

# 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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*Kit Carson County  
Fair Edition*

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## 2026 Kit Carson County Fair July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>

**ENTRY DEADLINE JULY 1, 2026**

## 2026 Colorado State Fair 4-H Exhibits and Shows August 28<sup>th</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup>

This is the annual *Kit Carson County Fair Edition* of the 4-H Newsletter. The purpose of this Edition is to provide information concerning 4-H involvement during the Kit Carson County fair. The information is only as current as of the date of printing. Please watch for any changes or updates as we get closer to fair time.

This newsletter is not intended to replace the Fair Premium Book or 4-H Project Syllabus. You will still need to look up specific rules and times in the Fair Book.

**If you have any questions about articles in this edition or items in the Fair Book, please call (719) 346-5571.**



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## BEFORE THE FAIR

### Display Boards & Record Book Covers

The Extension Office has display boards available for purchase. Cost is \$3.00 each. These boards meet the size requirements for Shooting Sports & General 4-H projects.

Record book covers are also available. They are \$3.50 each. Every project area must have a record book and it needs to be in a cover or binder.

### E-Record & Project Syllabus Online

If you opted to use the on-line record books, this is the address to locate them:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/programs-projects/> See the 2026 Project Syllabus for class numbers & exhibit requirements. The syllabus is available at the Fair Office or online at: <https://kitcarsoncounty.colorado.gov/fair-grounds/county-fair>

### Project Labels

Don't forget to label your projects. Display show boards should have the exhibitor's **name, age, county, unit and project** written on the back of the board.

### Leader Signatures

A leader's signature is required on the front cover of EVERY 4-H project record book. Don't wait until it's time to enter your project and then try to find your leader. If you have a leader for that project, have them sign your book. If they are not available, have your club's main leader sign it. Judges *will* notice if this signature is missing.

### Using Fairgrounds Scales

Livestock exhibitors will have the opportunity to check the weights of their livestock using the official fairgrounds scales before official fair weigh-in.

Scale use will be by appointment only. Please call the Extension office at (719) 346-5571 to set up a time with Scott. **Last day to make an appointment is Friday, July 17.**

### Cow Patty Bingo

Cow Patty Bingo tickets and money are due in the Extension office by **5 p.m. on July 1.**

### Livestock Barn Off-Limits

Livestock barns **WILL NOT** be available **Thursday, July 23** due to fly control spraying. Please make plans accordingly and contact Collin Koop to make sure your arrangements fit with his schedule.

## FAIR ENTRY and PROJECT CHECK-IN

### Fair Books, 4-H Project Syllabus, Entry Tags & Entry Forms

The KCC Fair Premium Book contains vital information about the fair – including a schedule of events, how to enter, contest rules, award sponsors, and department superintendents. Departments and class numbers can be found in the Fair Book for all 4-H and Open Class livestock entries.

The 4-H Project Syllabus contains class numbers and exhibit requirements for all 4-H general, home economics, shooting sports and primary projects. Fair Books, 4-H project syllabus, entry tags and entry forms are available in the Extension office. Fair books and entry tags will be distributed to several businesses throughout the county.

**Entry Tags** should be used for: Sheep Lead, Poultry & Rabbits, General Projects, Shooting Sports, Garden, Foods, Clothing, and Open Class entries.

**Livestock/Horse Entry Forms** should be used for: beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, primary showmanship and horse – and may be picked up at the Extension Office.

Fair Books, project syllabus, livestock and horse entry forms can also be found online at: <https://kitcarsoncounty.colorado.gov/fair-grounds/county-fair>

### Club Promotional/Educational Booths

If your 4-H club or FFA chapter plans to display a booth, please call the Extension Office by **4:00 p.m. on June 26.** This year's theme for 4-H clubs is:

***“Beyond Ready to Lead”***

Fair booth set-up times are below. The 4-H Building will be open the week before fair, and until 2 p.m. on Friday, July 24 for clubs to set up their booths. Please notify Jean when you plan to work on booths. An entry tag must be filled out & laid on the booth for judging. **Booths will be judged on Saturday, July 25**

### Livestock Entry Deadline

All market & breeding livestock, horse, rabbits, poultry, open class primary showmanship, and sheep lead need to be pre-entered for the fair.

Livestock and Horse Entry forms may be picked up and returned to the Extension Office before the deadline. The entry deadline for the 2026 Kit Carson County Fair is:

**Wednesday, July 1, 2026 before 5:00 p.m.**

**\*\* There is a \$20 late entry/class change fee imposed after the deadline. No entries will be accepted after July 7!**

**\*\* Note: Market & breeding livestock, horse and open class primary need to fill out one entry form for each department you are entering. Poultry & rabbits and sheep lead need an entry tag for each class.**

All other entry deadline information can be found in the Fair Premium Book.

### **KCCCW Beef Carcass Contest**

Market Beef exhibitors can enter the KCC Cattle Women's Carcass Contest. Entry fee is \$20 per head. Winners will receive a cash award presented during 4-H Awards on Friday, July 31.

### **Market Beef Feeding Contest**

This contest is based on Rate of Gain and Carcass Contest results. Exhibitors must enter this class to be in the contest. There is no entry fee.

### **4-H Clothing Construction & Fashion Revue**

Judging will take place on **Tuesday, July 21** at the **First Christian Church in Burlington** starting at 9:00 a.m. Please arrive a little early to check in your projects. Watch the mail for more details, but mark your calendars! If you have questions, please contact McKayla in the Extension Office.

Clothing labels are required on all sewing projects (includes knitting, crocheting, quilting, & Upcycle Your Style garments) and are available at the Extension Office. All exhibit garments must be labeled with name, age, county and unit of the 4-H member, in case of property loss. Labels must be attached at the neckline or at the waistband of skirts and pants. Information MUST be written or typed on a label and securely attached to inside of the garment.

**Public Fashion Revue will be 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 28**

### **4-H Project Check-In/Entry Deadline**

Project check-in and judging will take place in the 4-H Exhibit Building at the fairgrounds, Friday and Saturday before the fair.

To eliminate congestion and to keep the line moving at check-in, use the 4-H Project Syllabus and have your entry tags complete before arriving.

**Check-in: Friday, July 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Judging: Saturday, July 25, 9:00 a.m.**

**The deadline applies to:** *Shooting Sports, Horseless Horse, Vet Science, Gardening, Robotics, Cats, Computers, Electricity, Rocketry, Small Engines, Woodworking, Entomology, Wildlife, Sportfishing, Leathercraft, Leadership, Ceramics, Global Citizenship, Heritage Arts (including quilts), Photography, Scrapbooking, Visual Arts, Primary record books and exhibits.*

**This deadline excludes:** Primary Foods & Decorate Your Duds

### **4-H Foods Projects**

**All 4-H Foods Projects** including cake decorating and primary projects will be judged on **Saturday July 25, in the Extension Storage building.** If you are entered, you will be sent a schedule with your interview judging time.

### **Primary 4-H and Open Projects**

There will be a \$3.00 premium awarded for ALL Primary 4-H & Open Class entries.

**ALL Primary Record books & exhibits, including livestock records** (*except Foods & Decorate Your Duds*) are entered on **Friday, July 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Use the small entry tags and find the department and class number in the 4-H General Projects Syllabus. You will not find these in the Fair Book.

**Primary Decorate Your Duds** will be interview judging on **Tuesday, July 21** during Clothing Construction & Fashion Revue Judging in **Burlington.** (*Schedules will be mailed.*)

**Primary Foods** projects are interview judging and will be on **Saturday, July 25** at the fair. (*Schedules will be mailed.*)

**Open Primary Calf, Lamb and Goat** actual animals, you must fill out a livestock entry form and turn these in to the Extension Office by the livestock entry deadline, **July 1.**

**Open Rabbits and Poultry** must use a small entry tag and also have these turned in by the **July 1** livestock entry deadline.

**Open Leadline** is a walk/trot horse class for primary age. Participants will need to provide their own horse, an approved riding helmet and have at least one parent or guardian present. Primary Leadline will follow Youth Halter classes on Thursday morning. Entry deadline is **July 1.**

### **Sheep Lead**

*\*\* For complete rules, see the 2026 Fair Premium Book.*

Participants in the Sheep Lead Contest must pre-enter by **Wednesday, July 1.** Late entries will be assessed a \$10 late entry fee. Essays are due in the Fair Office by **Monday, July 27, 6:00 p.m.** or a \$20 entry fee will apply.

Sheep Lead Show will take place in Carousel Park **Thursday, July 30, 5:00 p.m.** If you pre-enter the competition and decide not to participate, please notify the Sheep Lead Superintendent or the Fair Office before 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 27.

### **Ag Mechanics Competition**

The Ag mechanics competition is open to all 4-H and FFA members in Kit Carson County. Entries must include project, plans & cost of materials. Judging will be based on evidence of sound planning, number and degree of skills used, practicality of entry and quality of workmanship.

Entries will be accepted at the 4-H project entry **Friday, July 24** and judged **Saturday, July 25.**

# LIVESTOCK AT FAIR

## Fair Stalling Times

The following times are deadlines for livestock to be brought to the fair. It is your responsibility to feed, water and clean pens/stalls while your animal is on the fairgrounds. Remember you are a representative of the livestock industry – give your animals the best possible care!

**Sheep & Goats:** Sunday, July 26, 4:00-5:00 p.m. and Monday, July 27, 7:00-8:00 a.m.

*\*\* All sheep and goats must be inspected prior to unloading. Inspection is at the SW entrance of the west parking lot.*

**Swine:** Sunday, July 26, 5:00 p.m.

**Beef:** Monday, July 27, 8:30 a.m.

*\*\*No cattle tie out set up before 4 PM on Friday, July 24.*

## Where are the chips?

The KCC Fair will provide **ONE** bag of wood chips for each pen, free of charge.

Wood chips **WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE** for purchase through the Fair Office. All other chips need to be provided by the exhibitor.

## Livestock Exhibitor Information Meetings

All livestock exhibitors are asked to attend a brief informational meeting, 15 minutes prior to the beginning of each livestock weigh-in at the fair. Department superintendents will be available to answer questions from exhibitors and parents.

**Swine:** Sunday, July 26, 5:30 p.m.

**Sheep, Goats, & Beef:** July 27, 8:30 a.m.

## Switching Market Livestock

*\*\* For complete rules, see the 2026 KCC Fair Premium Book*

The switching of market livestock is limited to siblings and step-siblings, living in the same household. Switching after the May 1 deadline can only happen if the member has no other animal to show in that species.

If switching is necessary, you will be required to fill out and sign a transfer form in the Extension Office before the transfer can take effect.

## Fair Weigh-in

**Swine:** Sunday, July 26, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Sheep & Goats:** Monday, July 27, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Beef:** Monday, July 27, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

### **NO RE-WEIGHS ALLOWED FOR ANY MARKET ANIMAL.**

The official electronic livestock scales **WILL NOT** be used to pre-weigh livestock on from July 18<sup>th</sup> through the day of the official weigh-in day for that species.

## Livestock Weight Limits

Minimum and maximum weight limits will be strictly enforced for all market livestock. **NO LEEWAY** will be given.

*\*\* The Kit Carson County fairgrounds scales are state certified accurate and meet all criteria set forth by Colorado state standards.*

**REMINDER:** Livestock that do not meet their respective weight limits will be allowed to show in showmanship in addition to a lightweight feeder class or a heavyweight class. Animals shown in these classes will not be eligible to show for champion of their market species. Overweight animals will be allowed to sell at the specie's maximum weight limit-Overweight animals may only be sold if the exhibitor does **not** have another animal of that species that makes weight requirements.

### Market Livestock Weight Limits

Market Beef - 1,000 lbs. to 1,600 lbs.

Market Swine - 225 lbs. to 295 lbs.

Market Sheep - 95 lbs. to 165 lbs.

Market Goats - 50 lbs. to 125 lbs.

### DAYS ON FEED

**Beef = 163 Days**

**Sheep = 70 Days**

## Reminders for Beef Exhibitors

**BRAND INSPECTION** will be done during weigh-in as usual. The brand inspectors will make a master brand inspection certificate for the fair. Blue forms are not required.

**Blocking Chutes** may only be set up in designated areas. Chutes **MAY NOT** be set up in the west camper/trailer parking lots or in the lean-tos of the beef and horse barns.

## Herdsmen Contest Tips

*\*\* For complete rules, see the 2026 KCC Fair Premium Book*

### **Signs need to be in place by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday**

Catch-it-Calf stalls must be clean and presentable. The Catch-it-Calf area will be included in club scores.

Promotion of the animals, or education on the uses of species is evaluated from each club.

Club signs with name of individual, animal, weight, and rate-of-gain are required. (Signs, sharpies & thumbtacks are available in the Fair Office.)

**Following the sale, buyer signs need to be up ASAP (by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning). They are available for pickup at 7:00 a.m. Thursday morning in the Fair Office.**

Cleanliness of animals and the aisles are important judging factors. Arrangements of show boxes is also considered when judging. The daily feeding and care of your animals is very important, as well as daily cleaning of stalls.

Organization and cooperation of members and leaders is important to help reduce stress for everyone.

Show courtesy to judges, fair officials, barn superintendents and fair visitors. Be courteous to fellow exhibitors and show good sportsmanship. Promptness and cooperation with

superintendents in lining up during parades and for the sale are evaluated.

**Herdsman awards will be presented in the show pavilion Friday afternoon during the 4-H Awards Presentation.**

### **Horse Exhibitors**

Here are a few reminders for horse exhibitors at Fair:

1. The dress code for the Kit Carson County Fair Horse Show is as follows: *Western hat, cowboy boots, belt, dark blue, dark black or solid colored jeans (acid or stonewashed jeans are not allowed), and any colored or print long-sleeved western shirt or blouse are required. Spurs, chaps, jackets, and vests are optional.*
2. Remember, **no riding is allowed in the horse barns!**
3. Novice division is **optional** for all members who are in their first year of the horse program.

Completed and passed 4-H Level I written and riding tests are required (as a minimum) for exhibitors entering riding classes.

### **Catch-it-Contests**

*\*\* For complete rules, see the 2026 KCC Fair Premium Book*

Catch-it-exhibitors, select, raise, and exhibit a market livestock project for the next year's fair. Upon successful completion of the catch-it project, sponsors will provide members with a sponsorship fee to assist with livestock project expenses. **Youth may only participate in one Catch-it program per year.**

Entry forms are available in the Extension Office. Early entry is encouraged.

#### **Catch-it Contest Applications Deadlines**

**Catch-it-Lamb, Pig and Goat:** Monday, July 27 at Noon

**Catch-it-Calf:** Wednesday, July 29, 5:00 p.m.

*\*\*Catch-it-Calf participants are required to have a current sports physical or doctor's signature to participate.*

#### **Catch it Contest Contests – on the Track**

**Catch-it-Lamb, Pig & Goat Contests:** Tuesday, July 26, 6:00 p.m.

**Catch-it-Calf Contest:** Friday, July 31, 7:00 p.m.  
(before the Parade of Livestock)

### **Livestock Show Times**

**Poultry & Rabbits:** Monday July 27, 9:00 a.m.

**Swine:** Monday, July 27, 5:00 p.m.

**Sheep** Tuesday, July 28, 8:30 a.m.

**Goats:** Tuesday, July 28, 15 minutes after Sheep Show

**Beef:** Wednesday, July 29, 8:00 a.m.

### **Youth Exhibitor Dress Code**

There is a youth exhibitor dress code in effect for the 2026 KCC Fair. This dress code is for ALL youth participating in interview judging, Fashion Revue, livestock shows, livestock sale and awards program.

It is expected that all youth exhibitors participating in the Kit Carson County Fair shall conform to these dress expectations. This code is specifically in effect for all livestock related activities (including, but not limited to: livestock shows, livestock parades, livestock sales, and livestock award presentations, etc.). In addition, the Kit Carson County Fair Board expects all youth exhibitors in any Fair related activity to be responsible in their dress at all times while on the Fairgrounds.

- A. All exhibitors shall dress to project a professional and wholesome image, and for your safety.
- B. Where shows have specific dress guidelines (i.e. horse) these codes shall be followed.
- C. Specifically, the following modes of dress are NOT considered appropriate:
  1. Loose (baggy) clothing such as baggy jeans/pants, etc.
  2. Short or revealing clothing such as short shorts, tank tops, etc.
  3. T-shirts and or other articles of clothing with logos or wording that would be deemed as being offensive or inappropriate (i.e tobacco or alcohol company logos, etc.)
- D. Violations of this dress code shall be referred to the Kit Carson County Fair Board and shall be addressed on an individual basis with penalties being determined by the Board.
- E. Appropriate footwear for the event is expected. (i.e. Wearing sandals during a livestock show, sale or parade is unprofessional and dangerous.)

#### **● ● Exhibitor Back Numbers ● ●**

ALL exhibitors (including Primary members) MUST wear back numbers during EACH show. This back number is printed on the class agenda programs given to the superintendents and the viewing public.

These numbers are very useful for superintendents, bookkeepers, and the public for keeping track of class placing.

Back numbers may be picked up in the Fair Office. You will need to wear your back number for each of your livestock shows.

**\*\*DO NOT LOSE IT\*\***

## **YOUTH LIVESTOCK SALE** **Wednesday, July 29, 2026**

### **KCC Fair Buyers' Supper**

The Buyers' Supper will be held on Wednesday, July 29 starting at **5:00 p.m. in the show pavilion**. This year's meal is again being fully catered.

Clubs will be asked to sign up for various duties that will need to be done before, during and after the meal. Check with your main club leader about what your club will be doing to assist with the Buyers' Supper.

**Buyer's Supper begins at 5:00 PM**

### **Youth Livestock Sale**

The Fair Board and the Youth Livestock Sale Committee look forward to another great sale to be held on Wednesday, July 29 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Remember, clubs will be asked to help with various tasks, but most importantly, you and your animal need to be ready to represent 4-H, your club and community in the barns and during the sale.

**Youth Livestock Sale begins at 6:30 PM**

### **Eligibility to Sell**

*\*\* For complete rules, see the 2026 KCC Fair Premium Book*

Remember, each youth market livestock exhibitor whose animals meet weight and eligibility requirements will be allowed to sell one each of two species through the Kit Carson County Youth Livestock Sale.

### **Livestock Sale Sign-Up Deadlines**

The following dates and times are the Youth Livestock Sale sign-up deadlines. You will need to know each animal's tag number and weight and pay the \$10 Sign-Up fee.

**Swine:** Tuesday, July 28, 9:00 a.m.

**Sheep & Goat:** Wednesday, July 29, 9:00 a.m.

**Poultry & Rabbit:** Wednesday, July 29, 9:00 a.m.

*(Grand & Res. Gr. Champions only)*

**Beef:** Wednesday, July 29, 1:00 p.m.

These deadlines are firm, and NO livestock will be signed-up after the Sign-Up deadlines!

**NOTE: Catch-it-Lambs, Goats, Pigs & Calves must be signed-up. They are NOT automatically included in the sale!**

You must pay your sign-up fee when you sign-up your animal. Sign-ups will not be accepted as final unless accompanied by the sign-up fee.

*\*\* Sign-up fees cover the cost of livestock picture printing, promotional efforts for the sale & buyer supper, and insurance to cover the loss of any animals that have gone through the sale.*

### **Extra Livestock**

All market livestock NOT SOLD through the Youth Livestock Sale will remain the possession of the youth exhibitor.

**Exhibitors will need to make PRIVATE arrangements AS SOON AS POSSIBLE for any extra animals you wish to process.**

The processing facilities will not be available to handle extra livestock at the fair weigh-ins. Our local processors will only handle animals for which prior arrangements have been made. Contact your processing facility **now** to reserve a harvest date for your animals.

If packers are willing to pick-up your prearranged extra livestock at fair time, it is up to you to make sure the correct animal(s) are on the appropriate trailer.

Marketing of livestock NOT SOLD through the Youth Livestock Sale is the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Kit Carson County Fair is **NOT** responsible for the marketing of these extra animals.

### **Livestock Sale Thank You Pictures**

It is extremely important to show appreciation to your buyer for their support of the Youth Livestock Sale. Thank You pictures will be taken during the fair and printed in the Fair Office.

*Show attire must be worn for pictures. No shorts, flip-flops, etc.*

**Poultry & Rabbits:** Monday, July 27, 1:00 p.m. in the Livestock Show Barn (*Grand, Res. Grand Champions and alternates*)

**Sheep & Goats:** Tuesday, July 28, during the shows

**Beef:** Wednesday, July 29, on the track during the show

**Swine:** Wednesday, July 29, 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Swine Barn

It is your responsibility to promptly deliver the thank you pictures to your buyer following the fair.

Buyer pictures will be ready for pick-up in the Fair Office, **no later than noon on Saturday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup>. (possibly earlier – main leaders will be notified)**

### **Parade & Buyer Signs**

The Fair Office staff will write buyer and parade signs to post recognizing your livestock buyers. Signs will be available for pickup at the Fair Office by 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning after the sale.

Buyer signs must be posted with your animal's club sign by **9:00 a.m. Thursday** morning. Parade signs are to be carried for the announcer to read during the Thursday and Friday Parades of Livestock, before each PRCA rodeo performance.

### **Rodeo Armbands**

Rodeo Armbands will be available for purchase at the Fair Office beginning on Thursday of Fair at a cost of \$10 for enrolled 4-H youth & FFA livestock exhibitors and \$15 for enrolled 4-H Leaders. Armbands are good for Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances. Thank your commissioners for their generosity!

### **Camper/Vehicle Parking in West Lot**

Camper move-in begins **July 21, after 5 pm.** Vehicles parking in the parking lot west of the livestock barns should park inside pre-drawn parking spaces. With the exception of personal vehicles and campers in pre-approved paid locations.

No livestock trailers will be allowed to park in the west parking lot. **ALL livestock trailers and “tie-out pens” are to be located in the NORTHWEST trailer parking area.**

### **Awards Presentations**

If you are an award recipient, it is highly suggested that you be present at the Awards Program. Many times the award sponsors are waiting to present the award to the winner. This is the time when pictures are taken for the local media and recognition is given to our generous award sponsors.

#### **4-H Fashion Revue & 4-H Clothing Awards:**

Tuesday, July 28, 4:30 p.m. in the Carousel Park gazebo.

**4-H General (includes Shooting Sports), 4-H Home Economics, Memorial Scholarship & Herdsman Awards Presentation:** Friday, July 31, 4:00 p.m. in the show pavilion (including *Catch-it animals and club herdsman awards*)

### **Project Release Times**

**All Livestock Release:** Friday, July 31 at 8 p.m. (immediately following the Parade of Livestock – poultry and rabbits included at this time) **Exception: Floor market beef will be loaded out at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31.**

**ALL Livestock Pens/Stalls** must be cleaned by Noon, Saturday, August 1.

#### **4-H General and Home Economics Project, and ALL Open Class Entries:**

Saturday August 1, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
(The Exhibit Buildings will be closed from 1:00-1:30 p.m. to allow Superintendents to organize projects for release.)

### **Premium Checks**

Premium checks will be mailed sometime in late August or early September. There are several other things such as State Fair projects, livestock record books judging, club completions, etc. that also need to be done.

The premium checks will be issued by Kit Carson County. Remember to cash your premium checks in a timely manner after receiving them. They will be VOID after 60 days. The checks will NOT be honored after the 60 days.

### **DATES to REMEMBER**

#### **JUNE**

- 26 Foods & Clothing Pre-entry DEADLINE
- 26 4-H/FFA Booth reservation DEADLINE

#### **JULY**

- 1 Livestock Entry DEADLINE
- 1 Cow Patty Bingo Tickets/Money DUE
- 3 Extension Office Closed, HOLIDAY
- 7 **LATE livestock and horse entry DEADLINE**  
Fair Board & Superintendent meeting,  
7:00 p.m.
- 21 4-H Fashion Review & Clothing Construction  
Judging, 9:00 a.m. at Bethune School
- 24 4-H General & Home Economics (including quilts)  
projects ENTRY, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 25 4-H General, Home Economics, Foods and Cake  
Decorating projects JUDGING, 9:00 a.m.
- 25 KIT CARSON COUNTY FAIR Begins!
- 30 Courthouse CLOSED for County Events Day
- 31 Courthouse CLOSSES at Noon

#### **AUGUST**

- 1 Colorado State Fair Livestock Show Entries Due  
Colorado State Fair Horse Show Entries Due to CSF  
Office.
- 5 Catch-It-Animal Record Books due in Extension  
Office by 5:00 p.m.
- 11 4-H Club Leaders Meeting, 6 p.m., Extension Office
- 11 Foods & Cake Decorating Project Champions going  
to State Fair due in Extension Office, 12:00 p.m.  
(NOON)
- 24 Top Livestock, Horse, Secretary, Treasurer and  
Reporter Record Books due by 4:00 p.m.
- 25 Club Completion Reports due in Extension  
Office by 4:00 p.m.

### **Remember to say: “Thank You!”**

Receiving a prompt thank you for their support of your success will be much appreciated by your award sponsor.

When you sit down to write that thank you for the awards you won, please check the backside of the trophy. You will find a label with the name and address of your award sponsor. If you are a recipient of a cash award, the sponsor’s name & address is on the envelope you received.

**We have lost sponsors in the past simply because someone did not write a thank you.** Please do not forget to thank the generous supporters of youth programs in our community!

**The 2026 Kit Carson County Fair Book  
is available online. Go to:  
[https://kitcarsoncounty.colorado.gov/fair-  
grounds/county-fair](https://kitcarsoncounty.colorado.gov/fair-grounds/county-fair)**



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**4-H Achievement Program  
Sunday, October 4, 2026  
In Burlington**

# 2026 Kit Carson County Fair

## 4-H & FFA Bathroom Cleaning Schedule

### Monday, July 27

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.    \*\* Go-Getters  
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.    \*\* Go-Getters

### Tuesday, July 28

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.    Plainview  
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.    \* Rural Route

### Wednesday, July 29

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.    Smoky Hill  
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.    Smoky Hill

### Thursday, July 30

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.    River  
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.    Willing Workers

### Friday, July 31

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.    Merry Mixers  
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.    Merry Mixers

### Saturday, August 1

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.    Green Valley

#### Burlington FFA (work with Plainview)

Jaylin Campuzano	Conrad Dobler
Brynnli Coryell	Tealyn Seat
Avrie James	Jeremy Tomes
Logan James	(work with Smoky Hill)
Darian McDonough	
Yandel Ornelas	Lucas Fortmeyer
Ela Rogers	Lear Hansen
Weston Schaal	Mio Ridder
Smith, Tobyn	Saylor Wall
Stevens, Declan	Hayden Woller
	(work with Rural Route)

#### Idalia FFA

Lauren Cody  
(work with Plainview)

#### Bethune FFA

Gavin Malavé  
Lily Wycoff  
(work with Plainview)

#### Flagler FFA (work with Willing Workers)

Rylie Berry  
Sydney Berry  
J.R. Kountz  
Kaitlyn Kountz

Adilynn Jolliffe (work with Merry Mixers)

\*\* 1<sup>st</sup> Place Club Award Contest  
announced at Achievement Program  
received first choice of cleaning shift(s)  
\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Place received second choice

## Shower & Restroom Cleaning Information

During the duty period, the responsible **Club/Chapter** will check the following **ONCE EVERY HOUR**:

1. Stools and showers to ensure that they are not plugged.
2. Make sure there are plenty of hand towels and T.P. available.
3. Make sure there is soap available.

During each 6-hour duty period the **Club/Chapter** responsible, will thoroughly clean the showers and restrooms starting **ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING OFF DUTY**. The following will need to be done:

1. Disinfect the showers and shower area.
2. Scrub and clean the stools and sinks.
3. Clean mirrors and etc.
4. Sweep and mop the floors.

During the Fair, the shower/restroom facility is ours exclusively to use. I'm sure that we all want to keep these facilities clean and presentable looking. This will be possible if all **4-H Club and FFA Chapter** members join in and work together. **Cleaning should be done by the members and leaders of the Club/Chapter.**

Appoint one person to pick up the key for your club. If you are working with another club, please contact them & coordinate schedule. They will have to sign for it.



## Teen Clerks

**Teen Clerks** are needed and **Camp Tobin** will be available. Senior 4-H members can sign up to be Teen Clerks through 4HOnline. Youth will need to provide their own transportation to and from the Colorado State Fairgrounds.

## Shooting Sports Championship

At this time there will be an in-person State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship during the state fair. August 29-30 and September 5-6. Check with your shooting sports discipline leaders. They will have more information.

## Junior Livestock Shows

Junior Livestock Online Entries are due to CSF by July 27<sup>th</sup> for Market and August 10<sup>th</sup> for Breeding. Here is a basic tentative schedule:

August 26	Livestock Move In Begins
August 27	Swine Showmanship
August 28	Market Swine Show Lamb Showmanship
August 29	Market Lamb Show Goat Showmanship
August 30	Market Goat Show Cattle Showmanship
August 31	Market Cattle Show
September 1	Junior Market Livestock Sale

This link can take you to the online full livestock schedule:

<https://coloradostatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-Schedule-A1-02102026.pdf>

## 4-H Horse Show

CSF is planning a normal 4-H Horse Show. Entries are due to CSF by August 1, 2026. The tentative schedule will be:

August 27	Horse Move in English Horse Show
August 28	Western Horse Show
August 29	Ranch Horse Show
August 30	Gymkhana Competitions

## State Fair Qualifiers

We anticipate 4-H project judging at the state fair will be done the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for any updates or changes the closer we get to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

4-H General, Shooting Sports and 4-H Home Economics Projects (except for foods and cake decorating) marked State Fair eligible, **must be left in the 4-H Building after the Kit Carson County Fair.**

If you elect to take your project home, for repairs, etc. it must be returned to the Ext/Fair Office by **4:00 p.m. Friday, August 7th** or it will NOT go to State Fair.

Please take your ribbons and the judge's comment sheets home with you. Leave *ONLY* the exhibit and record book.

**Foods & cake decorating exhibits:** Please leave the record book. The food/cake exhibit portion of this display must be back to the Extension/Fair Office by **12:00 noon Monday, August 17th.**

If your cake is eligible to compete at the Colorado State Fair, it is **your responsibility** to have the cake in a secure box for transport to Pueblo.

The box and packing materials need to be able to support the cake in its travel to the State Fair. It should be able to withstand highway speed on rough roads, along with quick stops. You do not know what might happen. *If you don't have the cakes packed for shipment, they will not be taken to State Fair.*