

KIT CARSON COUNTY

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MARCH

- 5 KCC Horse Projects Meeting
- 12 Shooting Sports – Safety Training/ Range Clean Up
- 20-24 Spring Break Project Days
- 25 YHEC – Horsethief Canyon, Mesa County
- 29 MQA Training at Burlington Community Center

APRIL

- 2 Shooting Sports – Discipline Training
- 9 District Five 4-H Council Meeting – Yuma
- 14 Holiday – Office CLOSED
- 30 Shooting Sports – First Shoot

MAY

- 1 4-H Project Add/Drop DEADLINE
- 1 Horse and Dog Registrations/Lease Forms Due
- 15 Sheep Weigh-in – Fairgrounds
- 15 Swine & Goat Nomination DEADLINE
- 20 Prospect Cattle, Sheep & Goat Show / CJSA Swine Show (Fairgrounds)
- 21 Shooting Sports – Second Shoot
- 29 Memorial Day, Extension Office CLOSED
- 30 Shooting Sports – Shotgun Shoot Only
- 31 Be Somebody! – Burlington Community Center



AgFest Packet Stuffing

If your club would like to stuff AgFest packets as a fundraiser, we need about 2000 packets put together. Contact Mick at the Extension Office for more information.

Livestock & Horse Judging Contests

Practices are starting for 4-H members interested in judging. If you would like to participate contact Mick about Livestock Judging, or Scott about Horse Judging.

YHEC at Horsethief Canyon

The Youth Hunter and Education Challenge/4-H Hunting/Outdoor Skills Challenge will take place March 25th, 2016 at Horsethief Canyon in Fruita. Information is available in the Extension office or go to: <http://www.co4hshooting.org/>.



Wild Bug Fish Camp

Details for the 2017 Wild Bug Fish Camp are still in progress. Camp is set for June 6th-9th, in the Buena Vista area. Activities will include Outdoor Survival Training, Shooting Sports, Fishing, Wildlife Management, Rangeland Ecology and Management and a community service project. Check with the Extension office in mid-to-late March for specific details.

Colorado 4-H Scholarships

The Colorado 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are now available. The application deadline is April 1st. For more information, go to: <http://www.co4hfoundation.colostate.edu/scholarships.shtml>.



Shooting Sports

4-H members in Shooting Sports must complete Hunter's Education before participating in any 4-H shooting activities and attend the **Safety Training on Sunday March 12th, 1:30pm at the Burlington Gun Club**. If you have any questions, contact Mick at the Extension Office.

Be Somebody!

On May 31st, the first Be Somebody! program will be held in Burlington at the Community Center. The Be Somebody! program will help youth recognize and develop their personal character and leadership skills. 4-H members should be ready to be moving and active throughout this program. More information will be coming out this spring. This camp will be for 4-H members 11-13 and registration will be \$10. Contact Scott for more information.



State 4-H Conference

State 4-H Conference will be June 19th to 23rd on the CSU campus in Ft. Collins.

Several contests, workshops and award ceremonies will be held during the State Conference. If you are interested in going, contact Scott at the Extension Office.

Western Heritage Camp

The 2017 Western Heritage camp will be held at Ft. Garland June, 27th – 29th. 4-H members do not need to be enrolled in the Western Heritage Project. Activities will be focused on frontier history, outdoor cooking, wildlife and other outdoor skills. There will also be a community service project as well.

Junior Fair Superintendents

There are still some openings for Junior Fair Superintendents. Please contact Jean in the Extension Office as soon as possible.

Market Sheep Weigh-in



Sheep weigh-in will take place at the fairgrounds, **Monday, May 15th from 3:30 to 6 p.m.** A weigh-in fee of \$5 per head is due at the time of weigh-in. All members must weigh their market lambs at this time in order to be eligible to show and sell at the Kit Carson County Fair, no exceptions!

Market Swine & Goat Nominations

Market swine and goat projects will not be weighed-in prior to the fair. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to nominate their own animals in order to be eligible to show and sell at the Kit Carson County Fair. Exhibitors must complete a nomination form, as well as tag and photograph each animal. A total of three color photographs per animal must be submitted – two profile photographs (one of each side) and one close-up photograph of the animal's ear tag (the tag number must be legible). Swine exhibitors must also indicate the animal's ear notches on the nomination form.

Nomination forms and ear tags are available at the Extension Office. A fee of \$3.50 per head must be paid when the tags are picked up. Completed nomination forms and photographs are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, May 15th at 5:00 p.m.**, no exceptions!

MQA/PQA Certification

The Kit Carson County MQA/PQA certification program will take place **Wednesday, March 29th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Burlington Community Center**. The training should take approximately one hour to

complete, so please arrive no later than 6 p.m. Kit Carson County will host only one MQA/PQA training. If members are unable to attend locally, they may attend any training in Colorado. (See the livestock section of the newsletter for other dates and locations.)

All livestock exhibitors are required to attend Meat Quality Assurance/Pork Quality Assurance training during the first two years of being enrolled in a livestock project, regardless of age. Also, members must attend when they reach age 12 and again at age 15. **If you are required to attend an MQA program this year you will receive a letter in early March.** Please call Jean at the office, 346-5571, if you have any questions.

Project Add or Drop Deadline

The add/drop deadline for all 4-H projects is **May 2**. Postcards, listing each member's enrolled projects, will be mailed in April. If changes need to be made, call the Extension Office before **May 2**. **NOTE: Sheep weigh-in and the deadline for swine/goat nominations are after the official add/drop deadline. 4-H members enrolled in these market livestock projects prior to May 1 will be allowed to drop the project if they are unable to purchase animals by the May 15 weigh-in date and nomination deadline.**

Project Record Book Info

Records for all 4-H projects are available online. Visit www.colorado4h.org and click on the Projects & Record Books link. CDs, which include general projects, livestock and family & consumer science records, are available from the Extension Office for \$1.00.

Display Boards & Record Book Binders

General 4-H project and Shooting Sports display boards are available for purchase from the Extension Office – cost \$3 each.

Three-ring binders for livestock and general 4-H project record books may also be purchased from the Extension office – cost \$3 each. *(For livestock members with multiple years in the same project, please include records for the two most recent years, along with the current project year's records.)*

**2017 Fair Theme:
Building the Future on
100 Years of Heritage**