

2025-2026 GALLATIN COUNTY 4-H ANIMAL PROJECTS

Cat

Project Leaders:

Julie Oghigian (714) 206-4636 montviewlabs@yahoo.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Alpenglow Vet Hospital, Bozeman
Dates/Times TBD

Project Notes:

*Allows Cloverbuds (ages 5-7)

Dog - Obedience ***NEW LEADER THIS YEAR**

Project Leader:

Jen Olser (406) 388-4789 facility@montanamurraykennels.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Montana Murray Kennels, Belgrade
Dog Practices: Weekly on Wednesdays, times TBD (April-July)

Project Notes:

*Youth members must be **at least 8** years old (age as of Oct. 1st) to participate.

*Project will be capped at **40** members

Dog - Agility

Project Leader:

Jen Olser (406) 388-4789 facility@montanamurraykennels.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Montana Murray Kennels, Belgrade
Dog Practices: Weekly on Wednesdays, times TBD (April-July)

Beef - Market or Breeding

Project Leader:

Annabel Morgan (406) 580-9003 zbara.morgan@gmail.com
Beef Committee gallatinbeefproject@gmail.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Meetings/Workshops vary (October - July) - Schedule in Newsletter

Project Notes:

*Youth members must be **at least 10 years old** (age as of Oct. 1st) to participate.

Dairy Cow

Project Leaders:

Shawna Oostema (406) 580-7819 fcclashawna@hotmail.com
Cassie Smieja (406) 539-3833 smiejahay@latmt.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Primarily at the Gallatin County Extension Office
Meetings/Workshops vary - Schedule in Newsletter

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Dairy Goat

Project Leaders:

Lea'h MacDonald (406) 220-3556 lmk80@live.com
Cassy Mitchell, Rachel Colton

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Meetings/Workshops vary - Schedule in Newsletter

Meat/Market Goat

Project Leaders:

Lea'h MacDonald (406) 220-3556 lmk80@live.com
Amy Brownell, Rachel Colton

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Meetings/Workshops vary - Schedule in Newsletter

Horse - Horsemanship

Project Leader:

Horse Committee & Clinics gc4hhorse@gmail.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Varies - Schedule in Newsletter

Project Notes:

***All** Horse Project members must be enrolled in a Horsemanship Project (English or Western) Level if participating in any additional horse projects (except for Horse Packing and Working Ranch Horse).

Horse - Colt to Maturity

Project Leader:

Amy Free (406) 581-4140 amymfree@gmail.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Varies - Schedule in Newsletter

Project Notes:

*Has additional member age and Horsemanship level requirements - Contact Leader for more information.

Horse - Green Horse

Project Leader:

Amy Free (406) 581-4140 amymfree@gmail.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Varies - Schedule in Newsletter

Project Notes:

*Has additional member age and Horsemanship level requirements - Contact Leader for more information.

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Horse - Jumping & Dressage

Project Leader:

Sheila Smart (406) 539-1806 smarthorses.ss@gmail.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Varies - Schedule in Newsletter

Horse - Working Ranch Horse

Project Leader:

Dave Casto (406) 581-7969 castoconstruction@gmail.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Varies - Schedule in Newsletter

Poultry - Market or Breed/Show

Project Leaders:

Shawna Oostema (406) 580-7819 fcclashawna@hotmail.com
poultrygallatin@gmail.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Gallatin County Fairgrounds Exhibit Buildings, Bozeman
2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm

Project Notes:

*Allows Cloverbuds (ages 5-7),
but cannot participate in Market.

Rabbit - Market or Breed/Pet

Project Leader:

Monica Samson (406) 399-1866 samsonwm98@gmail.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Gallatin County Fairgrounds Exhibit Buildings, Bozeman
3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00pm

Project Notes:

*Allows Cloverbuds (ages 5-7),
but cannot participate in Market.

Sheep

Project Leaders:

Ruth Carr (406) 539-4337 kennelr@gmail.com
Kim Flikkema (406) 599-1486 kimflickema@gmail.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Meetings/Workshops vary - Schedule in Newsletter

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Swine

Project Leaders:

Merle Farrier (406) 580-8850 merle.farrier@gmail.com

Swine Committee gallatinswineproject@gmail.com

Meeting Place, Date & Time:

Meetings/Workshops vary - Schedule in Newsletter

Please Note:

The Animal Projects listed above are those that Gallatin County 4-H currently has a volunteer leader for. Projects typically meet at least once a month and activities are led/guided by that leader.

******At this time, Gallatin County 4-H and the Big Sky Country State Fair (Gallatin County Fair) does not offer or allow Open Class or Independent livestock/animal exhibits or shows. Therefore, if a youth member is interested in participating in an animal project or exhibiting an animal at the county fair, they must join one of the above leader-led projects and adhere to the project's requirements to be eligible.

4-H ENROLLMENT POLICY UPDATE: Our county 4-H program enrollment policy has been updated and our enrollment window will **OPEN** October 1st and **will now CLOSE January 15th** (previously March 1st) – which means ALL youth and volunteers MUST be enrolled in 4-H and any/all projects they plan to participate in no later than January 15th, **especially** if planning to participate in the **Fair** in that project area. Please note: some Projects have enrollment caps and/or tagging deadlines and may close **prior** to January 15th.

There are over 200 projects offered in Montana 4-H - see complete Project Selection Guide here: <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/index.html>.