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ALL 4-H FAMILIES

CLOVERBUD CAMP:
Monday, June 2 thru Thursday, June 5, 2014
9a.m. to 11a.m. each day, Fairgrounds Ag Building
5 to 7 year-olds will engage in hands-on learning stations with 4-H adult and teen leaders. Each day features something new centered on the theme of Natural Resources – “The Natural Inquirer.” 4-H Clubs need to reply to Extension with their station plan and Cloverbuds 5 to 7 must RSVP for days they plan to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS:
NEW – Like us on facebook ELBERT COUNTY 4-H. We will be posting some highlights on our new facebook page in addition to our targeted email blasts! While we continue to do our best to get all information into these bi-monthly bulletins, some information will not yet be available. It is, therefore, extremely important that you read all 4-H e-mails.
E-mail blasts will include only those items that apply to a 4-H member in your family. 4-H Club leaders are sent a copy of each e-mail Extension sends out to keep them informed about everything happening in 4-H. If 4-H project leaders send an e-mail to project members, the leader should be copying Extension so we are all in the same communication loop.
Extension e-mail addresses for 4-H questions can be sent to Extension Agent/Director: Sheila.Kelley@colostate.edu or county 4-H assistant Lore.Denson@colostate.edu or please feel free to call the Extension office at 303-621-3162. We also have a drop box outside our office door here on the fairgrounds Ag building. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 189, Kiowa, CO 80117. Please remember to stay in contact with Extension as we are here to help you have a positive 4-H youth development experience!

E-RECORDS:
Record books are required of each and every 4-H project. Like much of 4-H, record books are available electronically. Please visit the state website, http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php, download your appropriate project e-records, and START keeping your project records TODAY!

YOUTH COUNCIL:
The next scheduled County Youth Council meeting is Sunday, June 8, in Simla, annual BBQ and fair pre-planning. Club representatives please plan to attend. Attending and active participation at a youth council meeting can serve as a club meeting attendance substitute ONLY IF you pre-plan and confirm with your main club leader.

LEADER’S COUNCIL – Thank you for supporting the 4-H Gala!
Thank you to all the volunteers and donors for supporting Elbert County 4-H. Leader’s Council meetings are scheduled for May 12, 7 pm, Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall; the June 9 and July 14 meetings will be in Simla at the Liberty Plains Church, at 7 pm. These are important planning meetings for Cloverbud Camp, review of members meeting requirements, and County Fair schedules for Clean-up Days, Snack Shack, Thank You Note Stations, etc.
ANIMAL & LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

DOG Leader, the main contact person is Talynn Allen, talynnallen3@yahoo.com

**Mandatory Dog ID forms can now be entered directly in 4honline and need to be added in each 4-H dog member’s 4honline record **BEFORE May 1.** https://co.4honline.com**

Please consult with your dog leaders or the Extension office for help adding your dog id in 4honline.

Dog Fun Match June 28, please pre-register.

GOAT Leader, the main contact person is Sarah Patterson, mandllamanchas@gmail.com

HORSE Leader, the main communications person is Vicki Hutson, v hutson@gmail.com

**Mandatory Horse ID forms due in 4honline.com with uploaded pictures before June 1.** **https://co.4honline.com**

Horse Leaders meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Ag Building. We are always open to having additional horse leader help. Contact Extension if you want to volunteer as a horse leader.

Horse project e-mails contain more detailed information and a horse project seminar flier of events for 4-H families to print out.

- 5/3 – 9 A.M. - English clinic at Windy Ridge Thoroughbreds. $25 and lunch will be included. If you would like to enter Hunter Hack (jumping) at county fair, you need to try and make it to this clinic. We will also be working on some flat riding. Please call the Extension office by April 30 to reserve your place.
- 5/5 - 6:30 P.M. - Ride nights begin. Please be there at 6:30 for a fairgrounds clean-up and then riding to follow.
- Ride nights will be every Monday from 6:30 P.M. till 8:30 or dark. Watch for a schedule of nights to be coming soon.
- 5/? - Barrel Clinic - watch for more details as we get everything lined out.
- 6/15 - Elbert County Open Show
- 6/21 - Pre Fair Horse show - make plans now to attend. This is your chance to practice all the classes before fair at a really reasonable price.
- 7/19 – Pre-Fair Gymkhana
- 7/20 - Elbert County Open Show
- 8/17 - Elbert County Open Show
ANIMAL & LIVESTOCK PROJECTS continued...

LLAMA Leader, the main contact person is Becky Leach, becky@rr-ranch.net. It appears we have seven members enrolled in the Llama project and will try to hold a Llama show at County Fair this year.

POULTRY Leader, the main contact person is John Baker, bakersbarnyard@yahoo.com, 303-870-4616. July 13 will be a youth poultry seminar, poultry show, and youth showmanship event and training at the Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa. All 4-H members are encouraged to attend this training, it’s a great opportunity to learn about and practice everything you’ll need to know for fair! Please make it a priority to be there! Details will be sent out at a later date, however plan for mid-morning through mid-afternoon on Sunday, July 13.

LIVESTOCK/CARCASS SEMINARS:
Local Elbert County 4-H Requirement made by fair board
4-H members taking market, beef, sheep, swine, and/or goat projects who wish to qualify for the specialty Supreme Contests at the Elbert County Fair are required to attend at least one approved Ebert County livestock/carcass seminar. E-mail blasts and the livestock seminar flier have been sent to all livestock project members multiple times. Only two dates remain and RSVP’s are required.

May 18, Dave’s Custom Cuts
Evaluating hanging carcass and cuts of meat
Offered at two different times (max occupancy of 20 per session)
1 p.m. livestock seminar (4-H members only)
3 p.m. livestock seminar (4-H members only)

May 31, Ag Building, open to the public
10 a.m. CSU representative from Center for Meat Safety & Quality Production Animal Food Safety: Fact or Fiction?

JUDGING GROUPS:
RABBIT JUDGING Coach, Mary Brewer mbrewer387@aol.com
Eastern Slope Rabbit Judging Contest, was held Saturday, February 22

LIVESTOCK JUDGING, Coach Garrett Miller, phone 303-619-9275
Eastern Slope Livestock Judging Contest, Saturday, May 3

HORSE JUDGING Coach Rex Roberts, phone 303-805-2084
Eastern Slope Horse Judging Contest, Saturday, June 14

LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL TEAM, Practices will be held at least once a week until the 4-H June Conference quiz bowl competition. A team consists of 4-5 individuals who are senior 4-H members. The team will be coached by Dawn Williams, Susan Sewald, and team members from the 2012 State Champion Quiz Bowl team. For more information call Susan Sewald 303-621-2650.
MARKET ANIMAL WEIGH-IN & ID DATES:

- **SHEEP/GOAT/POULTRY** = Wednesday, May 21, 4-7 p.m. – Market Sheep, Goat, Poultry MANDATORY Weigh-in & ID

- **SWINE** = Wednesday, May 14, 4-7 p.m. – Market Swine Weigh-In & ID has alternate procedures for 2014 due to PEDV

2014 SWINE CHANGES & REQUIREMENTS:

No Spring Weigh-In for Market Swine, but instead 4-H members are REQUIRED to identify all their hogs in 4honline by May 15, 2014.

4-H members need to enter a market swine ID for each hog under the individual 4-H member in the 4honline system. [https://co.4honline.com](https://co.4honline.com)

You will need to upload photos:

- Upload Photos of Swine: left side, right side, tagged head front with exhibitor and sign showing exhibitor’s name. *Do the best you can, we realize photos may not be perfect.*
- Pigs bought out-of-state require health papers also be uploaded.

Exhibitors are encouraged to obtain Elbert County swine tags from the Extension office and tag their own swine.

If you plan to tag your own swine, the tags are from Destron Fearing

And you will need the following type of applicator:

![DuFlex ProGrip Universal Applicator](image)

(Desron Fearing) DuFlex ProGrip Universal Applicator is used to apply all DuFlex ear tags and DuFlex RFID tags.

*(If you do not have your own tagger and/or not comfortable tagging on your own, your pig will be tagged at the county fair. Please be aware that tagging a full grown pig at fair may cause stress to your animal.)*

For Colorado State Fair exhibitors:

Exhibitors wishing to nominate market swine for state fair must come to the Extension office and obtain ear tags and state fair nomination cards. As always with state fair designated animals, you will need your premise ID. You will need to designate hogs both on the nomination cards and in 4honline. Exhibitors are responsible for returning completed nomination cards to the Extension office before June 1.

For the 2014 Elbert County Fair, there will be NO Swine Breeding Show or Swine Rate-of-Gain Contests. The Supreme Swine award will be based on Live Placing and Ultrasound Contest.
GENERAL PROJECTS
Visit the Colorado 4-H website to see what requirements are needed to complete your exhibit, e-record and manual:
http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php

GENERAL PROJECT MEETINGS:
Elbert County 4-H has some county-wide general project leaders. E-mail blasts will be sent to 4-H families enrolled in certain projects when meetings or workshops are offered. While the general project meetings/workshops are optional, the adult 4-H leaders’ time and expertise is valuable and they appreciate 4-H members contacting the leader directly to either confirm or decline attendance. Please make sure you contact your project leader(s)!

PROJECT MEETING SCHEDULES:
• Cake Decorating – Johnie Patrick –workshop dates:
  May 31 and June 21. Must call cake leader 303-646-2934 or 720-635-7597.
  Live Cake Decorating Specialty Contest, Sat. June 14 at 2:30pm

• Decorate Your Duds – Cynthe McFarland – 303-621-2010 – 3rd Tues/mo., 6 pm, Ag Building.

• Electricity – Grant Family – 303-646-2149, project work meetings 7:30-8:30 pm in the Ag Building on Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, Jun 13, July 11

• Fashion Revue Modeling Clinic, June 14, 9:30 to 12 noon, Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
  All sewing related projects including decorate your duds and heritage arts wearable items can be modeled at the county fair 4-H fashion revue. Come learn about: how to write a commentary, hair, make-up, shoes, how to coordinate a ‘total look’ and how to present yourself with confidence on stage at a Fashion Clinic on June 14 from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Our own Elbert County Top Model, Katie Listul, will be helping 4-H members learn all the fun that can be had at the Fashion Revue.

• Horseless Horse – Vicki Hutson – vhutson@gmail.com
  4th Thurs/mo. night sessions are our official "horseless horse" meetings but are open to all horse project members.

• NEW - Leathercraft – newly appointed project leader, Bill Haszelbart, 303-884-5130 cell or SeptemberRanch@wildblue.net, first project orientation meeting April 23 at 6:30 p.m. Ag Building. Contact Bill for regular project meeting schedule.

GENERAL PROJECT MEETINGS CONTINUED…

- **Photography** – Susi Dodge – 303-621-0146
  - March 14, 7 pm, Ag Bldg. – Project Orientation Meeting
  - Apr, May, Jun – Field Trips, TBA
  - July – Exhibit Preparation Meeting

- **Robotics** – Brian Howerton – 303-944-2286 – 7 pm in Ag Bldg. on Mar 10 & 24; Apr 14 & 28; May 12; Jun 9 & 23; Jul 14

- **Rocketry** - Chuck Schumacher, 303-805-1903 or schu2725@gmail.com; March 13, 7 pm, Ag Building; other meetings scheduled by group as needed.

- **Shooting Sports:**
  Steve Villyard email: ec4hss@myawai.com
  Elbert County 4H Shooting Sports Coordinator
  C: 303.638.7534
  H: 303.719.9172
  Twitter: @EC4HSS

  The shooting sports project has mandatory shooting sports orientation meetings, required hunter safety, and practice attendance requirements. Also, new in 2014 is a mandatory Firearms Safety Certification Course. In the shooting sports project these are NOT optional. Contact 4-H Leader Steve Villyard if you have any questions.

  4-H members, who still need their hunter safety should contact the Colorado Division of Wildlife
  [http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/Pages/EventsCalendar.aspx](http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/Pages/EventsCalendar.aspx)

- **Sports Fishing** – Rex Roberts – Determined ongoing basis by project member group. Scheduled outings.

- **Woodworking** – Grant Family - 303-646-2149, project work meetings 7:30-8:30 pm in the Ag Building on Mar 14, Apr 11, May 9, Jun 13, July 11

- **Vet Science** – Nancy Ramsour – 303-921-0734 – 3rd Fri. /mo., 6:30pm, Ag Bldg.
SPECIALTY CONTESTS
PERFORMING ARTS, SPEECH, CAKE, COOKS

- **Performing Arts Contest**, was held on Saturday, March 8, 2 pm, Kiowa Fellowship Hall – South end of fairgrounds [Click here for results of the 4H Talent Show 2014](#)

- **Speech and Creative Cooks Contests**, were held Saturday, March 22, 4 pm, fairgrounds Exhibit Hall [Click here for results Speech Arts-Creative Cooks Send 4Hers to State](#)

- **Cake Decorating Contest**, Saturday, June 14, 2:30pm, fairgrounds Exhibit Hall

RETREATS/CAMPS/CONFERENCES
COMPLETE ANNUAL LISTING:

- Leadership Development Conference and 4-H Day at the Capitol January
- Youth Fest Event February
- South Central District Retreat March

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**Citizenship Washington Focus** is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth. Delegations of 15-19 year-olds from across the country attend this six-day program at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Washington, D.C. This year’s CWF program will be held June 21-June 28, 2014.

**Congratulations to Tawni Strahan and Katie Listul, 2014 Delegates! Two 4Hers Selected for Citizenship Washington Focus**

Colorado 4-H State Conference Dates: June 16-20, 2014
Registration Dates: open NOW in 4honline.com
Usually for 4-H members ages 14-18, includes County Youth Council Senators, Senior Judging and Bowl Teams, and Public Speaking winners, State Officers and Candidates, and other senior age group 4-H members who want leadership experience while at the CSU Campus in Fort Collins, CO.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Graduating Seniors:
The variety of *county scholarships* will be mailed to graduating seniors sometime in March once the Extension office receives them. Most of these have a July 1 due date.

ALL Elbert County 4-H Members LEMBKE SCHOLARSHIP:
Three $1,000 scholarships available each year, one to each age group: Juniors ages 8-10, Intermediates ages 11-13, and Seniors ages 14-18. Basic qualifications to apply are that Elbert County 4-H members complete both a general project and an animal project and participate in a county specialty contest. Scholarship applications are due at the end of the 4-H year on September 30.
OTHER EXTENSION PROGRAMMING
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES SEMINARS
Elbert County Extension will be partnering with ECCO to present four community educational seminars.

- July 15 – Steps to Building Health and Wealth
  6:30 pm; Elizabeth United Methodist Church, Elizabeth
- October 21 – Outstanding Customer Service
  6:30 pm; Elizabeth United Methodist Church, Elizabeth

We also have a couple of volunteers who will be taking Food Safety Certification classes this year and hope to offer food preservation and safety classes in the fall around harvest time!

MASTER GARDENER SEMINARS – YEAR OF THE TREE
Elbert County Extension, Master Gardener Volunteers, Colorado State University, U.S. Departments of Agriculture, and local Elbert County groups all cooperate to deliver researched based programming to our county communities.

- May 14 – Tree Pests and Diseases
  7 pm, Frontier High School, Elizabeth
- June 25 – “Tree Party” Town Walk About in Elizabeth
  7 pm, Elizabeth Town Hall

4-H JAPANESE EXCHANGE - 2014
Host families are needed for 65 inbound Japanese boys and girls, ages 12-18, coming to Colorado through the 2014 inbound Colorado-Japan Teen Exchange. Hosting dates are July 23 – August 18 OR July 25 – August 18. This program is coordinated through Colorado State University and has been running since 1975.

Host families do not need to be a member of 4-H and may reside in urban, suburban, or rural settings throughout Colorado. They may share a room with their host sibling. Matches are made on the basis of same sex and close in age, as well as some common interests. Note: Host siblings may be as young as ten to match with a 12 year old Japanese participant.

All participants are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and may participate in host family vacations, camping trips, youth camps. They are expected to become part of the family: help with household chores, follow house rules, share Japanese culture, and participate in other aspects of US daily life. The program covers costs for the exchange. Each participant has his/her own spending money

Japanese participants will attend an orientation in Denver before going to host families and a debriefing in Denver before returning to Japan. Orientation for host families is done in Denver on the same day as delegate pickup. Carpools are planned to transport delegates to homes if host families are not able to attend orientation or pick up their exchange student. A complete orientation packet including program information, culture information, and complete application of the delegate they are hosting will be mailed to host families. Individual orientation will be provided to families who are unable to travel to Denver.

Host siblings have the option of traveling to Japan to participate in a four or eight-week exchange while staying with Japanese host families and learning Japanese culture.

THE GREATEST SUCCESS OCCURS WHEN FAMILIES TREAT THE DELEGATES AS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY, RATHER THAN A “GUEST.”

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