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Arapahoe County's 4-H Fall Fest full of family fun

Littleton, Colo. --- On Nov. 8, families enjoyed activities at the Arapahoe County 4-H Fall Fest. Youth spent an afternoon getting up close and personal with farm animals, playing chef with culinary activities, and taking notes at the horsemanship clinic.

4-H caters to both urban and rural families and with a plethora of projects to choose from, there's something for everyone. The program's goal is to assist parents in raising children who are healthy, successful adults by partnering with volunteer leaders who organize and conduct hands-on educational experiences.

"4-H creates a supportive environment where youth are able to reach their fullest potential," said Larry Hooker, 4-H Extension Agent. "Whether it's raising animals, clothing design, nutrition or model cars, youth participating in 4-H learn valuable skills such as teamwork, leadership and the value of communication."

LaKayla Vincent invited attendees to meet her goat Snow White. The 4-H'er and her brother love taking care of a baby goat. They've learned to take on responsibilities such as making sure she's bottle fed four times a day. The goat loves to be with the family and was seen following LaKaya around like a little puppy.

Christina Williams, of Strasburg, was delighted to share her 4-H experience with others. "I'm excited about being president of the 4-H Jr. Leaders this year and doing some different things with the council as well as running for president of my 4-H club, Antelope Crossing."

Troy Morley, Centennial, also shared in the excitement of the new year. "I did a rocket launch for my club in September and it's gotten some of the girls in the club interested in starting their own Rocketry project."

Enrollment began Oct. 1. For more information about Arapahoe County 4-H, call Larry Hooker at 303-738-7940 or visit www.arapahoeextension.org.

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4-H'er LaKayla Vincent, Strasburg, and her goat Snow White loves to follow her around like a puppy.

Kids enjoy decorating cookies at this year's Arapahoe County 4-H Fall Fest.

Shayla Kelly, of Littleton, and her dog Ben like to participate in the Arapahoe County 4-H Dog Obedience Project.