



LAS ANIMAS COUNTY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2019 4-H NEWSLETTER

OFFICE PHONE SYSTEM

The Las Animas County Extension Office phone system is currently not working correctly. It rings in to Bobby in the office next door, and then he must transfer the calls to us. It may be a while before the system is fixed, so in the meantime, calling the office may not be a great way to contact us. Writing an email or calling our cell phones during business hours will probably work better, and as soon as the phones are fixed, we will let everyone know!

OFFICER TRAINING

South Central District Officer Training

January 19, 2019
Pueblo, CO

Because this is a valuable training for our officers, Las Animas County 4-H Council sponsors members to attend, free of charge. If you're an officer in your club this upcoming 4-H year, please plan on attending this event! Registration is open December 15 - January 15.

Schedule

- 10:00 - 10:30 AM - Opening Session Games
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM - Officer Workshops
(President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Reporter)
- 11:30 - 12:00 PM - Lunch
- 12:00 - 12:45 PM - Parliamentary Procedure
- 12:45 - 1:00 PM - Closing Session
- 1:00 - 3:00 PM - Swimming



WHAT EVERY 4-H MEMBER SHOULD KNOW

Happy New Year! It's time to start planning and working on your 4-H projects, because before we know it, the county fair will be upon us. Most of you will receive and literature ordered by early February. I also want to remind everyone of the "Member in Good Standing" policy. This policy was developed to encourage a higher level of participation from members and their families. The requirements are as follow:

A member must:

- 1) Attend 6 regularly scheduled club meetings
- 2) Give a demonstration or illustrated talk
- 3) Participate in a community service activity

Deadlines

As the new year begins, it is important to remember that deadlines are set for a reason. In everyday life, we must follow certain deadlines, and our office is no different. In order for our office to meet state deadlines, you **MUST** meet ours. Being accountable to those deadline dates is an important life skill - they must be a priority. Be timely - turn things in early.

4-H Code of Conduct

4-H members, leaders, parents, and other adults participating in 4-H programs will:

1. Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
2. Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and act as positive role models.
3. Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, marijuana, illegal or illicit drugs, and tobacco including e-cigarettes and vaping device during 4-H events and activities.
4. Fully participate in scheduled activities.
5. Respect others property and privacy rights.
6. Respect the rights and authority of parents, leaders and Extension Agents.
7. Abstain from abuse (physical and/or verbal) and harassment.
8. Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
9. Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.
10. Adhere to principles and rules of safety.

Consequences for violating any part of this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from participation in the event in which the code of conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense); sanctions on participating in future 4-H events; forfeiture of financial support for the event; removal from offices held, etc.

Behavior outside of 4-H activities can affect "member in good standing" or "volunteer in good standing"





4-H 101

New to 4-H and not sure what to expect?

Newsletter:

Your enrollment automatically subscribes you to this newsletter which provides information about events which members should be aware of. You will receive a newsletter bimonthly. Current and past editions are available on the Las Animas County Extension Website (<http://lasanimas.extension.colostate.edu/programs/4-h/>).

Club Meetings:

Are you in touch with your club leader to find out when your club meetings are? Try to attend as many meetings as possible so that you're better able to get involved, make friends, and learn more about 4-H and your projects. Remember, you must attend at least 6 per year.

Manuals:

Be sure to ask your club leader or an extension agent if you need a project manual. These manuals were designed to help you learn more about your specific project.

Livestock Weigh-In:

Are you completing a livestock project? If you plan to show a market animal (one that will be fed, shown, and possibly sold), you'll need to be sure to check the newsletter for information about livestock weigh-in dates, and you will be required to complete the Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training when it is announced. All market animals must be weighed in on the dates listed on the yearly calendar.

Websites:

Las Animas County Extension: <http://lasanimas.extension.colostate.edu>

Colorado State 4-H: <http://co4h.colostate.edu>

Facebook:

Search for Las Animas County Extension on Facebook and "Like" the page!



2019 LAS ANIMAS COUNTY FAIR BOARD OFFICERS

President: John Terry

Vice President: Justin Sumpter

Secretary: Marlo Valdez

Treasurer: Carol Schulzkump





STAY UP TO DATE!



remind

Las Animas County 4-H will now be using the Remind texting service to keep our members up to date on what's happening around the county and in various programs. It's free to use, and easy to sign up for.

In order to start receiving text updates, please text the following codes to the number 810-10. An example with screen shots follows on the next page. If you need help getting the text updates set up on your phone, stop by the extension office and Kim will be glad to help.

Las Animas County 4-H: @lac4h

Las Animas County Fair: @lacfair

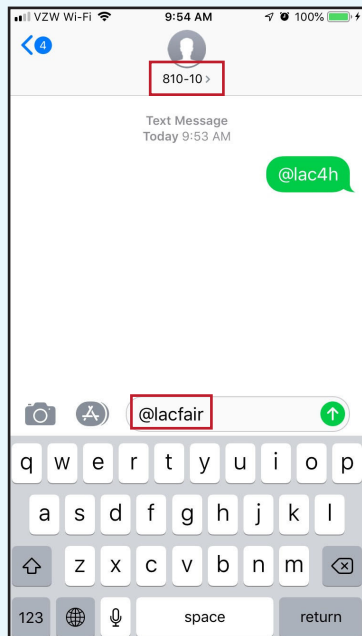
Las Animas County Fair Board (only for fair board members): @lacfairbrd

Las Animas County 4-H Council (only for council members): @lac4hcoco

Leaders: If you're a club or program leader and would like to use the service to more easily reach your members, please let me know! Kim will assist you in getting set up.

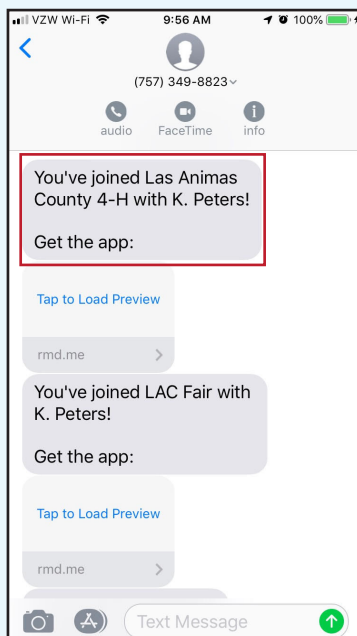
Step 1

Text the codes you'd like updates for to the number 810-10. Don't forget the @ sign in the code. There is no limit to the number of codes you may sign up for.



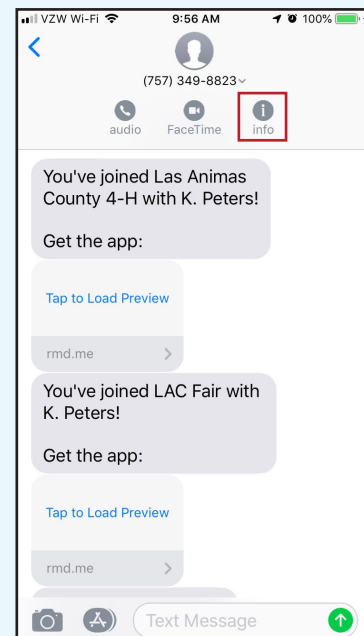
Step 2

You will immediately receive a text from 757-349-8823 that says you've joined the group. This is the number the texts will come to.



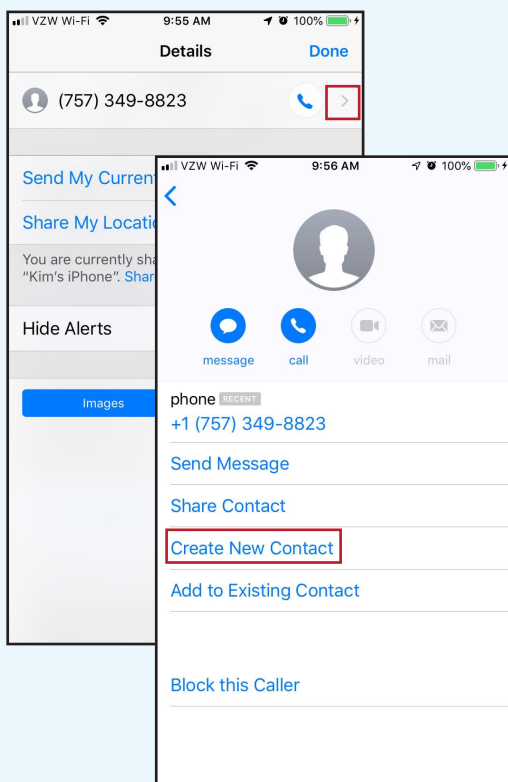
Step 3

Click on "info" for this number to save the contact in your phone as "Las Animas County 4-H".



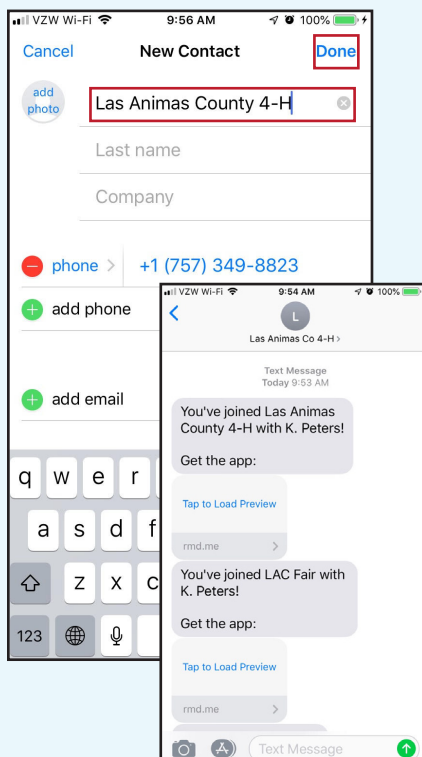
Step 4

Click on the arrow on the "Details" page, then click "Create New Contact".



Step 5

Type in "Las Animas County 4-H" in the Name, and click done! Now you will receive updates for all groups you've signed up for.



Step 6

Cancel at any time by texting "@LEAVE" to the saved number.

Please Note:

Join new groups as they become available by texting the new code to 810-10. You will then receive texts to the number you saved.

You will not be able to reply to these texts. If you have any questions, you'll need to call Lorri, Kim, or your leader to discuss the matter. We will not receive any notifications on these texts if you reply.

If you have another phone besides an iPhone, use the instructions outlined here for your own type of device. If you need help getting it set up, don't hesitate to swing by the office for assistance!



YOUTH FEST

February 8 - 10 @ TBA

Registration: January 2 - January 15

4-H Members 9 - 13 years of age

Cost: \$140

Payment can be mailed or brought to the office. Deadline is January 15, 2019. Payment must be turned in by this time in order to confirm your registration. Registration is capped at 195 members, first come first served.

You can register by going online to 4HOnline and completing the following steps:


- 1) Login to your family account.
- 2) Click the orange “Continue to Family” button - scroll down and find the bottom box titled “register a member in an event.”
- 3) Select members name and the event. Click “register”.
- 4) Answer all the questions and print the confirmation.
- 5) Once you are registered, you will need to make a payment (checks payable to Las Animas County 4-H) and turn it in to the extension office.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

4-H members who are 15 years old by (January 1, 2019), or older, are eligible to attend Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C. June 22 - June 29, 2019. The trip for one member from each county is sponsored in part by the Colorado 4-H Foundation, with the remainder of the trip being covered by the Las Animas County 4-H Council and the Las Animas County 4-H Foundation, meaning this once in a lifetime trip comes at no cost to the 4-Her.

The trip is designed to develop a greater understanding for American heritage, gain insight into the United States government, as well as explore personal and social values.

Participants will visit places like the National 4-H Center, Capitol Hill, governmental departments, historical sites, and memorials. Las Animas County will be sending one 4-Her on this trip. Deadline for application is February 28. Contact the LAC extension office for more details.





LIVESTOCK NEWS

MARKET BEEF TAG/WEIGH IN

We will tag market beef on the first Saturday in February, February 2, at the fairgrounds from 1:00 - 3:00. If you want to nominate steers for Colorado State Fair, please let us know so we can scan retinas at this time. Don't forget, you will need brand papers that prove transfer of ownership to you. **If for some reason you are unable to be present for tag-in that day, you must make arrangements for someone else to bring in your animals.**

LAS ANIMAS COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

Monday, July 22

8:00 AM - Horse Show Check-In
9:00 AM - Horse Show

Tuesday, July 23

8:00 AM - Exhibit Day
4:30 PM - Market Hog Check-In
5:30 PM - Market Hog Weigh-In
6:30 PM - Fashion Revue & Awards

Wednesday, July 24

10:00 AM - Market Beef Check-In
10:30 AM - Market Beef Weigh-In
11:00 AM - Market Sheep Check-In
11:30 AM - Market Sheep Weigh-In
12:00 PM - Market Goat Check-In
12:30 PM - Market Goat Weigh-In
2:00 PM - Mandatory Exhibitor's Meeting

Wednesday, July 24 (cont.)

3:00 PM - Rabbit/Poultry Show
6:00 PM - Hog Show

Thursday, July 25

10:00 AM - Lamb Show
5:00 PM - Beef Show

Friday, July 26

10:00 AM - Goat Show

Saturday, July 27

9:00 AM - Round Robin
11:00 AM - Adult Showmanship

Sunday, July 28

9:00 AM - Load Out



RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS IDEA

SCHOOL SERVICE THANK-YOUS

Create "thank you for serving us" goodie bags for school employees you might not interact with very much. This could be janitors, cafeteria workers, secretaries, or bus drivers.

Goodies might include candy, notepads, fruit, or giftcards, but the sky's the limit!



LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL TEAM DENVER BOUND!

Congratulations to our 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl team for qualifying for Western National Roundup in Denver in January! The team will consist of Bob Walter, Camren Howell, Raevyn Odum, and Hailey Larson, and we are so grateful for coach Maral Howell for coaching such a successful team. Good luck in Denver!



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

January 26 - 28 @ Renaissance Hotel - Denver, CO

Registration: Open now - January 11, 2019

4-H Members 14 & Older

Cost: \$160 - Lodging covered by 4-H Council

Registration includes: LDC program costs, two breakfasts, team meetings, banquet, speaker, and a dance. Registration fees for guests attending the banquet is \$50.

Highlights include: community service project with Colorado State 4-H Officers, banquet and awards presentation, think-tank meetings where youth discuss issues from their districts, and a dance and movie night.

Monday, January 28 is 4-H Day at the Capitol, where the legislature will issue the Proclamation for Colorado 4-H day. Tours of the capitol will be available as well as an information and question and answer session with legislators, aids, and interns.



RECREATION IDEA

FORTUNATELY, UNFORTUNATELY

Here's a game that encourages quick, creative thinking, but requires no props!

The groups makes up a story one sentence at a time, in which the first word of the first sentence is "unfortunately." The next player adds the second sentence, beginning with the word "fortunately." Then the next person takes over, starting with the word "unfortunately."

Continue the story with each person adding on and alternating the first word from "fortunately" to "unfortunately." Example: "Unfortunately, when I walked down the street, I fell in a manhole. Fortunately, the manhole had water inside so I didn't hurt myself when I fell. Unfortunately, the water had rats swimming in it. Fortunately, the water ran swiftly and soon I was swept out to the ocean. Unfortunately, the ocean was full of sharks. Fortunately, a boat came by and picked me up. Unfortunately, there were pirates on the ship." And so on...

2018 4-H IMPORTANT DATES

January

- 10 - 13 Western National Roundup - Denver
- 12 - 27 National Western Stock Show
- 18 4-H Day at National Western Stock Show
- 19 Club Officer Training - Pueblo
- 21 Extension Office Closed (MLK Day)
- 26 - 28 Leadership Development Conference - Denver
- 28 County Council Meeting @ 6

February

- 2 Market Beef Tagging -Fairgrounds 1:00 - 3:00 PM MANDATORY
- 8 - 10 Youth Fest
- 18 Extension Office Closed (President's Day)
- 28 Deadline for CWF Applications

March

- 15 - 17 District 4-H Retreat
- 17 County Council Meeting @ 2

April

- 1 Deadline for 4-H Scholarships & New Member Enrollment
- 6 - 11 National 4-H Conference - Washington, D.C.
- 16 - 18 Extension Office Closed (Meeting)

May

- 1 Deadline to Add/Drop Projects
- 8 Swine, Sheep, Goat Tagging - Kim 4:30 - 5:30
- 8 Swine Sheep, Goat Tagging - Branson 5:00 - 6:00
- 9 Swine Sheep, Goat Tagging - Fairgrounds 5:00 - 6:00
- 27 Extension Office Closed (Memorial Day)
- 28 County Council Meeting @ 6
- TBA Hoehne FFA May Fair
- TBA MQA

June

- 11 Weigh Day - Fairgrounds 5:00 - 6:00
- 18-21 State 4-H Conference
- 24 County Council Meeting @ 6
- TBA Citizenship - Washington Focus
- TBA Shooting Sports Camp, Whittington Center

July

- 1 Fair Entries Due
- 4 Extension Office Closed (Independence Day)
- 9 Weigh Day - Fairgrounds 5:00 - 6:00
- 22 - 27 Las Animas County Fair
- TBA Camp Go West

August

- 12 Deadline for Livestock Record Books and Thank You Notes
- 23 - Sept 2 Colorado State Fair

September

- 9 County Council Meeting @ 6

October

- 6 - 12 National 4-H Week
- 7 County Council Meeting @ 6

November

- 3 Achievement Day
- 15 - 17 Dare to be You Camp

All dates are subject to change and more dates will be added as locations/times are confirmed.



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JANUARY 2019

In America, we only have one title to nobility, and that is achievement. You 4-Her's have won that title. | President Woodrow Wilson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	LDC Reg. Deadline 11	12
				Western National Roundup - Denver		NWSS - Denver
13	14	Officer Training Reg. Deadline 15 Youth Fest Reg. Deadline	16	17	18	19
WNR - Denver					4-H Day at NWSS	Club Officer Training - Pueblo
National Western Stock Show - Denver						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	MLK Day (office closed)					LDC - Denver
National Western Stock Show - Denver						
27	28	29	30	31		
	County Council @ 6:00 PM					
Leadership Development Conf. - Denver						



FEBRUARY 2019

The art of leadership is saying no, not yes.
It is very easy to say yes. | Tony Blair

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Market Beef Weigh-In MANDATORY
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					Youth Fest	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Youth Fest						
17	18 Pres. Day (office closed)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 CWF App. Deadline		