

To: General/Natural Resources & Family Consumer Science 4-H Members

Re: Fair Preparation
Important Fair Dates/County Fair Schedule
Record Book, Project & Interview Date
Contest Information
County Fair 4-H BBQ
State Fair Information

July 1, 2016

This letter is meant to help you prepare for the La Plata County Fair. It is meant to reinforce and not replace the La Plata County Fair Book – All 4-H General/Natural Resource & Family Consumer Science 4-H member should read General Rules on page 7, and 4-H/FFA General Rules on pages 35 & 36.

2016 UPDATE

Fair Preparation:

There will be a project/record book help date on July 19th and 21st from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. If you have any questions please come to this workshop. If you are unable to make it, please contact Angela or Greg with any questions. 970-382-6465.

Important Fair Dates:

JULY

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| 12 | Livestock Project Day – 10 am to 2 pm – Fairgrounds. Please RSVP |
| 12 | Cloverbud Day – 10 am to 2 pm – Extension Building. Please RSVP |
| 14 th | Marketplace Workshops – 10 am to 2 pm Extension Building |
| 15 | Club Treasurers Books and IRS Forms are Due by 5 pm |
| 17 | Fun Match Dog Show – 4 pm – Fairgrounds |
| 18 | Goat Meeting – 6:30 pm – Extension Building |
| 19 | Record Book, Display Board & Project Assistance Day! Between 9 am – 5 pm – Extension Building |
| 20 | Fair Shoot Registration Forms are due into the Extension by 5:00 pm. |
| 21 | Dog Meeting – 6:00 pm – Fairgrounds |
| 23 | Fair Shoot - all disciplines except Shotgun – 9:00 am – Durango Outdoor Gun Club |

- 25-29 Animal Record Book Week! -Turn in ALL Animal Record Books – Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Dog, Horse, Owner Trainer, Community Service Record Books & Fair Royalty Applications due by 5:00 pm on Friday, July 29th.
- 29 Last Day that 4-H/FFA Large & Small Animals: Livestock/Horse/Dog Record Books and Entry Forms, Community Service Books & Fair Royalty Applications accepted in the Extension Building - before 5 p.m.
- 30 Fair Shoot – Shotgun ONLY- 9:00 am – Witt’s Property: 10658 State Hwy 172 Ignacio, CO 81137
- 4 BBQ Preparation & Pizza Party!! – 6:00 pm – Extension Building. Please RSVP to Angela so she can order enough pizza for everyone!

AUGUST

- 3 County Council and Community BBQ Prep – FREE Pizza! – 6 pm – Extension Building – Please RSVP to Angela so she can get enough pizza for everyone
- 4 Marketplace Workshops – 10 am to 1 pm Extension Building
- 6 La Plata County Fair Open Rabbit Show 9 am – Fairgrounds
- 6 La Plata County Fair 4-H Horse Show 9 am – Fairgrounds
- 7 La Plata County Fair Gymkhana – 10 am - Fairgrounds
- 8 4-H Demonstration Contest (starting at 8:00 am)
 4-H Record Book Interview Judging for Horses and Dogs starting at 9:00 am - Sign up for time during Record Book week
 4-H Horse Hippology (from 10 am to 3 pm on the hour),
 Goat, Dog and Rabbit Tests at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm.
4-H Cake Decorating (10:00 am) and 4-H Creative Cooks Contests (12:00 pm)
 4-H Livestock Record Book Interview All Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Rabbit & Poultry Judging starting at 5:30 pm. -Sign up for time during Record Book week
 Livestock Pen & Bunny Barn set up at 6:00 pm
- 9 **4-H General/Natural Resource and Family Consumer Science Project Entry and Record Books Interview Judging Day, 8:00 am – 10:00 am. *All projects must be in the building and checked in by 10:00 am. ***
- 9 **4-H Public Fashion Review - 7 p.m. - Patio**
- 10-14 Official dates for La Plata County Fair
- 10 4-H Livestock projects delivered and weighed in:
 Poultry: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
 Rabbits: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
 Market Goats: 10:00 am
 Market Sheep: 10:15 am
 Market Swine: 12:00 pm
 Market Beef: 1:45 pm
 Dairy, Utility & Fiber Goats: 2:00 pm
 Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goats: 3:00 pm
- 10-14 Livestock Shows:
 4-H Sheep - Wednesday, August 10th at 4:00 pm
 4-H Swine – Wednesday, August 10th Showmanship only will follow the Sheep Show
 4-H Swine - Thursday, August 11th at 8:30 am
 4-H Poultry - Thursday, August 11th at 9:00 am
 4-H Goats - Thursday, August 11th at 1:00 pm
 4-H Rabbits - Friday, August 12th at 9:00 am
 4-H Breeding Beef - Friday, August 12th at 10:00 am

4-H Beef Showmanship – Friday, August 12th following the 4-H Breeding Beef

4-H Market Beef - Friday, August 12th at 1:00 pm

4-H Dairy - Friday, August 12th at 2:00 pm

4-H Round Robin – Friday, August 12th at 4:00 pm

*All Open class animals (except beef and rabbits) will be shown following the 4-H shows.

13 4-H County Fair BBQ – 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Senior Center Lawn

13 Silver Steaks, Silver Loin & Silver Chop Award Presentation 5:00 pm

13 Junior Livestock Sale 6:00 pm

13 County Fair Family Dance, 9 pm – 12 am - Patio

14 Carcass Animals Loaded at 10:00 am.

14 Catch-It Contest at 1:30 pm

14 Pick-up animals & projects at 2:00 pm

14 Pick-up Premiums in the Extension Office, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

16 County Fair 4-H Champion General, Natural Resource, and Home Ec. projects eligible for State Fair Competition - due in Extension Building by 7:30 am, for transporting to State Fair

16 ALL unsold and sold truck raffle tickets are due to Angela by 5 pm

26-Sept 5 Official Dates of Colorado State Fair, Pueblo, CO

SEPTEMBER

7-11 Pick-up 4-H Champion General, Natural Resource, and Home Ec. Projects that went to State Fair, from the Extension Office.

24 4-H Achievement Banquet - 5 p.m. - Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, August 9th - 4-H General, Natural Resources and Family Consumer Science Interviews & when you turn in your project!!!

- Tuesday, August 9th – ***Please park at DHS and walk over to the Fairgrounds.** If you have something that is heavy, you can park at the Fairgrounds doors, but after you unload, please move your car over to the DHS Parking Lot. ****NOT the Senior Center Parking Lot****
- Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 10:00 a.m. with Interview Judging starting at 8:15 a.m. in the Extension Building.
- You will need to bring in your 4-H project/project board and record book with you.
- When you walk into the Extension building, you will need to find the line for your project, Here you will sign up for an interview, which will be on a first come, first serve basis. The clerk will give you a 3 x 5 card with the project and interview time listed on it. If you have more than one project, you'll take your card to the next project line and add to it.
- We will be giving our judges 15 minutes per interview. All Interview Judging will be done as soon as the last entry is judged and no later than 1 p.m. - Since our judges are volunteering their time, we would like for them not to have to wait on members to show up, so be here as close to 8:00 am as possible. Remember, we close at 10:00 am!
- All General, Natural Resources and Family Consumer 4-H Projects (and e-record books) **MUST** be turned in on Tuesday, August 9th between 8:00 am and 10:00 am.
These projects include: Artistic Clothing, Cake Decorating, Cats, Ceramics, Clothing Construction, Cloverbuds, Companion Animal, Electric, Entomology, Foods and Nutrition, Gardening, Global Citizenship, Heritage Arts - Quilting, Crochet, Knitting and Needle Arts, Home Environment, Horseless Horse, Leadership, Leathercraft, Model Rocketry, Outdoor Adventure, Photography, Robotics, Scrapbooking, Self-Determined, Shooting Sports - .22 Pistol, .22 Rifle, Air Rifle, Archery,

Muzzleloading, and Shotgun, Small Engines, Sport Fishing, Veterinary Science, Visual Arts, Wildlife, Welding, and Woodworking

Labeling your Projects

Please be sure to label all of your projects with:

La Plata County

Your Name, Age

Project Name & Unit

Class Number (If you don't know this, look at your Exhibit Requirements or call Angela)

This will keep us from confusing your project with anyone else's. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office or ask your club leader.

Project Interviews and Completion - Every year, we run into situations where the member will not be available on August 9th - in some cases, we're able to make arrangements with the judge of that project to do an interview early (no guarantees). Call Angela or Greg, 970-382-6465, if you have this problem and will not be available for an interview on Tuesday, August 9th.

4-H Fashion Review - Those members with Clothing, Decorate Your Duds and Heritage Arts are encouraged to sign up for 4-H Fashion Review Judging which will take place in the afternoon. The Public 4-H Fashion Review will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9th, on the Patio at the Fairgrounds.

Demonstration Contest

Monday, August 8th – Florida Room – All Day

All 4-H members are welcome to compete in the Demonstration Contest. If you are competing for an Supreme Award for Horses, Rabbits, Poultry or Goat then plan on entering the County Fair 4-H Demonstration Contest because at least 20 to 25 percent of your score comes from your demonstration. You can sign up as an individual or as a team. A junior demonstration is from 3 to 5 minutes while an Intermediate or Senior takes from 5 to 8 minutes to give. Your topic needs to relate somehow to 4-H, but does not specifically need to be related to the 4-H project you're competing in.

You must sign up between July 25th – 29th. Entry forms are available online at www.laplatacounty4h.org or the Extension Office.

Creative Cooks Contest

It's really fun and all 4-H members are welcome!

- You do not have to be enrolled in 4-H Foods to participate.
- You select a favorite, nutritious, meal and essentially put it on display and tell the judge why you like that particular meal.
- You can do it as an individual or a team!

See – so easy! The Contest is held on Monday, August 8th at noon in the Extension Building. You must sign up between July 25th – 29th. Entry forms are available online at www.laplatacounty4h.org or the Extension Office.

Cake Decorating Contest

All 4-H Cake Decorating members are welcome and encouraged to participate in this fun contest. You will bring a cake and all the stuff to decorate for the unit you have entered. It is a timed event, starting at 10:00 am, and the judge will be there while you decorate. You must sign up between July 25th – 29th. Entry forms are available online at www.laplatacounty4h.org or the Extension Office.

4-H General/Natural Resource and Family Consumer Science Record Books

To find all of your record books, please go to our website: www.laplatacounty4h.org You will see a Record Books tab on the left side of the page, click on that. The record books are all located towards the bottom of the page. If you are having trouble finding them or cannot print from home, Angela will email them to you or you may come into the Extension Office and we will print them off for you.

4-H General/Natural Resource and Family Consumer Science Project Requirements

For project requirements: go to our website: www.laplatacounty4h.org and on the left side of the page, you will see "4-H Project Information" click there then scroll till you find your project.

4-H County Fair BBQ

BBQ Tickets are now available!

Each 4-H family is requested to sell or buy at least 5 tickets per family. If every family sells at least 5 tickets, we will meet our goal. You may come into the Extension Office and sign out tickets to sell.

You may also purchase tickets in advance from the Extension Office. Prices are the same this year: Presale adult \$8.00; presale child (2 to 7 years old) and seniors (65+) \$5.00; adult tickets sold at the door will be \$10.00. The more tickets that are sold, the greater the profits for the whole 4-H program!

We also need each club to sign up for a shift to work the BBQ. Each shift is 1 hour and 15 minutes, and you will be serving food, drinks, taking tickets and cleaning up the tables. Please check with your club leader on the time you are expected to help. If you cannot help during the time your club is signed up, please contact Angela and she can add your name to a different time.

State Fair – All projects that qualify for State Fair, must be dropped off by Tuesday, August 16th by 7:30 am. All State Fair Projects must be picked up from the Extension Office between September 7th -11th.