



MESA COUNTY 4-H



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Re-enroll NOW for the 2025/2026 4-H year!

The year started on October 1st.

The re-enrollment fee of \$50.00 covers the first 2 projects + \$5 for each additional project past 2.

Remember that you CAN NOT participate in 4-H activities until your re-enrollment is activated.

All Market Beef projects MUST be enrolled in and have animal uploads done by January 30th at 5pm.

Weigh in - January 31st 9-11am
NO EXCEPTIONS

And don't WAIT - All member re-enrollments not paid by January 30, 2026 will be assessed an **ADDITIONAL late fee of \$50.00.**

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Tri River Extension

After much input from families at the after fair meetings and much consideration by the Mesa County Fair Board, they have approved the following schedule for the 2026 Mesa County 4-H/FFA events. Mark your calendars!

New Fair Schedule for 2026 4-H/FFA Mesa County Fair Events

Monday, June 22, 2026

8:00am - Rifle County Shoot - Orchard Mesa Gun Club
6:00pm - Superintendent Meeting Pre-Fair - Lower Valley FD
6:30pm - Cake Decorating Contest - C Building

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

6:00pm - Horse Written Test - C-Building

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

6:00pm - Pistol County Shoot - Orchard Mesa Gun Club

Thursday, June 25, 2026

6:30pm - Muzzleloader County Shoot - Orchard Mesa Gun Club

Saturday, June 27, 2026

9:00am - Dog Show-Agility - First Class Agility-Loma

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

5:00pm - Dog Show-Showmanship, Rally, Obedience

Monday, July 6, 2026

6:00pm - Archery County Shoot - Orchard Mesa Gun Club

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

5:00pm - Dog Record Books Due - Extension Office

6:00pm - Fashion Review - C Building

Thursday, July 9, 2026

7-8am - Swine & Sheep Weigh-in, Carcass Contest-Mountain Meats

6:00pm - Indoor C-Building Set up - C Building

4:00pm - Horse Check-in. Gymkhana - 6:00pm - CW Arena

Friday, July 10, 2026

8:00am - Horse Show - CW Arena

6:00pm - Shotgun (Trap) County Shoot - GJ Trap Club

NEW FAIR SCHEDULE FOR 2026 4-H/FFA MESA COUNTY FAIR EVENTS - CONTINUED

Saturday, July 11, 2026

- 8:00am - Shotgun (Skeet & 5-Stand) County Shoot - GJ Trap Club
- 8:00am - Ranch Horse Show - Grandstands Arena
- 12pm or after ranch show - Mini Horses
- 1 hr after show - Horse Awards - Gazebo
- 3:30pm - Horse Stalls cleaned out
- 5:00pm - Shooting Sports Awards Banquet - GJ Trap Club

Sunday, July 12, 2026

- 6:00am - Large animal Weigh-in & Check-in - Fairgrounds
- 10:00am - *Mandatory Exhibitor's Meeting* - United- Show Ring
- 10:30-11:30am - Sheep and Goat Weigh in - Sheep/Goat/Swine Scale
- 12:00PM to 2:00pm - Swine weigh-in - Sheep/Goat/Swine Scale

Monday, July 13, 2026

- Per scheduling - Indoor project interviews
- 8:00am - Goat Show - United
- 9-10am - Rabbit Check in - United
- 2:00pm - Rabbit Show - United
- 5:00pm - Sheep Carcass Viewing/Results
- 5:30pm - Swine Carcass Viewing/Results

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

- 7:00 AM-8:00am - Bucket Calf check-in
- 8:00am - Beef Show - United
- 1:00pm or 30 min after beef show - Bucket Calf Show - United
- 2:00pm - Sheep Show - United
- 6:00pm - Carcass beef pickup - Beef Barn
- 6:30pm - Carcass beef drop off if not in show

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

- 8:00am - Swine Show - United
- 5:00pm - Llama Show - United
- 6:00pm - Poultry Check-in - Pavillion
- 8:00pm - Dairy Goat Milk-out - United

NEW FAIR SCHEDULE FOR 2026 4-H/FFA MESA COUNTY FAIR EVENTS - CONTINUED

Thursday, July 16, 2026

- 8:00am - 4:00pm - Beef Advocacy Interviews - Sign up at Livestock Office
- 8:00am - Dairy/Utility Goat Show - United
- 2:00pm - Poultry Show - Cages/United
- 10:00am - Large Animal Dispositions Due - Show Office
- 10:00am - Round Robin Practice-Lg animals
- 6:00pm - Pocket Pets, Cat Show - United
- 8:00pm - Small Animal Dispositions Due - Show Office

Friday, July 17, 2026

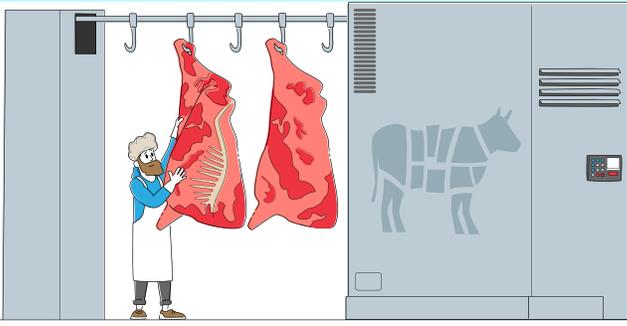
- 8:00am - Large Animal Round Robin Written Test - C-Building
- 8:00am - Small Animal Round Robin - United
- 10:00am - Large Animal Round Robin - Fairgrounds
- 1:00pm - Beef Carcass judging
- 2:00pm - Dog Agility Demonstration - United
- 3:30pm - Exhibitor BBQ-Sponsored by MC 4-H Foundation - United
- 3:30pm - 3rd Annual Cornhole tournament finals - United
- 4:30pm - Parade of Champions - United
- 8:00pm - Non selling animals deadline to remove from fair grounds
- 8:00 - 11:00pm - Exhibitor Dance - United Show ring

Saturday, July 18, 2026

- 11:00am - Cattlewomen's BBQ - Fairgrounds-United
- 11:00am - Sale - Fairgrounds- United
- 5:00 - 8:00pm - Indoor projects - pick up - C-Building (may move to Sunday)
- 6:00pm - Animal Load-outs - Barns
- 7:00pm - Clean up and take down pens - United
- 8:00pm - Clean up and take down pens - Pavilion

Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

**ALL buyer thank you slips are due to extension office
ALL project record books are due to the extension office**



Needed superintendent

The Mesa County Fair Board is seeking applications from anyone that is interested in fulfilling the position of "Carcass Contest Superintendent" for the

2026 Mesa County Fair. If interested please email or mail a letter of interest to Brett Crabb (brett.crabb@mesacounty.us) or Tri-River Extension; attn: Brett Crabb, 2775 US 50, Grand Junction, CO 81503 Application deadline is December 31, 2025.



INSTRUCTOR

**DeAnna
Crabb**

Time to Learn to Line Dance



Dates: Dec 3rd & 17th

4-H meetings



*Mesa County 4-H
Dog Training Meeting
Thursday, December 4th
6:30pm at the Mesa County
Fairgrounds - Community Bldg*

6:30 pm

Please let Trisha Hansen know if
you have any questions -
970-234-7327



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*Mesa County 4-H
Rabbit Project Meeting
Mondays, December 8th & 22nd
6:30pm at the Mesa County
Fairgrounds - Community Bldg*

6:30 pm

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



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**Leadership Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 10th
7pm (6pm for the Cloverbuds)
Sheriff's Posse Building
648 25 Rd, Grand Junction**



**Photos from November
Cloverbud meeting!**



Jan 30th for 4-H member re-enrollments!

(After deadline, there will be a \$100 per youth enrollment fee)

Enrollment Process for 2025-2026 - **RETURNING** MEMBERS & LEADERS

1. Access the 4-H online system at: <https://v2.4honline.com>
2. Please DO NOT establish another family or member profile on 4HOnline because you are already in the system!
3. Access your family profile, select "Enroll Now" next to the person re-enrolling and update your information. As you tab through your information, please look it over carefully to make sure it is correct. Incorrect information can create problems so be sure to do this double-check!
4. You will come to a screen that prompts you to "Pay by Check". You will need to confirm that as your payment method EVEN IF YOU WANT TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR CASH. Continue to the next screen to get to the "SUBMIT" button.
5. Once all profile information is entered press "submit" enrollment.
6. The Extension Office will then receive a notification that you have enrolled. Please remember: Enrollments will not be "activated" until your participation fees have been paid. Online payment is not available at this time; you must call the office to pay by credit card or come into the office to pay by check, cash, or credit card.
7. Fee in the Tri-River Area for regular 4-H enrollment is: \$50.00 for the first two projects, \$5.00 for each additional project after the first two. Cloverbud (ages 5-7) enrollment fee is \$30.00. There is no charge for adult volunteers.

Enrollment Facts:

1. You are not a member or volunteer leader in the Colorado 4-H Program until you have an active status in 4HOnline.
2. 4-H members and leaders cannot register for an event/contest until their profile is active.
3. New adult volunteers are required to be screened through Hire-Right Inc.
4. Colorado 4-H and 4HOnline work closely to monitor and ensure the highest level of protection for information stored in the system. Neither Colorado 4-H nor 4HOnline shares or sells any personal information to third party vendors without your permission or knowledge.

THEME: Creating the Ripple

Registration Cost: \$225/person + \$129/hotel cost

4-H Online Registration Dates: November 24, 2025 – January 7, 2026 (State Deadline)

Save the Date Denver, CO

Leadership Development Conference (LDC)

4-H Ages 14 -18

January 24-25, 2026

4-H Day at the Capitol – January 26

Enroll on your v2.4honline.com account





**Beyond
Ready**

**Leadership
Development
Conference**

2026

Youth Making Waves

"Creating the Ripple"

January 24-26, 2026

Denver, Colorado



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EXTENSION**

2026 LDC Tentative Schedule of Events

Renaissance Hotel- Denver, CO

“Creating the Ripple”

Saturday, January 24, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	LDC Registration – Boulder Creek Foyer
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Introductions/Rules/Schedule
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Opening Session/ Ice Breakers
3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	District Meetings
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Senate Meeting
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Banquet
8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Dance
11:15 p.m.	Curfew/Lights Out

Sunday, January 25, 2026

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast on your own
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Group Session
9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Specialist/Volunteer Session One
10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Breakout Session One
11:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Breakout Session Two
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch – Ballrooms
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Specialist/Volunteer Session Two
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Breakout Session Three
2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Breakout Session Four
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Breakout Session Five
3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Closing Session
4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	County Night Out
8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Dance
11:15 p.m.	Curfew/Lights Out

Monday, January 26, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own
10:00 a.m.	4-H Day at the Capitol

MARKET BEEF MEMBERS

All market beef animals MUST be uploaded to your v2.4honline account by January 30th at 5pm

NO EXCEPTIONS - upload MUST meet all of the requirements as stated in the 2026 Exhibitor's Guide

As soon as you have your Market Beef animal(s) - please do your animal upload on your 4honline account

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4-H Online 2.0 Animal Entry Guide

Beef Projects (Breeding, Market and Dairy Cow)
Note: For 4-H Members 6 and above

Log into 4-H Online

- Use your family email and password v2.4honline.com

Click "View", next to Member's Name Tucker Jeter #221671 Sep 18, 2010 

Locating 'Animals'

- Desktop, select "Animals" from the left side navigation 
- Smart Phone or Tablet, click on the 3 bars in the top left corner  With either option, this will bring up a drop down list to begin adding Animals.

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Adding an Animal

- Click "Add an Animal"  Then select "Add New Animal" 
- Select Beef Market, Beef Breeding or Dairy Cow, from the drop down. Remember that animals that will be entered in a "Market" class at fair need to be uploaded as a "Market" animal for both purchased and home grown animals.
REQUIRED: Enter Tag Number. **NOTE: If animal does not yet have a county tag enter a unique identifier for each of your animals..** Click "Save" 
- Next, click "Show Questions" 

READ All County Instructions for each animal species as county requirements vary.



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- Enter the animal's name or other unique identifier, such as a tag number. This information will assist County Staff using the FairEntry or other system for County Fairs.
Animal Name
Enter Unique Identifier (Example: Name of Animal or Smaller Herd/ord)
- Enter the beginning weight of the animal. Market Beef will be weighed at the official weigh in, so just enter "0" for now. If Breeding Beef was weighed in at an official tag in/weight in use that weight, otherwise use the weight of the animal at the time you purchased or if home-raised, when it was born.
Beginning Weight
Initial Beef Weigh-In weight
- Choose the date of the beginning weight entered above. (For market beef, you can enter the date you are doing your upload and we will change it to the weigh in date later)
Beginning Weight Date
Choose a date
Initial Beef Weigh-In weight date
- Choose the breed from the drop down box. If not listed choose "Other/Cross Breed" or "Mixed Breed". You can only choose one breed.
Breed
Enter the Breed Information. If Breed not listed or is Mixed Breed, select "Other/CrossBreed" - Only select 1 Breed.
- Select the animal gender from the drop down box. Steers will need to be put under male.
Animal Gender
- The tag number (or unique identifier) entered on the first screen will carry over to this screen. Please verify that this is correct for the animal entered above.
Tag required
Enter County Tag Number. If no tag number enter 0

 **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

- Click "Next", continue with the "File Uploads".
- 1) Upload your Bill of Sale, and your Brand Inspection **IN THE EXHIBITOR'S NAME** (both documents if you have separate ones) *(if in a program that requires the Brand Inspection to remain in the producer's name, please upload an explanation of that in the Brand Inspection slot).*
- 2) Upload a picture of the animal in the Photo 1 slot, and a picture of the exhibitor with the animal in the Photo 2 slot.
- 3) Leave the County Use Form slot empty unless you have a "breed registration" form to upload.
- 4) If you have any other documents to upload, do so into the Photo slots 3-5.

Confirm all information, click "submit" 

County Extension staff, will review all information. If more is needed, members will be notified by email. Once "Approved" by your local county extension office, an email will be sent to your family account (example below) There will be a time and date stamp for each animal.





Your animal submission for [redacted] to 4-H has been approved.

Questions, please contact your [local extension staff](#).

December 6, 2023 December 6, 2023

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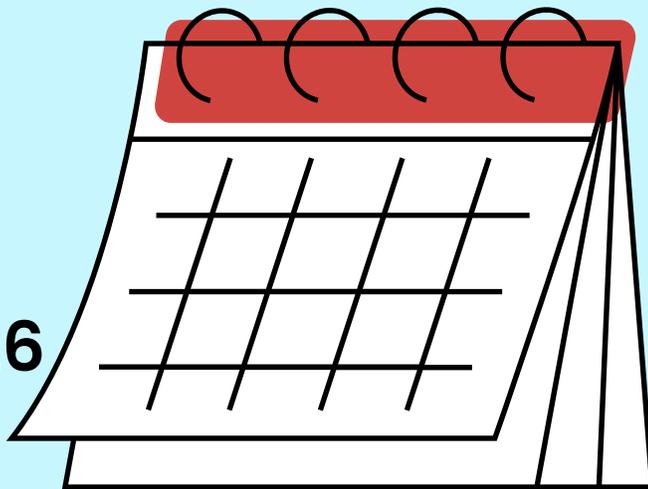
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Important dates for 2026

NWSS Catch-it-Calf Applications Open

The NWSS Catch-it-Calf Program is designed so that successful participants catch a calf, feed it, and return with the animal one year later as a market-ready steer at the National Western Stock Show. The steers are judged on production and carcass quality, while the participants are judged on showmanship, record books, and a personal interview. The program is open to youth ages 14-19 as of January 1, 2026. Applications are due December 15, 2025.

Colorado Department of Ag Best in Show Photography Contest

The best images of Colorado agriculture come from those who work in agriculture and those who celebrate agriculture, and that's where you come in! If you like photography and have great shots, join this opportunity to showcase your work. Submissions are due December 31, 2025.

For more information, go to: [Best In Show Photography Contest | Department of Agriculture](#)

CSU STATE 4-H in 2026

January 1: CSU Campus Closed – Happy New Year!

January 7-10: Western National Roundup, Denver, and Fort Collins CO

January 16: Colorado 4-H Day at Stock Show, Denver CO

January 19: CSU Campus Closed – Martin Luther King Holiday

January 24-25: Leadership Development Conference (LDC), Denver CO

March 6-8: Shooting Sports Leader Training, Location TBD

March 13-15: Shooting Sports Leader Training, Location TBD

March 20-22: Shooting Sports Leader Training, Location TBD

March 27-29: Shooting Sports Leader Training, Location TBD

March 24-29: CWF @ Ignite, Washington DC

March 25-29: Ignite, Washington DC

June 16-19: Colorado 4-H State Conference, CSU Fort Collins Campus



Happy

Birthday

to all of the December birthdays!

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

Elizabeth Boydston	Club Member	Palisade 4-H Club
Troy Brown	Club Member	Regulators
Wyatt Crawford	Club Member	Regulators
Maureen Derby	Club Member	Ribbon Wranglers
Clayton Gale	Club Member	Monument Livestock
Amelia Grant	Club Member	Plateau Valley Extreme 4-H
Tucker Hulet	Club Member	Loma Stars
Klayton Hysell	Club Member	Ribbon Wranglers
Liam Ishida-Farmer	Club Member	Regulators
Brynna Katzenberger	Club Member	Monument Livestock
Kaidence Kostur	Club Member	Monument Livestock
Kasen Landini	Club Member	Monument Livestock
Jobe Lundberg	Club Member	Merry Mixers
Madelyn Stocking	Club Member	Loma Outlaws
Trinity Tieman	Club Member	Regulators
Lyla VanOrden	Club Member	Loma Outlaws
Jaylene Vega	Club Member	Colorado West 4-H
Waylon Walker	Club Member	Loma Country 4-H Club
Gracelynn Washington	Club Member	Regulators
Aleta LeBaron	Volunteer	Enterprise Wranglers
Sloane Milstein	Volunteer	
Bob Orton	Volunteer	Plateau Valley Extreme 4-H
Elizabeth Vrbas	Volunteer	Orchard Mesa Clovers





Important Dates-All dates subject to change if deemed necessary

December

- 3 - Line Dancing Class - 6pm - C Bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 4 - Dog training class - 6:30pm - Mesa County Fairgrounds - Community Bldg
- 6 - Dog agility class - 1pm - 1st Class Agility, Loma
- 8 - Rabbit project meeting - 6:30pm - C Bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 10 - Cloverbuds' meeting - 6pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg
- 10 - Leadership Council meeting - 7pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg
- 17 - Line Dancing Class - 6pm - C Bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 18 - Fair Board meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush Room - Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 22 - Rabbit project meeting - 6:30pm - C Bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 25 - Office Closed - Christmas Day

January

- 1 Office Closed - New Year's Day
- 7 - Line Dancing Class - 6pm - C Bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 14 - Cloverbuds' meeting - 6pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg
- 14 - Leadership Council meeting - 7pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg
- 15 - Fair Board meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush Room - Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 15 - Dog training class - 6:30pm - Mesa County Fairgrounds - Community Bldg
- 21 - Line Dancing Class - 6pm - C Bldg Mesa County Fairgrounds
- 24-26 - Leadership Development Conference (LDC) - Denver, CO
- 30 - Last day to re-enroll in 4-H year without paying the additional late fee
- 30 - Deadline for Market Beef animal nomination uploads on 4honline.com - 5pm
- 30 - Deadline for Market Beef project enrollments
- 31 - Beef Weigh in - 9-11am North Barns - Mesa County Fairgrounds