

4-H NEWSLETTER-JUNE 2022

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

All MontanaFair entries are completed online at www.montanafair.com. The 4-H Program is an exhibitor at the MontanaFair - 4-H does not manage MontanaFair's online entry process nor can 4-H access MontanaFair's online entry program. Please be certain to read all rules and policies for MontanaFair. Please reference the Department A and Department N Handbooks to determine what Divisions and Classes you should be entering.

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REGISTER FOR THE 2022 CLOVERBUD CAMP

Registration for the 2022 Cloverbud Camp "Under the 4-H Big Top Carnival!" is now open. Registration is to be completed by signing into your households ZSuite account and going to the "Events" page.

Plan now to make this camp part of your summertime fun! The camp fee is \$5 and covers snacks, lunch, supplies and accident insurance.

Please plan to have your Cloverbud at camp by 9:30 am and picked up by 3:00 pm. Dress in appropriate clothing for the day (sunscreen, hat, coat, and tennis shoes). Activities are planned for both indoor and outdoor.

Pre-registration/payment is required and due by **Friday, June 3 at 5:00 pm. Payment must be made by cash or check and mailed or delivered to the Extension Office @ 301 N 27th St., Billings, MT 59101.**

MONTANAFAIR ENTRIES ARE COMPLETED ONLINE- PLEASE READ

MontanaFair entries are completed online at the [MontanaFair website](http://www.montanafair.com/) or <https://www.montanafair.com/>. Department A and Department N MontanaFair Handbooks can be found online at www.montanafair.com and on the County website. For those of you without internet capabilities you can come to the Extension Office and use a computer to complete your online entry.

All 2022 entries must be completed and submitted online before 5:00 pm Friday, July 1 to avoid a late fee of \$50 per exhibitor. Late entries must be completed and submitted online before 5:00 pm Friday, July 8.

All late fees must be paid via a check made payable to Yellowstone County 4-H Council and mailed or dropped off to the Yellowstone County Extension Office by 5:00 pm Friday, July 15.

There are no exceptions to any above deadline.

MontanaFair will assess a \$20 exhibitor fee when you enter online. This \$20 fee will be paid online with a credit or debit card. If you wish to pay via check, the check for exhibitor fees MUST be delivered to MetraPark (NOT the Extension Office).

Parents of exhibitors need to purchase gate admission tickets online as they enter the exhibitor in classes. Tickets are \$6 each and will be paid before submitting the entry. Tickets will be printed by MetraPark and included in the exhibitor packets at 4-H/FFA check-in starting on August 8 at Department N Interview Judging Day in the Expo. Enrolled leaders

will complete the Yellowstone County 4-H Volunteer/Project Leader Participation Requirement Form to determine the number of tickets they will receive for gate admission at MontanaFair.

Department A and N Entry worksheets can be printed off the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/montanafair.html) at <https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/montanafair.html>

Completing the worksheet in advance can help make your online entry quicker.

Reminder - you can only enter in projects in which you are enrolled - that includes all livestock projects.

Open Class entries and other Department entries must also be completed online. Those classes have separate deadlines and fees.

Be sure you have entered what you want to before you send your entry form electronically. Please write down your exact sign on information - you will need it if you need to make changes to your entry.

Print a copy of your entry form so you know what you have entered.

In Department N (non-livestock), and Department A (livestock) members may lose their premium money if they scratch more than 4 items they entered.

Please visit the Yellowstone County website for the Department N and A schedules for both departments. Some things may be added (e.g., club workshops).

If you plan to enter a livestock showmanship class, you MUST put it on your entry - you cannot add it at fair. The divisions you can enter are beginner, junior or senior.

All Yellowstone County pre-fair events must be included in your Department N (Showcase, Communication Day) or Department A (Cat Show, Dog Show, Skillathon, Small Animal Judging) online entry. If your pre-fair county events are not listed on your entry, you will not receive premium money for those exhibits.

Members wishing to participate in the Quiz Bowl need to enter individually. Teams will be made randomly.

ARE YOU NEEDING HELP SUBMITTING YOUR MONTANAFAIR ENTRY?

If you need assistance with your MontanaFair entry contact Melody Harris at the Extension office to set up an individual appointment. **DO NOT come to the office without a scheduled appointment.** Please bring a list of projects you plan to sign up for in Department N (non-livestock) and Department A (Livestock). You can get a Handbook from the 4-H Office or print one online at [MontanaFair](https://www.montanafair.com/) or <https://www.montanafair.com/>.

2022 MONTANAFAIR THEME & STICKER CONTEST

MetraPark has announced the theme for MontanaFair 2021: MontanaFair The Last Best Place of Summer. In 2020 and 2021 we had a 4-H Fair Sticker for each person that entered the MontanaFair. We want to have one for the 2022 MontanaFair also. The theme for the overall MontanaFair is "The last best place of summer". There is not a specific theme for 4-H /FFA. As you can see on our past stickers, we had focused on the COVID-19 Fair and the following year (2.1). Use your imagination to design a sticker for this year. Your sticker design needs to be 3"x3". Designs can be submitted to ronibaker@montana.edu by July 1. Winner receives a \$50 gift card.

2022 DEPARTMENT N INTERVIEWS-CLUB JUDGING SCHEDULE AUGUST 8

***Important* Judging will end at 1:00 pm for the early session and at 7:00 pm for the evening session. PLAN AHEAD and Check-In EARLY** to allow yourself time to wait in line if necessary. **Judges will be leaving their shifts at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.** Check-in will be open for members from 8:30 am until 6:45 pm.

EARLY JUDGING SESSION

9:00 am - 1:00 pm. **Please Check-in EARLY as judges leave at 1:00 pm**

Club Name
 Shepherd Wranglers
 Huntley Trailblazers
 Ruff Riders
 Big Sky Thunderbolts
 Shepherd Pioneers
 Worden Riverdale
 Huntley Eagles

Club Name
 Whips & Sticks
 City Kids
 Lockwood Humble B's
 City Slickers
 Kountry Kritters
 Northern Lights

EVENING JUDGING SESSION

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Please Check-in EARLY as judging leave at 7:00 pm**

Club Name
 Out of County
 Yellowstone Silver Spurs
 Project Longhorns
 Project Rockin Wranglers
 Compass AllStars
 Hesper Hustlers
 Shepherd Tumbleweeds

Club Name
 Cool Clovers
 Explorers
 Yellowstone Mavericks
 Laurel Roadrunners
 Pine Ridge Red Ryder
 Blue Creek Jumping Bucks

Contact Chris Martin @ 248-1425 prior to August 8 if you cannot make your club's scheduled time.

4-H ICE CREAM BOOTH CLUB SHIFTS AT MONTANAFAIR

All clubs in Yellowstone County are required to work the ice cream booth during fair. **Funds raised in the ice cream booth go to the 4-H Council to provide funds for 4-H projects and activities.** Each club working a two-hour shift will be given gate admission tickets as needed. The schedule below indicates your club's assigned times. Each club should bring along a receipt book or scratch pieces of paper to write orders on. Thank you for making the 4-H Ice Cream Booth a success.

2022 Ice Cream Booth Club Work Shifts

Saturday, August 13

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Big Sky Thunderbolts
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Explorers
 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Huntley Eagles
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Huntley Eagles
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Shepherd Tumbleweeds

Sunday, August 14

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Worden Riverdale
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Worden Riverdale
 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Shepherd Tumbleweeds
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Yellowstone Mavericks

Monday, August 15

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Laurel Roadrunners
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Laurel Roadrunners
 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Huntley Trailblazers
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Project Rockin Wranglers
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Project Rockin Wranglers

Tuesday, August 16

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cool Clovers & Out of County
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Northern Lights
 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Pine Ridge Red Ryder
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Lockwood Humble B's
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Lockwood Humble B's

Wednesday, August 17

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Compass All Stars
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Shepherd Wranglers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Yellowstone Silver Spurs & Whips & Sticks
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	City Kids
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	City Kids

Thursday, August 18

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Shepherd Pioneers
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Shepherd Pioneers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Northern Lights
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Ruff Riders
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Ruff Riders

Friday, August 19

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Kountry Kritters
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Kountry Kritters
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Hesper Hustlers
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Hesper Hustlers
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Project Longhorns

Saturday, August 20

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	City Slickers
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	City Slickers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Yellowstone Mavericks
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Big Sky Thunderbolts

ICE CREAM BOOTH DUTIES

Everyone working in the Ice Cream Booth should read this list of duties before working in the booth. There will be a sign in sheet at the booth when you arrive.

- At least 7 people (two adults and five 4-H members) are needed from each club for every two-hour shift. Five will serve the ice cream and one will take orders and one will handle the money. For sanitation purposes, people handling the money should not also be scooping ice cream.
- Must be at least 12 years old to work in the booth - Organizational Leader can decide differently.
- Must be at least 16 years old to run the cash box - Organizational Leader can decide differently.
- Remember to wash your hands before starting your shift.
- You must wear one of the 4-H aprons.
- Everyone must wear the plastic gloves provided.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- No eating or drinking in the ice cream booth.
- All 4-Her's on duty must stay in the ice cream booth and work until their shift is over.
- Workers are required to wear appropriate clothing. No spaghetti strap tops, no stomachs showing, no sagging pants. If you are not dressed appropriately, you will be asked to put on a T-shirt that will be provided.

****ADULTS ARE THERE TO SUPERVISE****

WHEN SERVING ICE CREAM

- Be polite and smile! Say thank you!
- Always use a napkin to pick up and serve the cone.
- Scoop one **good size ball of ice cream**.
- Always clean the scoop between servings.
- Wipe off counters when not busy.
- Change water as needed, using cold water from laundry room.
- Set out more napkins and cones as needed.

TO CLEAN UP

- Start cleaning up 15 minutes before your shift ends.

- Clean out all the spilled ice cream from inside the freezers and throw it away.
- Wipe down the outsides of all the ice cream freezers.
- Wipe down the counters.
- Restock napkins and cones on the counters.
- Change scoop water and refill with cold water.
- Sweep floor in ice cream booth and surrounding area.
- Empty garbage as needed.

After your club has cleaned up, the adult in charge of your club must find the fair clerk on duty. The fair clerk will okay the cleanup, and only then will the clerk count your money and let you sign out.

Tickets for the purchase of ice cream from the Ice Cream Booth will be available at the Extension Office. You can give them to family and friends and let them enjoy our ice cream at the Fair. **PRICING FOR 2022:** Flavor of the Day: \$3 for a cone/\$4 for a cup; all other flavors \$4 for a cone/\$5 for a cup.

Presale tickets will be available for purchase on Interview Judging Day, August 8. Questions: Call Chris Martin at 248-1425.

DEPARTMENT N (NON-ANIMAL) JUNIOR COORDINATORS NEEDED

Are you looking for something to do at fair that is fun and allows you to learn a new skill? Signing up to be a Jr. Coordinator might be your answer! You will have the privilege of working with others to coordinate fair events like Showcase, Quiz bowl, Food Festival, Awards, and Class Judging. Plus, you will help behind the scenes on setting up Department N and many more fun activities. If you have any questions, please call Chris Martin at 248-1425. List Department N Fair Entry Division 97 Class 1 on your fair entry.

MONTANAFAIR CAMPER SPACE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT

For those that have made a camper space request, invoices and space agreements will be mailed to you near the end of June. **Those wanting a spot must have reserved, paid, and returned all paperwork to the Extension Office by July 15, 2022.**

Make **checks payable to METRA** and mail payment and completed agreement to Roni Baker, Yellowstone County Extension Office, PO Box 35021, Billings, MT 59107. **Please meet the payment deadline or spots will be forfeited.** After August 1, no refund will be given per Metra policy.

MONTANA 4-H OUTDOOR DAY JUNE 11 IN BOZEMAN

Join Montana 4-H for Outdoor Day on June 11 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Gallatin County regional Park (5000 Tschache Lane) in Bozeman for hands-on activities for youth and families. Opportunities include shooting sports, bear safety, fly fishing, outdoor survival, fire safety, outdoor photography, and more. Free for everyone including non-4-H members. Questions? Contact Scott Francis, state 4-H Outdoor Education Coordinator at 406-994-3518.

MONTANA RANGE DAYS 2022

The annual Montana Range Days will be held at the Marias Fairgrounds in Shelby, MT, June 20-22, 2022.

Range Days is designed to include the entire family from youngsters at least 4 years of age up to and including adult competitions. There will be both individual and team competitions in a variety of range related areas.

The cost for registration by May 17 is \$50 per person This includes 5 meals (3 meals Wednesday and 2 meals Tuesday), books and materials, shoulder bag, transportation, and camping. \$100 for a family of four (\$25 per extra person). The Yellowstone Conservation District does offer scholarships! For more information, please contact LaVerne Ivie at 406-247-4420 or visit the [Montana Range Days website](https://www.montanarangedays.org/) at <https://www.montanarangedays.org/>

BLACK HILLS RECREATION LEADERS CONFERENCE

September 24-30, are the dates for the 2022 annual conference held at the Outlaw Ranch near Custer, SD. This camp is for adults and teens 16 or older. This educational organization is dedicated to teaching leadership and personal growth through recreation. In addition to workshops, leadership is a key focus.

The 2022 conference theme is The Power of “Re”. The Keynote Session will feature Kirk Weisler. Remember, refresh, reconnect, recommit, and refocus with Kirk. With over eighteen years of executive coaching, speaking, research, and professional experience, Kirk’s perspective is simple and unpretentious, and his suggestions are applicable and undiluted. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Information and registration forms are accessible at the [Black Hills Recreation Leaders Laboratory website](https://www.bhrll.org/) at <https://www.bhrll.org/>

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The following 4-H members were awarded Scholarships totaling \$15,700 from the Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation.

4-H Member	4-H Club
Hannah Adams	Hesper Hustlers
Hayden Anderson	Project Rockin Wranglers
Kaylin Arnold	Shepherd Pioneers
Mary Baeten	Laurel Roadrunners
McKenzie Bender	Project Longhorns
Alishia Coles	Project Rockin Wranglers
Colt Hando	Pine Ridge Red Ryder
Brighton Lane	Whips and Sticks
Macee Murphy	former Worden Riverdale member
Raegan Nansel	Hesper Hustlers
Phillip Prewett	Project Longhorns
Danessa Stevens	Yellowstone Mavericks
Bailey Stott	Shepherd Pioneers
Boomer Taylen	Project Rockin Wranglers

INTERESTED IN DOING A WORKSHOP OR INFORMATION SESSION AT MONTANAFAIR

We are looking for individuals or groups who would like to do a workshop/information session at the fair. All youth and adults are invited to do this. We want to have lots of activities happening in the building. You can select the time during the fair when you would like to do your presentation. Contact Roni at 406-256-2828 so she can get you on the schedule.

EMAILING THE 4-H OFFICE

Just a reminder that when you are emailing attachments to Roni Baker, Brandy or Leslie please save the attachment in a .pdf format. This increases our odds of being able to open the attachment.

Please remember to address emails to BOTH Brandy and Leslie. This way one or the other can reply in a timely matter.

bbutler@yellowstonecountymt.gov

lidstrom@yellowstonecountymt.gov

rbaker@yellowstonecountymt.gov

Also, the county’s email server has very sensitive security. When we receive a message from you, we will respond to the message. If you do not receive a response from the person to whom you were sending the email, call us to confirm. Sometimes we need to email you first before our security program will let your emails into our system.

Don’t forget to check out the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](http://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html) at <http://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html> or the [State 4-H website](http://www.montana4h.org) at www.montana4h.org or program and event information and forms.

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
Thompson Cattle Company	PO Box 1781, Billings MT 59103
Vermillion Ranch	PO Box 30758, Billings MT 59107
Koivu Kennels	2651 Rd 16 N, Worden MT 59088
Albertsons	670 Main St, Billings MT 59105
Bromenshenk Farms	4715 Grand Ave, Billings MT 59106
Premier Land Company	1800 Minnesota Ave, Billings MT 59101
Albertsons	2334 Central Ave, Billings MT 59102
Triple T Farm Services	8903 Laurel Airport Rd, Laurel MT 59044
Sunbelt Supply	1309 Monad, Billings MT 59101
Yellowstone Valley Collision Repair	4959 US Hwy 312, Billings MT 59105

STATE BB GUN RESULTS

The state 4-H BB Gun Championships were held April 23-24 in Manhattan, MT.

Yellowstone County 4-H Competitors

Carson Adkins	Micah Anderson	Lukas Arkell
Traden Beddes	Tristen Beddes	Kaiya Cardwell
Cahill Clark	Trent Gable	Ronan Gallagher
Dean Green	Reid Hauge	Kevin Hullinger
Soren Hultgren	Keegan Kennedy	Rex Koivu
Ethan Leeson	Jerome Leeson	Abbey Oelkers
Trigg Rouse	Hazel Russell	Mae Russell
Dawson Serock	Corbin Vogel	

DAISY NATIONAL BB GUN MATCH ATTENDEES

The Yellowstone County 4-H BB Gun Team, the 406 Marauders, will be traveling to Rogers, AR, the end of June to compete in the Daisy National BB Gun Match. The team consists of: Dean Green, Soren Hultgren, Hazel Russell, Dawson Serock, Carson Adkins, Keegan Kennedy, and Mae Russell. The team placed 2nd in the MT state match, earning them the invitation to compete at the national match. Best of Luck!

2022 SHOWCASE WINNERS

Junior Ready to Wear Overall Winner: Grace Sedlacek

Senior Ready to Wear Overall Winner: Ariel Petersen

Ready to Wear 9-11

Buying placing: Zac Sedlacek

Overall Appearance placing: Alexa Kuhr, Morgan Ready

Ready to Wear Junior

Buying placing: Brooklyn Kuhr

Ready to Wear Senior

Overall Appearance placing: Lauren Petersen

Junior Sewing Overall Winner: Grace Sedlacek

Senior Sewing Overall Winner: Bailey Stott

Sewing Beginner

Construction placing: Kylie Tatman, Alexa Kuhr, Morgan Ready

Presentation placing: Maci Vogel, Annabelle Fournier

Sewing Intermediate

Construction placing: Ariel Petersen

Sewing Advanced Intermediate

Construction placing: Jacob Baeten

Sewing Advanced

Presentation placing: Mary Baeten

Junior Display Overall Winner: Brooklyn Kuhr

Senior Display Overall Winner: Lauren Petersen

Display Beginner

Construction placing: Kylie Tatman, Macy Tatman

Presentation placing: Isabelle Brito, Morgan Ready, Alexa Kuhr

Display Junior

Construction placing: Grace Sedlacek

Presentation placing: Brooklyn Kuhr

Display Senior

Construction placing: Mary Baeten, Bridget Peterson

Presentation placing: Ariel Petersen

Needlework: Lauren Petersen

2022 QUILT SHOW WINNERS

Quilt Wall Hanging or Quilted Item-3 years and under in project

Placing: Lauren Petersen, Bailey Stott

Quilt Small Lap or Crib Size-3 years and under in project

Placing: Zac Sedlacek, Morgan Ready

Quilt Medium Twin or Full Size-3 years and under in project

Placing: Brooklyn Kuhr

Large Queen or King Size-3 years and under in project

Placing: Alexa Kuhr

Quilt Overall Judges Choice: Alexa Kuhr

Quilt Small Senior

Placing: Lauren Petersen, Maire Stott

Quilt Medium Senior

Placing: Ariel Petersen, Kaylin Arnold

Quilt Large Senior

Placing: Marie Stott

Quilt Adult Class

Placing: Amy Ready, Jen Kuhr, Becca Sedlacek

Quilt Cloverbud Class

Placing: Paul Kuhr

Quilt People's Choice: Brooklyn Kuhr

MONTANA MAKE IT WITH WOOL PROGRAM

It is time to start preparing for the Make It With Wool (MIWW) contest to be held this Fall. Pick your favorite pattern and start hunting for that perfect wool fabric. Wouldn't it be great to make a wool outfit for the contest this Fall and then already have an outfit finished for your sewing project this next 4-H year?

The fabric and/or yarn needs to be a minimum of 60% wool to qualify for the MIWW contest. Our district contest will take place October 29 in Billings. Entry forms are due October 1, 2022. Entry forms and brochures are available at the Extension Office.

DID YOU HEAR THE BUZZ . . . MONTANA 4-H IS DOING A VIRTUAL BEE PROJECT!

- 4-H'ers interested in participating must be enrolled in the Entomology or Self Determined project in ZSuite by April 30.
- Instructors will roughly be following the beekeeping curriculum from [Purdue University](https://www.purdue.edu/) at <https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/UIDaho-Responsive/Files/Extension/4-H/projects/beekeeping-purdue-571-level1-pdf.pdf>
- The project will kick off with an optional in person event in Butte on May 21.
- WebEx workshops will be held June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 7:00 pm. Each week we will learn about basic beekeeping as well as hear from special guests who are experts in the industry'
- Participants will be encouraged to develop a display and present their new knowledge as an entry at MontanaFair.

Email Emma Tracey (emma.jobson@montana.edu) or Kellie Kahtani (kellie.kahtani@montana.edu) for more information and how to get involved.

JUNE CERAMICS WORKSHOP

I will be unavailable the 1st 3 weeks in June. Ceramic workshops are scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, at 1:00 pm and Saturday, June 25 at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 to 4:00 pm to work on and finish pieces for MontanaFair. If needed I will try to have a class in July, but the last day to fire existing projects is July 16. Please let me know when you can come: Sheri Anttila 406-633-5531.

2021-2022 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. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

At in-person workshops 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 16 class. It is the final opportunity for 2022.**

The session in May is 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.

Thursday, June 16: 6:30-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR CONTEST FOR LARGE LIVESTOCK-BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, GOATS

Consider signing up for the Outstanding Exhibitor Contest at MontanaFair. This award is scored based on an application (written/typed in advance) about project knowledge and involvement, personal interview with a judge from business/industry, animal points and showmanship points. Rules for accumulating points toward the contest and additional information can be found in the MontanaFair Department A 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock handbook under Division 150. (CH/8/30/03)

To be eligible Exhibitors must enter the Division and Class in their online MontanaFair entry. This is an outstanding opportunity to showcase your skills in and out of the show ring. For questions, please contact Cheri Johannes 406-672-8137 or via email cjohannes2885@gmail.com

HORSE ID CARD REQUIREMENTS & POLICY FOR MEMBERS & LEADERS

All MontanaFair 4-H horse exhibitors must turn in a completed Horse ID card with proof of current 4 in 1 vaccination (influenza, tetanus, and eastern and western sleeping sickness) attached to the card. Cards must be turned into exhibitor's horse leader who will verify that the ID card is complete and deliver it to the Extension Office with Assessment Result Sheets by June 15. Horse ID cards must be signed by the member, parent, leader and include a picture of the horse and rider. Cards received after the June 15 deadline will not be accepted and horses without completed cards on file will not be allowed to show at MontanaFair. Only one ID card per Horse Project will be accepted. (English and Western Horsemanship are different projects, and two different horses may be used.)

Questions? Please reference the 2022 Horse & Colt Policy on the county website.

HORSE FINAL ASSESSMENTS FOR MONTANAFAIR

4-H members will be assessed at the club level by a horse leader or teen horse leader. The assessment sheets are not to be turned into the county office but are to be kept in the member's record book. The assessment Results Sheet signed by the horse or organizational leader showing the new levels and projects for all members will be turned into the Extension Office. These sheets with all level changes are to be completed by June 15 each year. Members will show in the level above what has been completed. Leaders can decline to assess a member; however, members must be assessed to attend MontanaFair. The member can ask the Horse & Colt committee for another registered Horse Leader to assess them.

CARBON COUNTY HORSE CAMP

Carbon County's Horse Camp will be held June 14-17, 2022, at the Carbon County Fairgrounds in Red Lodge. Those attending camp are not required to spend the night at the fairgrounds, it is optional. Deadline is June 1. Camp is limited to 50 registrations with priority given to Carbon County. Forms were emailed directly to 4-H horse members/families. Questions? Contact Carbon County 4-H Agent Nikki Bailey at 406-962-3522.

SAVE THE DATE: KIDS' HORSE DAY JULY 23

Creekside Ranch in Huntley is planning a "Kids' Horse Day" on July 23. This FREE non-competitive day will be for kids and their horses to come out and have lots of fun helping each other and trying new things!

This is not limited to 4-H members but is for all kids and their horses so tell your friends and family!

Activities planned include:

- Poles
- Roping
- Horse obstacle course
- Intro to English riding and ground poles
- Showmanship & Trail workshops
- Lunch BBQ

Mark your calendars, more information to come in the July newsletter!

SKILLATHON

Skillathon will be held in conjunction with small animal judging on Saturday, July 23, 2022, in the 4-H Building at MetraPark. Large and small animal skillathon will be available to participant. We begin at 8:30 and run until Small Animal Judging (also held in the 4-H Building on July 23) is finished. An alternate date of July 21 from 3:00-6:00 pm is available for 4-H related conflicts only. Skillathon and animal judging are required if you intend on entering Dept A All Around at MontanaFair. You do not have to enter All Around to participate in the Skillathon.

A Skillathon or "Livestock Learning Laboratory" is an excellent method of involving youth in challenging, learn-by-doing activities. The purpose of the Skillathon is to evaluate member knowledge, their skill in applying that knowledge and their attitudes and understanding of the knowledge and projects. It is designated in a series of mini-learning stations with a facilitator at each station. Members rotate from station to station, attempting to perform specific tasks. There will be an interview/scoring judge at each station. Twenty points will be available at each station. You must sign up for Skillathon on your Department A Fair entry as Division 3, Class (select) 1–6.

SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING CONTEST

The Small Animal Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2022, in the 4-H Building at MetraPark. Check-In from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. with the contest starting at 9:00 am. No separate registration form is required. You must sign up for Small Animal Judging on your Department A Fair entry as Division 2, Class (select) 1–3.

Remember, this contest is required for the Department **A All Around Contest for small animals at fair**. This year we will do some team and group judging. Classes may consist of, but are not limited to, poultry, rabbit, pocket pet, cat, dog, feed analysis and/or knowledge test. There will be two classes of reasons.

YELLOWSTONE CLASSIC JACKPOT

The Yellowstone Classic Jackpot is open to all 4-H and FFA members. The event will be held Sunday, June 19 at the Miller's Horse Palace. Entries can be found on the [Yellowstone County 4-H website under Department A](http://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/departmenta.html) or <http://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/departmenta.html>. Pre-registration is required.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK FAIR APPRECIATION PLAQUES

Appreciation plaque nominations are due at the Livestock Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 22 immediately following the Sale Committee meeting or at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Building. For nomination forms, contact the Extension Office.

NO DOG SHOW OR CLASSES AT MONTANAFAIR

The MontanaFair Dog Show will be held pre-fair. Be sure to include it in your MontanaFair entry if you are participating. There will not be any Dog Divisions, Classes or shows at MontanaFair 2022.

MONTANAFAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE THANK YOU NOTE POLICY

MontanaFair Junior Livestock Sale checks will not be mailed out until a thank you note to the Livestock Sale Buyer has been written, stamped, and delivered to your Club's Organizational Leader or designated Club Livestock Leader. Out of county participants will send or deliver a thank you to the Yellowstone County 4-H Agent.

NILE MERIT HEIFER PROGRAM

Applications for the NILE Merit Heifer program are now available for the 2022-2023 year. Please visit [the Nile's website](https://www.thenile.org/) for additional information and application at <https://www.thenile.org/>.

The NILE Merit Heifer program is a "live animal" scholarship that strives to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to participants chosen based on merit, future goals, and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 12-16 as of June 30, 2022, who are a 4-H or FFA member, may apply. Applicants must be a NILE member. (Junior Membership Fee: \$25) Applicants are not limited to Montana residents.

During the program duration, participants are responsible for raising the heifer, arranging for her to be bred, completing the record keeping procedure and bringing the animal back one year later as a bred replacement heifer for exhibit at the NILE Stock Show in October.

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month:

City Kids: We voted on our club fair booth theme.

Huntley Trailblazers: Club will help at the Huntley Project Museum 50th birthday celebration. Discussed fair entries and booth decorating.

Lockwood Humble Bs: Members discussed a club fundraiser and a picnic and water day at Lake Elmo.

Northern Lights: The club helped a family whose home was destroyed in a fire. Members will do a fundraiser at Shipton's Big R.

Project Rockin Wranglers: Club will have a float in Homesteader Days parade. Will hold a fundraiser to pay for club t-shirts.

Shepherd Pioneers: Members received fruit sale prizes. Club t-shirts were ordered. Discussed a camp out at KOA.

Shepherd Tumbleweeds: Club discussed interview judging day and booth decorating. All members should be working on record books.



JUNE 2022 4-H CALENDAR

Cleaning Schedule: Lockwood Humble B's: May 29-June 11
 Yellowstone Silver Spurs: June 26-July 9

Big Sky Thunderbolts: June 12-25

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	1	2 6:00 Department N meeting with 4-H Council to follow- 4-H Building	3	4 4-H Red Carpet Premier 4-H Building
5	6	7 4-H Camp June 7-10	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Carbon County Horse Camp- Red Lodge June 14-17	15 Horse ID cards due in Extension 6:00 Horse & Colt meeting- 4-H Building	16 6:30 Animal Quality Assurance- 4-H Building	17 Newsletter Articles Due	18
19 Yellowstone Classic Jackpot Show Miller's Horse Palace Rockin the Project Jackpot Show MetraPark	20	21 9:30 Cloverbud Camp- 4-H Building	22 6:00 Small Animal Comm. 6:30 Sale Comm. followed by Livestock Comm.- 4-H Building	23 Interstate Exchange June 23-30	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	July 1 MontanaFair 4-H/FFA online entry deadline	