



Thank you to JoAnn McDowell!

We thank JoAnn McDowell for her time and great work at the Extension Office and congratulate her on her new position as the payroll clerk in the Teton County Clerk & Recorder's Office. She will be missed around the office but we are happy she is still nearby!

Mandatory Shooting Sports Orientation - Tuesday September 30

Teton County Shooting Sports Clubs will have a pistol, rifle and Western Heritage organizational meeting on **Tuesday September 30, at 7 p.m. at the Rocky Mountain Rifle Club** at 144 5th Lane NE, Fairfield. This meeting mandatory for parents and for members interested in pistol, rifle and/or Western Heritage shooting sports. If you have questions, or attending presents a problem for your family, please call Brian Bedord with questions at 406-590-9092 before September 30. Remember to bring a checkbook as dues and fees will need to be paid that evening. Shooting practice begins on Wednesday, October 8.

New 4-H Re-enrollment Deadline - November 1

The 4-H re-enrollment due date for returning 4-H youth and adults is **Saturday, November 1**. If you need help with online enrollment, please call the office **well before** the close-of-business on Friday, October 31. We are instituting this earlier due date to be in step with other nearby 4-H counties *and* get project books to members sooner in the year.

Teton County 4-H Happenings

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| September 8 | 4-H Council Meeting, Courthouse Conference Room, Choteau, 5:30 pm |
| September 30 | Shooting Sports Orientation Meeting, Rocky Mountain Rifle Club, 7 p.m. |
| October 7 | All-Club 4-H Celebration, Choteau Pavilion, 6 - 8 pm (Includes dinner) |
| October 20 | 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting, Courthouse Conference Room, Choteau, 6:00 pm |
| October 31 | Club Treasurer's books due, Thursday close-of-business, Extension Office |
| November 1 | 4-H Re-enrollment Deadline for returning youth and adults |

Statewide 4-H Events

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| September 12-14 | MT 4-H Working Ranch Horse Finals at the 406 Arena in Vaughn, MT |
| September 25-28 | State Horse Show at the 406 Arena in Vaughn, MT |
| October 1 | MIWW (Make It With Wool) Entries Due at National, State and District Levels. Late Entries not accepted. |
| October 3-5 | Volunteer Institute in Billings, MT |
| October 5-11 | National 4-H Week - the theme is "Beyond Ready"! |
| November 7-9 | 4-H Fall Leadership Training in Butte, MT |





All-Club 4-H Celebration!

Tuesday October 7, 6 - 8 p.m.

at the Chateau Pavilion

6 - 6:30 pm: Potluck dinner

(Hot roast beef sandwiches provided by Copper Creek with 4-H potluck side dishes and desserts)

6:30 - 7:30 pm: Club Highlights and Awards

(Each club gets 10 minutes to present memorable moments from 2024-2025 and give up to 2 special or unique awards to its members. *Have fun with it!*)

7:30 - 7:45 pm: Celebration of Volunteers!

7:45 - 8:00 pm: Wrap up and time to visit and ask questions of club leaders and superintendents



Club Leader Information

Plan to attend 4-H Council Meetings

Meeting locations will rotate throughout the county and will be decided upon at each meeting.

November 3, 2025: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

January 5, 2026 : 5:30-6:30 p.m.

March 2, 2026: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

May 4, 2026: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

September 14, 2026: 5:30-6:30 p.m.



****Please do not schedule club meetings at the same time as council meetings.**

If a leader from your club cannot attend, please arrange for a family from your club to attend.

Youth 12 and up are highly encouraged to attend and participate in decision making.

Have your first Club Meeting of the year in September

At the first meeting, elect club officers and send names to Extension Office. Encourage families in your club to join county level committees. See page 6 for more information.

Attend Teton County 4-H Celebration on October 7

Prepare a short-but-sweet presentation (serious or funny) about the 2024-25 4-H year and present up to 2 unique club-level awards.

National 4-H Week: Oct 5-11

Promote 4-H at your local school and/or community

- Decorate Lockers
- **Go Green!** Members Wear Green
- Store Front Displays
- Send a 4-H 'Thank You'
- Ideas from Club Members

Turn in Treasurer Books by Friday, October 31, 2025

ALL club and committee treasurer's books are due to the Extension office by October 31. They can be turned in earlier, after including the September bank statement. Items that must be submitted with the treasurer's book are:

- Checkbooks
- Receipts
- Financial records
- Bank statements

Clubs and committee that do not comply risk losing their charter and association with Montana 4-H and/or Teton County 4-H.



Why 4-H?

What motivates you to be a part of
Teton County 4-H?

Help us learn what matters to you by thinking
of **three words or short phrases** that answer
this question.

This information will be used to create goals for the new 4-H year.

Share your words
with the Extension
Team by clicking on
this link:

[4H WordCloud](#)

Scan the QR Code



You can also call or email us at the
Extension Office with your words.

Call: 406-466-2491

Email: teton@montana.edu



2025 State Horse Shows

Head down to the 406 Arena in Vaughn and see 4-H horse project members from around the state compete!

Working Ranch Horse Finals

September 12-14 at 406 Arena in Vaughn.

State Horse Show

September 25-28 at 406 Arena in Vaughn

2025 Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute

Registration for the 2025 Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute is now open!

Get ready to connect, recharge, and gain fresh ideas at the Montana 4-H Volunteer Institute! This statewide event welcomes all Montana 4-H volunteers whether you're brand-new or have years of experience. Spend the weekend learning from inspiring guest speakers, participating in hands-on workshops, and sharing ideas with fellow volunteers who share your passion for helping youth thrive. Together, we'll build skills, spark creativity, and shape beyond ready youth in every corner of Montana 4-H.

[View the schedule and details for the Volunteer Institute.](#)

Workshop descriptions will be added once selected. Participants will select workshops at the institute.

Conference attendee's are responsible for booking their own hotel room.

To register click on the registration link below. You will have the option to pay with a credit card or pay later option if your county is covering part of your registration fee.

[Registration Link](#)

October 3-5, 2025

Registration Cost: \$75

Billings Hotel and Convention Center

(406) 248-7151

1223 Mullowney Ln, Billings, MT 59101

\$129 Double Queen Room Call and ask for the 4-H Room Block.

Room Block expires September 12.

2025 4-H Fall Youth Leadership Training

4-H Fall Leadership Training for teen leaders and county Ambassadors is **November 7-9, 2025 in Butte** at the Copper King. This opportunity is available to the 2025 Camp Counselors.

Theme and schedule announced September 14. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Extension Office for details.

School Service Learning Requirements

If your school has service learning requirements, please talk to local school administrators about how to record your service learning hours and let our office know. We are happy to complete paperwork, etc., but can only do so if we know your school's requirements and you prompt us via email, text, call, to do so. Many 4-H events would qualify as service learning!



Serve on a 4-H Committee this 4-H Year!

Sign up for committees now!

In addition to clicking on the link above, you can also email (teton@montana.edu), text (406-350-5373) or call (406-466-2491) to sign up for committees.

| Teton County 4-H Committee | Description | Meetings | # of Members (Suggested Minimum) |
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| Standing Committees | | | |
| Budget & Audit | Develops and then recommends to the 4-H Council an annual budget, which is voted on at 4-H Council | Meets 1-2 times each year in late Summer and/or Fall | 4-H Council Treasurer, 1 agent, 1 adult member, 1 youth member |
| Communications Day | Assist in contacting local volunteer judges, setting up at the event and providing refreshments for participants. | Meets 1-2 times each year in Fall and/or Winter, to plan Teton County's Communications Day in spring | 1 agent, 1-2 adult members, 1-2 youth members |
| Fair | Designates annual Fair theme, creates the schedule of Fair activities, develops the Fair publicity plan | Meets 1-2 times each year in Spring, to plan Teton County's 4-H Fair in June | 1 agent, 1 or 2 adult members, 1 or 2 youth members |
| Awards | Designates annual awards plan for 4-H competitions; may be the same members and meet at the same time as the Fair Committee | Meets 1-2 times each year in Spring, to plan Teton County's 4-H Fair in June | 1 agent, 1 or 2 adult members, 1 or 2 youth members |
| Livestock | Attends to livestock project areas including animal husbandry education, livestock quality assurance education, safety and rules regarding the 4-H Livestock Sale and Carcass Competition | Meets on the first Monday of every other month (Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug) | Ag agent, Officers (Pres, VP, Treasurer, Secretary), livestock superintendents, 1 or more adult members, 1 or more youth members |
| Horse Committee | Oversees equine education events, rules, regulations and safety of 4-H horse-related events and contests – in the case of an active horse project club, may be comprised of the horse project club members | Meets 3 to 4 times per year, or as needed | Horse project club leader, 1 or more adult members, 1 or more youth members |
| Textile | Oversees textile educational events, offerings and competitions | Meets 1 or 2 times per year, in Fall and/or Spring | 1 agent, 1 or 2 adult members, 1 or 2 youth members |
| Record Book | Establishes guidelines for 4-H members' record book completions; reviews record books submitted for record book quality contest | Meets 1-2 times each year in the late Summer and/or Fall | 3 adult members |
| Special Committee | | | |
| Exchange | Currently inactive; will activate when needed. An active committee is not needed to enroll in the Exchange project. | Meets only as need to review Exchange policy | Ad hoc |

Contact Us!

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Text only:

- 406-530-5373

Email (send club minutes, most questions/issues):

- teton@montana.edu



Mark Your Calendar!

Fair Dates

2026 June 22-28

4-H Congress, Bozeman

2026 July 7-10

Camp Dates

TBA

Rec Lab

TBA

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