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## January 2016

### Leadership Development Conference

Sign up now for LDC and 4-H Day at the Capitol, January 23-25. Join senior 4-H members from across Colorado at this outstanding leadership event, then see our state government at work. The conference includes community service, workshops, awards banquet, and a dance. A morning at the state capitol and visits with legislators wraps up the event. Registration and lodging for the three day event will be about \$210; some counties provide help with the cost. Participants will need additional money for some meals. You must be 14 by Dec. 31, 2015 to attend. Registration deadline is January 7th. Contact your local Extension office for more information and registration.

### Meat Quality Assurance Requirements

All 4-H members in breeding and market beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, rabbits, dairy animal and horse projects must complete Meat Quality Assurance training the first two years they show livestock, and then again when they change age divisions. You may attend any MQA in the area; be sure to sign in and complete the quiz so your county will know you attended. The hands-on learning stations will be used again with changes in the stations. This is a come and learn-by-doing training that will take approximately an hour to complete. Parents and leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. Times and locations will be announced in a future newsletter.

Plan to attend one of these sessions:

March 17th - Cheyenne County  
March 18th - Bent County  
March 21st - Baca County  
March 22nd - Prowers County  
March 23rd - Otero/Crowley Counties  
March 25th - Kiowa County

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## 4-H Calendar

### January

1st - All Extension Offices Closed  
 7th-10th - Western Ntl. Roundup  
 7th - Registration due for LDC  
 15th - 4-H Day at the Stock Show  
 15th & 16th - Quilting Class  
 23rd & 24th - Leadership Dev. Conf.  
 25th - 4-H Day at the Capitol  
 25th - Youth Fest Registration Due

### February

1st - Cheyenne Enrollment Deadline  
 5th-7th - Youth Fest  
 12th - CWF Application Due

### March

1st - Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero & Prowers Enrollment Deadline  
 17th - MQA, Cheyenne County  
 18th - MQA, Bent County  
 18th-20th South Central District Retreat  
 21st - MQA, Baca County  
 22nd - MQA, Prowers County  
 23rd - MQA, Otero/Crowley Counties  
 25th - MQA, Kiowa County

### April

1st - State 4-H scholarship applications due  
 15th - Project Add/Drop deadline

If you wish to participate in any of these events/activities and need special accommodation, please notify the Extension Office of your need at least 5 business days prior to the event/activity.

### 4H Online – Email Blasts

From time to time the State office will be sending emails directly to the 4-H members. It is the easiest and most effective way to communicate important State events and requirements. We know that not everyone particularly enjoys the extra emails and there have been requests to be unsubscribed. It is important to know that if you do that, you would not receive any re-enrollment emails or information the County office sends directly to you. Please do not “unsubscribe.”

## 4-H Enrollment

Again for 2015/2016 we will be using the 4-H Online program to enroll members. 4-H Online is a secure database that has been in use for quite a few years now in Colorado. Families will need to login to the 4-H Online site and complete the enrollment process. All counties will be providing very specific instructions, but don't hesitate to ask for help. Also, if you do not have access to a computer or would like to have our help we can schedule a time to help you enroll at your Extension office.

Members and volunteer leaders need to complete all parts of the online enrollment process, including adding online signatures for:

- Animal Care and Housing Form (if applicable)
- Permission to Participate
- Photo Denial (only check & sign if you don't want to allow photos)
- Code of Conduct
- Health Form.

You will not have to print anything off UNLESS you are not housing your animals at your home in which case you will need to download and fill out the animal housing form and return to the Extension Office by the enrollment deadline.

Counties may have county specific forms that you still must sign and turn in.

To complete your enrollment, you must pay club fees as set by your county following the county process. Enrollment deadline is February 1 in Cheyenne County, March 1 in Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers Counties.

The Colorado State University 4-H Office has put together some excellent resources on 4-H Online. The link to these resources is <https://www.colorado4h.org/ye/>.

### National Western Stock Show

The National Western Stock Show will be January 9th-24th, 2016. 4-H Day at the Stock Show is scheduled for Friday, January 15th. 4-H will be highlighted at the 1:30 p.m. rodeo that day. For a complete schedule go to [www.nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com).

## Quilting Class

A basic quilting class will be held on January 15 and 16 at the Otero County Extension Office in Rocky Ford. The class is open to the public and will meet on Friday evening and all day Saturday. 4-H members that are 12 years of age and completed Quilting Level 1 or Clothing Construction Unit 1 are welcome to attend. Participants will learn a variety of quilting techniques while completing a project. For more information or to register call the Otero County Extension office at 719-254-7608.

### Youth Fest

Youth Fest is a camp for youth ages 9-13 and is held each year at the Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center in Larkspur. The camp is filled with activities, workshops, dances and great food. This year's camp will be February 5th-7th and is limited to the first 195 campers. Cost is \$120 per camper. The registration deadline is January 25th to your local Extension office. Camp fills up fast, so the sooner you register, the better. Information can be picked up at the Extension office.

### Citizenship Washington Focus

Applications for the Citizenship Washington Focus trip will be due in your county Extension office by February 12th. Trip dates will be June 25th through July 2nd, 2016. 4-Hers 15-19 years old by December 31, 2015 are eligible and encouraged to apply. Contact your local Extension office if you are interested in attending.

### Shooting Sports Leader Training

Several leader certification workshops have been scheduled around the state in the next few months. If you are interested in becoming certified in one of the SS disciplines, contact your local extension office for information. Registration will need to be accomplished through your local extension office or the 4-H online system. Go to the SS web-site: [www.co4hshooting.org](http://www.co4hshooting.org) for more information.

- January 29-31 - Morgan County
- March 4-6 - Montezuma County
- March 11-13 - Pueblo
- April 8-10 - Garfield County
- April 15-17 - Boulder County

# Bent County 4-H



## January 2016 Newsletter

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### What to Look For:

#### State 4-H News

[www.colorado4h.org](http://www.colorado4h.org)

Project Resources

StateFairExhibitReq.pdf.

1. Events and Opportunities
2. Enrollment Deadline: March 1
3. 4-H Council Meeting
4. Shooting Sports Information
5. Market Beef Tagging



We're on Facebook, look for Bent County Extension updates.



### County News

#### Opportunities & Deadlines

- Jan 5 Council meeting, 7 pm, Extension Office
- Jan 7 LDC Registration due
- Jan 23-24 Leadership Development Conference
- Jan 25 4-H Day at the Capital
- Jan 25 Youth Fest Registration due
- Feb 5-7 Youth Fest for ages 9-13
- Feb 27 Market Beef tagging, 9:00-10:30 am
- Mar 1 4-H Enrollment deadline
- Mar 18 Bent County MQA
- Mar 18-20 District Retreat & Officer Election

#### March 1 Enrollment

If you want to show your project at the Bent County Fair, you must complete enrollment, and turn in the "Membership Requirements Agreement" and fees to the Extension office by 4:00 p.m. March 1, 2016. Enrollment instructions and paperwork are available from your leader or the Extension office.

Enrollment fee is \$20 per member for the 4-H year. This covers state fees, district dues, and insurance. Fee waiver request forms are available from leaders for families who have financial need.

The Animal Care and Housing form is now part of the online enrollment. If project animals are not housed and cared for at your home, you must sign

and submit a hard-copy form. If you move your animal during the project year, it is your responsibility to notify the Extension Office with the updated address.

#### Code of Conduct

Please note the required State 4-H Code of Conduct form in online enrollment. Read carefully as it spells out how 4-Hers, parents, and leaders are expected to conduct themselves when participating in 4-H activities. Colorado State University wants to provide a safe and wholesome environment for all of its 4-H participants. The Code of Conduct is not intended to restrict participation, but rather to enhance it so that all can receive the full benefit and educational experience from events and activities. When you electronically sign the Code of Conduct, you are stating that you have read the Code of Conduct and agree to comply with the rules and regulations set forth in the Code of Conduct.

#### 4H Council

Bent Council will meet January 5 at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office in Las Animas. Each club should have three representatives as the council meeting. Members must attend at least one county, district or state activity in order to be eligible to show at the Bent County Fair. Any council meeting fulfills this requirement; a complete list will be included in the next newsletter.



## County News

### 2016 Bent County Fair

July 23-July 30

#### Leadership Development Conference

Time is short to register for this great conference for senior members. Contact the Office if you are interested. See the area section for more information.

#### Youth Fest

Information on this camp for members ages 9-13 is in the area section of the newsletter. Note the Jan 25 registration deadline.

#### Citizenship Washington Focus

Are you interested in going to Washington D.C. for a week filled of leadership, group activities, tours and teambuilding? If you are a member aged 15 or over please contact the Extension office to obtain application information. Deadline is February 13. The CO 4-H Foundation and Bent 4-H Council sponsor most of the cost for this great event.

#### Open Enrollment

The State has adopted an open enrollment policy; youth and leaders may enroll in 4-H year round. This gives us the opportunity to reach more members with the 4-H program. However, **all enrollments must be completed by March 1, 2016**, to compete at the 2016 Bent County Fair.

#### Member & Leader Confidentiality

We want to remind you we are not allowed to share addresses or phone numbers of members or leaders with anyone. This federal law is meant to protect our clubs, members, and leaders. If someone should ask you for addresses or phone numbers of members or leaders, please have them contact the Extension Office and we will handle it through the proper channels. If it is a legitimate request, we will obtain approval.

#### Bent County Shooting Sports

The Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Program requires the use of trained and certified 4-H

instructors at the county level to operate a live-fire range or to conduct any class in which firearms or archery equipment are handled. Bent County certified Shooting Sports leaders are Ben Miller, Cindy Miller, and Cody Turner.

Cindy Miller is the organizational leader of the LA Sharpshooters. This club focuses on shooting sports but members take other projects too. You may enroll in shooting sports through any club; all shooting sports members from all clubs are welcome and encouraged to practice with the Sharpshooters. To shoot at the Trap Club, you must first pay trap club fees. The trap club requires all fees be paid through Ben and/or Cindy Miller.

Dates for 2016 Shooting Sports Certified Leader Trainings are listed in the area section. 4-H Council helps with registration fees for those who are willing to work with all 4-H members. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office to learn the procedure.

#### COOL

Country of Origin Labeling, COOL, forms will be turned in at your species tag-in. Beef will be due February 27. Forms are available at the Extension office or on our website. COOL is a **federally mandated** program. We keep the forms for two years in the office.

#### Market Beef Tagging

Market beef tagging will be Saturday February 27, 9:00-10:30 am, at the Bent County Fairgrounds. Bring your completed COOL forms, and to designate Bent County Born and Raised entries when your animal is tagged.

**Market beef to be nominated for Colorado State Fair must be retinal scanned at a cost of \$5/animal, payable at the time of scanning.**

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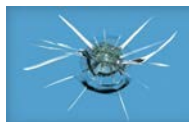
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