



# MESA COUNTY 4-H



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## January 2026

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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.**

# 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](https://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)
- 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   
Enter County Tag Number. If no tag number enter 0

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- 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.



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

December 6, 2023 December 6, 2023

# Mesa County 4-H Required Club Officer / Leader / Volunteer Training



## Wednesday, January 7th



## 7:00 pm



# Clifton Community Center

All Youth Club Officers will be trained by the  
Youth Leadership Council members about their  
club responsibilities

Adult Club Leaders will be  
trained by Kay Orton & Jill  
Young; and Adult  
Volunteers will be trained  
by the Council Advisors  
about their club and  
project responsibilities





INSTRUCTOR

**DeAnna  
Crabb**

**Time to Learn to Line Dance**



**Dates: Jan 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Leadership Council Meeting  
Wednesday, January 14th  
7pm (6pm for the  
Cloverbuds)  
Sheriff's Posse Building  
648 25 Rd, Grand Junction**



# January 4-H meetings



*Mesa County 4-H  
Poultry Project Meeting  
Tuesday, January 6th  
at the Mesa County Fairgrounds  
Community Room  
6:00 pm*



Please let Brooke Hahn (970-596-6587) know if you have any questions

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*Mesa County 4-H  
Photography Project Meetings  
Mondays, January 12th & 26th  
The Blue Pig Gallery  
101 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Palisade  
5:30 pm*



Please let Sloane Milstein know if you have any questions - 203-683-7006

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*Mesa County 4-H  
Beef Project Meeting  
Tuesday, January 13th  
at the Lower Valley Fire District  
168 N Mesa St, Fruita  
6:00 pm*



Please let Taylor Bales (720-862-5660) know if you have any questions

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*Mesa County 4-H  
Dog Training Meeting  
Thursday, January 22nd  
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  
Monday, January 26th  
at the Mesa County Fairgrounds  
- Community Bldg  
6:30 pm*

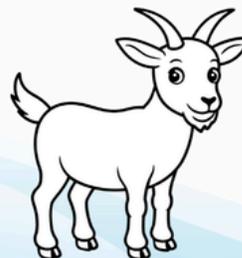


Please let Amy Cyr (970-623-1840) or Ashley Guggemos (320-630-6287) know if you have any questions

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*Mesa County 4-H  
Goat Project Meeting  
Wednesday, January 28th  
at the Sheriffs' Posse Bldg  
648 25 Rd, Grand Junction  
6:30 pm*



Please let Makayla Miracle (Market goat 970-462-1786) or Jill Young (Dairy; Utility goat 970-261-2228) know if you have any questions

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## **BEE MEETING**

**Friday January 23rd @ 5:30pm**

**1880 L Road Fruita, CO**

**Text Jennie (207) 752-2207**

**Potluck Meeting! Bring a dish to share and let's talk about plans for this coming year and goals for your individual projects and the group hives.**

**Group Activity: using extra bees wax to preserve leaves for decoration.**

**We will also review Winter feeding.**

**Late February/ early March meeting time to be announced. We will plan to make oxalic acid sponges.**





## Shooting Sports Leaders' Training and Certification Classes

**Shooting Sports leaders must be certified to run a line at any 4-H practice. Leaders MUST recertify every 7 years, and maintain active involvement in the discipline certified.**

### Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

**March 13-15, 2026: Weld County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, and Orion) \*Orion training - Please watch for information in the coming months.**

**March 20-22, 2026: Pueblo County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)**

**March 27-29, 2026: Garfield County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage)**

**Reminder: All volunteers must be enrolled and approved before they can register for the training.**

### Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Recertification Training:

**April 25, 2026: Morgan County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)**

Volunteers who are in need of recertifying to keep their certificate up to date will be eligible to attend the recertification training in Morgan County on April 25, 2026. This will be a modified version of the training and will be a combination of online modules and an in-person class. More information will be available soon.

**\*Volunteers needing to recertify who chose to go to any of the other three trainings will be required to attend all 15 hours of the training**



# Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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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# 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

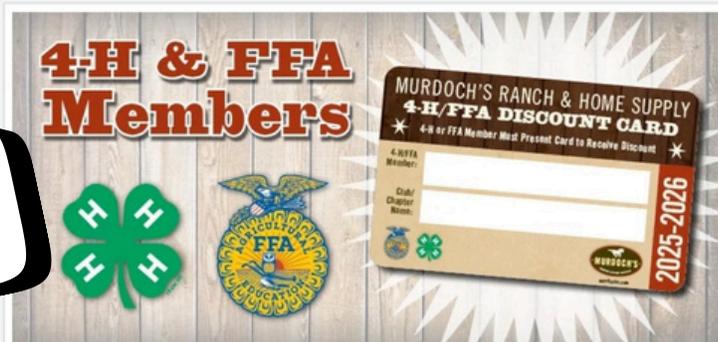
## Monday, January 26, 2026

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

## 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

Ask for your 4-H Discount Card at Murdoch's!



## 4-H & FFA Discount Cards Are Here!

Save 10% on a wide range of project supplies. In-store Only.

In 4-H or FFA? Save in-store on regular-price project supplies with a 4-H/FFA Discount Card, available now.

Get 10% Off\*

# 4-H Annual Chili Cook-off

Where?

Clifton Community  
Center, 6-9pm

When?

February 21st

Silent and live  
auction

RSVP

preferred but  
not mandatory



Chili is separated into red, white,  
and green; there will be a  
category winner and an overall  
winner

1 pot of chili = A  
family of 4

\$5 per person  
children under 5 are  
free

\$1 per cakewalk  
ticket or \$5 for 10

Every club needs to  
bring 1 silent auction  
item and a chili

Those bringing a crockpot full of chili will have free entry for four family members.  
All others - \$5 per person for all you can eat chili! (5yrs and younger are free)

All 4-H Clubs are asked to donate something to the auction (please have this item to  
the Extension office by Friday, February 20th), a crock pot of chili, and a  
baked good for the cake walk.

Please contact one of our adult advisors to donate items:

Mel McConnell at [melissa.mcconnell80@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.mcconnell80@gmail.com) or 970-234-9943

Kourtnie Fitch at [jasonandkourtnie@reagan.com](mailto:jasonandkourtnie@reagan.com) or 303-335-7153

Sherissa Katzenberger at [sherissa.arpke@gmail.com](mailto:sherissa.arpke@gmail.com) or 970-424-2422

Auction items and baked goods can be dropped at the Extension Office.

If Club members want to help out with the planning, please contact:

Decoration - Maddie Windscheffel, Roslin McIntosh, or Brynna Katzenberger

Cake Walk - Shelby DeMille, Kailee Landini, Gracie Erickson, or Hope Welage

Chili - Faith Welage or Judith Wagner

Silent Auction - Brynna Katzenberger or Mel McConnell

(Leadership Council contact information can be acquired from the adult advisors)

**RSVP is requested  
but not required**

RSVP at: [CLICK HERE](#)  
Or scan the QR code:



# 2025/2026 Mesa County Fair Superintendents

Beef: Taylor Bales 720-862-5660

Dog: Leiah Burnham 970-216-1696

Dog: Trisha Hansen 234-7327

Carcass: Aubree' Crabb 970-250-1413

Goat (Dairy, Utility): Jill Young 970-261-2228

Goat (Market): Makayla Miracle 970-462-1786

Indoor Projects: Julie Blevens 970-986-0191

Indoor Projects: Ruth Shepardson 970-250-4534

Llama: Danielle Yahn 970-314-6499

Poultry: Brooke Hahn 970-596-6587

Rabbit: Amy Cyr 970-623-1840

Rabbit: Ashley Guggemos 320-630-6287

Round Robin (Lg animals): Matt Lemon 970-208-2500

Round Robin (Sm animals): Cassidy Bornschein 970-589-0105

Sheep: Joe Landini 970-260-4680

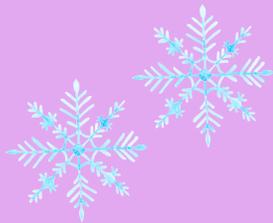
Swine: Chase Spaid 970-778-2274

Shooting Sports (Director, Archery, Shotgun): Kristina Teal 970-210-5351

Shooting Sports (Muzzleloader): James Harris 970-985-2905

Shooting Sports (Pistol): Ashley Baldwin 970-237-0261

Shooting Sports (Rifle): Mark Henneberg 970-290-8371



If interested, contact the  
Extension Office for a  
complete Essay  
Application Guide!



**National  
Civics Bee®**

# Calling All Middle School Teachers!

The 2 Classes/Clubs with the  
Most Applications Win:

- **Class/Club Pizza Party**
- **\$250 Gift Card for Classroom Supplies**

- **One Lucky Student Chosen for a \$100 Gift Card**

- **Based on highest class participation**
- **Teachers must show proof of student essay submissions (ie. confirmation email or copy of student submission)**

**Essays Due by  
February 3rd**



# What is the National Civics Bee and Why It Matters

The Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the FIRST EVER Regional Bee in Grand Junction next spring, and we want students across the valley to be represented. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their writing, creativity and problem-solving skills. Essay applications are open now and close February 3rd.

Organized by the U.S. Chamber Foundation, it's nationally recognized competition and here's a great video about the National Civics Bee. This is an excellent way for young leaders to test their civic knowledge and engage in solutions for their communities.

## How Students Participate

Students in 6th–8th grade submit a short 4-paragraph essay answering this year's prompt: "How can you make a difference in your community? The application is free and can be completed online. The deadline is February 3rd.

I also have some reading / video resources that make it incredibly easy for classes to get started, including an essay submission guide.

## Incentives for Schools, Clubs and Students

There are also great incentives for schools, clubs and students. Here is some background on the incentives this year:

### Local Incentives:

The top 2 classes (or clubs) with the highest participation of essay submissions in our region will be offered a pizza party AND \$250 gift card for supplies.

One lucky student in our region will be selected for a \$100 gift card!

New School Prize: The first-place winner in each state may also secure a \$5,000 donation for their school, thanks to the generous support of the Fisher Global Foundation.

### Student Prizes:

Regional: 1st Place: \$500 | 2nd Place: \$250 | 3rd Place: \$125

State Finals: 1st Place: \$500 | 2nd Place: \$250

National: 1st Place: \$100k | 2nd Place: \$25k | 3rd Place: \$15k (529 Plan Contributions)

We welcome any interested parents or club leaders to contact us!

We are looking for ways to connect directly with classrooms, 4-H clubs and such in January, to visit and share about the Bee and to support hands-on with facilitating in-class assignments or club projects of essay submissions for the Bee!

Thank you,

Alessandra Muse

Director of Business Development

Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce

Direct: (970) 263-2917 | [alessandra@gjchamber.org](mailto:alessandra@gjchamber.org)

[www.gjchamber.org](http://www.gjchamber.org) | 360 Grand Ave., Grand Junction 81501





## Important Dates-All dates subject to change if deemed necessary

### January

- 1 - Office Closed - New Year's Day
- 6 - Poultry project meeting - 6pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 7 - Club officer/Club Leader/Adult volunteer Training - 7pm - Clifton Community Center
- 7 - Leadership Development Conf Registration Deadline - 4honline.com
- 7 - Line Dancing Class - 6pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 12 - Photography project meeting - 5:30pm - The Blue Pig Gallery
- 13 - Beef project meeting - 6pm - Lower Valley Fire District, Fruita
- 14 - Cloverbuds' meeting - 6pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg
- 14 - Leadership Council meeting - 7pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg
- 15 - Fair Board meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush Room at fairgrounds
- 16 - NWSS 4-H Day - Denver
- 19 - Office Closed - Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 21 - Line Dancing Class - 6pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 22 - Dog training class - 6:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 23 - Bee project meeting - 5:30pm - 1880 L Rd, Fruita
- 24-26 - Leadership Development Conference (LDC) - Denver, CO
- 26 - Photography project meeting - 5:30pm - The Blue Pig Gallery
- 26 - Rabbit project meeting - 6:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 28 - Goat project meeting - 6:30pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg
- 30 - Last day to re-enroll in 4-H year before 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



## Important Dates-All dates subject to change if deemed necessary

### February

- 4 - Line Dancing Class - 6pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 5 - Dog training class - 6:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 9 - Photography project meeting - 5:30pm - The Blue Pig Gallery
- 10 - Beef project meeting - 6pm - Lower Valley Fire District, Fruita
- 11 - Cloverbuds' meeting - 6pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg
- 11 - Leadership Council meeting - 7pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg
- 15 - Fowl Production layers upload deadline - 5pm - 4honline.com
- 16 - Office Closed - Presidents Day
- 16 - Cake Decorating Class - 6:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 17 - Poultry project meeting - 6pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 18 - Line Dancing Class - 6pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 19 - Fair Board meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush Room at fairgrounds
- 19 - Dog training class - 6:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 21 - Chili Cookoff & Auction - 6pm - Clifton Community Center
- 22 - Getting to Know 4-H Shooting Sports - 12pm-4pm - GJ Trap Club
- 23 - Photography project meeting - 5:30pm - The Blue Pig Gallery
- 23 - Rabbit project meeting - 6:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 25 - Goat project meeting - 6:30pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg

