

**ENTRY DEADLINE FOR ALL 4-H PROJECTS – Monday, June 15, 2026****4-H EXHIBITOR & PARENT SEASON PASSES**

PRE-FAIR EVENTS: July 18 – July 23, 2026

Pre-Fair Events are free to the public.

PLEASE CHECK THE FAIR WEBSITE UNDER THE 4-H DROP DOWN MENU FOR PRICING AND PURCHASING OPTIONS FOR THE 4-H PASS OPTIONS LISTED BELOW BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2026.

**4-H FAMILIES ONLY:**

Advance Parent/Guardian Season Passes can ONLY be ordered at the following website: <https://arapahoecountyfair.com/p/competitions/4-h>. All 4-H Advanced Parent/Guardian Season Passes purchased online include a convenience fee. Ordering Deadline: Friday, June 26, 2026. Passes will not be sold at the 4-H Fair Office.

**4-H Advance Parent/Guardian Season Passes**

The 4-H Parent/Guardian Season Pass (wristband) includes one (1) general admission valid all four days of the Fair. The pass does not include carnival rides or other ticketed events. Valid Thursday, July 23 through Sunday, July 26, 2026. The 4-H Advance Parent/Guardian Season Pass (wrist band) will be placed in the envelope with the 4-H Exhibitor pass (wrist bands). Visit the Fair gate or [www.arapahoecountyfair.com](http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com) to purchase unlimited carnival rides.

**4-H Exhibitor Season Pass - Free**

A four-day pass (wristband) will be issued to all 4-H exhibitors at no cost by Extension staff at Pre-Fair events prior to the Fair. The pass includes Fair admission for all four days of the Fair. The pass does not include carnival rides or other ticketed events. Valid Thursday, July 23 through Sunday, July 26, 2026. Visit the Fair gate or [www.arapahoecountyfair.com](http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com) to purchase unlimited carnival rides.

**Public Daily Admission Ticket with Unlimited Carnival Rides**

Daily admission tickets with unlimited carnival rides may be purchased at the gate or online (Credit Card). Each pass is valid per ticket language for one day only, Thursday, July 23 – Sunday, July 26. Children 36” tall and under get in free. Online purchaser will receive an emailed ticket that can be printed or shown digitally for redemption at the Fair gate. Find ticketing information at [www.arapahoecountyfair.com](http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com).

**4-H EXHIBITOR RULES****ENTRY DEADLINE FOR ALL 4-H/FFA PROJECTS – Monday – June 15, 2026**

Violation of any of the rules/requirements/policies listed in this Fair Book may result in but are not limited to the following consequences: disqualification of the member and/or animal, forfeiture of premiums, awards and/or Auction proceeds and/or sanctions as deemed appropriate.

## 4-H ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Entry is required for all 4-H General, 4-H Consumer Science, 4-H Cloverbud and 4-H/FFA Animal exhibits.
2. The Fair Book is on the website at <https://arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe-county-fair/> and also online at [www.arapahoecountyfair.com](http://www.arapahoecountyfair.com) under the competitions tab to the right. Entry form work sheets are in the back of the Fair Book.
3. Fair Exhibit Entry opens on June 1 and closes June 15, 2026.
4. 4-H project exhibit entry is to be done online at [ArapahoeCounty.FairEntry.com](http://ArapahoeCounty.FairEntry.com).
5. 4-H members will use their "4honline.com" ID to log into the Fair entry system.
6. All exhibits must be entered by Monday, June 15, 2026.
7. Late entries will be accepted up until Monday, June 22, 2026 with a late fee of \$25.00 per exhibitor.
8. Make checks payable to "Arapahoe County Extension Fund".
9. Late fees can be paid by mailing a check to:
  - Arapahoe County Extension Office | Attn: Fair Entry | 6934 S Lima St. Suite B. | Centennial, CO 80112
10. After June 22, 2026, absolutely no entries will be accepted.
11. For help with computer entry, call Jean at 303-730-1920.
12. Permission to participate will be done electronically when entering exhibits online.
13. It is the member's responsibility to check with the Extension office to make sure the entry was completed by the deadline.
14. Faxed and paper entries are not accepted as they are often not legible and because all fees must accompany all pre-entries. Entries must be done online only.
15. 4-H/FFA Youth exhibitors are also eligible and encouraged to exhibit in the Fair Public Competitions Living Arts Divisions (Culinary, Visual, Fiber and Skilled Arts) as well as 4-H/FFA.

## 4-H EXHIBITOR INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS:

1. Exhibitors (ages 8-18) in each department must be bona fide 4-H members in Arapahoe County and enrolled in the project they are exhibiting. Exhibitors must be at least 8 years of age and must not have reached their 19th birthday prior to December 31 of the current enrollment year.
2. Cloverbud 4-H members (ages 5-7) exhibit only in Cloverbud classes listed under the 4-H Consumer Science and General projects department and receive participation ribbons. Cloverbud members may not show, stall, cage, bring or leave animals of any type or size at the County Fair. Cloverbuds may participate in Fashion Revue.
3. All entries must be the property of and shown by the eligible 4-H exhibitor.
4. Project work must be the 4-H member's own work, including writing, and sources if used must be cited. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification.
5. Images used in a 4-H project should be a true representation accurate to real life. Images that are AI-generated images or text must include a caption or label with this format:
  - a. Image (or Text) Generated by Name of Generative AI tool
  - b. Developer
  - c. date created and link to the tool

6. For more information on how to cite AI-generated material, go to <https://libguides.colostate.edu/ai/intro>.
7. 4-H exhibits are not complete without all items required, including e-Records.
8. The Superintendents and Fair Planning committee will use all possible care to ensure the safety of animals, exhibits, exhibitors, and the people attending the Fair, but under no circumstances will the County Extension Office or any individual assisting with the Fair be responsible in any way for any loss, injury, or damage to, occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article on exhibit, or for any accident or injury to any person exhibiting, assisting with, or attending this Fair.
9. Exhibits, including animals, shown as a 4-H project in another county will not be eligible to compete in the Arapahoe County 4-H project competition events.
10. Under no circumstances shall any superintendent or Fair official be treated disrespectfully. If any question arises concerning the decision of a superintendent, such inquiries shall be brought to the attention of the Fair Planning Committee.
11. Any unethical conduct will be cause for disqualification of said individual from competing at the Arapahoe County Fair.

### 4-H JUDGING:

1. The 4-H General, Consumer Science and Dog judging will be in accordance to the Danish Method (every exhibit is awarded a blue, red, or white placing award).

### PROTESTS:

1. Protests will be handled as follows:
  - A written letter of protest must be accompanied with a fee of \$100.00 cash (no checks) and filed with a member of the Arapahoe County Fair Planning committee within 24 hours of the incident.
  - Challenges can only be submitted by 4-H/FFA members.
  - WEIGHT CHALLENGES or JUDGING DECISIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD.
  - The Fair committee will have the final decision on any protest.
  - Costs incurred by the Fair Planning Committee to resolve the protest will be paid either by the protester if the protest is not sustained, or by the Fair Planning Committee if the protest is sustained.

### THANK YOU NOTE POLICIES:

#### Donor Thank You Notes

1. A thank you note must be written to each donor (i.e. CORE, etc.).
2. The name and address of the donors to be thanked will be placed in envelopes and distributed to exhibitors at the following Fair exhibit check-in events:
  - 4-H Cat Show
  - 4-H Dog Show
  - 4-H Consumer Science & General Project Judging
  - 4-H/FFA Mandatory Livestock Meeting
  - Horse Show
3. All thank you notes for Fair donations (i.e. CORE, etc.) must be presented at the Fair check-in events listed above in order to

receive the donation the day of check-in.

4. The Donor(s) name and mailing address will also be available in the 4-H Fair office.
5. Exhibitors who do not present a thank you note at the listed check-in events will have the opportunity to bring their thank you notes to the 4-H Fair office by noon on Sunday, July 26 in order to receive exhibitor donations.
6. In order for exhibits to be released on Sunday, July 26, and donations distributed, a thank you note must be presented in an unsealed, addressed stamped envelope with the name and address of donor prior to receiving the donations at release.
7. Only one thank you note needs to be written to each award donor.
8. If your thank you note is deemed unacceptable, you will be asked to re-write it.

### **Thank You Note Envelopes:**

1. Must be properly addressed (in ink) and stamped to be considered complete.
2. Must have the complete name and address of the buyer/donor. Donor names and addresses will be available at each exhibit check in event.
3. Must have a complete return address with name and address of youth.

### **4-H/FFA AWARDS:**

1. Awards and premiums will be made according to the merits of the entries. The decisions of the judges shall be final.
2. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons shall be awarded only to exhibits that meet all the exhibit requirements and standards.
3. All premiums for Livestock, Dog, Cat, Horse, Family and Consumer Science and General Project placings will be paid by cash and distributed in the 4-H Fair Office Sunday, July 26 from 5 – 6 pm and at exhibit release in the main hall at 6:00 p.m.
4. Premiums or awards from any Fair, other than the Arapahoe County Fair, cannot be displayed. Commercial displays or advertising will be permitted only by contract with the Arapahoe County Fair Open Spaces Department.

## **E-RECORD GUIDELINES**

You will need to fill out an e-Record for each project. The e-Records are for juniors, intermediates and seniors. Members are expected to complete as much of the record as possible on their own, however younger members will likely need assistance in understanding some of the concepts. Guides have been prepared to assist you in completing the 4-H e-Records. It provides instructions, suggestions and examples to aid you as you fill out your record.

For information on all 4-H project e-Record books go to: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/programs-projects/>

All record books are listed under the project categories in this area. If you do not have a computer, contact the 4-H office for the e-Record guidelines, 303-730-1920.

## **DRUG TESTING WAIVER**

The Fair Planning Committee reserves the right to test any animal which is presented for exhibition at any time during the Fair or during the time the animal is on the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds for illegal substances, drugs, or any substances designed to provide the exhibitor with an unfair competitive advantage. The testing decision shall be at the sole discretion of the Fair Planning Committee, either on a random basis or based on an investigation conducted by the Fair Planning Committee and/or the Fair Planning Committee's veterinarian;

or based on the applicable Fair Book rules, State Statutes or State 4-H rules or the specie Superintendent. If a decision is made by the majority of the Fair Planning Committee to disqualify an exhibitor, the cost of any testing past the preliminary test shall be paid by the exhibitor, and the Fair Planning Committee shall have discretionary power to determine any additional penalties, including but not limited to: forfeiture of awards, Auction proceeds, premiums and banning the exhibitor and his/her immediate family (siblings and parents) for any length of time.

By entering livestock into the Arapahoe County Fair for exhibition, the exhibitor expressly agrees to the terms and conditions set forth above and agrees to cooperate with the Fair Planning Committee to arrange for and complete testing. Any failure to comply with a request from the Fair Planning Committee for testing, as stated above, will result in immediate dismissal from the grounds and competition and all awards, prizes, premiums, and Auction proceeds may be forfeited, based on the sole discretion of the Fair Planning Committee. The exhibitor agrees to hold harmless and to indemnify the Fair Planning Committee and Arapahoe County from any and all damages resulting from such testing and the testing procedures and decisions stated above.

## ARAPAHOE COUNTY FAIR CODE OF CONDUCT

*Adopted by Arapahoe County Fair Planning Committee*

The Arapahoe County Fair Planning Committee has a long-standing set of expectations for conduct and behavior at the Arapahoe County Fair events and activities. These expectations are based upon principles of caring, citizenship, Fairness, respect, responsibility and trustworthiness. The following Code of Conduct is the basis of these expectations for Fair volunteers, parents, leaders and youth.

- Adhere to the COLORADO 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT which is signed by all 4-H members, parents and leaders when enrolling in 4-H. Copies are available in the 4-H Fair office and online.
- Adhere to the ARAPAHOE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS RULES AND REGULATIONS found in the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Emergency Operation Plan. Copies are available in the Fair offices and in Superintendents' notebooks.
- Abstain from the use of alcohol, marijuana or any illegal drugs while participating in youth events/programs. Leaders, parents and volunteers should limit their tobacco use to areas designated as smoking areas.
- Provide a safe learning environment, free of physical abuse, verbal abuse, mental abuse, ethnic, racial and sexual harassment or exploitation of youth.
- When transporting youth, have a valid Colorado driver's license and insurance as prescribed by Colorado law and maintain the vehicle so that it is safe and reliable for the conditions, weather, and distance for which it will be driven.
- Respect the rights and authority of the Fairground's Staff, Superintendents, Fair Planning Committee, leaders, parents and CSU Extension staff in Arapahoe County.
- All animals are to be treated in a humane manner. Adequate feed, water and shelter are to be provided at all times.
- Physically abusing an animal is unacceptable at all times and the maltreatment of animals will not be tolerated. Striking an animal is absolutely prohibited.

Violation of items listed above will result in consequences to the offender. Law enforcement may be called, and illegal behaviors may result in citations or arrest. All actions deemed necessary by the Fair Planning Committee, CSU Extension in Arapahoe County, and Fairgrounds staff will be final.

In the absence of specificity elsewhere stating who is the enforcer of 4-H rule violations and/or behavior expectations, the Fair Planning Committee shall enforce the rules outlined in the fair rule book and the CSU Extension staff shall enforce behavioral issues that are counter to the Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct. In instances when both a 4-H rule violation and a behavioral issue occur, the Fair Planning Committee and CSU Extension staff shall coordinate their response, but nothing precludes either entity from imposing a consequence they deem appropriate.

## Display Board Guidelines for State Fair 4-H Exhibits

Display boards are a great way to share information, but when viewers walk by, they spend only 60-90 seconds looking at each display board. Make your board stand out by highlighting the main points of your project in a fun, interesting way.

(4-H specialists will print and attach a FairEntry display card to each exhibit.)

*Follow these guidelines to create a display board for the state fair*

### SHAPE

Design your exhibit so information fits on the display. Remember, you have 1 large surface, and 2 smaller side wings. Do not use additional panels to brace the board.

### SPACE

Your display should only discuss one main topic. This will help it look neat and uncrowded.

### TEXT

Make sure that all the text on your display is easy to read. Use a large font for the title, and smaller fonts for the headings and body text.

Text must be readable from 3-5 feet away. Use large bold letters. Dark letters on a light background works best.

### ATTACHMENTS

Make sure pictures and objects are securely attached to the board. Use glue for pictures and paper, and consider wires, zip ties, or staples to attach bulkier items. No sharp points please! Make sure they are taped over.

Do not attach items that are so heavy that your board can't stand or fold.

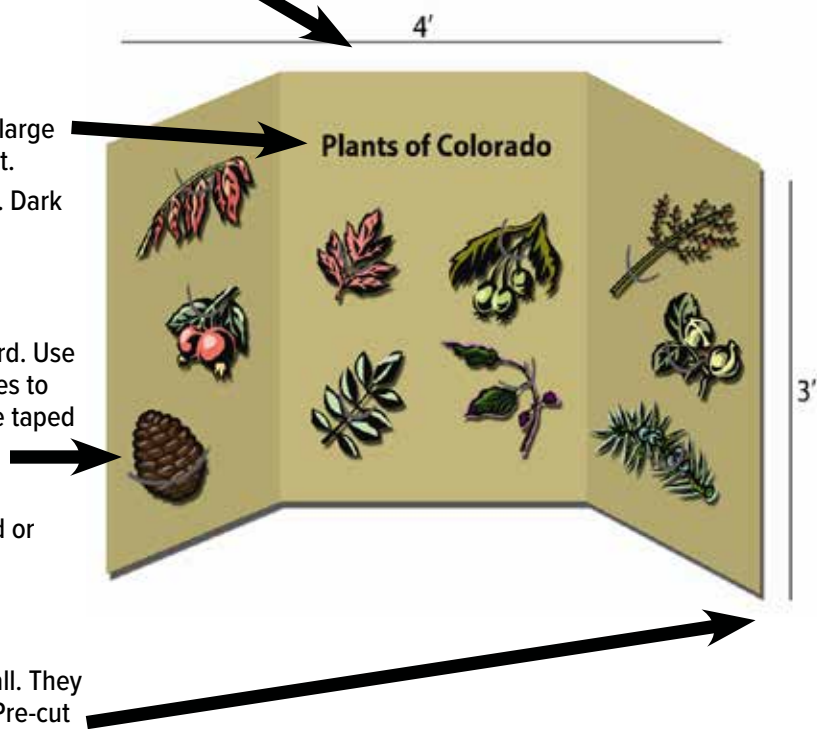
### SIZE

Display boards for the state fair must measure 4 ft. wide x 3 ft. tall. They should be made of lightweight cardboard but not poster board. Pre-cut boards are available at most craft and shopping centers. No part of your display may extend beyond these boundaries. Do not use additional brace panels that may come with your board.

### DISPLAY BOOKS

Your e-Record book should accompany your board. You may use 3-ring binders or other notebooks that will keep the pages securely inside. You may not use slider-type binders.

4-H specialists will place a label printed from FairEntry with the following information in the upper right-hand corner of the front cover:  
Name, County, Project Area, Class, 4-H Age Division.



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### MARKET SWINE

Grand Champion	Maylie MacLennan	Cummings Roofing
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Grand Champion	Gage Avery	Bally's Arapahoe Park
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Grand Champion	Rylee Hale	Karber Mechanical Insulation
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# GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

## 2026 ARAPAHOE COUNTY FAIR 4-H SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ARAPAHOE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

25690 E. Quincy Ave. – Aurora, CO 80016 (East of E-470 on Quincy)

ALL EXHIBITS WILL REMAIN ON DISPLAY

THURSDAY - JULY 23, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY - JULY 26, 2026

Monday, June 15		4-H/FFA Fair Exhibitor Entry Deadline
Saturday & Sunday, June 27 - 28		Shooting Sports Competition for State Fair Eligibility
Thursday, July 16		
6:30 p.m.	VIP Room and Main Hall	Horse check in, Written Test, and Mandatory Meeting
Saturday, July 18		
8:00 a.m.	Civitas Arena	English & Western Horse Show & Gymkhana
9:30 a.m.	Windmill Room	4-H Cat Show Entries
10:00 a.m.	Windmill Room	4-H Cat Show
Sunday, July 19		
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Exhibition Hall	4-H Dog Show Entries
9:00 a.m.		4-H Dog Show
Monday, July 20		
8:00 a.m.	Exhibition Hall	4-H Consumer Science & General Project Judging
Tuesday, July 21		
7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Civitas Arena East Wing	4-H/FFA Cattle, Sheep, Goat Entries Swine, Poultry, Rabbit Entries
11:30 a.m. - Noon	Civitas Arena	Mandatory 4-H/FFA Livestock Exhibitor Meeting
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Civitas Arena	4-H/FFA Market Livestock Weigh-In
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	East Wing	4-H/FFA Market Swine Weigh-In
2:00 p.m.	East Wing (following arena weigh-in)	Rabbit Weigh-In
3:00 p.m.	East Wing (following rabbit weigh-in)	Poultry Weigh-In
6:00 p.m.	Exhibition Hall	4-H Fashion Revue
Wednesday, July 22		
9:00 a.m.	Civitas Arena Show Ring	4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show
10:00 a.m.	East Wing	4-H/FFA Poultry Show
12:30 p.m.	Civitas Arena Show Ring	4-H/FFA Market Goat Show
6:00 p.m.	East Wing	4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship
Thursday, July 23		
8:00 a.m.	East Wing	4-H/FFA Rabbit Show
10:00 a.m.	Civitas Arena	4-H/FFA Sheep Show
5:00 p.m.	East Wing	4-H/FFA Swine Show
Friday, July 24		
9:00 a.m.	Civitas Arena	4-H Cattle & Catch a Calf Show
1:00 p.m.	Civitas Arena	4-H/FFA Goat Pack Obstacle Class
4:00 p.m.	East Wing & Civitas Arena	Ultrasound/Carcass Contest
4:30 p.m.	Civitas Arena	Livestock Costume Contest
Saturday, July 25		
8:00 a.m.	Civitas Arena	4-H/FFA Round Robin
After 4-H/FFA RR	Civitas Arena	Adult Round Robin
3:00 p.m.	Civitas Arena	4-H/FFA Livestock Sale BBQ
5:00 p.m.	Civitas Arena	4-H/FFA Livestock Auction
Sunday, July 26		
8:00 a.m.	Civitas Arena	**Miniature Hereford Show
5:00 p.m.		4-H/FFA Livestock Exhibit Release
6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall	4-H Family & Consumer Science Exhibit Release

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