

4-H Youth Development

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Congratulations to New County Council Officers

Elections were held at the September County Council meeting. Here are the newly elected Kit Carson County 4-H Council Officers for 2025-2026: Addison Henschel - President, Landon Charles - Vice President, Kelsie Vaughn - Secretary/ Treasurer, Kennedy Henschel - Reporter, and Hayden Woller - 2 Year Senator. Debbie Homm and Janel Shean - Adult Sponsors and Debbie Babbitt and Darren Dobler – Adult Leaders

4-H Leadership Camp and Conferences

We have some tentative dates for 2026 leadership camps and conferences. LDC will be January 24-27. Youth Fest will be March 27-29. National 4-H Conference is April 9-14. State 4-H Conference will be June 16-19. As details and registration deadlines are announced, we will share it with Club Leaders and through social media and on the KCC 4-H webpage. If you have questions, please contact Scott or McKayla at the Extension office.

Blue Ribbon Livestock Blog

Are you new to livestock projects? Not new, but need some advice or suggestions? Check out the Blue Ribbon Livestock Blog. It is written by Scott and other Extension Agents from Colorado. The information is practical and hopefully helpful for your large animal livestock projects.

Livestock & Horse Judging / Quiz Bowl / Horse Bowl / FCS Skillathon, Public Speaking and Parli Pro Contests

If you are interested in learning about 4-H Contests there will be informational meetings on various dates throughout the winter. Keep a watch in the newsletter and Facebook for information and dates. If you have other questions, contact Scott or McKayla.

4-H Youth and Volunteer Enrollments

4-H Members: Enrollment forms for the 2025-2026 4-H year will be available in late November and are due to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. by the **deadline of Wednesday, January 15**. We will let Club leaders know when everything is in your club mailbox. Please

remember to complete both sides of the enrollment form -- in addition to the *signed* completion agreement. Re-enrollments received after the deadline will be assessed a \$10-per-member late fee. (The late fee does NOT apply to leaders or new members.) Keep in mind, you do not have to wait until the January deadline to return your enrollment paperwork.

Many of the manuals have transitioned to being on-line instead of a printed hard copy. If you want a printed copy of a project manual, be sure and mark 'YES' on your enrollment form. We will either order one or will print one if it is one of those only available on-line. (See the price list attached to the project list handed out with enrollments.) Each club will be billed for books, member and family fees. Books will be ordered as soon as payment is received from the club.

Volunteers: Re-enrolling volunteers need to have their paperwork in by January 15. New 4-H volunteers need to complete the background check as before and must also complete the **Colorado 4-H Volunteer Orientation**. This orientation is available online. Information will be available with enrollment paperwork.

Main Leaders: Please provide the Extension office with the contact information of any new families who are joining your club, so they may be included when sending out newsletters and other information this fall. (You do not have to wait until you receive their project enrollment paperwork.)

Clubs will not be billed for enrollment fees or family fees this year as those will be paid by the KCC 4-H Council. Clubs will still be billed for any literature ordered.

Online Enrollment Option: 4-H members and volunteers have the option to complete their enrollment through the 4-HOnline system. If you decide to enroll online, you must fill out, sign and return the completion agreement to the office by the enrollment deadline of January 15th. Your online enrollment will not be activated until this form is received in the office.

If you were enrolled in 4-H in 2024-2025, **DO NOT** re-enter your personal information to prevent duplicate records -- it should already be online.



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2025-2026 4-H Projects

When you pick up your enrollment packet, you may have questions about the various projects. Go to the Kit Carson County 4-H webpage and look at the **Project Selection Guide** that Jean has put together, or your club leader has a copy available. You can also request to borrow a copy of a project manual to see what is involved in completing the project.

Shooting Sports Project Policy: All youth participating in shooting sports and their parent/guardians, must read and sign this form to be able to participate in shooting sports.

Project Workshops and Clinic

If you need help with a new project, want to explore other projects or would like to help others with a project area, we are looking for volunteers and 4-H members to help teach project workshops and clinics. Contact the Extension office with your learning needs or what you would like to teach to others. Let's share what we know!

2026 KCC Fair Junior Superintendents

4-H members (12 and older) and interested FFA members who would like to volunteer as junior superintendents at the 2026 Kit Carson County Fair are encouraged to sign up now. Duties of this very important volunteer position can vary from helping with livestock weigh-ins and shows to checking in and organizing exhibits.

Junior superintendents who participate during this busy week will receive a free rodeo armband and a thank you gift donated by generous members of the local community.

All positions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Extension office at 346-5571 or email McKayla or Scott to sign up for your first-choice project area.

Please DO NOT sign up to be a livestock superintendent of a species you will be showing. The deadline to sign up is **Monday, February 2, 2026**.

3 Beef	1 4-H Foods
3 Swine	1 Cake Dec
2 Sheep & Goat	1 4-H
2 Horse (1 per show day)	Clothing/Fashion Revue
1 Poultry	1 Living Arts
1 Rabbits	1 Paintings
1 Sheep Lead	1 Open Foods

KCC Fair Update

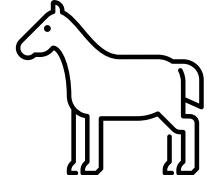
For those 4-H members with Market Beef, nominations and weigh-in will be Saturday, **February 21, 2026**. All market beef can weigh between 1,000 and 1,600 lbs. at fair.

Market beef must be brought to the nominations and weigh-in to be eligible to show at the 2026 KCC Fair. Animals must be nominated in a single youth's name. No family nominations are allowed for the KCC Fair.

We asked that all beef animals be broke and led through the scales during weigh-in. Cost is \$5 for tags and maintenance of scales. Bring Brand Inspection if you have them or they can be completed during nominations at your expense.

4-H Horse Project

Those 4-H members in the Horse project need to remember to update Horse IDs with Scott. If you have a new horse, they will need a Horse ID form filled out and turned in by May 1, 2026. If you need to remove a horse ID, please let Scott know.



Any 4-H Horse project member considering going to show at the Colorado 4-H State Horse Show at the Colorado State Fair will need to make sure their Horse IDs are uploaded into 4HOnline by May 1, 2026. If you have questions about how to do this or need help, please contact Scott.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

- 11 Veteran's Day (Extension Office Closed)
- 18 Shooting Sports Planning Meeting
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday (Extension Office Closed)

December

- 24-25 Christmas Holiday (Extension Office Closed)

January 2023

- 1 New Years Day Holiday (Extension Office Closed)
- 15 4-H Enrollment DEADLINE

Kit Carson County 4-H Webpage

<https://goldenplains.extension.colostate.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/kit-carson-4-h/>

Kit Carson County 4-H Facebook

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