



SUMMIT COUNTY 4-H

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WELCOME TO SUMMIT COUNTY 4-H !

Summit County 4-H \$35 Enrollment Fee (Oct. 1, 2009 – Sept. 30, 2010)

INTRODUCTION

The 4-H Youth Development Program is a growing, changing and evolving organization of youth, volunteers and salaried staff who work together to provide a safe environment where Colorado 4-H youth develop life skills. The 4-H Youth Development program is unique from other youth organizations through its relationship with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); Colorado State University (CSU), the state's land-grant university; Cooperative Extension (CE); and Summit County Government. With public, corporate and private-sector funding, the programs are research-based, age-appropriate, and designed for experiential learning. 4-H Youth Development programs are open to all economic, social & cultural groups, for youth ages 5-18 (as of January 1, 2010).

THE 4-H's

Head—clearer thinking and decision making. Knowledge useful throughout life.

Heart—greater loyalty, strong personal values, positive self-concept, concern for others.

Hands—larger service, community service, workforce preparedness, useful skills.

Health—better living, healthy lifestyles.

THE 4-H Pledge

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking, my **HEART** to great loyalty, my **HANDS** to larger service and my **HEALTH** to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

THE 4-H Value Set

We believe that youth development is the focus of everything we do.

We believe youth/adult partnerships are essential to successful youth development.

We believe that volunteerism is fundamental.

We believe in the strength attained from diversity across the entire range of 4-H experiences.

THE 4-H PROJECT CLUB

Summit County 4-H currently offers over 26 different project clubs including horses, rocketry, cake decorating, ceramics, quilting, fly fishing, archery, leathercraft, and dog training. All 4-H clubs have a 4-H adult volunteer leader who specializes in that project, and enjoys working with youth. In these 4-H project clubs, youth members learn life-skills while learning the hands-on skill of the project. 4-H project clubs meet throughout the year, while focusing on setting goals and completing their 4-H project and record books for the Annual 4-H Exhibit Days & 4-H Horse Show in July. Our 4-H Exhibit Days & Shows provide opportunities for 4-H members to receive recognition and feedback on their 4-H project work. All 4-H projects earning Champion awards & higher are eligible to enter the 4-H/Colorado State Fair in Pueblo every August.



WHAT EVERY PARENT CAN DO IN 4-H

The most successful 4-H members have the interest and support of their parents. If you are wondering just how you can help in 4-H, here are some pointers:

- *Advise your child in selecting appropriate 4-H projects for your family setting.
- *Some of our 4-H Clubs request that parents participate in the project club meetings. If your child is ages 5-7, please talk with your 4-H Leader regarding parent participation in project club meetings.
- *Show your interest and enthusiasm for the projects selected.
- *Help guide your child with the project, but don't do it for him/her.
- *See that when a project is started, it is completed satisfactorily. Projects should be suited to the abilities of your child.
- *Keep informed on 4-H information that comes to members of your family. (i.e. reading 4-H weekly e-mails and marking your calendar/visit our web sites frequently)
- *Offer your services to assist the 4-H volunteer project leader. Get to know your child's 4-H Club Leader by offering to help set-up or clean-up. Please do not just drop your child off. Parent's can really help out & make a club thrive by participating.

When the need arises, help find a local leader for our 4-H club(s). Always support the leader selected. There is probably a place for you to serve as a volunteer 4-H leader, perhaps a project leader in an area that interests you!

4-H ENROLLMENT

Summit County 4-H enrollment starts every October 1, and all returning 4-H members must re-enroll each year. A current \$35 4-H enrollment fee helps pay for club supplies, insurance, State 4-H fees, leader recognition, & awards. Financial Aid scholarships are available if needed. Summit County 4-H also offers a scholarship program for members to attend the annual 4-H Washington D.C. trip, State Fair, Conferences, and other trainings.

4-H Enrollment Forms are available on our web site at www.extension.colostate.edu/summit/4hy.shtml

Once enrolled, you will receive our weekly "4-H Upcoming" e-mails with current Summit County 4-H projects, events, activities. Then, RSVP to the 4-H office at [668-4142](tel:668-4142) or by e-mail at kkralik@co.summit.co.us

4-H EXPECTATIONS & GOALS

CODE OF CONDUCT

All 4-H members, leaders, and clubs are expected to abide by the Colorado 4-H Code of Conduct. The 4-H Code of Conduct is listed on your 4-H Enrollment Form and on our Summit County 4-H web site.

MEMBER & CLUB COMMITMENT

4-H Members are expected to participate in all or most of the 4-H Project Club meetings throughout the year. When a child misses several classes, it is difficult for them to “catch up” to where the rest of the club is at on their 4-H projects. 4-H Leaders and Clubs are more productive and effective when their 4-H Members are all working at the same stage on their projects.

4-H RECORD BOOKS

All 4-H Members (ages 8-18) are required to complete 4-H Record Books for each one of their chosen project(s). Parents are encouraged to help your child complete their 4-H Record Books throughout the year. All 4-H Record Books (Exhibit Projects & Horse) are due at our annual Summit County 4-H Exhibit Days, July 15 - 17, 2010. 4-H Record Books are listed on our Summit County 4-H web site and the State/CSU 4-H web site. Your 4-H Leader will also assist 4-H Members on completing their 4-H Record Books

4-H EXHIBIT DAYS & HORSE SHOW

All 4-H Members are expected to participate in our annual 4-H Exhibit Days and 4-H Horse Show for horse club members. All 4-H Record Books and 4-H Projects are to be completed for entry into our 4-H Exhibit Days, Thursday, July, 15, 2010, Noon, Frisco Historic Park Log Chapel. Our 4-H Horse Show is tentatively set for Saturday, July 31, 2010, County Fairgrounds in Silverthorne.

Our 4-H Exhibit Days & 4-H Horse Show provide important positive recognition and feedback for increased educational opportunities for 4-H Members to learn life-skills by their participation. For 4-H members and clubs that don't have a “project” i.e. Fly Fishing, Shooting Sports, and Dog Therapy, children are expected to make a poster/photos related to their 4-H experience.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

All 4-H Members are expected to participate in at least one **Community Service Project** hosted by Summit County 4-H each year. Many of our 4-H clubs host different community service projects throughout the year—all 4-H members are encouraged to participate.

STAY INFORMED

Please stay informed on all 4-H information by attending 4-H Club meetings, staying in touch with your 4-H Leader, and by frequently visiting our 4-H web sites listed below:

Summit County 4-H

www.extension.colostate.edu/summit/4hy.shtml

State/CSU 4-H

www.4h.colostate.edu/project_resources/

4-H Equine

<http://equineextension.colostate.edu/>

4-H Shooting Sports

www.co4hshooting.org/

WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

Generally, if our schools are closed or closing early, we will cancel our Summit County 4-H activities for the day. Please call your 4-H Leader or our 4-H Office, 668-4142, for cancellations if you're not sure.

Thank you and welcome to Summit County 4-H!

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