

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Golden Plains Area Newsletter

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Congratulations 4-H'ers!

Congratulations on the completion of another successful Kit Carson County Fair! Each member, parent and leader should be commended for their hard work and efforts this year.

Many volunteer hours go into making the fair possible. The Extension Office staff would like to thank the many supporters for their enthusiasm and dedication on behalf of youth in Kit Carson County.

-- McKayla, Scott, Karen & Jean

Save the Date!

The 2025 KCC 4-H Achievement

Program will be held at **3 p.m. Sunday, October 5 at the Seibert Community Center.**



All 4-H families are invited to attend as we celebrate the 2024-25 year. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us! Be on the lookout for details and specific information.

2025-2026 KCC 4-H Council Officer Applications

Any Kit Carson County 4-H'er, age 14 or older with at least three years of membership, is eligible to run for county office. (Applicants do not necessarily have to be a delegate representative from their club.) All senior 4-H'ers in good standing are encouraged to apply.

Interested members must complete the officer application form (included with this newsletter) and return it to Scott at the Extension office by **Monday, September 8th.**

Elections will take place during the County 4-H Council meeting on **Monday, September 8th, at 7 p.m. at the Bethune School.** See back page for office duties and responsibilities.

Area Extension Specialist
4-H Youth Development/Livestock

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Kit Carson County Fair

July 25 – Aug 1, 2026

Kit Carson County Fairgrounds
Burlington, Colorado



GOLDEN PLAINS AREA
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

Colorado State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Kit Carson, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma Counties cooperating.

Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

State Fair Projects Pick-Up

Projects that went to the Colorado State Fair are available for pick up starting Friday, Sept. 5th. All projects need to be picked up by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 12th. We do not guarantee projects will be available after Sept 12th due to cleaning out the building this fall.

National 4-H Week

October 5-11 is National 4-H Week. Once again, Kit Carson County 4-H'ers will be recording public service announcements to promote the 4-H organization to be broadcast on KNAB Radio.

Members interested in recording radio spots should contact the Extension Office for details by September 19th. Recording can be done with Scott and or at home then sent to KNAB.

4-H Member & Leaders Re-Enrollments

It will soon be time to begin the re-enrollment process for the 2025-26 4-H year. Enrollment materials will be placed in each club cubby and on the Golden Plains Area website, as soon as we receive the new 4-H project list from the State 4-H Office. Club leaders will be informed when enrollments packets are ready, and it will also be posted on our 4-H face book page.

Online Enrollments – Families can complete enrollments through 4-H Online. However, additional paperwork is required to be signed and returned to the Extension Office before enrollment is approved. **BE SURE TO NOT CREATE A DUPLICATE ENROLLMENT IF YOU ARE A CURRENT MEMBER.**

Manual Enrollments – Manual enrollment forms will still be available. When you manually complete your enrollment form, please complete both sides, particularly the participation permission and the responsibility & release sections. Also, the signed completion agreement MUST accompany the enrollment form when turned into the Extension office. No one will be officially enrolled as an active member without a signed completion agreement on file.

DEADLINES – ENROLLMENT DEADLINE will be **January 15th**. Re-enrollments received after the deadline will be assessed a \$10 late fee, per member. (The late

fee does not apply to leaders or new members. However, it is appreciated that all new enrollments be received as close to the deadline as possible.)

DROP/ADD PROJECT DEADLINE will be **April 1, 2026.**

Fees – A county enrollment fee of \$10 per family is required to assist with the cost of supplies, postage, etc. In addition, a state 4-H enrollment fee of \$15 per member is required to be sent to CSU.

Leaders – Elected club leaders and council adult leader representatives must be formally enrolled as leaders. (First year leaders must fill out a volunteer application and undergo a simple background check plus complete a short on-line volunteer training.)

New Families – Please inform us as soon as possible with names & addresses of any new families joining your club, so we can begin sending information to them. You do not have to wait until you have their enrollments.

Literature – Statements, which will include family and participation fees, will be sent to main leaders after enrollments are in. Manuals and record books will be ordered after payment has been received at our office. With current supply and shipping situations, we will try and get them in as soon as possible but please order early.

Club Office Training

We are hosting a Club Officer Training for any new or returning officers. We will go over parliamentary procedure, officer resources, officer record books (reporter, treasurer, & secretary), & a fun financial activity! **October 22nd** from 6:30-8:30 PM. Pizza will be provided for dinner. Location TBD. Please RSVP by Oct. 20th. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP contact McKayla.

Colorado Leadership Camp

Colorado Leadership Camp will be held in Glenwood Springs, November 7th – 9th. It is for 4-H members 4-H Ages 11-13. Registration will start in October. Details on costs are still forthcoming and will be communicated when we know more. Members attending will need to transport themselves and provide a chaperone for this event.



Congratulations, State Fair Qualifiers

The following are the results of the Kit Carson County 4-H General Project participants at the 2025 Colorado State Fair. Of the 71 total 4-H projects entered, 56 placed in the top 10, twelve received Reserve Champion, and nine received Champions. Congratulations to all our exhibitors!

Artistic Clothing: Sky Richards – Champion; Elizabeth King – 3rd; Hazel McCullough – 4th (UYS), 4th (Recycled Clothing); Brielle Mills – 6th; Molly May – 7th

Beekeeping: Austynn Taylor – 4th

Cake Decorating: Layna Charles – Qualifier; Adeline King – 3rd; Karissa Freund – 4th

Clothing: Charlotte King – Qualifier; Iliza Sisson – Qualifier; Lakelyn Woller – 3rd; Emmery Woller – 5th; Austynn Taylor – Reserve Champion; Ava Dobler – 3rd; Ryann Taylor – 3rd

Computer: Alex Duree – Reserve Champion

Electricity: Burkley Shean – Reserve Champion; Ben Duree – 3rd

Fashion Revue: Austynn Taylor – Qualifier

Entomology: Emmett New – Champion; Amber McCaffrey – Reserve Champion

Food Preservation: Tenley Willinger – Reserve Champion

Foods: Charlotte King – Champion (No-Bake Cookies), 10th (Baked Bar Cookies); Quinn Henschel – Champion; Owen McDaniel – 5th; Chadron Dobler – Qualifier; Addison Henschel – Qualifier

Gardening: Brianna Rueb – Reserve Champion; Charlotte King – Champion

Horseless Horse: Brookelynn Gale – Qualifier

Heritage Arts: Adeline King – 3rd; Elizabeth King – Champion; Kaitlyn Stahlecker – Champion; Hailey McDaniel – 3rd

Home Design & Décor: Neave Henschel – 4th

Leathercraft: Rhiley White – 6th; Bristol Robinson – 5th

Metalworking: Kyle Stahlecker – 5th; J.R. Kountz – 8th; Cash Wollert – Qualifier; Jack Gorton – 4th

Model Rocketry: Libby Miltenberger – 5th; Gracie Miltenberger – Reserve Champion; Ben Duree – 3rd

Outdoor Adventures: Logan Cure – Reserve Champion

Photography: Charlotte King – Qualifier; Olivia Schaal – Qualifier; Lisa May – Champion; Kennedy Henschel – 10th

Robotics: Emmett New – 5th

Scrapbooking: Alyssa Rueb – 4th

Shooting Sports Board Displays: Lakelynn Woller – 4th; Hayden Woller – 9th

Shooting Sports Stand Alone Displays: Faxon Stinnett – Champion; Jonas Schaal – Qualifier; Jayger George – Qualifier; Jeremy Tomes – Qualifier

Small Engines: Trey Mills – Reserve Champion

Sportfishing: Lane Fazendin – 7th; Leo Pickard – Qualifier; Corbin Dobler – 5th

Vet Science: Acie Weber – Reserve Champion; Porter Witt – 3rd; Maggie Gorton – 10th

Visual Arts: Mikayla Castaneda – 7th; Emmett New – Qualifier

Wildlife: Lane Fazendin – Reserve Champion

Woodworking: Trevor Moore – Reserve Champion; Tolson Henschel – Qualifier

State Shooting Sports Championships

These KCC 4-H members participated in the State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships: Brady Cure, Andrew Cure, Ben Cure, Lane Fazendin, Alex Freund, Carter Jarnagin, Jonas Schaal, Thomas Schaal, Jayger George, Hayden Woller, and LeAnn Tanner.

Kit Carson County Council Officer Duties

Senior 4-H'ers (age 14-18) are encouraged to apply!

President:

- Exhibit good leadership qualities and serve as a positive role model to the members of the 4-H program.
- Preside over all council meetings.
- Use basic parliamentary procedure as a tool to conduct effective, orderly meetings.
- Serve as chairman of the Executive Committee.
- Communicate with officers, members and leaders about assignments and duties for meetings.

Vice President:

- Exhibit good leadership qualities and serve as a positive role model to the members of the 4-H program.
- Assist the President.
- Preside over meetings in the absence of the President.
- Serve on committees as needed.
- Fulfill duties of other absent officers.

Secretary/Treasurer:

- Exhibit good leadership qualities and serve as a positive role model to the members of the 4-H program.
- Keep an accurate, current roll of all council members and meeting attendance.
- Keep complete and accurate minutes of all council meetings.
- At each meeting, read minutes of the previous meeting.

Reporter:

- Exhibit good leadership qualities and serve as a positive role model to the members of the 4-H program.
- The reporter shall write news reports to cover and publicize all major council event.

Senator:

- Exhibit good leadership qualities and serve as a positive role model to the members of the 4-H program.
- They should be eligible for club work for 2 years, and will hold office for 2 years.
- Serve as a representative of Kit Carson County as a member of the District 5 4-H Council.
- Serve as a representative and voting member at State 4-H Senate meetings.

Adult Leaders (2):

- The man and the woman leader shall be the representatives on the district 4-H council.

Adult Sponsors (2):

- Exhibit good leadership qualities and serve as a positive role model to the members of the 4-H program.
- In the absence of the man leader and/or woman leader, the man sponsor and/or woman sponsor shall assume their respective duties. The man sponsor and the woman sponsor shall be the representatives on the district 4-H council.

Application DEADLINE | Monday, Sept. 8 by 5 p.m.
Extension Office

Meeting & Elections | Monday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.
Bethune School

Dates to Remember!

September

- 1 Extension Office Closed (Labor Day)
- 5 Club Charter Documents DUE
- 8 4-H Council Officer Applications DUE
- 8 KCC 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Bethune
- 19 4-H Week Radio Spots recordings due

October

- 5 4-H Achievement Program, 3 p.m., Seibert Community Center
- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 13 Extension Office Closed (Columbus Day)
- 22 Club Officer Training

November

- 7-9 Colorado Leadership Camp
Glenwood Springs, CO
- 11 Extension Office Closed (Veterans Day)
- 27-28 Extension Office Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Daniel's Fund Scholarship

The Daniels Scholarship Program offers a four-year college scholarship to any nonprofit accredited college or university in the United States to high school seniors from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming who demonstrate exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities.

The application will be open September 15th through October 17th, 2025. Students do not have to be nominated to apply; however, they are required to obtain recommendations from an individual at their high school. For more information, visit <https://www.danielsfund.org/scholarships/daniels-scholarship-program/overview>



KIT CARSON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICER APPLICATION FORM



If you are interested in a council office, complete the following form and submit to the Extension Office by **Monday, Sept 8, 2025 by 5 pm.**

Elections will take place **Monday, Sept. 8, 2025 at 7 p.m.** during the county 4-H council meeting.

NOTE: Applicants must be at least 14 years of 4-H age and have completed three (3) years of 4-H club work.

NAME: _____ AGE: ____ CLUB: _____ YEARS IN 4-H: ____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

DESIRED OFFICE: _____

If you are not elected for your desired office, what other Council offices would you be willing to fulfill?
(Circle all that apply)

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER

REPORTER

SENATOR

1. List all leadership activities involved in through 4-H:

2. List all other activities involved in outside of 4-H (church, school, etc.):

3. What accomplishments and experiences do you feel have prepared you for this office?

4. Why do you want to be a County 4-H Council officer?

5. If you are elected to an office, do you agree to uphold the office by proper personal conduct? ____ Yes ____ No

6. Do you agree, if elected, to put in sufficient time to perform the required duties? ____ Yes ____ No

7. Have you served as a Council Club Representative or attended Council meetings? ____ Yes ____ No

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Date

(Make additional copies of this form as necessary.)

Expectations of Kit Carson County 4-H Council Officers

Duties of Office

Description of Office

President

Will preside over meetings following the rules of parliamentary procedure as described in Robert's Rules of Order.

Vice President

Will act as the presiding officer in the absence of the president. May also act as the chair of any committee.

Secretary/Treasurer

Will help set the agenda for meetings, take minutes of each meeting, and assist in keeping records of all financial transactions of the County 4-H Council.

Reporter

Will correspond with the media about 4-H activities sponsored by the Kit Carson County 4-H Council.

Senator

Will represent the Kit Carson County 4-H Council at all District 5 and State 4-H activities when applicable.

Alternate Senator

Will perform the duties of the Senator in their absence.

Term of Office

Term of Office shall be for one 4-H year. Election to office shall occur at the first Kit Carson County 4-H Council meeting after September 1st of each year. Officer's term of office will start at the end of the meeting which they are elected and will end at the first Kit Carson County 4-H Council meeting occurring after September 1 of the following year.



Expectations of Kit Carson County 4-H Council Officers

Responsibilities

Attendance

All Officers shall be present at the following activities:

- All Kit Carson County 4-H Council Meetings (4 meetings, September to May)
- Kit Carson County 4-H Achievement Program
- Meat Quality Assurance Program
- Kit Carson County Fair 4-H Awards Presentation
- Kit Carson County Fair Small Animal Show
- Any activity sponsored by the Kit Carson County 4-H Council

Senators shall be present at the following additional activities:

- All District 5 Council Meetings (4 annually)
- Leadership Development Conference
- State 4-H Conference

Conduct

All Kit Carson County 4-H Council Officers should strive to be a positive leader and role model for all 4-H youth and conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Therefore, Kit Carson County 4-H Council Officers shall adhere to the Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct and be held to the consequences listed if they violate the code.

I have read and understand the expectations in this document and will adhere to them.

Kit Carson County Officer

Officer Signature _____ Date _____

