



CASCADE COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTION



April 2024

Newsletter Drawing



Everyone who emails Jody at cascade@montana.edu by Friday, March 8 with the description of the page you found the above tulip symbol will be entered in a drawing to win a 4-H themed prize. The winner will be able to choose from multiple awesome 4-H items. Please include the description of the page you found the symbol, something you learned from the newsletter, and the name(s) of the 4-H'er(s) to be entered into the drawing. **Congratulations to the March newsletter drawing winner, Grace P. from the Big Sky Explorers 4-H Club!**

Cascade 4-H Agent Position Open

MSU Extension in Cascade County is hiring a 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent. Screening begins March 11. Visit <https://jobs.montana.edu/postings/40222> for more information or to apply. You can also call Tracy Mosley at (406) 223-4727.

Thank You!

Thank you to the following people and businesses that donated to the Cascade County 4-H Program over the last month!



Hoglund's Western Wear
LeVeque Ranch
Jona McNamee
Walt and Vicki Johnson
William Kessler
Skyline Veterinary Clinic



SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Montana Farmers Union 4-H Sentence Grant

Montana Farmers Union is awarding \$100 grants to 4-H clubs to further their project work. All you need to do is submit one sentence on how you would use the funds!

Apply at https://montanafarmersunion.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/4H-letter-dec1-202324_final.pdf

CONTEST RESULTS

State 4-H Shoot

Congratulations to the 4-H members who competed at the State 4-H Shoot! Results are below.

Airgun and Smallbore

- Air Pistol - Basic Supported
 - Drew S., 13th Place, 11-12 year olds
- Smallbore .22 Rifle
 - Mitsuru B., 10th Place, 15+ year olds
- Smallbore .22 Pistol
 - Drew S., 2nd Place, 11-12 year olds
 - Mitsuru B., 5th Place, 15+ year olds

Target

- Barebow
 - Ethan B., 11th Place, 9-10 year olds
 - Lilly E., 20th Place, 9-10 year olds
 - Mitsuru B., 6th Place, 15+ year olds
- Primitive
 - Mitsuru B., 9th Place, 15+ year olds
 - Logan N., 10th Place, 15+ year olds
- Bow Hunter
 - Joslynn D., 37th Place, 11-12 year olds
 - Will A., 13th Place, 13-14 year olds
 - Jadon F., 22nd Place, 13-14 year olds
 - Kaleb P., 26th Place, 13-14 year olds
- Unlimited
 - Logan N., 9th Place, 15+ year olds

3D Results

- Bow Hunter
 - Joslynn D., 28th Place, 11-12 year olds
 - Will A., 12th Place, 13-14 year olds
 - Jadon F., 17th Place, 13-14 year olds
 - Kaleb P., 23rd Place, 13-14 year olds
- Primitive
 - Mitsuru B., 4th Place, 15+ year olds
- Unlimited
 - Logan N., 3rd Place Tie, 15+ year olds

Food Drive

The Cascade 4-H Ambassadors held a club food drive. Congratulations to the Big Sky Explorers 4-H Club for hauling in the most donations with 141 items! Second place goes to Ulm Pishkun 4-H Club with 51 items and third place goes to Eden Livestock 4-H Club with 8 items. The ambassadors will host an ice cream party for the Big Sky Explorers 4-H Club.

4-H Camp Information

4-H Camp Registration opens April 1

Registration is opened April 1 through ZSuite Events and end May 15. This year's theme is **Time Travel**. Camp is a four-day event, held at Camp Rotary in Neihart, MT, provides a variety of workshops such as crafts, dance, games, shooting sports, and activities such as recreation, hiking, and campfires. Campers sleep in cabins with an adult chaperone and teen director. Camp dates are June 9-12. **CLOVERBUDS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND CAMP.**



4-H PROJECT NEWS AND UPDATES

Project Day

Registration is now open for the April 13 Project Day on ZSuite and is due by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, April 10. Available workshops include Cloverbuds, Livestock Quality Assurance, Horse Driving, and Sewing.

4-H Fashion and Sewing Review and Quilt Show

Registration is open through ZSuite events. Event is open to all Cascade County 4-H members, including Cloverbuds! The event will take place on Thursday, April 25, starting at 5:30pm at the Extension Office. Registration is due by Sunday, April 21 at 11:59pm.

Working Ranch Horse Practices

Lisa Jassen will host Working Ranch Horse Practices each Monday in June at 376 US Hwy 87, Belt, MT. Call Lisa at (406) 781-3678 for more information.

Recreation (Rec) Lab Registration Open

Rec Lab will be April 19-21 at Jefferson County School in Boulder, MT. This year's theme is **Going for Green**. Rec Lab provides opportunities for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and

community leader. Montana 4-H Rec Lab is open to youth 13 years of age or older as of October 1, 2023. Adult chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. Registration fee is \$100 per participant from February 26 to April 3 and increases to \$125 per participant from April 4 to April 10. **Registration is now open and can be found through ZSuite Events.** Visit https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/rec_lab/ for additional details.

Livestock Quality Assurance

4-H members enrolled in livestock projects (dairy, beef, goat, sheep, poultry, rabbit, and swine) MUST complete Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA). 4-H members need to take LQA once as a junior member (9-13 years old) and once as a senior member (14 years old and older). Parents must also attend this informative session. LQA will be offered on April 13 from 9:00 am to noon at the Extension office. Register through ZSuite "April 2024 Project Day" event. 4-H members who need to take LQA and cannot make April 13 need to email Rose at rose.malisani@montana.edu to make other arrangements. 4-H members will need to complete LQA by June 17. Those needing to take were emailed on January 31.

Intent to Enter for Market Swine, Sheep, Goat open through ZSuite Events

Registration for each species is under ZSuite Events. Ear tags are available at the Extension office. Animals must have an ear tag from the Extension office. FULL BODY PHOTO(S) showing the ear tags are required. Intent to Enter does not automatically enter your market animal in the Cascade 4-H Show and Sale. You must enter the Cascade 4-H Livestock Show separately. There are 3 separate events for each species. The events are labeled and due by the following 2024 Market Swine Intent to Enter and Pictures due April 17, 2024 Market Goat Intent to Enter and Pictures due May 8, and 2024 Sheep Intent to Enter and Pictures due May 8. ***IT IS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED THAT EXTRA ANIMALS ARE INTENDED DUE TO LIVESTOCK SICKNESS AND DEATH. LIVESTOCK NOT INTENDED WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW. 4-H SIBLINGS MAY JOINTLY INTENT TO ENTER ONE MARKET BEEF, GOAT, SHEEP, OR SWINE.*** Intent to Enter Dates are April 17 for market swine, May 8 for market goats and sheep, and May 22 for meat pens. Late Intent to Enter will be charged \$25 per animal fee or per meat pen and are only accepted for **one week** past the due date.

4-H Breeding Swine, Dairy Cattle, Goat, and Sheep Breeding Project Declaration

Mature breeding project animals to be shown at the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale must be owned by the species market intent to enter date. The breeding project animal will be identified on the intent to enter form by a unique, permanent identifier. Identifiers could include RFID tags, tattoo, ear notch, etc. 4-H members may declare multiple mature animals per species. Breeding Declaration form must include a full body photo of the animal. There is no cost to declare a breeding animal. **You must declare animal(s) in order to show at the 2024 Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale.** You can declare your Goat, Sheep, and Swine breeding project declaration through ZSuite Events. There are 4 sperate events for each species. The events are labeled and due by the following 2024 Swine Breeding Project Declaration due April 17, 2024 Dairy Cattle Breeding Project Declaration due April 18, 2024 Goat Breeding Project Declaration due May 8, and 2024 Sheep Breeding Project Declaration due May 8.

MEETING NOTICES

Horse Leaders

Tuesday, April 2 at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office and through WebEx.

Livestock Leaders

Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office and through WebEx.

Shooting Sports

Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office.

Leaders Council

Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office.

Foundation

Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office.

IMPORTANT DATES

April

- 1 – Camp Registration Opens
- 2 – Horse and Livestock Leaders Meetings
- 4 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 13 – Project Day
- 16 – Foundation Meeting
- 17 – Market Swine Intent to Enter Due
- 19 to 21 – Rec Lab, Boulder
- 24 - Market Swine LATE Intent to Enter Due
- 25 – Fashion/Sewing Revue & Quilt Show
- 29 – Camp Planning

May

- 2 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 3 to 4 – Horse Camp
- 7 – Horse and Livestock Leaders Meetings
- 8 – Market Sheep and Goat Intent to Enter Due
- 11 – Project Day
- 11 – Market Goat, Sheep, and Swine Weigh-In
- 14 – Leaders Council Meeting
- 15 – Camp Registration Closes
- 15 - Market Sheep and Goat LATE Intent to Enter Due
- 22 – Rabbit and Poultry Meat Pen Intent to Enter Due
- 27 – Extension Office Closed
- 29 - Rabbit and Poultry Meat Pen LATE Intent to Enter Due

June

- 4 – Horse and Livestock Leaders Meetings
- 6 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 8 – JD Day at Camp
- 9 to 12 – Camp
- 23 – Record Book Office Hours

July

- 4 – Extension Office Closed
- 9 – Leaders Council Meeting
- 9 to 12 – Montana 4-H Congress, Bozeman
- 12 to 14 – Cascade 4-H Livestock Show & Sale
- 19 to 20 – Cascade 4- H Horse Show and Cascade/Teton 4-H Working Ranch Horse Competition
- 21 – Record Book Office Hours
- 25 – Montana State Fair 4-H Static Exhibit Judging
- 26-August 3 – Montana State Fair

August

- 11 – Record Book Office Hours
- 20 – Record Book due to Club Leaders

September

- 13 to 15 – Montana 4-H Working Ranch Horse Finals, Vaughn
- 20 to 22 – Montana 4-H State Horse Show