

## MAY/JUNE 2026

### May

- 1 Add/Drop Project Deadline
- 1 Market Hog ID Due
- 1 Horse and Dog ID Due – 4honline
- 3 District 1 Meeting –2 p.m. Yuma
- 4 Market Sheep/Goat Weigh In  
4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Fairgrounds
- 25 Office Closed – Memorial Day
- 27 D1 Explore New Worlds Camp  
Burlington – See details in newsletter

### June

- 8 4-H Project Help Session  
5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Extension Office
- 15 County 4-H Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Extension Office
- 16-19 State 4-H Conference  
CSU Campus – Fort Collins
- 30 County Fair 101  
6:30 p.m. Extension Office

### Other Important Dates/Deadlines

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| Interview Judging                | Jul 14 |
| Fashion Revue                    | Jul 14 |
| Livestock/Horse Record Books Due | Jul 14 |

### Office Staff Update

Our vacant 4-H/Family Consumer Science (FCS) specialist position is finally open for hiring! Applications are set to close April 28 and interviews are tentatively scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>. It will still be a very tight turnaround to get someone on board prior to fair, but we are hoping to get the position filled this summer.

Support Staff: Sharon Christensen will be retiring later this summer. Plans are being made to host a retirement reception during the fair. Unfortunately, her position will not be rehired due to county budget constraints.

### District 1 Explore New Worlds Camp

Each spring, our district hosts a one-day camp for our junior members. This year's camp will be Wednesday, May 27, in Burlington. Members will have a chance to meet new friends, explore 4-H, and take part in some fun and exciting leadership workshops.

Camp is open to junior 4-H members age 8-10. Older members can volunteer to assist with leading workshops.

For more information, contact Jamie at the office. Transportation may be provided depending upon the number of members interested. Lunch is provided with the camp.

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## **Animal Project Deadlines**

**Market Lamb and Goat** Weigh-In will be held at the fairgrounds in Akron on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. All market lambs/goats must be weighed in on this date to be eligible to show at the county fair. Breeding animals do not need to be weighed in but should be owned and under the primary care of the member by May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder that **Market Hog ID's** are due in our office by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The completed ID form and photos can be emailed or printed and dropped off before 4:30 p.m. at the office. Emailed photos should include 1. Right side, 2. Left side, 3. Head shot with tag visible. Photos should be grouped by hog so we can easily identify them.

**Horse** and **Dog** ID must be completed in 4Honline by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to submit any animals that you may use in your project. Your record book should include all animals that you identified.

## **State Fair Market Livestock Exhibitors**

All market animals for the state fair must be nominated this spring. You will need to go online to the state fair website and order DNA packets AND you will need to stop by the Extension office to pick up a nomination form. Completed nomination forms must be returned to the Extension office by June 1<sup>st</sup> (Sheep, Goat, Hog). DNA samples must be returned directly to the state fair by June 8<sup>th</sup> (Sheep, Goats, Hogs).

All nominated animals must have a county tag. All exhibitors must have a premise ID. ALL sheep/goats must have a scrapies tag.

A nomination is just the first step, you will also need to enter your animal online by July 27. Contact Jamie or check out the state fair website for more information.

## **Add/Drop Deadline**

You should have received a postcard in the mail with the list of projects that you are currently enrolled in. Any changes to that list MUST be made by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Project changes can be made directly in your 4Honline account or you can email them to [jamie.axtell@colostate.edu](mailto:jamie.axtell@colostate.edu). If you are dropping 4-H completely, you must notify our office.

## **State 4-H Conference**

Senior members, age 14 and older, are invited to attend the annual Colorado State 4-H Conference to be held at CSU on June 16-19. Members can compete in contests like public speaking, parliamentary procedure, judging, quiz bowl, or hippology. Other opportunities for workshops, dances, and a district night out make the trip fun for all. To learn more, contact Jamie. Registration closes May 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Cake Decorating Workshop**

Plans are being made to host a cake decorating workshop in Akron in May or June. Details and dates are being finalized so watch your mail for more information if you are enrolled in that project.

We will also be sharing more information about the Yuma County Cake Show which is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup>.

All cake decorating members should be working on practice cakes throughout the summer. This workshop and show can offer a great opportunity to do that! Don't forget to take photos and document the practice cakes for your record book.

## **County Fair 101**

The county fair is always something that 4-H members and community members look forward to. In our county, the fair is known as the Eastern Colorado Roundup.

This year's fair is scheduled for the week of July 20-25. Schedules are not available yet but here is a tentative list of what is happening that week:

### **Monday July 20**

Horse Show  
Open Home Ec/Hort Entries  
Hog Weigh In

### **Tuesday July 21**

Cakes and Foods Interview Judging  
Sheep and Goat Weigh In  
Poultry and Rabbit Check In  
Market Hog Show

### **Wednesday, July 22**

Sheep Show  
Poultry Show  
Goat Show  
Beef Weigh In

### **Thursday, July 23**

Beef Show  
Rabbit Show

### **Friday, July 24**

Parade  
Rodeo  
Jr Livestock Sale

### **Saturday, July 25**

Rodeo

To learn more about the fair, plan to attend a County Fair 101 session scheduled for June 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. It will be a great time to learn more about project requirements for the fair, fair deadlines and expectations, and any other general fair questions.

## **Project Curriculum**

Do you need help with your project?? Every 4-H project has some type of project resource available for members. This may include project manuals/curriculum or even project videos. For most projects, the resources are suggested but for some general projects, they may be required.

The best place to check for project resources is on the state 4-H website at [Colorado4h.org](http://Colorado4h.org). If you click on the programs and projects tab, you will find several project categories. Click to find your specific project and scroll down to find the project resources. E-record books are also housed in the same spot.

Some resources and manuals are available directly on the website for you to download. Others can be purchased online through the link or can be purchased through our office.

If you have any questions about project resources, contact our office. We will also be hosting a project help session on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m. at the Extension office. This after-hours time is available to come in and ask questions, pick up manuals or get a printed record book. These services are always available during regular office hours as well. We are open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Another great place to look for project resources is our Facebook page. Find us under "Washington County Colorado 4-H". We often share information about project deadlines, workshops, webinars, and general 4-H events.

# Washington County

## 4-H Record Book Policy

Please read through the sections below for specific guidelines to match your project area. All record books are available online or a hard copy can be purchased upon request through the Extension office. Completed books should be turned in with a report cover, record book cover (available for purchase from the Extension office), or in a small binder.

**General Projects:** For all general projects, members are required to complete the Colorado State e-record. E-records can be found online at the state 4-H website ([co4h.colostate.edu](http://co4h.colostate.edu)). Click on the programs and projects tab, select your project category, then select your project. The e-Record is found below official project materials at the bottom of the page. There are two versions available, one in Microsoft Word and the other an Adobe PDF file. These can be printed and completed by hand or filled out on the computer.

The general e-record book is turned in as part of the interview judging process. During interview judging, members will bring their completed project and record book for the judge. More details about interview judging are mailed out in the summer. Interview judging for general projects (except cakes/foods) is always held the Tuesday prior to fair. This year's interview judging is set for Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Foods and Cakes books are due during their interviews held the following week during fair on Tuesday, July 21.

**Horse:** Members enrolled in horse are required to complete the Colorado State e-record which can be found online at the state 4-H website ([co4h.colostate.edu](http://co4h.colostate.edu)). From the state website, click on the programs and projects tab, choose the animal science project category and then select the horse project. The e-record is below official project materials at the bottom of the page. These can be printed and completed by hand or filled out on the computer. Books need to include ALL horses that are identified as part of the project. Record books are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Dog:** Dog members are required to complete the Colorado State e-record which can be found online at the state 4-H website ([co4h.colostate.edu](http://co4h.colostate.edu)). From the state website, click on the programs and projects tab, choose the animal science project category and then select the dog project. The e-record is below official project materials at the bottom of the page. These can be printed and completed by hand or filled out on the computer. Books need to include ALL dogs that are identified as part of the project. Record books are due to the Extension Office one week prior to the dog show – more details will be provided as we get closer to the date.

**Livestock:** All market and breeding livestock projects (swine, sheep, goat, beef, rabbit and poultry) will utilize the Washington County Livestock record book. Livestock record books must be completed in the member's handwriting and turned in by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Books can be downloaded online by scanning the code to the left. Please note, these are NOT available on the state website!



**Companion Rabbit:** Companion rabbit is not considered a livestock project so members would complete the state companion animal e-record available on the state 4-H website ([co4h.colostate.edu](http://co4h.colostate.edu)). From the site, click on the projects tab, select the animal science project category and then select the rabbit project. Look for the companion animal e-record with project materials at the bottom of the page. These can be printed and completed by hand or filled out on the computer. Books are due by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

# 4-H PROJECT

## Help Session

**Monday, June 8  
5 - 8 p.m.  
Extension Office**

Stop by and get help with  
**Project Requirements  
Record Books  
Curriculum & Resources  
County Fair Information  
General Questions**



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Join Us For

# COUNTY FAIR 101

Tuesday, June 30

6:30 p.m. - Extension Office - Akron

Come with your questions about county fair

How do I enter?

What does the schedule look like?

How do I complete my 4-H project for fair?

