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4-H SETS GOAL OF PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR SCIENCE

SOUTHEAST AREA—A workforce strong in science, technology, engineering and math is essential for Colorado to compete in the national global economy. When they participate in community engagement and service projects with caring adults, thousands of Colorado youth benefit from the 4-H mission to empower young people to reach their full potential.

4-H's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiative reaches more than five million youth nationwide with hands-on learning experiences that encourage discovery, develop young minds and fill the pipeline of young leaders proficient in science. Only 32 percent of current U.S. college graduates are earning degrees in these fields, compared to 66 percent in Japan and 59 percent in China.

4-H is strategically positioned with CSU Extension's direct connection to the cutting-edge research and resources of Colorado State University and the nation's 106 land-grant universities and colleges. Nationally, 4-H has set a goal of preparing one million new young people to excel in science, technology, engineering and math by 2013.

Today, 4-H out-of-school opportunities focus on agricultural science, electricity, mechanics, natural resources, rocketry, robotics, biofuels, renewable energy and computer science. These projects also foster the 4-H



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goals of learning, mastering skills and demonstrating generosity.

If your child is interested in joining 4-H or you would like further information on the 4-H program, please contact your local CSU Extension Office; Baca County 719-523-6971, Bent County 719-456-0764, Cheyenne County 719-767-5716, Crowley County 719-267-5243, Kiowa County 719-438-5321, Otero County 719-254-7608, Prowers County 719-336-7734. 4-H is a cooperative effort between CSU Extension and the County.

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