

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Washington County

November/December 2025

EVENTS CALENDAR

November:

- 7-9 Colorado Leadership Camp (CLC) - Glenwood Springs
- 11 Office Closed—Veteran's Day (County Holiday)
- 16 District 4-H Meeting—1 pm, Yuma Pizza Hut
- 17 ~~County 4-H Council~~—CANCELLED
- 27-28 Office Closed—Thanksgiving (County Holiday)

December:

- 25-26 Office Closed—Christmas (County Holiday)
- 31 Re-enrollments Due**

January:

- 1 Office Closed—New Year's Day (County Holiday)
- 18 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting—2 pm, Events Center
- 19 County 4-H Council
- 24-25 Leadership Development Conference (LDC) - Denver

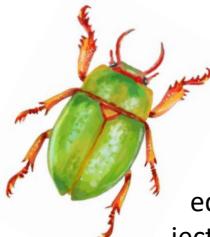
Add/Drop Deadline—May 1, 2026

Eastern Colorado Roundup—July 20-25, 2026

4-H ENROLLMENT WEBSITE: v2.4honline.com

Project List

Are you ready to enroll but want to explore some different projects? A full project list can be found on the state website at colorado4h.org. We also offer a few **County Projects** or you can enroll in the **Self-Determined Project** and create your own 4-H project. These county and self-determined projects can be completed and exhibited at county fair; but, they cannot be entered in State Fair.



Project Spotlight ENTOMOLOGY

Insects are the perfect vehicle to capture the attention of youth. Insects can be observed and collected in nearly every habitat. In this project, members will begin collecting insects to learn more about their characteristics. Beginners will learn about insect form and function, while upper units will focus on making insect collection tools, learning about various types and diversity. Other knowledge members will learn how insects communicate, stages of insect development, and entomology careers. Members will also make an insect collection or display board sharing their knowledge about their project. Visit <https://co4h.colostate.edu/natural-resource/> to learn more about the entomology project.

Shooting Sports

Shooting sports information and the 2026 practice schedule will be sent out in December. **Our annual safety meeting will be held on January 18th at 2:00 p.m. at the Events Center.** Air Rifle and Air pistol practice will be held following the meeting. For more information about Shooting Sports, call 970-345-2287.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to the Akron Lions Club for a generous donation to our county 4-H program! This money will help support paying \$5 towards each member's dues and help support programming and member recognition awards.



We Serve

Akron Colorado Lions Club

2025-2026 Enrollment

Are you ready for a new year? All of our members and volunteers must re-enroll each year to remain active in our program. The new enrollment year opened October 1 in our online database system. We encourage all members and volunteers to re-enroll ASAP. Enrolling in November and December will ensure that you will be included in our mailing list for the winter. Our re-enrollment deadline is December 31st. New members should enroll ASAP but no later than May 1st.

How to enroll: All enrollments will still be done utilizing our online database found at v2.4honline.com. This address will bring you to the most current site. You will know you are in the right spot if you see a spinning pink logo.

Any family with an enrolled member or leader in the past few years ALREADY has a profile in the system. Please **DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT!** If you don't remember your password, you can enter your email address and select "I forgot my password". We can also manually reset your password and/or update your email address if you need help.

MEMBER DUES

The Akron Lions club has generously donated money to offset \$5 for each member so we will only be collecting **\$20 for regular members and \$10 for clo-verbud members.** This will cover county and state dues. Dues should be collected through your club so please disregard any automatically generated emails from our system saying that you owe our office.

MEMBER UPDATES/CHANGES

You can log into your online profile to add or change personal information at any time. Please be sure to update any address or phone number changes during the year so that we have your most current information. Projects can be added, changed or deleted anytime until May 1st.

HELP?

There are help sheets on the state website at <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/4honline/>. Check out the tab for family resources for both written and video how-to guides.

State 4-H Events

Each year, the state 4-H officer team hosts leadership camps and workshops for all members in our state. Below is a list of state events to consider attending. County 4-H Council annually provides scholarships to help members attend.

Colorado Leadership Camp

Colorado Leadership Camp (CLC) was held November 7-9 in Glenwood Springs. This annual event is open to ages 11-13. CLC focuses on leadership workshops and community service. The event is held in a hotel and always includes a fun dance workshop on Saturday. Registration has already closed for this year. Our county had a group from the Busy Beavers club attend. If you are interested in attending in the future, contact our office.

Leadership Development Conference

The Colorado Leadership Development Conference (LDC) is typically held in Denver on the last weekend of January. LDC is open to senior members age 14 and up. The event focuses on leadership workshops. A banquet and dance are also included. Opportunities exist to stay in Denver to visit the state Capitol on the Monday following the event. This year's dates are January 24-25. For more information, contact our office.

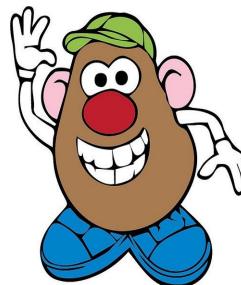
Youthfest

Each spring, Youthfest is held for ages 11-13. Youthfest has been held at the Colorado State Fairgrounds in Pueblo the past few years. No location has been announced officially for 2026 but the dates have been set for March 27-29. The program usually focuses on leadership and community service. Dances and/or fun activities are scattered throughout the event to add in some fun and recreation. Watch for more info in our Jan/Feb newsletter or contact the office if you think you may be interested in attending. Extension staff may not be able to attend so volunteers may be needed to help with chaperoning and transportation.

State 4-H Conference

The Colorado State 4-H Conference is held the third week of June on the CSU campus in Fort Collins. The event is open to senior age members. State contests include FCS contests, livestock quiz bowl, livestock judging, horse contests, parliamentary procedure, public speaking and much more! Leadership workshops are held as well as educational opportunities to tour CSU and surrounding communities. The state 4-H senate meeting is also held to elect new state officers. If you are interested in learning more about state conference, contact Jamie or Anne at the office.

Additional opportunities may exist for members wanting to attend district and regional events. District meetings are typically held in Yuma in the fall and spring. The district also hosts a camp for younger members in May. For more information, watch future newsletters or contact the Extension Office.



Potato Supper

Thank you everyone for helping to make our annual Potato Supper a huge success. Tentative numbers indicate a profit of about \$1,800!

To Make the Best BETTER

**Be sure to remain active in 4-H year-round!
Keep in touch with your club leader and
participate in club meetings this fall.**

**Re-enrollment opened
October 1st and ends December 31st.
Bring a friend and encourage them to join!
New enrollments also opened October 1st.**

Achievement Program Highlights

First Year Members: * Denotes Cloverbud

Arickaree - Pipher Strickert, Hazel Trim*

Busy Beavers - Lacey Shewmaker

Misc Mavericks - Gabriel Foster*, Alexa Lusk, Erin Lusk*

Otis Jackrabbits - Kenny Kendrick, Gabriel Lightle*

Shooting Stars - Anelise Lewis, Baileigh Perry, Elijah Perry*

Silver Spurs - Jack Crumley, Lena Crumley, Jared Elmore, Kinley Ladd, Grant Marini, Macy Mauro, Kristina (Rae) Miller, Sawyer Reid, Camden Schiel

Fifth Year Members:

Arickaree - Ryon Trim

Busy Beavers - Audrey Alt

Country Club - Aubree Mason

Misc Mavericks - Ainslea Marston, Lexy Marston

Otis Jackrabbits - Raleigh Dix, Royce Dix, Scarlett Kerst, Autumn Maggard

Silver Spurs - Aydan Koch, Ella Koch, Maddox Reid, Emilee Samber, Sophie Samber

Tenth Year Members:

Arickaree - Bradley Hermes

Country Club - Abigail Baughman, AnnMarie Stahn

Otis Jackrabbits - Jacob Perry

Ten Year Plus Members:

11 Years - Emmalee Gailus

12 Years - Arhy Bethel, Dalton DeMers, Chloe Farmer, Gabrielle Hermes, Charlie Kendrick

13 Years - Raeya Schrock

14 Years - Anderson Filla

Congratulations to the newly installed county 4-H council officer team

President – Chloe Farmer

Vice President/Secretary – Arhy Bethel

Vice President/Treasurer – Emmalee Gailus

Senators – Cas Quick, Chloe Farmer, Arhy Bethel and Emmalee Gailus

Member Awards: These awards are self nominated and open to any member in the county. Recipients are chosen by leaders at the September County Council Meeting.

Outstanding Senior Members:

Emmalee Gailus - Citizenship

Dalton DeMers - Pursuit of Excellence

Outstanding Jr/Int Members:

Arlee Canaan Bethel - Achievement

Leader's Choice Awards:

These awards are selected by leaders at the September County Council meeting. Each club leader may nominate members for the awards.

Outstanding Junior Members:

Jaida Schrock, Lexie Spradlin

Outstanding Intermediate Members:

Jayde Gertge, Arlee Canaan Bethel

Outstanding Senior Member:

Milo Kendrick, Arhy Bethel, Chloe Farmer

Dare to Be You Award:

Cas Quick, Emmalee Gailus

Outstanding Volunteers:

Luke Bethel, Amy Farmer

Friend of 4-H Award:

Akron New Reporter

Otis Telegraph



Feichter Memorial Community Service Award

Club Winner: Arickaree Tumbleweeds

Club Hon. Mention: Country Club

Individual Winner: Dalton DeMers

Record Book Awards

Sponsored by Y-W Electric

Livestock Record Book Awards: JR. 1st Place – Kinley Ladd, 2nd Place – Sophie Groshans, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Easton Baker, Mac Bernhardt, Cash Corman, Macy Mauro, Kaitlyn McCall, Rae Miller, Emerick Hermes, Graydi Cash Houston.

INT. 1st place – Ella Koch, 2nd place – Camden Ladd, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Bryson Baker, Alice Barker, Colt Corman, Jace Corman, Camdyn Gross, Aydan Koch, Aubree Mason, Allison McCall.

SR. 1st place – Gabrielle Hermes, 2nd place – Milo Kendrick, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Estrella Arteaga, Chloe Farmer, Ashton Gross, Bradley Hermes, Clara Hermes, Colten Hermes, Charlie Kendrick, Jacob Perry.

Horse Record Book Awards: 1st place - Autumn McDaneld, 2nd place - Alice Barker

General/FCS Record Book Awards: Jr. Champion – Carina Dix, Jr. Reserve Champion – Brinley Reid, Int. Champion – Kane Schrock, Int. Reserve Champion – Jayde Gertge, Sr. Champion – Raeya Schrock, Sr. Reserve Champion – Anderson Filla