

4-H Youth Development

Kit Carson County 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 2026 KCC 4-H Achievement Program will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, October 4 at the Farm Credit Livestock Show Pavilion. All 4-H families are invited to attend as we celebrate the 2025-26 year. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us! Be on the lookout for details and specific information.

2026-2027 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. Elections will take place during the County 4-H Council meeting on Monday, September 21st, at 7 p.m. at the Bethune School.

Interested members must complete the officer application form (included with this newsletter) and return it to Scott at the Extension office by Friday, September 18th.

See back page for office duties and responsibilities.

State Fair Projects Pick-Up

Projects that went to the Colorado State Fair will be available for pick up starting Friday, Sept. 11th. All projects need to be picked up by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 18th. We do not guarantee projects will be available after Sept 18th.

National 4-H Week

October 4-10 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 18th. Recording can be done with Scott and or at home then sent to KNAB.

4-H Enrollments for New and Returning Members & Leaders

It will soon be time to begin the enrollment process for the 2026-27 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.

To be considered an active 4-H member, youth must be enrolled in at least one 4-H project and part of a community club.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE WILL BE JANUARY 15th.

New 4-H 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.

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 or FAMILY.**

Manual Enrollments – Manual enrollment forms will still be available. When you manually complete your



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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.

Late Re-Enrollments – Members who re-enroll after the enrollment 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.)

Fees – A state 4-H Enrollment Fee of \$15 per member is required to be sent to CSU. In addition, a county Family Fee of \$10 per family is required to assist with the cost of supplies, postage, and other costs associated with 4-H in Kit Carson County. Clubs will be billed for the enrollment and family fee to collect and pay.

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.)

4-H 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.

Adding or Dropping 4-H Projects – 4-H members are encouraged to take projects they are interested in, but we know sometimes things change. If you would like to add or drop a project, this must be done by the **DROP/ADD PROJECT DEADLINE** which will be **April 1, 2027**.

Club Officers Training

We are hosting an 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 21st** from 6:30-8:30 PM. Pizza will be provided for dinner. Location TBD. Please RSVP by Oct. 19th. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP contact McKayla.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) @ Ignite

Ignite by 4-H is scheduled for March 17-21, 2027, in Washington D.C., where teens immerse themselves in hands-on workshops and activities in their key programming area (track) of Agriscience, Animal Science, Community Accelerators, CWF @ Ignite, Healthy Living (featuring soccer), or STEM. Registration is open in 4-H Online for the CWF @ Ignite track. There is also a file download for youth to complete (Code of Conduct and Media Release). If you register please return those signed forms to Scott at the Extension Office. The State 4-H Team requests that registrations be completed by September 15th. It is estimated the all-inclusive fee to be in the vicinity of \$1,800.00 per youth. The KCC 4-H Council will also provide a financial sponsorship for two attendees. Last year it was 80% of the registration cost.

Colorado Leadership Camp

Colorado Leadership Camp will be held in Glenwood Springs, November 13th–15th. 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 an approved chaperone for this event.

Colorado 4-H State Ag Ambassadors *NEW*

The new Colorado 4-H Ag. Ambassador Program is a statewide leadership opportunity for 4-H members ages 15–18 who are passionate about agriculture, leadership, and making a difference in their communities. Through a peer-to-peer teaching model, Ag. Ambassadors serve as leaders, mentors, and advocates for Colorado 4-H, while helping educate and inspire younger 4-H members. The program is designed to build leadership, communication, and teamwork skills while connecting youth with agricultural professionals and career pathways across the state.

A team of 20 Ag. Ambassadors will be selected, including one representative from each of Colorado's ten 4-H districts and ten at-large members. As part of the program, ambassadors will plan and implement agriculture-focused leadership projects in their local communities or districts. Ag. Ambassadors will serve a one to two-year term (depending on age when applying). **Applications are due September 15, 2026**. Contact Scott for information on applying. <https://bit.ly/AgAmbassador2026>

Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Applications

The State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Application is now open and available [online](#). Please share the ambassador application form with your Senior 4-H members interested in applying to serve as a Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador. **Completed applications must be received no later than September 15.**

<https://bit.ly/ShootingSportsAmbassador2026>

Colorado 4-H Alaska Trip

Are you interested in learning more about Agriculture? Do you like to travel? Well, here is your chance. Colorado 4-H will be traveling to Alaska in June 2027. Join us on September 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. to learn how you could become part of the delegation. Register here to receive the Zoom link for the meeting:

<https://bit.ly/AlaskaInformation>

Virtual Equine College Fair – American Youth Horse Council

Love horses? Wondering what comes next? Your passion for horses can lead to more careers and more college opportunities than you might think! Join us for the [Virtual Equine College Fair](#) on September 18, 2026,

and explore colleges, universities, trade schools, and programs from across the country all from wherever you are. Discover programs in Equine Science & Management, Animal & Agricultural Science, Veterinary Medicine & Pre-Vet, Equine Dentistry & Farrier Science, Agribusiness & Marketing, Agricultural Communications and many more! Meet college representatives. Ask questions. Explore programs. Find your next step. High school students in grades 9–12 are invited! <https://www.ayhc.com/virtual-fair>

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 1st through October 15th, 2026. 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://danielsfund.org/our-work/scholarships/>

September

- 5 Club Charter Documents DUE
- 7 Extension Office Closed (Labor Day)
- 18 4-H Council Officer Applications DUE
- 18 4-H Week Radio Spots recordings Due
- 21 KCC 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Bethune

October

- 4 4-H Achievement Program, 3 p.m., KCC Show Pavilion
- 4-10 National 4-H Week
- 12 Extension Office Closed (Columbus Day)
- 21 Club Officer Training

November

- 11 Extension Office Closed (Veterans Day)
- 13-15 Colorado Leadership Camp, Glenwood Springs, CO
- 26-27 Extension Office Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)

2027 Kit Carson County Fair – July 24-31, 2027



Congratulations, State Fair Qualifiers

The following are the results of the Kit Carson County 4-H General Project participants at the 2026 Colorado State Fair. Of the 61 total 4-H projects entered, 54 placed in the top 10 which included twelve Reserve Champions, twelve Champions, one Reserve Grand Champion and one Grand Champion. Congratulations to all our exhibitors!

Artistic Clothing: Molly May – 6th; Tierney Stinnett – 4th; Sky Richards – 5th; Hazel McCullough – 3rd

Cats: Peter Gruntmeir - Qualifier

Cake Decorating: Maddison May – Qualifier; Karissa Freund – Reserve Champion

Ceramics: Addison Henschel – Champion

Clothing: Lakelyn Woller – Champion; Emmery Woller – 3rd

Computer: Alex Duree – Champion, Grand Champion

Entomology: Asher Richards – 3rd; Amber McCaffrey – Champion

Filmmaking: Ben Duree – Reserve Champion

Food Preservation: Brielle Mills (Fruit Spreads) – 3rd, (Salsa) - Champion

Foods: Kate Jostes – 5th; Quinn Henschel – Reserve Champion; Addison Newberry – Qualifier; Owen McDaniel – 5th; Brookelynn Gale – Reserve Champion; Lauren Cody – 3rd

Gardening: Asher Richards – 3rd; Brianna Rueb – Champion, Reserve Grand Champion

Home Design & Décor: Katelyn Kountz – 3rd

Heritage Arts: Olivia Schaal – Reserve Champion; Ashlynn Jolliffe – 3rd; Hailey McDaniel - Champion

Leathercraft: Amber McCaffrey – 4th; Brystol Robinson – 5th

Metalworking: Katelyn Kountz – 7th; Kyle Stahlecker – Reserve Champion

Model Rocketry: Alex Duree – Reserve Champion; Brookelynn Gale – 3rd; Ben Duree - Champion

Photography: Kaitlyn Stahlecker – Champion, Grand Champion; Lisa May – 9th; Kennedy Henschel – Reserve Champion

Robotics: Alex Duree – 5th; Emmett New – Champion

Scrapbooking: Neave Henschel – 3rd; Alyssa Rueb – 6th

Shooting Sports Board Displays: Burkley Shean – 6th; Lakelyn Woller – 4th; Hayden Woller – Qualifier; Logan Cure – 4th

Shooting Sports Stand Alone Displays: Alex Freund – Champion; Brystol Robinson – 4th; Ryker Cody – 3rd; Gannon Tomes – 9th; Cody Homm – Reserve Champion

Small Engines: Trey Mills – Reserve Champion

Sportfishing: Jonas Schaal – 9th; Lane Wieser – 5th

Vet Science: Acie Weber – Reserve Champion; Porter Witt – 6th

Visual Arts: Emmett New (Drawing) – Qualifier, (Sculpture) – Reserve Champion; Shelby Babbitt – 8th

Wildlife: Lane Wieser – Champion

Woodworking: Emmett New – Qualifier; Tolson Henschel – 10th; Ben Cure – Qualifier

State Shooting Sports Championships

These KCC 4-H members participated in the State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships: Tanner Chamberlin, Ryker Cody, Andrew Cure, Ben Cure, Brady Cure, Logan Cure, Jayger George, Carter Jarnagin, Damion Moreno, Jonas Schaal, Burkley Shean, Jayce Simon, LeAnn Tanner, Gannon Tomes and Lane Wieser.



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 Friday, Sept 18, 2026 by 4 pm.
Elections will take place Friday, Sept. 21, 2026 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 _____



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