



MESA COUNTY 4-H



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<https://tra.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/mesa/>

March 2025

Mini Horse Project meeting - TOMORROW 2/22/25 5:30 PM

MONUMENT VIEW COFFEE SHOP

2148 BROADWAY, GJ - STOP IN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS NEW PROJECT



CONTACT US!

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81503**

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State 4-H scholarship applications for graduating seniors are open until March 1, 2025 at:

<https://co4hfoundation.academicworks.com/>



Twenty \$1000 scholarships to attend CSU specifically are also available from the Canvas Foundation. Application at:

<https://www.canva.com/design/D AF2Oieajns/GC9NINZkKDnRW7sx 9ksHqw/edit> This application closes on 2/25/25

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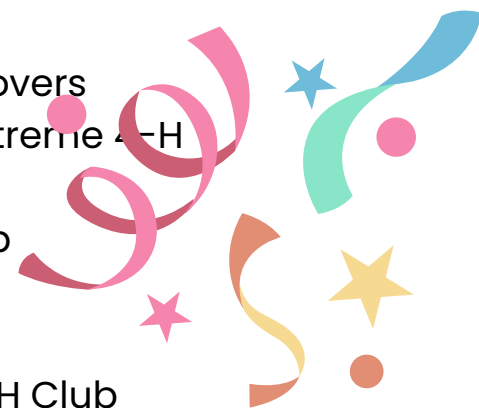
Happy

Birthday

to all of the March birthdays!

If you see any of them this month - shout out a Happy B-Day to them!

Harper Jansen	CloverBud	Palisade 4-H Club
JW Burgett	Club Member	Palisade 4-H Club
Arabella Burton	Club Member	Merry Mixers
Delanie Casto	Club Member	Merry Mixers
Elizabeth Cyr	Club Member	Loma Stars
Acelyn Daniel	Club Member	Loma Stars
Blake Hawkins	Club Member	Appleton
Teagan Jansen	Club Member	Palisade 4-H Club
Bristol Katzenberger	Club Member	Monument Livestock
Brady Kopp	Club Member	Palisade 4-H Club
Tyse Leggitt	Club Member	Orchard Mesa Clovers
Kyler Meier	Club Member	Loma Outlaws
Isabella Meyer	Club Member	Loma Stars
Ashlin Ridings	Club Member	Monument Livestock
Kayla Shepardson	Club Member	Plateau Valley Extreme 4-H
Kyndal Suskey	Club Member	Regulators
Trevon Young	Club Member	Loma Stars
Elsey Erickson	Volunteer	Orchard Mesa Clovers
Katie Himes	Volunteer	Plateau Valley Extreme 4-H
Jessica Howard	Volunteer	Merry Mixers
Christopher Kopp	Volunteer	Palisade 4-H Club
Dean Martinez	Volunteer	Regulators
Melissa McConnell	Volunteer	Appleton
TeriDawn Novinskie	Volunteer	Loma Country 4-H Club
Doug Teal	Volunteer	Regulators
Sammi White	Volunteer	Plateau Valley Extreme 4-H





Mesa County 4-H Leadership Council

Chili Cook-Off



Saturday,
March 1st at
the Mesa
County
Fairgrounds!



Doors will
open at
6pm
Everyone is
welcome!

We will have a cake walk, auction,
a dance and karaoke!!

Anyone can bring a chili to enter for judging! Have entries to the event by 5:30 pm. There will be prizes awarded that night for best Red Chili, White Chili, and Green Chili!

Those bringing a crockpot full of chili will have free entry for two family members. All others - \$5 per person for all you can eat chili!

All 4-H Clubs are asked to donate something to the auction and 2 desserts for the cake walk. Please contact one of our adult advisors to donate items or for further information on the event:

Kourtnie Fitch at jasonandkourtnie@reagan.com or 303-335-7153
Sherissa Katzenberger at sherissa.arpke@gmail.com or 970-424-2422
Mel McConnell at melissa.mcconnell80@gmail.com or 970-234-9943.

Auction items and cakes can be dropped at the Extension Office.

All proceeds benefit Leadership Council.

This is an exciting youth camp for our Intermediate age 4-H members!

Registration is open NOW for:

Youth Fest 2025

“Set sails on a New Adventure”

March 28–30th
State Fairgrounds,
Pueblo, CO

Registration Fee:

4-H Youth 11–13: \$115

Adult Chaperone: \$115

4-H Youth Counselors 14+: \$60



**Beyond
Ready**

**4-H Online Registration opens
February 10th**

Mesa County 4-H Clubs, please help out at this event! Please sign up through the SignUpGenius link below! Coop has been one of our most generous program partners for many years!

**FARM &
RANCH DAY**
2025



“Celebration of Agriculture”

We're back and it's time to get ready for the 16th Annual
Coop Country/CSU Extension Farm & Ranch Day!

The event will take place at **Coop Country Fruita** on
Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 9:00-3:00.

We will have the Fruita Monument FFA and the Mesa County 4-H youngsters helping out again this year with a project booth for the kids, helping with set up and tear down, and serving up the free BBQ. As always the Coop will provide a table and two chairs for your group. Those in need of pens for the animals (four legged kind of course) we can help with that as well.



Mesa County 4-H Clubs - Please sign up to help out at the 4-H booth at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9AC2FA0F8C07-55236908-farm#/>

**If you want to have a 4-H booth for your club, please contact
Brett Crabb at the Extension Office - 970-244-1837**

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Mesa County 4-H
Bee-Keeping Project meeting
Saturday, February 22nd
10:30am
1880 L Rd, Fruita

Please call Jennie Windscheffel
at 207-752-2207 if you have
any questions

We will share updates, discuss
continued winterization of our
hive, and get ready for Spring!



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Mesa County 4-H
Cake Decorating Meeting
Monday, February 24th
6:30pm - "C" Building at the
Mesa County Fairgrounds

All youth in all units are welcome to attend!
Cloverbud members are also invited!
Unit 1 members - bring an unfrosted cake and frosting
All other units - bring an iced cake, frosting, & tips
Cloverbuds - bring a unfrosted cupcake



Please let Jill Young know
if you have any questions!
970-261-2228!



Mesa County 4-H
Goat Project meeting
Wednesday, February 26th
6:30pm
Sheriff's Posse Arena
648 25 Rd, Grand Junction



FIRST GOAT MEETING FOR THIS 4-H
YEAR! TRY TO BE THERE TO HEAR
MORE ABOUT PLANS FOR THIS
YEAR'S GOAT PROJECTS!

If you have any questions, please contact our superintendents:
Jill Young, breeding, dairy, and utility goats: 970-261-2228 or
Makayla Miracle, market goats: 970-462-1786

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4-H Leadership Council
Wednesday, March 12th - 7pm
Sheriffs Posse Bldg

**Need a few record book
tips to improve your
score? Come out and hear
some suggestions!**

70%

club representation at
Leadership Council
meetings for the year is
required for a club to
remain in good standing



*Mesa County 4-H
Poultry Project meeting
Tuesday, March 4th
6pm - Community Bldg
Mesa County Fairgrounds*

*Please call Brooke Hahn(970-596-6587)
if you have any questions*



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*Mesa County 4-H
Dog Project Training Class
Thursdays, March 6th
& March 27th
6:30pm-Community building
Mesa County Fairgrounds*

*Please let Trisha Hansen know if you have
any questions!! goingup105@gmail.com
970-234-7327*



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*Mesa County 4-H
Rabbit Project meeting
Tuesday, March 11th
6pm - Community Bldg
Mesa County Fairgrounds*

*Please let Amy Cyr or Ashley
Guggemos know if you have any
questions at
970-623-1840 or 320-630-6287*



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*Mesa County 4-H
Cake Decorating Meeting
Monday, March 24th*

6:30pm



*Clifton Community Campus
3270 D 1/2 Rd, Clifton*

*All youth in all units are welcome to attend!
Cloverbud members are also invited!
Unit 1 members - bring an unfrosted cake and frosting
All other units - bring an iced cake, frosting, & tips
Cloverbuds - bring a unfrosted cupcake
Please let Jill Young know if
you have any questions!*



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Wednesday, March 26th

6:30pm

Sheriff's Posse Arena
648 25 Rd, Grand Junction



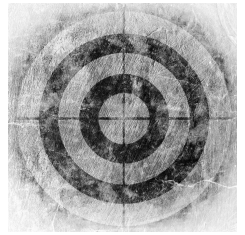
This meeting is for ALL
goat project members:
market, breeding, dairy,
and utility!

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Mesa County 4-H
Shooting Sports
Safety meetings



Archery - Monday, March 24th 6pm - Grand Junction Trap Club
.22 Rifle & Air Rifle - Tuesday, March 25th 6pm - Orchard Mesa Gun Club
Muzzle loader - Thursday, March 27th 6:30pm - Orchard Mesa Gun Club
Shotgun - Friday, April 4th 6pm - Grand Junction Trap Club
.22 Pistol & Air Pistol - Wednesday, April 16th 6pm - Orchard Mesa Gun Club

Attending a safety meeting for each shooting sports
discipline is a county requirement for
participation in the project.

If you have any questions, please contact our superintendent:
Kristina Teal at 970-210-5351

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ATTENTION: Fowl Breeding & Show Bird MEMBERS

All breeding & Show birds MUST be uploaded to your
v2.4honline account by
April 16th at 5pm



NO EXCEPTIONS - upload MUST meet all of the
requirements as stated in the 2025 Exhibitor's Guide
to be eligible for the 2025 Mesa County Fair

**Projects may be added until May 1st
(or until a deadline for that project has been
missed - whichever comes first) Please call the
Extension office to add a project - 970-244-1835**

All 4-H member **re-enrollments** were due by February 1, 2025;
therefore, will now be assessed an

ADDITIONAL late fee of \$50.00 per enrollee.

4-H Horse News

Horse families,

We are excited this year to have Allison Dederick as our Horse project superintendent! She will be assisted by several other adult volunteers as she prepares for the Horse Show at the Mesa County Fair July 10-12th! Stay tuned for the weekly horse rides at the fairgrounds.

There are changes to the way riders, as well as, horses are levels approved beginning this year. We will share that information with you throughout the year. You may also read the [Colorado Horse Advancement Levels Guidelines](#) and view the [4-H Horse Advancement Levels Transition Chart](#) at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/horse-resources/levels-testing/> to familiarize yourself with these changes.



There are also a few changes to the horse project rules for our County Fair Horse Show, so please read them carefully in the 2025 Exhibitor Guide which is available at the Extension Office.

A graphic titled "Colorado 4H SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE" featuring a cow wearing a green graduation cap and gown. The timeline includes three key dates: December 1, 2024 (Scholarship Applications Open), March 1, 2025 (Scholarship Applications Close), and May 2025 (Recipients are notified). The Colorado State University Extension logo is at the bottom left.

Colorado 4H
SCHOLARSHIP
TIMELINE

DECEMBER 1, 2024
Scholarship Applications Open

MARCH 1, 2025
Scholarship Applications Close

MAY 2025
Recipients are notified

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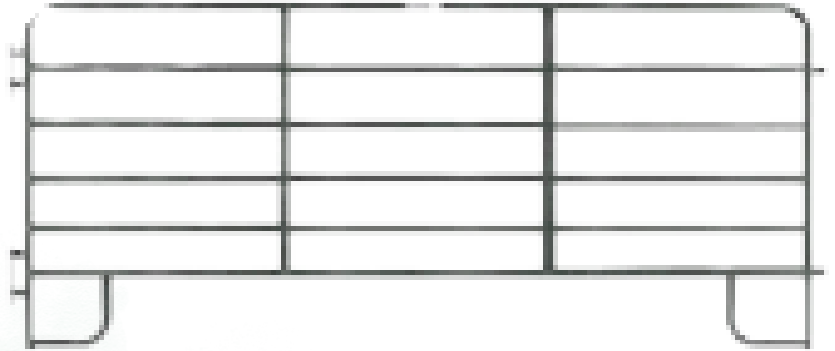
4-H SENIORS: There is still time to fill out scholarship applications! They will be accepted through March 1, 2025. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May 2025. There are opportunities available for all students, including those attending CSU or other universities, trade schools or junior colleges, transfer students, and continuing students. We encourage our 4-H participants to apply!

Information on the scholarship process and scholarships available.

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/>

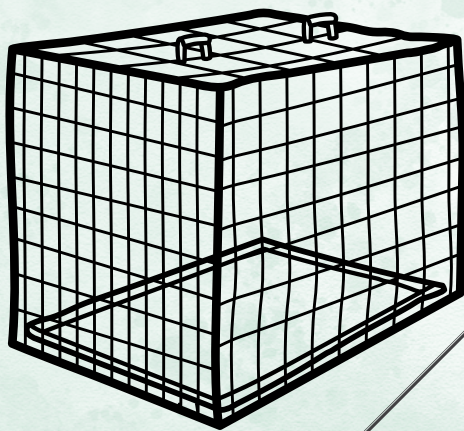
Mesa County 4-H Tack Swap

Saturday, April 5th 10am-2pm



Do you have animal tack or gear taking up space at your house that you don't use any more? Is it possible that someone else could get use out of it?

If so, consider reserving a space at the 1st Mesa County 4-H Tack Swap!



Give things away or make deals on them - whatever works best for your!

Click on this link to reserve a spot!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0948A9AC2FA0F8C07-55253893-2025#/>

Orchard Mesa Lions Club Park
2770 US-50, Grand Junction, CO 81503

CHANGE
of date - Moved
to 4/10/2025

MESA COUNTY FAIR MARKETING CLASS

Who: 4-H/FFA members in their 1st year with a market animal project (All are welcome, although it is only required for members in their 1st year of entering a market animal project.)

When: Thursday, April 10 at 6:00pm

Where: Mesa County Fairgrounds, "C" Building

Why: Come learn how to effectively market your project to your community! Mesa County is full of terrific 4-H/FFA supporters who are eager to hear about your project. We'll share the program expectations with you, along with great tips and examples to help you refine your marketing plan. You'll be prepared and ready to hit the ground running!

May I tell you
about my 4-H
swine project?



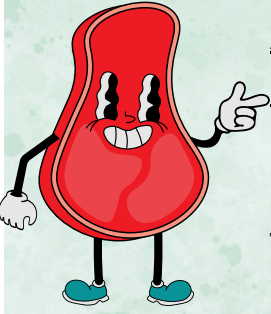
REQUIRED!

**For all 1st year
market animal
project members**

MQA class - required

All 1st year livestock exhibitors and all livestock exhibitors that turned 14 yrs old in 2024, are required to complete a Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) class this year. We will have an in person class on Thursday, **April 24th** at the fairgrounds in the "C" Building at 7pm.

This year, we will also be offering an online class to be utilized by members that turned 14 in 2024, and by 1st year livestock members that are 14-18 yrs old. The online course will need to be completed during the week of **April 21-25th**.



Save the Date

MESA COUNTY CATTLEWOMEN'S

BEEF ADVOCACY DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2025

EDUCATION • GIVEAWAYS • SPEAKERS @ Loma Livestock

Giveaway

Donated by:



*Aluminum
Blocking
Chute w/ floor*



*More big
giveaways!*

**RSVP: 785-741-5204
BY APRIL 15TH**

Thank you to last years cash sponsors: VanWinkle Ranch • Plateau Valley CW

Fair Royalty Application - Deadline extended to 4/1/2025



*Do the boots
fit?*

*Mesa County Fair
2025*

Want to represent the county fair as
ROYALTY?

Please click on the
[LINK](#) for more
information and an
application.

Allison
(970)216-0010

Tawnya
(970)381-6826



2024 Mesa County Fair Royalty

WINNERS SHOOTOUT

Cattle Clinic and Jackpot

STIERWALT CLINIC-FEB 28-MAR 1

Open Jackpot March 2nd

Garfield County Fairgrounds-Rifle, CO

Winners Circle 4-H Club

Breeding Heifer classes
Market Steer classes
Showmanship
Ages 8-18

Cash Only Day of Jackpot
entry fees -
\$20-mkt/breeding
\$15-Showmanship

Weigh in
Sat 7-8 PM -
Sun 9-10 AM
Show starts 11 AM



Clinic Spectator
Tickets
Available here



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SHOWTEC 101

SHOWTEC FEEDS AND SUPPLEMENTS

Learn What to Feed, When to Feed, & How to Feed
From ShowTec Expert Al Schminke



March 5th 5:00-7:00 pm



Location: Fruita Lower Valley Fire Department
168 North Mesa Street Fruita

Swine Show Feeds and Supplements @ 5:00 PM

Goat & Lamb Show Feeds and Supplements @ 6:00



Refreshments will be Served



LIVE AUCTION

ONE DAY

THE COLORADO STATE FAIR FOUNDATION PRESENTS

STATE FAIR SURPLUS AUCTION

OVER 600 CATTLE/STALL/HORSE/ARENA PANELS

DAEWOO G25S FORKLIFT (AS IS)

GROVE AMZ68XY MANLIFT (AS IS)

FINLEY 312 DIESEL AGGREGATE SCREENER (AS IS)

VOLVO L30 MINI LOADER (AS IS)

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR (AS IS)

CHA MH-803 CONCRETE POLISHER (AS IS)

ARENA KING RAKE

REVAL 4-N-1 ARENA RAKE

200 RABBIT CAGES

OTHER MISCELLANIOUS ITEMS



ONSITE
NO PREMIUMS
NO RESERVES

**ADDRESS
POSTED
DAY
PRIOR**

8 MARCH 2025

DOORS OPEN 9:00AM
LIVE AUCTION 11:00 AM

MORE INFORMATION

WWW.THECOLORADOSTATEFAIRFOUNDATION.ORG



COLORADO STATE FAIR FOUNDATION

AUCTION



1411 M Road Loma Co

970-858-7000

Shafer Large Animal invites any 4-H member enrolled in a livestock project to bring their animals out to the clinic for a free health exam!

We will be checking your new projects overall health and wellness and establishing a doctor/client/patient relationship. Not only is this a requirement for your record book, but it is good to have an established relationship before an emergency occurs, or for any needed prescriptions.

The health exam will be **free of charge** to the 4-H member, if you are **enrolled in the 2025** 4H year.

*****any vaccines or medications will be at the owner's expense*****

Sheep, Goats, Pigs, and Beef Projects:

April 4, 2025 2pm-4pm

***Stay on the trailer** until instructed otherwise

*Beef will need to be unloaded when she gets to your trailer

Beef Projects:

June 20, 2025, 9am-12pm

If you need to have an ultrasound done to confirm your market heifer is open or your breeding heifer is pregnant, we will be offering free ultrasounds to 4-H members on this day. We will have you bring your heifer to our clinic and give you a paper confirming the results. We can also pull blood for the blood test if you'd prefer that method of testing. We can draw blood free of charge, you'd just have to pay the lab fee

Horse Projects:

During the month of April any horses you will be using for fair will receive a free dental check and free health exam included in the price of spring vaccines if hauled into the clinic.

Spring Gather

Open Ranch Horse Show & Clinic



April 26 & 27, 2025
Grand Junction, Colorado
Mesa County Fairgrounds Grandstand Arena
Sponsored by: River Riders 4-H Club

Entry Deadline: April 15, 2025
Limited to the first 40 Entries Each Day
\$25 LATE FEE FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER April 15, 2025
Office opens at 7:30 AM · Riders Meeting 8:00 AM both days
Clinic Fee \$100 per person per horse
Clinic Classes: Individual Cow Work-Ben Grogen, Herd Work-Marvin Thomas,
Roping-The Chamberlains, Trail-Courtney Roberts

Show Entry Fees (includes all 5 classes):
Open \$120, Adult \$120, 14-18 \$90, 11-13 \$90, 10 and under \$70
ALL FEES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COST OF CATTLE

Five Classes: Ranch Cutting, Individual Cow Work, Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, Ranch Halter



Rules and Entry Forms Will be Mailed after January 15, 2025

Contact: Tom Sharpe, Show Manager
970-261-3528

hooftracks@outlook.com

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**2025 Spring Gather Entry Form
Open Ranch Horse Show & Clinic
Sponsored by River Riders 4-H Club**



**April 26 & 27, 2025 • Grand Junction, Colorado
Mesa County Fairgrounds Grandstand Arena
Registration deadline, April 15, 2025
Registration limited to first 40 riders each day
Clinic starts 8:00 AM
Office opens at 7:30 AM • Show starts at 8:00 AM
Show Manager: Tom Sharpe 970-261-3528**

Note: The following entry form contains the Mesa County Helmet Release, the CSU Informed Consent Form and releases and statements for Spring Gather and River Riders 4-H Club.

Exhibitor Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____ Email _____
 Horse Name: _____ Sex: _____ Year Foaled: _____
 Owner Name: _____

Clinic Entry Fee: \$100

Show: (Circle one) Open (\$120) Adult (\$120) 14-18 (\$90) 11-13 (\$90) 10 and under (\$70)

Entry Fee Show	\$
Clinic Entry	\$
Number of Stalls: \$20/per stall/night	\$
Camping, \$27/night, (water & electricity)	\$
Late Fee \$25.00 entries received after April 15	\$
Total Amount	\$

Please make checks payable to:
River Riders 4-H Club

Mail to:
Tom Sharpe
1227 M³/₄ Road
Loma, CO 81524

Spring Gather

Open Ranch Horse Show & Clinic

Animal Welfare Agreement: It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to pay for and remove any animal injured or killed by the exhibitor as determined by the judge and/or show manager. The owner of the livestock shall determine the price of these animals.

I grant to River Riders 4-H Club, its representatives and employees, the right to take photographs of me and my property in connection with Spring Gather. I authorize River Riders 4-H Club, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

Release: Warning: Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is not liable for injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Section 13-21-119, Colorado Revised Statutes. I (we), the owner and/or exhibitor, hereby request to enter the show indicated and agree to abide by the bylaws, standing rules, judging and show rules in the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book, Mesa County Fairgrounds and River Riders 4-H Club. I (we), hereby release Mesa County and River Riders 4-H Club, and its members and employees, and its and their officials, officers, members, employees agents and or volunteers from any loss to myself, employees, agents, horses and/or equipment while attending and/or participating in this show. The provisions contained herein are hereby made a part of this entry agreement.

Statement of Responsibility: I (we), the owner and/or exhibitor agree to exhibit the above horse at my own risk and subject to all rules and regulations in the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book, Mesa County, its commissioners, fair board of directors, organizers and employees. I further agree that if I suffer personal injury and/or damage, or loss occurs to me or my vehicle or equipment I may have or send with my horse, I will not hold the River Riders 4-H Club or any other persons connected with this event responsible, nor will I make claim against them.



**MESA
COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

HELMET WAIVER OF LIABILITY

(Pursuant to Resolution MCM 01-2001-135)

The undersigned Releasor, on behalf of The Minor, his/her heirs, assigns, agents, as well as those taking by or through them, for and in consideration of being allowed to use the Mesa County Fairgrounds, hereby releases Mesa County, Colorado, its insurers and insureds, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers, whether elected or appointed, agents, heirs, predecessors, successors, administrators, assigns, (hereinafter referred to as Releasee) for and from any and all liabilities of whatsoever kind and nature, including but not limited to, constitutional claims, 42 U.S.C. '1983 claims, and any and all claims for damages from any and all actions, cause of actions, whether sounding in tort or negligence, contract or otherwise, claims, demands, compensatory and punitive damages, loss of service, loss of consortium, compensation, costs, attorney fees, and expenses, arising from or, in any way arising out of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, injuries, losses, damages, and liabilities which they may now or hereinafter have, resulting from the Minor's use of the Mesa County Fairgrounds.

The Releasor declares that it is his/her intention by this document to completely and fully waive any claims he/she may have or which could be made against the Releasee, regardless of any tolling or non-suit provisions. Releasor has carefully read this document and knows its contents, and the Releasor has signed it freely and voluntarily. The terms of this document are not simply a recital of facts, but contractual promises made by the Releasor in his/her capacity as the Minor's parent or guardian. Releasor warrants that no promise or inducement has been offered, and that the Releasor is legally competent, authorized, and/or appointed to execute this document and accept full responsibility therefore.

**Spring Gather Rules
2025 Open Ranch Horse Show**

4-H Ranch Horse Show Rules will apply with the following exceptions:

1. Entry
 - a. This is an all-breed open ranch horse show.
 - b. Contestant may enter the same horse in more than one division, but it has to be entered above lowest division contestant is qualified for. 14-18 riders who want to ride in two divisions, must ride in open division.
 - c. Contestants who want to ride only in a division higher than they are qualified for, must ride in the 14-18 division or open division.
 - d. Contestant may enter more than one horse in the same division.
 - e. Points go to the horse.
 - f. Must show in all five classes to place and receive awards.
 - g. If entering more than one horse in a division, **another contestant** may show the additional horse or horses in the halter class.
 - h. Entries must be in and paid by April 15, 2025. Entries not received by April 15, 2025 will be assessed a \$25 late fee.
 - i. Entries for each day will be limited to the first 40 riders in and paid. No reservations without payment.
 - j. No refunds will be given after entry deadline date, April 15, 2025.**
 - k. Refunds will only be given if there is a paid backup entry willing to participate prior to the entry deadline.
 - l. Entries may be transferred only with notification to show management prior to deadline date, and only with show management approval after deadline date.
2. Divisions
 - a. Open (Level III rules and patterns) for participants who have won the adult division, professional horsemen and women, those who are actively showing in ranch horse shows, and those who have shown in the youth 14-18 division.
 - b. Adult (Level II rules and patterns) for adults who are new to showing in ranch horse shows.
 - c. 14-18 (Level III rules and patterns)
 - d. 11-13 (Level II rules and patterns)
 - e. 10 and under (Level I rules and patterns)
3. Classes
 - a. Ranch Cutting, (Exhibitor will ride slowly into the herd, cut and hold one animal out, the call off turn back riders, drive the cow between the fence and cone then around the pen and back into the pen. Exhibitor has 2 ½ minutes to complete his run.)
 - b. Individual Cow work
 - i. Open riders and 14-18 ride as level III (Level III/IV riders will box, fence, and circle or rope. Riders are allowed 3 minutes to complete the class.)
 - ii. All others, ride as level II (Level II riders will box for 50 seconds. When notified by the announcer, the rider will take the cow down one side of the arena past the halfway mark and perform a responsive square stop. Rider must not attempt to stop or turn cow once it has gone down the fence. Riders are allowed a minute and a half to complete the class/run.)
 - c. Ranch Trail
 - i. See division patterns
 - d. Ranch Riding
 - i. See division patterns
 - e. Ranch Halter
4. Additional Rules:
 - a. Division high point will be calculated from placings in each class.
 - b. Youth (18 and under), must wear helmet or have a signed Mesa County Helmet Waiver.
 - c. Youth in the 10 and under division shall be allowed to ride curb bits with two hands.
 - d. Numbers must either be on horse or rider while horse is in arena.
 - e. All entry fees, less expenses, will go to River Riders 4-H Club.
 - f. No dogs will be allowed on premises.
 - g. 4-H Score sheets will be used and posted as soon as possible after classes.
 - h. Running a cow into the fence will be considered abuse of cow with a zero score and dismissal from arena.

Spring Gather Open Ranch Horse Show & Clinic



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

READ THIS DOCUMENT COMPLETELY BEFORE SIGNING. ITS EFFECT IS TO RELEASE Mesa COUNTY, COLORADO 4-H FOUNDATION, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, ITS GOVERNING BOARD, AND THE STATE OF COLORADO FROM ANY LIABILITY RESULTING FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED BELOW, AND TO WAIVE ALL CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES OR LOSSES AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY WHICH MAY ARISE FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES EVEN IF THEY RESULT FROM NEGLIGENCE.

Permission for Youth to Participate in Spring Gather

I understand that my child, , will be participating in the show and/or clinic Activities that will be offered during this event include contests, workshops, banquets, dances and optional activities may include numerous inherent risks. I am aware and have discussed the following inherent risks with my child: **Participation in horse related activities, including interacting with cattle, exposure to COVID-19.**

RELEASE FROM RESPONSIBILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND WAIVER

I, the undersigned participant, exercising my own free choice to participate voluntarily in the activities described above, and promising to take due care during such participation, hereby acknowledge that I have been informed of the nature of the activities and that I am aware of the hazards and risks which may be associated with my participation in the above-named activities, including the risks of bodily injury, death or damage to property which may occur from known or unknown causes. I understand, accept, and assume all such hazards and risks, and waive all claims against Mesa County, Colorado 4-H Foundation, State of Colorado, The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System, Colorado State University, and other persons as set forth above. I understand that I am solely responsible for any costs arising out of any bodily injury or property damage that I may sustain through my participation in normal or unusual acts associated with the above-named activities, regardless of whose fault may be the cause of my injuries or damages, EVEN IF CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS OR NEGLIGENCE, so long as the conduct which caused the injuries or damages was not grossly negligent, or willful and wanton.

Further, I hereby indemnify and hold harmless The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System and Colorado State University, Colorado 4-H Foundation, and their members, officers, agents, employees, and any other persons, or entities acting on their behalf, and the successors and assigns for any and all of the aforementioned persons and entities, against any and all claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, whether presently known or unknown, of any person who suffers any injury, disability, death or other harm, to person or property or both, as a result of my participation in and/or presence at the above listed activities. I have had sufficient time to review and seek explanation of the provisions contained above, have carefully read them, understand them fully, and agree to be bound by them. After careful deliberation, I voluntarily give my consent and agree to this Release From Responsibility, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver.

If participant is under the age of 18, his or her parent or legal guardian must sign:

By signing below, I agree to the statements on page 2 and 3 of this document, including the animal welfare agreement, photo release, equine professional release, statement of responsibility, Mesa County helmet waiver of liability and CSUE/Colorado 4-H informed consent statement for Mesa County.

Signature _____ Date _____

I, (printed name) _____, am the parent or legal guardian of the participant who has signed above. I have read and I understand the provisions of this document, and acting on behalf of the participant, I consent to the participant taking part in the activities described above, and I fully enter into and agree to the above Release from Responsibility, Assumption of Risk, and Waiver as authorized pursuant to C.R.S. section 13-22-107.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ (date) _____



AT THE

Colorado Stampede
RODEO

MAY 24 & 25, 2025

LOMA OUTLAWS 4-H CULB
LIVESTOCK JACKPOT

MESA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

2785 US HWY 50 GRAND JUNCTION COLORADO

-UNITED ARENA-

SWINE * LAMBS * GOATS - \$20/HEAD

BEEF - \$30/HEAD - Showmanship \$15 (100% Payout)

Check-in begins at 7:30am and closes 30 minutes before each show

CASH Payouts

Buckles

Banners

Prizes

SATURDAY, MAY 24TH

SUNDAY, MAY 25TH

BEEF

Ring One

Ring Two

**BEEF ARE BLOW
AND GO ONLY**

Start time 10AM
SHOWMANSHIP
15 Minute Break
Breeding Heifers
Market Beef

SWINE
9AM Start
SHOWMANSHIP
15 minute break
Market

GOAT
10 AM Start
SHOWMANSHIP
15 minute break
Market

SHEEP
1PM Start
SHOWMANSHIP
15 minute break
Market

ALL CLASS TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CLASS SIZES

Showmanship divisions

Peewee 4-7, Junior 8-10
Intermediate 11-13, Senior 14-18
Super Senior 19-21.

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY at showman.app

Entries will open April 1, 2025
Beef Entries close Friday May 23rd at 5pm
All other species close Saturday May 25th at 5pm

NO LATE ENTRIES - NO EXCEPTIONS

Trailer stalling only

\$50 for reserved trailer spots-Very limited availability close to the arena-
Text 970-778-2485 to reserve

For more information

Melissa Stocking
Text only at 970-778-2485



Are you leasing a horse
this year?
Are you housing livestock
at someone else's
property?

If either, be sure these
release forms are turned
into Brett Crabb – Mesa
County 4-H Specialist – as
soon as you purchase an
animal!

Mesa County 4-H Horse Program Equine Lease Agreement

EQUINE LEASE AGREEMENT

This agreement entered into on the _____ day of _____, _____, (date) between _____ (the Owner) of _____ (city, state) and _____ (Lessee) of _____, _____ (city, state).

WITNESSETH: Owner does hereby lease to Lessee and Lessee does hereby lease from the Owner the _____ (color) _____ (sex) known as _____ (horse's name). The lease shall be for a period of _____ months, beginning the _____ day of _____, _____ (date)

In exchange for the exclusive use of the above-named _____ (mare, gelding or stallion) _____ (horse's name) during the period of this lease, the Lessee does hereby agree to assume all responsibilities and to pay all normal and necessary expenses for the care of said horse consistent with the practices of good animal husbandry, including but not limited to board, worming, veterinary expenses, shoeing, trimming, and hauling.

Owner shall have the right at any time, in person or by authorized agent, to inspect the horse and determine if said horse is being properly cared for and in good health. The title and ownership of the leased horse shall be and remain in the name of the Owner. Lessee shall not sell, mortgage, or encumber this leased horse in any manner whatsoever. Lessee shall not assign this lease nor sublease the horse covered hereby.

If the leased horse should at any time become missing, lost, seriously injured, sick, or dead, the Lessee shall immediately notify Owner by telephone and subsequently by mail.

Owner shall not hold Lessee liable for any serious injury or death of the horse arising from events not resulting from negligence on the part of the Lessee or the Lessee's agents. Lessee shall hold the Owner harmless for any injury to persons or damages to any property caused by the leased horse.

No modification of this lease shall be binding unless in writing and executed by the parties hereto.

The undersigned Owner and Lessee accept the terms and conditions of this lease and acknowledge a copy thereof.

Owner: _____ Date: _____

Lessee: _____ Date: _____

Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Animal Projects



It is the responsibility of every 4-H member to ensure that proper care is taken of their animal(s) according to acceptable methods of good animal husbandry, as set forth by Colorado State University Extension and the Colorado Department of Agriculture. A healthy animal requires sufficient food, water, shelter, and appropriate health care. Cruel and inhumane treatment or neglect is prohibited in the Colorado State University Extension 4-H Program. Specific animal husbandry guidelines and humane training methods are provided in the 4-H manuals.

It is necessary for the local county Extension office to know the location of all 4-H animal projects. The Colorado 4-H project recommendation for primary care states that "4-H members will provide primary care and continuous care of the project animals." **Primary care is defined as the 4-H member making the decisions for and/or providing the care, handling, and training of their animal project most of the time.** Any primary care exemption must be approved by the county Extension specialist/coordinator. With advanced notification, 4-H members and guardians acknowledge facilities and animal welfare checks may be conducted at any time by Extension specialist/coordinator.

4-H animal project participants are required to complete an animal care form each 4-H year. This document does not imply ownership of animal(s) listed. It denotes your responsibility to care for the listed animal(s). Please check the box for each species you will be participating in this 4-H year. To exhibit at the Colorado State Fair 4-H contests, ownership rules must be followed.

Please complete the following information and return the completed form to your county Extension Office.

<input type="checkbox"/> Beef Cattle	<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Cattle	<input type="checkbox"/> Goat	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse	<input type="checkbox"/> Llama	<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep	<input type="checkbox"/> Swine	<input type="checkbox"/> Cat	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Please check all that apply.

Name:	4-H Club:	Date:
Physical Address:	City:	State/Zip:
Phone Number:	Optional: Premises Identification Number (PIN):	

This section is for animals housed at your home.

Will all your project animals be housed at your home location? Yes or No

If answer is No, please complete the questions on page 2.

If answer is Yes, please sign below

I hereby certify that I have read the above information and will comply with the rules set for above.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ 4-H Member's Signature _____

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This section is for animals NOT housed at your home.

- List the particular circumstances that prevent you from having your project animal(s) housed at your primary residence.

- Please indicate where (including address) each animal will be housed and the landlord/caretaker of residence. (Horse projects only: Check this box if your horse(s) is being boarded and supply the following)

Landlord/Caretaker Name: _____
Physical Address: _____
City, State, and Zip Code: _____
Telephone/cell phone number: _____
Optional Information: Premises Registration Number with NAIS: _____
- How do you plan to care for the project animal (s) not located at your primary residence? What arrangements have you made for traveling to and from the non-primary residence to care for your animal(s)?

- If you will be providing primary care for your project animal(s) during the entire ownership period, explain who will be providing primary care, when they will be caring for the project animal(s), and why you are unable to provide primary care for the project animal(s) through the ownership period.

- What 4-H shows do you plan to participate in? You will always be under the same primary care requirements. Please list the shows below:

As the landlord/caretaker of the property listed above, I acknowledge the 4-H program's intent is educational; as such I will encourage and require the 4-H member to be extensively and continuously involved in the care of their animals housed at my property. If deemed necessary by the Extension specialist/coordinator, I grant the Extension specialist/coordinator permission to check on the 4-H member's animal(s) while they are housed on my property provided advance notice is given.

Landlord/Caretaker's Signature _____ Date _____

I hereby certify that the above information is truthful and accurate.

Parents/Guardian Signature _____ 4-H Member's Signature _____

*Your request for Animal Care Exemption has been: Approved Denied

4-H Extension Specialist/Coordinator Signature _____ Date _____

Updated: 9/30/2024

You may pick up an Exhibitor Guide with the Rules for the 2025 Mesa County Fair at the Extension Office



Below are some additions to the Exhibitor Guide (available later in the month) that may pertain to you NOW if you are doing beef uploads this month.

This is not to be considered a complete list of changes to the Exhibitor's Guide. You will need to read the guide in its entirety to assure yourself that you are up to date on the rules pertaining to your projects for this fair year.

RULE 9: Family nominated animals

A. Family members may nominate the same animal in beef, swine, sheep, and goat projects, as long as:

- a. each family member must nominate a primary owned animal
- b. the family nominated animals don't exceed 1 per every 2 family members
- c. the upload fee of \$5 per head is paid by EACH member uploading the family nominated animal.
- d. the family nominated animal MUST be individually declared by a family member online in fairentury.com by the fair entry deadline of June 13th, 2025 at 4pm.
- e. if the family nominated animal is a beef entry, ALL family exhibitor names MUST be on the brand inspection as owners of the animal at time of beef tag in/weigh in date of February 1st, 2025.

RULE 10: In all situations where an animal upload is required, the minimum information that must be included before the nomination will be approved is:

- A. Name of the animal
- B. Breed of the animal
- C. Gender of the animal
- D. A picture of the animal
- E. A picture of the animal with the exhibitor
- F. Ownership document showing ownership by the youth exhibitor; this document may be:
 - a. a Bill of sale
 - b. a Breeding supplement showing birth of the animal from youth or youth's family's animal
 - c. a Handwritten statement transferring ownership from someone to the youth
- G. If animal is a beef entry, the upload MUST also have a brand inspection in the youth's name



Important additions to the Exhibitor Rules for the 2025 Mesa County Fair (continued)

RULE 10 (continued)

H. If animal is a swine entry, the upload MUST also include a completed Mesa County 4-H/FFA Swine Registration Sheet available on the Tri River Extension website:

<https://tra.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/mesa/mesa-county-forms/> and the ear notches of the animal

I. If animal is a sheep or goat entry, the upload MUST also include the scrapies tag number of the animal

J. If animal is a poultry entry, it MUST also include in the “ANIMAL NAME” slot the breed, the variety, and the name of the bird (IN THAT ORDER) AND in the the “COLORS AND MARKINGS” slot the ‘variety’ (APA variety such as white, buff, silver laced, barred, etc which can be found in the American Standard of Perfection book)

K. If animal is a rabbit entry, it MUST also include the tattoo identifier

These required items MUST be part of the upload prior to the upload deadline for that animal type.

RULE 11: Animal nomination upload deadlines for the 2025 Mesa County Fair (ALL DEADLINES ARE AS OF 5PM) are:

Market Beef - Friday, January 31st

Fowl Production Layers - February 16th

Breeding & Show Poultry - April 16th

Market Sheep & Goats - April 30th (Notify office if purchasing an animal between 5/1-5/7)

Horse, Dog, Cat - May 1st (state deadline)

Market and Breeding Swine - May 2nd

Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goats, Breeding Rabbit, Breeding Beef - May 14th

Market Rabbits - May 15th

Market Poultry - June 11th

Record Book Correction Class

If your record book for the 2023/2024 4-H year was scored below 70%, you will need to attend the record book class on **April 24th** at 6pm prior to the MQA class. If you do not attend and correct your record book, you may not participate in that project this 4-H year. The class will be held in the C Building at the fairgrounds.





February

- 22 - Mini Horse Project meeting - 5:30pm - Monument View Coffee Shop
- 22 - Bee Keeping project meeting - 10:30am - 1880 L Rd, Fruita
- 24 - Cake Decorating class - 6:30pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 25 - Canvas Foundation scholarship application deadline
- 26 - Goat project meeting - 6:30pm - Sheriff Posse Arena

March

- 1 - 4-H Chili Cook-Off - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 1 - State 4-H scholarship application deadline
- 4 - Poultry project mtg - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 6 - Dog project mtg - 6:30pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 7-9 - Morgan County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 11 - Rabbit project meeting - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 12 - Cloverbud meeting - 6pm - Sheriff Posse Building
- 12 - 4-H Leadership Council meeting - 7pm - Sheriff Posse Building
- 14-16 - Weld County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 20 - Fair Board meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush room - Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 21-23 - Pueblo County Shooting Sports Leader Training (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
- 24 - Cake Decorating class - 6:30pm - Community Center - Clifton
- 24 - Archery Safety Meeting - 6 pm - Grand Junction Trap Club
- 25 - .22 Rifle & Air Rifle Safety meeting - 6pm - Orchard Mesa Gun Club
- 26 - Goat project meeting - 6:30pm - Sheriff Posse Arena
- 27 - Dog project mtg - 6:30pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 27 - Muzzleloader Safety Meeting - 6:30 pm - Orchard Mesa Gun Club
- 28-30 - Garfield County Shooting Sports Leader Training (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)
- 28-30 - Youth Fest, Pueblo, CO
- 29 - Farm and Ranch Day at Coop!
- 29 - Battle of the Bookcliffs - Mesa County Fairgrounds

April

- 1 - Deadline to apply to be Mesa County Fair Royalty
- 4 - Shotgun Safety meeting - 6pm - Grand Junction Trap Club
- 5 - 4-H Tack Swap 10am-2pm - Orchard Mesa Lions Club Park (next to fairgrounds)
- 5 - Rabbit Photo Day - "Sagebrush" room Mesa County Fairgrounds



April

- 8 - Rabbit project meeting - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 9 - Cloverbud meeting - 6pm - Sheriff Posse Building
- 9 - 4-H Leadership Council meeting - 7pm - Sheriff Posse Building
- 10 - Marketing meeting - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds - This is a date change (was originally scheduled for 4/3/25)
- 16 - Breeding & Show Poultry upload deadline - v2.4honline accounts - 5pm
- 16 - .22 Pistol & Air Pistol Safety meeting - 6pm - Orchard Mesa Gun Club
- 17 - Fair Board meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush room - Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 21-25 - Online MQA class - option for 1st year senior members
- 22 - Montrose County Meat Quality Assurance class - 6:30 pm
- 23 - Goat project meeting - 6:30pm - Sheriff Posse Arena
- 23 - Delta County Meat Quality Assurance class - 6:30 pm
- 24 - Mesa County Meat Quality Assurance class - 6:30 pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 26 - 27 - Spring Gather Horse workshop and show
- 28 - Cake Decorating Class - 6:30 pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 30 - Market Sheep & Goat upload deadline on v24honline accounts - 5pm

May

- 1 - Add/Drop projects deadline
- 1 - Horse/Dog/Cat animal upload deadline - v2.4honline accounts - 5pm
- 1 - Enrollment deadline to participate in the Mesa County Fair
- 2 - Market & Breeding Swine upload deadline - v2.4honline accounts - 5pm
- 6 - Poultry project mtg - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 7 - Sheep/Goat weigh in - 4-7 pm - Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 12 - Fair Entry system opens online
- 13 - Rabbit project meeting - 6pm - "C" bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 14 - Breeding sheep, breeding goats, breeding rabbits, & breeding beef upload deadline - v2.4honline.com accounts - 5pm
- 14 - Cloverbud meeting - 6pm - Sheriff Posse Building
- 14 - 4-H Leadership Council meeting - 7pm - Sheriff Posse Building
- 15 - Market rabbit upload deadline - v2.4honline accounts - 5pm
- 15 - Fair Board meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush room - Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 26 - Office Closed - Memorial Day