



4-H/STEM NEWSLETTER

February

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Highlights

Livestock project Registration
is now CLOSED.

Beef Uploads are due on
March 1st!

2024 Superintendents on Pg. 7



Don't forget to Re-enroll!

4-H Enrollment is now open on
4hOnline.com

Returning members: \$45

New members: \$35

Cloverbuds \$20

GARFIELD COUNTY

4-H Council

Agenda



- Call Meeting to Order
- Pledges
 - American
 - 4-H
- Attendance
- Officer Reports
- Old Business
 - LDC Report
 - Etiquette Dinner
 - Skiing/Ice Skating
 - Shamrock Shindig
 - Other
- New Business
 - Mini Trip
 - Other
- Announcements
 - Dist. Retreat
- Adjourn



WHEN: February 20, 7pm

WHERE: Garfield County Fairgrounds Event Hall & ZOOM

WHO: 2 Representatives from each club may vote at Council Meetings.

All 4-H members are welcome!



SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OPEN!



Garfield County 4-H Council Scholarship (closes on April 1st)

<https://forms.gle/nn4uRkX6Gjb7kYca9>

Garfield County 4-H Honor Stole (closes April 1st)

<https://forms.gle/rsPFXbBZmQJtPyem9>

Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarships (all close March 1st)

<https://co4hfoundation.academicworks.com/>

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

<https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>

**Holy Cross Cattleman's Association- Email the Extension Office for application.
(due April 1st)**

Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship (due April 1st)

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/ss/forms/jonathan-marr-scholarship.pdf>

NSSA or NSCA Scholarship (closes March 1st)

<https://nssa-nsca.org/blog/2023/12/14/apply-for-nssa-nsca-scholarships/>

Aspen Community Foundation Scholarships (close February 22nd):

<https://aspencommunityfoundation.org/our-grants/scholarships/>

Western Colorado Community Foundation: <https://wc-cf.org/scholarships/>

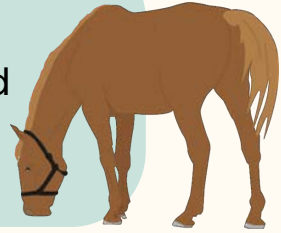
MONTHLY

Meetings

Horse Advisory Council (HAC)

This council is responsible for assisting with the planning and facilitation of horse practices, workshops, and shows. HAC is made up of 4-H horse volunteers and members. Youth and families are encouraged to attend!

Thursday, February 8th at 6:30pm



Garfield County 4-H Council

This council is made up entirely of 4-H Youth Members. Two members from each club may vote at council meetings and attendance may count towards the 4-H meeting requirement. They are responsible for planning and facilitating county events, fundraisers, and community service projects as well as providing scholarships for college and 4-H opportunities. **Thursday, February 20th at 7:00 pm**



Livestock Marketing Committee (LMC)

LMC is a collaboration between 4-H volunteers, FFA Advisors, and the Garfield County Fairboard. They are responsible for implementing and enforcing the livestock rulebook and for the planning and facilitation of the livestock sale

Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30pm



Shooting Sports Council

This council is made up of shooting sports leaders and junior leaders. SSC is responsible for planning and facilitating all shooting practices and events as well as enforcing the State Shooting Sports Rulebook.

Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30pm



Save the Date!

4-H HUNTER'S SAFETY COURSE

February 17-18, 2024

8am-5pm

**Garfield County
Fairgrounds, Rifle, CO**

**THIS PRIVATE CLASS WILL BE OPEN TO ALL
ACTIVE 4-H MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS.
ATTENDEES MUST BE ABLE TO TAKE THE
WRITTEN TEST INDEPENDENTLY.**

RSVP AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C0C44A9AE2EA75-47242822-4HHUNTER](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A9AE2EA75-47242822-4HHUNTER)



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District 9 Retreat



“Riding for the Brand”

April 5-7, 2024

Glenwood Springs, CO



Open to 4-H Members aged 10+
Registration is open until March 1

See past years' photos at:

<https://www.facebook.com/C04HDistrict9/photos>

SUPERINTENDENTS

2024

Beef: Allison Teter and Samantha Scott

Swine: Nikl Mackey

Sheep: Tia Koehler and Karly Robinson

Goat: Katy Lujan

Rabbit and Dog: Jeri McCormick

Poultry: Rosa Granados and Jennifer Panter

Horse: Lynda Costanzo and KC Davis

Shooting Sports: Peter Stuart, Sara Riddle, and Andrea Murr



Volunteers are the backbone of any 4-H program, and we are so grateful for all of you! Superintendents take extra time and energy to serve throughout the 4-H year helping us get projects ready, outlining and enforcing rules and the Code of Conduct, and running each show and contest behind the scenes. From now until at least July, they will attend committee and council meetings, run weigh-ins and tag ins, run practices and workshops, and more.

In addition to our adult volunteers, we are fortunate to have several youth who step up each year to serve as Junior Superintendents.

Junior Supers:

Beef: Cade Small

Poultry: Waylon Panter

If you are interested in joining this list to grow as a leader, we still have several openings for youth aged 14+! Apply at: <https://bit.ly/juniorsuper24>

COLORADO 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING



HOSTED BY: GARFIELD COUNTY

QUESTIONS: CONTACT CARLA FARRAND

CARLA.FARRAND@COLOSTATE.EDU (970) 625-3969

March 22-24, 2024

**REGISTRATION
BEGINS 2/9
THROUGH 4-H
ONLINE!**

[HTTP://CO.4HONLINE.COM](http://CO.4HONLINE.COM)

-ENTER FAMILY
EMAIL AND
PASSWORD
-SELECT EVENT
"2024 GARFIELD SS
LEADER
TRAINING"
-CONFIRM
PAYMENT AND
"FINISH"
REGISTRATION
PRINT WHEN
COMPLETE

REGISTRATION CLOSSES
MARCH 8, 2024

Garfield County Fairgrounds

1001 Railroad Avenue

Rifle, CO 81650



LODGING INFORMATION

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM
RIFLE 600 WAPITI CT
RIFLE, CO 81650
PHONE: (970) 361-3390

CAMPING AT THE GARFIELD COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS - SAY YOU ARE WITH
COLORADO 4-H FOR A DISCOUNT!
PHONE: (970) 625-2514



WORKSHOP FEES

\$135/PERSON
4-H VOLUNTEERS OR YOUTH
\$70/PERSON CSU EXT STAFF

DISCIPLINES OFFERED:

- ARCHERY
- RIFLE
- PISTOL
- SHOTGUN
- MUZZLELOADER
- WESTERN HERITAGE



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**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
GARFIELD COUNTY
SHOOTINGSPORTS COUNCIL**

**MAIL TO: GARFIELD COUNTY
EXTENSION
4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
PO BOX 1112
RIFLE, CO 81650**

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2024 Cloverbud Meetings

Garfield County Fairgrounds
10:00 am to 11:00 am

To ensure that we have enough supplies,
members ***MUST sign up*** by the Thursday before
Cloverbuds:

<https://bit.ly/cloverbuds24>

Meeting Dates and Activity

February 3rd: Lava Lamps

March 2nd: Fluffy Slime

April 6th: Bird Feeders

May 4th: Insect Flower Pots

June 1st: Pop Rockets

July 13th: Surprise!!!



Art of Ranching

A Collaborative Community History Project

4-H youth highlight their local historical farms/ranches to make visible the agricultural legacy of our Colorado Communities



4-H Art of Ranching Project Guidelines

- Identify and research a historic ranch, farm or family in your community.
- Complete the Oral History Interview training (online).
- Interview your ranch/farm/family.
- Complete the project narrative and share twice (club demo, school, museum, etc.)
- Attend the Colorado State Fair Centennial Farm/Ranch Award Ceremony August 25, 2023 (optional)
- Learn more at our website:
<https://routt.extension.colostate.edu/art-of-ranching/>



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ENGAGEMENT
AND EXTENSION
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Colorado State University Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado counties cooperating.
Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

The histories produced by the Art of Ranching are created in collaboration with ranching families and are led by 4-H youth with the support of the Colorado State University Department of History and Public and Environmental History Center. The Art of Ranching produces these histories in conjunction with participating families. They are slated for publication through Colorado Encyclopedia.

Garfield County Ranches that have expressed interest:
The High Lonsome Ranch - Melisa Makous
Summer Black-Greening; Tracy Brackett (local historian)



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Join us every even Thursday
at 4:30pm



4-H Scrapbooking

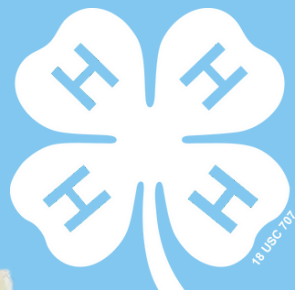
The history of your
life can be preserved
for the next
generation by
creating a scrapbook
filled with your
collection
of pictures and
memorabilia!



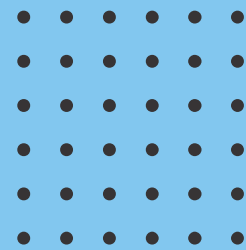
SIGN UP:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A9AE2EA75-scrapbooking1>

View the project manual and record book at:
<https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/creative-arts/>



Leadership **ROAD TRIP!**



When: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm

Where: Garfield County Fairgrounds Event Hall

Who: 4-H members signed up for the Leadership Project (call the office to sign up!)

Practice what you learn at the 4-H Council Meeting following class! Project manuals will be handed out at the first meeting.

Join your 4-H Agent and volunteer
experts for livestock

KNOWLEDGE NIGHTS!



Tune in on Zoom and bring all the questions
you can think of!

<https://bit.ly/knowledgenight>

Meeting ID: 946 581 7545

Passcode: 948278

We will go over:

- Deadlines and requirements
- Showmanship for your specie
- Market and Breeding guidelines
- What class should you enter?
- Recordbook tips
- Premier Exhibitor
- and more!

Dates (Zoom at 6pm)

~~Beef: January 15~~

~~Rabbits: January 22~~

Chicken/ Turkey: February 5

All other birds: February 19

Swine: March 11

Sheep/Goat: March 18



EL PASO COUNTY PRESENTS



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EL PASO COUNTY

DON'T MISS OUT ON:

BREEDING BEEF CLASSES

MARKET BEEF CLASSES

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

PRE-ENTRY IS \$30 A HEAD AND MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE THROUGH EVENTBRITE BY APRIL 3, 2024

DAY OF ENTRY IS \$45 PER HEAD (CHECK OR CASH)

SHOWMANSHIP IS \$10 A HEAD AND PAID AT THE GATE (SPLIT 80/20)

PRIZE\$\$\$ WILL BE AWARDED TO GRAND AND RESERVE IN BREEDING AND MARKET

EMAIL EMILY.GREEN@COLOSTATE.EDU FOR QUESTIONS

[Registration LINK](#)

**6TH APRIL
2024**

WEIGH IN 7:30-9:00 AM
10:00 AM SHOW START TIME

366 10TH ST
CALHAN, CO 80808



4-H HORSE PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP

HORSE EQUIPMENT STORAGE TRAILER



Silver \$250 - \$499

4X6 Logo on trailer
Listed in 2024 4-H show
program



Gold \$500 - \$999

8X10 Logo on trailer
Listed in 2024 4-H show
program



Platinum \$1,000+

10X14 Logo on trailer
Banner @ 2024 4-H Horse
show and listed in show
program

Bronze up to \$249

Listed in 2024 4-H show program

The 4-H horse trailer used to store trail equipment is deteriorating. A new enclosed trailer will provide better access and mobility for events and practices while prolonging the equipment's lifespan. With your support we can reach our \$15,000 goal!

Benefits of a new trailer

- Enclosed will keep the horse materials safe from the weather
- Interior shelving will organize material for easier access
- The ability for 4-H horse leaders to take the horse program on the road and reach a larger area within Garfield County



Current Trailer



YOUTH IN NATURE APPLICATION NOW OPEN



Get Paid to Explore the Outdoors!

Do you know an incoming 9th-12th grade student in the Aspen-Parachute area who wants to meet new people, spend time outdoors, and get paid while doing it? RFOV, along with our partners, are thrilled to announce that the application for the 2024/25 Youth In Nature (YIN) program is now open.

About YIN :

- Receive a \$1,500 educational award over the course of this year-long program
- Meet once a month for days filled with stewardship projects, outdoor recreation, a backcountry hut trip, and more! No experience is necessary!
- Discover volunteer, internship, and job opportunities in the outdoor sector
- The YIN program is FREE. No boots? No problem! All supplies, gear, and transportation for trips will be provided.

[Apply Here](#)

Applications are open from January 15 - April 15.

The Youth In Nature program is made possible through the generous support of the Jonathan D + Mark C. Lewis Foundation.

For more information about the program, please visit www.rfov.org/yin

Ute Knowledge: Colorado's Original Scientists

The Ute People are Colorado's oldest continuous residents. They used their extensive knowledge of the landscape and environment to live in Colorado for generations, and they are still here today!

Garfield County Extension is proud to offer the Ute Knowledge Kit to educators and program facilitators across the valley.

Through the Ute Knowledge Program, students investigate how the Ute Indians have used science, technology, engineering, and math to survive and thrive in the Rocky Mountains. Students will test materials in order to understand how the Ute solved problems in the past and the present.

This program meets Colorado history, math, and science standards and is best for students in preschool through 5th grade. Please contact **Dani Wesolowski** at dani.wesolowski@colostate.edu or (970) 625-3969 to ask questions and to reserve a kit today!

For additional information about Ute STEM, visit:
<https://www.historycolorado.org/ute-stem>



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2024 FREE SEED PROGRAM



Garfield County Extension is pleased to offer a wide variety of free seeds to families who would like to try their hand at gardening. Please complete the google form provided below. Please include in your email, the name, and the address in which you would like the seeds to be sent. We will mail out seed packages on March 1st, 2024. With the Free Seed Project, we provide seeds to community stewards as an alternative to the global, industrial food system, and to encourage people to make a greater connection with Earth. Contact us today at dani.wesolowski@colostate.edu or by phone at 970-625-3969.

Google Form Sign-Up Link:
<https://forms.gle/EgCe99pr6tgoY8UG9>



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4-H STEM AmeriCorps Program

Are you ready to make a difference? Do
you want to inspire and support the
next generation of STEM professionals?



**Join our team as an
AmeriCorps member!**

For more information, visit our website:

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/4-h-stem-ameri-corps/>

YOU WILL:

- develop and deliver programs in 4-H science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in out-of-school time settings to youth (ages 8-18)
- Increase youth interest in STEM while encouraging them to stay in school and preparing them to enter the workforce
- Provide fun, hands-on educational opportunities to underserved youth.
- Earn a living allowance and education award
- Use your energy, ideas, and talents to help others
- Gain real job skills and build your professional network

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE PAGE



The Migrant Education Program may serve children from birth to the age of 21 who are eligible for a free public education under State Law.

In order to qualify for services, children must have moved within the past three years, across state or school district lines with or to join a migrant parent or guardian who has obtained qualifying temporary or seasonal employment in agriculture, fishing, or dairy.

To learn more, visit:

<https://www.cde.state.co.us/migrant>



CLOVER has interactive, exciting activities for everyone ages 5-18. That educate and explore topics like civic engagement, aerospace, gardening, and future career paths.

Our curriculum is created hand in hand with USDA and Cooperative Extension, a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation.

Create a FREE account at: <https://4-h.org/clover/about/>

or download the CLOVER mobile app!



The Collaborative Management Program (CMP) supports families by aligning community partners to streamline resource access and meet family needs.

CMP can help youth and families:

- Set goals for stabilization and security
- Access resources for financial support and stability
- Access medical, dental, behavioral health services
- Connect with counselors and case managers

Learn more at: <https://garfieldcmp.com/>



Second Shift

Programs are currently offered at the following locations:

- **Basalt Middle School** – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45–5:15
- **Carbondale Middle School** – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45–5:15
- **Ross Montessori School**, Carbondale – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30–5:15
- **Glenwood Springs Middle School** – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30–5:15
- **Riverview School in Glenwood Springs** – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30–5:15
- **Riverside Middle School**, New Castle – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:15–5:45
- **Rifle Middle School** – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:15–5:45



Family Fridays

January 19 – March 22

Time: 10:00am–12:00pm

- Free bilingual program spanning ten weeks and takes place every Friday.
- Preparation in the HSE/GED (this not an HSE/GED class).
- Family Reading Intervention (Grade 2–4)
- Cooking Matters Programming.
- Bilingual opportunities with others of a different language.
- Sessions featuring guest speakers.
- Study opportunities for college students and community members.
- Free childcare, activities for ages 3–6 and STEM activities for ages 6 and up.

Viernes en Familia

Enero 19–Marzo 22

Horario: 10:00am–12:00pm

- Programa bilingüe gratuito que abarca diez semanas y se lleva a cabo todos los viernes.
- Preparación en HSE/GED (esta no es una clase de HSE/GED).
- Intervención de lectura familiar (grados 2 a 4)
- Programación Cooking Matters.
- Intercambiar habilidades lingüísticas con hablantes nativos de diferentes idiomas.
- Sesiones con oradores invitados.
- Oportunidades de estudio para estudiantes universitarios y miembros de la comunidad.
- Servicios gratuitos de cuidado infantil, actividades preescolares para edades de 3 a 6 años y actividades STEM para edades de 6 años en adelante.

**For more informatio/ Para
informacion:
Jay Tapia–970–625–6902**



FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Dist. Retreat Registration Opens! Livestock Enrollment Closes Horse Ride 6-8pm	2  GROUNDHOG DAY	3 Cloverbuds 10am
4	5 Poultry Knowledge Night 6pm	6	7 MQA- Carbondale 6-8pm	8 Scrapbooking 4:30-6:30pm Event Hall HAC- Event Hall 6:30pm	9 Sewing 1-3pm Event Hall	10  Shooting Sports Safety Meeting 8am-Noon EH
11	12	13 MQA- Parachute 6-8pm	14 Valentine's Day	15 Horse Ride 6-8pm	16 Cake Decorating 1-3pm Event Hall	17 4-H Hunter's Safety Training
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Council

Purple- Livestock

Brown- Horse & Dog

Orange- Shooting Sports

Red- AmeriCorps

Blue- Other



MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Dist. Retreat Registration Closes Beef Uploads Due 5pm	2 Cloverbuds 10am
3	4 Poultry Knowledge Night 6pm	5	6	7 Horse Ride 6-8pm	8 Sewing 1-3pm Event Hall Beef Weigh in	9
10	11 Swine Knowledge Night 6pm	12	13 MQA DeBeque 6pm	14 Scrapbooking 4:30-6:30pm Event Hall HAC Event Hall 6-8pm	15 Cake Decorating 1-3pm Event Hall	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Sheep/Goat Knowledge Night 6pm	19 Leadership 6:30pm 4-H Council 7pm Event Hall	20	21 Horse Ride 6-8pm	22 Shooting Sports Leader Training	23
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