



THE SCOOP

February 2026

SAVE THE DATE:

- February 14 * State 4-H Scholarship & People Partner Grant Due
- February 16 * Extension Office Closed, Holiday
- February 17-19 * Extension Agents Out of Office, 4-H Update
- March 1 * Sewing & Cloverbud Workshops
- March 3 * 10-week Master Gardener/Montana Gardening Series Begins
- March 4 * 4-H Council Meeting
- March 4 * Fair Theme Entries Due
- March 6-8 * State Shoot (Not BB Gun)
- March 11 * Animal Quality Assurance Training

Be sure to check your family email for updates and reminders from the Extension Office.



4-H Scholarships

Graduating 4-H seniors should have received an email from the state 4-H office with instructions and the link to apply for statewide 4-H scholarships. Go to <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html> for the scholarship page. The Carbon County 4-H Council scholarship is due **March 15** and has been emailed to county 4-H seniors. The application is also available in ZSuite under the Newsletters tab.

Rec Lab

The statewide 4-H Recreation (Rec) Lab event is being hosted by our 4-H district this year! This fun event will be held **March 27-29** in Columbus and is a great way to attend a variety of workshops, learn new skills and meet other teens and leaders in the state 4-H program. Youth must be age 13+ as of October 1, 2025 to attend. This is a popular statewide event with lots of hands-on workshops included in the schedule. The 4-H Council assists with registration fees! Registration opens soon in the Events tab on ZSuite.

MONTANA 4-H REC LAB
 MARCH 27-29, 2026 | COLUMBUS, MT

WORKSHOPS | DANCING | MYSTERY | SERVICE

GO YOU HAVE THE SKILLS TO UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL
 4-H ESCAPE

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Who's Who In The Extension Office? Drop by during office hours for a visit!

**Amber Elliott, 4-H/Agriculture Agent * Carrie Guderjahn, 4-H/Family Consumer Sciences Agent
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Carbon County 4-H

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4-H Council

The next 4-H Council meeting is **Wednesday, March 4** at 7:00 pm in the Extension Office meeting room, Joliet. One adult/teen leader from each club should plan to attend 4-H Council meetings to ensure there is a voting quorum. The Council is currently working with 4-H clubs on the upcoming 12 Nights of Family Fun raffle fundraiser. 4-H Council funds DIRECTLY support Carbon County 4-H and its members.

4-H Project Manuals

4-H members should order project books through their club organizational leader. The Extension Office keeps many of the manuals in stock if you would like to preview before ordering. Recommendations for project literature can be found in the Clover Project Selection Guide (available in ZSuite under the Newsletters tab).



4-H Sewing Project & Cloverbud Workshop Series

The next Sewing project and Cloverbud project workshop will be held **Sunday, March 1** in the Extension Office meeting room. See attached flier for the March workshops. This is a great way to get started in these project areas. RSVP to Carrie at carrie.guderjahn@montana.edu.

- Let Carrie know if there are specific indoor project workshops you are looking for!
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Animal Quality Assurance Training

County animal quality assurance (QA) requirements have changed. All 1st year 4-H/FFA members planning to exhibit an animal at fair are required to attend QA this spring. This includes ALL animal projects! New this year: Members will only need to attend QA training once per age division (Novice 8-10, Junior 11-13, Senior 14+). Call the office if you are unsure of your QA status. FFA members fall under the 4-H age divisions and are responsible for tracking their requirements. **There are only 2 scheduled QA trainings this year - March 11 & April 12; plan accordingly!**

Fair Theme Contest

The 4-H Council is once again holding a fair theme contest for the 2026 Carbon County Fair with a cash prize going to the 4-H member submitting the winning theme. Theme ideas are due to the Extension Office by 4:00 pm on **March 4**. Email them to carbon@montana.edu or drop them off at the office.

Mark Your Calendars

Montana 4-H Rec Lab (Columbus)
March 27-29

Animal Quality Assurance Trainings
March 11 - Extension Office, Joliet
April 12 - Fairgrounds, Red Lodge

Small Animal Boot Camp
April 18 - Fairgrounds, Red Lodge

Carbon County Fair - July 20-25, Red Lodge.

Club secretaries, please submit club meeting minutes each month to the Extension Office; email to carbon@montana.edu.



4-H Leader/Volunteer Dinner Meeting
Wednesday, April 1 at 6 pm in the Extension Office
4-H updates & news and some fun stuff!

Horse Project Activities
March 14 * Hippology/Skillathon Workshop
April 25 * Spring Tune Up
May 15 * Horse ID, Proof of Vacc, Horse Safety Waiver

RSVP for
March
Workshops
by February
25!



CLOVERBUD WORKSHOP

Cloverbuds are invited to a fun, hands-on project workshop while learning more about 4-H. All Cloverbuds are welcome!

Sunday March 1
2:00 - 3:00 pm

Carbon County Extension
Office Meeting Room

Upcoming Workshop Dates:
Sunday April 26
Summer Dates TBD

SEWING WORKSHOP

Come stitch with us! This fun sewing workshop will help you learn how to use your sewing machine and practice techniques to use for future projects. Bring your machine and your curiosity—open to all **4-H members 8+**. Participants do not need to be enrolled in a sewing project!

Sunday March 1
3:00 - 5:00 pm

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Upcoming Workshop Dates:
Sunday April 26
Summer Dates TBD