



CASCADE COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTION



December 2023

Newsletter Drawing



Everyone who emails Allyssa (allyssa.peak@montana.edu) by Monday, December 11 with a description of the page you found the snowflake symbol above will be entered in a drawing to win a 4-H themed prize. The winner will be able to choose from multiple awesome 4-H items. Please include the description of the page you found the symbol, something you learned from the newsletter, and name(s) of the 4-H'er(s) to be entered into the drawing. **Congratulations to the November Newsletter Drawing winner, Emily C. from the Great Divide 4-H Club!**

Thank You!

Thank you to the following people and businesses that donated to the Cascade County 4-H program over the last month!



Pam Hendrickson
Ken & Krista Roberts
Opportunity Bank



Montana 4-H Foundation Emerald Auction



The Montana 4-H Foundation is holding a silent auction with proceeds going to help fund

Montana 4-H state events, scholarships, and grants. The auction is open now and closes on December 4. There are multiple items donated by county councils and 4-H supporters across the state! Check out the auction items at [Gardner Auction \(hibid.com\)](http://hibid.com).

Office Closure

The MSU Extension Cascade County office will be closed on December 25 and January 1.

Record Book Survey

The Montana 4-H Curriculum Advisory Committee is looking for 4-H leader, parent, and member feedback on Montana 4-H Record Books. Please take a moment to take the survey found at https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bmuj5V90ZtAygGq to let us know your thoughts.

Steer of Merit Congratulations



Congratulations to Cascade County 4-H members Kyona Y. from the Circle S 4-H Club and Kally K. from the Eden Livestock 4-H Club for placing in the top 5 for the state-wide Steer of Merit contest. Steer of Merit is awarded to animals who are of top quality. Congratulations Kyona and Kally!

Montana 4-H Recreation (Rec) Lab

What is Rec Lab? It sounds like a funny name for a 4-H event. Rec Lab stands for Recreation Lab and means that everything is hands-on and fun! This event is a 4-H member favorite: It 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 provides participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader. This event is ideal for younger senior members to attend as a first-time state event. It allows them to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broaden their skills, and widen their network. This year, Rec Lab will be held in Boulder, MT April 19-21. Registration will open in ZSuite early next year.

Communications Contest – Public Speaking

Mark your calendars! The Cascade County 4-H Communications Contest is scheduled for Monday, January 22. Registration will open mid-December.



Project Day



Registration is now open on ZSuite for the December 9 Project Day. Project Days are held at the MSU Extension Cascade County office on the second Saturday of the months of November-May from 9:00am-12:00pm. Project Days are a great time for youth

to attend workshops in the project areas they are enrolled as well as try something new! Project Day workshops are open to all youth apart from the Cloverbud workshop which is only available to Cloverbuds. Cloverbuds are not allowed to participate in other workshops. There are still plenty of spots open for workshop presentations. Please let Allyssa know if you are interested in leading a workshop!

Project Day Workshops



Subject to Change

- December 9: Rabbit, Poultry, Cloverbuds, Cake Decorating, Horse, Sewing Dish Towel Boas
- January 13: Cloverbuds, Horse, Sewing, Baking, Dairy Goat
- February 10: Rabbit, Poultry, Cloverbuds, Horse, Sewing, Cat
- March 9: Cloverbuds, Livestock Project Marketing, Horse Packing and Trail Riding, Sewing
- April 13: Cloverbuds, Livestock LQA, Sewing, Horse Driving
- May 11: Cloverbuds, Livestock, Record Book Office Hours, Sewing

Meeting Announcements

Shooting Sports Leaders

The next meeting of the Cascade County 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders will be Thursday, December 7 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. The committee is searching for volunteers to help with the live tournament in February in Great Falls. If you are interested in helping, please email Allyssa at allyssa.peak@montana.edu.

Horse Leaders

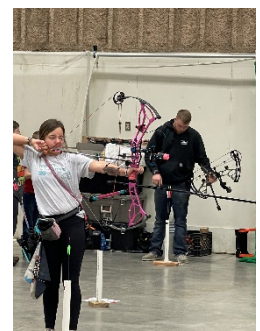
The Cascade County 4-H Horse Leaders do not meet in December. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 2 at 5:30pm at the Extension Office and via WebEx.

Livestock Leaders

The Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders do not meet in December. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 2 at 7:00pm at the Extension Office and via WebEx.

Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational

The state shooting sports invitational will be held in Bozeman March 1-3. Please reach out to your shooting sports instructor if you are interested in participating in the state invitational.



Market Beef Intent

The Market Beef Intent to Enter form is completely on ZSuite this year. Directions on how to fill out the intent on ZSuite were emailed to all market beef families. You may get another copy by emailing Jody at cascade@montana.edu.

NEW! Club Meeting Attendance Requirement

All 4-H members enrolled in livestock projects must attend 60% (or club bylaw minimum) of their club meetings to be eligible to show and sell at the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. Absences may be marked as excused at club Organizational Leader discretion or if members are attending another 4-H event. Unexcused absences may be made up by attending a 4-H livestock education event.

Breeding Project Declaration

New this year, breeding projects must be declared by the species intent date. Cattle (beef and dairy) projects must be declared by January 3, 2024. Please log on to ZSuite and fill out the breeding project declaration form by January 3, 2024, for all cattle breeding projects.



December

- 7 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 9 – Project Day
- 15 – Returning Member Enrollment Due
- 25 – MSU Extension Cascade County Office Closed

January

- 1 – MSU Extension Cascade County Office Closed
- 2 – Horse and Livestock Leaders Meetings
- 3 – Beef Intent to Enter Due
- 4 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 9 – Leaders Council Meeting
- 10 – Beef Intent to Enter Due with Late Fee
- 13 – Project Day
- 15 – MSU Extension Cascade County Office Closed
- 22 – Communications Contest

February

- 1 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 6 – Horse and Livestock Leaders Meetings
- 7 – Communications Contest Make-Up
- 7 – Foods Festival & Stir-Ups Cooking Competition
- 10 – Project Day
- 15 – New 4-H Family Orientation & Potluck
- 19 – MSU Extension Cascade County Office Closed
- 20 – Foundation Meeting

March

- 1-3 – Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational
- 5 – Horse and Livestock Leaders Meeting
- 7 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 9 – Project Day
- 12 – Leaders Council
- 31 – Cascade 4-H Foundation Scholarships Due

April

- 2 – Horse and Livestock Leaders Meetings
- 4 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 13 – Project Day
- 16 – Foundation Meeting
- 19-21 – Rec Lab, Boulder
- 25 – Fashion/Sewing Revue and Quilt Show

May

- 2 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 3-5 – Horse Camp
- 7 – Horse and Livestock Leaders Meetings
- 11 – Project Day
- 14 – Leaders Council Meeting
- 27 – MSU Extension Cascade County Office Closed

June

- 4 – Horse and Livestock Leaders Meetings
- 6 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 8 – JD Day at Camp
- 9-12 - Camp
- 23 – Record Book Office Hours

July

- 4 – MSU Extension Cascade County Office Closed
- 9 – Leaders Council Meeting
- 9-12 – Montana 4-H Congress
- 12-14 – Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale
- 19-20 – Cascade County 4-H Horse Show and Cascade/Teton Counties Working Ranch Horse Show
- 21 – Record Book Office Hours
- 25 – Montana State Fair 4-H Static Exhibit Judging
- 26-August 3 – Montana State Fair

August

- 11 – Record Book Office Hours
- 20 – Record Books Due to Club Leaders

September

- 2 – MSU Extension Cascade County Office Closed
- 3 – Award Nominated Record Books Due to Extension Office
- 3 – Horse and Livestock Leaders Meetings
- 5 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 10 – Leaders Council Meeting
- 17 – Foundation Meeting

