

ELBERT COUNTY FAIR 2023

4-H Fair Book Exhibitor Requirements

ALL 4-H Exhibitors need to enter through separate online system FAIRENTRY.COM
AND Fair Entry Fees Paid to ECEF BEFORE JULY 1.

89TH ANNUAL
ELBERT COUNTY FAIR
JULY 29 – AUGUST 6, 2023



2023 ELBERT COUNTY FAIR 4-H EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

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ELBERT COUNTY FAIR GENERAL RULES

The following rules apply to all 4-H and Open Class Divisions in the fair book. Exhibitors are responsible for reading and understanding fair rules (general rules, schedules, deadlines, notes, division rules, and class rules) wherever printed in the fair book.

Where the term "Fair Official" is used that shall mean an Extension Agent, Fair Board member, or Superintendent.

Fair Board reserves the right to make any changes as necessary.

Entering:

1. Check entry forms and website for due dates. Any entry fees paid during the fair must be paid in **cash**.
2. **NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.**
3. All entries must be entered in the name of the owner.
4. If in doubt as to what class an item or animal is to be entered, contact the Elbert County Extension Office at (303) 621-3162, Monday through Thursday, before sending in the entry. In some divisions, exhibits entered in the wrong class will be disqualified.
5. All exhibits entered at the fair are done so at the owner's risk and the management will not be responsible for damages or injuries to persons and/or animals or property or for any loss whatsoever.
6. It is recommended that all open class exhibits have the name of the exhibitor attached if feasible. All exhibits must bear the entry tags/cards provided. **Exhibitors are encouraged to fill out open class entry tags before check-in. Entry tags are available at the Extension Office.**

Exhibiting:

1. All exhibits will be under the control and direction of the Fair Board while on exhibition.
2. All animals exhibited or brought to the fairgrounds must be disease free. The Fair Board reserves the right to reject any unhealthy stock, upon recommendation of a licensed veterinarian. See 4-H Division for additional requirements for 4-H Animals.
3. All livestock exhibitors and those involved with livestock at the fair must, at all times, behave in an ethical manner and practice acceptable methods of good animal husbandry. Unethical practices include, but are not limited to, actions that violate FDA law, harming an animal, showing an animal of ineligible age, showing of unethically fitted animals, violating Elbert County General Rules, or violating 4-H rules.
4. Feed and bedding must be supplied by the exhibitor as well as buckets and feed troughs.
5. Beef, sheep, swine, dairy, horses, and small animals may use wood chips, which must be provided by the exhibitor. **NO STRAW ALLOWED DUE TO INSURANCE** (with the exception of lactating dairy cows).
6. All livestock exhibitors must display stock in the designated show areas and must exhibit livestock for the official judges when requested.
7. **ALL EXHIBITS MUST REMAIN ON EXHIBIT UNTIL 3:00 P.M. SUNDAY OF THE FAIR, UNLESS OTHER AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE FAIR BOARD. JUNIOR MARKET SALE ANIMALS WILL BE LOADED OUT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE MARKET SALE COMMITTEE.**
8. Additional classes may be added if there is a need and if there are at least 5 exhibitors (3 exhibitors in the Open Class Division). The Fair Board reserves the right for superintendents to combine classes if there is not enough competition.
9. It will be at the discretion of the Fair Board as to the removal of any animal that cannot be shown or handled.
10. Judges, at their discretion, may dismiss unmanageable animals from a class.

Judging:

1. Where there is but one exhibit in a class, the award shall be made on merit alone and a premium may be given at the discretion of the judge, but the premium may not be withheld because of lack of competition.
2. Unworthy articles will not receive awards/premiums whether there is competition or not.
3. Awards will be designated by ribbons. The American System of individual placing (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.) will be used at the fair. Premiums are paid on the American System only. Please refer to the individual division for the system(s) that will be used.
4. In the 4-H and Open Class divisions, Champions are chosen from all 1st places in the appropriate classes. Reserve Champions are chosen from the remaining 1st place exhibits and the 2nd place exhibit to the Champion (only if it is of blue quality in the 4-H division and of acceptable quality in the Open Class division, as determined by the judge). If a Champion and/or Reserve Champion is designated, those awards will be chosen from classes from within the same Department & Section. 4-H Showmanship species Champions and Reserve Champions will be chosen from the exhibitors selected to return for the final classes. Champions and Reserve Champions may be chosen from any of these exhibitors, regardless of their placing in the qualifying classes.

Releasing:

1. All exhibits will be released after 3:00 p.m. the last day of the fair, unless a different release time is stated for that section. If exhibits are removed prior to this time, without official permission of the Fair Board, all premiums will be forfeited for all exhibits.
2. All livestock exhibitors must clean stalls or pens to receive "Clean Stall/Pen" approval. Premiums will not be paid without approval.

Premiums:

1. Where exhibitors can exhibit more than one per class, the exhibitor may receive more than one award (ribbon). Exhibitors may receive no more than two premiums per class.
2. **Cash premiums will be paid during the fair on Sunday at the Fair Office from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Premiums will be paid as listed in the fair book schedule. The Fair Board and Elbert County reserve the right to change the method and date of payment if the need should arise. Any premiums not picked up by that date shall be forfeited.**
3. **Violation of any Elbert County Fair rule may result in loss of awards and/or premiums.**

Miscellaneous:

1. Any exhibitor found guilty of any practice deemed unethical by the Fair Board will forfeit all premium monies and the exhibitor will be barred from future participation until such time as reinstatement is made by the Fair Board. Exhibitors may petition the Fair Board for reinstatement.
2. The Fair Board will provide attendants and watchmen to take all possible precautions for the safe keeping and protection of all articles/animals or exhibits, but will not be responsible for loss, damage, or injury of any kind while the same is on exhibition.
3. **CAUTION:** Smoking is prohibited in the exhibit barns and buildings. Drinking of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the exhibiting area.
4. Every effort will be made to run events on schedule. If an event is delayed by more than 30 minutes, that event may be rescheduled so as not to conflict with previously scheduled events.

Protests:

5. A formal protest must be **made in writing** to the fair office within 12 hours of announcement of contest results. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and be accompanied by a **\$50.00 fee**. The protest committee shall consist of the President of the Fair Board, a representative from Extension Office, and the superintendent of the division involved. In the event the complaint is justified, the \$50.00 will be returned and necessary action taken. If the committee rules against the complaint, the \$50.00 fee will be forfeited.

4-H/FFA DIVISION RULES

Overall 4-H Superintendent:

Kali Benson, Elbert County 4-H /AG Agent & County Director

In addition to Elbert County Fair General Rules, County Shoot Contests and Specific Class Rules, the following 4-H and FFA Division Rules apply. All exhibitors are responsible for reading and understanding ALL fair rules, (General, Department, Section and Class rules) as published and posted.

ENTERING:

Qualified Members:

Only Elbert County 4-H members actively enrolled through 4honline.com may enter the 4-H Division and must be in good standing to compete for awards. FairEntry requires 4-H member's current project enrollment to enter a 4-H Class of competition.

Only students in an Elbert County FFA program may compete in an appropriate Class under the 4-H Senior Age Division. These exhibitors must have completed the requirements of their specific programs and must adhere to Elbert County General Rules as well as 4H/FFA Rules.

Exhibitors who are members of 4-H and FFA are expected to complete the requirements of both programs.

Record Books are required for every 4-H project. Project record books not completed will cause the member to be ineligible to enroll in that project the following year.

- Livestock records must be current, pre-checked by club leader before fair, completed post fair, and final sign-off by club leader in September.
- Shooting Sports records must be current and submitted at designated general project check-in dates/times. Current records are required to qualify for state.
- All General Project records must be complete, labeled, and submitted with exhibit at designated general project check-in date/time.

Class and Age Divisions:

Most 4-H CLASSES are based on the 4-H Member's age. 4-H age is determined by how old the member was on December 31.

4-H Member Age Divisions Are:

- Cloverbud = Ages 5-7
- Junior = Ages 8-10
- Intermediate = Ages 11-13
- Senior = Ages 14-18

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CLASS Age Exceptions:

- If only two age divisions, the split will be:
(Junior: Ages 8-13 and Senior: Ages 14-18)
- Animal ages apply to breeding livestock and some animal Classes.
- Novice Classes are for first year exhibitors in that animal project, regardless of 4-H member age.

Fair Entry and Fees:

All 4-H Fair and County Shoot Entries Are Due by July 1 -

- **4-H members must enter fair online** through **FairEntry**, using same login as your 4HOnline account.
- Once all entries for all exhibitors in the family have been completed, then CONTINUE TO PAYMENT to finalize and submit your family's entries.
- PRINT out your invoice, PAYABLE TO ECEF, deliver your invoice and payment to the Extension office BEFORE JULY 1.
- **Your invoice and payment must be received BEFORE July 1 for your 4-H member and projects to be officially entered in the Elbert County Fair.**
- **\$10 Basic Entry Fee - Per 4-H Member**
- **NO LATE ENTRIES (AFTER JULY 1st) WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS:

1. Cooperation with judges, fair officials, other exhibitors, the general public, etc., is expected. ADDITION - Further unacceptable behavior by any exhibitor and/or parent may result in removal of the exhibitor/parent(s) from the grounds and could result in disqualification of the 4-H member and that member's projects. It is expected that parents shall treat any, and all, fair officials, and representatives with respect.
2. Exhibitors should be conscious of their appearance and actions in view of the general public.
3. All 4-H/FFA animals housed on the fairgrounds must have a Health Inspection. The service is available for each species according to the Fair Schedule. All 4-H/FFA animals housed on the fairgrounds must have a Health Inspection. The service is required for each species according to the Fair Schedule. Animals are subject to any health check procedures that the fair board, superintendent, and the veterinarians deem necessary. No exceptions.
4. Any animal deemed unhealthy at any time during the fair will be removed from the fairgrounds with the recommendation and/or approval of the Superintendent and the Fair Board. Exhibitors who protest the decision may contact a veterinarian at their own expense and provide written recommendations in a timely manner so as to not delay any fair events.
5. Market beef must be in possession of the exhibitor by April 1 of the current and ID entered into 4-H Online by May 1.
6. All Beef, Dairy Cattle, Horse, and Dog must have IDs in 4-H Online by May 1 in order to be entered in county fair through Fair Entry.
7. All other livestock: Goats, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, and Rabbits (birth doe of any meat rabbits), must be in the exhibitor's possession and IDs in 4-H Online by June 1 in order to be entered in county fair through Fair Entry. Exception will be Show Birds that may be ID'ed directly in Fair Entry at the time of entry.
8. Ownership of the animal must be designated at the time of weigh-in at the spring weigh-in for that species. However, in any case, designation of ownership must be made within one week from the spring weigh-in for the animal to qualify.
9. All market beef, lamb, and goat, to be entered in the Rate-of-Gain Contest at the Elbert County Fair must be weighed in and tagged at the spring weigh-in for that species. Animals that are not weighed in and identified at the spring weigh-in will not be eligible to compete in the Grand Champion or Rate-of-Gain Contest. Exhibitors whose animals are not weighed in at the spring weigh-in are required to make arrangements with the Extension Office to have their animals tagged for fair.
10. At Fair weigh-in, exhibitors will be limited as to the number of market animals weighed in and exhibited. Market, Beef, Goats, Sheep, and swine will be limited to three (3). See Poultry and Rabbit Division Rules for limits for those species.
11. FAIR WEIGH-IN: Re-weigh request will be granted only immediately following the balancing of the scales. No other animals will be weighed between. Re-weigh animals will not be permitted to leave the weigh area.
12. In all species, the same animal may NOT be shown in both a market/meat and a breeding/show class.
13. Intact males or crypt-orchids will not be accepted for beef, sheep, swine, goat and horse classes and will be disqualified.
14. EXHIBITORS MUST SHOW THEIR OWN ANIMAL IN SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES. Exception: Novice exhibitors may show another animal in cases where safety is an issue. Exhibitors will be required to sign up with the tag number of their Showmanship animal at fair.
15. If an exhibitor is unable to show an animal (either because of more than one of their animals in a class or due to injury), the replacement showman must be an Elbert County 4-H or FFA member who is currently a member of Elbert County 4-H or FFA and exhibiting at the Elbert County Fair.
16. Any exhibitor found in violation of any Elbert County Fair Rule will forfeit all premium monies and the exhibitor will be barred from future participation (including the Junior Market Sale) until such time as reinstatement is made by the Fair Board. Exhibitors may petition the Fair Board for reinstatement.

PROPER CARE OF LIVESTOCK AT THE FAIR:

1. All livestock will be properly cared for throughout the duration of the Fair. Any violation of this may be cause for removal of animals, forfeiture of prizes, forfeiture of sales monies, and/or other penalties.
2. If an animal becomes sick or injured, a representative of the Fair Board will make an attempt to contact the exhibitor using the emergency number(s) provided by the member on their 4-H Online profile. If the member cannot be reached, a veterinarian will be contacted at the exhibitor's expense.
3. Notice of the USDA Wholesome Meat Act: Elbert County Fair endorses and supports the USDA Wholesome Meat Act and insists that exhibitors are in compliance. Exhibitors of all animal entries (except dog and horse) must certify their compliance with manufacturer's pre-market withdrawal periods specified for any and all medications, drugs, pesticides, implants, or feed additives administered. The use of any non-approved chemical or improper use of approved chemicals is strictly prohibited. **Certification will be required upon weigh-in at the show.** Any exhibitor found to have violated this rule will forfeit premiums for this animal and the sale of the animal in the Junior Market Sale will be declared void.
4. All livestock exhibitors and those involved with livestock at the fair must, at all times, behave in an ethical manner and practice acceptable methods of good animal husbandry. Unethical practices include, but are not limited to, actions that violate FDA law, harming an animal, showing an animal of ineligible age, **showing of unethically fitted animals**, violating Elbert County General Rules, or violating 4-H/FFA rules.
5. All livestock will be provided with fresh, clean water. A water container, with water, must be visible and available for watering on a regular basis in each pen or stall area at all times. Elbert County Fair officials reserve the right, at their discretion, to contact a veterinarian to determine if water should be given.
6. Drenching of water and electrolytes (unless otherwise directed by a veterinarian) will be allowed for sheep and goats only in the sheep and goat barns. No stomach pumping devices will be allowed, unless directed and administered by a veterinarian.
7. All livestock, except Rabbits and Poultry, will be fed twice daily, once prior to 9:00 a.m. and the second time after 5:00 p.m. Rabbits and Poultry will be fed at least daily.
8. Injecting an animal shall be allowed only under the supervision of a Fair Official and upon approval by a veterinarian. No animal shall be fed or injected with any non-authorized substance unless the animal's health requires.
9. Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Swine and Horses should be exercised at least once a day.
10. Beef and Dairy will be haltered and tied when in the barns or at tie-out spaces. **Night ties are required for night tying.**
11. All livestock will be clean and as properly groomed as possible at all times.
12. Comfort of the animal is a primary concern. Therefore, fans and appropriate insect control are allowed.
13. Exhibitors are expected to keep barns, pens, bedding, wash rack area, and grounds clean and free of trash.
14. Stall/pen signs must be displayed for the public to see easily. Stall/pen signs can be picked up at the fair office. Stall/pen space is assigned by species superintendent. Exhibitors are required to stall/pen animals as assigned or risk disqualification.

JUDGING - (LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS):

1. All classes (including Showmanship) will be awarded four places based on the American System. Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded as indicated by the fair book.
2. Showmanship species Champions and Reserve Champions will be chosen from the exhibitors chosen to return for the final classes. Champions and Reserve Champions may be chosen from any of these exhibitors, regardless of their placing in the qualifying classes.
3. Poor quality, underweight, and prospect animals will not be allowed to sell in the Elbert County Junior Market Sale.
4. **Exhibitors should take care to dress appropriately for the species they are showing. Exhibitors are also strongly encouraged to dress tastefully so as to represent the agriculture industry in the best possible way.**
5. Cloverbud 4-H: State 4-H guidelines apply. Special ribbons are awarded during the fair at Fair Board sponsored non-competitive activities.

4-H GENERAL PROJECTS EXHIBITS:

1. **Check-in:** General 4-H Projects must be checked in at designated times as published to be judged and exhibited at the Elbert County Fair.
2. 4-H'ers who do not exhibit their projects at the Elbert County Fair must submit their project e-record and completed manual to the Elbert County Extension Office or Main Leader by September 1 to earn project completion for the current year. Projects not completed will cause the member to be ineligible to enroll in that project the following year. **NOTE:** *Project will be reviewed, but it will not be judged.*
3. **Label Projects and Record Books Before Check-in:** Each exhibit piece and e-Record and other materials MUST be labeled before check-in.
Label Information:
ELBERT COUNTY,
EXHIBITOR NAME,
4-H AGE,
DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, AND CLASS.
4. **4-H Displays:** Display Boards are the ONLY display boards that can be used for 4-H projects. Display Boards should be the standardized size of 3 feet high X 4 feet wide. Note: For more information on displays and projects: www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf - look under Display Hints and Tips and Project Tips.
5. All exhibits must be displayed and remain on display for the duration of the Elbert County Fair. Exhibits will be released on the last Sunday of the fair at 3 pm and must be picked up at that time. The management will not be responsible for loss or damage to exhibits left unclaimed.
6. Any exhibit qualifying for the state fair remaining with the Extension office must have a signed release and be properly packaged for transport to state fair.

JUDGING - (General 4-H Project Exhibits):

1. The Danish System will be used to GRADE the 4-H exhibits for QUALITY first. This system uses product standards and fulfillment of exhibit requirements to grade each exhibit.
Blue - Exhibit meets exhibit requirements and is of high quality.
Red - Exhibit meets exhibit requirements but is of average quality.
White - Exhibit does not meet all exhibit requirements and/or is below average quality; (needs improvement).
2. Following Danish grading, the American System will be used to RANK the 4-H exhibits. Ranking is competition among exhibitors in a class, establishing 1st-4th places. Regardless of number of entries in a class, place ranking cannot exceed quality. A red or white quality exhibit do not qualify for a first-place ranking.
3. **Exhibits placing first in their class qualify to go to the Colorado State Fair.** This does not apply to those projects designated as County Only Projects. Any exhibit qualifying for state fair remaining with the Extension office must have a signed release and be properly packaged for transport to state fair.
4. A DIVISION County Champion and Reserve Champion is chosen by the judge from all the first-place exhibits in classes in that division per the Champion listing at the end of general project exhibit requirements.
5. Cloverbud 4-H: State 4-H guidelines apply. Special ribbons are awarded during the fair at Fair Board sponsored non-competitive activities.

ALL 4-H PREMIUMS AND AWARDS:

1. Premiums are paid on the American System of placing for 1st-3rd places only, as designated in the fair book. Champions receive awards or buckles as designated in the fair book and not additional premiums. Premiums will not be paid on Cloverbud activities, or other county only fun activities.
2. Cash premiums will be paid during the fair on the last Sunday at the Fair Office when announced after 3pm and close-out at 5pm. The Fair Board and Elbert County reserve the right to change the method and date of payment if the need should arise. Any premiums not picked up by that date shall be forfeited.
3. 4-H Exhibitors must meet certain requirements to sign-out and receive premiums:
 - Award/Buckle winners must have written Thank You notes to donors.
 - Animal project members must have clean stall sheets signed by the barn superintendent.
 - Market Sellers must complete a market comparison worksheet.
4. Some awards will be presented at the time of the show. These are denoted * in the fair book. All other awards will be presented at Awards Night.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Although some Units are divided into Junior and Senior Classes or Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Classes in this Fair Book, the Fair Board and Superintendents of each Division reserve the right to combine classes if there are not enough entries to justify the split. Exhibitors may still be eligible to compete at the State Fair level.

ELBERT COUNTY 4-H PRE-FAIR DATES:

NOTES OF INTEREST:

- **ALL 4-H Exhibitors** must enter online at <https://faireentry.com> **BEFORE JULY 1. (Including County Shooters)**
- **ALL 4-H Exhibitors** should always plan to check-in with superintendent $\frac{1}{2}$ hour prior to show start time.
- FAIR SCHEDULE for Elbert County Fair 2023 is *subject to change* and included on the following pages.
- UPDATES to the Fair Schedule will be posted on the fair board website: <https://www.elbertcountyfair.com/>

IMPORTANT 4-H PRE-FAIR DATES:

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

- **4-H Fair Entry online OPENS:** <https://faireentry.com>
- DUE: Nomination Letters for Citizen of the Year and Making the Best Better
- Member in Good Standing requirement fulfilled by the end of June.
(Club leaders submit members in "question" list to Extension office by June 1.)

SATURDAY, JULY 1:

- **4-H Fair Entry online CLOSES** – All 4-H Exhibitors must be entered and paid to ECEF, **BEFORE JULY 1.**

SUNDAY, JULY 9

4PM Fair Superintendent's Meeting, all set-up sheets to be completed.

SATURDAY, JULY 15: (LAST day to do the following, but can always DO EARLIER.)

- DUE Livestock record book pre-checked by 4-H Leaders
- **DUE 4-H Fashion Revue Commentaries** emailed to lore.denson@colostate.edu
- DUE Leaders' Council Scholarship Applications

MONDAY, JULY 17

7PM Fair Board Meeting

SUNDAY, JULY 23

5PM **4-H & FB** Volunteers move & set-up exhibit items, (4-H & OPEN), divider grating, tables, etc. – Cleaning.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PRE-FAIR 4-H COUNTY SHOOTS (Check-In is 30-Minutes Prior to Start Time):

July 8: Hi-P RIFLE, 7AM, KDL Ranch Range

July 8: AIR RIFLE, 9AM, Exhibit Hall

July 9: .22 PISTOL & Hi-P PISTOL, 7AM, Morgan Range

July 9: AIR PISTOL, 9AM, Exhibit Hall

July 13: MUZZLELOADING 4pm, Ben Lomond

July 15: .22 RIFLE – SENIORS only, 7AM, Morgan Range

July 15: ARCHERY – JUNIORS only shoot, Fairgrounds Archery Range, 8AM

July 16: .22 RIFLE – JUNIORS only, 7AM, Morgan Range

July 16: ARCHERY – SENIORS shoot, Fairgrounds Archery Range, AM

July 22: SHOTGUN SPORTING CLAYS 10 AM-2PM, Pikes Peak Gun Club - Isaak Walton Range

July 22: SHOTGUN SKEET 12:30-3:30PM, Pikes Peak Gun Club - Isaak Walton Range

July 23: SHOTGUN TRAP 1-6PM, Ben Lomond

FRIDAY, JULY 28

8AM **4-H & FB** Volunteers fairgrounds final touch-ups and set-up for 4-H Dog Show

6-9PM **4-H County Shoots AWARDS**, Fellowship Hall 6-9pm

*Taking record books & state shoot fees on July 28 at awards, July 29 4-7PM – Ag Bldg., July 30 4-7PM – Ag Bldg.
State Shoot qualifiers need to confirm & pay state registration fees by no later than 7 PM, July 30.*

SATURDAY JULY 29TH – AUGUST 6TH 2023 ELBERT COUNTY FAIR 4-H SCHEDULE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

- **ALWAYS DRIVE CAREFULLY!** Know your drop-off / check-in locations and driving instructions beforehand!
All dates have multiple events and foot traffic, watch for pedestrians, know enter/exit instructions.

THANK YOU NOTES to sponsors of every 4-H Award and Buckle must be written & turned into Fair Office ASAP.
All award/buckle thank you notes are due BY Saturday, Aug. 5th end of 4-H Awards program.

2023 Elbert County Fair 4-H Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 29

8:00 AM 4-H Dog Show; Exhibit Building

Small Fry Dog Class, Exhibit Building (this will precede the 4-H Dog Showmanship class)

10:00 AM Mountain States Highland Cattle Show, Horse Pavilion

Noon Ranch Rodeo, Main Arena (open to the public, no charge)

3:30 PM Kiddie Style Show, Fellowship Hall (arrive at 3:30, show will start right before the 4-H Revue)

4:00 PM Cutting Horse Exposition, Main Arena

4:00 PM 4-H Fashion Revue and Judging, Fellowship Hall

4-7 PM 4-H FIRST General Project Drop-Off, Ag Building

8:00 PM Kickoff Dance/Concert featuring Brett Hendrix, Horse Pavilion
 (open to the public, no charge)

SUNDAY, JULY 30 BREEDING SHOWCASE DAY

7:00 AM 4-H Rocketry Fly Day; Far East Fairgrounds pasture

8:00 AM 4-H Horse Showmanship, Halter, Performance, and Trail Classes both arenas all day

Small Fry Pony Class

8:00 AM *Check-in begins for 4-H Breeding Beef, Beef Barn*

10:00 AM 4-H Swine Breeding Show, Open Pavilion

11:00 AM 4-H Sheep Breeding Show, Open Pavilion

12 NOON 4-H Breeding Goat Show (includes meat does, dairy does) **Open Pavilion**

2:00 PM 4-H Breeding Beef Show, Horse Pavilion

3:00 PM Utility Goat Show, Open Pavilion

4 - 7 PM 4-H LAST General Project Drop-Off, Ag Building

All 4-H General Projects Must Be Dropped Off and Pre-Checked Before 7 PM, July 30.

4 - 7 PM *Optional 4-H Tack check-in for Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goat Barns (no security provided) drive carefully!*

MONDAY, JULY 31

10:00 AM **4-H General Project INTERVIEW JUDGING**, Ag Building at appointed times

10:30 AM 4-H Cloverbud Exhibit Interviews, Ag Building, first come, first to "show and tell."

1 - 7 PM *Optional 4-H Tack check-in for Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goat Barns (no security provided) drive carefully!*

4 - 6 PM 4-H Lamb & Goats, MANDATORY Vet Health Check-in and Weigh-in Market Lambs & Market Goats, Lambs and Goats must be in stalls by 6 PM

5:00 PM 4-H Gymkhana, Main Arena

ATTN: 4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS:

DESIGNATIONS Need to be Made at the Fair Office as soon as possible. Don't wait for deadline.

Please designate Market Sale Animals as soon as possible.

4-H Showmanship Champions – Designate for Round Robin.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

7-11 AM 4-H Hogs, Beef and Dairy Cattle, **MANDATORY** Vet Health Check-in of all 4-H Market Swine, Market Beef, and Dairy Cattle, all must be in stalls by 11 AM.

7-11 AM *Weigh-In Market Swine (during check-in process)*

12 NOON **4-H Livestock Exhibitor Meeting**, **MANDATORY FOR ALL EXHIBITORS-Grandstands**

Immediately following Meeting: Premiere Market Exhibitor Test for Beef, Lambs, Swine, Goats and Rabbits.

1-2 PM *Weigh-In Market Beef, must provide brand inspection at beef weigh-in.*

2-4 PM *Open Class Final Set-up with Fair Board*

5:00 PM 4-H Goat Showmanship followed by 4-H Market Goat Show, Open Pavilion

7:00 PM 4-H Market Lamb Showmanship followed by 4-H Market Lamb Show, Open Pavilion

Small Fry Goat Class and Small Fry Lamb Class, Open Pavilion (these will precede the 4-H Showmanship classes for each species)

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

8AM-11:30AM Check-in and entry for Open Class Exhibits, Ag Building

8AM – 6 PM Ag Building Open for viewing: General 4-H Project Exhibits
(Enter east garage doors during open class check-in & judging day)

Afternoon CSU Extension - Master Gardeners set up in the conference room.

2 PM Pop-Up Farm Olympics, Warm-Up Arena (sponsored by 4-H Youth Council)

3-7 PM 4-H Birds & Rabbits MANDATORY Check-in for ALL 4-H Poultry and Rabbits.

(All birds & rabbits submit to health check before caging and must be in place by 7 PM)

Vehicles enter from the North, Unload by scale house, and U-turn between open barn and fair office returning on the tract to exit north. No vehicles allowed past the fair office! Hand carry cages or wagon carry cages to **appropriate barn line to await health check. (Those who have swine will be given priority and parents may wait in the check in line if necessary.)**

5:00 PM 4-H Market Swine Show, Open Pavilion

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

8AM – 6 PM Ag Building Open for viewing: Open Class & General 4-H Project Exhibits
Master Gardeners' Education and Silent Auction, Ag Building Meeting Room

8:00 AM 4-H Rabbit Show, Rabbit Barns 9:00 AM 4-H Poultry Showmanship
Small Fry Poultry Class, Poultry Barn (small fry poultry will precede the 4-H Poultry Showmanship)

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

4-H Market Sale pictures taken, Small Pavilion

All Market Sale pictures, *except Market Beef*, are taken during this time.

Swine will have preference. All swine pictures must be taken by 11:00 AM

9:30 AM Master Gardeners' Education Presentation "Weeds", Ag Building

10:30 AM Senior Citizens'/Veterans' Events, Fellowship Hall

12:30 PM Deadline for Market Sale pictures (except market beef)

3 -6 PM 4-H Market Sale Beef pictures taken, Beef Barn

3:00 PM 4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship followed by 4-H Dairy Cattle Show, Horse Pavilion

4:00 PM 4-H Market Beef Showmanship followed by 4-H Market Beef Show, Horse Pavilion

Small Fry Beef (Bucket Calf Class) Horse Pavilion (this class will precede the 4-H Beef Showmanship)

5:00 PM Open Gymkhana, Main Arena (sponsored by Elbert County Royalty Program)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

8AM – 6 PM Ag Building Open for viewing: Open Class & General 4-H Project Exhibits
Master Gardeners' Education and Silent Auction, Ag Building Meeting Room

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM *Save the Cowboy Pancake Breakfast, behind Main Arena grandstands – Free but donations taken.*

8:00 AM 4-H Poultry Show

8:00 AM 4-H Hog Showmanship, Open Pavilion

Small Fry Hog Class, Open Pavilion (this will precede the Showmanship class for 4-H Hogs)

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM The Mercantile Open, Exhibit Building

8:00 AM 4-H Poultry Show

9:30 AM Master Gardeners' Education Presentation "Native Plants", Ag Building

10:30 AM 4-H Dog Agility Show, Large Pavilion, enclosed ring.

12 Noon Designation for Round Robin Showmanship Due, Fair Office, can designate earlier in the week.

4:00 PM 4-H Round Robin Showmanship Contest, Warm Up Arena

5:00 PM 4-H Beef Fitting Contest, Track Area

6:00 PM Pet Animal Contest, Open to All Ages, Not required to be in 4-H, Horse Pavilion

7:00 PM Horseshoe Tournament, Main Arena (registration begins on-site at 6:00 PM)

8:30 - 11:30 PM Youth Fair Dance, Fellowship Hall parking lot – \$5 per person.

Sponsored by the 4-H Youth Council. This dance is open to anyone.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

- 8AM – 6 PM Ag Building Open for viewing: Open Class & General 4-H Project Exhibits**
Master Gardeners' Education and Silent Auction, Ag Building Meeting Room
- 9AM-8PM The Mercantile Open, Exhibit Building
- 9:30 AM Master Gardeners' Education Presentation "Special Bees/Pollinators", Ag Building
- 11:00 AM EDCLA Barbecue, Horse Pavilion, \$10 charge
- 11AM – 1PM JR MARKET SALE INFORMATION TABLE – How to be a buyer: *Want to buy at the Junior Market Sale? Need more information? Do you need a buyer number? Come visit the Jr. Market Sale information table located between the sale ring and the Exhibit Hall.*
- 11AM – 2PM Touch a Truck for Kids, East of Warm-Up Arena
- 10AM – 8PM **Kiddie Corral Open** featuring Small Rides, Petting Zoo, Bouncy House, Giant Slide, Trackless Train, Face Painting – All FREE of charge. Carnival Area
- 12:00 Noon Crowning Contest, Poultry Barn
- 1:00 PM JUNIOR MARKET SALE, HORSE PAVILION**
- 4:00 PM Master Graders' Silent Auction Closes- pick up and pay in Ag Building**
- 5:00 PM Horse Pull, Warm-up Arena
- 5:00 PM Mini Bull Riding, Main Arena (open entry for kids age 3-17)
- 6:00 PM 4-H Awards Night, Pavilion**
- 7:00 PM Bulls, Broncs & Buckaroos Rodeo, Main Arena (Free of Charge)
- 7:00 PM **(Mutton Busters must pre-register and fill out waiver at elbertcountyfair.com;**
limited number of walk-up slots available if someone who is pre-registered doesn't show up.)
Mutton busters must be between the ages of 4-7, must be 70 lbs or less and must have on proper attire to ride. Vest and helmet provided.
- 9:00 PM Concert- Matt Stell, Main Arena after conclusion of Rodeo (Free of Charge, arena floor access wrist bands required)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- 8AM – 3 PM Ag Building Open for viewing: Open Class & General 4-H Project Exhibits**
NO Check out or NO Removal of exhibits or animals until 3PM
- 8:00 AM Cowboy Church, Horse Pavilion
- 9:00 AM Elbert County Barrel Race, Main Arena
- 9AM – 4PM The Mercantile Open, Exhibit Building
- 10:00 AM Garden Tractor Pull, Warm Up Arena
- 11:00 AM High Plains Fiddle Fest, Open Pavilion
- 11:00 AM **Parade** (Parade begins downtown at the Courthouse, ends in Main Arena)
- 12:00 Noon – 3 PM Kiddie Corral Open** featuring Small Rides, Bouncy House, Giant Slide, Trackless Train – All FREE of charge. Carnival Area
- 12:00 Noon Queen's Barrel Race and Royalty Presentation (following end of parade) Arena
- FAIR OFFICE 4-H Market Animal Members should get all forms from the fair office in preparation for check-out. Get your sales information sheet with a list of your buyers, a market comparison worksheet, and a clean stall form. Start working on your paperwork now.**
- 12:30PM **Mutton Bustin', Kid's Races and Egg Toss, Main Arena**
(Mutton Busters must pre-register and fill out waiver at elbertcountyfair.com;
limited number of walk-up slots available if someone who is pre-registered doesn't show up.)
Mutton busters must be between the ages of 4-7, must be 70 lbs or less and must have on proper attire to ride. Vest and helmet provided.
- 12:30-3PM Parker/Elizabeth Cruisers Car Show, Fellowship Hall Parking Lot
- 1:30 PM Back Seat Drivers Contest, Track Area
- 2:00 PM Ice Cream Eating Contest, Rose Creamery Trailer
- 3:00 PM RELEASE ALL EXHIBITS AND CLEAN UP**
- 3-5PM Premium pay out, Fair Office
- 4PM Trade Show closes: vendors clean up and check-out.
- 5:30PM BUILDINGS LOCKED. Exhibits left are NOT the responsibility of the Fair Board or Extension Office.**

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ELBERT COUNTY 4-H POST-FAIR DATES:

MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH - CLEAN UP

8AM Clean-up and tear-down day – Entire Fairgrounds - ALL HELP WELCOME!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH – THANK YOU NOTES TO MARKET SALE BUYERS

Thank you notes must be turned in on Sunday, August 13th from 2- 4 PM in Kiowa, at the Exhibit Building OR from 2:30–4 PM at the Simla School. Thank you notes must be properly written, addressed, stamped, and unsealed for review. Thank you notes must be written to the primary buyer and all add-on buyers. Market Sale checks will be disseminated when thank you notes are reviewed.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH - STATE FAIR PROJECTS LOADED

4PM **ALL** General 4-H Project Exhibits Headed to State Fair need to be at the Extension office and will be loaded by 4PM, Tuesday, August 15th. (*Perishable Foods or Cake Decorating, must arrive securely boxed for transport, we will store in office overnight and load in vehicle before leaving early AM.*)

COLORADO STATE FAIR Dates: AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

<https://coloradostatefair.com/>

SEPTEMBER 1st – Records and Forms Due

4-H Completed Livestock Record Books final check by Main Leaders
4-H Achievement Form Due to the Extension Office

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th - Come Get State 4-H Projects at Extension Office

General Projects back from State Fair – Please arrange to pick up your projects between 8am-4:30pm. Projects not picked up by Monday, September 11th, 5pm may be dispersed to club leaders or disposed.

SEPTEMBER 15th – 4-H Lembke Scholarship Applications Due to Extension office

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8th - 4-H Annual Achievement Awards, Exhibit Hall

Elbert County 4-H Enrollment Opens Mid-October <https://v2.4honline.com/>

4-H ROCKET FLY DAY CONTEST

Chuck Schumacher, Superintendent

Sunday, July 30, 2023, Fairgrounds pasture, east of Ag Building.

Check-in 7:00 AM

Launch begins at 7:30 AM sharp!

Judging Criteria--Contest will include the following:

- Written Exam and Parts Identification
- Rocket Launching and Safety, judged on construction, flight stability, range safety, chute deployment and landing.

The following is a description of the events for the rocket fly day contest.

Written Examination

The purpose of the written examination is to determine if the contestant understands model rocketry design, construction, and operation. The questions will be based on the information found in the Colorado 4-H model rocketry literature.

The question formats will be true/false and multiple choice.

For the senior division, the source material will include knowledge and skills associated with rockets up to and including level 6. For the junior division, knowledge and skill levels will include levels one through three model rockets. The senior division will require a greater depth of knowledge for success.

Parts Identification and Function

Contestants will demonstrate their knowledge of 1) model rocket parts and related equipment and 2) their function (senior division only). Before model rockets can be constructed and launched successfully by youth, they must know and understand the function of the rocket parts.

Ten to 20 model rocket parts will be provided for identification and description of its function. Each participant will complete the Parts ID component individually.

Rocket Fly Day Launch Rules:

Exhibitors must fly a rocket pertaining to the skill level in which they are enrolled in.

Rockets in units 1-4 must be checked in with color panel (picture) from kit which indicates engine size, or catalog with proof of skill level and recommended first flight engine. Unit 6 must state the size of the first flight engine at check-in.

Level 4 rocketeers may use level IV or V rockets.

Rockets must be launched with **FIRST FLIGHT ENGINES ONLY**.

Rocketry members are asked to bring their own rocket. Each contestant will be required to launch their rocket twice (time and weather permitting).

Launch equipment will be set up. Members are to supply rockets, engines, igniters, parachutes, and wading. A field box is advisable.

The event will be judged on construction, flight stability, range safety, chute deployment and landing. Rockets must be painted.

UNIT 1

Level 1 Juniors Rocket with Balsa
Wood Fins

Level 1 Seniors Rocket with Balsa
Wood Fins

UNIT 2

Level 2 Juniors Rocket with Balsa
Wood Fins

Level 2 Seniors Rocket with Balsa
Wood Fins

For Units 3-6 —finished fins of any type.

UNIT 3

Level 3 Juniors

Level 3 Seniors

UNIT 4

Level 4 Juniors

Level 4 Seniors

UNIT 6

Level 6 Juniors

Level 6 Seniors