

4-H NEWSLETTER-DECEMBER 2022

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

It was so nice to see everyone at Family Fun Night. Thank you to all of the club representatives who organized the booths. Congratulations to all the Award Winners.

Thank you to all the members who attended the Council, Livestock, Horse and Colt meetings in the past two months. Your input is very valuable. Thank you for stepping up. It is great to have you write rule changes and care about your projects. Thanks for sharing your opinions and talking in front of others to do so.

Roni Baker
Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent

4-H COUNCIL ASSISTANT TREASURER NEEDED!

Are you looking to level-up your family's 4-H experience? Are you interested in learning more about 4-H? Are you wanting to help the 4-H community in a meaningful way? If you answered 'yes' to any of those questions, then you may be a great candidate for the next Yellowstone County 4-H Council Assistant Treasurer. This position is a 1-year learning period before you step into the 2-year position of Council Treasurer, so it is a 3-year commitment in total. This experience has been an invaluable learning experience for me, and I would encourage veteran 4-H parents OR new 4-H parents to consider serving the county in this way. If you have any interest, please contact Roni Baker at 406-256-2828 or Caroline Brito at 406-850-2211 for more information and more details about this position.

ENROLL ONLINE USING ZSUITE NOW

If you have not yet enrolled your family into ZSuite, this will be your last 4-H newsletter and potentially any email communication. Reenrollment instructions can be found on the Yellowstone County 4-H website by clicking on "How to Join".

4-H FAMILY ORIENTATION NIGHT DECEMBER 5

If you and your family are new to 4-H, have only been involved with 4-H for 1-2 years or want to learn more about 4-H opportunities, this fun, interactive training event is for YOU! Meet in the 4-H Building at MetraPark on Monday, December 5 at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP with the number of family members attending by calling the Extension Office (406-256-2828) by 3:00 pm December 5, but if you forget do not worry-we will purchase extra pizza.

FREE PIZZA! Fun, get-to-know-each-other icebreakers! As a family, explore the following:

- **Favorite 4-H Project Station:** Learn about some of the many diverse projects offered in Yellowstone County 4-H.
- **Record Book Station:** What is a record book? As a group, you'll fill out a giant sample record book and learn about 4-H recordkeeping.
- **Demonstration Station:** Watch 4-Hers give demonstrations and YOU be the judge. Learn what judges are looking for and how to give a good demonstration.
- **Teen Leadership and Summer Camp:** Learn about the 4-H teen program and activities and learn about 4-H summer camp.
- **Award Station:** Learn about the 4-H Awards program.
- **Opportunities in 4-H:** Older 4-Hers will share their favorite 4-H experiences from travels in and out of state to scholarships and more!

Don't miss out...we hope to see you there!

FRUIT SALE INFORMATION

All 4-H Clubs are required to participate in the fruit sale. Each club needs to have at least one representative present at this meeting.

When: Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Where: 4-H Building

Time: 5:30 pm

You will receive your club order forms, instructions and a sample of the delicious fruit that we will be selling.

2023 MONTANA 4-H CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR

4-H members must be 13 by October 1, 2022, to be considered.

Participants travel to Helena January 15-17, 2023, to get a close-up view of the political process, meet with state senators and representatives to discuss issues, visit historical sites, participate in workshops to learn life skills, policies, and possible solutions to domestic problems. You will study many aspects of citizenship and how you as a responsible citizen can have an effect on your community, your state and you nation.

More information is being sent to 4-Hers whose 4-H Age (age on October 1, 2022) is 13 or older. To be considered a delegate, you must send a bill and application to the Yellowstone County Extension Office by December 20.

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR AND COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT) APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 6

If you are interested in becoming a Counselor or CIT, members must be 13 or older by June 6, 2023, to be a CIT (Counselor in Training). Members must be 14 or older by June 6, 2023, to be a Counselor.

The application is enclosed in this newsletter. The application **must** be postmarked by **Friday, January 6, 2023**. All applicants will do an interview. If you are selected to be a Counselor or CIT, you **must** attend all Camp planning meetings which are held in Yellowstone, Carbon or Stillwater counties each month. You **must** attend the training session that will be held in May. Counselors and Counselors in Training go to camp on June 5, a day before campers arrive. Camp will be held June 6-9, 2023.

APPLY TO BECOME A 4-H AMBASSADOR BY JANUARY 6

If you are looking for an opportunity for leadership withing 4-H, send in an Ambassador application by January 6. Applicants must be 14 by October 1, 2022, in order to apply. Please watch for an emailed application that will be sent soon to those meeting the age requirement.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: MONTHLY ONLINE SERIES

Members 12+, 4-H Age

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2022/2023. The leadership academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways.

These workshops provide local county leadership groups an opportunity to join (virtually) with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

Each month the officer team will be present a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities. This workshop should be paired with a local county leadership meeting to work on county projects that serve the local 4-H program and community.

County Leadership groups should plan to meet face to face whenever possible and engage in the virtual statewide workshop together. This time can be viewed as a leadership club meeting. County ambassadors can aid in planning and facilitating these local workshop meetings. The following agenda is currently being planned. All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00. Register now to receive the Zoom link for each meeting at the [state 4-H website](#) at

http://www.montana4h.org/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html. Once the form is complete an email containing the zoom meeting link for all 5 workshops will be sent automatically.

December 11, 2022

January 8, 2023

February 5, 2023

March 5, 2023

INTERNATIONAL HOSTING & EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2023-2024

Delegates live with host families and experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture.

Costa Rica: June 21-July 20, 2023

South Korea: July 17-August 15, 2023

Japan 4 week: July 12-August 10, 2023

Japan 8 week: June 14-August 10, 2023

For more information regarding these programs and for application access, please contact Christine Sommers-Austin at c.sommersaustin@montana.edu or (406) 994-3504. Montana's application deadline for 2023 summer outbound exchanges is December 31, 2022.

There will also be opportunities for Montana 4-H families to host international youth from participating countries, both short-term, 3-4 week programs, and academic year programs (AYP). Families that are interested in hosting, have hosted in the past, or are curious about hosting, can obtain more information under the [Host a Student section on S4HIEP website](#) at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>. It is an exciting way to learn about different cultures and teach youth about our own culture.

4-H RECORD BOOKS

4-H would not be the same without records. They're an important part of completing each project. They help set goals, keep track of attendance at meetings, record demonstrations and talks and a whole lot more.

NOW IS THE TIME TO START YOUR RECORDS. You should have a [My 4-H Year](#) record sheet and record sheets for each Department A (animal) and N (non-animal) project. This month be certain you have completed the goals on each of your record sheets.

It is important to work on records all year long. It is easier to write down what you have accomplished as soon as you do it. This also means less work at the end of the year. Remember to record both "What I did AND what I learned" each time you make an entry in your journal.

An easy way to continuously add to your records is to do them electronically on your computer by visiting the [State 4-H website](#) at http://www.montana4h.org/projects/support/record_books/index.html

You will need to save the file in your windows explorer and then you can type information into the records each time you have something to add.

RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for organizational/project leaders, and parents to come and help us run stations for this workshop on January 14, 2023, from 10 am-12 pm, at the 4-H Building. Please let us know by January 6 if you would like to help.

Please contact Roni Baker if you would like to help or have questions.

SIGN UP FOR SERVICE LEARNING VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION NOW

4-H Service Learning is...a volunteer service that you provide with no monetary compensation. It is hands-on involvement with community projects.

Examples of community service:

- Volunteering at your church as an usher, teaching Sunday School, directing the Children's church.
- Volunteering at a nursing home helping the residents.

- Volunteering at the local hospital as a Candy Striper.
- Volunteering at the Rescue Mission serving food, stocking the food pantry, cleaning tables, etc.
- Volunteering in your school, picking up garbage around the campus, helping with school functions like PTA events.
- Volunteering in the community cleaning up and beautifying parks, picking up garbage in ditches, cleaning graffiti off buildings.
- Organizing and implementing work crews for various projects around your community, painting a house, mowing a yard, or shoveling a sidewalk for a neighbor needing help.
- Relay for Life volunteering.
- Ringing the Salvation Army bells during the holidays.
- Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4-H community service activities but if you are a member of the specific group/organization, hours spent fundraising do not count. (car wash fundraiser, selling cookies, popcorn, fruit, etc.)

Participating members will be recognized at Family Fun Night and prizes will be given out based on the number of hours you volunteered during the 2022-2023 4-H year - September 1 to October 31. Sign up on the 2022-2023 Service Learning Volunteer Application and Log can be found under the Department N section on the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html) at <https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html>

Please turn in your complete Service Learning application to the Extension Office by January 1, 2023.

4-H PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A complete copy of this document is available at the Extension Office. Below is some information from that document that we wanted to share. (JE/11/22/10)

Affirmative Action Policy: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Montana State University and the Montana State University Extension Service including the 4-H program prohibit discrimination in all their programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital and family (parental) status and participation in Montana 4-H and its programs is open to all interested youth regardless of any of the above.

Individuals needing accommodation because of a disability may request this at the County Extension office.

UNUSED 4-H MATERIALS

If you have any 4-H project books that you will not be using and **THAT HAVE NOT BEEN WRITTEN IN, PLEASE** return them to the Extension Office. We can reuse them and keep our costs down. Thank you!

RING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army will be manning kettles with volunteers this year: 26 doors multiplied by 8 hours a day for 32 days equals 6,000+ volunteer hours they must fill with bell ringers. Wow! It's easy to reserve your favorite location to ring the bell. To sign up, visit the [Salvation Army website](https://www.registertoring.com/) at <https://www.registertoring.com/>

Need has no season. Kettles may only be out during the holiday season, but contributions help us feed, shelter, and care for those in need year-round. It doesn't take much to Make Change Happen in our community. In fact, all it takes is a few hours of your time ringing at a Salvation Army Red Kettle. Get some club members together and ring! These hours can count toward your community service hours.

Watch [this cool video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQ_V15HNutY) at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQ_V15HNutY to see how dollars are spent in every community.

YOUTH LOANS AVAILABLE

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides financial assistance and business planning to help rural youth get a start on their futures. The Rural Youth Loan Program is designed to provide start-up funds to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with participation in 4-H clubs, FFA and similar agriculturally focused organizations. Call Bruce Johnson at 657-6135 or email bruce.johnson@usda.gov. Application forms can be printed off

the [US Department of Agriculture website](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index) at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index>

The Montana Department of Agriculture provides financial assistance through Junior Ag Loans. For more information, brochures and application forms visit the [Montana Department of Agriculture website](https://agr.mt.gov/Topics/E-G/Grants-Pages/Junior-Agriculture-Loans) at <https://agr.mt.gov/Topics/E-G/Grants-Pages/Junior-Agriculture-Loans> or contact Walt Anseth at 406-444-5420 or email WAnseth@mt.gov.

PEOPLE PARTNER GRANT

The People Partner grant program offers an opportunity for clubs and individuals to make a difference in the community with projects involving 4-H members in determining a need, completing a grant application, and implementing the project. Applications are available at the Extension Office or can be printed off the [state 4-H website](http://www.montana4h.org/programs/grants/grants.html) at <http://www.montana4h.org/programs/grants/grants.html>. Applications are due by February 1. Applications submitted by January 10 will be reviewed and returned with suggestions for improvement to the application in order to resubmit. Up to \$500 may be awarded to individual clubs by the Montana 4-H Foundation.

START APPLYING FOR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

It's time for high school seniors to start applying for scholarships. MSU-Bozeman announces the Montana Premier Scholarship Program for fall 2023.

Hundreds of academic scholarships will be available to new freshmen from Montana who demonstrate academic promise based on ACT and/or SAT scores and grade point average. Leadership experience, activities, honors, and financial need may also be considered. Students must apply for admission on the [Montana State University website](http://www.montana.edu/admissions/) at <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/> and complete [the scholarship application](http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/index.html) at <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/index.html>. Priority deadline is February 1, 2023.

Applications for the [State 4-H Foundation scholarships](http://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html) can be found on the state 4-H website at <http://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html>. The site has detailed requirements and deadlines.

The Yellowstone County Foundation offers scholarships of varying amounts to graduating seniors. The scholarship application will be mailed directly to members and can be printed off the County website. These are due April 1.

COUNTY AWARD WINNERS FOR OUTSTANDING MEMBER

First Name	Last Name	Club	Award	Pin/Medal/Certificate
Maria	Ackerman	Hesper Hustlers	Leadership	Pin
Sara	Ackerman	Hesper Hustlers	Leadership	Pin
Tate	Ackerman	Hesper Hustlers	Attitude	Pin
Carson	Adkins	Northern Lights	Chicken	Pin
Tucker	Adkins	Northern Lights	Willing to Help	Pin
Lukas	Arkell	Ruff Riders	Market Poultry	Pin
Lukas	Arkell	Ruff Riders	Breeding Sheep	Pin
Mary	Baeten	Laurel Roadrunners	Achievement	Pin
Emma	Barnhart	Pine Ridge Red Ryder	Horse	Pin
Emma	Barnhart	Pine Ridge Red Ryder	Vice President	Pin
Traden	Beddes	Shepherd Pioneers	BB Gun	Pin
Tristen	Beddes	Shepherd Pioneers	Outdoor Adventures	Pin
Wade	Bekkedahl	Hesper Hustlers	Achievement	Pin
Wade	Bekkedahl	Hesper Hustlers	Welding	Pin
Madason	Bender	Worden Riverdale	Willing to Help	Pin
Sarah	Boetticher	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Officer	Pin

Isabelle	Brito	Huntley Trailblazers	Leadership	Pin
Wesley	Browning	Project Rockin Wranglers	Archery	Pin
Wesley	Browning	Project Rockin Wranglers	All around 4-H member	Pin
Jake	Cesnik	Lockwood Humble Bs	Enthusiasm	Pin
Karlin	Clayton	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Personal Growth	Pin
Karlin	Clayton	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Attitude	Pin
Farley	Clute	Huntley Trailblazers	Willing to Help	Pin
Mickey	Clute	Huntley Trailblazers	Cloverbud	Pin
Alishia	Coles	Project Rockin Wranglers	Ceramics	Pin
Alishia	Coles	Project Rockin Wranglers	Dairy Goat	Pin
Kimber	Crocket	Shepherd Pioneers	Horse	Pin
Aidric	Dice	Lockwood Humble Bs	Goat	Pin
Layla	Dice	Lockwood Humble Bs	Enthusiasm	Pin
Layla	Dice	Lockwood Humble Bs	Record Book	Pin
Annabelle	Fournier	Laurel Roadrunners	Entomology	Pin
Robby	Francis	Lockwood Humble Bs	Poultry	Pin
Robert	Francis	Lockwood Humble Bs	Demonstration	Certificate
Henry	Gauer	Yellowstone Silver Spurs	Achievement	Pin
Harper	Gauer	Yellowstone Silver Spurs	Attitude	Certificate
Reid	Hauge	Worden Riverdale	Dairy Goat	Pin
Andee	Heupel	Shepherd Pioneers	Horse	Pin
Cale	Hockhalter	City Kids	Ambassador	Pin
Cale	Hockhalter	City Kids	President	Pin
Michaela	Hockhalter	City Kids	Attitude	Certificate
Wyatt	Johannes	Worden Riverdale	Beef	Pin
Wyatt	Johannes	Worden Riverdale	Leadership	Pin
Keegan	Kennedy	Shepherd Tumbleweeds	Horse	Medal
Kiarra	Kennedy	Shepherd Tumbleweeds	Horse	Medal
Rex	Koivu	Project Rockin Wranglers	Rabbit	Pin
Rex	Koivu	Project Rockin Wranglers	Sheep	Pin
Brooklyn	Kuhr	Hesper Hustlers	Historian	Pin
Bentley	Leibrand	Ruff Riders	Goat	Pin
Aiden	Lentz	Lockwood Humble Bs	Rabbit	Pin
Aiden	Lentz	Lockwood Humble Bs	Leadership	Pin
Alex	Luhman	Huntley Eagles	Willing to Help	Pin
Kerstin	Luhman	Huntley Eagles	Cake Decorating	Pin
Lyndin	Marble	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Team Player	Pin
Bo	Martin	Big Sky Thunderbolts	Willingness to help	Pin
TJ	Martin	Big Sky Thunderbolts	Willingness to help	Pin
Lilly	Morris	Pine Ridge Red Ryder	Ranch Horse	Pin
Lilly	Morris	Pine Ridge Red Ryder	Scrapbook	Pin
Joy	Mortensen	Lockwood Humble Bs	Goat	Pin
Corbin	Murnin	Whips n Sticks	Attitude	Certificate
Reagan	Nydegger	Lockwood Humble Bs	Sheep	Pin
Kaidence	Osborne	Shepherd Pioneers	Cloverbud	Pin
Hazen	Pearce	Pine Ridge Red Ryder	Cloverbud	Certificate
Hazen	Pearce	Pine Ridge Red Ryder	Involvement	Certificate
Ariel	Petersen	Hesper Hustlers	Ambassador	Pin
Ariel	Petersen	Hesper Hustlers	Leadership	Pin
Lauren	Petersen	Hesper Hustlers	Ambassador	Pin
Lauren	Petersen	Hesper Hustlers	Involvement	Pin
Julia	Rossow	Shepherd Pioneers	Horse	Certificate

Amy	Schmidt	Lockwood Humble Bs	Poultry	Pin
Amy	Schmidt	Lockwood Humble Bs	Achievement	Pin
Grace	Sedlacek	Hesper Hustlers	All around 4-H member	Pin
Marley	Seely	Lockwood Humble Bs	Rabbit	Medal
Marley	Seely	Lockwood Humble Bs	Leadership	Pin
Emmy	Serock	City Kids	Club Secretary	Pin
Aidyn	Simpson	Huntley Trailblazers	Poultry	Pin
Collin	Simpson	Huntley Trailblazers	Involvement	Certificate
Brooklyn	Sims	Ruff Riders	Ambassador	Pin
Cadence	Sims	Ruff Riders	Leadership	Pin
Cadence	Sims	Ruff Riders	Ambassador	Pin
Brooklyn	Sims	Ruff Riders	Leadership	Pin
Boomer	Taylen	Project Rockin Wranglers	Leadership	Pin
Jasmine	Teter	Project Rockin Wranglers	Ceramics	Pin
Jasmine	Teter	Project Rockin Wranglers	Goat	Pin
Jorden	Trupka	Ruff Riders	Ambassador	Pin
Jorden	Trupka	Ruff Riders	Teamwork	Pin
Gwen	Willems	Yellowstone Silver Spurs	Achievement	Pin
Elena	Zahn	Big Sky Thunderbolts	Photography	Pin
Elena	Zahn	Big Sky Thunderbolts	Willingness to help	Pin

FAMILY FUN NIGHT WINNERS

Thank you to the following members who announced the County Award winners:

Ticket Sales Winners

Placing	Member Name	Club	Number of tickets sold
1	Carlee Bomar	Shepherd Tumbleweeds	240
2	Kaiya Rosenberg	Laurel Roadrunners	120
3	Claire Longmire	Cool Clovers	110

Door Prize Winners

Placing	Prize	Winner
1	\$50	Megan Lewis
2	\$30	Samantha Zahn
3	\$20	Gay Christenson

Best Decorated and Run Booth Winners

Placing	Winning Club	Booth game
1	Northern Lights	Speleo Cave
2	Worden Riverdale	Catch a Duck
3	City Kids	Ring on a Stick
4	Laurel Roadrunners	ACME Balloon Bust
5	Ruff Riders	Putt Putt Golf Course
6	Ruff Riders	Pig Race

POST FAMILY FUN NIGHT MEETING

There will be a post Family Fun Night meeting on Thursday, December 1 at 5:30 pm in the 4-H Building.

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

4-H Supporter	Mailing Address
Fagan & Cook Accountants	1555 Campus Way Street, Billings MT 59102
Roger Daniel Insurance	2047 Broadwater Avenue Suite 1, Billings MT 59102
Blue Body & Paint	356 Scott Street, Billings MT 59101
Riverside Contracting	7116 Cowboy Way, Billings MT 59105
Great West Engineering	6780 Trade Center Avenue, Billings MT 59101
Animal Health International	1380 Minnesota Avenue, Billings MT 59103
Bobcat of Big Sky	2125 Old Hardin Road Billings, MT 59101
Drange Apiary	2751 Alpine View Drive Laurel, MT 59044
Raw Machinery	4110 Bennett Avenue, Billing, MT 59105
North 40 Ag	2150 South 14 Road, Ballantine MT 59006

PROPOSED 2023 MONTANAFAIR HANDBOOK CHANGES MEETINGS

December 1, at 6:00 pm: Department N handbook changes voted on at this meeting.

December 1 at 6:30 pm: 4-H Council Meeting. All proposed handbook changes for **both Department N and Department A** committees will be voted on at this meeting.

2022-2023 COMMITTEE OFFICERS

4-H Council

Outgoing President: Brenda Rider
 President: Kayla Koivu
 Vice President: Heather Arkell
 Secretary: Angie Murdick
 Treasurer: Caroline Brito

Sale Committee

Chairman: Shayne Vandivort
 Vice Chairman: Bill Cook
 Treasurer: Trish Hays
 Secretary: Cheri Johannes

Large Animal Committee

Chairman: Les Huntington
 Secretary: Cheri Johannes

CERAMICS WORKSHOPS

Ceramic Workshop Saturday, December 3 and January 7, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 to 4:00 pm, 79 Whitehorse South Road, Laurel. Please contact Sheri Anttila at 406-633-5531 to RSVP for the workshop.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION / SAFETY MEETING FOR NEW RIFLE PROJECT MEMBERS

If you are enrolled or are planning on enrolling in a rifle project (BB Gun Safety, Air Rifle, or Small Bore) and this is your first year in the project we need to connect with you. Please join us at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building on Tuesday, December 6 as we discuss what these project involve, when shooting workshops begin, how long they go, and where you can shoot.

If your unable to make the meeting or have questions, please contact Adam Serock @ adam.serock@hdrinc.com or 406-696-1194.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING DATES

There will be three Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings within the next two months. Register now!

Havre, MT: December 9-10, 2022

Belgrade, MT: December 16-17, 2022

Circle, MT: December 16-17, 2022

Billings, MT: March 31-April 1, 2023

Please visit the [state's 4-H Shooting Sports webpage](http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/shooting_sports_training/index.html) at

http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/shooting_sports_training/index.html for registration forms, agendas, and information on completing Modules in ZSuite. Each county 4-H Shooting Sports program must be conducted under the supervision of a trained shooting sports leader. In order to be certified, the leaders must be enrolled in their county as a 4-H Leader, pass a background check, and complete the requirements of the Shooting Sports Leader Training. Assistants do not need training but must work under a certified leader who is present and involved anytime shooting occurs.

The registration fee is \$75 for adults and \$40 for teen leaders (teens 14+ may only assist a 4-H shooting sports program if under the direct supervision of a trained and certified 4-H shooting sports adult leader of the same shooting discipline). The 4-H council will pay the registration fee.

Please Note: **Roni Baker must sign your registration prior to mailing the registration.** Plan accordingly to meet deadlines.

2023 SHOWCASE INITIAL PLANNING MEETING DECEMBER 1

The first meeting for the spring 2023 Showcase and Public Review will be held during the December Department N meeting on December 1, at 6:00 pm. Each club needs to have a Showcase representative attend the Department N meeting to plan for this big event.

SEWING & TEXTILES PROJECT ENROLLMENT REQUIRED TO ENTER SHOWCASE

If you want to participate in the Showcase scheduled for April 2023 you must be signed up in a Sewing & Textiles project. To participate in the Ready to Wear or Display categories at Showcase, you must enroll in a Sewing & Textiles project or the Ready to Wear project in ZSuite.

NO LIVESTOCK MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

No Small Animal Committee, Sale Committee or Livestock Committee meetings will be held in December. On January 25 the Small Animal Committee will meet at 6:00 pm. Sale Committee will meet at 6:30 pm and the Large Livestock Committee meetings will be held immediately following the Sale Committee meeting.

SHEEP AND GOAT WORKSHOP

A sheep and goat workshop will be on Saturday, December 10 from 9-11 am at the 4-H Building. Please bring your project record sheets, workbooks and handouts from the first workshop. Extra handouts will be available. Questions call or text Heather Arkell at 406-208-4463 or email lukasa.arkell@gmail.com

These monthly meetings will continue on the following dates: February 11, March 18 and April 15.

2023 MONTANA WINTER FAIR

The Montana Winter Fair will be held January 27-29, 2023 in Lewistown, MT. Information can be found online at the [Montana Winter Fair website](http://montanawinterfair.com/) at <http://montanawinterfair.com/>, by calling 406-538-2200 or emailing montanawinterfair@gmail.com

2023 MONTANA STATE FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

Anyone wanting to show at the 2023 Montana State Fair in Great Falls, MT should visit the [Montana ExpoPark](https://tickets.goexpopark.com/) at <https://tickets.goexpopark.com/> or call 406-727-8900 for entry information.

BEEF TAGGING FOR MONTANAFAIR: SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 *NEW DAY & TIME!*

All beef you are planning to enter into the MontanaFair must be tagged on this date. There are no exceptions.

Each exhibitor can tag three animals in each species. Exhibitors can enter all 3 in their MontanaFair entry, but at the fair they must decide which 2 animals they will be weighing and exhibiting. Each exhibitor at the MontanaFair can only sell one animal.

The Beef tagging date for 2023 will be **Sunday, JANUARY 8** from **12:00 to 3:00 pm** at PAYS.

All exhibitors at the MontanaFair in Department A (livestock) are required to attend a MSU Extension Animal Quality Assurance Training prior to the MontanaFair entry deadline to be eligible to exhibit at the MontanaFair. Animal Quality Assurance Class will be from 1:00-2:30 pm and the Horse Helmet Class is from 3:00 am to 4:00 pm.

ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PRESENTERS NEEDED

This 4-H year we need to identify new topics to teach members at Animal Quality Assurance classes. All 4-H/FFA exhibitors entering MontanaFair must take AQA. We need volunteers to help decide what to present and help present classes in the 2022-2023 4-H year. We are open to ideas. If you are interested, please call Roni or Melody at 406-256-2828.

2022-2023 ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting any animal in Department A (Junior Livestock) at MontanaFair are required to attend an MSU Extension **ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING (AQA)** (per state guidelines) provided by the 4-H Committee or an FFA Advisor/Agriculture Educator prior to the first MontanaFair entry deadline or exhibitors do not show. Yellowstone County has added to those guidelines whereas there will be three 4-H age brackets for AQA training. Exhibitors must attend AQA as Beginners (4-H age 8-10), again as a junior (4-H age 11-13), and finally as a senior member (4-H age 14-19). This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – the age as of Oct. 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must take Animal Quality Assurance the first year they reach every age bracket or the first year they are exhibiting in an animal project. All classes will include the same teaching materials and use the same forms and paperwork. Class content determined by a committee and updated every two years. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the AQA Training.

There will be hands on, group activities. Please plan on arriving on time and staying for the complete 1½ hours. If you are not in attendance for the complete training, you may be asked to attend another session. Plan on attending a session early in the year so conflicts do not occur in your family schedule. **More workshops will NOT be added after the June 14 class. It is the final opportunity for 2023.**

The sessions in January and May are face-to-face at this time at PAYS. For the virtual sessions, people will log into the Webex meeting (Webex link information will be sent out via email prior to each session) to learn the information then go to the online program, pay their own \$12 fee, and take the online class. A copy of the completion certificate must be provided to the Extension Office.

Sunday, January 8: 1:00-2:30 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

Wednesday, February 22: 6:30 pm Virtual training

Thursday, March 16: 6:30 pm Virtual training

Saturday, May 6: 9:00-10:30 am at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

Wednesday, June 14: 6:30-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building

MSU EXTENSION 4-H HORSE HELMET POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a Horse Helmet Workshop once as a beginner/junior 4-H member (8-13) and again as a senior 4-H member (14 and up). This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – the age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must attend a Horse Helmet Workshop the first year they reach every age bracket or the first year they are exhibiting in an animal project. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the Horse Helmet Workshop.

After attending a 4-H Helmet Workshop, riders may choose whether they will wear a certified helmet. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against. Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse. A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fence classes and gymkhana events, activities, and practice sessions. Gymkhana refers to horseback speed events (timed or un-timed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole

ances, stake races, rescue races, pony express race, etc. Events that are not intended to be included in this policy are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed but use livestock. **More workshops will NOT be added after the May 6 class. It is the final opportunity for 2023.**

Sunday, January 8: 3:00-4:00 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

Wednesday, April 19: 7:00-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building

Saturday, May 6: 11:00 am-12:00 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

CLUB SECRETARY MINUTES: IMPORTANT FORMAT REQUIRED

Each month the Extension office should receive a copy of your club meeting minutes. To have consistent reporting, we require minutes to be in the format found on page 3 of your Montana 4-H Secretary's Handbook. **This is the only format that is acceptable.** Use this format when submitting your minutes to the Extension Office each month. **In minutes use full names, indicate what financial expenditures were voted on (be specific), and if there were any changes to the previous month's minutes. Minutes are not a meeting agenda, they contain specific, detailed information so that someone who did not attend the meeting could read the minutes and know exactly what happened. Minutes are a detailed recording of a meeting.**

Should you need copies of this form we can copy them for you. Minutes may be typed on your computer, submitted in hard copy, faxed to the office (406-256-2825), or emailed to ronibaker@montana.edu. If emailing, always include the club name in the subject line. **Remember:** If you do not receive a reply email from us, the email did not go through!

CLUB MINUTES

City Kids: The club will hold a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch in January. The club shops for a family in need during December.

Huntley Trailblazers: Members were asked to bring ideas for club program, activities, community service, and club recreation to the January meeting.

Lockwood Humble Bs: Several project leaders gave reports. All members introduced themselves and decided to keep the same club t-shirts from last year.

Shepherd Pioneers: Project books were passed out. Members decided on a pizza party for the next meeting.

END OF THE YEAR DONATION TO SUPPORT THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

Both the Yellowstone and Montana 4-H Foundations support 4-H educational learning experiences. Tax deductible contributions help support today's young people. Please complete the following fields and mail with your check to: Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation, PO Box 35021, Billings, MT 59107.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

Enclosed is a contribution of \$ _____

Full Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

(Optional) In memory of _____

(Optional) Please send acknowledgement to:

Full Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

From (Donor's Name) _____

Make checks payable to: Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation

4-H Camp Counselor/Counselor-in-Training (CIT) Application

June 6-9, 2023, at the Beartooth Mountain Christian Ranch, SW of Columbus

Return all **FOUR** completed pages & payment to the Extension Office by January 6 (not postmarked by)

Counselors must be 14 years of age by the first day of camp: June 6

Counselors plan the 4-H Camp program with the assistance of the Counselors-in-Training (CITs) and the tri-county Extension Agents. Counselors select the program topics, arrange workshops, gather equipment or other materials needed for camp. Each is responsible for specific duties in the pre-planning stages of camp **and** at camp. As part of the Camp Leadership Team, counselors share in the overall success of camp, and the camper's learning, safety, and fun.

Counselors-in-Training (CITs) must be 13 years of age by the first day of camp: June 6

CITs carry out the same responsibilities as counselors however, they "learn by doing" while partnered with a counselor.

Camp Fee: \$100 OR \$55 with a scholarship request letter. Make checks payable to: Yellowstone County 4-H Council. Payment must be included with application! Mail to: Yellowstone County Extension, PO Box 35021, Billings, MT 59107.

Interested in a partial scholarship? The 4-H member must write a short letter explaining why they feel they should be awarded a partial scholarship and include it with the application and payment.

If you are selected to be a Counselor/CIT, you must attend all camp planning meetings unless you arrange for an excused absence *prior* to the meeting from your Extension Agent. **You are allowed only ONE excused absence. Failure to notify your Extension Agent prior to the meeting may result in dismissal as a Counselor/CIT.** You must attend the training session that will be held. **SPECIAL NOTE:** If selected, you will have to travel on weeknights or weekends to Laurel for planning meetings. Counselors/CITs are required to be at camp on June 5, the day before campers arrive.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone PROVIDER: _____

Applicant Cell #: _____ Applicant email: _____

4-H Club: _____ Male: ___ Female: ___ Date of Birth: _____

Parents: _____ Phone: (C) _____ (W) _____

Your age as of June 6, 2023: _____ I am applying to be: Counselor: ___ CIT: ___

Were you accepted as a Counselor last year? Yes ___ No ___

Were you accepted as a CIT last year? Yes ___ No ___

Number of years you have attended camp as a camper: _____

Number of years you have attended camp as a Counselor: _____

Explain experiences you have had leading or working with youth ages 9-13.

List three strengths or skills you have that would be beneficial at a youth camp.

List 2 ADULT references (people not related to you). References may be called prior to final Counselor/CIT selection.

	Full Name	Phone # (include area code)
1.		
2.		

ACTIVITY and HEALTH AGREEMENT

(Complete **ALL** fields. Indicate “N/A” if not applicable)

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Family’s Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy/Group #: _____

Cell number parent can be reached at in case of an emergency: _____

Person to contact if family cannot be reached: _____ Phone: _____

Person(s) other than named above, to whom the camp may release the child upon request: _____

I will be driving myself to camp: ___ OR I will need transportation to camp: ___

1. Does your child have any known allergic reactions? (List: food, medicine, plants, or insect allergies)

2. Please list child’s “regularly scheduled” AND “as needed” medications and send with child in **Original Rx Bottles**.

All medications will be required to be turned into the camp nurse upon arrival at camp.

Medication Name	Dose	Reason for taking	When to take	Oral, Nasal, Injection

*If your child has **SEVERE ASTHMA ATTACKS**, please consult with you primary Physician, and explain to them camp is 1 hour away from the nearest Emergency Room and at a higher elevation! Ask for a prescription for an EpiPen and send it with the child to camp. If your child has **BEE ALLERGIES** an EpiPen is also required.*

Does your child have **Asthma**? Yes: ___ No: ___ If yes, when was their last asthma attack? _____

How many asthma attacks in the last 6 months? _____

How bad are the asthma attacks?

- Mild, no treatment other than inhaler required: ___
- Moderate, required Nebulizer at home only: ___
- Severe, required a trip to the Physician or Emergency Room: ___

If your child uses a Nebulizer Machine, it must be sent to camp with the child. This is not optional. They must have their machine and medications with them including Albuterol and emergency and inhalers. In recent years we have had life-threatening asthma situations at camp. Counselors/CITs cannot stay at camp without medications they may need.

Does your child have **Diabetes**? Yes: ___ No: ___ If yes, how well do they manage this? _____

Do they monitor blood sugars and if so, how often? _____

Do they have an Insulin Pump, or do they use injections? _____

Is your child allowed to eat sweets? Yes: ___ No: ___

What is your child's normal range of their blood sugar? _____

How often does it drop below this range? _____ How often does it jump above this range? _____

Have you ever had to use Glucagon to bring your child's Blood Sugar up? Yes: ___ No: ___

4. What kinds of situations might cause your child distress? _____

5. Does your child wear Medic-Alert Tags? Yes: ___ No: ___ Where is it worn? _____

6. Mark any of these supervised activities which your child is **NOT** allowed to participate:

- | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-------------|-----|---------------|-----|--------------|
| Horseback riding | ___ | Swimming | ___ | Climbing wall | ___ | Other: _____ |
| Zip Line | ___ | Archery | ___ | Backpacking | ___ | |
| Workshops | ___ | Pellet guns | ___ | Ropes course | ___ | |

Has your child had swimming lessons? Yes: ___ No: ___

7. Mark any of the following conditions your child is subject to:

- | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-----|-------------------|-----|---------------|-----|--------------|
| Abdominal Pain | ___ | Ear/Sinus trouble | ___ | Heart trouble | ___ | Other: _____ |
| Asthma | ___ | Epilepsy | ___ | Nose bleeds | ___ | |
| Bed wetting | ___ | Fainting | ___ | Sleep walking | ___ | |
| Cramps | ___ | Hay fever | ___ | Tonsillitis | ___ | |
| Diabetes | ___ | Headaches | ___ | Travel | ___ | |

Describe child's reactions or other information we should know (e.g., disabilities): _____

8. Tetanus shot current: Yes: ___ No: ___

9. List any chronic illness or other condition for which your child needs treatment. (Explanation required - This is for a physician who might need to treat your child in case of illness or injury or for the insurance company.) _____

AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT

I _____ being the parent or legal guardian of _____ affirm that this form is complete and accurate to my knowledge and grant permission for my child to participate in the Yellowstone/Stillwater/Carbon County 4-H Camp. I will not hold the sponsoring organization or host facility or their representatives responsible in case of an accident.

I give permission for the Camp Nurse/MSU Extension Agent to administer simple medications such as aspirin, Tylenol, Pepto Bismol, cough syrup, etc., to my child if they are not allergic to medication. In case of a medical emergency, if I cannot be reached, I give permission for a physician to be contacted. If I cannot be reached, I give permission for the attending physician to treat my child in an emergency situation. I know the plans of the trip, including the dates, who will chaperoning the group, the mode of travel, where the group will stay, and the planned activities. My child agrees to abide by the rules of no use or possession of alcohol, drugs, any tobacco product, knives, guns, or any other items that could be considered a weapon. My child also agrees to abide by the curfew and other rules established. Violations of these rules will result in a parent picking up the 4-H member or financing transportation home immediately.

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

(Date)

The Montana State University Extension is an ADA/EO/AA/Veteran's Preference Employer and Provider of Educational Outreach. Montana State University Extension encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of special accommodations or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the Extension Office at 406-256-2828 in advance of your participation.

Counselor/CIT Code of Conduct

- I will respect the property and rights of the camp, other campers, counselors, CITs, and adult chaperons at all times.
- I will be with my campers whenever they are in the cabin/dormitory, during classes, during meals and during camp duties.
- I will report all illnesses, injuries, or concerns to the camp nurse.
- I am responsible for attending ALL workshops and group meetings. Be on time.
- I know that boys are not allowed in girls' cabins and girls are not allowed in boys' cabins. Do not switch cabins.
- I will not write on or deface any camp property. I will pay for any damages.
- I know it is my responsibility to keep the cabin areas and the campgrounds clean at all times.
- I realize that everyone is required to be at every flag raising and lowering ceremony as well as other events. I will have a schedule with ample time for me to get to all activities. I will also get my campers to activities on time. Tardiness will not be tolerated.
- I will speak respectfully to others, campers, counselors, CITs, adults, everyone.
- Improper language will not be tolerated and should be reported to an adult chaperone immediately.
- I will respect all property of other campers as I would like them to respect mine. Stay out of others' property.
- I will wear 4-H appropriate clothing at all times. I understand I may be asked to change if needed.
- I will wear my nametag at all times.
- I know that hats are not to be worn indoors for any reason.
- I know the pond is off limits except during approved times.
- I know that alcohol, any tobacco products, illegal drugs, fireworks, firearms, or knives are not to be brought to camp.
- I know that by choosing not to abide by these rules I will be sent home immediately with my parents providing my transportation.
- I will not administer corporal punishment or refuse food and shelter to anyone.

I agree to follow the Counselor/CIT Code of Conduct.

(Signature of Counselor/CIT)

(Date)

DECEMBER 2022 4-H CALENDAR



Cleaning Schedule: Compass AllStars: November 20-December 3
 Huntley Eagles: December 4-17 Yellowstone Mavericks: December 18-31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30 Post FFN Meeting 6:00 Dept. N with Council to follow 4-H Building	2	3 10:00 Ceramics workshop 79 Whitehorse South Road, Laurel
4	5 6:00 Family Orientation Night 4-H Building	6 6:00 Mandatory Rifle project meeting 4-H Building	7	8	9	10 9:00 Sheep & Goat Workshop 4-H Building
11 2:30 Leadership Academy Courthouse Room 105	12	13	14	15 6:00 Shooting Sports Leader Meeting 4-H Building	16 Newsletter Articles Due	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Holiday Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31