

CATCH-IT-PIG CONTEST

Tuesday, July 24 – 6:00 p.m.

Catch-it-Pig Chairpersons:

Ryan & Katie Dobler

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.
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.
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 during 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 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 who your sponsor is, including address of your sponsor.
- You are **required** to write your sponsor **three** times during the year. Letters must be received by September 15, May 25 and July 15. A copy of each letter must be sent to the Extension/Fair office in order to receive credit.

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 Thursday, 3 p.m. of fair. It is a **must** to complete a record book.
3. A copy of your three 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. 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.
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. Contestants ***must*** be present at the awards presentation at the catch-it-pig awards presentation on Friday, 3:30 p.m. in the grandstands in order to receive their sponsorship money.

**2017-2018 Catch-it-Pig
Participants and Sponsors**

Name	Club	Sponsor
Marissa Babbitt	Country	Tempel Grain, Matt & Allison Mulch
Madison Crisp	Willing Workers	Eastern Colorado Bank, Grassland Seeding
Addison Henschel Brooklynn Henschel	Go-Getters Go-Getters	Daniel Electric Barry Hinkhouse, McCook National Bank
Gabe Kechter Jaylyn Kechter J. R. Kountz	Merry Mixers Merry Mixers Willing Workers	Darren & LaRae Dobler Ryan & Katie Dobler Powell Bucking Stock Frontier Bank
Jasmin Robles	River	Jason & Crystal Foose, Gerry & Anne Cody
Camory Wedel	Country	Northeast Agri Service, JM Show Pigs