

4-H Member Participation Check-List 2016-17

Steps to getting involved in 4-H:

1) Pick out projects of Interest

Check out the 4-H projects list ([download list](#)) – It may be helpful to figure out which projects the member might do right away. Club choice is often influenced by project choice.

2) Choose a local 4-H Club

Check out the Boulder County Club directory ([download directory](#)) – This list contains club leader contact, meeting dates, and which projects each club supports.

Call and visit clubs – members and their family may visit clubs until they find the club best fit for them. You do not have to be enrolled to visit clubs.

Confirm your club choice – before enrolling online, let the club leader know that you would like to join their club.

3) Enroll or Re-enroll in 4-H

Complete online enrollment ([download directions](#)) – enrollment is through 4-H Online which can be accessed at co.4honline.com, you will be notified by email that your enrollment is “pending”.

Fill out paperwork – forms are available on the [Enrollment webpage](#) or from your club leader

- ✓ Animal Care and Housing (Horse, Dog or Livestock projects ONLY)

Return paperwork and pay fee to club leader (NOT to Extension Office)

Important 4-H Dates:

- ✓ **4-H Year runs from October through September**
- ✓ **Enrollment for 4-H begins in early October**
- ✓ **Enrollment Deadline to Participate in Fair (April 1st)** – Members can enroll any time during the year, but must be enrolled by this date in order to be eligible to participate in county and state fair.
- ✓ **Project Add/Drop deadline (first Friday in May)** – Members can add or drop projects on 4-H Online.

4-H Member Responsibilities:

Attend monthly club meetings – at least the majority of club meetings or per club by-laws **Read monthly Clover Gazette** – a newsletter is posted on the website and sent out via email with information on deadlines, county fair, 4-H events, project workshops, state conferences, etc. Request a paper copy of the newsletter at (303) 678-6238 or aharders@bouldercounty.org.

Add or drop projects by first Friday in May – Any project that might not be completed should be dropped. This will keep yourself and the club from being held responsible for that project. This can be done on 4-H Online until March and then by hardcopy form in the Extension office.

Five Requirements for Completion:

Complete a record book for each project ([download record books](#)) – General (non-animal) project record books are to be completed and included with the project exhibit. Animal (livestock, horse and dog) record books must be reviewed and signed by club or project leader at the end of the year. They are due to the Extension Office by the 2nd Friday in Sept.

Give at least one demonstration – Clubs generally set up times at meetings for members to present a demonstration.

Participate in a community service – This may be through your club, through a county group or community service project, or through your school or other non-4-H organization.

Participate in a judging activity – This may be at a club meeting or through involvement on a 4-H Boulder county competitive judging team

Exhibit each project(s) – A member exhibits a project by showing what they've learned to a group of people other than their own immediate family. County and state fair are great exhibiting opportunities however projects may be exhibited at any show or community/school function.

A club earns the club completion award when each member completes all five requirements for all of the projects they are signed up for following the Add/Drop deadline.

More Ways to Participate in 4-H

At the Club Level

- Serve as a club officer**
- Participate in Carnival and Dairy Bar**
- Participate in fundraisers/activities**
- Build a club float for the fair parade**

At the County level

- Serve on Youth Council**
- Serve as 4-H Ambassador or Teen Clerk**
- Attend County Project workshops**
- Participate in National 4-H Week**
- Compete in County Shooting contest**
- Compete on a County Contest Team** – Consumer Science, Livestock, Horse, or Rabbit Judging; Hippology, Horse Bowl
- Compete at Challenge Day** – cake decorating, creative cooks, dance, vocal, instrumental, speech, demo. Winners qualify for State Fair/Conference.
- Attend 4-H Summer Picnic** (July)
- Host a 4-H Exchange Student**
- Attend Achievement Night** (October) – celebration of member/leader accomplishments

At the District or State level

- Serve on District 2** (Boulder, Larimer and Weld) – elected through Youth Council.
- Junior Jam District Conference** – for members of 4-H age 8 – 12.
- Compete on the Dairy Judging team**
- Compete in State Shooting contest** – must qualify at County Shooting contest
- State Leadership Conferences** – [CLC](#), [LDC](#), [Youth Fest](#), and [State Conference](#).
- Exhibit at the [State Fair](#)**

At the National level

- [Citizenship Washington Focus](#)** – A trip to Washington DC
- [National 4-H Congress](#)** – must win grand champion at state fair in a general project
- [Western National Roundup](#)** – must be first place contest team at State Conference
- Compete in National Shooting contest** – must qualify at State Shooting contest