



TO: Montana 4-H Families and Communities
RE: 2023 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

The **2023 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar** will take place from **January 15-17, 2023** in Helena at the **Delta Colonial Hotel**. This citizenship-in-action event is designed to educate Montana youth about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

When: The seminar will begin on Sunday, January 15 at 3:00 p.m. and end on Tuesday, January 17 sometime in the early afternoon around 1:30 p.m.

Where: Helena, Montana – Seminar activities will take place at the Delta Colonial Hotel *in conjunction with Legislative Breakfast*, the Bill Hamilton Building as well as the state capitol complex.

Eligibility: 4-H members must be 13 years of age by October 1, 2022. Delegates will also attend Legislative Breakfast on Tuesday, January 17.

Chaperones: Each delegate must have a designated (adult) chaperone. Counties may combine with other counties to reach a desired 1:10 ratio of adults to youth. Chaperones will be asked to participate in the seminar by acting as lobbyists during the legislative process. Any adults with special skills or interests please email c.sommersaustin@montana.edu if you would like to assist in any way.

Accommodations: Each individual/county must make their own guest room reservations. A block of rooms is reserved at the **Delta Colonial Hotel** (2301 Colonial Drive, Helena) under 'Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar' by calling (406) 443-2100. The block will be open from **November 28, 2022 - January 1, 2023**. The rate is \$107.00 per room plus tax (single/double occupancy) or \$123.00 per room plus tax (triple/quad occupancy).

Fee: There is a **\$85 registration** fee per youth and adult to offset the seminar program costs. The Montana 4-H Foundation contributes \$3,000. The program fee includes all meals for both Montana Citizenship Seminar and the Legislative Breakfast.



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Registration: Youth and adults log into your ZSuite Profile and **register under Events starting November 28, 2022 – January 2, 2023**. Please check with your county office to confirm the amount before paying.

Transportation: Transportation to and from the seminar and shuttling youth between activities is the county's responsibility.

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Legislative Bill: Each delegate is expected to sponsor one “bill” suitable for the 4-H Legislature. This should be submitted, electronically, to Christine Sommers-Austin c.sommersaustin@montana.edu by **January 2, 2023**. The bills will be reviewed and grouped by topic area into committees prior to the event. *Please see the template included with this email and in the ZSuite registration for information on how to write a bill.*

Service Project: Each delegate and county will have the opportunity to contribute to a service project that is yet to be determined.

History Bowl: Each delegate will have the opportunity to compete in the Montana History Bowl. The first round of the History Bowl will be a written form given on Sunday, January 15 during the seminar's check-in to determine the participants who will compete in the second and final rounds throughout the event.

Checklist: Please complete the following by the **January 1** and **January 2, 2023 deadlines**

- _____ Reserve your hotel room by January **1**, 2023 or earlier
- _____ Registration through ZSuite by January **2**, 2023 or earlier
- _____ Check with your county office to confirm amount before paying
- _____ Email your mock legislative bill to c.sommersaustin@montana.edu by January **2**, 2023 or earlier

Thank you! We look forward to a phenomenal experience learning and growing with all of you!!

Contact Christine Sommers-Austin at c.sommersaustin@montana.edu or 406-994-3504 with questions and/or comments.