

Teller County 4-H Newsletter

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“To Make the Best Better”

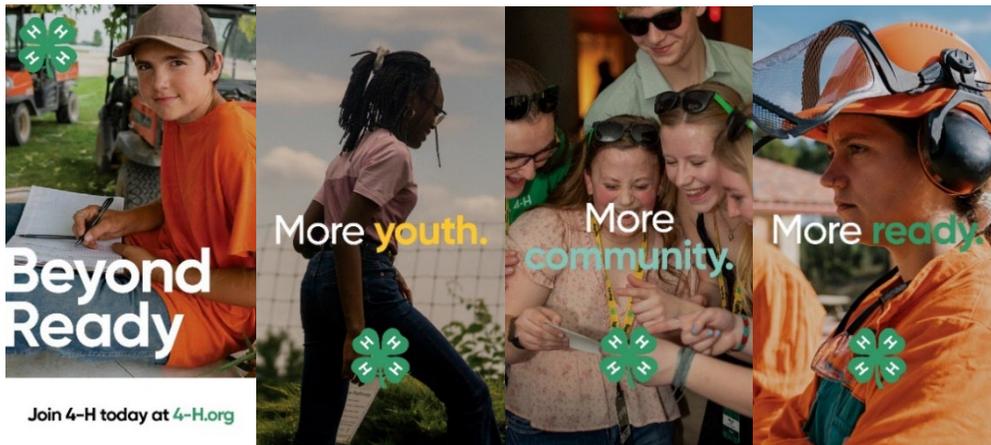


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Notes from Extension

Thank you all for making the 2025 4-H Achievement Banquet a successful and memorable experience! Families and youth chipped in with supplies, awards, food, set-up, and clean-up to help. We get together as Teller 4-H only a few times per year (Fair, Banquet, Camp Eagle) but a strong sense of community and connection exists. I am currently mulling around ideas for us to get together in early 2026 to kick off the year with fun, food, and socializing.

The awards are a great way to recognize 4-Hers' achievements at the Teller County Fair and in other areas but remember that being a 4-Her is a year-round commitment to "head, heart, hands, and health" as we aim to improve our community through service and leadership. Achievement is the tangible accomplishment of a specific goal and success is the fulfillment of your "why" often defined by your own values. 20 years from now, you will not remember your record book score or the judge's comments about your cake, but you will have the lifelong skills of 4-Her...confidence, leadership, perseverance, and the list goes on. All youth can be successful in 4-H by finding your "why", showing up, and doing your best!

2025-26 4-H Enrollment is open! It is important to renew for the new 4-H year as soon as possible both for members and volunteers. Being an active member covers you when leading (volunteers) or participating (youth) in 4-H events, keeps you in the loop on communications from the Extension office and your Club, and allows you to register for 4-H camps, conferences, and other out-of-county events.

Please pick up your awards from the Extension office as soon as possible. Naomi will be reaching out to let you know if you have something to pick up. Also, I forgot to hand out member certificates at the banquet. We will give those to club leaders to distribute at an upcoming meeting.

Thank you for your service, as we honor our Veterans on November 11th and a Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! I am thankful to be a part of the Teller 4-H Community!

In partnership,

Darian

Important Dates

November 7-9	Colorado Leadership Conference (Glenwood Springs, CO)
November 21-22	Dare To Be You (DTBY) Camp (Pueblo, CO)
November 10-11	Office closed
November 14	Leadership Development Conference (LDC) Registration Opens
November 27-28	Extension office closed – HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
December 1	County Council (5:30PM at the Extension office)
December 1	Western National Round-Up Registration Closes
December 25-26	Office Closed
January 1-2	Office Closed
January	Beef Weigh-in (Fairgrounds, more details to follow)
January	New Member Orientation (details to follow)
January	Club Officer Training (details to follow)
January 5	LDC Registration closes
January 16	Colorado 4-H Day at Stock Show
January 19	Office Closed
January 24-25	Leadership Development Conference (Denver)

News

Enrollment

If you are a returning 4-H member for 2025-26, please re-enroll in the program and make payment as soon as possible. This will give you “active member or volunteer” status which is important for several reasons:

1. Liability protection from Colorado State University is extended to CO 4-H active members and volunteers.
2. 4-H communications such as newsletters and updates.
3. Club leaders will have an accurate and updated list of club members.
4. Project leaders will have an accurate and updated list of youth in their project(s).
5. Registration for out-of-county events such as camps, conferences, and workshops.
6. Authorized volunteers are protected from liability under the Governmental Immunity Act and the Risk Management Act.

Teller 4-H end-of-year survey

Thank you to all those who responded to the survey. An summary of the results can be found below and information submitted to the survey will be used by the Extension office to strengthen and grow Teller’s 4-H Program.

Summary

- Most respondents are satisfied with their experiences in 4-H and finding value in more than one area of 4-H.
- All respondents engage in 4-H activities monthly or more often.
- 93% of respondents stated they felt physically and emotionally safe at 4-H this year.
- 77% felt supported in the program
- 62% felt a sense of belonging in the program
- 85% state that 4-H has affected their child’s future goals

Where do we go from here?

- Safety and belonging are essential human needs. We can all make a positive difference in these areas. A few simple examples include checking in with people, helping new members, and making time for socializing.
- Building consistency throughout the program
- Continue working on communication and

NEW Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct

Colorado 4-H recently adopted a new Code of Conduct which can be found [HERE](#). Please be familiar with these expectations. The State 4-H office reviewed 4-H Codes of Conduct from 38 other states and convened a group of 4-H professionals to write the new CO 4-H Code of Conduct.

UPDATED Teller 4-H New Member Handbook

The Teller 4-H New Member Handbook can be found [HERE](#). If you prefer a printed copy, the Extension office will be giving copies to each club leader, or you can pick up a copy at the Extension office.

NEW Teller 4-H Policy Handbook

A new Teller 4-H Policy Handbook is available [HERE](#). The [State 4-H Policies](#) and the 4-H policies of several other counties were reviewed in the development of these policies. This is a “living document” that will be reviewed and revised over time based on needs and circumstances with the understanding that every possible scenario cannot be included in which case dialogue and professional judgment in the best interest of youth will prevail.

Highlights

If you would like to share a highlight with the Extension office, please send an email with photos and a brief description to darian.founds@colostate.edu. Submissions should be received by the 25th of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

Club Corner

This space will be used to share updates from the clubs. Club leaders or officers are invited to share highlights and photos to include in the newsletter. Submissions should be sent by 25th of the month to be included in the next newsletter.

County Council

The first meeting will be on **Monday, December 1st at 5:30 PM at the Extension office**. Each community club has two delegates. One delegate is the Club President or designee, and the second delegate can be determined by the club (appointed, elected, etc.)

Hilltop

Junior Livestock Committee

The Junior Livestock Committee elected officers at their first meeting. Congratulations to the officer team of Dylan Kaberna, Abi Sacco, Alex Stotts, and Brendan Hatton!

Mountain Valley

Congratulations to the new officer team of Brendan Hatton (President), Alex Stotts (Vice President), Brinnley Wolff (Secretary), and Oliver Pedraza (Treasurer).

Rocky Mountain

Shooting Sports

Woodland Park Pathfinders

Congratulations to the new officer team of Josephine Founds (President), Caedance Loring (Vice President), Maddy Fletcher (Treasurer), and Emerson Founds (Secretary).

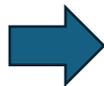
Stay Informed

4-H Families can stay informed by reading the ensuring contact information is updated in the 4-H Online and reading communications from the Extension office. Reach out if you have questions about anything.

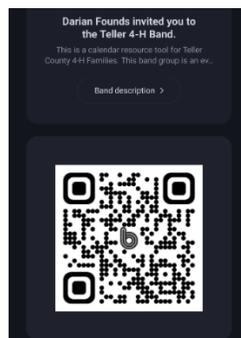
A public facing Teller County CSU Extension calendar for local 4-H events can be found at <https://teller.extension.colostate.edu/calendar/>. This calendar does not have specific details as Teller 4-H meetings are not open to the public. In the event of a public event, all details will be noted.

Join Teller 4-H Band! Accessible on your computer OR by an app on your phone. You can also add events from Band to your personal calendar.

Click Here to join



<https://band.us/n/a1aebbBcoeu5E> OR SCAN QR Code below



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