Teller County 4-H Newsletter

A NEW BEGINNING

"To Make the Best Better"

The road ahead may be challenging for our youth in this rapidly changing world, yet 4-H'ers are succeeding. Data shows that compared to their peers, they're:

- **2X** more likely to have the goal of being a leader
- **3X** more likely to participate in community service
- **2X** more likely to report living life with intentionality and purpose

Our mission with the **Beyond Ready** initiative is to grow from reaching six million youth annually to **10 million youth** prepared to tackle what's ahead—in school, in work, and in life—with the 4-H community by their side along the way.

Learn more and invest in the next ready generation.

https://youtu.be/KwdJ6M57r-k?si=qmrl-Yx5e_nq0Co9

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4-H Branding Policy

Policy on Branding for Clubs, Project Groups, and Committees

To effectively represent our organization, it is crucial that we adhere to the branding guidelines of 4-H and Colorado State University. This not only ensures compliance with established standards but also strengthens our image. Every piece of branding—whether it's clothing, awards, or logos for committees, clubs, or project groups—must meet these guidelines. Avoiding common pitfalls, such as forgetting the dash in "4-H" or using the wrong logo, is vital for maintaining our professional appearance. If you have any questions or need clarification on these guidelines, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your commitment to proper branding is greatly appreciated!

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4-H Community Service Definition

What is 4-H Community Service?

Community service, also known as "service learning," is a vital aspect of the 4-H learning experience. By participating in community service projects, 4-H members can engage in rewarding activities that foster a deeper connection to their community, making a positive impact while developing valuable skills.

What makes a good community service project?

A Good Community Service Project **"TAPS!"**

- Timely
  - Community Service projects should be relevant to the time in which they occur. Focusing on community service around a specific time of year (like an autumn leaf rake up, or a Valentine's Day visit to a senior center) is a great way to brainstorm fun ideas! Be creative!
- Active
  - Community service projects should always involve some "doing." Members should be taking an active role in their project.
- Purposeful
  - Community service projects should always start with a goal or purpose, and the service should always work towards completing that goal.
- Selfless
  - Ultimately, community service should end in a positive result that does not provide a tangible reward or direct benefit to the service learners—although members should absolutely feel pride and personal satisfaction at a job well done!

Enrollment Dates

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Welcome to the new 4-H Year! We are excited to have you join us for another year of Leadership, Learning and "Making the Best Better!"

4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline – January 15th, 2025.

This deadline is for all 4-H members who enrolled last year (in 2023-2024) and plan to re-enroll and participate in 4-H again this year.

Please re-enroll in https://www.4honline.com

4-H New Member Enrollment Deadline – January 15th, 2025.

This deadline is for any NEW 4-H members enrolling in 4-H. This includes 4-H families new to the program, or new members from existing families enrolling for the first time.

Please enroll in https://www.4honline.com

4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline – March 1st, 2025

This deadline is for INDOOR PROJECTS ONLY.

Members must add or drop any Tabletop (general projects) and 4-H Shooting Sports Projects by this deadline. After March 1, 2025, any general/4-H shooting sports projects the member is enrolled in is what they will be eligible to participate in at County Fair, and must be completed for the 4-H year.

Any 4-H ANIMAL PROJECTS have an Add/Drop Deadline of March 1st, 2025

If you wish to Add or Drop a 4-H Animal Project after April 1, please contact the Teller County Extension Office.

Project Books & Record Books

Project Books

- Locate the manuals for purchase at https://co4h.colostate.edu/colorado-4-h-project-information/ (to the right of the project list box at the bottom of the page)
- If you need assistance obtaining a project book, please contact the Extension Office.

Record Books

- E-Record is another term for Record Book
- E-Records can be found at https://co4h.colostate.edu/colorado-4-h-project-information/ under each project category.
    - Please note that Google docs and Google spreadsheets do not integrate well with the e-record forms.
    - Full word and excel are compatible. Microsoft provides a free license for students.
- Each project requires an E-Record to be completed.
    - Record Book documents should be placed in a Report Cover (3 prong) or a 3-ring binder.

NEW: e-Records in Google Drive

The 4-H project e-Records have been updated for the 2024-2025 4-H year in Word/Excel and fillable PDF format on the state project information website. We have also prepared a file with links to all the e-Records in Google Docs/Sheets, so families who prefer to use Google Docs/Sheets are able to do so. We will be posting the document with the links soon, but you can access it here . Users will be prompted to make a copy of the e-Record file into their own Google Drive before they can edit it. Please let us know how this requested additional format for e-Records works for your families!

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Save the Date

Announcing 2025 Western National Roundup Dates!
January 8-11, 2025
Denver and Fort Collins, Colorado

Badges & Day passes: orders must be received by December 1, 2024.
(Limited Quantities Available)

Registration: November 18, 2024 to January 5th, 2025

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Livestock Opportunities

Suffolk Sheep Association – Ewe Grant Program

Please share this information out to your 4-H youth with an interest in Sheep. Unites Suffolk Sheep Association Ewe Grant Program is designed to provide financial assistance for a young person in purchasing a registered Suffolk ewe, for youth starting a Suffolk flock. Applications are due March 1, 2025. For more information visit the grant application.

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, 2025. Applications are due December 1, 2024.

Meat Quality Assurance (MQA)

Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) Training

Meat Quality Assurance Training educates young people about the quality of meat and food products derived from livestock. For livestock producers, quality assurance involves making a commitment to consumers—the individuals who eat meat, eggs, milk, and dairy products from food animals. This commitment ensures that products from livestock will meet the highest possible quality standards, and producers will take all necessary steps to ensure these products are safe for consumption.

- MQA Training will be offered on **April 19th, 2025**.
- The project areas required to complete MQA training are goats, sheep, cattle, swine, poultry, and rabbit.
- All first year 4-H members must complete MQA in the projects listed above.
- Current 4-H members advancing to intermediate (11 years old) or senior (14 years old) must complete a MQA in the projects listed above.
- If the 4-H member is unable to attend an MQA workshop, the 4-H member may attend an MQA workshop in another county (information for completion must be sent to the Teller County office by the deadline from the county that the MQA training was completed in).

Cloverbud Meetings

All Teller County Cloverbuds are welcome!

Date	Time	Location	Subject
January 18, 2025	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Hildred's Home	What makes 4-H & a Good Friend
February 15th, 2025	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Hildred's Home	The Mysteries of Science
March 15, 2025	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Hildred's Home	Sewing/Decorate Your Duds (this will be our fair exhibit)
April 26th, 2025	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Hildred's Home	All things Potatoes; Electricity & Planting
May 17th, 2025	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Kris's Home	Livestock
June 21st, 2025	10:00 AM – **3:00 PM**	Hildred's Home	Cloverbud Day Camp (Cooking, baking, and all about our food chain)
July 12th, 2025	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Hildred's Home	First Aid & Emergency's – Fair Poster & Record Book

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Event & Individual Highlights

Eleven 4-H members participated in a horse clinic on Saturday, October 12th hosted at Red Tail Equestrian Center. Two instructors from Old Glory Performance Horses worked with youth both in small groups and individually to progress their skills. The Extension office is working on having clinics in other projects areas such as livestock, woodworking, and cake decorating. Stay tuned for details!

Calendar Events

November

- 11/3/24: Rocky Mountain Club Meeting
- 11/4/24: Shooting Sports Club Meeting
- 11/8 – 10/24: CLC (Colorado Leadership Camp)
- 11/10/24: Hilltop Club Meeting
- 11/11/24: Pathfinder Club Meeting
- 11/16/24: "An Open Door" Viewing
- 11/16/24: 4-H Open House
- 11/17/24: Mountain Valley Club Meeting

December

- 12/1/24: National Western Stock Show Badges & Day Passes Due Date
- 12/1/24: Rocky Mountain Club Meeting
- 12/2/24: Shooting Sprots Club Meeting
- 12/8/24: Hilltop Club Meeting
- 12/9/24: Pathfinder Club Meeting
- 12/15/24: Mountain Valley Club Meeting

January

- 1/5/25: LDC Registration deadline
- 1/8-11/25: Western National Roundup
- 1/9/25: Rocky Mountain Club Meeting
- 1/6/25: Shooting Sports Club Meeting
- 1/12/25: Hilltop Club Meeting
- 1/13/25: Pathfinder Club Meeting
- 1/8 – 11/25: Western National Roundup
- 1/17/25: National Western Stock Show & 4-H Day
- 1/18/24: Cloverbud Meeting
- 1/19/25: Mountain Valley Club Meeting
- 1/25-27/25: LDC (Leadership Development Camp)

February
- 2/2/25: Rocky Mountain Club Meeting
- 2/3/25: Shooting Sports Club Meeting
- 2/9/25: Hilltop Club Meeting
- 2/10/25: Pathfinder Club Meeting
- 2/15/24: Cloverbud Meeting
- 2/16/25: Mountain Valley Club Meeting

March
- 3/2/25: Rocky Mountain Club Meeting
- 3/3/25: Shooting Sports Club Meeting
- 3/9/25: Hilltop Club Meeting
- 3/10/25: Pathfinder Club Meeting
- 3/15/24: Cloverbud Meeting
- 3/16/25: Mountain Valley Club Meeting
- 3/28-30/25: Youth Fest

April
- 4/6/25: Rocky Mountain Club Meeting
- 4/7/25: Shooting Sports Club Meeting
- 4/13/25: Hilltop Club Meeting
- 4/14/25: Pathfinder Club Meeting
- 4/20/25: Mountain Valley Club Meeting
- 4/11-16/25: National 4-H Conference
- 4/19/25: MQA (Meat Quality Assurance)
- 4/26/24: Cloverbud Meeting

May
- 5/4/25: Rocky Mountain Club Meeting
- 5/5/25: Shooting Sports Club Meeting
- 5/9-11/25: Camp Eagle (Teller County Specific)
- 5/11/25: Hilltop Club Meeting
- 5/12/25: Pathfinder Club Meeting
- 5/17/24: Cloverbud Meeting
- 5/18/25: Mountain Valley Club Meeting

June
- 6/1/25: Rocky Mountain Club Meeting
- 6/2/25: Shooting Sports Club Meeting
- 6/8/25: Hilltop Club Meeting
- 6/9/25: Pathfinder Club Meeting
- 6/15/25: Mountain Valley Club Meeting
- 6/21/24: Cloverbud Meeting

July
- 7/6/25: Rocky Mountain Club Meeting
- 7/7/25: Shooting Sports Club Meeting
- 7/12/24: Cloverbud Meeting
- 7/13/25: Hilltop Club Meeting
- 7/14/25: Pathfinders Club Meeting
- 7/19/25: Fair Clean-Up Day
- 7/20/25: Mountain Valley Club Meeting
- 7/26-8/3/25: County Fair

August
- 8/4/25: Fair Clean-Up Day
- Turn State Fair Projects In
- Carcass Contest
- Turn Livestock Animal Record Books In

September
- 9/1/25: Rocky Mountain Club Meeting
- 9/7/25: Hilltop Club Meeting
- 9/8/25: Pathfinder Club Meeting
- 9/1/25: Shooting Sports Club Meeting
- 9/16/25: Mountain Valley Club Meeting
- 9/30/25: Last Day of the 4-H year.

October
- 10/1/25: 1st Day of the new 4-H year
- TBD-Achievement Banquet (typically end of October)

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Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
*Office hours subject to change due to the
needs of our community!

*Images below are clickable links to the websites.

Clubs

Hilltop
2nd Sunday Monthly@ 3:30
Kendra Westfall 719-684-6259
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Pathfinders
2nd Monday Monthly @ 5:30
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719-310-9536 (cell)
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Melissa Orme 719-659-5454
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Mountain Valley
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Shooting Sports
1st Monday Each Month@ 5:00
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1st Sunday Each Month@ 3:30
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Community Resources

Images are clickable links to the websites.

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ASPEN MINE
CENTERS

TELLER COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH ALLIANCE

Community Partnership
Family Resource Center

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Microsoft 365

Office 365 Education includes Microsoft Teams, Office on the web, and OneDrive. Teams is a hub for chat, assignments, and content creation, and connects students, teachers, and staff in an online classroom.

Support is on the Line.
Reach out for free, confidential mental health support 24/7.
Call or text 988, or live chat at 988colorado.com.

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