

4-H NEWSLETTER-MAY 2023

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Thank you to everyone for selling 3,505 boxes of fruit this year!

Now is a great time to start working on your 4-H record books! Go to the <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/recordsheets.html> to find links to fillable forms. We can also mail them to you if you request them. Each 4-H member should fill out My 4-H Record and one animal/non-animal record for each enrolled project even if you do not participate in MontanaFair. You can try a mobile-friendly website that mirrors the Montana 4-H record sheets using ZSuite technology on the [State 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/zsuite.html) or at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/zsuite.html

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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, 2023, 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 to “Update Enrollment” and then click on the CLUBS tab. Click on the green box “Add projects”. After selecting each 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.

MANDATORY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION REQUIRED OF ALL 4-H VOLUNTEERS

Montana 4-H has launched a new Volunteer Orientation for all 4-H volunteers in Montana. **ALL** new and returning volunteers are required to complete a mandatory orientation. For those still needing to complete the orientation, Instructions were recently emailed directly to you – check your email.

Please complete the orientation ASAP – Do NOT delay. Volunteers who have not completed the orientation by their deadline will be made inactive and cannot work independently with youth until the orientation has been completed. If you have questions or need assistance, contact our office.

4-H Volunteer Orientation

What is the orientation? The orientation is broken up into 4 modules, that are about 15 minutes each. Topics included are positive youth development, basics of 4-H, risk management, impacts of 4-H, and policy & procedure.

How do you take the orientation? The orientation can be completed online at your convenience through your ZSuite account. Your progress will be saved so you are free to complete it at your own pace. Clover Academy is on the left-hand

menu in ZSuite. A "How to Guide" containing instructions for accessing and completing the orientation was emailed to you.

Why an orientation? Providing training is part of our mission to support volunteers. Providing an orientation will ensure that all volunteers have a basic understanding of what it means to be a 4-H Volunteer in Montana. Across Montana 4-H volunteers have asked for training so they can better serve the youth of 4-H.

Is the orientation required? Yes, all volunteers with Montana 4-H will be required to complete the orientation. This is not a county requirement; it is a state 4-H policy.

ACTIVE PROJECT LEADER/VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

In the past leaders and volunteers have been asked to complete a form that outlined and recorded the minimum requirements for being an "Active" leader. The purpose is to evaluate an adults involvement in the program and their eligibility for event scholarships, awards, etc. **(This information will be used in considering MontanaFair ticket requests.)** The form was turned in to your club leader to confirm the accuracy of the reported information and passed on to the 4-H Office. This year the form will move to the ZSuite platform that is currently used for enrollments and events and be submitted directly to our office.

To record participation and satisfaction of the requirements, leaders and volunteers will log into their ZSuite profile and go to the "Event" tab, you will then choose "Active Project Leader/Volunteer Participation". **The first question on the form is "Have you completed the mandatory volunteer orientation?" If you cannot answer "yes" you will be unable to move forward and submit your request until it has been completed. To be considered an active leader you MUST complete the orientation.** Forms will be accepted until 12pm on July 15th, 2023.

The remaining items on the form are the same as the previous requirements.

- **Attend and list the dates of three club meetings.**
- **Attend at least one County, Regional or State meeting or training.** Some examples are Horse and Colt, Sale, Livestock, Dept. N, Fruit Sale, Animal Quality Assurance, Committee Officer, etc.
- **Give a project or activity report at a club meeting. Provide the date and topic.**
- **List additional activities that are planned between July 15, 2023, and Aug. 11, 2023**
- ****Project leaders must hold at least three project meetings/workshops related to your project areas. List the dates, project area and a brief description of what you did.**

OR

****Volunteers must sign up and fulfill one club adult responsibility and provide a brief description of what you did.** Some examples are Community Service, Showcase, Communication Day, Camps, Awards, Family Fun Night, Ice Cream Booth, Club T-Shirt order, organizing Club Jackpot Show, organizing club or county workshop, recreation committee, fair decorations, club activities, organizing a fundraiser, etc.

GRADUATION WELL WISHES

Our congratulations and well wishes to all 4-H members who are graduating from high school this year. We wish you the best! Those graduating are:

Graduate

Maria Ackerman
Tucker Adkins
Bayley Becker
William Bender
Madason Bender
Kyleigh Boheman
Koral Connelly
Connor Cook
Morgan Duke
Wyatt Hayden
Miranda Johnson
Emerson Keehner

4-H Club

Hesper Hustlers
Northern Lights
Worden Riverdale
Project Longhorns
Worden Riverdale
Kountry Kritters
Kountry Kritters
Worden Riverdale
Ruff Riders
Huntley Eagles
Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Big Sky Thunderbolts

Kiarra Kennedy	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Cooper Lane	Whips and Sticks
Lane Longmire	Cool Clovers
Macey McCann	Shepherd Wranglers
Aaron Murdick	Explorers
Brianna Olstad	Huntley Eagles
Skyler Pitman	Lockwood Humble B's
Sarah Robertson	Yellowstone Mavericks
Marley Seely	Lockwood Humble B's
Emmy Serock	City Kids
Brooklyn Sims	Ruff Riders
Rachel Spint	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
Jasmine Teter	Project Rockin Wranglers
Bayden Tidwell	Ruff Riders

4-H FRUIT SALE TOP SELLERS

Thank you and congratulations to these 4-H members. We appreciate their efforts during this fundraiser whose proceeds benefit the Yellowstone County 4-H Council. Money raised provides 4-H members and leader project materials, helps sponsor 4-H members to attend state, regional and national activities, funds 4-H project workshops and clinics, funds 4-H awards and recognition programs (pins, certificates, etc.), provides scholarships for Citizenship experiences, 4-H camp, and sponsors opportunities for 4-Her's to develop life skills, including communication skills and responsibility.

4-H Member	4-H Club	# of boxes sold
Isabelle Brito	Huntley Trailblazers	95
Cooper Koffler	Ruff Riders	75
Olivia Arneson	Cool Clovers	65
Jacob Baeten	Laurel Roadrunners	55.5
Aiden Lentz	Lockwood Humble B's	54

COMMUNITY SERVICE/SERVICE LEARNING

It is springtime and it makes everyone want to get outside and enjoy the weather. Now is the perfect time to get active and do some community service. There is not a set day to go clean up at Metra this year, but I would encourage your club or you individually to head down there (or somewhere else) and pick up some garbage, tree branches, etc. We have a great partnership with Metra.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a 4-H Council Meeting Thursday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND 4-H CONGRESS IN JULY

Were you 13 years old by October 1, 2022, and are 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 11-14, 2023.

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

Career Communication - You practice the skills of applying for a job including an application, cover letter and resume. Contact Roni if you are interested.

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

Fashion Revue - We may take more than one participant. Selection is made at the county Showcase event.

Horse Judging - We may take a team of four. Contact Roni if you are interested.

Livestock Judging - We may take a team of 4 or individual members to compete in judging classes and giving reasons. Contact Roni if you are interested.

Stir-Ups Contest - 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. Contact Roni if you are interested.

Gavel Games - 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. Contact Roni if you are interested.

4-H members interested can attend as a delegate (a member of age wanting to attend) or by competing in Career Communications, Demonstration or Illustrated Talk, Fashion Review, Gavel Games (Parliamentary Procedure), Horse Judging, Horse Hippology (Skillathon), Livestock Judging, Public Speaking, Quilt Contest, Stir-ups, or Video. Descriptions of each contest can be found on the [State 4-H website Congress page](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt_4h_statecontests/index.html) at

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Contact Roni Baker by May 12.

4-H CAMP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 5

The 4-H Camp application can be printed off the county 4-H website at

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html>

The completed registration and payment is due in the extension Office by May 5, at 5:00 pm (NOT postmarked by).

FINDING YOUR INITIALS IN THE NEWSLETTER

Look for your initials (first and last) and birthdate in the newsletter. A sample looks like this: (ac/05/12/98). If you find your initials, call the Extension Office at 256-2828 and 4-H Council will mail you a \$10 check.

4-H ADULT AWARDS

The Montana 4-H Foundation and 4-H Center have consolidated the award nomination for adults into one form. The awards categories are:

Tribute to Volunteer Excellence Awards: The 4-H Center will recognize individuals from each 4-H District in two award categories. The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for 10 years or more. The Volunteer of the Year recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years.

Hall of Fame Award: The 4-H Foundation honors individuals such as community leaders, alumni, former or current directors or former or current staff for their outstanding lifetime efforts to generate opportunities for 4-H youth by giving, volunteering, or community support of 4-H.

Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award: The 4-H Foundation recognizes 4-H alumni who have made a significant impact on 4-H by promoting, supporting, and enhancing the benefits of youth and adult involvement in the program or a specific 4-H project area.

For details regarding qualifications, requirements and forms visit the [State 4-H website](http://www.montana4h.org/programs/awards/adult-awards.html) at

<http://www.montana4h.org/programs/awards/adult-awards.html>. **Nominations are due May 1.**

MONTANAFAIR EXHIBITOR HANDBOOKS ONLINE

The 2023 MontanaFair Exhibitor handbooks for Department A and N will be available on the [MontanaFair website](http://www.montanafair.com/) at www.montanafair.com/. On the Yellowstone County website, there is a link to the handbooks under the MontanaFair heading. You can begin writing down your entries on the MontanaFair entry worksheet that can be printed off the Yellowstone County 4-H website under the MontanaFair section. This will help you be prepared when entry opens on the MontanaFair website.

MONTANAFAIR CAMPER SPACE CONTRACT & PAYMENT DUE JULY 15

We will be mailing camper space invoices mid- to late-June. **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 with a signed contract to the Yellowstone County Extension Office, PO Box 35021, Billings, MT 59107. No refunds after August 1, 2023, per MetraPark policy.

Camper reservation requests must be completed electronically. The office will no longer accept phone calls or emails. Visit the [link to make a reservation request](https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8ADVIkDjYyZ5218) at https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8ADVIkDjYyZ5218. Completing a request does not guarantee a space reservation.

CLOVERBUD CAMP MEETING

Cloverbud Camp 2023 will be held on Tuesday, July 18 at the 4-H Building. The camp theme will be “Water World.” If you are interested in helping, please email Roni (rbaker@yellowstonecountymt.gov) or Melody (mharris@yellowstonecountymt.gov).

SUPPORT 4-H BY CHOOSING THE 4-H LICENSE PLATE

The 4-H license plate is still available. Be sure to ask for the application at the Motor Vehicle Department when you renew/purchase your next license.

EXTRA PRODUCE? MAKE SOME MONEY AT THE FARMER’S MARKET

The Healthy by Design Farmer’s Market is held Thursdays beginning the 2nd week of June through the 1st week of October from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in South Park. The goal of the Gardeners’ Market is to provide an outlet for consumers to purchase fresh, healthy, local, and affordable fruits and vegetables. This could be a good opportunity for a 4-H’er and/or their family to make some extra money selling their produce when they have time throughout the summer.

There is no cost to set up at the Gardeners’ Market - vendors must complete a market training prior to selling at the market. It is not necessary for vendors to sell at the market every week. If you want to sell your products, inform the Market Manager of your intent to sell at least two days in advance. For more information visit the [Healthy by Design gardeners market website](https://www.healthybydesignyellowstone.org/gardeners-market/) at <https://www.healthybydesignyellowstone.org/gardeners-market/>

APPLY TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IN YOUR HOME

Are you interested in other countries? Host families come in all shapes and sizes and reflect the diversity of the US. What they have in common is their eagerness to open their home and hearts to a young person from another culture. States’ 4-H accepts applications from host families year-round for the month-long and year-long programs.

Host a delegate from Norway or Japan! Montana families have the opportunity to host the following 4-H youth:

- 2 Norwegian delegates for approximately 4 weeks arriving the end of June 2023.
- 13 Japanese delegates for approximately 4 weeks arriving mid-July 2023.
- 2 Japanese delegates for the Academic Year Program (AYP) arriving mid/late August 2023 - leaving early June 2024.

Experience cultural exchange and broaden your global experience! To apply to host visit the [States’ 4-H International Exchange Program website](https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/) at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

Please contact Christine Sommers Austin, Montana State 4-H International Programs Coordinator at c.sommersaustine@montana.edu or 406-994-3504 for further information.

MONTANA CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM

Montana Conservation Corps invites YOU to join them for a summer of camping, hard work, new friends, and cool adventures. You’ll team up with a crew of other teens and 2 highly skilled leaders in some of Montana’s wildest places. You may find yourself protecting native habitat in Glacier National Park, building fences at Big Hole National Battlefield, maintaining trails in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, or helping to reduce the threat of wildfire across Montana.

You will learn valuable trail, team, and leadership skills, complete 160 volunteer hours, and earn a \$200 service award for completing the program. No experience is required, but a commitment to your crew is. Get outside, have fun, and work hard!

MCC offers summer expedition programs to teens ages 12 through 17 and is currently in the recruitment process. Program length varies. Visit the [Montana Conservation Corps](https://mtcorps.org/join/positions/) website for more information: <https://mtcorps.org/join/positions/>

2023 YOUTH TRAPPER CAMP

Are you taking the wildlife project or just like animals? Visit the [Montana Trappers Association](http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/yt.html) or <http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/yt.html> for information about the 2023 Youth Trapper Camp. It is scheduled for June 9-11, 2023, at the Kiwanis Camp at Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. The camp teaches ethical trapping methods, trapping rules and regulation, 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.

NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH CAMP

For 37 years, the Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp has provided youth an opportunity to study in an outdoor classroom. Today's scientific principles, economic realities, historical heritage, and social perspectives help these future leaders in their quest to gain natural resources a perspective that is informed and progressive. Campers learn about forests, streams, soils, geology, rangeland, wildlife, and recreation and spend half-day rafting the Clark Fork River's Alberton Gorge. In between the field sessions, professionals who volunteer from various natural resources-based agencies and industries, specialty evening programs, guest speakers, hands-on learning-through-discovery and campfires provide for a lasting summer camp experience.

Camp will take place July 16-21, 2023. Registration forms are available at the [Montana Natural Resource Camp](https://forestry.msuextension.org/mnryc/index.html) at <https://forestry.msuextension.org/mnryc/index.html>. Deadline is July 1. Scholarships are available for camp fees or transportation costs. Questions? contact Christina Oppedard, MSU Extension Forestry at 406-243-2773 or christina.oppegard@mso.umt.edu.

MONTANA PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

The 2023 Montana Pro Football Hall of Fame Banquet will be held in Billings, June 23 & 24. On Saturday, June 24 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, they will be holding a Student Mental Health Symposium where several NFL players will share their testimonies about mental health from childhood to the NFL. Question, persuade and refer (QPR) training will be held. Additional speakers include a sports psychologist, an athletic director, and featured speaker 17-year old, Luc Swensson (ilovethislife.org), followed by a panel discussion with speakers. The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Please RSVP to Rick Halmes for a lunch count at 406-208-8142.

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	2334 Central Ave, Billings MT 59102
Pacific Recycling	3385 Coulson Rd, Billings, MT 59101
Schatz Trucking	1222 Chipper Ln., Huntley, MT 59037
Rocky Mountain Compost	3060 Farley Ln., Billings, MT 59101
J & L Livestock	4935 Powmer Rd., Billings, MT 59105
Albertsons	511 Central Ave, Billings MT 59102
Ross Company Trucking	4990 Metzger Rd., Laurel, MT 59044
Aldrich Lumber	4110 Neibauer Rd, Billings MT 59106
Rocky Mountain Rain Gutters	PO Box 186, Worden, MT 59088

DEPARTMENT N – POST SHOWCASE MEETING MAY 4

The post Showcase meeting will take place at 5:30 pm in the 4-H Building. The Department N Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings.

MAY CERAMICS WORKSHOP

There will be a ceramics workshop on Saturday May 6 at Sheri Anttila's home from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Please call Sheri 406-633-5531 to schedule a time.

MAY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP & UPCOMING CONTEST

There will be a photography workshop on Sunday, May 21. Meet at 1:00 pm by the tennis courts at Pioneer Park in Billings. We will be having a scavenger photo hunt. Please bring your cameras and record/project books. Questions? Call Tammy at 406-669-3398 or Text at 406-670-3297.

We will be holding a weekly photography contest during the month of May. Watch the Yellowstone County 4-H Facebook page for more details. This contest will be open to **all** 4-H members. (GRS/11/5/08)

2023 SHOWCASE WINNERS

Junior Shopping in Style Overall Winner: Lauren Duey

Senior Shopping in Style Overall Winner: Jorden Trupka

Cloverbud Shopping in Style

Overall Appearance: (tie) Ankor Hively & Jett Rienhart

Beginner Shopping in Style

Buying placing: Madeline Felder, Alexa Kuhr

Overall Appearance placing: Morgan Ready

Junior Shopping in Style

Buying placing: Zac Sedlacek

Overall Appearance placing: Brooklyn Kuhr, Grace Sedlacek

Senior Shopping in Style

Buying placing: Lauren Petersen

Overall Appearance placing: Ariel Petersen

Junior Sewing Overall Winner: Kylie Tatman

Senior Sewing Overall Winner: Jacob Baeten

Beginner Sewing

Construction placing: Maci Vogel

Presentation placing: Kylie Tatman

Junior Intermediate Sewing

Construction placing: Annabelle Fournier

Presentation placing: Macy Tatman

Senior Advanced Intermediate Sewing

Presentation: Jorden Trupka

Beginner Display Overall Winner: Alexa Kuhr

Junior Display Overall Winner: Brooklyn Kuhr

Senior Display Overall Winner: Jorden Trupka

Beginner Display

Construction placing: (tie) Morgan Ready & Kylie Tatman

Presentation placing: Annabelle Fournier, Rylee Fenton

Junior Display

Construction placing: Grace Sedlacek, Zac Sedlacek

Presentation placing: Macy Tatman, Brynlee Trudnowski

Senior Display

Construction placing: Ariel Petersen

Presentation placing: Lauren Petersen

2023 QUILT SHOW WINNERS

Wall Hanging or Quilted Item placing: Lauren Duey

Beginner Quilt placing: Lauren Duey, Morgan Ready, Brynlee Trudnowski, Kaiya Cardwell

Junior Quilt placing: Brooklyn Kuhr Grace Sedlacek, Macy Tatman, Alexa Kuhr

Senior Quilt placing: Lauren Petersen, Molly Arnold, Kimber Crockett, Ariel Petersen

Adult Quilt placing: Jennifer Kuhr, Amy Ready, Rebecca Stewart

Judges Choice – Most outstanding Quilters: (tie) Molly Arnold & Lauren Duey

People's Choice Quilt: Brooklyn Kuhr

SMALL ANIMAL, LIVESTOCK & SALE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 24, 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. Everyone is welcome.

MAY SHEEP AND GOAT WORKSHOP

The May 20th workshop will be at the Metra SuperBarn at 9 a.m. Please bring your animals. We will work on leading and halter breaking animals, you will need to have control of them. We will go over showmanship, learning how to brace, leading and some basic care for the summer. We will try to have experienced showman in Market Lamb, Dairy Goat, and Market Goat to break into groups. If you have your show halter or collars for your goats, please bring them. For any questions, please call or text Heather Arkell at (406)208-4463.

HORSE & COLT MEETING

The Horse & Colt meeting will be on May 17 at 6:00 pm. At this meeting we will be discussing job descriptions for MontanaFair duties. Duties will be assigned at the June Horse & Colt meeting. We encourage anyone involved in Horse & Colt projects to attend our monthly meetings.

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 [2023 Horse & Colt Policy](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hpolicies.html) on the county website at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hpolicies.html>.

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 may ask the Horse & Colt committee for another registered Horse Leader to assess them.

MAY EDUCATIONAL HORSE WORKSHOP

We will be covering anatomy and conformation on Thursday, May 18, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the 4-H Building at Metra Park. The workshop is open to all 4-H youth interested in learning more about horses! Contact Bonnie DeVerniero with any questions at 406-694-5234.

HORSE SHOWS AND CLINICS

Contact your club Horse leader for more information.

Event	Date	Location
No Glitz No Glamour Show	May 20	Miller's Horse Place
Big Sky State Games	July 8-9	Check BSSG website
Lewistown Open Show	July 15	Lewistown Fairgrounds
Rockin the Project Show	July 22	SuperBarn at MetraPark
4-H Showmanship Clinic	June 7	SuperBarn at MetraPark 6:00 pm
4-H Ranch Horse Clinic	June 28	SuperBarn at MetraPark 6:00 pm
4-H Western/English Clinic	July 12	SuperBarn at MetraPark 6:00 pm
4-H Trail Clinic	July 26	SuperBarn at MetraPark 6:00 pm

SADDLE UP FOR 4-H HOURS ON HORSEBACK PROGRAM

It's time to Saddle-up and start logging your riding hours! Leaders may register all club members participating or individuals may register themselves. You may list multiple horses on one log to count towards total hours. However, let us know the names of all horses so we can recognize you and them!

Keep track of the hours you ride your project horse from May 1 to September 30, 2022. Hours to log are strictly hours in the saddle. Please be aware when you are at horse shows you are not on your horse the ENTIRE time. Keep track of the time spent actually riding. Showmanship and lunging do not count. Bareback can be counted. **Small Equine-Self Determined Mini Horses and Colt to Maturity Projects in the yearling and 2 year old may count groundwork time while training and showing.** Please indicate if your horse is one of these projects on the registration!

Participation can also be added into your record book next to your "What I did & What I learned" sections. Awards are presented at Family Fun Night in November. Registration In ZSuite under the "Events" section in your household account.

SKILLATHON – REGISTER IN ZSUITE

Skillathon will be held in conjunction with small animal judging on Saturday, May 13, 2023, in the 4-H Building at MetraPark. Large and small animal skillathon will be available to participants. We begin at 8:30 and run until Small Animal Judging (also held in the 4-H Building on May 13) is finished. An alternate date of May 11 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. Registration will open April 3 in ZSuite under the "Events" section in your household account.

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 – REGISTER IN ZSUITE

The Small Animal Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023, in the 4-H Building at MetraPark. Check-In at 11:00 a.m. and the contest will start at 12:00 noon. Registration will open April 3 in ZSuite under the "Events" section in

your household account. 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.

CAT SHOW TO BE HELD MAY 13 – REGISTER IN ZSUITE

The 2023 Cat show will be held in the 4-H Building on Saturday, May 13, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm with check in at 8:30 am. Registration will open April 3 in ZSuite under the “Events” section in your household account. Questions? Contact Audrey Selph at 406-647-7751.

SWINE, SHEEP & MARKET GOATS EAR TAGGING FOR 2023 MONTANAFAIR

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to enter a market swine, sheep, or goat in the 2023 MontanaFair must be enrolled in the project level and the species market animal by **April 30** and ear tag their animals on **Saturday, May 6**. **The tagging site will be the Public Auction Yards (PAYS) in Billings from 8:00 - 11:00 am.**

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.

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

The sessions in May and June 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.

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

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

MSU EXTENSION 4-H HORSE HELMET POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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

After attending a 4-H Helmet Workshop, riders may choose whether they will wear a certified helmet. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI

approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against. Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse. A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fence classes and gymkhana events, activities, and practice sessions. Gymkhana refers to horseback speed events (timed or un-timed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole 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 6 class. It is the final opportunity for 2023.**

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

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

PREPARING YOUR CATTLE FOR THE SHOW RING

The American Angus Association recently produced a two-part video for its junior members to answer some of the questions about how to best prepare cattle for the show ring. You can watch these videos by going to the links provided below:

[National Junior Angus Association Fitting and Showing Part 1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCyJ0mKCiUU) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCyJ0mKCiUU>

[National Junior Angus Association Fitting and Showing Part 2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5f51j5CWUn4) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5f51j5CWUn4>

JACKPOT SHOWS

Information and registration forms that we receive will be emailed directly to members as soon as they become available. Watch our [Yellowstone County 4-H Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/yellowstonecounty4h) at <https://www.facebook.com/yellowstonecounty4h> for show information.

NILE MERIT HEIFER PROGRAM

This year the NILE will select recipients for the Merit Heifer Program and match them up with donors from across the region. Applications are being accepted via email. No hard copies will be accepted. Visit the [NILE website](https://thenile.org/events/livestock/nile-merit-heifer-program/) at <https://thenile.org/events/livestock/nile-merit-heifer-program/>

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 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 club secretaries turned in club minutes this month:

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks: Members signed up for club demonstrations. Each member will make a personalized page for the club scrapbook.

Hesper Hustlers: Members were reminded of many upcoming event deadlines and area shows.

Huntley Trailblazers: The club discussed learning about leathercraft and has arranged a workshop in May.

Lockwood Humble B's: The club will do community cleanup at Lake Elmo. Club is looking for a fundraising opportunity.

Northern Lights: Club is doing a hot dog sale fundraiser at Shipton's. The club outing will be at Wildrose Paintball.

Ruff Riders: Club's spring community service will be delivering food to the Mission or cookies to the Salvation Army.

Shepherd Pioneers: Club members gave project reports. Club members will go bowling and a club hike for recreation.

Yellowstone Mavericks: Member decided on a club t-shirt design. Members were encouraged to work on and bring project books and record sheets up to date.

MAY 2023 4-H CALENDAR



Cleaning Schedule: City Kids: April 23-May 6 Lockwood Humble B's: May 7-20
 Big Sky Thunderbolts: May 21- June 3

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4-H State Award Applications Due	2	3 6:00 Intro. to Fair Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>	4 5:30 Post Showcase Mtg 6:00 Dept N Mtg followed by 4-H Council <i>All at the 4-H Building</i>	5 4-H Camp Application Due	6 8:00 Swine, Sheep & Goat tagging 9:00 Animal Quality Assurance 11:00 Horse Helmet <i>All at PAYS</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Cat Show / Skillathon / Sm. Animal Judging <i>4-H Building</i>
14 406 Jackpot	15	16	17 6:00 Horse & Colt meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	18 6:00 Horse Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>	19 June Newsletter Articles Due	20
21	22 6:00 Exchange Meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	23	24 6pm Small Animal Comm. 6:30 Sale Comm. followed by Livestock Comm. <i>4-H Building</i>	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31			