4-H NEWSLETTER-MARCH 2024

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

I hope your projects are going well. Can you believe that we are almost halfway through the 4-H year?

Adeliah Curry, Yellowstone Silver Spurs Club member, attended the Montana Winter Fair Livestock Judging in January in Lewistown. She placed 13th! This was her 2nd time judging. Well Done!

Thanks to the following people who made the Make It and Take It Project Day a huge success – Carol Corder, Andee Baker, Jen Kuhr, Brooklyn Kuhr, Trestin Feagler, Kayla Koivu, Heather Arkell, Mike Baker, Adam Baker, Lauren Petersen. Ariel Petersen, Carson Adkins, Lukas Arkell, Cadence Sims, Wade Bekkedahl, Cale Hockhalter, Grace Sedlacek, Kim Sims and Stephanie Johnson.

Please always try to reach me at the office during business hours. Staff knows my schedule and can let you know <u>if</u> it is appropriate to try my cell phone. Even if you have my cell number, call the office first and leave a message if I am unavailable. Thank you.

Roni Baker

MONTANAFAIR CAMPING SPACE RESERVATION REQUESTS - ONLINE ONLY

All requests for MontanaFair Camper/Trailer reservation will only be accepted electronically. We do not accept calls or emails for reservations. The electronic process can be easily accomplished on a computer, laptop or smart phone (we have tested it on all devices) - anywhere you have internet access.

Online reservation requests will open at 8:00 am on Monday, April 1st. All requests will be recorded, and date and time stamped once you have completed all questions and hit the "Submit" button.

The link will be posted on the Yellowstone County 4-H website under the MontanaFair section. The link will not work until 8:00 am, Monday, April 1, 2024. The <u>link to make a reservation request</u> is: <u>https://montana.gualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8ADVIkDjYyZ5218</u>

<u>PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE ACTUAL LENGTH of your camper/trailer when making the reservation</u>. If length is not actual, and camper/trailer will not fit the assigned camper space based on the information you are providing, you may not be accommodated.

Only 4-H and FFA members exhibiting in Department A and N at MontanaFair and MontanaFair 4-H officials may request a camper space. A limited number of spaces are available on a first requested, first filled basis.

Completing a request does not guarantee a space reservation. Requestors will be notified in late June/early July of their request status via a letter, contract, and invoice.

Full hookups for the week cost \$75. Dry camping is no charge, but a reservation request and contract is required. Metra requires completed contracts and payment be delivered to the Extension Office (301 N 27th Street, Suite 330, Billings, MT 59107 - DO NOT mail to Metra) by August 1, **BEFORE** placement of your camper. Campers/trailers can be towed for lack of contract or payment. Those not in compliance will be towed. <u>Please be a good patron and camping neighbor</u> while using MetraPark facilities.

PAYMENT FOR 4-H EVENTS

The Extension office has transitioned to utilizing ZSuite's Events section for most event registrations. We now have the ability to accept electronic payment through ZSuite. If paying in the office, we can only accept cash or check made payable to Yellowstone County 4-H Council.

Payment must be made by the event registration deadline. You may mail payment or drop it by during Extension business hours. <u>DO NOT take your payment to events</u>. All payments must be receipted in the Extension office BEFORE the event happens. We appreciate your prompt payment. Please contact the Extension office with questions.

DESIGN YOUR OWN & INDEPENDENT STUDY PROJECT PLANS DUE MARCH 1

Just a reminder that all members enrolled in the Design Your Own Project and Independent Study Project should be completing their project plan. These are due in the Extension Office on March 1. The form may be printed off the <u>Yellowstone County website</u> under the "Record Books & Project Record Sheets" heading at <u>https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/recordsheets.html</u>

ATTENTION! ENROLLMENT DROPS & ADDS MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 30

ALL members and volunteers enrolled in 4-H have access to their records through ZSuite and will be solely responsible for adding, dropping, and verifying the accuracy of their projects include the level of the project. Members may make changes to their PROJECTS up until April 30, 2024, after which time the online program will be locked and NO changes can be made to projects. **No exceptions**!

Verifying the accuracy of projects and levels is very important as it can affect your MontanaFair entries and eligibility.

Please access your ZSuite profile and add and/or drop projects in your enrollment. To do this you will choose "Update Enrollment" and then click on the CLUBS tab. Click on the green box "Add projects". After selecting <u>each</u> project, you want to add, click on the blue "add project". When you have finished adding all desired projects be sure to click on the pink "submit" box at the bottom to save all added projects. If you wish to drop projects, locate the Project name you want to drop. To the right of the project name, you will see an "X" to click on. A box will display asking for confirmation to delete the project. Click on the red "yes" box to confirm deletion of the project. After deleting the project(s), be sure to click on the pink "submit" box at the bottom to save all changes.

If you have questions, please ask your organizational leader, or call the Extension office for assistance at 406-256-2828.

JOIN THE BILLINGS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE OF 4-H CLUBS

Our new Teen Leader group would like you to join us for some fun when we represent 4-H in the 41st Annual Downtown Billings St. Patrick's Day Parade! We have a committee that is planning decorations and details, but we are hoping to have lots of members and/or clubs to help us celebrate our own version of the lucky green shamrock! 4-H gear and LOTS of green is highly encouraged! Bring your club banners too!

Please plan on joining us on Saturday, March 16, 2024. Parade begins at 11:00am. We will not know until the week before where we will be meeting or what time they will want us to line up so please watch the FB pages and your email for more details.

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL DELEGATE THIS SUMMER OR ACADEMIC YEAR!

4-H is seeking host families with a youth within 3-4 years of age and same gender of youth delegates from Japan and Korea!

There are short-term summer hosting opportunities which run around 4-weeks: A Japanese Delegation will be in Montana July 22-August 17, 2024. We have 16 female and male youth, ranging from 12-17 years of age, and 1 adult chaperone to match with host families. Visit the <u>States 4-H International Exchange website</u> at <u>https://www.states4hexchange.org/summer-inbound/</u> for more information and an application.

There are one Korean and one Japanese youth coming on Academic Year Program (AYP) Hosting Opportunities that run 10 months from mid-August 2024 to mid-June 2025. Visit the <u>States 4-H International Exchange website</u> at <u>https://www.states4hexchange.org/year-long/</u> for more information and an application.

Contact Christine Sommers Austin at c.sommersaustin@montana.edu or 406-944-3504 for more information.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

There will NOT be a 4-H Council meeting in March. The next Council will meet Thursday, April 4, in the 4-H Building. <u>Everyone</u> is encouraged to attend.

FRUIT SALE PICK UP AT THE EXPO BUILDING AT METRA MARCH 9

The Fruit Sale pick up day is Saturday, March 9, at the Expo Building at Metra. Each member needs to sell at least two boxes of fruit or pay \$55 to buyout of the fundraiser. This is one of Yellowstone County 4-H Council's major fund raisers, so let's all try hard to beat last year's sales. And don't forget to set a selling goal so you can win one of the cool prizes! *Remember that you are responsible for collecting and turning in fruit money to your club for the fruit you sell*. NO EXCEPTIONS. **Your club must pay the 4-H Council, so if you don't pay, the money comes from your club treasury.** You are responsible for the fruit once you check it out from the club chairman. Check each box to verify the condition of the fruit when you pick it up on March 9. Be sure you handle the fruit correctly and get it delivered quickly.

4-H STATE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: MONTHLY ONLINE SERIES

Members 12+, 4-H Age: Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy for the final workshop on Sunday March 10. 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 present a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities.

Groups can 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. You can join and do the session at home on your own too. The following agenda is currently being planned. All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00. Register now at the <u>state 4-H website</u> at <u>https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html</u>. Once the form is complete an email containing the zoom meeting link for all workshops will be sent automatically.

March 10, 2024: Authenticity and Self-Awareness. Zoom link will be emailed if registered.

MONTANA RECREATION (REC) LAB REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Montana Rec Lab will be held April 19-21, 2024, in Boulder, MT. This event provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader. This is an ideal event for younger senior members to attend a state event for the first time and begin to form relationships with 4-H peers form across the state, broadening their own skills and widening their network. This event is for 4-H members age 13+ as of October 1, 2023, who are interested in more leadership opportunities at the county and state level.

Yellowstone County 4-H Council pays all the registration fees. Registration is completed using the 4-H ZSuite program. To register, sign into ZSuite and select the "Events" tab in your Dashboard. Click on the red Register Now button under the Rec Lab heading. Even though ZSuite will email you asking for payment after you have registered, **DO NOT PAY**. This is something we cannot change in the ZSuite program Questions? Call the Extension Office.

COMMUNICATION DAY CONTEST REGISTRATION BY MARCH 22

Register now for the county Communication Day contest in ZSuite under Events. Communication Contest Day will be held in the morning on Saturday, April 6, at Valley Baptist Church in Huntley.

Communication Day is a county-wide event that allows members the opportunity to participate in speech, demonstration, career communication, short take, broadcast or poetry.

You may enter a maximum of three of the eight events. All Senior Contestants applying for an interview <u>must</u> include a completed resume with application. Questions? Please contact the Extension Office at 406-256-2828.

SKILLATHON PRACTICE AT COMMUNICATION DAY ON APRIL 6

The Skillathon stations will be set up at Communication Contest Day on Saturday, April 6. Everyone is encouraged to try some of the stations to learn and have fun. Remember Skillathon is one of the requirements for All Around at MontanaFair.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 21-27, 2024, is National Volunteer Week. National Volunteer Week encourages people to be engaged in their community. Volunteers are the heart of 4-H, and the MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program salutes its volunteers during National Volunteer Week. Countywide, 166 volunteers support nearly 500 4-H participants. What can you do to volunteer somewhere in your community during this week?

4-H EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Most members are very active in their 4-H clubs, and they do a wonderful job on their projects, community service activities, leadership opportunities and many other activities done in the club.

I would like to encourage members to also take part in county, regional and/or state events and activities. These are great opportunities to learn. Take part in Communication Day, Make It & Take It, 4-H Camp, Junior Leaders, Project Day, Interstate Exchange, Congress, Citizenship, Washington Focus, etc. Events like Family Fun Night build on community connection and help clubs grow. These are a critical part of our county program and I hope clubs acknowledge youth for being involved.

These events & opportunities help broaden your leadership skills and open many new doors. Give me (Roni Baker) a call at the Extension Office (406-256-2828) or visit with a club volunteer to learn more.

ADULT AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE JUNE 1

4-H is made possible through the outstanding support of adults who provide their time, resources, and support to improve the lives of Montana 4-H youth and strive to constantly make the best better. Through the following award categories-**Tribute to Volunteer Excellence Awards, Hall of Fame Award, and Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award**, Montana 4-H recognizes outstanding contributions of volunteers, staff and alumni at the county and state levels. All awards are presented at the Montana 4-H Leadership Forum in the fall or another statewide event. Award nominations are due May 15, 2024, in Bozeman. Please visit the <u>Montana State 4-H website</u> at

<u>https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/adult-awards.html</u> for additional details and the nomination form.

2024 YOUTH TRAPPER CAMP

Are you taking the wildlife project or do you just like animals? Visit the <u>Montana Trappers Association</u> or <u>http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytc.html</u> for information about the 2024 Youth Trapper Camp. It is scheduled for June 14-16, 2024, at the Kiwanis Camp at Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. Cost is \$50 per camper or \$30 per camper with scholarship. The camp teaches ethical trapping methods, trapping rules and regulations, trap setting and fur handling. Camp is limited; some scholarships are available. Applications are accepted on a first come, first accepted basis by May 15.

STATE AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

May 1, 2024, is the due date for State Awards application. Members who are 14 and older as of October 1, 2023, are eligible. The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a variety of project and activity award areas. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service. 4-H members may self-nominate.

If a member is selected as a state winner, they are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, which takes place for 5 days each November beginning the Friday after thanksgiving.

There can be more than one winner in a project, or activity area. A member can apply in any project or area; an application must be completed for each project or area in which they want to be considered. State award selection committees look for excellence in 4-H work, leadership, citizenship, and community service. All state and scholarship winners are announced at State 4-H Congress in July.

To apply for state awards, members must use the Montana State 4-H Awards application. You can get an application off the <u>Montana State 4-H website</u> at <u>https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/awards/adult-awards.html</u>.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation Scholarship is available for Yellowstone County 4-H Alumni (including those that have been out of high school and are now planning on attending a college or trade school) who are pursuing a post-secondary education. The application was mailed and emailed to all current 4-H members who are seniors in High School. Members can receive this scholarship one time. Deadline for submitting the application is April 1. Information and application are on the <u>Yellowstone County website</u> at <u>https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hopportunitiesandevents.html</u> or from the Extension Office.

NILE SCHOLARSHIP

The NILE has several Collegiate Scholarships that will be awarded in April 2024. Scholarships are for graduating high school seniors; individuals currently enrolled in college or technical school; and a rolling scholarship for graduating high school seniors which can be renewed for up to four years.

Scholarship deadline is March 1, 2024, by 4:00 pm to the NILE office. Guidelines can be found on the <u>NILE's website</u> or <u>https://www.thenile.org/p/events/youth-events/scholarships</u> Questions? Call Shelby at the NILE office, 406-256-2495.

CHASE HAWKS FRANK CHESAREK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Chase Hawks Memorial Association has applications available for the 2024 Frank Chesarek Memorial Scholarship Award. Three scholarships will be awarded, one for \$2,500, one for \$1,500 and one for \$1,000. Applicants must be pursuing a degree from an accredited institute of higher education or a certification from an accredited trade or vocational institution and live within 150 miles of Billings, MT. Scholarships are open to both recent high school graduates and those currently enrolled in a higher education institution. Applications are due by April 1, 2024.

For more information you can call the Chase Hawks Memorial Association office at 406-248-9295 or email <u>info@chasehawks.com</u>. Applications can be found on the <u>Chase Hawks website</u>, at <u>www.chasehawks.com</u>

MONTANA FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

The Montana Farm Bureau Federation has many scholarships that are awarded to Montana and Yellowstone County youth. Information and requirements for each scholarship and the application can be found on the <u>Montana Farm</u> <u>Bureau Federation website</u> at <u>https://mfbf.org/Foundation/Foundation-Scholarships</u>. Application deadline is April 1, 2024.

CLOVERBUD CAMP MEETING APRIL 4

A planning meeting for the 2024 Cloverbud Camp will be held on Thursday, April 4, at 5:30 p.m. in the 4-H Building. Come and share your ideas to plan this fun event. Everyone is welcome! Cloverbud Camp will be held June 18, 2024.

APPLY NOW TO ATTEND 4-H CAMP JUNE 4-7

This year camp will be held on June 4-7, at the Beartooth Christian Camp near Absarokee. You can look forward to great dances, campfires, swimming and many more crafts and activities. Camp will cost \$180.00 for campers. Partial scholarships are available - information can be found on the application.

Enclosed with this newsletter is the camp application. We will have a limit of 120 campers (Yellowstone, Stillwater, & Carbon counties). **Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served process.** Camp applications are due by 5:00 pm, May 5, in the Extension Office (not postmarked by).

OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND 4-H CONGRESS IN JULY 2024

Were you 13 years old by October 1, 2023, and interested in attending 4-H Congress in Bozeman this July? The following briefly describes the activities and events that are available at State 4-H Congress. Please read them carefully. Congress will be July 9-12, 2024.

Demonstration - You must have received a blue ribbon at the county Communication Day contest. We may take any number of competitors.

<u>Career Communication</u> - You practice the skills of applying for a job including an application, cover letter and resume. <u>Public Speaking</u> - You must have received a blue ribbon at the county Communication Day contest. We may take any number of competitors.

<u>Fashion Revue</u> - We may take more than one participant. Selection is made at the county Showcase event. <u>Horse Judging</u> - We may take a team of four.

Livestock Judging - We may take a team of 4 or individual members to compete in judging classes and giving reasons. <u>Stir-Ups Contest</u> - This is a fun, challenging food program where members plan a meal, prepare a low-fat main dish, display the meal, and create a notebook. We can take individuals or teams.

<u>Gavel Games</u> - This is a Parliamentary Procedure contest. Teams of four compete. If you are interested in this program, contact Roni at the Extension Office.

Quilting - Quilts judged at the county Showcase event are eligible to attend Congress.

Horse Skillathon - A team of four can compete in this contest about horse knowledge. Contact Roni if you are interested.

Video - Learn communication skills through creating, editing, and presenting a video.

Visit the <u>State 4-H website</u> to learn more specifics about each contest or go to <u>http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/mt_4h_statecontests/index_old.html</u>

MY 4-H YEAR RECORD BOOK SHEET

The first record sheet in your book should be the "My 4-H Year." This record sheet is about the most important person, YOU! It tells what projects you are enrolled in, your goals for the year, committees you work on, demonstrations and speeches you present or judging activities you participated in. Your goals should be set at the beginning of the year and you should continue to update the "My 4-H Year" as you participate in any of these activities. Begin a new "My 4-H Year" record each year you are in 4-H.

Remember record sheets can be completed electronically in ZSuite. You can find information for setting up and accessing the ZSuite program on the <u>State 4-H website</u> or <u>https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/zsuite.html</u>

VIRTUAL CAREER NIGHT MARCH 19

The University of Wyoming Extension 4-H is hosting a virtual career night via Zoom on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00 pm.

Have you ever thought about being a zookeeper, a chef, a police dog trainer, doing livestock embryo transfer, an electrician or even being a doctor? Then this event is for YOU! Join us to explore a variety of career options and get your questions answered about what degree do you need, should you do an internship, what you need to do in high school to get ready for a career and much more! We will have door prizes we are giving away and lots of fun to be had throughout the evening.

Register at <u>Wyoming 4-H</u> at <u>https://wyoming4h.org/virtual-career-night/</u>. Questions? Contact Amber Armajo at <u>amwall@uwyo.edu</u> or 307-347-3431.

GIRLS STATE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW

The purpose of Girls State is to educate young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American Citizenship in order to help them grasp the meaning of some of the responsibilities which they must assume when they become adults. Girls State is a positive and tangible program in Americanism. Two girls will be chosen to attend Girls Nation in Washington DC.

Every year since 1938, the American Legion Department of Montana has sponsored a group of girls who have just completed their Junior year of high school to go to Helena/Fort Harrison, MT to attend a week-long session. The girls learn about all levels of our government's processes. During their time in Helena, they actively run a mock government, are assigned to mock cities and have the opportunity to run for various offices of the government and supreme court. Legion Auxiliary volunteers ensure the program's nonpartisan governmental, patriotic and Civic objectives are carried out through interactive learning. Attendees also have time for fun and the formation of long-term friendships.

Girls State will be held June 16-22, 2024. For more information, please contact Joy Mariska at 406-252-3680 or email <u>jamariska2@gmail.com</u>.

4-H CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

President	Club
Edin Kronewitter	Big Sky Thunderbolts
Sarah Boetticher	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Naomi Cass	City Kids
Audrey Allen	Compass Allstars
Hanna Marchant	Cool Clovers
Ariel Petersen	Hesper Hustlers
Brilynn Olstad	Huntley Eagles
Kyleigh Boheman	Kountry Kritters
Kaiya Rosenberg	Laurel Roadrunners
Aiden Lentz	Lockwood Humble Bs
Carson Adkins	Northern Lights
Lilly Morris	Pine Ridge Red Riders
Cadence Sims	Ruff Riders
Peyson Rolph	Shepherd Firecrackers
Kye Knaff	Shepherd Lonestars
Anna Dumas	Shepherd Pioneers
Keegan Kennedy	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Brayden Cook	Shepherd Wranglers
Claire Murnin	Whips and Sticks
Harlie Murphy	Worden Riverdale
Birgit McMorris	Yellowstone Mavericks
Ember Solberg	Yellowstone Silver Spurs

Congratulations to the following youth leaders in the 4-H program.

Vice President	Club
Bo Martin	Big Sky Thunderbolts

Jacob Schiermeister	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Soren Hultgren	City Kids
Gianna Allen	Compass Allstars
Kannon Marchant	Cool Clovers
Brooklyn Kuhr	Hesper Hustlers
Walt Lindeen	Huntley Eagles
Dean Green	Kountry Kritters
Michael Schweighardt	Laurel Roadrunners
Amy Schmidt	Lockwood Humble Bs
Ethan Leeson	Northern Lights
Emma Barnhart	Pine Ridge Red Riders
Kaiya Cardwell	Ruff Riders
Trinity Isakson	Shepherd Firecrackers
Cole Berens	Shepherd Lonestars
Molly Arnold	Shepherd Pioneers
Saphron Myers	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Audrey Noonkester	Shepherd Wranglers
Tilden Botts	Whips and Sticks
Wyatt Johannes	Worden Riverdale
Erin Robertson	Yellowstone Mavericks
Aubrey Tanzosh	Yellowstone Silver Spurs

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
Flowmark	6837 Commercial Ave. #6246, Billings MT 59079
World West Sire Services	25 Winterpast Ln, Joliet MT 59041
Peck Transport	6131 Shepherd Rd, Billings MT 59079
Builders First Source	542 Main St, Billings MT 59105
Billings Livestock Commission	PO Box 31533, Billings MT 59107
Lockwood Veterinary	3025 Old Hardin Rd, Billings MT 59101
Project Kids Daycare	2440 4 th St, Worden MT 59088
Albertson's	611 N 27 th St, Billings MT 59101

NO DEPARTMENT N (NON-ANIMAL) MEETING

There will NOT be a meeting in March. Mark your calendars to attend the April 4, meeting at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Thank you to the leaders and adults that made the event happen for the 4-H members. The following Yellowstone County 4-H members placed.

BB Gun	Age 8	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11
1	Bo Martin	Out of county	Out of county	Out of county
2	Callen Clark	Out of county	Out of county	Jacob Schiermeister
3	Julie Mortensen	Marie O'Donnell	Abbey Oelkers	Karter Shivar

BB Gun	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15
1	Karlin Clayton	Jack Holberg	Out of county	Ethan Leeson
2	Out of county	Cahill Clark	Roan Terrill	Iris Gallaghner

3	Justice Sualata	Traden Beddes	Jachin Boheman	n/a	
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BB Gun	All ages
1	Out of county
2	Jack Holberg
3	Out of county

Air Pistol	Basic Supported	Standing Supported	Standing	Overall
1	Colt Clark	Jachin Boheman	Dean Green	Dean Green
2	n/a	n/a	Carson Adkins	Jachin Boheman
3	n/a	n/a	n/a	Carson Adkins

Smallbore	All ages
1	Ainsley McFarland
2	Kamdyn McFarland
3	Out of county

Air Rifle	Age 13-14	15	16+
1	Out of county	Kamdyn McFarland	Ainsley McFarland
2	Out of county	Dawson Serock	Out of county
3	Jack Holberg	Hazel Russell	Soren Hultgren

Air Rifle	13-14	15	16	All Ages
Sporter				
1	Out of county	Dawson Serock	Ash Leonard	Out of county
2	Out of county	Hazel Russell	Dean Green	Ash Leonard
3	Jack Holberg	Ethan Leeson	Kyleigh Boheman	Out of county

Air Rifle	Age 15+	16+	All Ages
Precision			
1	Kamdyn McFarland	Ainsley McFarland	Kamdyn McFarland
2	n/a	Out of county	Ainsley McFarland
3	n/a	Soren Hultgren	Out of county

Bow Hunter	Age 9-10	Age 13-15	Age 16-18
1	Delilah Hale	Wesley Browning	Jacob Baeten
2	Drake Hale	Hazel Russell	n/a
3	n/a	Jazmine Sualata	n/a

Bare Bow	Age 9-10	Age 11-12	Age 13-14	Age 15-19
1	Out of county	Out of county	Charlotte White	Jacob Baeten
2	Elizabeth Wandler	Owen Rouse	Brayden Hoban	Koral Connelly
3	Xayvior Connelly	Out of county	Tristen Beddes	Sarah Robertson

SHOWCASE REGISTRATIONS DUE MARCH 29

Showcase will be held on Saturday, April 13. Members in Clothing & Textiles projects can show items they have made or purchased in their project. Participants take part in a public fashion show where they are judged. Members can enter Sewing, Ready-to-Wear, Quilt, Duct Tape, Costume, Display and Refashion/Repurpose/Redesign.

Registrations will be mailed out to all members enrolled in any Sewing and Textiles projects.

Registrations are due in the Extension Office by Friday, March 29, by 5:00 pm (NOT postmarked by). Registration forms may also be printed off the <u>county 4-H website</u> at https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/departmentn.html.

DESIGN THE SHOWCASE PROGRAM COVER AND WIN \$15 CASH

The Showcase Committee will award \$15 to the 4-H member that designs the winning entry for this year's Showcase program cover. Entries should be approximately 8" x 5". Please do not use pencil-it does not copy well. So, show your creativity and win \$15. Entry deadline is Friday, April 5.

SMALL ANIMAL, LIVESTOCK & SALE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 27, the Small Animal Committee will meet at 6:00 pm, Sale Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the Livestock Committee will meet immediately following Sale Committee. All meet in the 4-H Building. <u>Everyone</u> is welcome.

MARCH SHEEP AND GOAT WORKSHOP

The sheep and goat workshop will be held Saturday March 2, 10:00 am to 12:00 / 12:30 pm in the 4-H Building. Dr. Markee Anderson, DVM, will go over signs and symptoms of illness and talk about treatment options for members 4-h Sheep and Goats. Trestin Feagler, MSU Extension Agricultural Agent in Yellowstone County will be back to show members fecal floats and how to find intestinal parasites egg counts. Members that bring complete workbooks will receive prizes for their efforts! If you have and questions, please call or text Heather Arkell (406) 208-4463.

MARCH HORSE WORKSHOP

Educational Horse Workshop – Horse Breeds & Color Genetics Thursday, March 14, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the 4-H Building at Metra Park. Open to ALL 4-H youth interested in learning more about horses! Contact Bonnie DeVerniero with any questions, 406-694-5234.

MARCH HORSE AND COLT MEETING

The March Horse and Colt meeting will be held on March 20 at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building. Everyone is welcome!

MARCH RABBIT AND CAVY WORKSHOP

There will be a workshop on March 23, at 1:00 pm at Valley Baptist Church (corner of Hwy 312 and Road 8 N in Worden) for Rabbit and Cavy members. Bring your project books and record sheets. Animals in their cages are welcome. We will be discussing "What shape are you in?" We will talk about how to sit cavies and rabbits on the table. Questions? Call Ann Mills-Low at 406-208-7193. April's workshop will be Saturday, April 6 at 2:00 pm

2023-2024 ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE * *NEW GUIDELINES*

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 two 4-H age brackets for AQA training. Exhibitors must attend AQA as Beginners/Juniors (4-H age 8-13), and 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 each 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.

There will be hands on, group activities. Please plan on arriving on time with a parent with both staying for the complete 1½ hours. If you and your parent are not in attendance for the <u>complete</u> 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 19 class. It is the final opportunity for 2024.

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.

Thursday, February 29: 6:30 pm Virtual training Tuesday, March 19: 6:30 pm Virtual training Saturday, May 4: 9:00-10:30 am at PAYS (Public Auction Yards) Wednesday, June 19: 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 races, 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 4 class. It is the final opportunity for 2024.**

Wednesday, April 17: 7:00-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building Saturday, May 4: 11:00 am-12:00 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

AREA LIVESTOCK SALES AND SHOWS

Please remember that many local 4-H members raise livestock to sell. If you are looking to purchase from a member, call the Extension Office and speak to Roni.

Park City Show Pigs sale. March 15 online at Montana Cattle ConneXion at

<u>https://www.montanacattleconnexion.com/</u>. Contact Mike Baker at 406-860-7718 or Steve Witt at 406-696-5665, to come look at the pigs.

Montana Prime Pick Show Lamb sale. April 3, 2024, online at <u>Willoughby Sales</u> at <u>https://www.willoughbyshowstock.com/sales</u>. For more information or to schedule a barn visit contact Trish Hays at 406-671-7493. You may also visit the <u>Hays Show Lambs website</u> at <u>https://haysshowlambs.com/</u>.

Lamb by private treaty: Contact Cord Albrecht at 406-861-9575.

SHEEP STARTER FLOCK AVAILABLE. APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1, 2024

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association is again offering a three free registered Targhee Starter Flock to be awarded to a deserving youth at the 2024 USTSA National Show and Sale, held July 18-20, 2023, in Redfield, SD. The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171

genotype. The winner will also receive a \$150 credit for use toward purchase of additional animals at the 2023 national sale.

Applications, due April 1, 2024, are now available to at US Targhee Sheep Association at

<u>https://www.ustargheesheep.org/</u> Any person ages 9-17, as of January 1, 2024, and whose immediate family does not raise Targhee sheep may apply. Applicants should possess a keen interest in the U.S. sheep industry, commitment to raising Targhee sheep over time, and a firm belief in the abilities of the breed. Applicants must demonstrate proof of care, facilities, and transportation. Aside from receiving the flock of sheep, the winning youth, will be paired with a Targhee breeder living near them who will act as a mentor. Questions can be directed to Mardy Dallas-Rutledge at the USTSA office at 702-292-5715 or emailed to <u>ustargheesheep@gmail.com</u>.

CLUB SECRETARY MINUTES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED MONTHLY

Just a reminder that our office should receive a copy of your club meeting minutes each month. <u>Club secretaries must</u> <u>use the format (page 3) or form (page 13) provided in the secretary's book</u>. <u>All minutes must include the club name &</u> <u>meeting date, first and last names of members/leaders and a description of what was talked about/decided/voted</u> <u>on, etc.</u> Include all details that would be helpful to a member that missed the club meeting.

Minutes must also include club expenses that were voted on using Roberts Rule of Orders (Parliamentary Procedure). Minutes may be typed on your computer and submitted in hard copy to the Extension Office or emailed to ronibaker@montana.edu or faxed to 406-256-2825.

Make certain your email subject includes your club name. <u>Remember, if you don't get an email reply from us saying</u> <u>"Thank you", our firewall blocked the email so try to resend it</u>.

CLUB CORNER: NOTES FROM MONTHLY CLUB MINUTES

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month.

City Kids: Members plan a family outing to Yellowstone Park in April. The club t-shirt logo is being modified.

Lockwood Humble Bs: Members reported their project progress since last month. In April the club plans to clean up Lake Elmo for a community service project.

Pine Ridge Red Ryder: Members will beet at a leaders' house to work on project books and record sheets.

Shepherd Pioneers: Members will apply for a \$100 grant from Farmers Union.

Shepherd Tumbleweeds: Members are planning club demonstrations.

Worden Riverdales: The club learned about Parliamentary Procedure.

4-H Camp Application

June 4-7, 2024, at the Beartooth Christian Camp, SW of Columbus Return all THREE completed pages AND payment by May 3, at 5:00 pm (not postmarked by)

Campers are 4-H members aged 13 years or younger on the first day of camp: June 4. Cloverbuds may NOT attend camp. Campers must be enrolled in the 2023-24 4-H year as a member (not a Cloverbud) in Yellowstone County. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis-space is limited. 4-H Members from Carbon and Stillwater counties also attend. A letter regarding camp specific (what to pack/bring, bus pick-up/drop off times, etc.) will be mailed to each camper a week prior to camp.

Camp Fee: \$180 per camper without a scholarship request letter OR \$115 with a scholarship request letter. Make checks payable to: Yellowstone County 4-H Council. <u>Payment must be included with application!</u> Mail to: Yellowstone County Extension, PO Box 35021, Billings, MT 59107. **Please Note:** The Yellowstone 4-H Council pays an additional \$170 per camper to cover all camp costs.

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.

Name:	Address:	
City:State	e:Zip:	Age on June 4:
4-H Club:	Birthdate:	Male:OR Female:
T-Shirt Size (circle) Adult: S M Lg XLg	Youth: S M Lg	
Parent 1:	Parent 2:	
Parent 1 Cell #:	Parent 2 Cell #:	
Family email:		
List ONE person you would like for a roomma	te:	
Bus transportation provided. Please indicate	the pickup/drop off locatio	n of child taking the bus to camp:
BillingsOR LaurelParents may	drive their child to/from ca	mp by contacting Roni Baker in advance.
4-H ACTIVITY and HEALTH AGREEMENT	(Complete ALL fields. In	dicate "N/A" if not applicable)
Family Physician:	Phone:	
Address, City, State, Zip:		
Your 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 o	child upon request:
 Has your child been away from home overr Does your child have any known allergic rea 	•	
3. What kinds of situations might cause your of	child distress?	
4. Does your child wear Medic-Alert Tags? Ye		
5. Mark any of these supervised activities for — Horseback riding _ Swimming — Zip Line _ Archery — Workshops _ Pellet guns	Climbing wall Backpacking	llowed to participate: Other:

Has child had swimming lessons? Yes: No:

- 6. Is your child is subject to any of the following conditions:
 - Abdominal Pain ____ Ear/Sinus trouble ____ Heart trouble
 - ____ Epilepsy ____ Nose bleeds Asthma ____ Sleepwalking
 - ____ Fainting ____ Bed wetting ____ Cramps
 - ____ Hay fever ____ Headaches

____ Tonsillitis

Other: ____

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

7. Tetanus shot current: Yes: No:

8. 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.)

9. Is there any further information that would help professionals and volunteers better serve your child?

10. 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? No: Yes: If yes, when was their last asthma attack?

How many asthma attacks have occurred within 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 lifethreatening asthma situations at camp. Campers cannot stay at camp without medications they may need.

Does your child have **Diabetes**? No:____ Yes:____ 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 in jump above this range?_____

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

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 her/him 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 them 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, tobacco, cigarettes, vaping, 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 accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact the Extension Office at 406-256-2828 in advance of your participation.

4-H Camper Code of Conduct

- 1. Have fun and be safe! Participate in all activities! Be on time!
- 2. Wear your name tag (except when sleeping, swimming, or showering)!
- 3. Drink water regularly (just not from the streams)!
- 4. Stay on the premises!
- 5. If you feel sick or get hurt, tell a camp nurse or an adult!
- 6. Girls only in girls' cabins. Boys only in boys' cabins!
- 7. Wear and bring appropriate clothing for all kinds of weather. Letter tells you what to bring. One-piece swimsuit or tshirt over 2-piece swimsuit; hat off in dining room; coats for snow; raingear; shoes on when walking outside.
- 8. Keep cabin areas and campgrounds clean at all times. Cabins will be inspected daily. Clean cabins will be first in line for lunch and dinner. Dirty cabins will clean the public restrooms.
- 9. Each cabin will have certain responsibilities assigned to them at some time during camp. **EVERYONE** in that cabin needs to be there to help. Schedules are posted in the cabins and in the dining hall.
- 10. Telephones are to be used ONLY in case of emergency.
- 11. The ringing of the bell means to come right away or move to your next activity. If the bell rings when you are in your cabin day or night—go **IMMEDIATELY** to the bell.
- 12. NO: Fireworks! Foul language! Alcohol! Illegal drugs! Tobacco of any kind! Items that could cause harm to other campers!
- 13. Have a counselor, CIT, or adult with you to go into a cabin.
- 14. During quiet time/sleeping time, remember to be quiet for sleeping and for being good cabin neighbors!
- 15. Follow the direction of camp leaders. Respect the property and rights of the camp, other campers, counselors, CITs, and adults at all times.
- 16. If riding the bus to/from camp, I agree to check in when I get on the bus and check out when I depart the bus with the county agent.

I agree to follow the Camper Code of Conduct.

(Signature of Camper)

Beartooth Christian Camp

130 Trinity Trail, Fishtail MT 59028 Beartoothchristiancamp.org Phone: 406-328-6825

Activity Waiver

All participants must read this release of liability form prior to signing and participating in program activities.

Agreement to personally assume all risk and release of all claims for liability and waiver of right to sue based upon my
understanding of these activities and their inherent risks.

I (full name) ______ desire Beartooth Christian Camp, a Montana not for profit corporation, to permit me to participate in the following described activities: general activities, climbing wall, paintball, horseback riding, swimming, zipline and volunteer work.

In order to participate in the above-mentioned activities, I, the undersigned, agree to acknowledge that:

There is risk of injury, including a potential for permanent disability or death resulting from any participation in the abovementioned activities and/or from the equipment involved in participation in such activities.

I freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown and assume full responsibility for my participation.

I will read and understand fully the rules of play, including all safety rules, and agree to fully comply with the rules and safety regulations during my participation.

I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin hereby release and hold harmless Beartooth Christian Camp, their officers, officials, agents and or employees, from any and all liability for injury, disability, death, loss or damage to personal property.

I acknowledge, understand and agree that I have read this release of liability and assume all risk associated with

participating in the above-mentioned activities and that I sign the release of liability voluntarily and without inducement. I certify that I am able to take full and active part in the programs at Beartooth Christian Camp.

I further authorize Beartooth Christian Camp to administer necessary medical treatment in case of accident or illness which occurs with a camper.

I also realize that my picture or testimony may be used in promotion of the camp.

All program activities, handling, and use of program equipment must be supervised by Beartooth Christian Camp Staff.

Participants Name (Please Print):			_ Date of Birth:
Street Address:			
City, State:			_ Zip Code:
Home Phone:	Cell:	Email:	
Emergency Contact:		Relationship:	
Emergency Contact Phone:		Insurance Carrier/Num	iber:

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Would you like to be added to the Beartooth Christian Camp mailing list? ____ Yes ____ No

Minor aged Participants

All guests under the age of 18 at the time of participation must have a part	ent or legal guardian sign below.
I certify that I am the parent or guardian of	with legal responsibility for the
above signed participant and agree to his/her release and agree to indemr	nify the above-named companies and individuals
from all liabilities resulting from his/her participation in the above-mention	ned program activities for myself, my heirs,
assigns, and next of kin.	

Parent or Guardian Signature: (If camper is under 18): _____ Date: _____ Date: _____



4-H Building Cleaning Schedule:

Laurel Roadrunners: February 24-March 8 Cool Clovers: March 9-22 Worden Riv

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<u>Sunday</u>	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday	Thursday 7	Friday1Design Your Own& IndependentStudy plans duein Extension.March 1-34-H State Shoot,Bozeman8	Saturday 2 10:00 Sheep & Goat Workshop 4-H Building 9
10	11	12	13	14	15	Fruit Sale Delivery <i>Expo at</i> <i>MetraPark</i> 16
3 pm Leadership Academy Workshop Virtual		Dog Obedience <i>4-H Building</i>	5:30 - 6:30 2 nd Fruit pick up at <i>Lockwood IGA</i> 1960 Old Hardin Road	6:00 Horse Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>	Newsletter Articles Due	St. Patrick's Day Parade 11:00 Cat Workshop 12:30 Pocket Pet Workshop 4-H Building
17 6:00 Teen Leader Meeting	18	19 Dog Obedience <i>4-H Building</i> 6:30 Animal Quality Assurance <i>Virtual</i>	20 6pm Horse & Colt meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	21 6:00 Poultry Workshop 6:00 Shooting Sports Leader Meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	22 Communication Day Registration Due	23 1:00 Rabbit & Cavy Workshop Valley Baptist Church in Worden
24	25 6:00 Interstate Exchange <i>4-H Building</i>	26 Dog Obedience <i>4-H Building</i>	27 6pm Small Animal Comm. 6:30 Sale Comm. followed by Livestock Comm. <i>4-H Building</i>	28	29 Showcase Registration due in Extension office by 5:00 pm	30