

GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - January, 2026

Upcoming Events

- January 2 - Livestock judging practice, 10 a.m., Laverdure Livestock
- January 4 - Open Range meeting, 6:30 p.m., Annex
- January 9 & 10 - 4-H Archery leader training in Fort Benton
- January 11 - Clever Clovers Christmas Party and meeting - Cut Bank Civic Center, 4 p.m.
- January 11 - Horse Project Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Annex
- January 16 - Sewing Project Day, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cut Bank High School FACS Class
- January 21 - KMON Livestock Judging in Great Falls, 11:45 a.m. start
- January 26 - 7 p.m. - Food Booth Committee Meeting - MRE in Shelby
- January 28 - 7 p.m. - Livestock Committee Meeting- MRE in Shelby
- January 28 - Registration deadline for Marias Fair archery tournament
- February 1 - Marias Fair Archery tournament - Shelby
- February 2 - 6 p.m. - Horse Committee Meeting - MRE in Shelby
- February 6 - Valentine's Day Gifts in a Jar with FAST Blackfeet, 10 a.m. to Noon
- February 8 - No Baby Baby Shower - Peace Pregnancy Center Open House - 2 to 4 p.m.
- 102 N. Central Ave. Cut Bank
- February 14 - Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner grants due
- March 1 - Maria's Fair Air Rifle/Pistol tournament - Conrad
- March 27 - 29 - Rec Lab in Columbus - will include a county tour and stop at Montana Silversmith's
- April 11 - Swine weigh-in deadline
- June 24 - 26 4-H Camp in Highwood Mountains (counselors go down 6/23)
- July 7 - 10 - 4-H Congress
- July 15 - 19 - Marias Fair in Shelby

Greetings, 4-H families!

With the new year, many folks focus on “New Year’s Resolutions,” while in 4-H we prioritize learning to set SMART goals - goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time based. A 2020 Harvard Business Review study found that employees with clearly defined goals were 2.5 times MORE productive than those without. Having clear goals helps prioritize tasks, increases motivation as it gives purpose, and also is shown to provide us with more satisfaction as we work towards those goals compared to people without clear goals. Now is the time to make sure 4-Hers have at least three SMART goals written down in the record book for the My 4-H Year and in each project journal. Leaders, we encourage you to write down a SMART goal or two for the year as well, and let your kids help hold you accountable to that goal! Please reach out if you have questions, Happy New Year!

In 4-H Friendship, Kari & Lisa

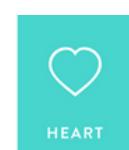
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Motto -

To Make the Best Better



4-H Horse Workshops

Sunday, January 11

5:30 p.m., Glacier County Annex

Horse Vaccinations and deworming

Sunday, February 8

5:30 p.m., Glacier County Annex

Horseshoeing and trimming with

Remington Winkowitsch

Montana Winter Fair

January 15 - 18

Lewistown & Virtually

<https://montanawinterfair.com/>

Events include Livestock Judging contest, Youth Beef Show, fiddle and picking contest, poultry show, rabbit show, cat show, stock dog clinic, skijoring, quilt show, Ag Ambassador competition, and much more.

KMON Livestock Judging Contest

Great Falls - Wednesday, January 21

11 - 11:45 a.m. Check In, 11:45 a.m. - Contest start

\$7 registration fee, please Let Kari know if interested in participating and she'll register kids online, Kari has room for 4 kids to attend. Registration deadline is January 13, or fee goes up to \$10 if after that.

Classes may include beef, sheep, wool, swine and goat, two classes of reasons, etc. Find more details at judgingcard.com or message Kari. Top three individuals receive trophies, top individual receives \$150.



Montana 4-H Leadership Academy Monthly Zoom Meetings, 6 - 7 p.m.

January 11 - Planning and Running a Project

Leadership Academy Monthly Workshops

Members 12+, 4-H Age, join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2025-2026 4-H year. 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.

Each month the officer team members will present a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities. The workshops will be focused on basic leadership skills to get 4-H'ers more prepared as they move into larger and more demanding leadership roles, like camp counselors, teen leaders and county ambassadors. Register for the link at https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1NR9vgT1Tw0c3x1.



Save the Date: 4-H Camp

4-H Camp will be June 24 - 26 in the Highwood Mountains for 4-Hers in 7th grade and under this year (no Cloverbuds). Counselors will go down 6/23 to prepare.

Camp counselor application materials will be available soon for those senior members interested, applications will be due back mid February so watch for details.

Congratulations, Sammie!

Sammie McCauley of the Open Range 4-H Club was selected as a Glacier County 4-H ambassador at the last 4-H Council meeting. Sammie has been active in a variety of livestock, quilting, baking, livestock judging, and leadership projects. She's helped with Cloverbud camp, led workshops at Project Days, attended the Legislative Breakfast and Fall Leadership Training. Sammie provided a cover letter and resume to the 4-H Council and interviewed as well to be selected.

Shooting Sports

Marias Fair Archery Tournament - February 1, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Shelby (Old Middle School, 133 6th Ave. S)

Register at

<https://bowscore.com/tournaments/marias-fair-invitational-2026#/>. Registration deadline is January 28. The cost is \$15 per event shot, a late registration fee will be added for all registrations after January 28, 2026.

Marias Fair competitors MUST COMPLETE an INTERVIEW to receive awards. This will be done before or after shooting.

Please arrive to check in a half hour before shooting time or sooner.

Help Needed - Help is needed at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 31 to set up for the tournament. Four to six people with pickups are needed to meet at the Exhibit Building storage area at Marias Fairgrounds to transport tables, chairs, and archery blocks to Old Shelby Middle School (ratchet straps helpful too). This will take about two hours total and whichever counties help, receive proceeds from the tournament back to their shooting sports program. Please let Kari know (kari.lewis@montana.edu) if you can assist with this. It counts as community service as well.

Pondera 4-H Invitational Tournament (Archery and Air Rifle/Pistol) - Saturday, February 7 in Conrad,
Registration information coming soon (will be in person and mail-in/postal)

Marias Fair Air Rifle/Pistol Tournament - March 1, Pondera Shooting Sports Center in Conrad - Registration will open early February, save the date and watch for details.

Statewide tournaments - Check out

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/shooting_sports/shooting-sports-event.html for information on upcoming tournaments around Montana.

3D

ARCHERY MATCH

JAN 17, 2026 @ PSSC

9AM-5PM

EVERYONE WELCOME!

- 20 targets
- 5 stations
- 4 arrows per station (NO BROADHEADS)
- Youth and Adult Divisions
- Unlimited, Bowhunter, Limited, Barebow, Primitive, Olympic Recurve
- Line change every hour
- Reserve your time if you want otherwise first come first serve

Pondera Shooting Sports Club
972 Granite Rd Conrad, MT

\$15/ENTRY
\$50 FOR 4 ENTRIES
CASH/CHECK/CREDIT CARD



The Pondera Shooting Sports Complex and Pondera 4-H Shooters invite you to an indoor 3D Archery Match at the Pondera Shooting Sports Complex. It is open to youth and adults. There are arm guards and fingers for youth to use at this competition.

You can pre-register for specific times and prepay or pay on site. Time slots are first come, first served. Same day registration accepted on spaces available per time slot.

Bring a friend and join in the fun, feel free to share with people who may be interested.

MONTANA 4-H REC LAB

MARCH 27-29, 2026 | COLUMBUS, MT

WORKSHOPS

DANCING

MYSTERY

SERVICE



Montana 4-H Rec Lab Workshop Proposals Needed

❷ This year's theme: "4-H Escape: Do You Have the Skills to Unlock Your Potential?"

Bring your creativity and skills to life with a workshop that challenges participants to grow in leadership, communication, and team-building – the core of Rec Lab’s mission!

Workshop proposals will be submitted through Google Forms at the link here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcMYQsAHodX-ry3QCH-U8g->

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Deadline to submit proposals is Monday, January 5, 2026

Both teens and adults (4-H volunteers, Extension professionals, community members & people from other organizations) are encouraged to submit workshop proposals. Please share with those who might be interested in presenting from your communities!

Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications - Seniors and College Students

The Montana 4-H Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for secondary education. These scholarships are available to both high school graduating seniors and current undergraduate college students.

- Important Dates:
- Applications are due by February 14, 2026.

Visit: <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html> and click on the “Application Platform” tab to prep materials.

Application Link:

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/Montana4HScholarship2026>

This year's Rec Lab will include a county tour and a trip to Montana Silversmith's Outlet Store. We plan to share lots of Stillwater County educational opportunities with you. More info to come!

CLOVERBUDS

Next Cloverbud Meeting:

When: Monday, January 12, 3:45 pm HC Davis Cafeteria

Time: 3:45 - 5:00 pm

Where: HC Davis Cafeteria

Theme: Archery - Cloverbuds will learn the basics of archery with instructor, Mat Tuma.

Parents: Remember to read the newsletter sent home each month

Refreshments: Jaelin Berkram - Please bring enough for 25 kids

Parents: If you haven't yet, please join our Glacier County Cloverbuds Group on Facebook.



Club Related

Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner Grants

The Montana 4-H Foundation is excited to announce that People Partner Grants are now open for applications! See details below as also on our website here:

<https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/grants.html> Please share with groups and individuals that may be interested.

Grant Purpose

These grants provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities.

Application Deadline: February 14, each application is eligible for up to \$500.

Eligibility

4-H groups and individual members may apply. Grants are also open to non-4-H youth groups and individuals. Applications should meet the following criteria:

Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting, and evaluating the project.

Project will make it possible for individuals involved to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps the target audience reach a higher quality of life.

There is community support and acceptance of the project, as evidence by "partners" listed in the grant application, additional funding sources, and resource persons and agencies involved.

The project has lasting benefits. See grant application for more details.

Application Process

Complete the application online here:

<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/program/PeoplePartnerGrant2026>

Help Needed

The Montana's Next Generation Conference is Saturday, January 31 in Shelby and typically attracts around 250 farmers and ranchers. Help is needed for various tasks that may include stuffing folders Friday morning, January 30 in Cut Bank, helping set up tables and chairs and decorating Friday afternoon in Shelby (approximately 2 - 5 p.m.), and babysitting, clean up, etc. Saturday, January 31 during the conference. Any help would be very much appreciated. It can be signed off on for community service hours or individuals can be paid for their help. Please let Kari know if you're available to help any of these times.



Greytak Calendars Available

**Now at the Glacier County
Extension Office!**

\$15.00 each

**Proceeds to Glacier County
4-H Council**



Soup & Bread Fundraiser

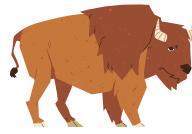
January 18th 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Parkview Senior Center, 715 East Main, Cut Bank

Join us for a Soup and Bread fundraiser on Sunday, January 18th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., supporting Parkview Senior Center's vital Meals on Wheels program. Please spread the word to friends, family, and church communities. Together we can make a difference for those in need. A heartfelt thank you to Lexi Stubbs for organizing this wonderful event! Sign up to bring soup or bread at this link or QR code.



<https://tinyurl.com/4s5y2bdj>



Sign up NOW! Dried Meat Soup in a Jar **February 6th, 10 am to Noon for Kids & Parents**



Join us for a special Valentine's workshop at the Cut Bank High School FACS Classroom on Friday, February 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

We'll be creating beautiful Gifts in a Jar that you can take home and share as thoughtful Valentine's presents. You'll also discover the ancient art of nixtamalization, the traditional process of treating corn that was essential to indigenous food culture and nutrition.

Parents are warmly invited to participate in this hands-on experience! Please register all family members on Zsuite so our guest speakers can adequately prepare materials for everyone.

Sewing Project Day, CHS FACS Room - January 16th, 1 - 3 p.m.

Our next sewing project day will be January 16, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00. Bring your worksheets from last time. We will create another fun project you'll be able to take to the fair and fashion review.

“Emotions in Motion”

Join us for our next *Youth Mental Wellness Story Time* for Ages Pre-school to 8-year-olds

February 27th @ 10:30 a.m. Glacier County Library.

Contact Lisa for more information at lterry@montana.edu



Marias Fair Stadium Cup Logo Contest 2026

We are taking submissions for this year's Marias Fair Food Booth Cup Logo

Submission deadline: February 15th email, JPEG file to Lisa, lterry@montana.edu

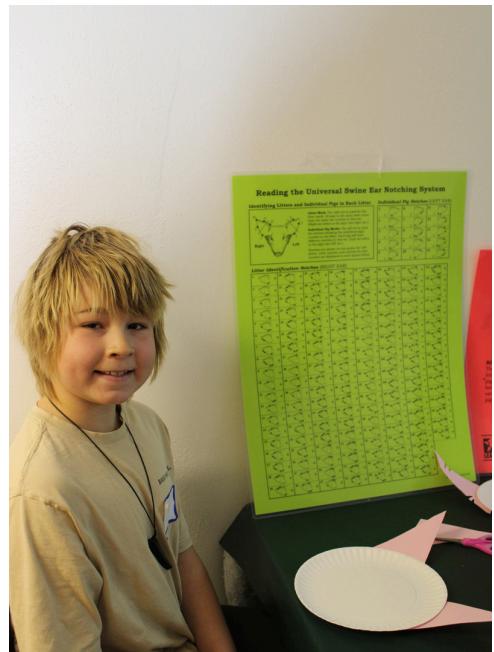
Requirements: Must include the official 4-H Logo

If including county list, must include Blackfeet Reservation, Glacier, Liberty, Pondera, and Toole Counties. Youth entries only.

December 4-H Action

December has been a busy 4-H month with steer weigh-ins, Christmas float decorating, New Family Orientation, Christmas community service, Project Day, and more. A big thank you to Laverdures and Hibbs for their weigh-in spots and to Eric Morrisett, Andrea Bengtson, and Richie Laverdure for their help. Thanks to teen leaders Elyse, Janae, Emily, Olivia, and Stella for their help with the New Family Orientation and to Lexi for providing babysitting. Project Day presenters Dr. Casey Solomon, Katelyn Suta, Ashlyn Brown, Will Suta, Kim Woodring, Sammie McCauley, Emily Roberts, Lisa Terry, Alyssa Terry, Janae Roberts, Ken Winkowitsch, Jed Winkowitsch, Richie Laverdure, and Elyse Bengtson are much appreciated as well!







Christmas 4-H fun included the Parade of Lights with a 1st place trophy for the 4-H Grinch float! Great job to all involved with building, decorating, and participating in the float! This month members of the Open Range 4-H Club decided they wanted to use some of their club funds to make Christmas a bit merrier for the nursing home residents at Northern Pines. Each family received a resident from the Secret Santa tree and shopped for them.