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# THE RANCH CONSTRUCTION

## NEWSLETTER



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## Celebrating Over 100 Years of 4-H in Larimer County

4-H has been a part of the Larimer County community for over 100 years. The Ranch Events Complex has played an integral role in that history by fostering hands-on learning experiences, friendships and leadership opportunities for various 4-H clubs. The Ranch offers 4-H clubs access to facilities where they can practice archery, dog obedience, livestock activities and, most notably, where 4-H members can show off their projects at the Larimer County Fair.

Our community is grateful to be home to Larimer County CSU Extension, which is the home of one of Colorado's largest 4-H programs. Youth participate in engaging learning activities that are supported by Colorado State University's latest research-based curriculum. The Ranch is proud to be a partner of CSU Extension's 4-H program and offer a community gathering place for 4-H members to learn valuable life skills.

Our 4-H partners played an important role in developing the new 4-H, Youth, and Community Arena. We are excited to offer the new arena as an additional space for both 4-H clubs and community organizations to host livestock events, practices and educational opportunities year-round. The arena will be available for 4-H events starting in April 2024, coinciding with our official grand opening celebration. 4-H groups can book events by contacting Diane Kern at [kernd@co.larimer.co.us](mailto:kernd@co.larimer.co.us). Other community events will be available for booking in 2025.



Thomas M. McKee 4-H, Youth, and Community Building, which hosts many 4-H club meetings and activities.

## 4-H Fun Facts:

- A. B. Graham founded a youth program in 1902 in Clark County, Ohio, which is considered the birth of 4-H.
- The first club was called "The Tomato Club" or the "Corn Growing Club."
- The 4-Hs stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health. These are the values members work on through 4-H clubs and projects.
  - Head – Managing, Thinking
  - Heart – Relating, Caring

- Hands – Giving, Working
- Health – Being, Living
- It is offered to kids and teens aged 5 to 18.
  - Children 5 to 7 join the 4-H Cloverbud program.
- There are a total of 500,000 volunteers, 3,500 4-H professionals and 6 million 4-H'ers.

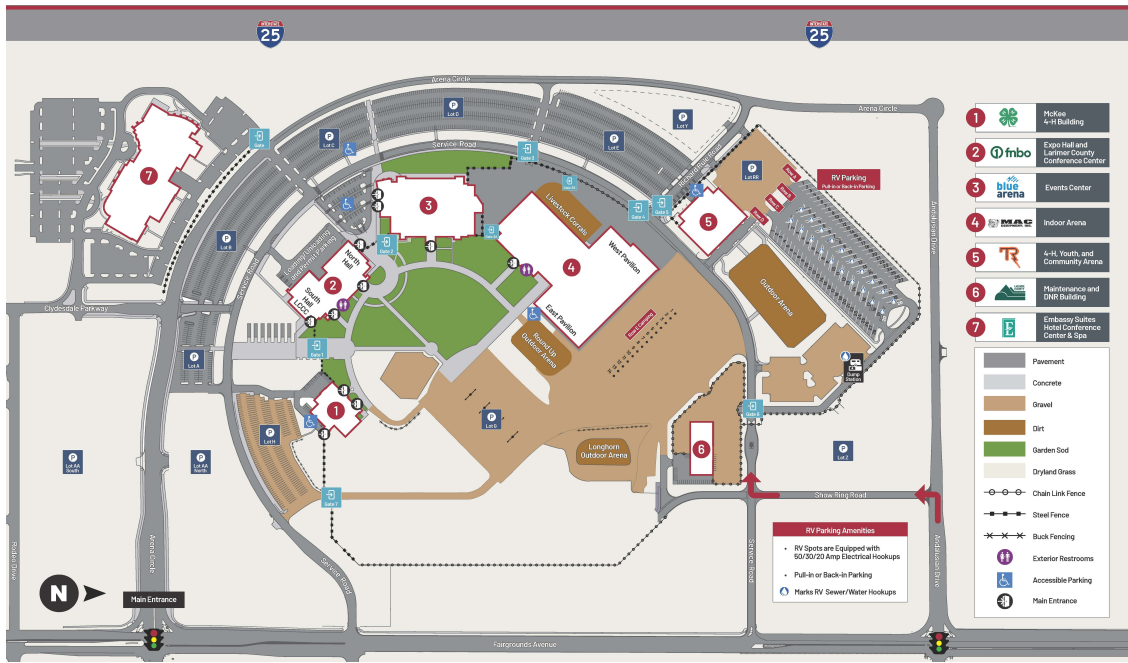


4-H cake decorating entries (left) and a 4-H hog show (right) at the Larimer County Fair.

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## Construction Updates

Phase 1 for infrastructure and equine improvements of the voter-approved and community-driven [Master Plan](#), is nearly complete! We are thrilled to finish Phase 1 and move forward into Phase 2 of the Master Plan, which will include the construction of the Event Arena and Youth Hockey Training Center.



## Upcoming Events at The Ranch

Colorado Eagles vs. Henderson Silver Knights | Feb. 23 & 24

Master Gardener Training | Feb. 29

23rd Annual Spring Holistic Fair | March 9 & 10

Cinch Ranch Sorting | March 9 & 10

Colorado Spartans vs. Northern Colorado Nightmare | March 10

American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Class | March 14

MercyMe & Newsboys | March 14

Colorado Eagles vs. Calgary Wranglers | March 15 & 16

Grow with Me Kids Sale | March 15 & 16

Harlem Globetrotters 2024 World Tour | March 17

Colorado Eagles vs. Milwaukee Admirals | March 19 & 20

Fort Collins Rockhounds Gem & Mineral Show | March 22 - 24

Fort Collins Coin Club Show | March 22 - 24

Rocky Mountain Flycasters Trout Fishing Expo | March 23

Loveland Archaeological Society "Spring into Archaeology Show" | March 23

Colorado Spartans vs. Topeka Tropics | March 23



Find a complete list of upcoming events on [The Ranch Events Complex](#) and the [Blue Arena](#) calendars.

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