



March 4-H Newsletter

2025

4-H RECORD KEEPING TOOLS AND VIDEOS

Welcome to an exciting new year in 4-H! We want members to start their year off right by reminding them that keeping accurate, up to date record books is an important and valuable part of 4-H! Some helpful resources are available to get you going as well as the ability to keep digital record books in your ZSuites account. You can view detailed information about how and why to create quality record sheets/books at

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/index.html

Frequently Asked Questions About Record Books at:

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/RB_FAQ.html

Keeping records is a terrific way to develop your communication skills, organize your time, document events and actions, evaluate your efforts, set goals, solve problems, and keep track of expenses. When something important happens, WRITE IT DOWN! You're doing your records for you. It is a record of your progress. Make them fun. Make them creative. Make them memorable. Add pages as you need them. Take photographs throughout the year. Select a few pertinent ones to include in your final records. Records may be kept on your computer or mobile device to make it easier to add information on the spot. Fillable Record Book forms can be found on the Fergus County 4-H website under "Record Books/Record Sheets".

We encourage leaders, members, and parents to view these short videos on the state 4-H website at

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/index.html

Video Part 1: Why We do Record Books

Video Part 2: How to Make Record Books Valuable

Video Part 3: Ways to Complete a 4-H Record Book

**Public Speaking & Gavel Games
March 23rd- 12:30pm - Boys & Girls Club
-Registration Due: March 11th**

Mark your calendars for County Public Speaking Day! March 23rd at the boys and girls club. This event allows you to compete in public speaking on the county level. For those of you wanting to compete at State Congress in public speaking you must attend and place to compete at Congress. This is also a perfect opportunity to improve your communications and public speaking skills. Remember you will always need these skills no matter what you choose to pursue in life. All members and cloverbuds should be doing a presentation in their club. Registration form is attached and due back to the Extension Office by March 11th.

Go to the link below to find IMPORTANT INFORMATION about Public Speaking/Gavel Games Day!

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/fergus/printable-4-h-ag-documents-fliers.html>

**Valentine Cake Fundraiser
Thank You!**

Thank you to all that brought in cakes and goodies for Valentines Day and thank you to Donita Larson and Mandie Eike for helping us deliver. The cakes were beautiful, and many days brightened by them. Thank you again for supporting 4-H Leaders Education.



4-H Happenings

Project Books

If you choose to still get project books, I have them packaged and are ready for pickup at the office. This time of year, is a great time to get started on your project books and your record books.

Design Your Own/Self-Determined/Independent Study Projects Due April 15th Extension Office

If you are enrolled with a design your own/self-determined project or independent study in a project, a copy of your goals is due to the office by April 15th. If you have any questions or need help with establishing your goals, please reach out to Chris, Cody, or Riley at the Extension Office.

Leather Workshop

March 16th 3pm Sheriff's Complex (small meeting room)

leather workshop for level 1 & 2 with Ray Besel. Need to RSVP by March 13th at the Extension Office so we know how many kids. Will likely make a keychain or a bookmark.

- Any kids who are interested in lacing are encouraged to attend and can have one on one help with that.

Radio

March 21st at 10:10am and March 28th at 10:10am

Our radio slots are March 21st at 10:10 and March 28th at 10:10. This is a great way to promote your projects, especially if you are selling anything. Our community wants to hear from you about what you are doing in your projects, club, and the community. This could be great for any kids looking to sell in the Indoor Sale or Livestock Sale. You could start reaching buyers early, so they remember you when it comes time for fair. This is also a great outreach for 4-H and helps all our members to keep our community aware of all the ways 4-H contributes in so many ways.

If you are unable to come at those times, please reach out to Heidi at KXLO at 406-535-3441 and set up a time to prerecord. It is important for our community to know that you guys work hard all year round and they love to hear what you are up to.

Shoutout Page

Citizenship Seminar 2025

Virgil Tholt, Nicole and I attended Citizenship Seminar and Legislative Breakfast this past month. It was an eye-opening experience to see young people writing bills about what they are passionate about and then working together to decide what bills are a priority and then present (in a legislative manner) to pass their bill. Public speaking sure came in to play the entire time. Talking with the representatives at breakfast was easy due to all your public speaking skills learned in 4-H. I highly recommend keeping this event in mind when planning what you want to do in 4-H.



4-H Happenings

Final Leadership Academy of the Year

March 16th 3pm Zoom or 2:30pm Extension Office

Leadership Academy will be on February 9th at 3:00 PM at the Sheriff's Complex. If you can't attend in person, you can use the link to join from home. The Leadership Academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their local 4-H program in new ways.

Local leadership groups will have an opportunity to join with members from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, virtually, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

Each month the officer team will be presenting a different workshop topic that they found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities.

This month is Collective Leadership, presented by Morgan Sites from Park County. This leadership academy will focus on leadership within a group. Attendees will learn about common problems that occur within committees, why they arise, and how to solve them.

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/youth_leadership/academy.html

Farm Safety Day

April 8th - 9am - Livestock Pavillion, Lewistown Fairgrounds

Help Needed!

Farm Safety Day is led by our Fergus/Petroleum Ambassadors and the group leader this year is Lexie Wichman.

This day is put on for local and rural schools in the Central Montana area. They take 1st and 2nd grade classes around to different stations where they learn about different aspects of farming and ranching and how to be safe when they come into contact with any of the different scenarios presented.

We have 2 sessions for this day, and we get about 100 students for each session. If you would like to lead a group or help out in any way, please contact Lexie at 406-366-6564 or the Extension Office 406-535-3919 to sign up. This is a great opportunity to do some community service and make an impression upon the younger generation.

Petting Zoo at the Family Health Expo

April 12th 10am-12pm Fergus County Trade Center

April 12th at the Trade Center from 10am-2pm. If you would like to bring an animal to share with the community this is a good time to work with your animals, get them used to others, touching them and just sharing your animal passion with others. If you want to bring animals, please let the office know so that we know what is coming to set up pens.

Traveling Farm

April 21st- 8:45am - Snowy Mountain Lanes Bowling Alley

Help Needed!

Traveling Farm is led by Hailey Gallagher from the Creative Critters Club. Hailey is one of our Fergus/Petroleum Ambassadors and she leads any kids who would like to come with any of their pets around several of the nursing homes in Lewistown to show off their pets/fair projects. Any pet that can be controlled is welcome to come!

There is no sign up for this, just meet the group at 8:45am in the parking lot of the bowling alley and at 9 am you will be on your way!

If you would like to participate either with an animal or come and share your projects, please contact Hailey Gallagher at 406-366-2549 or the Extension Office at 406-535-3919 to sign up. If you do not have an animal still come, we always have extras. This is another great opportunity for community service and touching the lives of those that can no longer have their animals at their side.

4-H Happenings

State Awards

May 1st, 2025

Due **May 1, 2025**, is the due date for State Awards application. Members 14 and older as of October 1, 2024, are eligible. The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a variety of project and activity award areas. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service. 4-H members may self-nominate. There can be more than one winner in a project, or activity area. A member can apply in any project or area; an application must be completed for each project or area in which they want to be considered. State award selection committees look for excellence in 4-H work, leadership, citizenship, and community service. All state and scholarship winners are announced at State 4-H Congress in July. If a member is selected as a state winner, they are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in November. The State Award application can be found on the **Montana State 4-H Awards webpage at:**

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/awards/state-awards.html

Static Committee

We still have our sticker fundraiser going, made by our community 4-H members. Stickers 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5. If you have not got yours yet, please reach out to the Extension Office. We would like to provide more workshops for static projects including but not limited to leather, sewing, photography, scrapbooking, cooking, and baking. If you are interested or know somebody that is skilled in any of these and would like to lead or help with a workshop, please call the Extension Office so we can provide education in any or all these areas. We are working on lining up workshops and will post dates and times soon.

Next Meeting May 19th at Noon at the Extension Office

Static Intent to Sell Forms Due May 15th

The intent to sell forms are due **May 15th with \$5 per item**. Forms are available at the Extension Office and online under the Printable Documents page. Please bring \$5 cash, not a check, if you choose to bring a check, please be aware it will not be cashed until after pre-fair Interview Day. Any item that receives a red ribbon cannot be sold and money for that project will be returned to the member on pre-fair interview day.

Monthly Horse Practices

- Kylie will be having practices at the Bear Paw Arena two Thursdays a month. If you would like to be on the group text for updates, please call or text Kylie: 406-925-9577. These are free to any 4-H member.
- Penny is having practices every Thursday at the Fairgrounds. Please contact her if you are interested.

Horse Clinic Dates

- The performance horse clinic will be held **May 31st and June 1st**. Chris Brown from Billings is our clinician.
- A ranch horse clinic has not been scheduled yet. Stay tuned for more information on both in the future.



Static Committee Fundraiser Stickers 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5



We still have our sticker fundraiser going, made by our community 4-H members. Stickers 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5. If you have not got yours yet, please reach out to the Extension Office. The next static meeting will be February 24th at noon at the Extension Office. We will be discussing the indoor auction and workshops. We would like to provide more workshops for static projects including but not limited to leather, sewing, photography, scrapbooking, cooking, and baking. If you are interested or know somebody that is skilled in any of these and would like to lead or help with a workshop, please call the Extension Office so we can provide education in any or all these areas.

Did You Know

Calculating Grain Intake

Calculating grain intake of finishing/market cattle is necessary to optimally gain weight for market animals. Maximizing average daily gain (ADG) is the industry gold standard for commercial livestock producers. Weight pays and the quicker an animal makes weight or the more weight an animal will increase the profits on any animal.

Body weight X 2.5% X Desired Grain % (Typically around 90%) = Amount of Daily Grain Intake
Example: 1100 lbs X 2.5% X .90 = 24.75 lbs of grain per day

New ZSuites Addition

New ZSuites addition. You can add photos to your journals. Yay!! You will find the photo option under the comments section and above the signatures in each of your record books. You can add a photo, the date, and the event or explanation of the event.

The Montana 4-H Mission is

To EDUCATE youth and adults for living in a global and ever-changing world by using the resources of the Land Grant Universities and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us. We are America's largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people across the U.S. with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

In 4-H, volunteers are vital to carrying out the program's mission and vision. Montana's 4-H youth development program relies on our volunteers to:

- Provide expertise in educational project areas such as photography, agriculture, food and nutrition, rocketry, robotics, public speaking, and more
- Guide youth in learning and exploration
- Engage youth in service opportunities in their communities
- Ensure leadership for 4-H club management
- Build a safe, caring, and nurturing environment and relationships with youth

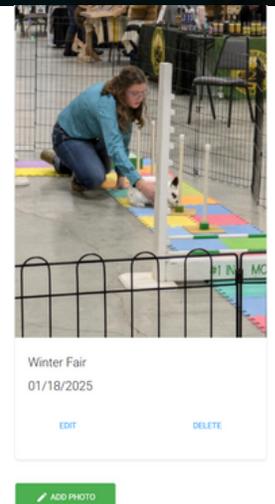
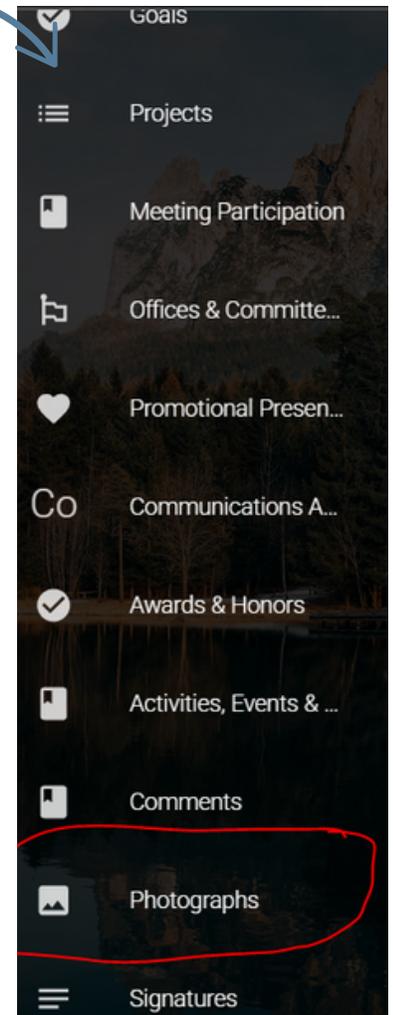
Thank you to all our wonderful Volunteers that share their time, knowledge, skills, and are committed to "Making the Best, Better"

Youth encouraged to participate & attend meetings

Youth are invited to participate in all the county meetings and on all the committees. We want you to be involved in the Livestock Committee, Static Committee, Leaders Council, Horse Committee, and Small Animal Committee. Come share your opinions and be part of the decision-making process in the county!

Horse Bits

Did you know that 4-H only allows certain bits to be used during fair? Check out the 4-H Bit Guide to learn more!



Livestock, Small Animal & Horse

Swine Tags

Due April 15th

Swine tags are here in the office available for pickup. If you cannot make it in during business hours, just let the office know and we will put them in the mailbox outside for after-hours pickup.

Cody is planning to offer another OPTIONAL weigh-in and tagging day for swine. The tentative date for that will be April 13th at 10am at the Pavillion. Anyone needing help weighing and tagging their animal will be able to come today and Volunteers will be there to help you weigh, tag, get your picture and fill out your paperwork.

Swine Tags pictures and weigh sheets are due back to the office by April 15th.

Options for turning in Weigh Sheets and Pictures

- Email in a clear picture of your swine with their ear tags and a picture or scanned copy of your weigh sheets to fergus@montana.edu or allison.smith11@montana.edu.
- Turn in a hard copy of your weigh sheet and email in a clear picture of your swine with their ear tag.
- Turn in a hard copy picture of your swine and email in a picture or scanned copy of your weigh sheet.
- Hand in a hard copy of your weigh sheet and clear picture of your swine with their ear tag.

Optional Swine Weigh-In Date

April 13th Time TBD CMT Pavillion

Similar to last year, the extension office will be offering assistance for tagging your swine project. Please let the office know by April 11th if you are wanting assistance to tag your project on April 13th so that we can get an accurate headcount. This event will be held at the fairgrounds and a tagger will be present.

Livestock Workshop Ideas

Do you have an idea for a livestock workshop? Let the extension office know and we will help you with your efforts. Workshops can range from fitting and showing, animal handling, to tack and equipment.

Livestock Judging Kids Fundraiser

The 4-H judging teams are conducting a fundraiser to help pay for travel and other expenses to animal evaluation events. If you would be interested in purchasing a 4-H wild rag, please reach out to the Extension Office or contact one of our livestock judging kids if you are interested.

Animal Quality Assurance (TQA)

March 16th 1pm Sheriff's Complex

Fergus-Petroleum County Extension Office will be piloting a new Animal Quality Assurance (AQA) program that will reduce the number of recertifications required by our members. The new AQA program would require all members who are taking an animal project for the first time to take the required AQA training, this would cover the member through the remainder of their junior and intermediate (8-13) years. Recertification would not be required until members began their senior age group (14+), at which point the member would need to attend the required AQA training.

- AQA Trainings will be offered on the following dates:
 - Younger Member livestock: March 16th 1pm
 - Younger Member Small Animal: May
 - Older member Livestock: April
 - Older Member Small Animal: June

Animal Selection Workshop

March 16th (following TQA) (Est 2pm) Sheriff's Complex

We will be offering the animal selection workshop again this year. The goal of this workshop is to give youth the tools to pick the best animal out of what they have as options to successfully finish the animal project that youth have chosen for the year. The date of this animal selection workshop will be March 16th directly following the Animal Quality Assurance training. Please let the office know if you plan to attend so that an appropriate venue can be scheduled.

Livestock, Small Animal & Horse

Small Animal Spring Showmanship Clinic

June 16th at 5:30pm at Fergus County Fairgrounds- Small Animal Barn

Bring your animals for an opportunity to practice your showmanship skills in your animal project. You will also learn how to show all other small animals. This is a great learning opportunity for you and your animal. This is a time for all small animal members to come and learn how to show not only their animal but all small animals. This will come in handy when you win showmanship and get to compete in the Round Robin at fair. All small animal members should attend. You will learn about fitting and preparing your animal for fair, what to bring to the fair and how to show your animal. You will also practice with the other species.

All species, except poultry, should bring their animals to practice with. We will have an alternative for poultry members to practice with, so you should still attend.

Small Animal Committee Meeting

June 16th at 6:30pm at Fergus County Fairgrounds- small animal barn (following clinic)

Will follow the showmanship clinic on June 16th. We will be discussing fair details and assuring we are prepared for fair.

Horse Committee Meeting

March 17th at 5:30pm at the Extension Office

Horse Sponsorship information

Sponsorship forms attached to newsletter & are available on ZSuites, Fergus Extension (Printable documents), & at the Extension Office

- These are due JUNE 1st!
- Each 4-H member enrolled in the horse project needs to get at least \$50 worth of sponsorships to help with prizes.

Horse Sponsorship Forms

Due to the Extension Office by June 1st

Horse sponsorship forms are attached later in the newsletter. These need to be returned by June 1st. Each 4-H member needs to obtain at least \$50 in sponsorships. This can be earned by multiple donors/donations and does not have to be \$50 from one person. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Horse Judging Practice
March 5th and 19th
4pm Extension Office

Livestock Committee Meeting

March 24th at 6pm at Sheriff's Complex

Keep an eye out for an email containing the agenda and previous meeting minutes.

Agenda items will include:

- Sub-committee reports
- Approval of Judge
- Approval of Awards

Livestock Judging Practice
March 12th and 26th
4pm Extension Office

Rabbit Agility, rabbit showmanship and poultry showmanship practice

March 11th at 5:30pm Small Animal Barn

Rabbit and poultry practice will be March 11th at 5:30pm at the Small Animal Barn. This is not a required practice. But it does give you practice not only to work your animal but get tips and improve your showmanship. More practices to follow in April.

Small Animal Quiz and Skill Bowl

dates and times – TBD

This will be an exciting way to practice what you know and learn more to amaze the judge this summer. This committee will iron out the details and an announcement for a date and time will be announced. Watch your emails!

Winter Fair 2025 Beef Show Results

Class 1, Lot 1: Heifers

Section 1:

1. Jack Gillett, Roy (Heart of the Judiths 4-H Club)
2. Tanner Allen, Hobson
3. Mikell O'Hara, Fort Benton

Section 2:

1. Julia Gillett, Roy (Heart of the Judiths 4-H Club)
2. Mikell O'Hara, Fort Benton
3. Bentley Obergfell, Denton (Sunnyside Shiners)

Section 3:

1. Caitlynn Poser, Denton (Sunnyside Shiners)
2. Tanner Allen, Hobson
3. Brantley Spraggins, Moore

Grand Champion Heifer: Caitlynn Poser, Denton

Reserve Champion Heifer: Jack Gillett, Roy

Class 1, Lot 2: Feeder Steer

Section 1:

1. Caitlynn Poser, Denton
2. Zachary Eckhart, East Helena
3. Lydia Hutchison, Belgrade

Section 2:

1. Kinlee Loch, Great Falls
2. Heidi Hutchison, Belgrade
3. Kiley Eckhart, East Helena

Section 3:

1. Brantley Spraggins, Moore
2. Jack Gillett, Roy
3. Kinlee Loch, Great Falls

Section 4:

1. Tanner Allen, Hobson
2. Heidi Hutchison, Belgrade
3. Tierrah Rigby, Drummond

Grand Champion Steer: Caitlynn Poser, Denton

Reserve Champion Steer: Brantley Spraggins, Moore

Class 2, Showmanship, Lot 1 Seniors (Age 14-19)

Section 1:

1. Leah Nelson, Bonner
2. Caitlynn Poser, Denton
3. Stephanie Prewett, Park City

Section 2:

1. Mikell O'Hara, Fort Benton
2. Jack Gillett, Roy
3. Heidi Hutchison, Belgrade

Section 3:

1. Alex Worrall, Loma
2. Tierrah Rigby, Drummond
3. Tanner Allen, Hobson

Grand Champion Senior Showmanship: Alex Worrall, Loma

Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship: Leah Nelson, Bonner

Class 2, Showmanship, Lot 2: Intermediate (Age 11-13)

Section 1:

1. Kinlee Loch, Great Falls
2. Emmery O'Hara, Fort Benton
3. Bentley Obergfell, Denton

Section 2:

1. Kiley Eckhart, East Helena
2. Julia Gillett, Roy, MT
3. Brinlee Flesch, Shelby

Grand Champion Intermediate Showmanship: Emmery O'Hara, Fort Benton

Reserve Champion Intermediate Showmanship: Kinlee Loch, Great Falls

Class 2, Showmanship, Lot 3: Junior (Age 10 and under)

1. Lydia Hutchison, Belgrade
2. Brantley Spraggins, Moore
3. Maizlee Richardson, Worden

Grand Champion Junior Showmanship: Lydia Hutchison, Belgrade

Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship: Brantley Spraggins, Moore

Junior Livestock Superintendents

The 4-H judging teams are conducting a fundraiser to help pay for travel and other expenses to animal evaluation events. If you would be interested in purchasing a 4-H wild rag, please reach out to the Extension Office or contact one of our livestock judging kids if you are interested.

Meetings, Workshop, Events & Due Dates

Horse Judging Practice

March 5th & 19th 4pm Extension Office

Rabbit & Poultry Practice

March 11th 5:30pm Small Animal Barn

Small Animal Quiz Bowl

Dates and Times TBD

Livestock Judging Practice

March 12th & 26th 4pm Extension Office

Cloverbud Day Camp Planning Meeting

March 16th at 1pm Extension Office

TQA Training and Animal Selection Workshop

March 16th at 1pm & 2pm Sheriff's Complex

Leather Workshop

March 16th at 3pm Sheriff's Complex

Final Leadership Academy of the Year

March 16th 3pm Zoom or 2:30pm Extension Office

Food Safety Training (May be Cancelled)

March 16th at 3pm Sheriff's Complex

Horse Committee Meeting

March 17th 5:30pm Extension Office

Static Committee Meeting

March 17th 5:30pm Extension Office

TQA Dates

March 16th 1pm Sheriff's Complex

Public Speaking & Gavel Games

March 23rd 12:30pm Boys & Girls Club

- Registration Due March 11th

Livestock Committee Meeting

March 24th 6pm Sheriff's Complex

Radio Spots

March 21st at 10:10am March 28th at 10:10am

Rec Lab

March 28th-30th White Sulpher Springs, MT

Farm Safety Day

April 8th 9am Livestock Pavillion

Swine Tags Due

April 15th to the Extension Office

Traveling Farm

April 21st at 8:45am Snowy Mountain Lanes Bowling Alley

Leaders Council Meeting

April 24th 5:30pm Sheriff's Complex

State Awards

Due May 1st- see article above for more information

Senior Camp Registration Due

May 12th Extension Office

Sheep and Goat Tags

Due May 15th to the Extension Office

Bank of the Rockies Scholarship

Due May 31st- see article above for more information

Open Box Scholarship

Due June 1st to the Extension Office

Horse Sponsorship Forms Due

June 1st Extension Office

Colt Reisig Project Scholarship 2025

June 1st Extension Office

Junior Camp Registration Due

June 11th Extension Office

Small Animal Showmanship Clinic

June 16th 5:30pm Small Animal Barn

Small Animal Committee Meeting

June 16th 6:30pm Small Animal Barn

Food Safety Dates

March 2nd- 3 p.m. (Boys and Girls Club) –
-after Creative Critters meeting but open to EVERYONE.

March 16th- 3 p.m. (Sherri's Complex)
-if nobody RSVP's by March 12th, this will be cancelled.

April 6th- 3 p.m. (Sunnyside Shiners club in Denton)

April 13th- 1 p.m. (Christina Busy Bees at the Boys and Girls Club)

April 14th- 5 p.m. (Snowy Mountain Trailblazers at St. Leo's Catholic Church)

April 27th- 2 p.m. (Sherri's Complex)
-There will be a Cloverbud activity held during this session!

2025 Rec Lab

March 28th-30th, 2025

White Sulphur Springs, MT

District 6 / Lewis & Clark, Gallatin, Meagher, Sweet Grass, Wheatland Counties

What is Rec Lab? It sounds like a funny name for a 4-H event.

Rec Lab stands for Recreation Lab and means that everything is hands-on and fun!

This event is a 4-H member favorite: It provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team building skills in an action-packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming provides participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader.

This event is ideal for younger senior members to attend as a first-time state event. It allows them to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broaden their skills, and widen their network.

Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1.

Adult chaperones must be at least 21 years of age.

MSU Extension Staff and Volunteers: The idea of sleeping on an air mattress in a school gym may not be your idea of a fun weekend, but this is a great event for you too! The program is conducive to meeting people from around the state and exchanging ideas. You are sure to gain some great info and bring home motivated youth leaders.

Registration

Registration Fee: Approximately \$100 (contact the extension office before paying)

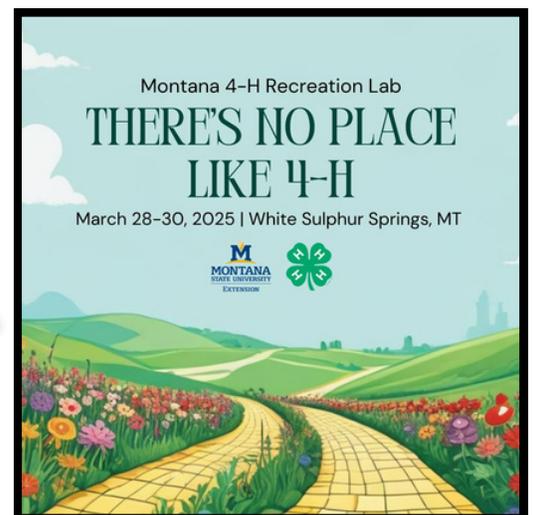
Registration includes lodging, snacks, meals, t-shirts, workshops, and exciting speakers.

Individual participant registration fees should be paid to the county office. Counties should send one check including all participant fees to the designated host county.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

- Please email Gallatin County 4-H if you intend to cancel.
DO NOT SIMPLY CHANGE STATUS TO "Canceled" in ZSuite.
- Full refund before March 12
- 1/2 refund March 13 to March 21
- NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 21 (1 week before event)
- Full refund for cancellations due to medical or emergency minus cost for your t-shirt

Contact the Extension Office
with any questions!



Scholarships

Bank of the Rockies Scholarship 2025

Bank of the Rockies is offering a scholarship for the 2025 fair year. This scholarship is open to anyone in a large animal project that is eligible to participate in the Fergus County Fair.

The goal of this scholarship is to help young farmers and ranchers with the expenses associated with their projects.

The deadline for this scholarship is May 31st, we encourage you to apply!

See attached application.

Applications are available on ZSuites, Fergus Extension (Printable documents), and at the Extension Office.

Colt Reisig Project Scholarship 2025

The Colt Reisig Project Scholarship is in memory of a young 4-H member who has left us too soon. This scholarship is to remember his generous, kind heart he shared with everything he did. Now passing on in his name, to other 4-H members a kind contribution to help with their 4-H project success.

Applications are open and close June 1, 2025. If application is not turned in on time they will not be accepted.

The applications will need to be returned to Fergus County Extension Office.

If you are interested, the criteria for applying for the project scholarship is: you must be a 4th year member and up, can be in a small or large animal project, and must be able to fill out an application on your own without parental help.

If anyone wants to donate to this scholarship, the donor checks need to be written to the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leaders Council with Colt Reisig Memorial wrote in the memo line.

Applications are available on ZSuites, Fergus Extension (Printable documents), and at the Extension Office.

Open Box Scholarship- Due May 1st

This \$500 scholarship may be used for any accredited college, university, or vocational technical center. Scholarship money will be paid directly to the school after the winner has completed fall semester/quarter. It is the winner's responsibility to send a copy of their transcripts to the Fergus County Extension Office and provide the correct address at the school to send the money.

Criteria

This award may be applied for by any graduating senior, from Fergus or Petroleum Counties, with an Ag background, currently enrolled in 4-H, and has been a member for at least the last 3 years.

Application deadline is March 31st and the winner will be notified by May 1st

Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leaders Council Scholarship- Due May 1st

Congratulations Seniors and College Freshman!

The Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leaders Council scholarship application is out. It is due back to the Extension office March 31, 2025. The application is attached and can be found on the website under printable documents and in Z-Suites.

Application deadline is March 31st and the winner will be notified by May 1st

Applications are available on ZSuites, Fergus Extension (Printable documents), and at the Extension Office.

Camps

Cloverbud Camp Counselor Meeting March 16th at 1pm at the Extension Office

Cloverbud day camp planning meeting will be March 16th at 1:00 PM at the Extension Office. Please come with ideas for crafts and a theme if you are interested in helping with this camp.

Junior Camp Counselor Meeting March 30th at (TBD) at the Extension Office

We will have a Junior Camp Counselor meeting once we return from Rec Lab (text and email will go out that day with the time). Please bring your ideas and plan of actions and plan to start working through ideas and list of items we will need for camp.

Senior Camp June 9th-13th

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Save the date for this exciting adventure June 9-13th.

Registration starts March 1st in Z-suites. Registration forms and waivers can be found in Z-Suites when you register and at the Extension Office.

Junior Camp- Explorers of the Deep June 24th-26th

We will be at Camp Maiden for Junior Camp! Get ready to have a fun few days of adventure, games, activities, music and meeting new and old friends around the campfire. Junior camp is for any members 4-11 age 8 - 11 as of October 1, 2024.

Registration Fee: \$30 Registration Due June 11th Registration Forms available: Extension Office, MSU webpage under printable documents, and on ZSuites.

Tween Camp August 7th-10th

Save the Date: August 7-10th. We are again partnering with Judith Basin County and working on an adventure to the top of the state. We are currently working towards solidifying reservations and activities and will send out further information when details are finalized.

CAMP

Cloverbud Day Camp
Tentatively June 16th
More information to come :)



<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
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		Public Speaking & Gavel Games Registration Due	Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Cloverbud Day Camp Planning 1pm Ext Office TQA Training 1pm Sheriff's Complex Animal Selection Workshop to follow Leadership Academy Webex 3pm Zoom or Ext Office Leather Workshop 3pm Sheriff's Complex Food Safety Training 3pm Sheriff's Complex (May be cancelled)	Horse Committee Meeting 5:30pm Ext Office		Horse Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Public Speaking & Gavel Games 12:30pm Boys & Girls Club	Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm Sheriff's Complex		Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office		<i>Rec Lab White Sulpher</i>	
30	31					



4-H Calendar

March

- 1st- EIN 1% Fee to the office from all clubs due
 - Senior Camp Registration Starts
 - Junior Camp Registration starts
 - Intent to Sell Forms Start
 - Scholarship Applications Start
- 5th- Horse Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office
- 11th- Public Speaking Registration Due
 - Rabbit & Poultry Practice 5:30pm Small Animal Barn
- 12th- Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office
- 16th- Cloverbud Day Camp Planning 1pm Ext Office
 - TQA Training 1pm Sheriff's Complex
 - Animal Selection Workshop following TQA (2pm)
 - Leadership Academy Webex 3pm (Zoom or Extension Office)
 - Leather Workshop 3pm Sheriff's Complex
 - Food Safety Training 3pm Sheriff's Complex (may be cancelled)
- 17th- Horse Committee Meeting at 5:30pm Ext Office
- 19th- Horse Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office
- 23rd- Public Speaking & Gavel Games 1pm Boys & Girls Club
- 24th- Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm Sheriff's Complex
- 26th- Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office
- 28th-30th- Rec Lab White Sulpher Springs
- 30th- Junior Camp Counselor Meeting Ext Office(time TBD)
- 31st- Fergus & Open Box Scholarship Applications Due

April

- 1st- Horse Cards Available
 - Small Animal Cards Available
- 8th- Farm Safety Day 8am Pavilion
- 12th- Family Health Expo Petting Zoo 10am Trade Center
- 13th- Optional Swine Tagging Assistance (RSVP)
- 15th- Swine Tag Information Due
 - Project Drop/Add Deadline
 - Design Your Own & Independent Study Goals Due to the Ext Office
- 21st- Traveling Farm 9am Bowling Alley
- 24th- Leaders Council Meeting 5:30pm Sheriff's Complex

May

- 1st- Fair Entry Begins
 - State Awards Application Due
- 12th- Senior Camp Registration Due
- 15th- Sheep & Goat Tag Info Due
 - Intent to Sell Forms Due
- 19th- Static Committee Meeting 12pm Ext Office
- 26th- Office Closed Memorial Day
- 31st- Bank of the Rockies Scholarship application due

June

- 1st- Fair Entry Deadline
 - Horse Sponsorship Forms Due
 - Horse ID Cards Due
 - Small Animal ID Cards Due
- 2nd-15th- Fair Entry Grace period
- 9th-13th- Senior Camp
- 11th- Junior Camp Registration Due
- 15th- Fair Entry Final Deadline
- 16th- Cloverbud Day Camp 9am
 - Small Animal Showmanship Clinic & Meeting 5:30pm & 6:30pm
- 24th-26th- Junior Camp

July

- 4th- Office Closed Independence Day
- 6th-11th- Pre Congress & Congress
- 14th- Pre-Fair Interview Day Setup
- 15th- Pre-Fair Interview Day
- 16th- Ranch Horse Show 8am
- 17th- Performance Horse Show 8am
- 21st-26th- Fair Week

August

- 7th-10th- Tween Camp

September

- 1st- Office Closed Labor Day

October

- 1st- New 4-H Year Enrollment Begins.
 - Club Award Nominations Due
- 13th- Office Closed Columbus Day

Facebook & Instagram

Facebook Group:

4-H Fergus/Petroleum County

Instagram Page:

4hferguspetsroleumcounty

Important Web Pages

Montana State University Printable Documents & Fliers

<http://fergus.msuextension.org/printable-4-h-ag-documents-fliers.html>

Montana State University Fergus County 4-H Clubs

<http://fergus.msuextension.org/4H.html>

Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Newsletters Montana State

University Fergus County 4-H Clubs

<http://fergus.msuextension.org/4H.html>

Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Public Speaking & Gavel Games Registration

Due March 11th

Contest on *Sunday afternoon, March 23rd* at the Lewistown Boys and Girls Club
Participants will be sent a schedule with their presentation time.

All participants please complete these first two lines.

Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Address _____

Public Speaking

Division -Age determined by your 4-H Age. (Age on October 1, 2024)

___ Junior (8 to 10) ___ Intermediate (11-13) ___ Senior (14 +) ___ Cloverbud (5-7)

___ Demonstration or Illustrated Talk *Junior, Intermediate & Senior

___ Individual ___ Team of Two

___ Prepared Speech *Junior, Intermediate & Senior

___ Career Communication *Senior Only

___ Commercial *Junior Only

___ Show and Tell *Cloverbuds Only

Check all you will need.

___ Table ___ Easel ___ Projector ___ Screen Other _____

Special Scheduling Needs _____

Gavel Games

Please complete this form for each team member.

Coaches Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Team Name _____

Division -Age determined by the 4-H Age, (Age on October 1, 2024), of the OLDEST member on your team.

___ Junior (8 to 10) ___ Intermediate (11-13) ___ Senior (14 +) ___

*Please refer to these documents saved in shared documents in ZSuite

Gavel Games County Contest Guidelines

Public Speaking Tips, Times and more

Special scheduling needs _____

Senior Camp 2025

Ages 13+

Registration Due, May 12th

Registration fee—\$60 and paid to Fergus/Petroleum 4-H

Mail or Deliver to the Fergus County Extension Office, 712 West Main, Suite 110, Lewistown, MT 59457

Scan and email to fergus4h@montana.edu

Name _____ Age on August 2nd, 2024 _____ DOB ___/___/___

Email address _____ Cell Phone _____

Parents Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Land Line _____

Parents Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Land Line _____

Other Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Allergies _____

Medications _____

Health History _____

____ Yes ____ No I give permission for my child to be given Tylenol, Antacid or Benadryl.

I give permission, if needed, for _____ to be transported to the Emergency Room.

Parent Signature

Date

Code of Conduct

I will conduct myself in a positive, responsible, polite manner at all times. I will be respectful to others, the facilities and my surroundings. I will participate with a desire to learn. I will not associate with others that are behaving inappropriately. I will stay in the designated area unless I have permission from the camp organizers and my parents to leave. I will not go into the sleeping quarters of the opposite sex and I will be respectful of curfew/lights out.

No; alcohol, non-prescription drugs, weapons or inappropriate attire. I will report all prescription or over the counter drugs I bring to camp to the camp nurse.

I understand that breaking any of the above rules of conduct will result in my parents being called and asked to come and take me from camp immediately.

Members Signature

Parents Signature

SENIOR CAMP 2025

MAKING CONNECTIONS AND CONQUERING OBSTACLES: AMB WEST CHALLENGE COURSE

JUNE 9TH-13TH

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Located at the [Mountain Sky Guest Ranch](#) in Emigrant, Montana, the Challenge Course is just a short distance from [West Creek Ranch](#). The Challenge Course opened in 2018 and is used for event programming, team building, bonding and in-person interactions intended to bring people closer together.

The Challenge Course provides guests with an exciting opportunity to test their nerves on elements suspended 30 to 40 feet in the air. Guests start with a low ropes' element to get comfortable and then move onto the high elements with names such as "Islands in the Sky", "Multi Vines" and "Leap of Faith." Trained guides support guests while they take on different sections of the course that have them climbing, traversing, crawling, swinging and zip lining up to 20 miles per hour.

The Challenge Course is adaptable to the participants' goals and creates a shared experience for people of all ability levels.

**REGISTRATION
OPENS
MARCH 1ST
AGES 13+**

\$60

4-H Junior Camp 2025

Ages 8-11 as of June 24th

Registration Due, June 11th

Please include \$30 registration fee– paid to Fergus/Petroleum 4-H

Mail or Deliver to the Fergus County Extension Office, 712 West Main, Suite 110, Lewistown, MT 59457

Scan and email to fergus4h@montana.edu

Name _____ age on June 17, 2024 _____ DOB ____/____/____ Gender _____

Email address _____ Cell Phone _____

Parents Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Land Line _____

Parents Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Land Line _____

Other Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Allergies _____

Medications _____

Health History _____

Would your parent be willing to chaperone if needed? Yes/No Father _____ Mother _____

Shirt Size _____ Yes _____ No I give permission for my child to be given Tylenol, Antacid or Benadryl.

I give permission, if needed, for _____ to be transported to the Emergency Room.

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Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Indoor Project Auction

INTENT TO SELL FORM

THIS FORM IS DUE TO THE FERGUS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE BY **May 15th**
Mail to: 712 West Main, Lewistown, MT 59457 or scan an email to fergus@montana.edu

This form must be completed and returned with a \$5 cash payment per entry to the Extension office by May 15th to participate in the auction.

Name _____ Phone _____ Age _____
Address _____
Email _____ 4-H Club _____

List your Indoor 4-H Projects for which you will be creating an exhibit to enter in the 4-H Indoor Division of the 2024 fair that would be an appropriate auction item you would be interested in selling in a live action on Thurs. July 25th at 4:00 pm.

Project & Level _____ Years in Project _____
Item Description _____

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Item Description _____

*You will be notified by June 1st how many items you may sell.

*The auction committee will make every attempt to have the auction finish in 1 to 1 ½ hours. The number of total auction items will be approximately 25 items.

*All auction items must have received a blue ribbon in the 4-H Division **AND member must have an up-to-date record book presented at interview day.** If both of these have been met a \$5 entry fee per auction item will be charged to cover indoor auction sale expenses.

*You will check in at the auction committee table on pre-fair interview day after your sale items have been judged. You will complete/edit your description at that time and have your photo taken with your sale item(s).

*You must be present to show your item at the auction on Thursday, July 24th, 3:30 location TBD at the fairgrounds.

4-H Horse/Ranch Horse Show Sponsorship

The Central Montana Fair is an opportunity for 4-H members to showcase their hard work for family and the public. Members compete alongside peers to demonstrate their skills and receive constructive feedback to help them improve and progress in their horse projects. To encourage and reward the members' hard work, the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Horse Committee provides a \$25 prize for the winners in each class of competition.

Having sponsors to help cover the cost of these individual classes allows the Horse Committee to allocate our funds for wider purposes, such as hiring quality judges and holding instructional clinics. **Most importantly, your sponsorship would support our 4-H members as they learn, grow, and build lifelong skills through their horse projects.**

Sponsorship Levels

*Please make checks out to Fergus County 4-H, with "Horse Committee" in the memo line.
Checks and sponsorship forms can be mailed to the Extension Office,
712 W Main St, Lewistown, MT 59457*

- Bronze - \$25 (1 class)
- Silver - \$50 (2 classes)
- Gold - \$75 (3 classes)
- Platinum - \$100+ (4+ classes)
- Other amount: _____

Do you have a special request for which show(s) or class(es) you would like to sponsor?

Sponsor Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Your sponsorship will be announced during the corresponding class(es) of the horse/ranch horse shows, and you will be listed as a sponsor in our program. If you choose to be a platinum sponsor, you are also welcome to hang a sign or banner in the pavilion or at the arena on show day.



Colt R. Memorial
4-H Project Scholarship Application
Fergus-Petroleum and Judith Basin County 4-H

Due June 1, 2025
Please Return to
Fergus County Extension Office
712 West Main, Suite 110
Lewistown, MT 59457

Please check the criteria to ensure you qualify before filling out the application.

- Need to be a 4th year 4-H member or older
- Enrolled in small or large animal project
- Must be able to write without parental instructions

This scholarship is to be used towards anything pertaining to your 4-H project, such as: supplies, equipment, animals, etc.

Personal Info

Name: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

4-H Club: _____

Year in 4-H: _____

Please list the 4-H projects enrolled in and the number of years completed.

Projects:

Years:

1.) If given the scholarship, what would you use the money for?

2.) Why do you think you deserve the scholarship?

3.) How has 4-H impacted you?

3. List all organizations, sports, extra-curricular activities involved in and awards, achievements received in each.

4. Why should you be awarded this scholarship from Bank of the Rockies?

When completed, drop off or mail into bank or your extension office:

Bank of the Rockies; Tyler Hicks

401 W Main St, Lewistown, MT 59457



Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H
Scholarship Application
Due March 31, 2025

Send to

Fergus County Extension Office
712 West Main, Suite 110
Lewistown, MT 59457

Please check the scholarship(s) you meet the criteria for, and you would like to be considered.

_____ **Fergus/Petroleum 4-H Leaders Council**

- Award paid after completion of your 1st college semester with proof of enrollment in your 2nd semester.
- May be used at any accredited college, university, or vocational technical center.
- This scholarship may be applied for by any graduating senior currently enrolled in 4-H in Fergus/Petroleum County, or any 4-H Alumni who have left the local program as a member their senior year of high school, within the last four years.
- Applicants must have been enrolled a minimum of 4 years as 4-H members.
- Applicants may only receive this scholarship once.

_____ **Open Box Ranch- Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Scholarship**

- Award paid after completion of your 1st college semester with proof of enrollment in your 2nd semester.
- May be used at any accredited college, university, or vocational technical center.
- This scholarship may be applied for by any graduating senior currently enrolled in 4-H in Fergus/Petroleum County with a background in agriculture.
- Applicants must have been enrolled a minimum of 3 years as 4-H members.
- Applicants may only receive this scholarship once.

Personal Information

Name
Address
Phone
Email
4-H Club
High School

Please list the 4-H Projects you have been enrolled in and the number of years you completed the project.

Project	Years	Project	Years

4-H Leadership- List and describe the leadership roles and activities you have participated in through 4-H.

4-H Community Service- List and describe the community service activities you have participated in through 4-H.

Non-4-H- Scholastic, Vocational, Extra-Curricular, Leadership & Community Service Activities

Institution Attending or Planning to Attend
Name
Admission Office Address
Major or Program

Attachments- please include all the following with your application.

- An essay of 300 words or less explaining why you have chosen to continue your education and how 4-H has provided you with the skills to be successful in the future.
- Three letters of recommendation from non-family members and non-Extension Staff. At least one must be from a 4-H Leader and one from a current teacher.
- Current Transcripts

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Mail to; Fergus County MSU Extension Office, 712 West Main, Suite 110, Lewistown, MT 59457

Deadline March 31, 2025.