

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2026

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM RONI BAKER

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Fruit Sale a success. Kim Sindelar continually does a great job organizing this huge fundraiser. Club leaders who help coordinate their club's Fruit Sales are invaluable. Thank you to everyone who helped put the sale baskets together and deliver them. Thanks for all your time and hard work!

National Volunteer Week is April 19-25, 2026. 4-H members should acknowledge the great volunteers that work with you in 4-H.

Tractor Supply Company's Spring 4-H Paper Clover Campaign runs April 17 – May 3. Anyone can purchase a paper clover to help financially support 4-H programs. Tell your friends and neighbors. You can also send a thank you to Tractor Supply for their support of 4-H.

UPDATED PROCEDURE FOR 2026

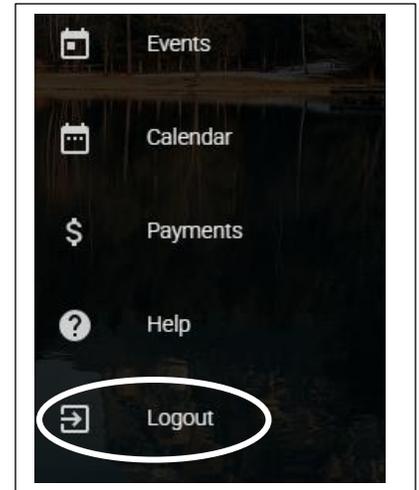
MONTANAFair CAMPING SPACE RESERVATION REQUESTS

IMPORTANT UPDATES

You must LOGOUT of ZSuite BEFORE YOU BEGIN A RESERVATION REQUEST. Log out of ZSuite by scrolling down to the bottom of your household dashboard and click on LOGOUT. Please familiarize yourself with how to LOGOUT BEFORE April 1.

A registration window will open and will ask you to sign into ZSuite – DO NOT SIGN BACK INTO ZSUITE! The ZSuite program does not allow us to alter that sentence.

Only select ADULT as the Participant Type under the General Information section of the request. DO NOT select Youth.



After you are certain you have logged out of ZSuite, everyone must use [the reservation request link](https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/41024) at <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/41024>. Complete all registration fields, pay and submit.

Only 4-H and FFA members exhibiting in Department A and N at MontanaFair and MontanaFair 4-H officials may request a camper space. A limited number of spaces are available on a first requested, first-filled basis. Completing a request does not guarantee a space reservation.

All 4-H/FFA exhibitor requests for MontanaFair Camper/Trailer reservations are only accepted electronically. NO calls or emails for reservation requests. Registration requests open at 8:00 am on April 1. All requests are date and time stamped once you have completed all questions, paid (if applicable), and hit Submit.

Be prepared: Credit/debit card payment is required. Checks or cash are **NOT** accepted. There is a credit/debit card processing fee of \$5.00. Refunds (less \$5.00 debit/credit fee) for cancelations are possible by contacting the Yellowstone County Extension office at 406-256-2828, before August 1, 2026.

Information required to complete a request: Please know the make of your camper, camper license plate number, and exact length. If length is not actual, and the camper/trailer will not fit the assigned camper space based on the information you provide, you may not be accommodated. You also must provide the license plate numbers for ALL vehicles that your family will be parking in the camper space areas.

Requestors will be notified in early July of their request status via a letter, map of space location, and identification that must be placed in your camper window.

Your space request is for 9 days at MontanaFair.

- Full Hookup: \$150
- Electric/water only Hookup: \$80
- Dry camping: No charge but completing a reservation request and contract are required.

2026 EVENT DAY – SATURDAY APRIL 11 IN THE MONTANA PAVILION

Showcase - Communications Day – and Workshops all on the same day at the same location!

Come and spend the day or come and go for different activities. Just stop by to watch and learn.

Communication Day in the morning, Showcase in the afternoon and midday workshops.

Communication Day is a county-wide event that allows members the opportunity to participate in speech, demonstration, career communications (interviews), video, short take, broadcast and poetry. You do not need to be enrolled in a specific project to do this event. You can enter it on your fair entry and receive premium money. You can also do it at the fair. Cloverbuds are welcome to do this event. Speech, demonstration, interview and video winners can qualify to compete at State 4-H Congress in Bozeman.

Registration is open in ZSuite under Events. Registration deadline is March 27 by 5:00 pm.

Anyone can participate in the workshops. No registration is required.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Painted Cookie Decorating. A variety of cookie shapes and icings for painting. Royal icing, marshmallow paint or store-bought frosting. We'll also have lots of sprinkles!

12:30 – 1:30 pm Wildflower Seed Bombs. A seed bomb is a little ball of compost, clay, and flower seeds that can be placed anywhere and after it rains, flowers will grow! You can make them for yourself, gifts for family and friends, and for local service projects.

1:30 – 2:30 pm Photography Exposure and Composition. You will learn how light affects an image, how to control brightness, and how to intentionally frame a photo to tell a story. The workshop offers guided practice and photo activities, allowing you to apply what you learn right away. Instruction will cover both cameras and smartphones, with tips for using cellphone camera features to improve photo quality. ***Bring your camera/phone.***

Showcase is an opportunity for members in Clothing and Textiles projects to show items they have made or purchased in their projects. After being judged the participants take part in a public fashion show. You must be enrolled in sewing, quilting, shopping in style or needlework projects to be able to take part in any of the areas of competition. Cloverbuds can also take part in these events. Sewing and quilting winners can qualify to compete at State 4-H Congress in Bozeman. Everyone is welcome at 4:30 pm to watch the public fashion show, view the quilts and the award ceremony.

Members can enter items they have sewn, do a display, duct tape items, costumes, international clothes, quilting or needlework. There is even a category for adults to enter their quilts.

Registration materials will be sent to all members enrolled in a sewing, quilting, shopping in style and needlework project. Registration can be found on the county website. Deadline for entries is March 27 by 5:00 pm in the Extension Office (not postmarked by).

CLOVERBUD CAMP & COUNCIL MEETINGS

- A planning meeting for the 2026 Cloverbud Camp will be held on Thursday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the 4-H Building. Come and share your ideas to plan this fun event. Cloverbud Camp will be held on July 16, 2026.

- 4-H Council will be meeting at 6:30.

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings!

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY APRIL 12 – DECISION MAKING

For Members 4-H Age 12 and older (as of October 1, 2025)

Join the 2026 Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop series on Sunday evenings from 6 pm – 7 pm. Each month the State Ambassador Officer Team will present a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have developed their own leadership abilities.

The leadership academy is for Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways. The workshop content is considered beginner level for emerging leaders. Members with more leadership experience may find this to be a review and should consider mentoring younger members just starting out in leadership activities before or after these workshops.

Visit the [State 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/youth_leadership/academy.html) to register for the workshop series and receive the Zoom link at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/youth_leadership/academy.html

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 including the level of the project. Members may make changes to their PROJECTS up until April 30, 2026, 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.

4-H CAMP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 8

This year camp will be held on June 9-12, at the Beartooth Christian Camp near Absarokee. You can look forward to great dances, campfires, swimming and many more crafts and activities. Camp will cost \$225.00 for campers. Partial scholarships are available for those that write a scholarship request letter.

We will have a limit of 120 campers (Yellowstone, Stillwater, & Carbon counties). Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis. **Applications MUST BE COMPLETED IN ZSUITE through the Household Primary profile under the Events section in the dashboard.** Application deadline is May 8, at 5:00 pm.

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER RECOGNIZE YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Check with your employer to see if they reward employees for doing volunteer work. Many businesses (i.e., Costco, Walmart, Exxon Mobil, and First Interstate Bank) will give a nonprofit organization (4-H) a donation for the number of hours their employee volunteers. One club received \$250 for their club program.

MONTANA 4-H STATE AWARD

May 1, 2026, is the due date for Montana 4-H State Award application. Members who are 14 and older as of October 1, 2025, are eligible. This award recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a variety of project and activity award areas. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service. 4-H members may self-nominate.

There can be more than one winner in a project, or activity area. A member can apply in any project or area; an application must be completed for each project or area in which they want to be considered. State award selection committees look for excellence in 4-H work, leadership, citizenship, and community service. All state award winners will be announced at state 4-H Congress in July. If a member is selected as a state winner, they are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in November, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Members can view sample award applications and access the award application on the [state 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/awards/state-awards.html) at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/awards/state-awards.html

4-H ADULT AWARDS

Do you know of someone who deserves a 4-H adult award? 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.

Nominations are due to Roni at the Extension office by April 24.

OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND STATE 4-H CONGRESS IN JULY

Were you 13 years old by October 1, 2025, and are interested in attending State 4-H Congress in Bozeman this July? This statewide gathering focuses on leadership development and personal growth. The event includes competitions for state projects and contest awards. **4-H members can qualify to attend State 4-H Congress by participating in our county Communication Day and/or Showcase.**

The following briefly describes the activities and events that are available to participate in at State 4-H Congress. Some have county participation requirements. Please read them carefully. 4-H State Congress will be July 7-10, 2026. Contact Roni if you are interested in attending as an individual or part of a county team.

Demonstration - You must have received a blue ribbon at the county Communication 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.

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

Fashion Revue – You must have participated in county Showcase event. We may take more than one participant. Selection is made at the county Showcase event.

Horse Judging - We may take a team of four.

Livestock Judging - We may take a team of 4 or individual members to compete in judging classes and giving reasons.

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.

Gavel Games - This is a Parliamentary Procedure contest. Teams of four compete.

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.

Video - Learn communication skills through creating, editing, and presenting a video.

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_and_events/events/mt_4h_congress/index.html) at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/mt_4h_congress/index.html

Contact Roni Baker by May 8 if you are interested. Those participating in an eligible county contest will be mailed information.

MONTANA CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM

Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) 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. MCC offers summer expedition programs to teens ages 14-18 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/>

2026 YOUTH TRAPPER CAMP-FUN FOR THE FAMILY

Are you taking the wildlife project or just like animals? Visit the [Montana Trappers Association](https://www.youthtrappercamp.org/) or <https://www.youthtrappercamp.org/> for information about the 2026 Youth Trapper Camp.

NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH CAMP

The Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp has provided youth with an opportunity to study in an outdoor classroom. We invite youth aged 14-18 and 13 (if graduated from eight grade) to spend one week in the rustic setting of Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula and learn about Montana's natural resources. Registration forms are available at the [Montana Natural Resource Camp](https://www.montana.edu/extension/forestry/mnryc/index.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/forestry/mnryc/index.html>

2026 MONTANAFAIR DEPARTMENT A (animal) & N (non-animal) HANDBOOKS

MontanaFair Department handbooks and online registration will be available on the [MontanaFair website](https://www.montanafair.com/) at <https://www.montanafair.com/>. The handbooks should be posted in May. Handbooks will also be available on the [county 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html>.

FAIR CLERK APPLICATIONS

Applications and job descriptions for fair clerks are available at the Extension office. The applications must be returned to the Extension office as soon as possible.

4-H CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

Congratulations to the following youth leaders in the 4-H program.

| Club | Secretary | Treasurer |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Big Sky Thunderbolts | Maria Murdick | TJ Martin |
| Blue Creek Jumping Bucks | Heather Cole | Peyson Rolph |
| City Kids | Mae Russell | Jack Holberg |
| Compass All Stars | Taytum Lynch | Samantha Lynch |
| Cool Clovers | Claira Longmire | Claira Longmire |
| Hesper Hustlers | Alexa Kuhr | Grace Sedlacek |
| Huntley Eagles | Kora Selle | Alex Luhman |
| Kountry Kritters | Nola Vincent | Brayden Connelly |
| Laurel Roadrunners | Paige Walter | Paisley Walter |
| Lockwood Humble Bs | Aidan Lentz | Joy Mortensen |
| Northern Lights | Addison Mercier | Lily Mercier |
| Pine Ridge Red Ryders | Bradlie Joseph | Emma Barnhart |
| Project Rockin Wranglers | Graclynn Fallang | Wesley Browning |
| Ruff Riders | | |
| Shepherd Lonestars | Craig Berens | Kase Knaff |

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| Shepherd Pioneers | Lily Watson | Isabelle Brito |
| Shepherd Tumbleweeds | Emily Peck | Brooklyn Berg |
| Shepherd Wranglers | Everett Noonkester | Harper Noonkester |
| Whips and Sticks | Corbin Murnin | Axton Mosher |
| Worden Riverdale | Brynlee Buchholz | Owen Rouse |
| Yellowstone Mavericks | Saydee Boone | Saydee Boone |
| Yellowstone Silver Spurs | Henry Gauer | Tyler Kennah |

MONTHLY CLUB MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

The following clubs turned in club minutes by the newsletter deadline:

City Kids: Members are considering a fund raiser garage sale. Club T-shirts have been ordered.

Compass All Stars: Club members had a goal to sell more fruit boxes than last year. They sold 28 boxes more!

Hesper Hustlers: Members held a short deadline reminder meeting and went bowling as their club activity.

Pine Ridge Red Ryder: Many members did club demonstrations including Parli Pro, Archery, Making a Strawberry Shake, and Wrestling Moves.

Project Rockin Wranglers: Club received a thank you card from the Worden Seniors for the Valentine Cards members made.

Ruff Riders: Members were reminded of upcoming AQA deadlines and tagging at PAYS and cleaned the 4-H Building.

Shepherd Pioneers: We had a guest presenter talk about what Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) and medical assistants do in the medical field and what training is required.

Shepherd Tumbleweeds: Members were reminded of many February events and reminded each member must do a Show and Tell to the club by April 1.

Worden Riverdale: Members started planning for Homesteader Days and upcoming Quality Assurance trainings.

Yellowstone Mavericks: Members worked together to submit a one sentence grant to Montana Farmers Union.

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 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Briess Malt | 1457 Hwy 14A, Powell WY 82435 |
| Adventure Scuba | 2101 Grand Avenue #1, Billings MT 59102 |
| Albertsons | 670 Main St, Billings MT 59105 |
| Cowboy Meats | PO Box 303, Forsyth MT 59327 |
| Albertsons | 205 S 1 st Ave, Laurel MT 59044 |
| ToadNWillow | 2425 Miles Ave, Billings MT 59102 |
| Valley Farmers Supply | 1545 Northern Avenue, Worden MT 59088 |
| Thompson Cattle Company | PO Box 1781, Billings MT 59103 |
| Stray Dog Trucking | 8005 Weed Creek Road, Custer MT 59024 |
| Open A Feeders | PO Box 30758, Billings MT 59107 |

DEPARTMENT N (NON-ANIMAL PROJECTS) MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, at 6:00 pm. We will be planning for MontanaFair. Your help and input are needed. The 4-H council meeting will follow.

SHOWCASE REGISTRATIONS DUE MARCH 27

Registrations were mailed to all Cloverbuds, and members and leaders enrolled in every Sewing and Textiles project.

Registrations are due in the Extension office by Friday, March 27, by 5:00 pm (NOT postmarked by). Registration forms may also be printed off the [county 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html>.

CERAMICS WORKSHOP FOR APRIL

The ceramics workshop will be held Saturday, April 4. Times are 10:00 am - 1:00 pm or 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Call Sheri Anttila at 406-633-5531 to let her know if you have any questions, need directions to her home, and which class/time you will be attending.

ARE YOU CORRECTLY ENROLLED IN YOUR ANIMAL PROJECT?

If you plan on entering an animal project in MontanaFair and want to sell your animal in the Junior Livestock Sale, you must be enrolled in a Level of an Animal project AND the Market project for that animal. (CKM/05/06/15)

HORSE AND COLT MEETING

The April Horse and Colt meeting will be held on April 15, at 6:00 pm at the Extension office. Everyone is welcome.

DOG RALLY PRACTICE

Dog Rally Practice will be on Saturday April 18th, Novice from 2:30 to 3:15 pm and Intermediate + from 3:30 to 4:15 pm at the 4-H Building. This session is for all current Dog Project Members and dogs they have had assessed for project participation. Lacey Wood will be assisting with sign instructions and questions. Any questions, please call Angie Murdick 406-208-3324. This is the last scheduled Rally Practice before the Dog Show.

HORSE WORKSHOP

Educational Horse Workshop – Veterinary Care, Thursday, April 23, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the 4-H Building at Metra Park. Open to ALL 4-H youth interested in learning more about horses! Contact Bonnie DeVerniero with any questions, 406-694-5234. Next date: May 14: Conformation Evaluation

SWINE, SHEEP & MARKET GOATS EAR TAGGING FOR 2026 MONTANAFAIR

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to enter a market swine, sheep, or goat in the 2026 MontanaFair must be enrolled in the project by **April 30** and ear tag their animals on **Saturday, May 2**. **The tagging site will be Public Auction Yards (PAYS) 1802 Minnesota Avenue, from 8:00 - 11:00 am.**

CAT SHOW (PRE-MONTANAFAIR EVENT) – REGISTER IN ZSUITE

The 2026 Cat Show will be held in the 4-H Building on Saturday, May 16, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Check-in at 8:00 a.m. This event is open to Yellowstone County 4-H members enrolled in the Cat Project. Claws must be clipped or tipped before cats may show. If you need assistance with clipping/tipping or have questions, call Angie Murdick at 406-208-3324. Register in ZSuite through your household profile under “Events”. Current rabies and distemper vaccination records are required and can be uploaded when registering or email them to BOTH brandy.butler@montana.edu and leslie.idstrom@montana.edu, by 5:00 pm on May 8. (Not postmarked by)

DOG SHOW (PRE-MONTANAFAIR EVENT) – REGISTER IN ZSUITE

The 2026 Dog Show will be held in the 4-H Building on Saturday, May 16, 2:00 pm until done. Check-in at 1:30 pm. This event is open to Yellowstone County 4-H members enrolled in the Dog Project. Participation in the County Obedience program is not required. Register in ZSuite through your household profile under “Events”. Current rabies, distemper and bordetella vaccination records for dogs that did not participate in the County Obedience program are required with registration and can be uploaded when registering or email them to BOTH brandy.butler@montana.edu and leslie.idstrom@montana.edu, by 5:00 pm on May 8. (Not postmarked by)

SADDLE UP FOR 4-H-HOURS ON HORSEBACK PROGRAM – REGISTER IN ZSUITE

It's time to join the “Hours on Horseback” program. Keep track of the hours you ride your project horse from May 1 to September 30, 2026. This is the easiest way to track just how much time you put into your project and shows your riding consistency. It can also be added to your record book next to your "What I did & What I learned" sections. You can also track your time for your 1- and 2-year-old colt to maturity projects. Awards are presented at Family Fun Night in November. Register in ZSuite through your household profile under “Events”. Logs for recording hours can be

2025-2026 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. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the AQA training with the member. Yellowstone County has two 4-H age brackets for AQA training. Exhibitors must attend AQA as a beginner/Junior member (8-13), and as a senior member (14-19). This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – their age on October 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must take Animal Quality Assurance the first year they reach each age bracket or the first year they exhibit any animal project. Class content is determined by a committee.

There will be hands-on, group activities. Plan to arrive on time with a parent/legal guardian staying for the complete 1½ hours. If you and your parent are not in attendance for the entire session, you may be asked to attend another. Plan to attend an early session to avoid conflicts that may arise later. **NO workshops will be held after the June 3 class. It is the final opportunity for 2026.**

The May session is in person at PAYS. For virtual sessions, attendees must log into a Webex meeting (link will be sent via email prior to each session) to get instructions about how and where to go to complete the online program. The online program requires members to pay a \$12 fee to take the online class. A copy of the completion certificate must be provided to the Extension office.

Thursday, April 23 – 6 pm at the 4-H Building – (focused on Horse)
Saturday, May 2 - 9:00-10:30 am at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)
Wednesday, June 3 - 6:30 pm Virtual training

MSU EXTENSION 4-H HORSE HELMET POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Participants in 4-H Horse Projects 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" – their age on October 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must attend the workshop the first year they reach every age bracket or the first year they are exhibiting in a horse project. A parent or legal guardian must attend with the member.

After attending a 4-H Helmet Workshop, riders may choose whether they will wear a certified helmet. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with 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 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 may 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 are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed but use livestock. **NO workshops will be held after the May 2 class. It is the final opportunity for 2026.**

Wednesday, April 15: 7:00-8:00 pm at the Extension office – 2320 3rd Ave. N
Saturday, May 2: 11:00 am-12:00 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

CARBON COUNTY SMALL ANIMAL BOOTCAMP APRIL 18

Carbon County Extension is hosting a small animal bootcamp at the Carbon County Fairgrounds on April 18, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Join them for a day packed full of education and hands-on showmanship opportunities. There will be stations covering rabbit, poultry, dog, cat, and pocket pet. Cost is \$40. Register in ZSuite under Events.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE INTERMOUNTAIN & BEYOND THE BEARTHOOHS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CAMP

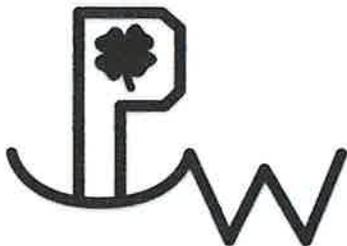
This year, Carbon County Extension is teaming up with the Intermountain Judging Camp to provide a three-day, hands-on learning opportunity for youth interested in livestock judging.

The camp will be held on May 28-30 at Carbon County Fairgrounds. This event is perfect for youth in 4-H as well as coaches looking to improve their livestock judging, evaluation, and communication skills. The camp will be led by experienced collegiate coaches from Auburn University and Linn-Benton Community College. Expect a fun-filled weekend of learning and practice!

Registration is open in ZSuite under Events. Questions? Call Carbon County Agents Sarah-Jane French at 406-322-8035 or Amber Elliott at 406-962-3522.

INFORMATION

- Entry Fee \$10 per Animal
- Age is ON October 1st, 2025
- PeeWee 5-7 Beginner 8-10
- Junior 11-13 Senior 14 – 18
- Show order SR, JR, BEG., PW
- Top two in each age division will qualify to show in Round Robin
- Must have button down long sleeve collared shirt and pants
- Shot records showing Rabies, Parvo and Distemper for Dog must be provided at check-in



ENTRY

All entries need to include:

- Name, Address, Phone
- 4-H Club and County
- Age Division and Childs DOB
- Animals to be shown, limit one per species
- Payments made at show
- Cash or Check

Please email all entries to:
koivu_kennels@yahoo.com

Questions:
Kayla Koivu @ 307-251-4931

May enter the day of the show.

Rockin' The Project

3rd Annual Small Animal Showmanship Jackpot

Date: Saturday April 18th, 2026

Time: Check In @ 9 AM: Show @ 10 AM

Location: 4-H Building @ Metra Park

POULTRY, CAVY, POCKET PET, RABBIT, DOG AND CAT PROJECTS

- Pee Wee, Beginner, Junior, Senior Divisions
- Round Robin for each Division
- Banners and plaques will be given

All animals must be kenneled or caged!
Bring your own cages. Dogs/Cats must be leashed when not kenneled

Judges are VOLUNTEERS... BE KIND!

APRIL 2026 4-H CALENDAR



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 MontanaFair Camper Space Reservations ONLINE ONLY Yellowstone County Foundation Scholarship Deadline 6 pm Dog <i>4-H Building</i> | 2 5:30 Cloverbud Camp Meeting 6:00 Dept. N with Council to follow. <i>4-H Building</i> | 3 | 4 2:30 Dog Rally <i>4-H Building</i> |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 6 pm Dog <i>4-H Building</i> | 9 | 10 | 11 EVENT DAY at the Expo Center 8:30 Communication Day 11-2:30 Workshops for all members 1:00 Showcase |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 6 pm Dog <i>4-H Building</i> 6:00 Horse & Colt Meeting <i>Extension Office</i> 7:00 Horse Helmet Workshop <i>Extension Office</i> | 16 | 17 Newsletter Articles Due Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign April 17-May 3 | 18 Rockin' the Project Small Animal Showmanship Jackpot <i>4-H Building</i> |
| 19 National Volunteer Week April 19-25 | 20 | 21 | 22 6 pm Dog <i>4-H Building</i> | 23 6:00 Horse Workshop & AQA <i>4-H Building</i> | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 6 pm Dog <i>4-H Building</i> | 30 Member's Project Adds & Drops Deadline in ZSuite | May 1 State Award Applications Due | 2 8-11 Swine, Sheep & Goat tagging 9:00 Animal Quality Assurance 11:00 Horse Helmet <i>All at PAYS</i> |