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## National 4-H Events

### National Congress:

#### Eligibility, Selection Process, Deadlines

**Youth Eligibility:** Members must be between 14 and 19 years of 4-H age as of January 1 of the year they are attending. Only those individuals selected to represent the state may attend. Members may attend the National 4-H Congress only once. Delegates must have completed at least one year of 4-H and must be enrolled and approved in 4-H Online before the event to attend.

**Selection Process:** Those interested in being a delegate must submit an application which needs to include the following:

1. Resume of skills and experience (school, 4-H, extracurricular, work, etc.)
2. Cover letter where you:
  - a. express interest in this trip
  - b. emphasize leadership, community service, or unique ways you've helped others
3. Letter of recommendation from your 4-H specialist/coordinator/director.
4. Finalists will be selected for interviews and asked to present on this topic during their interview: Describe how you use your head, heart, hands, and health as described in the 4-H pledge to better your club, community, country, or world.
5. Applicants will be notified by the selection committee of the committee's decision.

**Deadlines:** Applications to become a delegate are due to the State 4-H Office by August 1. Interviews will be conducted after reviewing applications. Delegates will be selected by September.

1. The county/club/individual payment for trip costs for delegates is due by September 15. Cancellations, other than for emergency or medical reasons, will result in forfeiture of all non-reimbursable expenses. Substitution may be made after September 15 at the discretion of the State 4-H Office, but alternates will be responsible for all additional expenses (i.e., cost of airline tickets, etc.). The State 4-H Office will register the state delegation.

**Adults:** Chaperones must be CSU Extension staff or approved 4-H volunteers. A maximum of **two** volunteer leaders and one State or County Specialist are selected each year. Those interested in chaperoning should submit a letter of interest to the state 4-H office by September 1. Adults will be selected to chaperone by September 15. Chaperones will attend an orientation webinar before the event and will be part of a group activity during the event.

#### Time, Place, Schedule, Expense

**Time:** Thanksgiving weekend from Friday through the following Tuesday

**Place:** Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Georgia

**Schedule:**

- Workshops designed to develop leadership skills.
- Plenary Sessions with outstanding speakers and entertainers.
- A Service-Learning Experience to participate in hands-on service projects.
- Tours and recreational opportunities throughout the city of Atlanta.

Additional information is at the event website at <https://national4-hcongress.com/>.

Youth may apply to be on the Youth Leadership Team, Teen Entertainers, or the Youth Design Team for the following year.

**Expenses:** The cost varies due to travel expenses but can be in the range of \$1,600 to \$2,500 in total per youth or adult chaperone. Whatever percentage of the expenses are not covered by the state and county must be paid by the participant's family. Some meals are included in registration. Bring additional money for the following: snacks, souvenirs, the 4-H Mall, a Congress photo USB drive, shopping, and tips. You will need money for meals while you are traveling, three lunches, and one dinner. It is recommended that you bring a minimum of \$125.

## Western National 4-H Roundup

### Eligibility, Selection Process, Deadlines

**Youth Eligibility:** Contestants are selected at state competitions. Delegates must be between 14 and 18 years old by December 31 of the previous enrollment year in which the contest eligibility was earned. 4-H members may attend only once in the same contest. Teams and individual members of the state champion team who have competed at a National 4-H Contest, as the official Colorado 4-H entry, are ineligible to compete again in the same event at any county or state 4-H contest. Designated teams/individuals register directly through the registration link located on the Western National Roundup website.

**Deadlines:** Registration closes in early December. Coaches and/or county staff register 4-H Teams or individuals.

*The following 4-H State Fair contests qualify delegates for **FCS Contests**:*

- **Public Speaking**-Senior aged Grand Champions in both the Impromptu and Prepared Public Presentations contest.
- **FCS Presentations**-Top two members of the Senior Team and the top Senior Individual Champion. If the Champion Senior Team consists of mixed-age group members, only the Senior-age member is eligible. A Senior demonstration covering a topic related to consumer science and finishes in the top 10 is eligible. (Up to two demonstrations, either individual or team).
- **Fashion Revue**-Maximum of the top four winners are eligible to. Roundup Fashion Revue categories are either Constructed or Purchased garments.

The following State 4-H Conference contests (if offered qualify delegates for the following Western National

### **Roundup Contests:**

#### Western National Round-up Horse Classic

- Horse Quiz bowl
- Horse Judging
- Hippology
- Horse Demonstration
- Horse Public Speaking

#### Livestock Judging and Quiz Bowl

- Livestock Quiz Bowl
- Livestock Judging

#### Parliamentary Procedure

- Parliamentary Procedure

#### Public Speaking

- Impromptu and Prepared Speech

**Note:** Delegates may qualify for the Meat Judging Contest at Roundup if Colorado 4-H holds the contest in May.

**Adults:** Team or individual coaches, approved 4-H volunteers, and CSU Extension staff members may attend as chaperones.

### Time, Place, Schedule, Expense

**Time:** Early January (held for contestants qualifying in the previous 4-H year)

**Place:** Denver and Fort Collins (CSU Campus)

**Schedule:** Schedules, contest rules and resources, and results (after the event) are available at the Western National 4-H Roundup website at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/national-western-roundup/>.

**Expenses:** For the 2024 Western National Roundup it is \$250 for a contest participant. \$50 for an extra award reception ticket and Currently, there are no registration fees for coaches. Costs vary year to year depending on hotel, conference center, and facility rates.

## National 4-H Conference

### Eligibility, Selection Process, Deadlines

**Youth Eligibility:** Members must be between 15 and 18 years of age to participate.

**Selection Process:** County 4-H Specialists nominate Senior 4-H member(s) 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-January. The State 4-H Office staff then interviews nominees. Up to four members have been selected to attend.

**Deadlines:** The State 4-H Office will register delegates and chaperones by mid-February based on a completed registration form, including a required Code of Conduct Form.

**Adults:** One chaperone is selected by application submitted to the state 4-H Office and must be CSU Extension staff or an approved 4-H volunteer. The chaperone should have experience and involvement in 4-H program development at local, district, and state levels. Experience with Civic Engagement is preferred. Chaperones must attend an orientation webinar in March.

### Time, Place, Schedule, Expense

**Time:** April

**Place:** Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, 2799 Richmond Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202 (Washington D.C. area)

**Schedule:** Delegates will have the opportunity to have round table discussions and present to federal partner agencies along with the opportunity to engage with their U.S. Senators and Representatives. Some years, a hybrid virtual option is possible. Additional information is at the event website at <https://4-h.org/parents/national-4-h-conference/>.

This premiere Civic Engagement event is a chance for young people to work with other 4-H'ers to present ideas to federal agencies and congressional committees with the goal of impacting change in America.

**Expenses:** In-person Registration Fee: \$810 youth, \$1300 adult; Virtual Fee: \$425; youth and adult late registration: \$50 fee (Costs vary year to year.) Additional costs include airfare and one lunch and one dinner on your own.

## Citizenship Washington Focus

### Eligibility, Selection Process, Deadlines

**Youth Eligibility:** Members must be between 14 and 18 years of age as of December 31 of the current 4-H year to participate. Delegates must have at least one year of leadership experience and be currently active in a leadership position in the organization they represent.

Delegates must have demonstrated an active interest in citizenship/community service programs in their club and/or at the county level.

Delegates must complete an official 4-H Online application for Citizenship Washington Focus, upload a clear, glossy picture for publicity, and participate in required online orientation.

Delegates must be willing and have the time to work with their county/area Extension specialist to conduct a citizenship program upon return, based on a prearranged agreement.

### **Selection Process:**

Each county/area is responsible for selecting their delegate(s). 4-H Members will complete registration through 4-H Online by April. County staff will confirm the members registration, which includes application form, acceptance, and uploaded photograph. When the county has selected the delegates partially funded by the Colorado 4-H program may send additional delegates at their county and/or personal expense.

**Deadlines:** Delegates will be registered by the State 4-H Office. Additional Media and Information Release and Code of Conduct forms are required. Payment is due at least 30 days prior to arrival at CWF.

**Adults:** Chaperones must be CSU Extension staff or approved 4-H volunteers. A maximum of two volunteer leaders and one State or County Specialist are selected each year. Those interested in chaperoning should submit a letter of interest to the state 4-H office by April 1st. Adults will be selected to chaperone by April 15th. Chaperones must attend a orientation webinar before the event and will be part of a group activity during the event.

### Time, Place, Schedule, Expense

**Time:** Colorado attends one out of six possible program dates, usually the last week in June.

**Place:** Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, Maryland (Washington D.C. area)

**Schedule:** Each day includes workshops, tours, or group activities. Schedules are shared with state delegations ahead of time. Program objectives are to:

1. Strengthen communication, leadership, and other citizenship skills on a national level.
2. Understand the importance of civic responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders.
3. Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds.
4. Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of our nation's Capital City, Washington, D.C.

**Expenses:** \$2900 per person (youth or adult) Costs vary year to year

### **Registration includes:**

- High impact programming featuring national experts and leaders along with opportunities for career exploration, using your voice and building connections with teens from across the country.
- Room and board (based on double occupancy for both youth and adults)
- All meals and breaks (excluding state-organized meals and events)
- Support from trained Program Assistants (PA's)
- DC area site visits and all program materials

## Colorado 4-H State Events

All registrations are through 4-HOnline

### Colorado Leadership Camp

#### Eligibility, Selection Process, Deadlines

**Youth Eligibility:** Members must be between ages 11 and 13 as of December 31 of the current 4-H year.

**Deadlines:** Registration closes mid-October.

**Adults:** Chaperones must be CSU Extension staff or approved 4-H volunteers. If both gender specific campers are in attendance, an appropriate gender chaperone must accompany the delegation unless special arrangements have been made in advance with another group's chaperone.

#### Time, Place, Schedule, Expense

**Time:** November 10-12, 2023

**Place:** Glenwood Springs-Courtyard Marriott

**Schedule:** Members participate in workshops to develop teamwork and leadership skills.

**Expenses:** Registration is \$200, but varies due to location and expenses.

### Leadership Development Conference

#### Eligibility, Selection Process, Deadlines

**Youth Eligibility:** Members must be between 14 and 18 years of age as of December 31 of the current 4-H year to participate.

**Deadlines:** Registration closes early to mid-January.

**Adults:** Chaperones must be CSU Extension staff or approved 4-H volunteers. Time, Place, Schedule, Expense

#### Time, Place, Schedule, Expense

**Time:** Last weekend in January

**Place:** Denver

This event is followed by 4-H Day at the Capitol. Delegates and chaperones may choose to attend 4-H Day at the Capitol to sit in on 4-H Day Proclamations in the House and Senate Chambers. Counties can arrange to meet with legislators on their own. Counties can also schedule Capitol Building tours on their own after the proclamations are read.

**Schedule:**

- Keynote speaker(s)
- Workshops designed to develop leadership skills
- District meetings
- Group presentations on themes covered in the conference

**Expenses:** Registration is \$250 per person, but may vary year to year.

## Youth Fest

### Eligibility, Selection Process, Deadlines

**Youth Eligibility:** Members must be between ages 11 and 13 as of December 31 of the current 4-H year.

**Deadlines:** Registration closes mid-March.

**Adults:** Chaperones must be CSU Extension staff or approved 4-H volunteers.

### Time, Place, Schedule, Expense

**Time:** March, Friday night through Saturday evening or Sunday morning

**Place:** Colorado State Fairgrounds, Pueblo

**Schedule:** Team building activities and workshops

**Expenses:** Around \$100 per participant. Checks payable to **Colorado 4-H Senate.**

## State 4-H Conference

### Eligibility, Selection Process, Deadlines

**Youth Eligibility:** Members must be between ages 14 and 18 as of December 31 of the current 4-H year.

**Deadlines:** Registration closes mid-May.

**Adults:** Chaperones must be CSU Extension staff or approved 4-H volunteers. Time, Place, Schedule, Expense

### Time, Place, Schedule, Expense

**Time:** Mid-June

**Place:** Colorado State University, Fort Collins

**Schedule:** Includes leadership development, educational workshops, social, recreational activities and contests.

**Expenses:** In the \$300 per person but may vary year to year.

**NOTE:** For all State and National events, there will be no refunds after the registration deadline has passed. Transfer of registration to another participant may be an option for most events. This information is subject to change and approved by the State 4-H Office.

## Fiscal Information

1. **Counties who have money on campus** For **every event** except for YouthFest, we are no longer accepting checks. If your county typically has a club or external account pay for these events, the county will need manage internally and work directly with the club/group for reimbursement. The new standard, beginning with CLC, will be that after each event within 2 weeks, Elizabeth Sage will enter the payment into Quali and will send each of you an email with the Quali Doc number for your records. Any questions can be directed to [Elizabeth Sage](#). The process broken out looks like the following:
  - a. Registration for an event occurs.
  - b. Deadline for cancelations/changes passes.
  - c. Counties are responsible for creating their invoice in 4-H Online (If you have not done so at the beginning of the event, an email will be sent requesting you do so. This is a great way for the county to review who is registered!
  - d. Event occurs.



- e. Within 2 weeks of the event's end, Elizabeth will create the document for fund transfer and send your county an email with the document number for your records.
2. All check payments please mail check to 4040 Campus Delivery, Fort Collins, CO 80523. The check needs to have Attn 4-H. Checks **SHOULD NOT** be made out to the fiscal department.
3. All Checks for **Youth Fest** are made out to the **Colorado State 4-H Senate**. If we receive a check that is made out to Colorado 4-H we will void the check and request that a new one be mailed.
4. Please **DO NOT** combine checks. For accounting purposes, it is best if we receive one check per event (State Fair, State Conference, etc.).