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Arapahoe County 4-H now enrolling new members and volunteers *4-H program brings life rewards and recognition to local youth*

Littleton, Colo. – Arapahoe County 4-H is now welcoming new youth members and adult leaders to more than 13 local clubs from Littleton to Deer Trail. The County also invites metro-area youth to create a new 4-H club with a group of friends and an adult volunteer.

By enrolling in 4-H, youth ages 5 to 18 can explore their interests in more than 60 general, home economics and animal project areas. A project involves learning a new skill hands-on over a period of several weeks or months. Some of the County's most popular projects are dog obedience, rabbit, cake decorating and clothing design and construction. Children under age 8 participate in the Cloverbud project, where they can learn about a variety of 4-H topics and have fun in a non-competitive setting.

"In addition to learning life skills, youth who participate in 4-H engage in community service, leadership development, fundraisers and other activities that grow their maturity and perspective," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Frank Weddig. "4-H also offers plenty of opportunities for youth to earn recognition for their unique talents."

The County's annual 4-H contests include cake decorating, speech and demonstrations, creative cooks and a talent show. Members also are invited to exhibit their projects at the Arapahoe County Fair each July, where 4-H competitions have become the heart of the event. This year, more than 60 County youth were invited to the 2011 Colorado State Fair after earning top nods at the County Fair. Below is a complete list of local youth who took home champion prizes from the State Fair for their award-winning projects and top-notch performances:

- **Artistic Clothing:** Nicole Justice
- **Beginning Clothing:** Abigail Hanouw
- **Breads:** Julianna Brockelman
- **Cake Decorating:** Zach Moorman
- **Ceramics:** Julianna Brockelman; Ann Moorman
- **Creative Cooks Contest:** Amanda Vaughan
- **Demonstration Contest:** John Yousling
- **Dog Obedience:** Danielle Winkelman
- **Dog Rally Ex. A and Ex. B:** Danielle Winkelman

- **Global Citizenship:** Rachell Corona
- **Outdoor Cooking and Living:** Victoria Ayers
- **Photography:** Ann Moorman

Arapahoe County 4-H also is seeking club and project leaders who can dedicate time to teaching youth a life skill and help to grow their spirit for leadership, citizenship and teamwork. Training, materials and support are provided. Applications, references and a background check are required for all volunteers.

For more information on enrolling as a member or volunteer, please visit www.arapahoeextension.org or call the 4-H Office in Arapahoe County's CSU Extension at 303-730-1920.

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To download photos, click on the following link: <ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/pub/CM/Photos/4-H>

DogProject.jpg – 4-H youth await their turn at the 2011 Arapahoe County Fair Dog Show to demonstrate what they've learned about dog obedience training, grooming, health and showmanship.

4HFlightforLife.jpg – Arapahoe County youth in the 4-H clothing project recently made baby blankets and donated them to a Flight for Life crew to benefit newborn infants at St. Anthony's Hospital.

To view complete 4-H results from the Colorado State Fair, click the following link:
http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/state_fair/results/2011/2011-results.php