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Adams County 4-H

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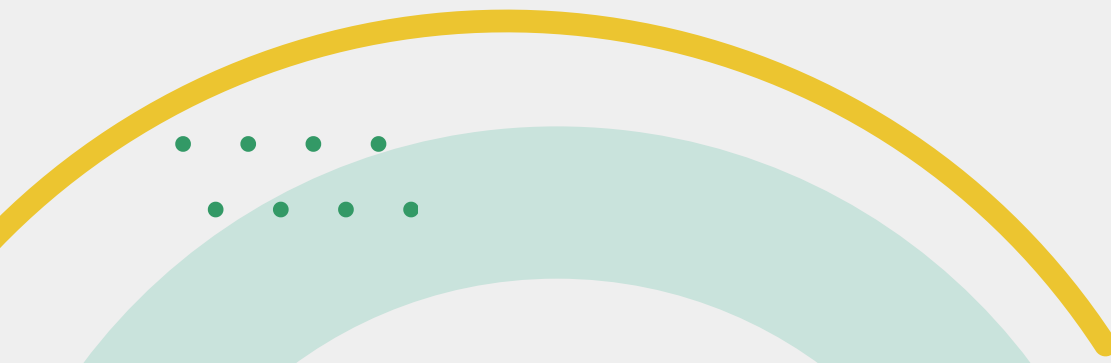
Guide



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Stay Connected

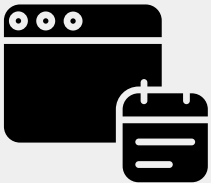


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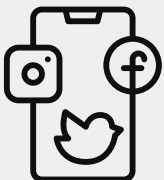
Sign up (opt in) for our weekly newsletter “[The Fourcast](#).” This is our primary method of communicating important project announcements, deadline reminders, workshop offerings, and closures/cancellations.

Website/Calendar



Visit our [website](#) on a regular basis and, while you’re there, check out our [Google Calendar](#). This is where we put all of our practice, workshop, and event schedule and location information.

Social Media



Visit our Facebook (ADCO4-H), Instagram (@adco_4h), and Twitter (adco4h) pages for all the latest news.



Newsletter



Website



Calendar

Ask Questions



We are here to help! Please don't hesitate to reach out. The leaders in your club are also a great source of information and guidance. Find their contact information in the Club Guide.

Name	Position / Description	Contact
Julia Hurdelbrink	4-H General, FCS & Cloverbuds	303-637-8108 jhurdelbrink@adco.gov.org
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Participate



The more you participate, the more you will get out of your 4-H year!

- 4-H is a family affair! There are opportunities to get involved and learn for youth and adults alike.
- Attend club meetings, community service opportunities, and events. If you find that your club isn't a good fit for your family, don't hesitate to contact another club or the 4-H office to arrange a switch.
- Attend countywide practices, workshops, and celebrations to build project knowledge and make friends.
- Join a council or committee to help guide member opportunities and learning.
- Become an adult 4-H leader. Contact Julia for more information (jhurdelbrink@adcogov.org)

Know Your Project Requirements



Community Service & Public Speaking



Community service and public speaking are integral life skills in 4-H's Positive Youth Development model and are required of every 4-Her every year.

Project Specific Requirements



Basic requirements of every project include:

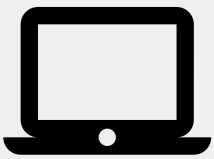
1. Completing a project record book
2. Exhibiting your project work/knowledge

Additional project requirements exist if members would like to exhibit their projects at Adams County Fair, State Fair, or County/State Competitions.

Requirements vary greatly between projects. Tip sheets and member guides for each project can be found on the Members Resources page of our website and Colorado 4-H Project Information site.

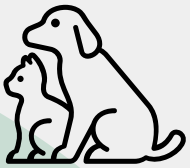


Be Aware Of Deadlines



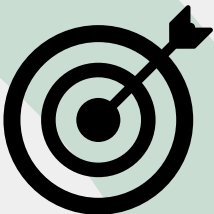
Enrollment Deadlines:

- February 1st - Returning members
- April 1st - New members
- Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) - no deadline!



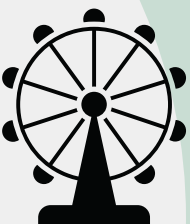
Animal Project Deadlines

- Animal project deadlines are located on Project Tip Sheets and include deadlines to own animals, ID project animals, etc.



Shooting Sports Project Deadlines

- Shooting sports project deadlines are located on the [Important Dates & Deadlines](#) document and include deadlines to complete practices, drop projects, enter competitions, etc.



Fair Entry Deadline

- July 1st - deadline to enter the classes you wish to exhibit your project(s) in.

Come to the Adams County Fair!



- Many 4-H members showcase their projects at the Adams County Fair the first week of August.
- Entering to exhibit project at Fair is a separate process from enrolling in 4-H projects or ID'ing project animals.
- In order to exhibit at the fair, members must meet project requirements and enter in Fair Entry, which is the online registration system for our county and state fairs. Fair Entry opens by June 1st.
- Specific classes offered, rules of exhibition etc. are listed in the [Fair Premium Book](#).



Access Your Resources

Adams County 4-H:

adams4h.org

Colorado 4-H:

co4h.colostate.edu

Fair Entry:

adco.fairentry.com

4-HOnline:

v2.4honline.com

Shop 4-H:

shop4-H.org

Colorado State Fair:

coloradostatefair.com

4-H Terms Glossary

People

4-H Member	Any youth between the ages of 5 and 18 who belongs to a club or participates in a special interest or school enrichment project.
The types of members are:	<p><u>Cloverbuds</u> – Ages 5 to 7. They are encouraged to participate in most activities and events, but there is no competition in Cloverbuds.</p> <p><u>Juniors</u> – Ages 8-10. A youth is a junior if they are 8-10 on January 1 of the current year.</p> <p><u>Intermediates</u> – Ages 11-13. A youth is an Intermediate if they are 11-13 on January 1 of the current year. The Intermediate age division is sometimes lumped into the Junior division.</p> <p><u>Senior</u> – Ages 14-18. A youth is a senior if they are 14-18 on January 1 of the current year. If they are 19 on January 1 of the current year, they have aged out of the 4-H program and are encouraged to continue as adult 4-H volunteer leaders.</p>
Extension Specialist/ Agent	An employee of Colorado State University Extension who specializes in either Agriculture, Family and Consumer Sciences, Horticulture, or 4-H Youth Development. The 4-H Specialists are professionals who administer the 4-H program. Adams County has three specialists who work in different areas of the 4-H program.
Volunteer Leader	Adults who volunteer to work with 4-H clubs and special interest groups. Volunteers are required to complete a 4-H Volunteer Application Form, background check, and to take leader training.
The types of leaders are:	<p><u>Organizational Leader</u> – Responsible for the organization and management of the club.</p> <p><u>Project Leader</u> – An adult who helps 4-H members in their club learn about a specific project.</p> <p><u>Resource Leader</u> – An adult who helps 4-H members countywide with specific projects. The resource leader is not connected to any specific club.</p> <p><u>Shooting Sports Leader</u> – A resource leader with additional training specific to Shooting Sports. These leaders direct all countywide Shooting Sports events including practices, competitions, and fundraisers and must complete a certified Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Training.</p>

Glossary Cont.

Activities

4-H Project	A 4-H project is a series of learning experiences for 4-H members to learn new skills or a new subject. Most projects have volunteer leaders who have knowledge of the project and are willing to assist members through their experiences. See the Project List for projects offered.
4-H Year	October 1 to September 31 of the following year. Club members and volunteers re-enroll each year.
Exhibit	An exhibit is an object or display created by a member to show what they have learned and accomplished through their project work.
Project Literature (Manuals)	4-H project manuals guide members and leaders their project work and studies.
Record Books	A record of the 4-H member's activities and projects completed during the year. A project leader or organizational leader from the club is required to sign all record books.
Enrollment/ Re-enrollment	Member information is updated annually using 4-H Online. Both members and leaders are required to fill out the enrollment forms every year.
Weigh In/ Tag In	The deadline for members participating in large animal market projects to be enrolled in 4-H and get their animal identified (tagged). Tagging the animal is required to participate in large animal market projects at the Adams County Fair

4-H Clubs

Club	A 4-H group of at least five youth, and one adult. The club must have elected officers and should have a business meeting at least once a month to discuss upcoming events. Many clubs also choose to do community service, project meetings, and other fun activities together.
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4-H Club Officers	Members of a club elected by the membership to serve a one-year term. Elected officers most commonly consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, and county council representatives. Other offices that may be included in the club are parliamentarian, historian, and activity director.
Parliamentary Procedure	Parliamentary Procedure are the rules that clubs use while conducting their business meetings. These rules provide courtesy and justice for each member. They bring order to the meeting and help the club make decisions.
Bylaws	The written rules for the operation of the club. A copy of each club's bylaws must be on file in the 4-H office.
Code of Conduct	The rules that each member and leader agree to follow when involved in any type of 4-H activity. Both leaders and members are required to sign the Code of Conduct when they enroll.

Fairgrounds Map

Legend:

- A - 4-H Office
- B - Red Cross Building
- C - Al Lesser Building
- D - Exhibit Hall
- E - Waymire Dome/ Rendezvous Rooms
- F - Sale Barn
- G - Barns 1-4
- H - 4-H Arenas
- I - Grandstands



4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE...

my HEAD to clearer thinking...



my HEART to greater loyalty...



my HANDS to larger service...



and my HEALTH to better living...



for my Club, my Community,
my County, and my World.

