

Larimer County



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Events and Activities

Achievement Night

- Who: All 4-H members, leaders, parents, and friends.
- What: Outstanding members, leaders, and other volunteers are recognized for their 4-H accomplishments at this annual event.
- When: October/November
- Due Date: All nominations for the various awards are due to the Extension Office several weeks before Achievement Night.
- How do I participate? Anyone is welcome to attend the event.

Cloverbud Camp

- Who: All Cloverbud members
- What: One day camp full of activities and fun
- When: June or early July
- Where: Location to be determined annually
- How do I participate?
 - Registration will be available online prior to the event. All Cloverbuds in good standing can register. Sometimes there is a small fee associated with participation.

State Exchange Trips

- Who: Any 4-H member 14 years or older as of January 1 of that 4-H year may apply for exchange trips. A 4-H family must also be willing to be a host family for consideration for participating.
- What: To help older 4-H members understand life styles of people in different parts of the United States. To appreciate the heritage of our country. To enjoy hosting and visiting 4-H members from other parts of the country.
- When: During the summer months. One year we travel and one year we host. Where: Various states around the country.
- How do I participate?
 - An application process is now in place. Please let the office staff and volunteer coordinator know that you are interested. It is a 2 year commitment. Deadlines will be in November of odd calendar years.

Workshops and Field Days

- Who: Any member or leader are welcome to attend any number of training we offer.

- What: Meat Quality Assurance (MQA), Project Field Days (Sheep and Goat, Swine, Horse, Beef, Rabbit and Poultry), Project Training (Leather craft, photography, robotics, etc;), E-record, trainings and many more.
- When and where: varies (check the newsletter for details).
- How do I participate? Anyone can attend in the 4-H program. Some may be required attendance (MQA), so please monitor the newsletter for details.

Meat Quality Assurance

MQA: Specifically all first year members in a livestock project and all members turning 14 years of age or entering the senior division are required by the state to attend an MQA training.

Junior Leadership Club

- Who: Anyone 13 years or older in the Larimer County 4-H program.
- What: The Junior Leader Club (JLC) is the next level of 4-H club for senior level 4-H members. They are available for anyone who is interested in becoming involved at the county, district, and state level. They complete community service projects and leadership projects throughout the year. They host Dairy Bar, Officer Training, and help with events like Achievement Night. The JLC helps assist the program, provides assistance and opportunities for members to elevate their leadership experience in 4-H.
- When: Monthly meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month.
- Where: Meetings alternate locations at the Ranch, in Loveland and Extension Office in Fort Collins
- How do I participate? Come to a meeting and check it out. Anyone is welcome to join at any time.

District II Senate

- Who: Anyone 4-H member is welcome to join 14 or older from Larimer, Boulder and Weld Counties. For voting purposes; each county has two senators representing the county membership and we have an executive committee of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President serves on the State 4-H Senate. The Larimer County Senators are selected at the County Junior Leadership Club level.
- What: This groups serves as the District level of participation. The leadership event they take on is Junior Jam. Information is listed below.
- When: They typically meet bi-monthly at the Ranch (please check the newsletters for some exceptions)
- Where: Meetings are held at The Ranch in Loveland.
- How do I participate?
 - Anyone is welcome to attend District II Senate Meetings. Voting members are elected at the County Level. In Larimer County it is at the Junior Leadership Club, as the Senator and Alternate Senator Offices.

Junior Jam

- Who: Any 4-H youth ages 8-13 years old is welcome to attend.
- What: District II members plan and host the event. Each year they select a new theme and plan educational activities around the topic. These activities are hands-on and engaging.
- When: Typically a weekend day in the March.
- Where: Typically at the Ranch Fairgrounds Complex, in Loveland.
- How do I participate?
 - Ages 8-13 are eligible to sign up through 4honline.
 - Ages 14-18 helping with the event are typically a member of District II and are also required to sign up to assist with the event.
 - If you are interested in helping and not a member of District II, please contact your County Extension Agent.

State 4-H Senate

- The Senate is an elected body-representing member of Colorado 4-H Youth Development clubs, Senate gives input to Colorado State University Extension(CSUE) staff/volunteers on the operation of the 4-H Youth Development Program, related to the Youth Club Program.
- Officer Team: One officer is elected from each district to form the state officer team that works together to plan, conduct, and evaluate events and activities for 4-H members statewide. A state president and vice president are elected by their peers at Colorado State 4-H Conference each summer to serve in these roles.
- Advisors: The Colorado State 4-H Senate has four adult advisers. The senate elects two adult volunteer advisers. One CSUE 4-H Youth Development Specialist and one CSUE agent are appointed to serve as advisers to the senate.
- How do I participate?
 - To be on the state Senate, you must be elected at the District level to serve as a State Officer.

Leadership Development Conference

- Who: For members ages 14 and older as of January 1 of the current 4-H year. Must be between 14 and 18 years of age as of December 31 of enrollment year. All are welcome. Individuals sign up with their counties who submit their registrations as a group to the Colorado State Office.
- What: The conference focuses on government and civic involvement. It is followed by Colorado 4-H Day at the State Capital. Mid-winter meetings for the State 4-H Senate and Colorado 4-H Leaders' Council are held during the conference. There is also a recognition banquet.
- When: Last weekend in January.
- Where: Denver
- How do I participate?
 - It is a sign up process through 4honline.

Colorado Leadership Conference

- Who: For members in 6th, 7th and 8th grades.
- What: A three day conference sponsored by the State 4-H Senate officer team. A weekend retreat-style experience focusing on leadership development.
- When: Usually held in November.
- How do I participate? It is a sign up process through 4honline.

Youth Fest

- Who: Any 4-H member, age 11-13, and adult chaperons.
- What: A three-day camp where 4-H'ers discover what self-esteem and leadership are all about.
- When: Typically February
- Where: Monument, Colorado
- How do I participate?
 - It is a sign up process through 4honline.

Teen Clerking at State Fair

- Who: 4-H members 14 years of age and older as of January 1 of the current 4-H year.
- What: An opportunity for junior leaders to expand their leadership skills and meet new 4-Hers. Teens assist the adult superintendents with check-in and registration, and assist judges with the judging process of 4-H projects at the Colorado State Fair, Clerks stay at the dormitories at Camp Tobin on the fairgrounds and work for their room and board. Social activities, volleyball, and other various activities on the fairgrounds provide

additional entertainment for the clerks.

- When: Applications are due in early July.
- Where: Pueblo, Colorado
- How do I participate?
 - It is a sign up process through 4honline.

State 4-H Conference

- Who: For 4-H'ers 14 years of age and older who are members of judging teams, senior speech contest winners, senators, youth and leader delegates.
- What: A four day conference where 4-H teens:
 - (1) compete in state contests including consumer choices judging, horse contests, livestock judging, and public speaking contests
 - (2) attend workshops and tours; and
 - (3) participate in social activities and dances.
- When: The conference is in June. Applications are due in May for youth delegates.
- Where: Colorado State University in Ft Collins, Colorado.
- How do I participate?
 - It is a sign up process through 4honline.

Citizenship- Washington Focus

- Who: A minimum of one delegate from each County is selected to attend. Applicants must be at least 14 years of age as of January 1 of the current 4-H year and have demonstrated their interest in citizenship and leadership. Delegates must develop a plan of action to share their experience with 4-H and other groups upon return.
- What: A 7-day conference in Washington, D.C, where participants learn about our nation's heritage, culture, and government through field trips, activities and discussions with senators and other decision makers. Through hands-on workshops and government simulations, delegate become involved in the political process
- When: The trip is in early July. Applications are due in February.
- Where: Participants stay at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, a suburb of Washington D.C.
- How do I participate?
 - An application must be filled out through 4honline for consideration. Staff will select the best applicant to represent Larimer County 4-H. In the event we have over 1000 members enrolled we will have the opportunity to select 2 delegates.

National 4-H Conference (National Event- State office coordinates

Colorado Delegates)

- Who: youth delegates must be between ages 15 (by January 1 of the conference year) and 19 years old
- What: youth are empowered to create positive social change in their communities and have the opportunity to practice and apply their skills in a real-world setting.
- When: Early April
- Where: Washington D.C. Area
- How do I participate?
 - An application must be filled out and turned in through 4honline. A letter of recommendation from the 4-H Agent is required, and will be accompanied when submitting to the state office. Applications are typically due early December.

National 4-H Congress (National Event- State office coordinates Colorado Delegates)

- Who: Senior's who earn Grand Champion in certain general and family and consumer science project areas at State Fair.
- What: Youth engage in leadership, citizenship, global awareness, and inclusion. Participants not only have the opportunity to participate in state-of-the-art educational workshops and hear from world-renowned speakers, they also have the opportunity to network with other 4-H members from across the United States.
- When: You will know after State Fair kicks off if you were awarded the trip that you would take during Thanksgiving weekend that year.
- Where: Atlanta, Georgia
- How do I participate?
 - Youth qualify by winning Grand Champion at State Fair in certain general and family and consumer science project areas selected by the state office.

Colorado State Fair

The Colorado State Fair is held in Pueblo in late August/early September of each year. The top winner in each state project/unit in the General and Home Economics Divisions exhibits their projects at the State Fair. Members can also participate in horse and livestock shows. The state rabbit judging meet is also held in conjunction with the state fair. There are many special events for 4-H members to participate in at the State Fair. Find the premium book and other information online at www.coloradostatefair.com.

How do I participate?

- Contest participants, general and family and consumer sciences projects, and contests will need to qualify either with a Champion selection (dogs have to have

the top qualifying scores) to opportunity to participate.

- Livestock- Nominate market beef, market goats, and market sheep will need to be retinal scanned for identification purposes during weigh in dates.

National Western Stock Show and Rodeo

- What: The world's largest and most famous stock show, with multi-million dollar livestock and horse sale, breed shows and rodeos included. 4-H members, clubs, and families may participate in 4-H day at the stock show as well as in the following ways:
 - Catch-a-Calf Contest: Open to all 4-H members between the ages of 12 and 18 who have adequate facilities and knowledge to raise a calf. Up to 40 participants are chosen to compete during one of the rodeo performances at the NWSS. Successful calf catchers receive a calf free of charge in May. Calves generally average 600 pounds. Applications are available in the Extension Office in the fall. All applications must be approved and signed by the Extension agent. Contestants are required to care for the calf and correspond with their donor each month until the next NWSS, where all calves are shown and judging takes place in the categories of showmanship, rate of gain, sponsor- member relationship, accuracy/completeness of records and carcass quality.
 - Seasons Passes for 4-H Leaders of Livestock Clubs: Each Livestock/horse club may apply for one season pass for one leader Forms are available at the Extension Office in the fall and must be submitted to the NWSS by the deadline.
 - Livestock Show & Auction: 4-H/FFA members and adults may enter animals via the NWSS office. Premium books and entry forms are available each fall from the NWSS. The County Extension Office has a small supply of books and forms. The excellent quality of stock makes the NWSS auctions prime source for club calves for 4-H/FFA market steers.
- When: A ten day event in January
- Where: At the National Western Stock Show Complex in Denver, CO.

Western Regional Leaders Forum

Who: Any active leader is welcome to attend.

What: A regional leader training. Join 400 volunteers from the 13 western states, Canada and the U.S. territories in the South Pacific at this great event. Don't miss the most energizing and educational forum for 4-H volunteers this side of the Rockies! Don't get left out of this roundup of hands-on experiences, sharing ideas, developing friendships, motivational speakers, and workshops to address your interests and challenges.

When: Every 3 years

Where: Western United States

How do I participate? Contact your local 4-H Agent for details.

International 4-H Programs

- Teen Exchange Program
 - With host families in Colorado for approximately one month arriving in late July. One does not need to have a 4-H member in the family to host a Japanese teen. Youth from families who have hosted may travel to Japan in a subsequent year to participate in the exchange, but are not required to do so. There is also a yearlong program to host Japanese high school students. Applications to host and visit Japan are due in the spring.
- International 4-H
- Youth Exchange (IFYE)
- Ambassador Program.
 - This program is for youth ages 15 to 19 who "live the culture" with a host family in a foreign country and participate with the IFYE group on a week-long study tour. Countries may include Costa Rica, Australia, and European countries. Participants pay their own program costs.
- International 4-H
- Youth Exchange (IFYE)
- Representative Program
 - 4-H alumni ages 19 to 30 can participate in this cross-cultural learning experience in which individuals live in another county with host families, improve their language skills, increase international awareness and pursue special interests. Representatives spend about six months in a foreign country and spend three months upon their return sharing their experiences throughout Colorado. Partial funding may be possible through the Colorado 4-H Youth Fund and National 4-H Council. Youth Development Project (YDP) is a longer program in a developing country to help establish informal education programs similar to 4-H There are also opportunities to host visiting foreign delegates. Applications are due mid-July.
- How do I participate?
 - The Colorado State 4-H Program has applications online.

National 4-H Week

- Who: All 4-H members, leaders and parents.
- What: National 4-H Week is a special week set aside to acquaint the public with today's changing and expanding 4-H program. It is also a time for clubs to recognize their members, leaders and parents for their contributions.
- When: National 4-H Week is observed annually the first full week of October.
- Where: Special county activities are planned including mall shows, food fairs, 4-H Showcase activities, etc. 4-H members and clubs are also encouraged to promote 4-H at their schools and within their clubs. en 4-H members can promote 4-H by:
 - Making posters on 4-H and displaying them in schools, churches or libraries.
 - Baking cookies and delivering them to 4-H donors. (Contact the office for cookie cutters and a list of donors)
 - Wearing 4-H T-shirts, buttons, patches, etc. to school during National 4-H Week.
 - Writing news articles on 4-H for school newspapers and including pictures of club activities or 4-H events. For the Clubs can promote 4-H by:
 - Taking leaders to lunch, giving them a call or sending them a thank you note.
 - Having a party to celebrate club members' involvement and to kick off another 4-H year.
 - Hosting a Back To School Night or information night at the elementary school in your area.
 - Sending invitations to neighborhood families to attend a club meeting. - Having a special "open house" for prospective members - Having a contest to see which family can get the most youth to join your 4-H club.
- How do I participate?
 - In Larimer County we have started hosting an Open House to introduce families to the possibilities with 4-H. As a member or a club, there are many other options listed above to consider.