

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2025

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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 20-26, 2025. 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 18 – May 5. 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.

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, 2024, 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 APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 9

The 4-H Camp application can 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>

The completed registration and payment are due in the extension Office by May 9, at 5:00 pm (NOT postmarked by).

CLOVERBUD CAMP & COUNCIL MEETINGS

- A planning meeting for the 2025 Cloverbud Camp will be held on Thursday, April 3, 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 July 22, 2025.
- 4-H Council will be meeting at 6:30.

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings!

EVENT DAY: WORKSHOPS, COMMUNICATION DAY, & SHOWCASE – SAT., APRIL 19

Be sure to take part in Event Day, Saturday, April 19! The day will begin with Communication Contest for members that signed up in ZSuite. After the Communication Contest you can have Fun With Food at the workshop (11:30-12:30), lunch (12-1 pm) and then take part in an afternoon workshop. You can make Seed Bombs (12:30-1:30 pm) and/or participate in the Stir Ups Cooking Contest (1:30-2:30 pm). Just show up! Later in the day you can watch the Showcase Public Fashion Show & Quilt Show at 4:30 pm. See you there!

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 & SCHOLARSHIP

May 1, 2025, is the due date for Montana 4-H State Award application. Members who are 14 and older as of October 1, 2024, 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. (JEB/11/27/05)

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 and scholarship winners are 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 Atlanta, Georgia, November 2025.

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

The Montana 4-H Foundation and 4-H Center have consolidated the award nomination for adults into one form. 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.

For details regarding qualifications, requirements and forms visit the [state 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/awards/adult-awards.html) at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/awards/adult-awards.html. Nominations are due June 1.

OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND STATE 4-H CONGRESS IN JULY

Were you 13 years old by October 1, 2024, 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 project 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 8-11, 2025. 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 9 if you are interested. Those participating in an eligible county contest will be mailed information.

WHEN WAS YOUR 4-H CHARTERED?

4-H Club Name	Year Chartered	4-H Club Name	Year Chartered
Big Sky Thunderbolts	2012	Pine Ridge Red Ryders	2018
City Kids	1982	Project Rockin Wranglers	2009
Compass All Stars	2020	Ruff Riders	1975
Cool Clovers	2010	Shepherd Lonestars	2023
Hesper Hustlers	1938	Shepherd Pioneers	1950
Huntley Eagles	1934	Shepherd Tumbleweeds	2005
Jumping Bucks	1973	Shepherd Wranglers	2017
Kountry Kritters	1994	Whips and Sticks	2021
Laurel Roadrunners	1975	Worden Riverdale	1941
Lockwood Humble Bs	1974	Yellowstone Mavericks	2008
Northern Lights	2012	Yellowstone Silver Spurs	2013
Yellowstone County 4-H Council	1931		

MONTHLY CLUB MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

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

Compass All Stars: Members watched demonstrations on making a wood American flag and a sun catcher.

Huntley Eagles: Each member gave an update on their projects for the year.

Jumping Bucks: We held our meeting at Lava Island for a recreation meeting!

Lockwood Humble Bs: The club is writing a sentence grant to submit to Farmers Union.

Pine Ridge Red Ryders: Members colored cardboard tulips and put them in the Worden Volunteer Fire Department planter for Easter.

Project Rockin Wranglers: Members made Valentines for a community service project.

Ruff Riders: Members talked about upcoming 4-H workshops and adds and drops deadline.

Shepherd Pioneers: Every member gave a project report. Members will help make tie blankets for the Tumbleweed Youth Program.

Shepherd Tumbleweeds: Members voted to have a booth at the Shepherd Jamboree.

Worden Riverdale: Members were reminded about AQA workshops and adds and drops.

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/>

2024 YOUTH TRAPPER CAMP-FUN FOR THE FAMILY

Are you taking the wildlife project or just like animals? Visit the [Montana Trappers Association](http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytc/general-info.html) or <http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytc/general-info.html> for information about the 2024 Youth Trapper Camp.

NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH CAMP

The Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp has provided youth 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>

4-H CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025

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

Club	Secretary	Treasurer
Big Sky Thunderbolts	Hailey Saling	TJ Martin
City Kids	Naomi Cass	Ella Gallagher
Compass All Stars	Samantha Lunch	Taytum Lynch
Cool Clovers	Keona Muessig	Keona Muessig
Hesper Hustlers	Brooklyn Kuhr	Sara Ackerman
Huntley Eagles	Scarlett Preble	Coltin Preble
Jumping Bucks	Lyndin Marble	Lynnlee Richardson
Kountry Kritters	June Leivestad	Brayden Connelly
Laurel Roadrunners	Kaiya Rosenberg	Paige Walter
Lockwood Humble Bs	Aidan Lentz	Reagan Nydegger
Northern Lights	Ellalayah Dykes	Westin Broadbrooks
Pine Ridge Red Ryders	Brooklynn Armstrong	Emma Barnhard
Project Rockin Wranglers	John Williams	Rex Koivu
Ruff Riders	Sophia Wagner	Jorden Trupka
Shepherd Lonestars	Craig Berens	Kase Knaff
Shepherd Pioneers	Ella Dumas	Isabelle Brito
Shepherd Tumbleweeds	Aidan Turitto	Arie Custis
Shepherd Wranglers	Audrey Noonkester	Nelson Rome
Whips and Sticks	Axton Mosher	Cooper Murnin
Worden Riverdale	Natalie DelCamp	Kember Rienhart
Yellowstone Mavericks	Saydee Boone	Saydee Boone
Yellowstone Silver Spurs	Henry Gauer	Tyler Kennah

2025 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 Extension Office will print limited copies from the MontanaFair website for those of you without internet capabilities. 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 NEWSLETTER

Remember you can access the 4-H Newsletter at the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html>

Be sure to save it as a favorite bookmark! Select the appropriate heading to view the newsletter, calendar, meeting notes, etc. Our goal is to have 4-H forms, events, and general information on the Yellowstone County 4-H website. So, if you have misplaced your newsletter, you can find the information online!

Contact Roni anytime at her e-mail address: ronibaker@montana.edu. **Remember...**if you don't receive a reply from Roni, she probably didn't get the email. If you do not receive a response from Roni, please call to verify.

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
Albertson's	3137 Grand Avenue, Billings MT 59102
Cowboy Meats	PO Box 303, Forsyth MT 59327
Thomas Carnival	PO Box 92469, Austin T 78709
Valley Farmers Supply	1545 Northern Avenue, Worden MT 59088
Loenbro Industrial Service	2155 Harnish Blvd, Suite B, Billings MT 59101
Stray Dog Trucking	8005 Weed Creek Road, Custer MT 59024

DEPARTMENT N (NON-ANIMAL PROJECTS) MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, 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 APRIL 4

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, April 4, 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>.

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.

APRIL HORSE WORKSHOP

This month's educational horse workshop will focus on equine nutrition and will be held April 24, 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the 4-H Building at Metra Park. Workshops are open to all 4-H youth interested in learning more about horses! Contact Bonnie DeVerniero with any questions, 406-694-5234.

POULTRY WORKSHOP APRIL 17

There will be a poultry workshop on April 17, at 5:30 pm in the 4-H Building for poultry members. Please bring a bird so we can help you get all the information you will need on it to enter MontanaFair. At 6:00 pm, we will do a workshop on small animal judging for all interested. Consider registering for Skillathon and Small Animal Judging (both are Pre-Fair county events) through your ZSuite household under the Events section. Questions? Call Cathy Muessig at 406-855-8346.

ALPACA CLINIC MAY 24

J K Lone Sandal Farms invites 4-H members to learn about alpacas and how to show them. Save the date for Saturday, May 24, at 1:00 pm. More information will be in the May 4-H newsletter.

SWINE, SHEEP & MARKET GOATS EAR TAGGING FOR 2025 MONTANAFAIR

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to enter a market swine, sheep, or goat in the 2025 MontanaFair must be enrolled in the project by **April 30** and ear tag their animals on **Saturday, May 3**. **The tagging site will be Public Auction Yards (PAYS) 1802 Minnesota Avenue, from 8:00 - 11:00 am.**

SKILLATHON (PRE-MONTANAFAIR EVENT) – REGISTER IN ZSUITE

Skillathon will be held in conjunction with small animal judging on Saturday, May 10, 2025, in the 4-H Building at MetraPark. Large and small animal skillathon will be available to participants. We begin at 8:30 and run until Small Animal Judging (also held in the 4-H Building on May 11) is finished. Skillathon is required if you intend on entering Department A All-Around at MontanaFair. You do not have to enter All Around to participate in the Skillathon. Register in ZSuite through your household profile under “Events”. Registration deadline is May 2 by 5:00 pm.

A Skillathon or "Livestock Learning Laboratory" is an excellent method of involving youth in challenging, learn-by-doing activities. The purpose of the Skillathon is to evaluate member knowledge, their skill in applying that knowledge and their attitudes and understanding of the knowledge and projects. It is designated in a series of mini-learning stations with a facilitator at each station. Members rotate from station to station, attempting to perform specific tasks. There will be an interview/scoring judge at each station. Twenty points will be available at each station. You must sign up for Skillathon on your Department A Fair entry as Division 3, Class (select) 1–6.

SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING CONTEST (PRE-MONTANAFAIR EVENT) – REGISTER IN ZSUITE

The Small Animal Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024, in the 4-H Building at MetraPark. Check-In at 11:00 a.m. and the contest will start at 12:00 noon. Small Animal Judging is required if you intend on entering Department A All-Around at MontanaFair. Register in ZSuite through your household profile under “Events”. You must sign up for Small Animal Judging on your Department A Fair entry as Division 2, Class (select) 1-3. Registration deadline is May 2 by 5:00 pm.

Classes may consist of, but are not limited to, poultry, rabbit, pocket pet, cat, dog, feed analysis and/or knowledge test. There will be two classes of reasons.

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

The 2024 Cat show will be held in the 4-H Building on Saturday, April 12, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Check in at 8:30 am. Claws must be clipped before cats may show. If you need assistance with clipping 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 upload when registering or email them to BOTH brandy.butler@montana.edu and leslie.idstrom@montana.edu, by 5:00 pm on April 4. (NOT postmarked by).

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

The 2025 Dog show will be held in the 4-H Building on Tuesday, April 29, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. Register in ZSuite through your household profile under “Events”. Current rabies, distemper, and Bordatella vaccination records are required and can be upload when registering or email them to BOTH brandy.butler@montana.edu and leslie.idstrom@montana.edu, by 5:00 pm on April 15. (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, 2025. 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 into 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 given at Family Fun Night in November. Register in ZSuite through your household profile under "Events". Logs for recording hours can be printed off the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/departmenta.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/departmenta.html>

2024-2025 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. Yellowstone County has two 4-H age brackets for AQA training. Exhibitors must attend AQA as Beginners/Juniors (4-H age 8-13), and as a senior member (4-H age 14-19). This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – the age as of 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 are exhibiting in an animal project. All classes will include the same teaching materials and use the same forms and paperwork. Class content is determined by a committee and updated every two years. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the AQA Training.

There will be hands on, group activities. Please plan on arriving on time with a parent with both staying for the complete 1½ hours. If you and your parent are not in attendance for the complete training, you may be asked to attend another session. Plan on attending a session early in the year so conflicts do not occur in your family schedule. **NO workshops will be held after the June 3 class. It is the final opportunity for 2025.**

The session in May is face-to-face at PAYS. For the virtual sessions, people will log into the Webex meeting (Webex link information will be sent out via email prior to each session) to learn the information then go to the online program, pay their own \$12 fee, and take the online class. Send a copy of the completion certificate to the Extension Office.

Saturday, April 19: 10:30 am at the 4-H Building – Sheep & Goat focus

Saturday, May 3: 9:00-10:30 am at PAYS (Public Auction Yards) – Large animals focus

Tuesday, June 3: 6:30 pm Virtual training

MSU EXTENSION 4-H HORSE HELMET POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Participants in the 4-H Horse Project 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" – the age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must attend a Horse Helmet Workshop the first year they reach every age bracket or the first year they are exhibiting in an animal project. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the Horse Helmet Workshop.

After attending a 4-H Helmet Workshop, riders may choose whether they will wear a certified helmet. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such 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 4-H horse 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 usually 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 in this policy 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 3 class. It is the final opportunity for 2025.**

Wednesday, April 16: 7:00-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building

Saturday, May 3: 11:00 am-12:00 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

Department N All Around

*The intent of this contest is to get more participation in Dept. N activities **before and during fair.***

Name _____ Age (as of Oct.1) _____

Club _____

Set your goals and begin working on the All Around at the beginning of the 4-H year. Watch your newsletters and county calendars for qualifying events. You need to sign up for this contest on your Department N Fair entry form. You can complete the All Around entry form based on your Fair entry form. Your All Around entry form will be checked against the judging results and Dept. N records after fair to ensure everything was completed as entered.

***Completed Dept. N All Around entry forms must be turned in at Interview Judging day.
**No entry forms or record books will be accepted after 8 pm on Interview Judging Day. **
Only Yellowstone County Exhibitors (4-H and FFA) are permitted to enter the All Around Award Contest.***

You must participate in **all 7** categories to receive premiums in the All Around Contest. There will be a junior and senior division. Premiums will be based on the point level you achieve: Gold Award – 120-145 pts., Silver Award – 100-119 pts. & Bronze Award – 70-99 pts.

1. Must participate (be enrolled) in at least one Dept. N Project (10 points). Extra points (5 points each) given for up to 3 additional Department N projects.

Project(s) _____

2. Must enter a minimum of 3 exhibits (same or different projects) at the Montana Fair for interview judging day. (only 1 of the required can be a small or large animal entry) (10 points)
Extra points (5 points each) given for up to 3 additional Department N project entries. (Please list how many entries in which project – example 2 cooking & 1 small animal – don't have to list what the exhibit is.)

Entries _____

3. Must participate in All Class Judging (10 points).
4. Must participate in Quiz Bowl (10 points).
5. Must participate in at least 1 county, state or national event prior to fair. Family Orientation, Project Day, Make It and Take It, Showcase, Communication Day, Communication Day Workshop, Citizenship, Congress, County Shooting Contest (NOT practices or postal shoots) or Rec Lab. *****Other events may be offered throughout the year – they will be noted on the newsletter and/or calendar if they will qualify.*****
(10 points) Extra points (5 points each) given for up to 3 county or state events.

List events _____

6. Must participate in one other activity ***at fair*** to help promote 4-H and its projects. Hospitality, individual workshop, demonstration, performing arts, showcase, junior coordinator or edible arts.
(10 points) Extra points (5 points each) will be given for up to 3 additional activities.

List activities _____

7. Must turn in at interview judging day 1 completed Non-Animal Project Journal/Financial Journal Record Sheet & My 4-H Year Record Sheet to be checked. (10 points) (It is not required that all activities in the project book are completed or that the project book be turned in.) Extra points (5 points each) will be given for up to 3 additional Project Financial Journals in which an exhibit has been entered in category #2.

SMALL ANIMAL ALL-AROUND AWARD CONTEST

The intent of this contest is to offer more opportunities for small animal competitors.

Set your goals and begin working on this All-Around contest at the beginning of your 4-H year. Watch the county 4-H newsletter and calendar for qualifying events. You will need to sign up for this contest in your Department A MontanaFair entry. This form will help you keep track of events during the 4-H year and help you when you fill out the All-Around contest application during MontanaFair. Fair staff will check all information against judging result and Department A records after fair to ensure everything was completed as entered.

Exhibitor must participate (be enrolled) in at least one of the following Department A projects: Dog, Cat, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy, and/or Pocket Pet.

Only Yellowstone County Exhibitors (4-H/FFA) are permitted to enter the All-Around Award Contest. There will be a Beginner, Junior, and Senior class.

Contest paperwork will be in exhibitor's Fair packet. All paperwork must be completed by the exhibitor. All paperwork must be turned into the 4-H Livestock Office by the deadline listed in the MontanaFair Department A handbook.

Exhibitors are required to participate in seven (7) areas: Small Animal Skillathon-only small animal scores are needed (*Pre-Fair county event), Small Animal Livestock Judging (*Pre-Fair county event), Showmanship, Animal Shows, Showmanship, contest Application (this will be in your fair packet), an Educational Display, and an Interview, to be eligible to receive premium money in the All-Around Contest.

Skillathon (Pre-Fair county event)

Members must compete in six small animal areas: rabbit, poultry, pigeons, covies, pocket pets, dog, and cat. Exhibitor points will be the score they received.

Small Animal Livestock Judging (Pre-Fair county event): Exhibitors' points will be the score they received.

Showmanship

Grand Champion	150 points	Fifth Place	45 points
Reserve Champion	125 points	Blue Ribbon	25 points
Third Place	100 points	Red Ribbon	10 points
Fourth Place	75 points	White Ribbon	0 points

Animal Shows

Exhibitors will receive points for all animals shown in eligible animal divisions up to 10 animals per species.

Supreme Champion	75 points	Third Place	25 points
Reserve Supreme	60 points	Fourth Place	20 points
Grand Champion	50 points	Fifth Place	15 points
Reserve Champion	40 points	Blue Ribbon	10 points
First Place	35 points	Red Ribbon	5 points
Second Place	30 points	White Ribbon	0 points

Application: 200 possible points

Educational Display: 200 possible points

Interview: 250 possible points

Poultry, Rabbits, and covies MUST for the interview unless other arrangements have been made. Dogs, Cats, and Pocket Pets are not required to be at the interview. No points are given for animals at the interview.

APRIL 2024 4-H CALENDAR



4-H Building Cleaning Schedule:
Call Extension Office to Schedule.

Worden Riverdale: April 5-18

Hesper Hustlers: April 19- May 2

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