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Committee seeks sheep-ish wee ones for a new event at the 2005 Arapahoe County Fair

Littleton, Colo. The Arapahoe County Fair Planning Committee is seeking youngsters ages 5 to 7-years-old to participate in a new event at this year's County Fair: The Pee Wee Showmanship Contest. The competition lets young children experience a livestock show by enabling them to show off sheep-handling skills, including walking, stopping and setting up a sheep in a showmanship class.

"We're excited to introduce this new event to enable children who are too young to enroll in 4-H Club animal projects to get involved in what the big kids are doing," said Dale Edwards, Division Manager of the Colorado State University Cooperative Extension in Arapahoe County. "It's a fun event which helps young children see what 4-H and Cloverbud clubs are about, as well as learn new skills they usually wouldn't get to practice elsewhere."

The contest begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 31, at the Jockey Club Grounds in Deer Trail. Participants must register by 10:30 a.m. that morning, and entry to the contest is free. Children can use sheep or tame lambs belonging to other exhibitors, but must be accompanied by a guardian in the ring and wear appropriate attire including jeans and sturdy footwear. All contestants will receive a ribbon of participation. For more information, or to register, contact Larry Hooker at 303-738-7940.

The Pee Wee Showmanship Contest will wrap up two weeks of Arapahoe County Fair 4-H completion events during July, as part of the Fair's Grand Finale weekend. For more information on the schedule of events, check out the Calendar/Upcoming events link at www.co.arapahoe.co.us.

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