

# Colorado 4-H YD Professionals Monthly Gathering

September 10, 2024



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## Colorado 4-H Mission

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential by working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

## Colorado 4-H Vision

A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together.



## Chat box icebreaker

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Send out a kudos to anyone you want to acknowledge for being a champion of 4-H PYD this past summer!



# Food for Thought

## 4-H STEM Challenge Kits

- Imagine Science and National 4-H partnership to provide STEM Challenge kits free of charge.
- Two kits per county.
- Each kit contains:
  - **Food Fighters:** This collaborative board game gamifies learning about the global food supply chain. Students work together to secure their town's food supply, making strategic decisions and building teamwork skills.
  - **Chew on This:** This entrepreneurial challenge encourages students to think critically about food waste reduction. By brainstorming innovative uses for food scraps, students develop problem-solving and design thinking skills.
  - **Know to Grow:** This hands-on engineering activity introduces students to plant science and controlled environment agriculture. Students design and build efficient growing environments, fostering an understanding of plant cultivation and its role in food security.



# Reminders for State 4-H Dog Trials

Please notify participants of the following:

- Enter the state fairgrounds at Gate 6 off Small Avenue
- Park near the Ag Palace along the two sides of the building
- Bring your own food/drinks as there are no concessions
- Prepare to clean up after your dog on the lawn areas
- Registration is between 7:30-8:30am each morning
- Showmanship tests start early on Sunday morning
- A tentative class schedule should be posted soon



# National 4-H Conference – April 11-16

- Held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, VA
- Delegates become familiar with the government and future career opportunities and share their voice with federal agencies and congressional committees.
- County 4-H Specialists nominate Senior 4-H member(s) (ages 15-18) from their counties. Nominated members submit to the State 4-H Office:
  - Resume
  - Cover letter explaining why they would like to attend the conference
  - Letter of recommendation from the County 4-H Specialist
- Applications are due by mid-December. The State 4-H Office staff then interviews nominees. **Up to five members will be selected to attend.**
- Members can apply for a National 4-H Conference Scholarship, though once a county registers a member, they are obligated to go (and pay for the trip).



# Colorado 4-H YD State Updates

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# National 4-H Council Sub-grants

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Our Mission: To expand opportunities for all of America's youth through increased investment and participation in 4-H positive youth development.

## 4-H Pollinator Habitat Program Sub-grant

- Next generation of pollinator champions
- \$15,000 funding
- 100 teen ambassadors & 250 youth
- <http://grants.4-h.org/>
- Due Monday, October 7th







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## 2025 Nutrien Ag Career Ready

- Empower youth to build skills to elevate Ag careers
- \$15,000 funding
- 10 teen ambassadors
- <http://grants.4-h.org/>
- [Due Friday, September 13th](#)





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## Google & National 4-H Council AI Education Sub-grant

- Elevate Ag in 4-H
- \$225K
- Year 1: Five pilot counties
- Year 2: Additional five counties
- Year 3: Region/statewide



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# National 4-H Council PYD Academies

- Foundations of PYD for 4-H Professionals
- Program Planning and Evaluation for PYD Impact



<https://events.4-h.org/programplanning24>



# OEE Forum



## 4-H YD PRU time

- Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Colorado 4-H  
Volunteer Systems



# 2024 – 2025 4-H Senate Adult Advisor Needed

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Contact:  
Trent Hollister  
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Becky Jacobson



# State 4-H Team Positions

- State 4-H Shooting Sports Specialist
  - Live presentation/Q&A: September 23rd & 24th
- State 4-H Military Partnerships Specialist
  - Live presentation/Q&A: September 23rd & 24th
- State 4-H Volunteer Development Specialist
  - Position posts on September 13th
- State 4-H Office Coordinator
  - Interviews October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8th





Thank you!

See you  
October 8th



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