

Joining the Larimer County Council

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

INTRODUCTION

Every county in Colorado has a 4-H council that allows youth ages 13-18 additional development for leadership and citizenship. You become involved in a council along with your local club. In Larimer County, our council is called the Junior Leadership Club or JLC for short (even though we are a council, we still use the word “club” at the end, so don’t get confused).

WHEN AND WHERE DO YOU MEET?

We meet on the fourth Monday of every month, alternating between The Ranch (McKee building) in Loveland and the Extension Office in Fort Collins. We begin at 6:00 PM with social activities and committee breakouts, then we have the official meeting at 7:00 PM. Some of the meetings can be long, but we do not proceed longer than 8:30 PM.

HOW CAN I JOIN?

Technically, every member in Larimer County is a member of JLC by default and you can come to a meeting whenever you want, but there are ways to become actively involved. To vote at a meeting, you need to maintain an attendance of 3 meetings within the past 6 meetings. Before being able to become elected as a county officer, you will need to be on at least one committee, and have attended 7 meetings.

OUR PURPOSE

Our mission is to simultaneously support the community, the 4-H program, and to teach youth in JLC the importance of understanding themselves as leaders and how to apply leadership skills in a team setting to become passionate, courageous, decisive, clear minded, and humbled citizens.

WHAT WE DO

Throughout the year, we plan and help out with officer training, achievement night, the carnival, livestock field day, Junior Jamboree, the Dairy Bar, provide scholarships to the 4-H community, participate in citizenship activities, and more! We also attend conferences, such as LDC in January, State Conference in June, and some members qualify to attend some National conferences as well. Additionally, the JLC is the gateway to many great opportunities including participation in the District II Senate and the Colorado 4-H youth State Senate.