

# December 4-H Newsletter

## 4-H Enrollment Deadline

# 2024

Please remind current members, cloverbuds and leaders that they need to complete re-enrollment in ZSuites, pay dues and return the completed Yearly 4-H Enrollment Agreement to the Extension Office by January 15th. Reminder, the 4-H agreement form is NOT one of the agreements signed on ZSuites, it is its own sheet that needs to be printed and signed and turned into the Extension office.

Leaders please also make sure new families are aware of the deadline and know they can contact the Extension Office for help and information if needed.

## 4-H Enrollment Tips

- 1) Pick up a Clover- Project Selection Guide from your Club Leader or the Extension Office
  - a. Carefully read all of the enclosures and the sections about the projects you are taking.
- 2) Go online to ZSuites (instructions are on and insert in the Clover)
  - a. New Families- Create a family account and then add cloverbuds, members and leaders.
  - b. Re-enrolling- go to your Family Account and re-enroll – you may also add new cloverbuds, members and leaders.
  - c. Projects- Cloverbuds are 5 to 7-year-old and will only take the Cloverbud Project. 1st year members should start with one or two projects.
- 3) Pay dues- you may pay online for a \$1 fee, or hit pay in person and come into the Extension Office
- 4) Yearly agreement- ask your club leader for this form and review it with your leader and parents. Sign and return to your leader, or the Extension Office.

## 4-H Literature Packets

After your enrollment is complete you will receive your 4-H Literature packet at your club meeting. There will be two copies of your enrollment sheet on the top of the packet- please proofread:

- \* The spelling and capitalization of your name. Please, no all caps.
- \* Your mailing address, phone, and email address
- \* Your date of birth, grade, and gender  
(Your 4-H age will be your age on Oct. 1, 2023)
- \* Year in 4-H
  - ~Year in 4-H should be 1 for first year cloverbuds
  - ~Your year in 4-H should be 1 for first year members (cloverbud years do not count)
  - ~Year in 4-H should be 1 for first year leaders.
  - ~Members years go up one year for each year you complete your record book.
- \* Check your projects, make sure they are all listed and correct
  - ~Project years would go up one, if you completed the records and required workbook activities.
- \*You will move up a level when your workbook is complete.



# 4-H Happenings

## Greytak Calendars

Greytek calendars are in and available. These make great Christmas gifts. They are \$15 per calendar, \$5 goes to the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leaders Council. We will be starting a waitlist for anyone wanting a calendar after we have sold out. If we can get enough to justify shipping, we will make another order for more.

## Radio Spots

This month's radio times are 12/13 10:10am and 12/27 10:10am. If you are unable to make it during one of these times, please reach Chris at the office or Heidi at the radio station to set up a time to record. You can also record in mp3 fashion and send to Heidi at [heidi@kxlo-klcm.com](mailto:heidi@kxlo-klcm.com). This is an easy and fun way to tell our community what you are doing and learning. This is a great opportunity to expand your public speaking and communication skills.

## Public Speaking Day

Mark your calendars for County Public Speaking Day! **March 23rd at the boys and girls club.** This event allows you to compete in public speaking on the county level. For those of you wanting to compete at State Congress in public speaking you must attend and place to compete at Congress. This is also a perfect opportunity to improve your communications and public speaking skills. Remember you will always need these skills no matter what you choose to pursue in life. All members and cloverbuds should be doing a presentation in their club.

## 2025 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar and Legislative Breakfast

The 2025 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar and Legislative Breakfast will take place from **January 19-21, 2025, in Helena, Montana.** This event is designed to educate Montana youth about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship and the legislative process through fun and interactive format. Participants will interact with each other during a mock legislative process, using bills they have written and submitted. 4-H members must be 13 years of age by October 1, 2024. Citizenship Seminar youth and adult participants will also attend the Legislative Breakfast on Tuesday, January 21st and the practice dinner on Monday January 20th. There is a \$95 registration fee per youth and adult to offset the seminar program costs. The program fee includes all meals for both Montana Citizenship Seminar and the Legislative Breakfast.

Youth log into your Z-Suite Profile and register under Events starting November 29, 2024 – January 8, 2025. Please check with your county office to confirm the amount before paying. Registration for Citizenship Seminar includes registration to Legislative Breakfast. Participants attending Citizenship Seminar do not need to register separately for Legislative Breakfast.

*Bright Country Nights*  
*December 6th- 8th*



# 4-H Happenings

## Static Committee

The Static Committee worked with volunteers and hosted several project workshops, and we are looking forward to providing that opportunity again this year. Watch emails and posts in the new year's newsletters. As a fundraiser we sold stickers that were designed by members in our 4-H community. We are still selling them at the office.

Static Committee meeting TBD in 2025.

## Shooting Sports

As the new year begins, shooting sports in Lewistown is looking to see what the interest is for 2025. Youth do not need to be enrolled in a shooting sports project to attend this meeting as 4-H enrolment for the 2025 year will remain open until after this meeting. The goal of this meeting will be to gauge interest in the different shooting sports disciplines and come up with a plan for the year. Almost all of the available shooting sports disciplines are available with certified instructors in Fergus County including rifle, shotgun, archery, pistol, muzzleloader, and hunting. Please keep an eye out for an email containing the exact date, time, and location of this meeting.

# Winter Fair

## Winter Fair

Winter Fair is coming up soon. The dates have been moved back and it will be held Jan 17th-19th. There are many events to take part in.

The rabbit, cat and poultry show will be on Saturday at the trade center starting with the cat show at 2pm, poultry at 3pm and the rabbit show at 4pm. On Sunday the beef show will be going on in the pavilion.

We will also be hosting the concessions in the trade center on both Sat 8:30 – 4pm and Sunday 10am – 1pm. Please look for a sign-up genius next month for times to help and donations needed. Please remember that this fundraiser helps us to offer more to our kids throughout the year and many hands make light work.

Jan 17th-19th Central Montana Fairgrounds

<http://www.montanawinterfair.com>





# Leadership Academy

## Leadership Academy Monthly Workshop

Members 12+ 4-H Age

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2024 and 2025.

The Leadership Academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their local 4-H program in new ways.

Local leadership groups will have an opportunity to join with members from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, virtually, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

Each month the officer team will be presenting a different workshop topic that they found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities. This workshop can be paired with a local county leadership meeting to work on county projects that serve the local 4-H program and community.

County Leadership groups should plan to meet face to face whenever possible and engage in the virtual STATEWIDE workshop together.

This time can be viewed as a leadership club meeting. County ambassadors can aid in planning and facilitating these local workshop meetings. The following agenda is currently being planned.

All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00. Zoom links for each workshop session will be emailed to county extension offices and can be shared locally.

*Always at 3pm at the Extension Office or by Zoom*

## Leadership Academy Dates

**December 15th**

**January 12th**

**February 9th**

**March 16th**

March 16th

**Collective  
Leadership**

**Presented by**

**Morgan Sites from  
Park County**

This leadership academy will focus on leadership within a group. Attendees will learn about common problems that occur within committees, why they arise, and how to solve them.

December 15th

**Working with Adults as  
Partners**

**Presented by Stella  
Duran from Lewis &  
Clark County**

In this Leadership Academy we will work to understand professional and positive interactions when working with adults in 4-H and the community. You can use these skills to make a positive first impression!

January 12th

**Icebreaker 101**

In this workshop you will get an inside look on what makes a good icebreaker and how to keep your audience engaged. With a group and a State Ambassador you will brainstorm and design your own icebreaker!

February 9th

**Leading with  
Confidence**

This workshop will teach attendees about how to be confident, but not arrogant. Learn all about how to grow your confidence through leadership and how to use it properly.



# Livestock, Small Animal & Horse

## Livestock Committee

This year was a year of change in the Livestock Committee. We started the process of onboarding 2 new superintendents with Trevor Gerais as swine superintendent and Amanda Gillett as sheep/goat superintendent. With new personnel comes new ideas, one of these ideas was to revamp the pavilion set up for the 2024 Central Montana Fair. Policy changes that were brought forth and passed in November for next year's fair include: not conducting the Super Animal Awards. All other proposed policy changes were voted down.

The next meeting will be January 7th.

## Livestock and Horse Judging Dates

**December 4th - Horse Judging Practice**

**December 11th - Livestock Judging Practice**

**December 18th - Livestock Judging Practice**

## Small Animal Committee

The Small Animal Committee has adopted 3 new policies this year. The first is to add a pen of 2 broilers to the market lot. The second is to break market classes into species specific (turkeys, hens, meat, and ducks) and the third a member may only show their own animal and make ID cards required and due to the office by June 1st, exceptions to be approved by the committee. The Small Animal Committee meeting will be following the small and large animal workbook workshop on January 11th at noon. We will be discussing the spring showmanship clinic, fair prizes, and sponsorships. Please come and voice your opinions, members are always welcome and encouraged since this is their program.

The next meeting will be January 11th at noon.

## Small & Large Animal Workshop

Small and Large animal workbook Workshop will be January 11th at 9:00 AM at the First Christian Church. This is a time to sit with others in this project and work through your seven activities in your workbook. Most kids can get all seven activities done in the time that we are together. This alleviates pressure and stress in the days before interview day.

The next meeting will be January 11th at noon.

## Horse Committee

The next meeting and updates will come out at a later date.



# Spotlights

## Fall Leadership Training

Justine, Kylie, Davey, Virgil and Hailey attended the Fall Leadership Training this past month and learned many new skills to add to their leadership tool box.



*Justine Curry, Kylie Crawford, Davey Storfa, Virgil Tholt, Hailey Gallagher*

## Radio

Kylie and Johnnie on the radio. Kuddos to all of you going in and either recording or talking live. Heidi is enjoying having you. Keep it up! The community is listening.



*Kylie Crawford*

*Johnnie Schultz*



## Static Committee Sticker Fundraiser

1 sticker = \$3.00

2 stickers = \$5.00



Thank You  
Cassandra Yaeger  
&  
Cooper Arntzen



for the Awesome Designs!



# 4-H Camps 2025

## Camp Counselor Applications

Camp counselor applications will be due Feb 15th and a counselor meeting is scheduled for Feb 23rd. This is a great opportunity to use your leadership skills. As a counselor you will work as a team to plan, organize and run the junior camp this June 23rd- 26th. This is a great learning experience and a great way to make a difference with the younger members.

The application can be found on the Fergus MSU website, in Z-Suites and is attached.

## Senior Camp

We excited to be offering a new adventure this year for senior camp. We are again partnering with Judith Basin County and joining us this year will also be Chouteau County. We are still working to plan the camp in its entirety, but we will be headed outside Paradise Valley tucked in the mountains of Emigrant, Montana. We will be working as a team on a rope course, learn the art of fishing, practice our etiquette, work on life skills such as cooking a meal on a budget, and maybe check out some grizzly bears.

Save the date for this exciting adventure June 9-13th. Stay tuned for registration form and pricing.

## Tween Camp

We are again partnering with Judith Basin County and working on an adventure to the top of the state. We are tentatively planning for an August camp. We are currently working towards solidifying reservations and accommodation and will send out further information when details are finalized.

# Ambassadors

## Join the Ambassador Team

Ambassadors are looking for 2 more motivated and dedicated members to join our team. As an ambassador you will join the team to take leadership to the county level offering opportunities to help younger members and clubs, our community and further your leadership skills. If you are interested, please fill out the attached application.

You must be 13 as of October 1, 2024, to apply. We are excited to welcome new faces to the team. Application deadline is December 10th.

## Toiletry Drive

The Ambassadors are holding their annual Toiletry Drive for the Council on Aging. The club with the most donated items will receive an ice cream party! Please collect any bathroom, hygiene and personal items for the drive. Some ideas are toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, hand soap, feminine products, toilet paper, floss, wash cloths, etc.

Please drop off drive items to the 4-H office by December 15th. Please be sure to have the boxes or bag labeled with the club's name on them, so we know who it is from.



# December 2024

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thur</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Ambassador Applications Due	11	12	13	14
15 Leadership Academy Webex 3pm Extension Office  Toiletry Drive Donations due to the office	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Office Closed Early	24 Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31	January 1st Office Closed  Happy New Year!			



# 4-H Calendar

## December

- 10th- Ambassador Application due to the office
- 15th- Leadership Academy Webex 3pm
  - Toiletry Drive Donations due to the office
- 24th-25th- Office Closed Christmas eve and Christmas Day

## January

- 1st- 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- 7th- Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm Sheriff's Complex
- 11th- Small & Large Animal Workbook Workshop 9am-noon First Christian Church
  - Small Animal Committee Meeting Noon First Christian Church
- 12th- Leadership Academy Webex 3pm
- 15th- Beef Tag Information Due
  - Enrollment Grace Period Ends
- 20th- Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 19th-21st- Citizenship Seminar
- 20th-21st- Legislative Breakfast

## February

- 9th- Leadership Academy Webex 3pm
- 13th- Leaders Council Meeting 5:30pm Sheriff's Complex
  - Valentine Cakes due to Ext Office
- 14th- Valentine Cake Delivery 10am
- 15th- Junior Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 17th- Office Closed Presidents Day
- 23rd- Counselor Training- Day and time TBD

## March

- 1st- EIN 1% Fee to the office from all clubs due
  - Ambassador Applications Due to Ext Office
- 10th- Public Speaking Registration Due
- 16th- Cloverbud Day Camp Planning 1pm Ext Office
  - Leadership Academy Webex 3pm
- 23rd- Public Speaking & Gavel Games 1pm Boys and Girls Club

## April

- 1st- Horse Cards Available
- 8th- Farm Safety Day 8am Pavilion
- 15th- Swine Tag Information Due
- 21st- Traveling Farm 9am Bowling Alley

## May

- 1st- Fair Entry Begins
- 15th- Sheep & Goat Tag Info Due
- 26th- Office Closed Memorial Day

## June

- 1st- Fair Entry Deadline
- 2nd-15th- Fair Entry Grace period
- 15th- final day to sign up for fair

## July

- 4th- Office Closed Independence Day
- 6th-11th- Pre Congress & Congress
- 13th- Pre Fair Interview Day Setup
- 14th- Pre Fair Interview Day
- 16th- Ranch Horse Show 8am
- 17th- Performance Horse Show 8am
- 21th-26th- Fair Week

## August

## September

- 1st- Office Closed Labor Day

## October

- 1st- New 4-H Year Enrollment Begins.
  - Club Award Nominations Due
- 12th- Office Closed Columbus Day

### Facebook & Instagram

Facebook Group:  
4-H Fergus/Petroleum County  
Instagram Page:  
4hferguspetroleumcounty

### Important Web Pages

Montana State University Printable Documents & Fliers  
<http://fergus.msuextension.org/printable-4-h-ag-documents-fliers.html>

Montana State University Fergus County 4-H Clubs  
<http://fergus.msuextension.org/4H.html>

Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Newsletters Montana State University Fergus County 4-H Clubs  
<http://fergus.msuextension.org/4H.html>



**4-H Junior Camp Counselors Application- due to the Extension Office by Friday, Feb. 15**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Text? Yes No

Age as of Oct. 1, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Counselors must be 14 by October 1, 2024. Counselor assistants are 13 by October 1, 2024.

Please rank the following, 1-7, according to your interests and abilities.

\_\_\_\_ Camp Director (must be 16 or older and have served as a counselor for at least one previous year)

\_\_\_\_ Counselor Assistant (13-year-olds)

\_\_\_\_ Organize and Lead Check in Craft Activity (1) and Craft Workshops (2)

\_\_\_\_ Organize and Lead Dance Workshop and Build Energy and Desire to Dance at the Dance

\_\_\_\_ Plan, Organize and Lead structured Camp Fire Ceremonies (2)

\_\_\_\_ Plan, Organize and Lead structured Flag Ceremonies (4), Opening and Closing Ceremonies

\_\_\_\_ Plan, Organize and Lead Get Acquainted Games (1 hour), and Game times (1 hr. Wed., 1/2 hr. Thurs.)

\_\_\_\_ Plan Organize and Lead Evening Activity's (Tues. 2 ½ hours structured activity(s), Wed. 2 ½ hour dance).

\_\_\_\_ Plan and Organize a 1-hour workshop that is not a craft, dance, or game. (3 positions available).

Please answer all the following questions, carefully and completely.

What are your hobbies, what do you do in your free time? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any camps you have attended and your experience at them. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your experience working with younger children. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Explain your understanding of a camp counselors' responsibilities. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Explain what is involved in planning, organizing, and leading an activity at camp. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Explain what being a "team player" with the other counselors would involve. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I have carefully read the Job Description for Camp Counselors and believe I can fulfill those responsibilities.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Date