

Elbert County Fair 2026

MAY 2026: 4-H [Fair Entry online](#)

OPENS: <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/24065>

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4-H Fair Rules & Requirements

The 2026 Elbert County Fair 4-H Rules and Requirements Book is segmented accordingly:

GENERAL FAIR INFORMATION

- Jun–Aug 2026 — Complete 4-H Fair Schedule
- July 25–Aug 2, 2026 — 4-H ECF All Rules

PRE-FAIR EVENTS & CONTESTS

- June 2026 — 4-H Pre-Fair County Shoots
- July 18–19, 2026 — 4-H Pre-Fair Dog Trials
- July 24, 2026 — 4-H Pre-Fair Gymkhana

FAIR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- July 25, 2026 — 4-H Fashion Revue
- July 26, 2026 — 4-H Rocket Fly Day
- July 27, 2026 — 4-H General Project Exhibits & Interviews

LIVESTOCK & ANIMAL DIVISIONS

- July 25–Aug 2, 2026 — Livestock Rules
- July 25–Aug 2, 2026 — 4-H Horse & Livestock Divisions

SALE & SPECIAL RULES

- August 1, 2026 — Junior Market Sale Rules



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2026 ELBERT COUNTY 4-H PRE-FAIR CONTESTS

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PRE-FAIR 4-H COUNTY SHOOTS

(Check-In is 30-Minutes Prior to Start Time):

JUNE 13–14: Air Rifle/Air Pistol & Archery, 8 AM, Fairgrounds

JUNE 20–21: Shotgun, 9 AM

- TRAP 9AM, *Ben Lomond Gun Club*
- CLAYS AND SKEET 9AM, *Clays and Skeet, (possibly at Pikes Peak Gun Club, Isaak Walton Range?)*

JUNE 27–28: .22 Rifle, 8 AM, Morgan Range

JULY 11–12: .22 Pistol, 10 AM Morgan Range

JULY 17: County Shoot Awards, 6 PM, Exhibit Hall, State Shoot Entry Fees Due

***After County Fair: Western Heritage TBD*

JULY 18th & 19th

4-H DOG TRIALS, Exhibit Hall

- **SATURDAY, JULY 18th**
9:00 AM 4-H Dog Showmanship, Exhibit Hall
Small Fry Dog Class, precedes the 4-H Dog Showmanship class
- **SUNDAY, JULY 19th**
9:00 AM 4-H Dog Obedience & Rally, two rings, Exhibit Hall
SUNDAY - PM - Agility in the small arena after obedience and rally.

FRIDAY, JULY 24th

4:00 PM 4-H GYMKHANA, Main Arena

6:00 PM BINGO AND BURGERS, Exhibit Building

The Elbert County Fair Foundation presents a fun event for all ages. Join us for a delicious meal and everyone's favorite game- bingo!

Come for the custom hamburger bar, stay for the game; all ages welcome, must be 18 to purchase bingo cards. Fun bingo prizes and the final game is a cash payout.

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2026 ELBERT COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

Official Fair Dates: Saturday, July 25th - Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

DAILY FAIRBOARD MEETINGS (as needed) Ag Building Conference Room Reserved for 7AM, 12 noon, 7PM.

All events are free unless designated as ticket required

4-H EVENTS *GREEN PRINT INDICATES 4-H EVENTS*

ALL 4-H Exhibitors check-in with superintendent ½ hour prior to show start time.

SATURDAY, JULY 25th

9:00 AM 4-H Fashion Review Judging, Fellowship Hall (closed to the public)

10:00 AM-1:00 PM 4-H General Project Check-in, Ag Building

10:00 AM Mountain States Highland Cattle Show, Main Pavilion

10:00 AM- 5:00 PM Dutch Oven Cooking and Weed Education, Main Pavilion Area

4:00 PM Kiddie Style Show, Fellowship Hall (arrive at 3:30)

4:00 PM 4-H Fashion Revue Public Showcase and Awards; Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Centennial Farm and Ranches Banquet; Exhibit Building *ticket required*

(open to the public, \$50 pre-purchased tickets required, visit elbertcountyfair.com to purchase)

6:00 PM-9:00 PM Bubble Tower, kids of all ages welcome, Kiddie Corral/Carnival Area

6:30 PM Young Gun Rodeo, Main Arena

8:00 PM Opening Night Concert/Dance; Main Pavilion area

9:00 PM (approximate start time, at dark) Town of Kiowa Fireworks Show

SUNDAY, JULY 26th 4-H HORSE AND BREEDING SHOWCASE DAY

7:00 AM 4-H Rocketry Fly Day; Far North Yard of fairgrounds

8:00 AM 4-H Horse Showmanship, Halter, Performance, and Trail;

Main Arena and Warm-up Arena

(Small Fry Pony Class will precede the 4-H Showmanship classes.)

8:00 AM Check-in begins for 4-H Breeding Beef, Beef Barn

10:00 AM-1:00 PM 4-H General Project Check-in, Ag Building

10:00 AM 4-H Swine Breeding Show; South Pavilion

11: 00 AM 4-H Sheep Breeding Show; South Pavilion

Noon 4-H Breeding Goat Show; South Pavilion

2:00 PM 4-H Breeding Beef Show; Main Pavilion

3:00 PM Utility Goat Show; South Pavilion (check-in at 2:30 PM)

4:00 - 7 PM *Optional 4-H Tack check-in for MARKET Beef, Swine, Sheep and Goat & Poultry Barns (no security provided) drive carefully!*

MONDAY, JULY 27th

Dark Day for Vendors (No Food Vendors Open)

7:00 AM-10:00 AM 4-H Market Goat and Market Lamb Check-in (south entrance off Cheyene street, weigh-in off trailer, before stalling)

9:00 AM-2:00 PM 4-H General Project Judging- By Appointment; Ag Building

9:00 AM-2:00 PM Optional 4-H Tack check-in for MARKET Beef, Swine, & Poultry Barns

6:00 PM 4-H Market Goat Showmanship followed by 4-H Market Goat Show

(Small Fry Goat Class will precede the 4-H Showmanship classes for each species)

*****Please designate Market Sale Animals as soon as possible*****

TUESDAY, JULY 28th

7:00 AM-11:00 AM 4-H Market Swine, 4-H Market Beef, Dairy Arrive and Vet Check, south entrance off Cheyenne Street.

12:00 PM Noon Livestock Exhibitors Meeting, Main Arena Grandstands (required)
Exhibitors must attend and Parents should attend. **(Premier Exhibitor testing after meeting)**

1:00 PM-2:00 PM Market Beef Weigh-in; Large Animal Scale (brand papers required)

5:00 PM-7:00 PM Open Class Check-in; Ag Building (optional evening check-in being offered)

5:00 PM 4-H Exhibit Champions Awarded in Ag Building *(4-H Project Exhibits Sneak Peek)*

6:00 PM 4-H Market Lamb Showmanship followed by 4-H Market Lamb Show, South Pavilion

(Small Fry Lamb Class will precede the 4-H Showmanship classes for each species)

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 29th

8:00 AM-10:30 AM 4-H Poultry and Rabbit Check-in; Main Entrance (Ute Ave).
Proceed behind Main Arena for health checks; unload at barns (drop-and-go only, no parking).

South Entrance off Cheyene Street for Open Class Quilters Only.

8:00 AM-9:30 AM OPEN CLASS QUILT Check-in; Fellowship Hall, South Entrance off Cheyene St.

10:00 AM OPEN CLASS QUILT JUDGING (please note time, quilts are judged earlier than other items)

Quilt Judging takes place at Fellowship Hall

8:00 AM-11:30 AM OPEN CLASS CHECK-IN; Ag Building (final check-in offered before judging)

1:00 PM Open Class Judging; Ag Building and Fellowship Hall (silent observation allowed)

6:00 PM 4-H Market Swine Show; South Pavilion

(following Market Swine Show) Small Fry Swine Showmanship; South Pavilion

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6:30 PM 5 Flat Productions Team Roping, Main Arena

Entries open at 5:30 PM (Contact Gary Rodarmel for more information 970-846-7825)

-Public is welcome to attend and watch an evening of Team Roping, Ropers must pre-register-

THURSDAY, JULY 30th

8:00 AM 4-H Rabbit Show, Rabbit Barn

(Small Fry Rabbit Class will precede the 4-H Showmanship classes for each species)

9:00 AM 4-H Market Swine Showmanship; South Pavilion

(Small Fry Swine Class will be held on Wednesday night following Market Swine Show, NO Small Fry after showmanship)

8:00 AM – 6:30 PM 4-H Exhibits Open and Open Class; Ag Building

10:30 AM Senior Citizens'/Veterans' Events and Luncheon; Fellowship Hall

11:30 AM 4-H Poultry Showmanship; South Pavilion

(Small Fry Poultry Class, (small fry poultry will precede the 4-H Poultry Showmanship)

2:00 PM 4-H Rabbit Agility and dress your bunny, Rabbit barn

2:00 PM 4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship followed by 4-H Dairy Cattle Show, Main Pavilion

3:00 PM 4-H Market Beef Showmanship followed by 4-H Market Beef Show starting with Ranch Raised Commercial Division, Main Pavilion

Small Fry Beef/Dairy Main Pavilion (this class will precede the 4-H Beef Showmanship)

5:00 PM Open Gymkhana, Main Arena (sponsored by Elbert County Royalty Program)

7:00 PM final cut-off - Designation of all MARKET Sale Animals due to Office

Market Sale Designation, including Champions from Beef, Lambs, Goats, Swine, and Rabbits, must be done by this time!

FRIDAY, JULY 31st

8:00 AM 4-H Poultry Show; South Pavilion

*****MARKET POULTRY Please designate Market Sale Animals as soon as possible*****

8:00 AM – 6:30 PM 4-H Exhibits and Open Class; Ag Building

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Vendor Check-in for The Mercantile, Exhibit Building

4:00 PM Round Robin Showmanship Contest, Main Arena

4:00 PM-8:00 PM Kiddie Corral OPEN; Carnival Area (free for all)

4:00 PM-9:00 PM The Mercantile Shopping OPEN; Exhibit Building

5:00 PM 4-H Beef Fitting Contest, Track Area

5:00 PM 4-H Poultry Awards, South Pavilion

6:00 PM Pet Animal Contest; Main Pavilion

6:00 PM Horse Pull; Main Arena

7:00 PM Horseshoe Tournament; Warm-Up Arena (*registration begins on-site at 6:00 PM or pre-register via website*)

8:30 PM - 11:00 PM FAIR DANCE; South Fairgrounds Area, Fellowship Hall Parking Lot \$5 per person (Sponsored by the 4-H Youth Council)

This dance is open to all families and youth, whether enrolled in 4-H or not.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Elbert County Health Fair, Health Dept Building North End Grounds (free and low-cost health screenings and physicals)

8:00 AM – 6:30 PM 4-H Exhibits and Open Class; Ag Building

9:00 AM Road Grader Rodeo, Warm-Up Arena

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM The Mercantile Shopping Open, Exhibit Building

10:00 – 8:00 PM Kiddie Corral Open

11:00 AM EDCLA Barbecue, Main Pavilion *meal ticket purchase required*

11:00 AM-1:00 PM Market Sale Office OPEN

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Touch a Truck for Kids, South of Kiddie Corral/Carnival Area

12:00 Noon Crowing Contest, Poultry Barn

1:00 PM Junior Market Sale, Main Pavilion

5:00 PM Bulls, Broncs & Buckaroos Rodeo, Main Arena Free event

(Mutton Busters must pre-register, pay and fill out waiver on this website)

Mini Bull Riders must register at Bijoubuckers.com; contact stock contractor Cory Hazen 719-246-2951 for any questions

6:00 PM 4-H Awards Night, South Pavilion, Sponsor Appreciation, Round Robin and other Special Awards, and High School Senior Recognition.

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Kiowa Annual Colorado Day Ice Cream Social tent by Exhibit Building

8:00 PM Fair Concert featuring Ned Ledoux. Must have a ticket to enter arena after the rodeo. Tickets are only \$10 pre-sale through website or \$20 on the day of show.

9:00 PM Drone Show, Above the Main Arena and North End of the Fair Grounds. No ticket required to be on grounds to see the drone show; concert ticket required to be in main arena for concert.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd

Final Day of The Elbert County Fair

8:00 AM Cowboy Church, Main Pavilion (Non-denominational, live music, all welcome)

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM 4-H Exhibits and Open Class; Ag Building

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM The Mercantile Open, Exhibit Building

11:00 AM High Plains Fiddle Fest, Open Pavilion

11:00 AM Elbert County Fair Parade

12:00 Noon – 3:00 PM Kiddie Corral Open

12:00 Noon Garden Tractor Pull, Warm-up Arena

12:00 Noon Queen's Barrel Race and Royalty Presentation Main Arena

12:30PM Mutton Bustin', Kid's Races and Egg Toss, Main Arena

1:30 PM Back Seat Drivers Contest, Warm-up arena

2:00 PM Ice Cream Eating Contest, Rose Creamery Trailer

2:00 PM Open Class checkout- Ag Building

2:00 PM- 5:00 PM Premium Payout for 4-H Fair office

2:00 PM- 5:00 PM Premium Payout for Open Class, Ag building

2:00 PM Ranch Rodeo Calcutta, Main Arena

ELBERT COUNTY 4-H POST-FAIR DATES:

**MONDAY AUGUST 3 Clean-up and tear-down day – Entire Fairgrounds
- ALL HELP WELCOME!**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 17 – DUE – ALL State Fair Bound general projects
INCLUDING CAKES & FOODS must be at the Extension office before close of
business 4PM - All projects will be loaded by 5PM.**

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August 28 - September 6, 2026, <https://coloradostatefair.com/>

SEPTEMBER 1 - DUE

4-H Completed Livestock Record Books to Main Leaders

4-H Achievement Form Due to the Extension Office

SEPTEMBER 8 – Projects back from State Fair – pickup

Elbert County 4-H Enrollment Opens Mid-October <https://v2.4honline.com/>