

GLACIER COUNTY 4-H - April, 2026

Upcoming Events

- April 9 - Herbs Class for Adults and Youth, 5:00 pm FACS Room Cut Bank High School
- April 10 - Deadline to register for Communications Contest on Zsuite (noon deadline)
- April 11 - Swine weigh-in deadline, breeding project submission deadline
- April 11 - 4-H Horse Workshop, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Marias Fairgrounds in Shelby
- April 12 - 4-H Camp Counselor training meeting, 2 p.m., Chester LDS Church
- April 12 - Clever Clovers 4-H Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Glacier County Library
- April 12 - Longview 4-H Club meeting, 7 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran (Communications contest prep)
- April 12 - Open Range 4-H Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Glacier County Annex
- April 19 - Glacier County 4-H Communications Contest, 2 p.m., St. Paul Lutheran Church
- April 20 - Small animal judges virtual training, 6 p.m.
- April 23 - Earth Day Celebration, Cut Bank High School
- April 24th - Emotions in Motion Storytime, 10:30 - 11:30 am Glacier County Library
- May 1 - Add/Drop Date Deadline
- May 3 - Lamb and goat weigh-in deadline
- May 4 - Glacier County 4-H Council meeting, 7 p.m., Annex
- May 15 - Fair packets available, fair registration opens on FairEntry
- May 17 - Teton County Rabbit and Poultry Practice Show, 2 p.m., Choteau Weatherbeater
- June 10 - Cloverbud Day Camp Marias Fair Exhibit Building
- June 17 - Livestock Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Seewald Barn
- June 22 - 24 - Montana Range Days in Malta
- June 24 - 26 4-H Camp in Highwood Mountains (counselors go down 6/23)
- June 30 - Deadline to have record books and project books checked by leaders for fair
- July 6 - Marias Fair Fashion Revue judging and early Cloverbud interviews - Exhibit Building
- July 7 - 10 - 4-H Congress
- July 15 - 19 - Marias Fair in Shelby

Greetings, 4-H families!

No joke, the 4-H Add/Drop Deadline is coming right up, May 1. May 1 is the final deadline to add or drop any projects. We'd highly encourage each family to login to ZSuite and double check what members are enrolled for. If a project doesn't seem as appealing as it did last fall or the book work hasn't started on it, it might be wise to consider dropping it. After May 1, a member is responsible to complete the project for the year (and if they're in a market livestock project, they're required to complete their projects/record book to re-enroll in a market livestock project next year). You can add or drop projects via Zsuite or through the Extension Office.

Each member should also be sure to present a communications talk at their club or county level. The county contest, April 19, is a great opportunity to showcase those communications skills, see Zsuite for more information. Cloverbuds can do a presentation or the 4-H pledge.

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Motto -
To Make the Best Better





Swine Weighing/Tagging

Please coordinate with Kari Lewis on weighing/tagging pigs for the Marias Fair. Friday, April 10 is the deadline to weigh/tag for fair. Pigs will need to be tagged and dewormed and Kari will need the following:

- Weight
- Breeder and breeder's address
- Date of birth
- Breed of pig

It is MUCH easier to tag pigs while in the trailer, etc. before getting them home. Remember, fair weigh-in date is Wednesday, July 15, 2026. Fair minimum weight is 220 pounds, maximum payweight is 300 pounds, maximum sale participation weight is 336 pounds.

Market Livestock Members - Begin Marketing Now!

For 2026, we're projecting 161 total market livestock, whereas there were 126 market animals sold in 2025. (Granted, some members will only sell one animal at fair so overall numbers will be less than 161, but the takeaway message is we are certainly UP on market livestock in 2026). Steer numbers are the same but we're looking at an additional 5 market lambs, 15 market swine, and 4 market goats compared to 2025.

With these additional numbers, it is important that 4-Hers begin marketing early! Start making a list of potential businesses and individuals to invite to the sale. Buyers need to have the date on their calendar early (Saturday, July 18, 3 p.m.) and be budgeting for the sale. Who are three NEW buyers you can invite - an orthodontist, accountant, relative, etc.? What is your plan for marketing? Can you send a 'Save the Date' now and a follow-up letter (mailed or hand delivered) this summer? The marketing piece is each member's responsibility and a great way to hone the life skills of hand shakes, introducing yourself, sharing about your projects, etc.

Breeding Animal Submission Deadline

April 10 is the deadline to submit information for breeding animals. Identification for breeding animals must be submitted to local Extension office by hog weigh-in deadline each year.

Required identification (per March 25, 2026 livestock committee meeting) includes:

- Beef – Bangs tag number and picture
- Sheep – Scrapies tag number and picture
- Swine – Picture
- Goats – Scrapies tag number and picture

Livestock Committee Updates

Rules updated at the March meeting include increasing max market goat weight to 135, requiring scrapies tags for all goats and sheep, requiring market sheep and goats to have been born after September 1 of the prior year, the breeding animal identification forms (above), and requiring a picture submission of a dead market animal to the Extension Office/Livestock Committee before purchasing another member's officially weighed-in spare animal (if member doesn't have a spare).

4-H Camp

4-H Camp will be June 24 - 26 in the Highwood Mountains for 4-Hers in 7th grade and under this year (no Cloverbuds). Counselors will go down 6/23 to prepare.

Camp registration will open mid-April and members will be able to choose their workshops (space permitting) so register early to get your top picks for workshops! Registration information will be sent out via e-mail.



Camp Counselor Training

The next camp training/planning session will be Sunday, April 12 at 2 p.m. at Chester LDS Church. We'll carpool from the office at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday if anyone would like a ride.



Counselors kicked off their camp training with a team building workshop making a roller coaster together. Will Suta, Bodie Barbie, Ethan Brown, Corin Brown, and Alec Morrisett have all been selected as camp counselors.

KIDS  

K9 CPR & FIRST AID!

Kids who attend will learn Basic First Aid for Pets, K9 CPR, Muzzling, K9 Body Language, Emergencies, Paw injuries, starting a Pet Sitting Business and much more!

May 17th 1pm-5pm \$45
Hosted by: Cascade County Extension Office in GREAT FALLS



Register online:
www.montanak9safety.com



Register at
<https://montanak9safety.com/ola/services/great-falls-kids-k9-kamp>

May 17 - 1 - 5 p.m. in Great Falls
\$45

Course covers Basic First Aid for pets, K9 CPR, K9 Body Language, Emergencies, etc.

Cascade County 4-H Horse Camp

The 2026 Cascade County 4-H Horse Camp will take place at the 406 Arena in Vaughn May 1 - 2. Camp is for youth ages 8-18 who are enrolled in the 4-H horse projects. Campers will enjoy a variety of fun and educational activities both on and off their horses. There are opportunities for horseless horse members and those with colts too young to ride. Camp is limited to first 40 registrants. Come and enjoy!

Register by going to Z Suite Events and select, "4-H Horse Camp." Registration closes Monday, April 20, 2026, Payment may be made through Z Suites with a fee, or you can mail a check to the Extension office by Monday, April 20, 2026. Checks must be payable to, "Cascade County 4-H Horse Leaders." Camp is limited to first 40 registrants, and both the registration must be complete with payment in order to be signed up for 4-H Horse Camp.

The Cascade County 4-H Horse Leaders will provide valuable instruction through a variety of instructors as well as meals for the campers and parents. Stalling and camping are available at the 406 Arena for anyone wishing to lodge or board overnight. There will be games, crafts, a guest speaker, movie, and lots of great horse workshops. A few workshop choices include:

- Hi-Lines & Hobbles and more Packing
- Pattern Basics
- Yearling Ground Drills and More
- Colt to Maturity & Green Horses
- Safety for You and Your Horse - off horse
- Critical Maneuvers - Level 3 and up
- Taking English to the Next Level
- Western Equitation - Level 1 & 2
- English Equitation - Level 1 & 2
- Escape Room - off horse
- Dummy Roping
- CowWork Drills
- Cowboy Polo



Horse Workshop - The horseshoeing workshop with Remington Winkowitsch will be rescheduled, watch your email for an upcoming date/time. He'll tentatively show horse hoof trimming techniques and talk hoof care.

LIVESTOCK BOOTCAMP

MAY 22ND & 23RD, 2026



STILLWATER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

16 SHEEP DIP ROAD COLUMBUS, MT 59019

REGISTER ON ZSUITE!

REGISTRATION: APRIL 1ST - MAY 15TH \$60

**JOIN US FOR AN EDUCATIONAL WEEKEND LEARNING THE INS AND
OUTS ABOUT NUTRITION, GENERAL CARE, SHOWMANSHIP, AND
FITTING FOR YOUR PROJECT!**

Questions? Contact:

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Amber Elliott, amber.elliott1@montana.edu or (406)-962-3522

*Applications are open for the
Montana 4-H Foundation
Youth Representative
position:
<https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/youth-representative-application.html>*

*This is a role that
Katelyn Suta filled a couple of
years ago and was a great
experience!*

**A Virtual Small Animal
Judges' Training is going to be
offered on Monday, April 20th
at 6 pm via Webex
(<https://montana.webex.com/montana/j.php?MTID=md18dffe200dbbcdf266e42606fffa03e>). The training
will cover poultry, rabbits,
cats, and dogs.**

**This training is to expand the
pool of potential small animal
judges for fairs and can be
useful for project leaders as
well.**

An advertisement for a virtual training session. The background is a photograph of a fair booth with a sign that says "SMALL ANIMALS". In the foreground, there are three animals: a white rabbit, a golden retriever puppy, and a grey and white cat. The text "Virtual Small Animal Judges' Training" is overlaid in large white letters. Below it, "APRIL 20TH - 6 P.M." is written in large white letters. At the bottom, it says "Link to attend available from your local Extension Office". In the top right corner, there is a logo for Montana State University Extension, which includes a green four-leaf clover with the letters H, F, H, and H on the leaves, and the text "MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION".

**Virtual Small Animal
Judges' Training**

APRIL 20TH - 6 P.M.

Link to attend available from
your local Extension Office



Next Cloverbud Meeting:

For the month of April, there will not be a Cloverbud meeting. We will resume on Monday, May 11th at 3:45 pm at HC Davis Cafeteria.

Lisa is now in Office #6!

When you enter the Glacier County Annex Building, just take a left.

Stop by and say hello – she'd love to see you!

4-H POULTRY & RABBIT SHOW

(MULTI-COUNTY, WITH CO-JUDGES MANDIE REED, WHEATLAND COUNTY, AND JACK WARD, TETON COUNTY)

**SNACKS
AND
FUN
PRIZES!**



"This will be a practice show for kids who want to practice before the Fair, to feel more comfortable!!"



When: Sunday May 17th, 2026 AT 2PM
Where: The Choteau Volunteer Fire Hall at 420 8th Ave NW, Choteau, MT 59422

**Hosted by Hannah,
Youth Member of Teton County 4-H**

**Please RSVP by May 12th to
📞 Hannah at 406-590-2283**



4-H Council Raffle fundraiser

The 4-H Council will again be organizing a raffle this spring with tickets sold through the summer and drawing July 31.

Prizes will include 1st - 1/2 processed hog with a small chest freezer, 2nd - 1/2 processed hog, and 3rd - \$150 meat gift certificate to Christiaens Meats. Clubs are asked to each donate \$50 to the Council to purchase the meat gift certificate.

Tickets will be \$5/each or 5/\$20. There will be incentives for the top three sellers including a 4-H hoodie, 4-H long sleeved shirt, and 4-H t-shirt. Thanks to ambassador Janae Roberts for helping head up the raffle!

Tickets will be available in May and can be picked up with fair packets/fair registration materials. Each family is asked to sell tickets, all proceeds benefit the Council for general 4-H assistance, scholarships, awards, etc.

Murdoch's Retail Roundup

Glacier county will be participating in the Retail Roundup. Glacier County needs to submit at least 20 unique thank you messages that the Montana 4-H Foundation can use to send to donors, and then the Council can receive \$1,000. Thank you's can be handwritten cards, video messages, or audio messages. We have thank you cards available, please let us know if you're willing to write some. They can be from members, parents, leaders, etc. but need to be HIGH QUALITY as these are going to Montana 4-H Foundation donors. Thank you's should be written as a draft and then copied over with proper spelling, etc. after they've been proofread. Once we have 20 high quality thank you's done, we can submit them (no later than May 1).

Each thank you card is worth \$50 to our 4-H Council, they need to be high quality!

Example Thank You:

Dear 4-H supporter,

Thank you for for supporting Montana 4-H! I am 10 years old and a member of the Happy Clovers 4-H Club in Glacier County. I am enrolled in archery, baking, and market swine projects this year and am planning to take three kinds of cookies to the fair and my Hampshire cross pig, George.

I've learned a lot about hard work and responsibility in 4-H. My favorite part has been making new friends at 4-H camp. I want to be a camp counselor when I get older and give back to 4-H.

Thanks again for supporting 4-H!

*Sincerely,
Jamie 4-Her*



Livestock Quality Assurance training including subcutaneous and intramuscular vaccinations along with discussions on selection, nutrition, management, marketing, and ethical decision-making. This crew is excited for Marias Fair starting July 16!

Teen Leadership Fundraising an Amazing Success!



Alec Morrisett and Sammie McCauley are both working on Teen Leadership projects this year to benefit the Harvest Food Pantry. They teamed up for a fundraiser dinner at the Elks on March 20 where they served a pulled pork dinner, bussed tables and gave impromptu talks on their projects. Thank you so much to all who attended, helped, and supported their efforts!

Open Range 4-H Club blessed the Peace Pregnancy Center with some practical gifts for mothers and babies including pacifiers, cups, nursing pads, and bottles! Lexi Stubbs, Samantha Stewart, and Chance Stewart are pictured delivering the items this past month.



Communications Contest - April 19 - St. Paul Lutheran Church

Get ready to show off your talents at our upcoming 4-H Communications Day contest on Sunday, April 19th at 2:00 PM! This is a fantastic opportunity for 4-H members to build confidence, practice public speaking, and share what they've been learning through creative presentations.

Categories include Demonstration/Illustrated Talk, Prepared or Impromptu Speech, Career Communications, Video Contest, Promotional Package, and Commercials. See http://www.montana4h.org/projects/4h_communication/index.html for contest guidelines and begin practicing at the club level. Members who participate fulfill their communications requirement for end of the year Member Recognition awards and members 13 and up are eligible to take their presentation to Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman this July.

And to all of our Cloverbuds - this event is for you, too! Cloverbuds are welcome to participate by reciting the 4-H Pledge or putting together any type of presentation they'd like. It's a wonderful way to get involved and get a taste of what 4-H Communications is all about.

Registration is open on Zsuite under 'Events' and closes April 10, 2026 at Noon. Prizes will be awarded within Pre-Junior (8 - 10), Junior (11 - 13) and Senior (14 and up) divisions and overall.

Clubs are responsible for securing one to two judges and providing refreshments.

Open Range - Drinks

Longview and Clever Clovers - Snacks

Montana 4-H Clover Communications Resources and Sample Videos

“Emotions in Motion”

Join us for our next *Youth Mental Wellness Story Time* for ages pre-school to 8-year-olds

April 24th @ 10:30 a.m. Glacier County Library.

Contact Lisa for more information at lterry@montana.edu

**Greytak Calendars Available Now at the
Glacier County Extension Office!**

\$15.00 each (Special Offer: 2 for \$25.00)

Proceeds to Glacier County 4-H Council

Purchase these now before the new year gets too far away from us!



FOR REGIONAL NONPROFIT & COMMUNITY LEADERS:

COMMUNITY BUILDER SUMMIT

CUT BANK | APRIL 21
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

\$35
LUNCH INCLUDED

Join us for a day to
learn and connect with
others working to make
good things happen in
their town

What to Expect:

- Regional Leader's Panel
Conversation
- Rural Challenges & Opportunities
- Storytelling for Fundraising &
Collaboration
- Community Discussion and
Collaboration



Contact Us or Register



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