

4-H NEWSLETTER-JUNE 2023

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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. (SW/4/28/11)

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REGISTER FOR THE 2023 CLOVERBUD CAMP

Registration for the July 18, 2023, Cloverbud Camp "Water World: Under the Sea." 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, jacket, and tennis shoes). Please pack a second set of clothes – the kids will get wet! Activities are planned for both indoor and outdoor.

Pre-registration/payment is required and due by **Wednesday, July 5, 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 2023 entries must be completed and submitted online before 5:00 pm Friday, June 30 to avoid a late fee of \$50 per exhibitor. Late entries must be completed and submitted online before 5:00 pm Friday, July 7.

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 14.

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 7 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://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.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 Stephanie Johnson 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/>.

2023 MONTANAFAIR THEME & STICKER CONTEST

We are holding the fair sticker design contest again! We need your entries! For the past 3 years we have had a 4-H Fair Sticker for each youth exhibitor that entered the MontanaFair.

The overall theme for MontanaFair is "The last best place of summer". There is not a specific theme for 4-H /FFA. Use your imagination to design a sticker for this year. Your sticker design needs to be 3"x3". Designs must be submitted to ronibaker@montana.edu by June 30. Winner receives a \$50 gift card.

2023 DEPARTMENT N INTERVIEWS-CLUB JUDGING SCHEDULE AUGUST 7

***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	Club Name
Shepherd Tumbleweeds	Ruff Riders
Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
Kountry Kritters	Pine Ridge Red Ryder
Norther Lights	Explorers
Laurel Roadrunners	Hesper Hustlers
Worden Riverdale	Compass AllStars
Huntley Trailblazers	Project Longhorns

EVENING JUDGING SESSION

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

Club Name	Club Name
Big Sky Thunderbolts	Shepherd Wranglers
Shepherd Pioneers	Huntley Eagles
Whips & Sticks	Cool Clovers
City Kids	Yellowstone Mavericks
Lockwood Humble Bs	Project Rockin Wranglers
Shepherd Firecrackers	

Contact Chris Martin at 406-248-1425 prior to August 7, 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.

2023 Ice Cream Booth Club Work Shifts

Saturday, August 12

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 13

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 14

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 15

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 16

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Shepherd Wranglers & Whips and Sticks

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Yellowstone Silver Spurs
 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. City Kids
 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. City Kids

Thursday, August 17

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 18

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 19

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Compass All Stars & Shepherd Firecrackers
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Compass All Stars & Shepherd Firecrackers
 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. There will be a sign-in sheet 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 all 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 2023:** 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 7. Questions: Call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425.

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 setting up Department N and many more fun activities. If you have any questions, please call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425. 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 in June. We will email everyone letting you know to watch your mailbox. **Those wanting a spot must have reserved, paid, and returned all paperwork to the Extension Office by July 15, 2023.**

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.

COOL CLOVERS CLUB FUNDRAISER AT SHIPTON'S BIG R HEIGHTS ON JUNE 10

The Cool Clovers 4-H Club will be selling hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks and have a bake sale at Shipton's Big R in Billings heights on June 10th from 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Grab lunch and support a local 4-H club!

NATIONAL BB GUN CHAMPIONSHIP FUNDRAISER JUNE 10

Yellowstone County Shooting Sports BB Gun Program has a 7 member team going to The Daisy National Championship in Rogers, Arkansas. The team is raising funds for their trip, July 6 - 10. We will be holding a pasta feed and silent auction on June 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Members will also be selling raffle tickets for a drawing at a chance of winning a variety of packages including a rifle, self-care package, \$750 Shipton's Big R gift card, golf package, \$500 Scheels gift card.

MONTANA RANGE DAYS 2023

The annual Montana Range Days will be held at the Marias Fairgrounds in Shelby, MT, June 19-21, 2023.

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: includes 5 meals (3 meals Wednesday and 2 meals Tuesday), books and materials, shoulder bag, transportation, and camping. \$100 for a family of four. 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 LAB

September 23-30, are the dates for the 2023 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 and the creative use of leisure time. In addition to workshops, leadership is a key focus.

Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab, for 77 years, has cultivated leaders who have become widely known experts in their fields of leadership, youth development and recreation. Often referred to as Rec Lab, BHRL is an experiential learning environment, offering relevant, marketable knowledge and skills that positively influence your impact on the world.

BHRL provides life enhancing skills and wisdom to make wholesome recreation choices regarding personal, professional, and family leisure time. The unique camp setting and group living atmosphere provides participants with opportunities for personal growth, enhanced self-esteem, group unity, and professional connections.

The conference is an excellent leadership education opportunity and can be a unique life experience for many. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Information and registration forms are accessible at the [Black Hills Recreation Leaders Laboratory website](https://www.bhrl.org/) at <https://www.bhrl.org/>

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE

The purpose of the grant program is to assist funding community development project conduction by rural youth organizations such as 4-H, by encouraging rural youth to conduct a project that will improve the quality of life in rural Montana communities, and to improve interaction between the rural and urban portions of these communities.

Grant awards vary and may be awarded in any amount not to exceed \$500 per organization. Application must be postmarked no later than June 9, 2023. Questions? Contact Walt Anseth, Agriculture Finance Officer at 406-444-5420.

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The following 4-H members were awarded Scholarships totaling \$15,500 from the Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation.

4-H Member	4-H Club
Maria Ackerman	Hesper Hustlers
Madason Bender	Worden Riverdale
William Bender	Project Longhorns
Miranda Johnson	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Kiarra Kennedy	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Cooper Lane	Whips and Sticks
Lane Longmire	Cool Clovers
Brianna Olstad	Huntely Eagles
Marley Seely	Lockwood Humble Bs
Emmy Serock	City Kids

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.

Brandy.butler@montana.edu

Leslie.lidstrom@montana.edu

ronibaker@montana.edu (No period between Roni's first and last name.)

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 sent the email, call us to confirm. Sometimes we need to email you first before our security software will let your emails into our system.

Don't forget to check out the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html> or the [State 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/> 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
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	1212 Grand Ave, Billings MT 59102
Triple T Farm Services	8903 Laurel Airport Rd, Laurel MT 59044
Stockman Bank	PO Box 249, Worden MT 59088
Shipton's Big R	PO Box 30477, Billings MT 59107
Trailhead Pediatric Dentistry	513 Hilltop Rd, Billings MT 59105

STATE BB GUN PARTICIPANTS

The state 4-H BB Gun Championships were held April 29-30 in Billings, MT.

Yellowstone County 4-H Competitors

Aidric Dice	Jacob Schiermeister	Marie O'Donnell
Abbey Oelkers	Jerome Leeson	Reid Hauge
Brody Oelkers	Kaiya Cardwell	Rex Koivu
Cahill Clark	Karlin Clayton	Traden Beddes
Carson Adkins	Karter Shivar	Trent Gabel
Corbin Vogel	Kevin Hullinger	Trigg Rouse
Ethan Leeson	Layla Dice	Tristen Beddes
Jachin Boheman	Lukas Arkell	
Jack Holberg	Mae Russell	

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 28 in Billings. Entry forms are due October 1, 2023. Entry forms and brochures are available at the Extension Office.

JUNE CERAMICS WORKSHOP

Ceramic workshops are scheduled for Saturday, June 17, and Wednesday, June 21 at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 to 4:00 pm to work on and finish pieces for MontanaFair. Please Call Sheri Anttila at 406-633-5531 to schedule a time.

JUNE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

There will be a photography workshop on Saturday, June 24, at 1:00 pm in the 4-H Building. Members will be making their own photo light box. Please bring a box cutter. We are asking a parent to stay with their member to help. Bring your cameras, project books, and any questions you have about entering MontanaFair. Questions? Text Tammy Hockhalter at 406-670-3297 or email her at tammyhockhalter@gmail.com

JUNE SMALL ANIMAL MONTANAFAIR ENTRY HELP

Due to the changes in the Poultry classes, we will be offering help for members in determining what to enter for MontanaFair. We will help you identify breed and sex of your small animal, look for any mites, and make certain it is healthy for competition. Join us Thursdays June 8, 15, and 22, from 6:00-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building. Questions? Call Cathy Muessig at 406-855-8346.

JUNE HORSE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

There will be a Veterinary Care Workshop on Thursday, June 22 at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building. Jenna Moline, DVM, with Montana Equine Veterinary Clinic will be speaking. This workshop is open to all 4-H youth interested in learning more about horses! Questions? Contact Bonnie DeVerniero at 406-694-5234.

MONTANAFAIR CAT SHOW RESULTS

Congratulations to the 4-H members that placed at the MontanaFair Cat Show & Showmanship:

Senior Showmanship Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Cale Hockhalter	City Kids
Reserve	Keyara Mills-Low	Compass All Stars
3 rd	Ella Romeijn	Lockwood Humble Bs
4 th	Kimber Crockett	Shepherd Pioneers
5 th	Jasmine Teter	Project Rockin Wranglers

Junior Showmanship Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Madeline Felder	Hesper Hustlers
Reserve	Rex Koivu	Project Rockin Wranglers

Beginner Showmanship

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Delilah Hale	Hesper Hustlers
Reserve	Harleigh Anderson	Ruff Riders
3 rd	Drake Hale	Hesper Hustlers
4 th	Claira Longmire	Cool Clovers

Cat Show Male Cat

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Cale Hockhalter with Smokey	City Kids
Reserve	Madeline Felder with Jeffery	Hesper Hustlers

Cat Show Female Cat

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Aaron Murdick with Ash	Explorers
Reserve	Aaron Murdick with Miracle	Explorers

Cat Show Overall Cat: Aaron Murdick with Ash

MONTANAFAIR SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING RESULTS

Congratulations to the 4-H members that placed at the MontanaFair Small Animal Judging:

Senior Division

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Keyara Mills-Low	Compass All Stars
Reserve	Kimber Crockett	Shepherd Pioneers
3 rd	Cale Hockhalter	City Kids
4 th	Kaiya Cardwell	Ruff Riders
5 th	Jasmine Teter	Project Rockin Wranglers

Junior Division

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Clara Thompson	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Reserve	Madeline Felder	Hesper Hustlers
3 rd	Wesley Browning	Project Rockin Wranglers
4 th	Kayden Shivar	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
5 th	Rex Koivu	Project Rockin Wranglers

Beginner Division

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Karter Shivar	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Reserve	Isabelle Brito	Huntley Trailblazers
3 rd	Keona Goodson	Cool Clovers
4 th	Delilah Hale	Hesper Hustlers
5 th	Clara Longmire	Cool Clovers

Overall High Point Individual: Keyara Mills-Low

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION NEEDED FOR ONLINE AQA TRAINING

If you attended a Virtual WebEx Animal Quality Assurance Class on February 22 or March 16, you are also required to complete the [Youth for the Quality Care of Animals online course](http://yqcaprogram.org) at <http://yqcaprogram.org>

Upon successful completion of the quiz, the member will need to download the course certificate. The certificate is proof that the member has completed the AQA course. A copy of the certificate must be emailed, faxed, or mailed to the Yellowstone County Extension Office. Certificate must be received (not postmarked by) in the office no later than 5:00 pm, June 30, 2023. No exceptions!

Reminders and instructions were mailed to households and emailed to members' household email several times. Plan ahead!

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 October 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 is determined by a committee and updated every two years. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the AQA Training.

Wednesday, June 14: 6:30-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building. 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. **More workshops will NOT be added after the June 14 class. It is the final opportunity for 2023.**

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR CONTEST: 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.

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.)

New rule for 2022-23 English, Western and Ranch horse projects. (Does not apply to Colt to Maturity or Green Horse projects).

Replacement of a primary horse will NOT be made after the July meeting without a vet certificate of lameness, injury, illness or death. A primary horse may only be replaced with a secondary "family" horse if an additional horse ID card has been turned in for the secondary "family" horse by June 15. The ID cards must specify each horse as primary or secondary. Each family is only allowed one additional horse. The horse MUST be a family owned or leased horse and meet the same criteria as the primary horse. A lease agreement dated prior to June 15th is required and must be attached to the ID card.

Questions? Please reference the 2023 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.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK FAIR APPRECIATION PLAQUES

Appreciation plaque nominations are due at the Livestock Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 28 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 on July 8, 2023. 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 2023.

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 2023-2024 year. Please visit [the Nile's website](#) 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, 2023, 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. Questions? Contact the NILE program coordinator Shelby Shaw at 406-256-2499.

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month:

City Kids: Club members will be having two summer activities: summer Olympics and maybe Lake Elmo. County Communication Day participants shared their experiences.

Huntley Trailblazers: Club members plan an Animal Day at River Ridge Assisted Living. Members will bring their small animals to share with residents.

Lockwood Humble Bs: Members were asked to fill out a scrapbook page for the club book. Leaders were reminded to fill out the online ZSuite volunteer requirements form.

Pine Ridge Red Ryder: Members discussed several club outings for this summer. Cloverbud Camp was discussed.

Shepherd Pioneers: Members and leaders gave reports. Several members were recognized for attending county and state 4-H events.



JUNE 2023 4-H CALENDAR

Cleaning Schedule: Big Sky Thunderbolts: May 21-June 3
Northern Lights: June 18-July 1

Yellowstone Silver Spurs: June 4-17
Ruff Riders: July 2-15

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00 Department N meeting with 4- H Council to follow- <i>4-H Building</i>	2	3
4	5	6 4-H Camp June 6-9	7	8 6:00 Small Animal Fair help <i>4-H Building</i>	9	10 11 Cool Clovers Fundraiser <i>Shipton's on Main Street</i> 6:30 pm National BB Gun trip spaghetti dinner <i>4-H Building</i>
11	12	13	14 6:30 Animal Quality Assurance- <i>4-H Building</i>	15 Horse ID cards due in Extension 6:00 Small Animal Fair help <i>4-H Building</i>	16 Newsletter Articles Due	17 10 am-1 pm OR 1-4 pm Ceramics at <i>Anttila's</i>
18 Yellowstone Classic Jackpot Show <i>Miller's Horse Palace</i>	19	20	21 10 am-1 pm OR 1-4 pm Ceramics at <i>Anttila's</i> 6:00 Horse & Colt <i>4-H Building</i>	22 9 am GENEX tour 10 am-1 pm OR 1-4 pm Ceramics at <i>Anttila's</i> 6:00 Small Animal Fair help <i>4-H Building</i> 6:00 Horse Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>	23	24 1:00 Photography Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>
25	26	27	28 6:00 Small Animal Comm. 6:30 Sale Comm. followed by Livestock Comm.- <i>4-H Building</i>	29	30 MontanaFair 4- H/FFA online entry deadline Dog Show Entry Deadline <i>ZSuite</i>	