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**FAMILY GUIDE**

# Elbert County Extension

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# Welcome to Elbert County 4-H

*Welcome Elbert County 4-H Families,*

*In your 4-H club, you will work with other young people and adult volunteers to make new friends, learn new skills, practice being a leader, and give back to your community. You will learn about topics that interest you. As a 4-H member, you will choose one or more topics to learn about during the year. That includes everything from learning how to cook, build a robot or care for the environment. These are referred to as members' "projects." Hundreds of projects are offered through 4-H, so you can pick the ones that most interest you.*

*The 4-H experience could not happen without adult certified volunteers advising and leading our local 4-H programming. These dedicated 4-H people provide the framework in which youth grow.*

*Just as important is the involvement of adult family members, parents/grandparents/guardians. Making the 4-H experience truly successful requires that families assist their children in participating in 4-H activities and completing 4-H projects.*

*As a result of the partnership between Extension faculty, volunteers, and families, 4-H youth learn leadership, citizenship, life skills, and more.*

*The ultimate result will be successful and productive young adults.*

*For over 100 years we have known that 4-H is a fun and enjoyable family adventure! We look forward to continuing the tradition of Elbert County 4-H well into the future.*

*Sincerely,  
Elbert County Extension*

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# 4-H Enrollment

All 4-H Enrollment, for both youth members and adult leaders, is conducted via internet through 4HOnline. Elbert County 4-H Fall Enrollment opens online mid-October and closes December 31. Make sure you have a CURRENT family e-mail. The primary mode of communication is internet based, e-mails, electronic news, Facebook, and website.

1. 4HOnline website access is at: <https://co.4honline.com>
2. **New Members:** Create family profile by selecting the "I need to setup a profile" button. **Returning Members:** Use your e-mail and password and access your established profile. If you have forgotten your e-mail and/or password, contact your county Extension Office for assistance. DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE!
3. **New Members:** Add youth and/or adult profiles under your family profile. As you enter information please verify for accuracy.  
**Returning Members:** Click on the "Edit" button (right side) on inactive member's profile listing. Review and update all information associated with this profile. DO NOT JUST CLICK AND MOVE ON - CHECK IT ALL! Incorrect information will affect ability to register for events, proper enrollment fees, communication, etc.
4. Once all profile information has been verified and is current under the Personal Information, Additional Information, Health Form, and Participation (Club/Projects), etc., click "Submit Enrollment".
5. Club leaders will confirm your 4HOnline enrollment once the club receives the enrollment fee from the individual 4-H member. Then the club will write one check to Extension for all the clubs' enrollments.
6. The county Extension Office will review all information submitted. Membership approval will not be granted until the 4-H Cub leader pays for all enrollment fees to the Extension office with one club check. The member will receive an email confirmation once membership approval is granted.

**Annual Enrollment Fee** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$30**

(\$30 per member due payable to your 4-H Club BEFORE the end of December. Some 4-H Clubs have required fund raisers or additional club dues. Check with your club leaders.)

## **Additional Project Fees May Apply**

**Project Literature Order** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$Custom**

(Due payable to your 4-H Club based upon project materials you selected at time of project enrollment. Please pay your club by January 15 for any literature you ordered)

**Shooting Sports Target Fee** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$Custom**

(Additional target fees will apply depending upon shooting venue and number of 4-H members in a family. There will be a minimum fee per member and a cap to fees per family. The additional target fees are payable to EC4HSS at one of the mandatory orientation meetings held in March)

**Horse Project** (*Working Ranch Horse/Roping Participants Stock Fee May Apply*)

## **Additional County Fair Entry Fees**

Separate online FairEntry and fees are required to enter the Elbert County Fair. 4-H contest information and forms are posted online the beginning of June. Entry and fees are accepted from June until July 1. The basic 4-H exhibitor entry fee is \$5. Additional livestock fees may apply.

# 4-H Facts

## About 4-H

Administration of the 4-H program is conducted by CSU Extension faculty and county support staff. 4-H is a community of individuals, learning leadership, citizenship and life skills! 4-H involves the whole family and spans across generations. Adult volunteer 4-H leaders provide guidance, knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm that help 4-H youth members and communities.

## 4-H Symbols

The 4-H emblem, colors, pledge and motto are symbolic of the 4-H organization and its beliefs.

### 4-H Colors

The 4-H colors are green and white. The white background of the 4-H flag symbolizes purity and the green 4-H emblem is nature's most common color in the great outdoors, symbolic of springtime, life and youth.

### 4-H Emblem

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf. The four "H's represent the development of the member's head, heart, hands and health. The emblem and the name "4-H club" are protected by a copyright held by the United States Department of Agriculture.



## 4-H Pledge

I Pledge

My *HEAD* to clearer thinking,

My *HEART* to greater loyalty,

My *HANDS* to larger service and

My *HEALTH* to better living

For my Club, my Community, my Country,  
and my World.

## 4-H Motto

To make the best BETTER.

## 4-H Slogan

“Learn By Doing”

## Colorado 4-H Vision

*A world in which youth and adults learn, grow,  
and work together.*

## Colorado 4-H Mission

*4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential  
by working and learning in partnership with  
caring adults.*

# 4-H Family

## 4-H Members /Age Categories

4-H age is the age of the individual on December 31 of the current 4-H year.

The 4-H year runs from October 1 to September 30.

Elbert County 4-H fall enrollment period begins in Mid-October and ends December 31.

All enrollment information must be entered by the family in the state 4HOnline enrollment system before December 31, in order to be an active member for that 4-H year. Once enrolled as an active 4-H member, projects can be added or dropped until April 1.

### Cloverbud: 5-7 years old



- **Components of the Cloverbud Program:** 4-H Cloverbud programming is activity-focused, not project-focused, and built on cooperative learning, rather than competitive activities. Cloverbud members participate in occasional, non-competitive, sampler-type, age-appropriate, properly supervised events or activities sponsored or conducted by 4-H groups. Cloverbud members do not participate in the ongoing, planned series of activities, nor handle animals, and are prohibited from any shooting sports involvement. Elbert County Cloverbuds can participate in several different events throughout the year and Cloverbud Day Camp the first week in June.

### Traditional 4-H Members: 8-18 years old.

- Junior member: 8-10 years old
- Intermediate member: 11-13 years old
- Senior member: 14-18 years old

#### 4-H Member in Good Standing:

- Participation in certain county, state, regional, and national events is limited to those members who are in "good standing" with their local 4-H club and county. This includes abiding by the 4-H Code of Conduct, meeting deadlines, attending a majority of club meetings, and completing at least one project.
- Participate in a 4-H-related (subject matter or audience) demonstration or other speech-arts presentation.
- Participate in a 4-H-sponsored community service activity.
- Complete any county level requirements such as a record book and project specific pre-requisites.

### Adult Certified Leader: 19+ years of age. Some positions require a minimum age of 21.

- The volunteer leader is the heart of the 4-H program. They assist with carrying out the 4-H mission. The purpose of the 4-H program is positive youth development. Decisions and actions carried out on behalf of the 4-H program should keep these goals in mind at all times.

#### Certified 4-H Leader Requirements:

- Complete volunteer information screens in 4HOnline, including references.
- Undergo a national background check.
- Complete a face-to-face, on-line or self-study orientation to 4-H.
- Comply with federal, state, and local reporting and accountability requirements, including 501(c)3 non-profit, fiscal, EEO/Affirmative Action, etc.
- Serve at the request of CSU Extension and that request can be withdrawn at any time for any or no reason.
- Volunteers not enrolled in 4-H for one year or longer will be required to re-apply and complete all new volunteer requirements.
- All volunteers will comply with the 4-H Code of Conduct.
- Authorized volunteers are protected from liability under the Governmental Immunity Act.

## Adult Roles

**Parents/Grandparents/Guardians:** Adult family members are very important to the success their children will have in the 4-H program. Your key role is the support you give your child in the commitments they make, help them think through decisions and see that they reach their goals.

Adult family members are expected to help:

- Support your 4-H club leaders and offer your services at key club and county events:
  - Club community service and fund raising events, Leaders' Council 4-H Gala, County Fair Fair 4-H informational booth, County Fair set-up/clean-up dates, etc.
- Attend 4-H meetings and other special events with your child.
- Make it possible for your child to participate in a variety of 4-H activities, camps, fairs and specialty contests.
- Guide your child's project work and encourage completion without doing the work of the 4-H'er.
- Be an example of a good sport so your child will learn to appreciate the success of others.
- Make others in your community more aware of 4-H.

**Main Leader:** Is responsible for the organizational structure and administrative completion of all annual state chartering documentation. They are also responsible for confirming 4HOnline enrollments and submitting enrollment reports and one club check to the Extension office. They are responsible for project literature orders, distribution, and collection of associated fees. They need to attend monthly Leaders' Council meetings to advise 4-H Agents in determining priorities and content for program development. They assist with carrying out the 4-H mission.

**Co-Leader:** Support the Main Leader in fulfilling all their responsibilities. Provide communication and enthusiastic support of all 4-H events. Guide and support the club officers in conducting club meetings and learning parliamentary procedure. Encourage all families with a sense of belonging to participate in a variety of 4-H activities and fulfill their member in good standing requirements. They should also attend the monthly Leaders' Council meetings if the main leader is not able to do so.

**Project Leader:** The project leader's main responsibility is to teach skills and subject matter in a project area, including 4-H exhibit requirements. A project leader helps members learn to keep good records and prepare demonstrations and exhibits. They *may* conduct workshops, tours or field trips related to the project and encourage members to participate in project-related events and activities.

### **CSU Extension Agents and County Assistants:**

Your Elbert County Extension professionals guide, teach, and administer the 4-H program in accordance with state policies. Elbert County has two CSU Extension Agents who share the 4-H program in addition to other responsibilities. 4-H Agent responsibilities include: Development and Management of Volunteers; Club Vibrancy and Compliance with Annual Chartering; 4-H Programing Development, Management, and Delivery; Relationship Building; State Committees and Work Team Involvement; and Extension Knowledge, Planning, Reporting and Evaluation. The Extension Agents are faculty members of Colorado State University. Elbert County Extension also has two Assistants employed by Elbert County Government. Please contact the Extension office with any of your questions.

- **CSU County Director & Extension Agent - 4-H Youth Development / Agriculture**
- **CSU Extension Agent - 4-H Youth Development / Natural Resources**
- **County Extension Office Assistant**
- **County Extension Program Coordinator & 4-H Assistant**



# 4-H Community Clubs/Councils

## 4-H Club/Group Annual State Chartering

All 4-H clubs/groups must be chartered annually by the Colorado State 4-H Office to be recognized as an authorized Colorado 4-H club/group. Required chartering documents include:

- Annual Charter Application
- Constitution and bylaws
- Year-end financial report and bank statement
- EIN verification letter from the IRS
- Annual review of club/group fund
- Annual proposed budget
- Annual plan of activities
- Affirmative Action Report

## Elbert County 4-H Community Clubs – Please Call Leader and Confirm Meeting Time & Place

You are required to **attend club meetings** as part of the Member in Good Standing requirements.

Upon joining a community 4-H club, regular members are able to take any of the hundreds of projects 4-H has to offer. Elbert County 4-H allows youth living in a geographic area to belong to the same community club. The project trainings are offered at separate project meetings but there are not separate groups for all projects. Some members may take a project under the guidance of their parents or a resource person they locate.

4-H Club Name	Club Leaders	Usual Monthly Meeting
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### Elbert Area

<b>Elbert Creekside</b>	Main Leader: <b>Jo Cornelius, 720-989-4324</b> Co-Leader: Morgan Turner	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday @ 3 pm, <i>Elbert Mercantile Building</i>
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### Elizabeth Area

<b>Gold Creek</b>	Main Leader: <b>Aimee Cabrera 970-222-9695</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 6:30 pm, <i>Harvest Bible Church</i>
<b>High Plains</b>	Main Leader: <b>Ione Vanek 720-394-6999</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 7 pm, <i>Running Creek Elementary</i>
<b>Rattlesnake</b>	Main Leader: <b>Colleen Freund 303-841-7901</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 6:45 pm, <i>Rattlesnake Fire House</i>
<b>Running Creek</b>	Main Leader: <b>Jim Carriker 303-898-4259</b> <b>Amanda Love 720-670-8261</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday @ 7 pm, <i>Frontier Elementary School</i>
<b>Sun Country</b>	Main Leader: <b>Colleen Grant 720-350-5238</b> <b>Jeff Thomas 303-818-0276</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 6:30 pm, <i>Singing Hills Elementary</i> <b>December &amp; March meetings move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed.</b>

### Kiowa Area

<b>Comanche Creek</b>	Main Leader: <b>Talynn Allen, 303-621-2323</b> <b>Carrie McElroy 303-903-5765</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday @ 4 pm, <i>Fairgrounds, Ag Building</i>
<b>Kiowa Community</b>	Main Leader: <b>Vicki Hutson 303-898-9720</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday @ 7 pm, <i>Kiowa High School</i>

### Eastern Plains Area

<b>Rural Rustlers</b>	Main Leader: <b>Krista Rector 719-740-0184</b> Co-Leader: Patti Churchwell 719-541-3755	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday @ 4:00 pm, <i>Simla – Big Sandy School Cafeteria</i>
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## Elbert County 4-H County Councils

Both County Councils serve as advisory liaisons between 4-H leaders, members, and Extension. Councils provide guidance and assistance in setting county policies for the 4-H program in accordance with State 4-H policy. Councils conduct county-wide fund raisers and support county 4-H events. Councils provide scholarships to attend camps, seminars, and programs throughout the state, region, and country and general support for 4-H programming.

4-H County Councils	Council Contacts	Regular Meeting
<b>Leaders' Council</b>	Extension: 303-621-3162 President: Vicki Hutson 303-898-9720	Usually 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 p.m., Fairgrounds, Ag Building
<b>Youth Council</b>	Extension: 303-621-3162 Adult Advisor: Jim Carriker 303-898-4259	Usually meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of September, October, November, February, April, and June.

# 4-H Projects and E-Records

Master new skills through hands-on project work and record keeping. There is something for everyone with hundreds of projects offered in the areas of:

- Animal Sciences and Livestock
- Biological Sciences
- Mechanical Sciences
- Natural & Ecological Resources (Shooting Sports)
- Arts & Leisure Sciences
- Consumer Sciences

Detailed information on every project offered and the appropriate electronic record can be found on the state website at:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/>

## **Every 4-H project requires a completed record book.**

Livestock and Shooting Sports project record books are checked for completion on two dates, one pre-fair and one post-fair. General project record books should be completed and signed by a certified 4-H leader before County Fair. General project record books are judged at County Fair and do not have a post fair check date. Every 4-H project requires a completed record book for the member to re-enroll in that project the following year.

It is highly recommended that first-year 4-H members limit themselves to one or two projects, until they have completed a full year of 4-H. With all that the 4-H Youth Development program has to offer, it is easy to become overwhelmed until you have been through a full annual cycle. Always feel free to contact the Extension office at 303-621-3162 with any questions, especially project exhibit requirements.

## **Additional Groups**

In addition to joining your Community 4-H Club and enrolling in at least one 4-H project, members may also choose to join a judging group. Judging teaches youth analyzation, critical thinking, how to articulate their ideas to an adult and defend their position.

Elbert County currently offers four judging groups:

- **Horse Judging** (*Horse Bowl / Hippology*)
- **Livestock Judging**
- **Livestock Quiz Bowl**
- **Rabbit Judging**
- **Parliamentary Procedure**

Elbert County judging programs host annual Eastern Slope contests for horse, livestock, and rabbit teams.

# 4-H County Specialty Contests

## **Creative Cooks**

Open to all Elbert County 4-H members who are interested in cooking, you do not have to be enrolled in a foods project. Creative Cooks Contest introduces the 4-H member to meal planning. Members select a theme and prepare food and a table setting around that theme. They use their knowledge of nutrition, meal planning and food preparation in a creative way. They exhibit a prepared food item at a scheduled time before a judge(s) and audience. The judge(s) briefly interview the participant regarding their exhibit and what they have learned in preparing the dish. Those who place first in their class qualify to move on to state competition at the Colorado State Fair.

## **Fashion Revue**

The county fair 4-H Fashion Revue is the “showmanship of clothing.” Throughout the year, members work hard on their sewing projects. The Fashion Revue provides the opportunity to create a “total look” and present your outfit in a graceful, confident, and enthusiastic manner. Come show off all your hard work. Up to three senior-aged models can be designated for state competition.

## **Live Cake Decorating**

Cake Decorating project members decorate their cake live in front of judge(s). Within a designated time allowed, members frost cake, apply decorations and a bottom base border, which is required, and finally clean up their area for final presentation. Those who place first in their class qualify to move on to state competition at the Colorado State Fair.

## **Performing Arts / Speech Arts**

Open to all Elbert County 4-H members interested in sharing their talents. All types of music, drama and dance and different forms of public speaking, perform in a variety-type show in front of a family audience. Each performance is judged according to the class entered. First place performances qualify to go on to state competition.

## **Rocket Fly Day**

Rocket fly day consists of rocket launches and a written exam. The purpose of the written examination is to determine the contestants understanding of model rocketry design, construction and operation. Rocketry members are asked to bring their own rocket. The contestants’ rocket launch will be judged on construction, flight stability, range safety, chute deployment and landing. Rockets must be painted. Those who place first in their class qualify to move on to state competition at the Colorado State Fair.

## **OTHER AWARD AND CONTEST OPPORTUNITIES: COUNTY - STATE - NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

**Elbert County Fair** – Typically held the last weekend of July though the first weekend in August.

A special 4-H Awards Night is held the last Saturday of County Fair to recognize Champions and Award Donors. All first place general project winners qualify to move on to state competition.

**Colorado State Fair** – Typically general projects are taken to Pueblo for entry in Mid-August with various 4-H contests occurring each weekend through Labor Day.

**National Western Stock Show and National 4-H Day** – Takes place in January and are held in Denver, CO. 4-H Youth Livestock shows, NWSS Catch-a-Calf and other state qualifiers in speech, judging teams, and fashion revue, can go on to compete nationally at these events.

**County Year-End Achievement Awards** – These are to recognize all Elbert County 4-H members for their project completion and year-long achievements.

# Year End 4-H Achievement Awards

**STANDARD YEAR-END RECOGNITION:**

All Elbert County 4-H Members in good standing receive the following standard year- end recognition if they turn in a completed achievement form to the Extension Office.

- Completion Certificate: All members with 100% project completion receive a Certificate of Achievement.
- Cloverbud Patch: Recognize Cloverbud ages 5-7 participation, receive a clover patch for their activity work.
- Membership Pins: First (*Bronze*), Fifth (*Silver*), and Tenth (*Gold*) year member pins recognize years in 4-H.
- Officer Pins: given to incoming club and county officers
- State Fair Recognitions: Patch awarded to members who placed in top 10 at State Fair.





Additional Achievement pin awarded for placing as a Champion or Reserve Champion at State.

- Adult Certified 4-H Leaders are recognized for their years of service with bronze clover for 1<sup>st</sup> year, silver clover for 5<sup>th</sup> year, and gold clover for 10<sup>th</sup> year and so on for every 5-year period of service.

**PROGRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SYSTEM:**

This is a progressive award system designed to recognize consistent and increasing levels of ACHIEVEMENT beyond the regular member in good standing requirements. The purpose of the progressive award system is to inspire goal setting and honor the achievements of members who truly strive to “Make the Best Better.” **Members must turn in completed form to club leader to receive achievement pins.**

Each award category has three progressive levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold. **Once a member starts in this category, they are to stay until they have received the gold award before going on to the next category.** These awards are designed so a member will spend three consecutive years in a category before moving up to the next achievement area. This progressive structure allows members to earn a different pin for each year of their regular membership from age 8 – 18. The recommended age ranges start at the minimum age a 4-H member must be to apply for that award category.

CATEGORY:	Recommended Age Range to Start at Bronze Level:	3 Progressive LEVELS:
 <p><b>Learn By Doing Achievement</b></p> <p>Completion of over 50% of enrolled projects. This means if a member takes one project, they must complete that project. If a member takes two projects, they must complete both projects. If a member takes three projects, they must complete two projects. Exhibit all completed projects at club tour or main leader or county fair.*</p>	<p><b>8-10</b> year old age range to start in this category</p>	<p>Bronze Silver Gold</p>
 <p><b>All Around Achievement</b></p> <p>Participate in one club, county or district event. Examples: Specialty contests, Eastern Slope Judging Contests, Club Educational Tour, District Retreat, just to name a few. County Fair does not count. Completion of over 50% of enrolled projects (look at Learn By Doing for examples of over 50%). Exhibit all completed projects at club tour or main leader or county fair.*</p>	<p><b>11-13</b> year old age range to start in this category</p>	<p>Bronze Silver Gold</p>
 <p><b>Four Corner Achievement</b></p> <p>Complete 100% of projects. Participate in two county, district, or state events. County Fair does not count. Assume one leadership role in your club or at the county level. Examples: Club Officer, Council Representatives, Committee Chair. Exhibit all projects at club tour or main leader or county fair.*</p>	<p><b>14-16</b> year old age range to start in this category</p>	<p>Bronze Silver Gold</p>
 <p><b>“I Dare You” Achievement</b></p> <p>Complete 100% of projects. Show a diversity of two or more project areas during 4-H career. Give two county, district, or state public presentations. Participate in three county, district, state, or national events. County Fair does not count. Assume one or more major Teen or Jr. Leadership roles. Example: Plan your club’s part of the cloverbud camp and do the activities, or take responsibility for part of a project club. Exhibit all projects at club tour or main leader or county fair.*</p>	<p><b>17-19</b> year old age range to start in this category</p>	<p>Bronze Silver Gold</p>

*\*If circumstances will not allow the project to be exhibited, this exclusion must be approved by the main leader.*

# Elbert County 4-H Annual Achievement Form

Use this form and add pages as needed to track basic member in good standing requirements, and to set / track achievement goals.

**Members who qualify and want a Pride Pin, must submit a completed form to the Extension office by SEPTEMBER 15.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

# of years as a 4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of January 1st \_\_\_\_\_

*(Begin counting 4-H years at age 5 if you were enrolled)*

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD GOAL**

*(all 1st year members will receive a 1st year pin and start in the bronze category of their age/award category—once you have been placed in an awards category you must progress through bronze, then silver, then gold before moving on to the next category. This is a progressive awards system.)*

**Award** \_\_\_\_\_ **Circle** \_\_\_\_\_ **Level:** Bronze, Silver, Gold  
**What achievement award did you receive last year?** **Category:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Award** \_\_\_\_\_ **Circle** \_\_\_\_\_ **Level:** Bronze, Silver, Gold  
**Achievement award are you applying for this year.** **Category:** \_\_\_\_\_

**RECORD OF 4-H COMMUNITY CLUB MEETINGS ATTENDED** *(Indicate member attendance with an "M" and parent attendance with a "P")*

Example		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
M	M/P												

**PROJECT RECORDS**

Name of Project enrolled in: \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibited At County/ State/ National: \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Project: \_\_\_\_\_


**EVENT / ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION RECORD** *(This is a record of your participation in club, county, district, state, or national events/activities.)*

Include if you were a competitor at a specialty contests (performing & speech arts, live cake, creative cook, robotics, rocket fly day, judging contestants, dog show, pre-fair horse show) Include if you attended a camp, conference, or retreat as a participant. You can list one club community service.

**List if your project went to state fair or if you competed at state fair in a specialty contest, how you placed, and if you were designated Champion or Reserve Champion.**

List of Events BESIDES County Fair:


**4-H PROMOTION RECORD** *(This is a record of your demonstrations and or public presentations, activities and personal appearances related to 4-H)*

Type of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Event/Audience: \_\_\_\_\_


**LEADERSHIP RECORD** *(Examples of leadership include officer positions, committee chair, teen counselor at an out of county camp, teaching role at a seminar, or training.)*

List of Leadership Roles:


I \_\_\_\_\_ certify that this completed pride form is my permanent record and is accurate for the current 4-H year.

4-H Members Signature

Date

# 4-H Fundraisers / Scholarships

## FUNDRAISERS

### Leaders' Council 4-H Gala

Every 4-H club and family are called upon to help with the Leaders' Council 4-H Gala. Adults and youth work together to prepare silent auction items, recruit donor sponsorships, as well as cook and serve food. Proceeds from the Elbert County 4-H Gala support the Elbert County 4-H Youth Development program. Specifically, Leaders' Council helps provide scholarships to graduating 4-H high school seniors to help with their college education, provide scholarships to 4-H members in Elbert County to attend leadership camps, seminars and programs throughout the state, region, and country and provide support for 4-H programming.

### Youth Council Concessions

Traditionally, concessions have been the youths' major fundraiser. Proceeds from concessions are then used to fund camps and trainings. Youth Council also purchases the Achievement awards for every 4-H member in the county.

### Ford Truck Raffle Ticket Sales

**Since 2007 Front Range Ford dealerships donate a Ford Truck in support of Colorado 4-H Foundation.** Colorado Counties then sell raffle tickets and receive 50% of their ticket sales and the state retains the remainder of proceeds. This fundraiser benefits 4-H 100%! The truck is raffled at Ag Day at the CSU Football game in September. **It is a great fundraiser:** Counties will receive 50% back (plus bonuses!!) of proceeds raised, there is nothing to order and/or deliver, all expenses are paid by the Foundation and prizes are taken care of by the Foundation. **It is a great awareness campaign:** What is 4-H? Why support 4-H? What is the money used for? Become a member and join 4-H! Tell people what 4-H is all about...as you sell them a raffle ticket!! **It makes giving to 4-H fun!** People believe in 4-H but don't always know how to give. Buying raffle tickets support youth on the county and state level.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### For ALL Elbert County 4-H Members:

#### **LEMBKE SCHOLARSHIP:**

Three \$1,000 scholarships are available each year, one to each age group: Juniors ages 8-10, Intermediates ages 11-13 and Seniors ages 14-18. Youth are encouraged to apply annually as they can win the award more than once. The scholarship is held in a trust for the recipient until the year of their high school graduation.

- To qualify for the Lembke Scholarship you must achieve the following:
  - Complete and receive a blue quality ribbon in at least one animal project;
  - Complete and receive a blue quality ribbon in at least one general project;
  - Compete in at least one specialty contest.

Lembke Scholarship applications are point based and forms are due at the end of the 4-H year on September 15 to the Extension Office. Lembke Scholarship Guide, List of Bonus Projects, and Forms can be found at <http://elbert.colostate.edu/4h/4h-scholar.shtml>.

### Specifically For Graduating Seniors:

The Colorado Foundation scholarships are available now and due April 1. They can be found at: <http://www.co4hfoundation.colostate.edu/scholarships.shtml>. The variety of county scholarships will be mailed to graduating seniors sometime in March once the Extension office receives them. Most of these have a July 1 due date.

**Elbert County 4-H Leaders' Council:** Awards scholarships to graduating seniors who have been 4-H members for 5 years or more in our county. [4-H Leader's Council Scholarship Form](#) - Due by July 15

# 4-H Activities and Events

Have fun at camps, fairs, and contests, while learning about fair and ethical competition.

**EC= Elbert County      Annual 4-H Cycle Begins October 1 and Ends September 30**

## **OCTOBER**

EC - 4-H Fall Enrollment Begins Mid-October

## **NOVEMBER**

EC – 4-H Clubs hold Year-end Achievement Programs

EC - Mandatory Club Officer Training for ALL youth officers

EC – Club Donations Due- “Pay-It-Forward” thank you to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for supporting 4-H

District - [Dare To Be You](#) - Pueblo

November: State - [Colorado Leadership Camp](#) – Glenwood Springs

## **DECEMBER**

EC – “Pay-It-Forward” Presentation to BOCC thanking them for supporting 4-H

EC – Adult Volunteer Leader Trainings

EC - **[4-H Fall Enrollment Ends December 31](#)**

## **JANUARY**

National - [Western National Roundup](#) – At National Western Stock Show in Denver

State - [LDC - Leadership Development Conference](#) - Denver

EC – Dog Project Kick-Off (orientation and dog behavior evaluations)

EC – Judging Teams/Quiz Bowl begin to schedule kick-off meetings

EC – Other 4-H General Project meetings begin if there is an available leader

EC – Clubs make Children’s Hospital Valentine’s as county community service project

EC – *NEW 4-H Family recruitment month ends.*

*[New 4-H member extended deadline January 31.](#)*

## **FEBRUARY**

State - [Youth Fest](#) – Larkspur

EC – Club Valentine’s delivered to Children’s Hospital in Denver

EC – Market Beef Weigh-In and Tagging

EC – Shooting Sports Orientation meetings are scheduled

EC – Host Eastern Slope Rabbit Judging Contest  
Applications Due for Citizen Washington Focus (CWF)

## **MARCH**

District - [South Central District Retreat](#) – Buena Vista

EC – Shooting Sports Firearm Safety Courses and a Hunter Safety Class offered; practice schedules out.

EC – Performing/Speech Arts Contests (CWF delegates announced during awards for this contest)

EC – Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) offered – required of ALL livestock project members

## **APRIL**

1<sup>st</sup> – Add/Drop Projects Deadline – April 1 is the last day to change your 4-H projects for the year

EC – Creative Cooks Contest

EC – Leaders’ Council 4-H GALA Fundraiser

National - [National 4-H Conference](#) – Washington D.C.

## **MAY**

EC – Host Eastern Slope Livestock Judging Contest first Saturday of May

EC – Sheep / Goats Weigh-in and Turkey Tagging

## **JUNE**

EC – Clubs Host [Cloverbud Day Camp](#) – first full week of June, Monday-Thursday - Kiowa

EC – Live Cake Decorating Contest

State - [Colorado 4-H State Conference](#) – Fort Collins

National - [Citizenship Washington Focus](#) – Washington D.C.

EC – Host Eastern Slope Horse Judging Contest

## **JULY**

**Elbert County Fair - Kiowa**

## **AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

State – Clubs/Groups Main Leaders Complete Annual Chartering Documents and year-end Achievement Orders

State – Colorado State Fair - Pueblo

Senior-aged Grand Champion at the State Fair are awarded trips to [National 4-H Congress](#) – Georgia

County-Wide: Year-end 4-H Achievement Awards

# 4-H Camps/Conferences/Trips

**Dare To Be You Camp** – District Camp – Pueblo, CO – November – Ages 11-13 – Registration in 4HOnline – County Councils scholarships available.

**Colorado Leadership Camp**– State Camp – Glenwood Springs, CO – November – Ages 14-18 – Registration in 4HOnline – County Councils scholarships available.

**Western National Roundup**– National Event – Denver, CO – January – All Ages – Qualifying Competitors at a National Level – National Western Stock Show.

**Leadership Development Conference**– State Conference – Denver, CO – January – Ages 14-18 – Registration in 4HOnline – County Council Senators required to attend - County Councils scholarships available.

**Youth Fest Camp**– State Camp – Larkspur, CO – February - Ages 9-11 – Registration in 4HOnline – County Councils scholarships available.

**South Central District Retreat**– District Camp – Buena Vista, CO – March – Ages 14-18 – District Youth Officer Elections - Registration in 4HOnline – County Councils scholarships available.

**National 4-H Conference**– National Event – Washington D.C. – April – Ages 14-18 – Registration in 4HOnline – County Councils scholarships available.

**Cloverbud Day Camp**– County-Hosted Camp – Kiowa, CO – June – Ages 5-7 – Register directly with Elbert County Extension – Youth Council Sponsored Community Service/Leadership Opportunity.

**Colorado State 4-H Conference**– State Conference – Fort Collins, CO – June – Ages 14-18 – Registration in 4HOnline – County Council Senators required to attend – State Officers Elected - State Judging and Speech Competitions - County Councils scholarships available.

**Citizen Washington Focus**– National Event (state and county sponsored) – Washington D.C. – June/July – Ages 15-18 – Two delegates are chosen by a County Selection Committee from applicants – County & State Scholarships fully fund trip.

**National 4-H Congress**– National Awarded Trip – Georgia – November – Ages 14-18 – Awarded by State – County Councils Scholarships Available.



# 4-H Policies

## STATE 4-H Member Requirements and Consequences

Participation in certain state and county events is limited to those members who are in “good standing” with their local 4-H club and county. This includes abiding by the **4-H Code of Conduct**, meeting deadlines, attending a majority of club and project meetings, and the following requirements:

- Exhibit each project taken during the club year (exhibit may be local).
- Participate in a demonstration or other speech arts presentation.
- Participate in a club citizenship program (community service) or activity.

### 4-H Code of Conduct:

*Program participants at all levels are expected to abide by the stated rules for 4-H activities and events and will:*

- Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship and act as a positive role model;
- Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies and guidelines;
- Fully participate in scheduled activities;
- Respect other's property and privacy rights;
- Apply rules of safety to individuals, groups and property; and
- Accept personal responsibility for behavior.

The following behaviors will **NOT** be tolerated:

- NO = Behaviors including the possession or use of: alcohol or illegal drugs; tobacco products; stolen goods; weapons (unless a part of a sanctioned shooting sports event); fireworks.
- NO = Bullying, Sexual, physical or verbal abuse;
- NO = Females in rooms of males / males in female rooms.

*Conduct not in keeping with Colorado 4-H Youth Development standards will not be tolerated.*

*Violation of items listed above will result in consequences to the participant.*

*Law enforcement may be called and illegal behaviors may result in citations or arrest.*

Consequences may include, but are not limited to:

- removal, at the individuals' expense and without refund, from participation in the event;
- restitution or repayment of damages;
- sanctions on participation in future local, state, regional or national 4-H events;
- forfeiture of financial support for this event;
- removal from offices held in 4-H;
- loss of status as a member in good standing;
- sanctions on involvement in the county fair;
- sanctions from participation in events which require Extension agents to certify that members be in good standing including, but not limited to, county fairs, Colorado State Fair, National Western Stock Show, AKSARBEN, and other regional and national events;
- forfeiture of financial awards or support

### Colorado 4-H Dress Code

*The following dress code has been developed to prevent participants from becoming offended or uncomfortable during any 4-H events or activities. If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be asked to change. Planning ahead and packing appropriately, will save you the inconvenience of changing your attire during the 4-H event or activity and ensure that you contribute to a pleasant 4-H atmosphere.*

**Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals attending 4-H events and activities, including chaperones:**

1. Clothing: All clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events and activities.
2. Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.
3. Excessively baggy or tight clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited.
4. Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.
5. Shorts must be mid-thigh length. No cut-off shorts or shorts-shorts allowed.
6. Swimming (For all water recreation): Swimsuits for men: swim trunks only (no shorts, cut-off pants or Speedos). Swimsuits for women: One-piece suits recommended, however, two-piece suits are allowed as long as they are modestly cut. No string, thong or crochet suits will be allowed. Swimsuits may only be worn while in the swimming pool area.
7. Hats need to be removed for meetings, workshops, meals, and other times when asked to remove them.
8. Shoes must be worn at all times deemed appropriate.

## Elbert County 4-H Member in Good Standing Requirements

- In order to be a 4-H member in Elbert County the policy is you must reside in Elbert County.
- The Extension office may request proof to verify policy compliance.
- Regular 4-H members are ages 8-18 as of January 1. Cloverbud activity is available for ages 5-7.
- The 4-H annual cycle begins October 1 and ends September 30 each year.

**4-H membership requires commitment and active involvement. Please make sure you are able to meet expectations and requirements before joining Elbert County 4-H.**

### **A 4-H member must complete the following requirements by July 1 to be in good standing:**

- 1. Attend majority of the regularly scheduled CLUB meetings.**
- 2. Complete e-record for every project in which you are enrolled.**
- 3. Give one oral demonstration, illustrated talk, or public presentation once a year.**  
*(One set of oral reasons at a judging contest counts as a public presentation)*
- 4. Complete one community service project approved by main 4-H leader.**

#### **Additional Requirements:**

- Other 4-H projects like Horse, Dog, and Shooting Sports have additional and project specific requirements, mandatory practices, testing, etc.
- All animal project members must complete the “Animal Care and Housing Form” and be the primary care taker of their animal(s).
- All livestock (both breeding and market) project members enrolled in goat, beef, swine, sheep, poultry, and rabbit need to attend a Meat Quality Assurance Class and test before June 1.
- All Market Sale participants will comply with all the rules set by the Elbert County Fair Board Market Sale Committee.

#### **Exceptions:**

- College students will develop a plan of membership requirements with their main 4-H leader and turn it in to the Extension Office.
- Attendance at six of the *regularly scheduled club meetings* excludes weigh-ins, practices, project meetings, special classes, fair, etc. A maximum of three (3) pre-approved substitutions are allowed for the six (6) meetings. Any substitution must be cleared by your club leader first and can include participation as a contestant in a specialty contest such as performing arts, speech arts, creative cooks, cake decorating or judging contests; or active work performed as a youth leader at an out-of-county camp, or attendance at a County Youth Council meeting.
- Member policy exceptions for persons not residing in Elbert County must meet specific criteria; have approval from the county in which they reside, complete a variance application, and then be evaluated by Elbert County 4-H Leaders Council. The final decision will lie with the Extension Director. The state policy is: *“Should a county Extension program close, 4-H members residing in that county will not be allowed to join 4-H in another county unless they have been enrolled in another county’s 4-H program prior to the closure of the Extension office in the county of their residence.”*

*Note: 4-H members can participate in only one county 4-H program annually. For example, a 4-H member cannot be enrolled in the Elbert County 4-H program and in the Lincoln County 4-H program at the same time. This member can only participate in one county fair.*

# Acronyms

**4-H** = Head, Heart, Hands, Health

**BOCC** = Board of County Commissioners

**CLC** = Colorado Leadership Conference (state event)

**CSU** = Colorado State University

**CWF** = Citizen Washington Focus (National Trip - awarded to delegates chosen by county committee funded by county & state)

**DTBY** = Dare To Be You Camp (district event)

**EC** = Elbert County

**EC4HSS** = Elbert County 4H Shooting Sports \*\* See SS below – short for Shooting Sports

**ECEF** = Elbert County Extension Fund

**ECLC** = Elbert County 4-H Leaders' Council

**ECYC** = Elbert County 4-H Youth Council

**EDCLA** = Elbert/Douglas County Livestock Association

**ES** = Eastern Slope – **ESLJ**- Eastern Slope Livestock Judging; **ESRJ** – Eastern Slope Rabbit Judging; **ESHJ** – Eastern Slope Horse Judging; **QB** – Livestock Quiz Bowl; **PP** – Parliamentary Procedure

**GALA** = 4-H Leaders' Council's major annual fund-raising event, silent auction, sponsor donors, dinner, and music. 4-H families volunteer to work and host the event as a celebration of and for the community and donors.

**LC** = Leaders' Council

**LDC** = Leadership Development Conference (state event)

**MFS** = Elbert County Extension Master Food Safety Programming

**MG** = Elbert County Extension Master Gardener Programming

**MQA** = Meat Quality Assurance (Class required by USDA of Livestock members)

**NWSS** = National Western Stock Show

**PQA** = Pork Quality Assurance – extension of MQA, required by state fair for hog entries

**SS** = Shooting Sports – **EC4HSS** – Elbert County 4-H Shooting Sports

**WRH** = Working Ranch Horse (specialized group of horse project members)

**YC** = Youth Council

**YF** = Youth Fest (state event)

# Facilities

The 4-H standard is to leave all facilities used by 4-H as clean, or cleaner, than when we arrived. Everyone is expected to help with set-up and take-down of chairs and other equipment needs for the 4-H event.

## Elbert County Extension Office

Located on the Fairgrounds in the Ag Building  
**95 Ute Avenue (Kiowa/Bennett Rd.)**  
 P.O. Box 189; Kiowa, CO 80117  
**303-621-3162**

**Hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

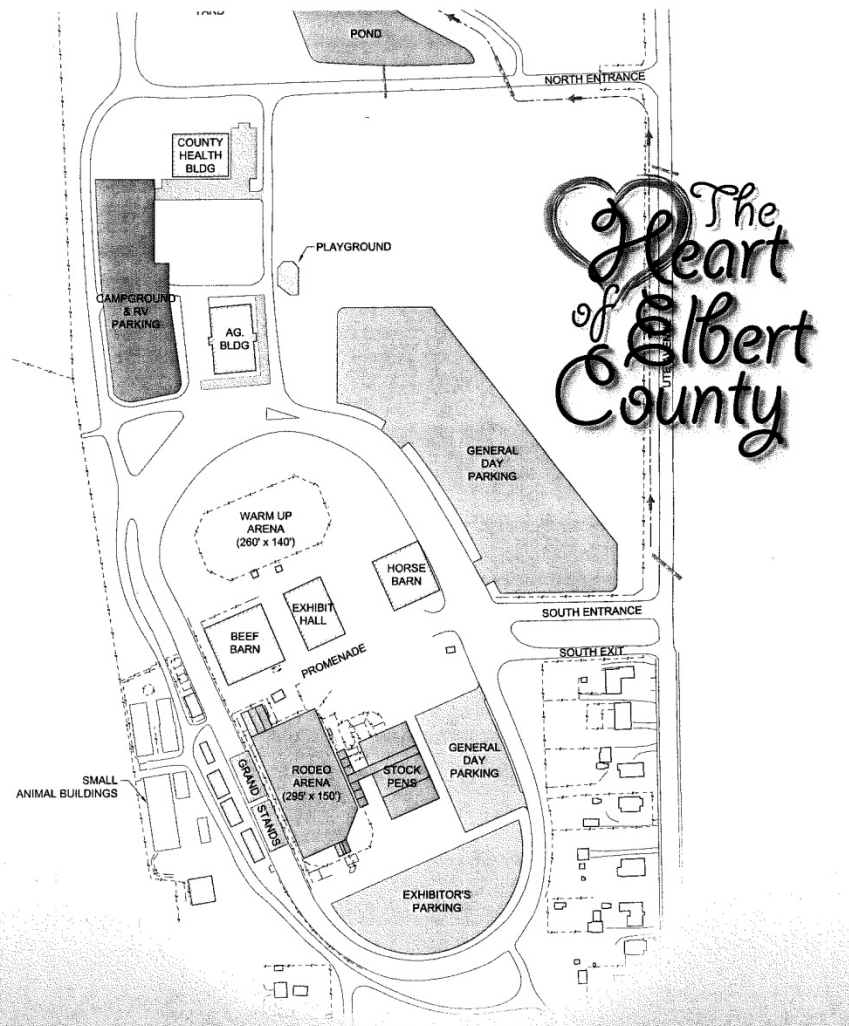
Closed Fridays, Government Holidays, and noon hour

**Drop Box outside front door for after hours**

Call ahead and/or check social media sites for event cancelation

# ELBERT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

KIOWA, COLORADO



**The Elbert County Fairgrounds** serve the community by offering a number of facilities to be rented for private and public events. The Elbert County Fairgrounds is also the dedicated site for the Elbert County Fair. **Facilities Manager is Shawn Carpenter 303-621-3151.**

### Agriculture Building: (Ag Bldg. or AB)

- **Extension Offices**
- **Conference Room** - Multitude of small 4-H meetings/classes
- **Open Bay Area** – Multitude of larger 4-H meetings/classes

### Exhibit Hall: (EH)

- Open Bay Area
- Kitchen

### Archery Range/Main & Warm-up Arenas

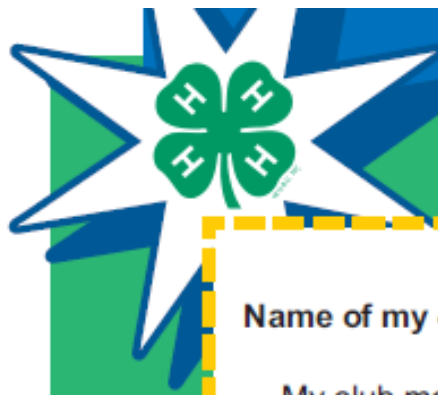
Grounds areas used for project practices

### Kiowa Community Church Fellowship Hall

Located on south end of fairgrounds and utilized throughout the year for 4-H events.  
*(Performing Arts Contest / Livestock Judging/ County Fair Fashion Revue)*

**Local area schools and churches are used for other 4-H meetings.**

**See 4-H club listing for site names.**



# My 4-H Club

Name of my 4-H club \_\_\_\_\_

My club meets at (where) \_\_\_\_\_

The meetings begin at \_\_\_\_\_

My club leader \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's email address \_\_\_\_\_

## My club officers

President \_\_\_\_\_

Vice-President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Reporter \_\_\_\_\_

Recreation Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**303-621-3162**

# Elbert County 4-H Family Guide Distribution Form

**Please have Club Leaders return completed form to the Extension office by January 2.**

4-H Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Family e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Check List:

- Enrolled all members in 4HOnline.com
- Paid the \$30 per member directly to the 4-H Club, plus any other dues or fees.
- Selected projects and 4-H manuals from drop-down menu where needed.
- Paid custom literature fees directly to the 4-H Club.
- Received and read the 4-H Family Guide.
- Agree to meet Member in Good Standing requirements and abide by Code of Conduct and Dress Code.

*I confirm my family has received the Elbert County 4-H Family Guide and that we have complete 4-H Club information.*

**Family Member's**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Leader's**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_