

CATCH-IT-PIG CONTEST

Tuesday, July 26 – 6:30 p.m.

Catch-it-Pig Chairpersons:
Caleb Nitsch & Caitlyn Griffin

General Rules

INTRODUCTION

- The catch-it-pig program is under the direction of the catch-it-pig committee.
- Superintendent(s) and/or catch-it-pig committee will **not** be responsible for any injury or accident.
- Object of the contest is to provide a means whereby younger 4-H members may participate in catching, caring for and showing an animal at the county fair.
- Sponsors will provide a \$300 sponsorship fee upon successful completion of the project.

ELIGIBILITY AND AGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Kit Carson County 4-H 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 members 8-12 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 10 years of age and the other group will consist of those who are 11 through 12 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 8-10 age range will be classified as junior contestants and the 11-12 age range will be classified as senior contestants.
4. No more than two pigs may be caught by any one 4-H member during his/her 4-H career. Four-H members may be eligible to participate once in the 8 to 10 age range and once in the 11 to 12 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 members will catch pigs at fair, but do not keep the pig they caught. 4-H members will purchase their pig and follow the 4-H program nomination 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. Contestants must be in front of grandstands by 6:15 p.m.
- Contest will be held Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., before the Ranch Rodeo. Contestants must be in front of the grandstands by 6:15 p.m.

ARENA CONTEST RULES

1. No more than two 4-H members per pig will go into the arena to participate in the contest.
2. Small pigs (30-40 lbs.) will be placed in a pen in front of the grandstand. Contestants will be required to catch a pig and unassisted carry the animal to a trailer at the end of the pen.
3. If a member has hold of a pig, no other member will be allowed to touch or scare the pig until it breaks away. If two or more members catch the same pig, the pig will be turned loose.

LETTER WRITING

- Following fair you will be notified by letter the name of your sponsor, including address of your sponsor.
- 1. You are **required** to write your sponsors **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-Pig 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 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 pig you purchased, weight, feeding plan, etc., and a picture of your pig.
 - D. **July 1** – In this letter you may want to let your sponsor know approximately what your pig weighs, your target weight for fair, grooming, care, etc. and a picture to show your sponsor how your pig 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 pig at fair.
 - E. Although it is not required, please write a letter at the close of fair again thanking your sponsor for their sponsorship and support of you and the catch-it-pig contest and to let your sponsor know how you placed in the catch-it-pig and market classes. You may also want to let your sponsor know what your pig sold for at the livestock sale and who purchased your pig.

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.

DESIGNATING MY PIG

1. You are required to designate your pig when you fill out your 4-H nomination forms.
2. If the pig you designated does not make weight and you have another pig that makes weight you may transfer that pig to your catch-it-pig project. In the event you do not have another pig 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 Sunday evening of fair.

RECORD KEEPING

1. You will receive a catch-it-pig record book from the Extension office when enrollment requirements are met for the 4-H calendar year.
2. Your completed catch-it-pig record book is to be turned in to the Extension/Fair office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday following fair. It must be a completed 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-pig superintendent(s). It is necessary to complete a record book on your pig in order to be considered for all awards and monies.

WEIGHT AND FAIR REQUIREMENTS

1. The same qualifications apply to the catch-it-pig contest as to other projects, including weight requirements in order to sell your pig at the 4-H livestock sale.
2. General rules and regulations of the Kit Carson County Fair will prevail where applicable.
3. You must show your catch-it-pig in the catch-it-pig class at fair, even if it does not make weight requirements.
4. If a member has a pig, other than the catch-it-pig, and the other pig receives grand or reserve grand champion, the member may waive the obligation to sell the catch-it-pig during the sale.
5. You must be present at the catch-it-pig awards presentation on Friday for sponsorship recognition.

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.

Catch-it-Pig Participants and Sponsors

Name	Club	Sponsor
Ava Dobler	Rural Route	Eastern Colorado Bank Matt & Allison Mulch
Braxton Dobler Chadron Dobler	Rural Route Smoky Hill	Nutrien Ag Solutions Kugler Company J M Show Pigs
Conrad Dobler	Smoky Hill	MNB Bank Barry Hinkhouse
Jack Gorton	Go-Getters	Tempel Grain Jason & Crystal Foose
Neave Henschel	Go-Getters	Grassland Seeding Darren & LaRae Dobler
Tolson Henschel	Go-Getters	Frontier Bank 568
Bentley Jones Brandon McDaniel	Go-Getters Smoky Hill	Ryan & Katie Dobler Northeast Agri Service, Ltd Gerry & Anne Cody
Rylyn Rodriguez	Merry Mixers	Coryell Farms Daniel Electric