LA PLATA COUNTY 4-H Friday Update

May 8, 2020

In response to all COVID-19 adjustments, I will be sending out weekly updates highlighting activities and project changes each Friday afternoon. I hope you find these weekly updates helpful. Please check your email and visit the @laplatacounty4h Facebook page often. I am updating information almost daily.

I have a weekly “check-in” zoom meeting each Tuesday at 5:30 pm. It will be an opportunity for virtual discussions and help with your projects.

Also, as a reminder, the Extension Office is closed to the public and the staff is working remotely. Email or my cell phone is the best way to contact me.

If you haven’t already done so, please complete this survey so I can learn how to better serve you while we are social distancing. Thank you! [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YSPS77J](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YSPS77J)

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Weekly Check-Ins** – Every Tuesday at 5:30 pm. I will be available to you on Zoom, in case you have questions, want to talk or need help with your project.

Please join me at: [https://zoom.us/s/98960223747](https://zoom.us/s/98960223747) Password: 3141592

**Upcoming Deadlines:**

**Meat Quality Assurance (M.Q.A)** is due by June 1st – Complete the 4-H M.Q.A PowerPoint (attached) and do the online test for your age group.

Juniors (8 to 10 yrs. old) [https://4hcouncil.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5yEeOCFhL9bi9qR](https://4hcouncil.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5yEeOCFhL9bi9qR)

Intermediates & Seniors (11 to 18 yrs. old)

[https://4hcouncil.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1HoWafXxkIoHbPT](https://4hcouncil.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1HoWafXxkIoHbPT)

**Last day to drop projects** is June 1st - If you need to drop a project, you can go online to [www.colorado.4honline.com](http://www.colorado.4honline.com) or email Angela and I will update your projects for you.

**Canceled Events:**

Spring Fling Horse Show & Gymkhana, May 16 & 17 – is canceled.

Friday Night Lights Gymkhana, June 12 – is canceled

State Conference, June 22-26 – is canceled
Spring & Summer Programs:
As you know, State 4-H has stated that we cannot have any 4-H face to face programing until May 15th. As of right now, they have not extended that date but they are talking about extending it until June 30. If they do extend the no face to face date, I will let you know as soon as I find out.
I understand this makes future planning difficult, so my advice is to plan future activities knowing that it is not likely we will be able to have face to face events before July. If things begin to change in a positive direction very quickly and the local orders/restrictions are starting to be lifted, then we will address those events on a case by case basis. Of course, safety of you and our communities are our primary goals.

La Plata County Fair
The La Plata County Fair Board had their meeting last night and they have agreed that there will be a Fair this year. It may not look like our normal fair, but all of our 4-H/FFA members will be able to showcase their projects and animals in one way or another.
Here are the options that we are working on:
- **Plan A:** We have a fair at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. This is best case scenario, where we have a lot of the same activities (Derby, BBQ, Carnival, etc.) – We are all aware that short of a miracle, this will not happen. Depending on group size restrictions, we will change the schedule to reflect that.
- **Plan B:** We will have member & parent only events at the Fairgrounds. Livestock shows would be where you trailer in and out on the same day. Each species would be on a separate day, so we lower our group numbers. General Projects will be where you drop off your projects at set times on separate days.
- **Plan C:** Is Plan B but out at the Old Fort in Hesperus. This is the backup plan if we are not able to have our events at the La Plata County Fairgrounds (due to testing or emergency situations).
- **Plan D:** Everything is done virtually. Interviews, project judging, tests, contests, livestock shows & auction.
  *There is a chance that our fair will end up being a mix of in person and virtual.*
I am telling you all of this because I want you all to be assured that we are thinking of multiple options and that we will do our very best to make this year a success. The Fair Board and I agree that we need to showcase our youth and all of your accomplishments throughout this year.

La Plata County Fair Theme:
The Hanhardt family suggested the winning theme for the fair this year: “The Show Will Go On”.

La Plata County Fair Camper Space Sign up:
The Fair Board changed the date for signing up for camper spaces to July 1st.

Market Goat, Sheep & Swine Tag-in Changes:
As you know, we are not doing face to face tag in for market goat, sheep & swine and I will be mailing tags to you, very soon.
I am sorry, I did promise that I would have all of the details for you today but I got ahead of myself. The superintendents are meeting over the weekend and will let me know next week how they want you to document your animals. Once I get that information, I will start sending out tags to families. For those of you that needed help tagging, a fair board member will contact you to schedule a time to tag your animals.
State Fair Nominations for Goat, Sheep & Swine:
In a normal year, we have you fill out a nomination form then we do a retinal scan of your animal at the tag in. This year, in place of the retinal scan, the State Fair is requiring DNA tests.

So, it will become a 4 step process to take your goat, sheep or swine to the state fair:
1. You will fill out the attached nomination form for your animal and get it back to me by May 29th.
2. On June 1st, you will go online to https://www.coloradostatefair.com/events/2020/mkt-animal-nomination and order your DNA sample envelopes.
3. Mail your DNA samples to the State Fair Office by July 1st.
4. Fill out entry forms online or mail them to the State Fair Office by August 1st.

Please let me know if you need help with this process or have any questions.

Congratulations to our Higher Education Scholarship Winners!
Taylor Jenkins
Clay Sanburg
Sydney Brown
Madison Mortimer
Each member will receive a $500.00 scholarship to go towards furthering their education in the Fall.

Homemade Masks are needed for our community:
Many community members don’t have access to facemasks or the ability to make them. The La Plata County Emergency Operations Center is looking for people to make masks to be handed out to people in need. If you are able to sew masks, please let me know. The more people we can help, the better.

Community Members looking to purchase meat from 4-H families
I have been contacted by many community members that want to purchase meat from 4-H families instead of the grocery stores. If you have any animals that are ready to sell now, please let me know and the price per pound.

Adventure Day Camp
I have the Adventure Day Camp scheduled for 2 weeks in June but there is a chance we won’t be able to do group activities by that time. Because of this, I have been thinking it would be fun to still do a virtual activity every day. If you are interested in teaching a workshop virtually, please let me know.

It could be about anything 4-H related (baking, cake decorating, how to trim an animal, showmanship, model rocketry, etc.). If you workshop requires the kids to have something to work with, we could even send boxes of supplies to the members that want to participate. For example, if you wanted to do a painting class, we could send the canvas, paint and brush, and then you all could paint together. This will take some planning, but I think it could be really cool and a lot of fun for all of us.
Record Books and Exhibit Requirements for General Projects:
All record books & exhibit requirements for general projects are available on our website: www.laplatacounty4h.org If you have any questions about your record books or projects please contact at me at 970-749-8883 or fountainaj@co.laplata.co.us

Virtual Opportunities:
People from all over the State have been making fun videos and posting them to our CSU 4-H website. Some videos are project related and others are STEM related. http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-online-virtual-engagement-resources/

Dog Trainings – Boulder County has been doing a lot of fun dog videos, trainings and virtual shows. You are more than welcome to join a virtual event or watch the trainings at your own time! https://boulder.extension.colostate.edu/4h/dog-virtual-training/

STEM activities - https://4-h.org/parents/stem-agriculture/youth-stem-activities/
All About Animals
Ages 8-18
June 8-12
Via Zoom
10:00-11:00 AM

Art Camp
Ages 8-18
June 22-26
Via Zoom
10:00-11:30 AM

Crowley & Otero 4-H
Virtual Summer Day Camps
Open to All Youth

All About Animals
Explore companion animal careers and opportunities! Youth will learn about service dogs from Brandie Jackson, Animals in Art with Kathy Griesse, community service, and other fun activities.

Art Camp
Create masterpieces and learn new techniques in painting, drawing, fiber, and more. Youth will create multiple art projects keep, gift, or enter in their county fair.

Register by May 29
A supply list will be sent out June 1
Go to https://forms.gle/qa9YvxcEl7TqZP37

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VIRTUAL LIVESTOCK NUTRITION CLINIC

AN INTERACTIVE APPROACH AT LEARNING ABOUT LIVESTOCK NUTRITION
Presented by Colby Hales

Week One:
Monogastrics
Monday, May 4th, 5pm
Beginner Session

Wednesday, May 6th, 5pm
Advanced Session
Main Focus: Swine

Week Two:
Ruminants
Monday, May 11th, 5pm
Beginner Session

Wednesday, May 13th, 5pm
Advanced Session
Main Focus: Cattle, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits and more

Registration Link for Both Monday Sessions:
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMsdOutpzluHNdFVZt9xgjSSigq0XOKD1Xm

Registration Link for both Wednesday Sessions:
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMsdOutpzluHNdFVZt9xgjSSigq0XOKD1Xm
Week Two:
Ruminant Nutrition

An Interactive Approach at Learning About Ruminant Nutrition
Presented by Colby Hales

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Advanced Session
Wednesday, May 6th, 5pm
Registration:
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpdeuvrgvlHtfs6oM755jwav__2H12o1dl

Please Contact Jessie Stewart with Questions: jessie.ann.stewart@colostate.edu

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Masters of Beef Advocacy

Become a strong advocate for the industry

The Masters of Beef Advocacy (MBA) course is a Beef Check-Off funded program that consists of five lessons in Beef Advocacy. Advocates will understand the Beef Lifecycle, from Pasture to Plate.

Course is offered May 16, 2020 at 10am via Zoom

To register visit: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjuud-cvqjovgnmsxitcayogyxvrr8uc1ikk

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