals about resources, monitoring care and providing meaningful connection for the person with late-stage Alzheimer's and their families.

Classes at Carbon Valley Regional Library (Firestone)

Mondays, December 4th and 11th at 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Join us on an exercise program to improve your strength, flexibility, and balance! All exercises are done sitting. There are four modules to this program. Modules A and B will be tackled on December 4th and Modules 3 and 4 will be taught on December 11th. You don't need to attend both classes. The program was developed by the University of Georgia based from programs developed by the National Institute of Aging, Tufts University, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Register for the December 4th class: [High Plains Library District](#)
Register for the December 11th class: [High Plains Library District](#)

Members/Leaders

Recognition Night

Thank you to all of the 4-H members, leaders, parents and friends of 4-H who came to celebrate a year of accomplishments. It was an evening of fun! Attendees enjoyed a dinner provided by McCartys of Eaton Country Club and sponsored by Chevron & Weld Co. 4-H Foundation. Attendees enjoyed a Graduating Senior Slide Show, lots of fun to see kids when they first began to their final project, and hear what they have planned for the future. It was exciting to see the graduating Cloverbuds and how excited they are to move into the regular 4-H program! As always, we also enjoyed a slide show featuring 4-H members, families and leaders throughout the year—thanks for providing us with your memories from 2023. We had 435 folks attended this year, and it really made it a special evening. Our Outstanding Members were a family affair with Cydni Dudley winning Senior member and Wyatt Dudley being named the Outstanding member, recognized as Outstanding Leader was Matt Carroll, these members and leaders will receive a jacket at Mardi Gras. The Lew Cox award went to Waylon Strahl and the Shooting Sports Sportsmanship award to Evan Reichel, given in memory of Tim Seltzer.

Special thanks to:

- Chevron for sponsoring our event!
- The Weld County 4-H Foundation for sponsoring awards and Dinner
- McCartys for a delicious dinner
- Anderson & Whitney of Greeley and Yeater & Associates for sponsoring Overall Record Awards
- Mike Olearnick for MC'ing
- Weld County Fair Royalty for presenting awards
- County Commissioner Perry Buck & Kevin Ross for supporting our 4-H members!
- Everyone who came to enjoy one another's company and celebrate 4-H!

We hope to see you in 2024!



Outstanding Member Nominees



10 year plus leaders



Graduating from 4-H

Outstanding Record Book:

Champion Junior	Elsa Schaffner
Res. Champion Junior	Rylen Kreps
Champion Intermediate	Jesse Hoffman
Res. Champion Intermediate	Isabelle McKinney
Champion Senior	Jessica Bond
Res. Champion Senior	Madison Miller



Programs for October 2023-March 2024

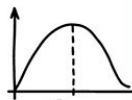


October: Lunar and Solar Eclipses

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

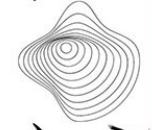
November: Cool Coding

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

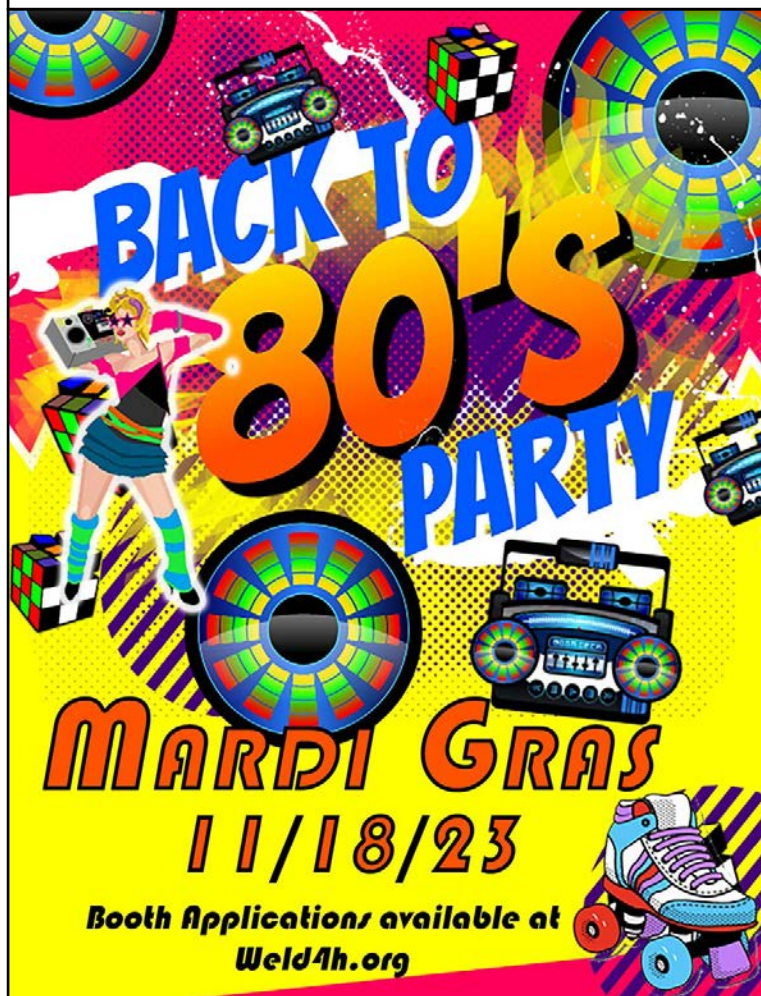
Youth will be able to explore various types of rockets such as straw rockets, water rockets, and even meet up on a specific day to launch a live rocket in the air.

4-H'ers are...



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

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MARDI GRAS CLUB BASKET CHALLENGE

Which 4-H Club Basket
will win the 5th 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 6th
Include basket value & photo of all items in basket!

2022 WINNERS:



Outdoor Theatre



Racking in the s



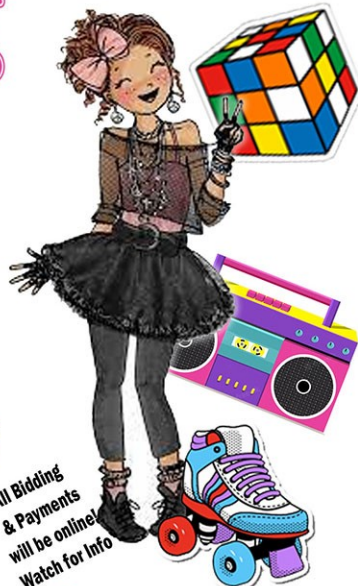
"Cars" Basket

PICK A THEME

GATHER ITEMS

INVOLVE YOUR MEMBERS!

Questions? Teresa 970-400-2070 tjohnson@co.weld.co.us



Don't forget



The Cakewalk!

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 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!

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



Pre Paid Orders

Short Sleeve-\$16

Long Sleeve-\$25

Hoodie-\$35

Plus sizes \$5.00/\$7.00 more

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Teresa Johnson
@Teresa-Johnson-YEC



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Jot Form Link

Order by December 5 for Christmas delivery

Contact: Teresa Johnson

970-302-9040

benefits Weld County YEC

Youth Executive Council T-Shirts

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Youth Executive Council Corner

Are you feeling thankful? YEC sure is! Let's see what has been making them feel so thankful.

Last month at the awards night, we introduced our new officers for the 2023-2024 4-H year! Aubri Reynolds is our new President, Macy Schleiger is our Vice President, Isabelle Bokleman is our Secretary, Caitie Holcomb is the Treasurer, and this year we have two reporters, Kara Schleiger and Isabelle Bokelman. We are so thankful to our former officers, Zac Schmunk (Former President), Laura Stevens (Former Vice President), Avery Loveland (Former Secretary), Caitie Holcomb (Treasurer), and our 4 reporters, Macy Schleiger, Paige Strickland, Aubri Reynolds, and Isabelle Bokelman. We would not be who we are without them. On another note, come find us at our Mardi Gras booth later this month! We will also be hosting the dance afterwards! It is open to all ages, only \$5 to enter! There will be many fun songs and dances!

Want to join us on our fun 4-H adventure? We are accepting members 12+. Don't want to join but want to see what happens? You can come too! We are open to visitors! The next meeting will be November 7, 2023 at 7 pm. We will be having a dinner meeting at Santeramos in Greeley!

District II Meetings

- November 5th at 2:30 pm – The Ranch, Loveland
- January – At LDC
- March 3rd at 2:30 pm – The Ranch, Loveland
- May 5th at 2:30 pm – The Ranch, Loveland

Members & Leaders/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.

1. 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.

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. 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>.

National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program

The National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program is a great program designed to promote youth development and understanding of the cattle industry. This program can provide youth with an opportunity to be part of one of the best programs at the National Western Stock Show. Youth who choose to participate in contest may have a range of experiences raising, feeding and showing beef cattle, all are acceptable. Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 18 as of December 31, 2023 to apply, they must also be enrolled in 4-H at the time of application. Successful catchers must have adequate facilities available to house their steer as they are responsible for the care, feeding, and handling of their animal. The applications to participate in this year's Catch-a-Calf program at the NWSS are now available online at <https://nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf-program/>.

Applications are due December 1, 2023.

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.

Weld County 4-H Horse Advisory Council

Nominations are being taken for persons interested in serving on the 4-H Horse Advisory Council. The purpose of this Council is to coordinate horse activities and educational opportunities in Weld County for 4-H members involved in the Horse project. Council members will be elected at the November meeting. Please call Kim Eastwood at 970-400-2079, if you have an interest in serving on this Council.

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 Kim Eastwood at 970-400-2079.

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 Hirsch at 970-381-7675.

County Fair

Royalty Corner!

Howdy Everyone! I am Madison Miller, and I am your 2023 – 2024 Weld County Fair Attendant. It is such an honor to be part of this program. I am also excited to meet you and visit many of the Weld County communities as your Fair Attendant. To recap October, myself and my other three (3) court members were officially coronated at the October Weld County Fair Board Meeting on Monday, October 2nd. On the 3rd of October, we all helped with the 4-H Recognition Dinner. It was so much fun handing out awards to many of you. Weld County 4-H has a countless number of talented members who were so successful at both the County and State Fairs. Then on October 6th, we also attended the Fall Festival at Firestone Charter School to share details about the upcoming 2024 Weld County Fair. So far, this experience has been fun and invaluable.

As for November, the entire Weld County Fair Royalty Court will be attending the 55th Annual Colorado Association of Fairs & Shows Convention (CAFS) in Colorado Springs. Also, you can catch me and my other royalty court members at the Greeley Parade of Lights on the 25th. We all hope to see everyone there!

Madison Miller
Weld County Fair Attendant

Weld County Fair Committees

The Weld County Fair Board is seeking applications for the following 2023-2024 Fair planning committees:

- 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

Applications are being taken until October 30th by 11:59 pm at [Fair Committees Weld County Fair](#).

Mark Your Calendar Now for the 2024 Weld County Fair

The 2024 Weld County Fair is July 20th through July 29th, The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on Monday, July 29th. Fair Books will be available online to exhibitors the first week of May.

Record Book Class

Any 4-H member who scored below 70% on your record book must attend a record book class on December 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm online via Zoom to be eligible to show at the 2024 Weld County Fair. There is a letter in your record book talking about this class if you scored below 70%. A letter will be mailed to you to remind you about this class.

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Master Calendar

November	
1	Colorado Farm Show Scholarship due
1	Colorado Women in Ag Registration Deadline
1	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
5	District II Meeting, 2:30 pm, The Ranch, Loveland
7	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
10	Weld County Extension Office Closed
10-12	Colorado Leadership Conference, Glenwood Springs, CO
17-18	Colorado Women in Ag Conference, Event Center
18	Mardi Gras booth set up, 8am-1 pm, EB
18	Mardi Gras booth judging, 1-3 pm, EB
18	Mardi Gras open to public, 3-9 pm, EB
18	Mardi Gras Dance, 9:00-11:45 pm, 4-H
21	Horse Council Meeting, 7 pm, EO
23-24	Weld County Extension Office Closed

December	
1	National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Application Due
5	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
5	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
18	Weld County 4-H Scholarship Application will open. Online application only.
21	Weld County Fair Record Book Class, virtual only at 7:00 pm
25-26	Weld County Extension Office Closed

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!

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
13	4-H Showcase, 10 am - 1 pm, EB
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
	District II Meeting at LDC
27-29	Leadership Development Conference, Denver

February	
3	Market Beef ID Day, Producers Sale Barn, Greeley
6	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
6	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
7	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
19	Weld County Extension Office Closed

March	
1	Last Day to join 4-H through 4-H Online
1	4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline through 4-H Online
1	Weld County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due Online
3	District II Meeting, 2:30 pm, The Ranch, Loveland
5	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
6	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
19	Horse Council Meeting 7 pm, EO
26	MQA Training, 4-7 pm, 4-H
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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