

CATCH-IT-LAMB CONTEST

Catch-it-Lamb Superintendent:
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General Rules

INTRODUCTION

- The catch-it-lamb program is under the direction of the catch-it-lamb superintendent(s).
- Superintendent(s) will **not** be responsible for any injury or accident.
- Object of the contest is to provide a means whereby younger 4-H/FFA members may participate in catching, caring for and showing an animal at the county fair.
- Sponsors will provide a \$400 sponsorship fee upon successful completion of the project.
- The program will be limited to a maximum of 10 sponsored contestants (five members per age group). May be expanded at the discretion of department superintendent(s).

ELIGIBILITY AND AGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Kit Carson County 4-H or FFA members currently enrolled and meeting all participation requirements of the Kit Carson County Fair are eligible to participate in the contest and not competing in another K.C.C. catch-it-contest.
2. 4-H or FFA members 8-18 years of age by January 1 of exhibit year are eligible to participate. **(Must fall within age group by January 1 of exhibit year.)**
3. Contest may be split into two age groups if warranted. One group will consist of contestants who are 8 through 12 years of age and the other group will consist of those who are 13 through 18 years of age.
Note: This division will be made at the discretion of the program superintendent(s) based on the number and age of contestants registered. The 8-12 age range will be classified as junior contestants and the 13-18 age range will be classified as senior contestants.
4. No more than two lambs may be caught by anyone 4-H/FFA member during his/her 4-H/FFA career. 4-H/FFA members may be eligible to participate once in the 8 to 12 age range and once in the 13 to 18 age range. (Consideration may be granted, at the discretion of the contest superintendent(s), to repeat an age division due to the lack of contestants.
5. 4-H or FFA members do not keep the lamb they caught. 4-H/FFA members will purchase their lamb and follow the K.C.C. Fair weigh-in date and requirements.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- Completed application (including signatures) must be received no later than Monday noon of fair week.
Note: You do not have to wait until fair week, applications may be turned in to the Extension/Fair office at any time prior to Monday noon of fair.
- Contest will be held Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m., before the Ranch Rodeo. Contestants must be in front of the grandstands by 5:45 p.m.

ARENA CONTEST RULES

1. No more than two 4-H/FFA members per lamb will go into the arena to participate in the contest.

2. Lambs will be placed in a pen in front of the grandstands. Halters will be provided for the contest. The halter may not be used as a lariat. To establish ownership, the contestant must halter and take lamb to trailer.
3. The halter must be placed on the animal so that it can lead from the right or left.
4. While one contestant has hold of a lamb, no other person may touch the animal or take the contestant's halter to the member who has hold of the lamb.
5. If two or more contestants take hold of the same lamb at the same time, it will be returned to the middle of the catching arena and released.
6. If a lamb gets away from a contestant with the halter attached, it may then be caught again by any other contestant; however, the halter of the contestant who lost the lamb must not be used to catch it. Furthermore, the second, third, etc. contestant who catches the lamb must remove the halter on the lamb and place his or her halter on the animal.
7. If a contestant cannot halter the lamb and get it to the trailer within 5 minutes after taking hold of the animal, the lamb will be returned to the middle of the catching arena and turned loose for other contestants who have not caught a lamb.

LETTER WRITING

- Following fair you will be notified by letter the name of your sponsor(s), including address of your sponsor(s).
 1. You are **required** to write your sponsor(s) four times during the year. Listed below are the dates your letters are to be sent by. A copy of all required letters **must** be sent to the Extension/Fair office when you send your sponsor's so proper credit can be given. Letters must be postmarked or delivered by the required date. The address for the Extension/Fair office is: K.C.C. Fair - Attn: Catch-it-Lamb Contest – 817-15th Street – Burlington, CO 80807 **or** e-mailed to cusext1@kitcarsoncounty.org.
 - A. **October 15** – In this letter you should introduce and tell a little about yourself, your family, your 4-H experiences and include a picture of yourself. Be sure to thank your sponsor for sponsoring you.
 - B. **May 1** – Update your sponsor(s) and let him/her know about activities/events, etc. you are involved in (school/4-H). Share goals you have set for yourself and your project.
 - C. **June 1** – In this letter you may want to let your sponsor know what kind of lamb you purchased, weight, feeding plan, etc., and a picture of your lamb.
 - D. **July 1** – In this letter you may want to let your sponsor know approximately what your lamb weighs, your target weight for fair, grooming, care, etc. and a picture to show your sponsor how your lamb is doing. In addition, you may want to tell your sponsor about your summer activities, etc. It is highly encouraged to invite your sponsor to watch you show your lamb at fair.

CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORD BOOK PENALTIES

1. Letters
 - A. Two late letters (after grace period of 5 days based on postmark or email time stamp) or letters not turned in will receive one-half of the sponsorship dollars.
 - B. Three or more letters turned in late and/or after grace period or not turned in at all will not receive their sponsorship dollars.
2. Record Book
 - A. "White Ribbon" record book (based on scoresheet scores) will receive one-half of the sponsorship dollars.
 - B. Record book not turned in on time will not receive their sponsorship dollars.

PURCHASING AND DESIGNATING MY LAMB

1. **Important:** You ***must*** have a buddy lamb with your catch-it-lamb however it is not required to show the buddy lamb at fair.
2. You are required to designate your catch-it-lamb at the weigh-in in May.
3. If the lamb you designate does not make weight or cannot show at fair due to loss, injury or illness and you have another lamb that makes weight, you may transfer that lamb to your catch-it-lamb project. In the event you do not have another lamb then you can switch with a sibling or step sibling living in the same household. Necessary transfer forms must be completed when you weigh in Monday of fair.

RECORD KEEPING

1. You will receive a catch-it-lamb record book from the Extension office when enrollment requirements are met for the 4-H calendar year.
2. Your completed catch-it-lamb record book is to be turned into the Extension/Fair office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday following fair. It is a **must** to complete a record book.

3. A copy of your **four** required letters must be included in your record book.
4. Judges will be selected by the catch-it-lamb superintendent(s). It is required to complete a record book on your lamb in order to be considered sponsorship money.

WEIGHT AND FAIR REQUIREMENTS

1. The same qualifications apply to the catch-it-lamb contest as to other projects, including weight requirements, in order to sell your lamb at the youth livestock sale. Consult your fair book to find weight requirements, etc.
2. General rules and regulations of the Kit Carson County Fair will prevail where applicable.
3. You must show your catch-it-lamb in the catch-it-lamb class at fair, even if it does not make weight requirements.
4. You must be present at the catch-it-lamb presentation on Friday for sponsorship recognition.
5. If a member has a lamb, other than the catch-it-lamb, and the other lamb receives grand or reserve grand champion, the member may waive the obligation to sell the catch-it-lamb during the sale.
6. Judging criteria used to determine the overall catch-it-lamb includes: class placing, correspondence, showmanship, and record book.

DISTRIBUTION OF SPONSORSHIP FUNDS & AWARDS

- Upon successful completion of the catch-it-lamb project, including record book judging, your sponsorship money will be mailed to you.
- Overall Junior and Senior awards will be presented at the Annual 4-H Achievement program.

Failure to comply with the rules & regulations will result in forfeiture of sponsorship money.

2024-2025 Catch-it-Lamb Participants and Sponsors

Name	Club	Sponsor
Paige Bessire	Smoky Hill	Brad & Lynnette Hertneky Powell Insurance Agency
Mya Gutierrez	Rural Route	Dustin & Dara Weyerman
Faxon Stinnett	Rural Route	Big Iron Auctions (Jeff Mangus)
Tierney Stinnett	Rural Route	Justin & Michelle Tomes MNB Bank
Emmery Woller	Rural Route	No Bull BBQ Mark & Sherri Weber
Hayden Woller	Burlington FFA	Mills Ag Powell Club Lambs
Lakelyn Woller	Rural Route	Steve & Stephanie Miller Meadow View Kennel