



October 2025

Welcome, 4-Hers! See you at the **kick off celebration on Oct 7!**

Join us on Tuesday, Oct 7, at the Choteau Pavilion to celebrate our 2024-2025 4-H memories and ring in the new 4-H year! This is a great time to renew, re-enroll, and recruit! All are welcome - bring a side dish or dessert to share! (And please let us know you are coming - 406-466-2491)

New: 4-H Archery Orientation

There will be a meeting for those interested in 4-H archery on October 6, at 6 pm at Greenfield Elementary. **If you are not able to attend, please call Haven Murphy (590-2881) or Rocky Forseth (590-7984).** We will be discussing dates and times for practices, what kind of bow your child will be using, tournaments, fees for shooting this year, fundraiser possibilities and anything else I can remember by then! Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon! Haven and Rocky

Teton County "Save the Dates":

Oct 5-11...National 4-H Week:

Mon - Wear Green, Tue - 4-H Celebration Party, Wed - Thank a volunteer!

Oct 6.....Archery Orientation Meeting, 6 p.m., Greenfield School

Oct 7.....Teton 4-H Week Celebration, 6 to 8 pm, Choteau Pavilion; RSVP 406-466-2491

Oct 27.....4-H Livestock Committee Meeting, 6 to 7 pm, Courthouse Conference Room

Oct 1-31....Enrollment and re-enrollment ongoing, ZSuite and Extension office

Oct 1-31...."Have your cake and eat it, too!" (**Sign up for 4-H Committees**)

Oct 1-31....Treasurer's Books Due by Oct 31, Extension Office

Nov 3.....4-H Council Meeting, 6 pm, Fairfield Public Library



Statewide 4-H Events:

Oct 1.....MIWW (Make It With Wool) Entries due

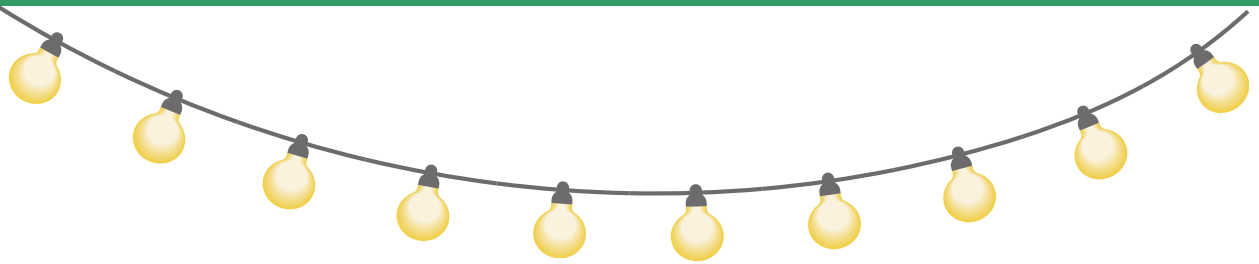
Oct 3-5.....Volunteer Institute in Billings, MT

Oct 5-11....National 4-H Week - Theme is "Beyond Ready!"

Nov 7-9.....4-H Fall Leadership Training in Butte, MT

Club Treasurer Books Due Thursday, October 31, 2025





All-Club 4-H Celebration!

Tuesday October 7, 6 - 8 p.m.

at the Chateau Pavilion

5:45 - 6:30 pm: Potluck dinner

(Hot roast beef sandwiches provided by Copper Creek with 4-H potluck side dishes and desserts. Drop off potlucks 5:30 to 5:45 in the kitchen!)

6:30 - 7:30 pm: Club Highlights and Shout Outs

(Each club gets 10 minutes to present memorable moments from 2024-2025 and give up to 2 special or unique awards to its own members. *Get creative and have fun with it!*)

7:30 - 7:45 pm: Celebration of Volunteers!

7:45 - 8:00 pm: Wrap up and time to visit and ask questions of club leaders and superintendents

Sign up and start the new 4-H year!

Re-enrollment for 4-H begins **on October 1** (on ZSuite) and must be completed before November 1. Club leader(s) will have Clover Selection project guides for members to get more information on projects. The deadline for re-enrollment is November 1.

“What are the perks of enrolling NOW (before November 1!)”:

- Project books will be **paid for and ordered for you**
 - The first project book order will be placed in late October
 - A second project book order will be placed in early December

“What happens if I re-enroll after the deadline of Nov 1?”:

- **Complete a variance request form**, stating why you were unable to re-enroll by December 1
- **Order and pay for** your own project books
- **Pay a \$25** per member late fee

Need Accommodation?

4-H strives to meet our members at their own levels of interest, capacity and capability. If a 4-H member requires accommodations – ranging from food allergies to wheelchair accessibility to sign language interpreters and more – we will gladly try to make those accommodations. We rely upon the members and their families to request these accommodations. To make such a request, please do so in writing or verbally and let us know that you or your child needs accommodations. We are happy to work with you to adapt the 4-H program to fit your needs.

We Welcome All

Montana State University Extension is committed to ensuring the civil rights of its clients, employees and volunteers. Every client, volunteer and employee must be treated fairly and equitably, with dignity and respect regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, veterans' status, sexual orientation, citizenship, and marital or family status. We broaden our outreach when we are open to a diversity of ideas, cultures, experiences and backgrounds. Not only are our lives enriched, but we also build healthier communities for learning and living. MSU Extension and 4-H are pleased to partner with you to achieve the important goals of equity and fairness to all.

“NA” Toasting Only

It is 4-H policy that when parents/volunteers are at a 4-H event, and will be working with 4-H youth, the adult must refrain from purchasing, consuming or having consumed alcohol.



Join Teton County 4-H Clubs!

Club Name	Community/Project	Club Leader(s)	Contact Info
Challenging Champs	Power	Kelsy Diekhans	406-788-3722
Eager Eagles	Fairfield	Kelly DeBruycker & Heidi Pearson	406-467-3406 & 406-231-2117
Prairie Stars	Power/Fairfield	Pending	Pending
Old Agency	Choteau	Dawn Kelly	406-590-0196
Spring Creek	Choteau	Tiffany Paulson & Susan Snyder	406-466-3332 & 406-466-5775
Rocky Mountain Top Shots	Shooting Sports	Brian Bedord	406-590-9092
Sun River Rough Riders	Shooting Sports	Brian Bedord	406-590-9092
Teton 4-H Horse Club	Horse projects	Kate Banner	406-264-5124

October's "Beyond Ready" Club Activity

Create your club's meeting calendar with youth input. Allowing youth to have their voice heard and take part in decision making that affects them builds their confidence and **sense of agency**.

What is agency in youth?

"Youth agency is the desire and ability of young people to make decisions and drive change—in their own lives, in their communities, and in their larger spheres of influence.

Agency is a right that allows young people to become the architects of their own future."

-International Youth Foundation

Club Leader and Treasurer Reminder

All community, project club and committee treasurer's books are due to the Extension office by **October 31**. They can be turned in earlier, after the September bank statement has been reconciled.

Items that must be submitted with the treasurer's book are:

- Checkbooks
- Receipts
- Financial records
- Bank statements

A packet will be mailed to each club leader and treasurer with instructions to complete this annual requirement.

Thank You to our Amazing Volunteers!

One Year

Rocky Forseth
Holly Hamilton
Carla Pfeifle
Rachel Wied

Two Years

Susan Anderson
Brian Colesworthy
Andrea Greyn
Collin Moore
Chris Skinner
Christina Skinner
Jack Ward
Brad Williams

Three Years

Heather McCartney-Duty
Jon Redland
Misti Redland
Chris Tacke
Loren Tacke

Four Years

Melissa DeBruycker
Ryan DeBruycker
Luke Diekhans
Loraine Meyer
Haven Murphy
Carli Neal
Patricia Williams

Five Years

Heidi Pearson
Chelsee Yeager

Six Years

Laura L.N. Toeckes

Seven Years

Kelsy Diekhans

Eight Years

Kelly DeBruycker

Nine Years

Leane Hodgskiss
Hillary Killorn
Lauren Long

Ten Years

Kate Banner
Todd Banner
Ashle Morris
Jane Wolery

11 Years

Rachel Christensen
Laura Toeckes

12 Years

Coy Egbert
Katie Egbert

13 Years

Lynda Allen

15 Years

Susan Snyder

16 Years

Heidi Konen
Jo Lynn Miller

17 Years

Brian Bedord
Lisa Bedord
Fred Ginther
Cathy Maurer
Alan Peace
Brent Roeder

21 Years

Doug Ulsh

24 Years

Cathy Campbell

27 Years

Cynthia Rice

35 Years

Linda J Rice

39 Years

Leona Somerfeld

48 Years

Deanna Burgmaier



Beyond Ready



Thank you to all the 4-H members who successfully completed their Record Books for 2025! This is an important skill, and we applaud your dedication. Bravo!

Some 4-H participants went the extra mile and submitted their Record Books for the Quality Review (Names bolded). Way to show your 4-H spirit!

Saber Allen
Ariana Banner
Billy Banner
Kyndal Becker
Logan Becker
Caleb Bender
Keira Bender
Kinsey Bender
Adlai Boroff-Sporkin
Esther Boroff-Sporkin
Iris Carlson
Lily Carlson
Keaton Cherry
Addison Christensen
Parker Clark
Sawyer Clark
Tate Crabb
Cru Davis
Quincee Davis
Ayden DeBruycker
Kinsley DeBruycker
Natalie DeBruycker
Nolan DeBruycker
Annie Diekhans
Benjamin Diekhans
Calvin Diekhans
Ivan Donnelly
MaClay Donnelly
Liam Drumm
Claira Duty
Crew Egbert
Kingston Egbert
Lexington Egbert
Tucker Gagne

Charley Harrell
Harper Hirst
Adalee Hodgskiss
Grant Hodgskiss
Hayden Hodgskiss
Natalie Hodgskiss
Elias Jacobsen
Tessa Jacobsen
Colton Jordre
Kailey Jordre
Dani Kelley
Annika Konen
Waverly Konen
Ava Laisnez
Isla Laisnez
Waylon Little
Audrey Lobdell
Kolman Lobdell
Charlie Long
Claire Long
Laudi Long
Boaz Lytle
Polly Lytle
Theodore Lytle
Ledger Martin
Hannah Meyer
Jorja Morris
Katy Morris
Owen Morris
Sage Morris
Seeley Neal
Zane O'Haire
Anna Paulson
Leah Paulson

Knox Pearson
Korbin Pearson
Ronnie Pearson
Claire Pfeifle
Ethan Pfeifle
Libby Redland
Mesa Redland
Addy Scott
Dawson Scott
Sawyer Scott
Hadley Skinner
Holden Skinner
Livia Skinner
Elianna Sweetman
Trent Taylor
Abigail Toeckes
Caleb Toeckes
Grace Toeckes
Isaac Toeckes
Jackson Toeckes
Jessica Toeckes
Mikayla Toeckes
Tana Tschida
Dylan Ulsh
Summer Watkins
Bryson Wied
Laney Wied
Alisha Williams
Aubrie Williams
Luci Williams
Colin Woodhouse
Trevor Woodhouse
Casen Yeager
Rusch Yeager



YOU'RE INVITED TO

4-H

HALLOWEEN!

HORSE PARTY!

Happy Halloween!

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**OCTOBER
5:00 PM**

COSTUME PARTY

BALKENBUSH ARENA
545 PIONEER RD - CONRAD

"DRESS UP YOU AND YOUR HORSE"

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 21 TO PONDERA@MONTANA.EDU
OPEN TO ALL KIDS 8-18 WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN HORSE. DO NOT
NEED TO BE SIGNED UP FOR THE HORSE PROJECT!



4-H FUN FACTS

4-H Colors

GREEN and WHITE
GREEN symbolizes
springtime and youth.
WHITE symbolizes
purity and
high ideals.

4-H Slogan
“Learn by
Doing.”

4-H Emblem

A green four-leaf clover
with a white “H” on each
leaf symbolizing “Head,”
“Heart,” “Hands,” and
“Health.”

4-H Motto

“To make
the best
better.”

Contact Info/Resources

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Mailing Address:

- PO Box 130, Choteau, MT 59422

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- 466-2491/2492

Text only:

- 406-350-5373

Email (send club minutes, most questions/issues):

- teton@montana.edu

Other:

- <https://www.montana.edu/extension/teton>
- <https://www.facebook.com/TetonCoExt>
- <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h>



Fair Dates

2026 June 22-28

4-H Congress, Bozeman

2026 July 7-10

Camp Dates

2026 June 7th - 10th @

Camp Rotary

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