

CASCADE COUNTY 4-H **CLOVER CONNECTION**

June 2025

Thank You!

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

William Kessler

Charlie Russell Back Country Horseman

Brad Thurber

Skyline Veterinary Clinic

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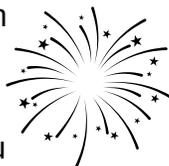
4N Farms

Montana Valley Irrigation

Cascade County Farm Bureau

Fourmile Creek Angus

Tiger Butte 4-H Club



Check Reminder

As we move through a busy summer season, please remember that any checks issued from 4-H committees or the 4-H Foundation must be cashed within 90 days of the issue dated. After 90 days they are void and will not be reissued.

Office Closure

The Extension Office will be closed Friday July 4th, in observance of 4th of July.

4-H Volunteers

Do you know someone that would like to help with project areas of 4-H? Our county is always looking for new volunteers. Please have them contact Jenn at Jennifer.volkmar@montana.edu

Shooting Sports

10 Gun Raffle Winners

Robert Jenkins Jack Hodgskiss

John Dresel Trevor Peterson

Warren Briest Taylor Saum

Kara Emery Ryan Woods

Kevin Deming Bethany Kramarich

Montana Make it with Wool Competition



The competition is open to all ages that sew, knit, crochet or felt garments with wool fabric or yarn. A variety of opportunities including quilt tops, applique, Afghan, clothing apparel for competitions. We would love to have Cascade County Represented with this competition next fall. More information can be found on their website, makeitwithwool.com or please contact the Extension for more information on how to get involved.

Montana State Fair

Montana State Fair Registration

The theme for this year is, “**Christmas in July.**”

- Fair dates are Friday, July 25th - Saturday, Aug 2nd
- Deadline for Fair Entries is July 16th at 4:00 PM

The 4-H portion of the State Fair includes static exhibits, domestic animal shows, small livestock shows, and contests in communications (public speaking), sewing, quilting, and foods.

4-H State Fair Event Schedule

All events, except rabbit and poultry, are in the Family Living Center building. Rabbit and poultry shows are in the Rabbit and Poultry Barn.

- Monday, July 21st
 - Agent building set up
- Tuesday, July 22nd
 - 4:00-6:00 pm Club Booth set up
- Wednesday, July 23rd
 - 4:00-6:00 pm Club Booth set up
- Thursday, July 24th
 - 2:00-4:00 pm Static Exhibit Interview Judging
 - 4:00-6:00 pm Club Booth set up
- Friday, July 25th
 - Club Booth Judging
- Monday, July 28th
 - 9:00-10:00 am Rabbit Show Check in
 - 10:30 am Rabbit Show
 - 12:00-1:00 pm Breeding Display
 - 7:00 pm rabbits released

...continued 4-H State Fair Event Schedule

- Tuesday, July 29th (all to be held at the stage area-pending weather and equipment)
 - 10:00 am Communications Contest
 - 2:00 pm Cat show
 - 3:00 pm Dog Show
 - 4:00 pm Pocket Pet
- Wednesday, July 30th
 - 12:00 pm Fashion & Sewing Review and Quilt Show
- Thursday, July 31st
 - 9:00 am Poultry check in
 - 10:30 am Poultry Show
 - 12:00pm-1:00 pm Pen Display
 - 7:00 pm Poultry Released
- Friday August 1st
 - 12:00-2:00 pm Food Preservation Demonstrations/Make and Takes
- Saturday August 2nd
 - 12:00 pm Foods Festival
 - 2:00 pm Cake Decorating Challenge
- Sunday August 3rd
 - 8:00-11:00 am Booth Take Down

4-H State Fair Dairy Booth

Please check with your club leaders to see when your club is scheduled to work the 4-H Dairy Booth. This is a required 4-H fundraiser event for all clubs and members.

Around the State

Montana 4-H Congress

Mark your calendars! 2025 Montana 4-H Congress will be held July 8th-11th in Bozeman.

Montana 4-H invites all members 4-H age 13 and older from across the state an opportunity to come together on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman for four days and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth avenue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all, have a great time with their peers.

Registration is open on ZSuite!

Record Books

It's time to start thinking about completing your Record Books for the 2024-2025 4-H year! Record Books are an important part of 4-H that teach youth responsibility and record keeping, as well as providing youth a chance to reflect on what they did and learned in the 4-H program this year.

Record Book questions can be answered by your club leader and junior leaders, project leaders, or Extension office staff.

- Record books are due to club leaders on August 18. (Leaders may require Record Books be due to them earlier)
- September 2 – Narratives and Award Nominated Record Books due to Extension Office for Memorial, 25-Year Leader, and Special Achievement Awards

Club Attendance Sheet

Club Leaders, here is the link to the attendance sheet for club meetings:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JD3whjpESrnNe-uuteKTweufkxqtA49KMDnNa7WCVY/edit?usp=sharing>

Please be sure to update your club's tab after each meeting. If you need your club secretary added, please email cascade@montana.edu with the email to be added for access.

4-H Green Clover Fundraiser

Extra Green Clover Raffle Tickets are available by club leaders at the office. Office hours: 8am-12pm and 1-5pm daily.



INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS/LEADERS

CLUB BASKETS

- Each club provides 1 raffle basket
- Basket value minimum of \$100
 - Themes encouraged!
 - Consider collecting one main item with supporting items.
 - Display your Club Name prominently on the basket/display
- Baskets are due to the Extension Office by **Wed. June 18th**
- Non-perishable items
 - (Perishable ok if voucher is used in basket to redeem after time of drawing)
- Be mindful of size for display purposes as space may be limited



TICKETS

- Tickets will be 1/\$5.00 or 5/\$20.00
- Each club member is asked to sell at least one book of 5 tickets
- Opportunities to sell at the Livestock Show and the State Fair
- Tickets and money will be due to the Extension Office no later than **July 23rd** Remaining tickets will be sold at the state fair.
- Drawings will be held during week of State Fair July 25-Aug 2

USE OF FUNDS

- Funds raised will support Cascade County 4-H activities including
 - Project Days
 - Camp
 - Achievement Night

QUESTIONS

Please contact the Extension Office, 406-454-6980

Livestock Updates

- Record book Judging is June 24 from 5:30-8:30pm at extension office. We need judges as many hands make light work. Judges, please come at 5:00pm for orientation.
- Show entries are due June 24. Register for the Livestock Show & Sale at:
<https://showman.app/shows#/cascade-county-livestock-show-and-sale-4be3>
 - Late entries due July 1st.

Questions, call Brook @ 406-750-1838.

4-H Livestock Fitting and Showmanship Clinics

Hog, Lamb, & Goat Fitting and Showmanship Clinic

- June 22 at the Montana ExpoPark Livestock Pavillion, 1:00-5:00pm
- bring your animal and any fitting supplies you have (Lambs/Goats - stand and clippers too!)

Dairy Goat Fitting and Showmanship Clinic

- June 28 at the Extension Office, 9:00am-12:00pm
- Bring your clean (washed) dairy goat, fitting stand, and clippers

4-H Dairy Booth

The Dairy Booth is Cascade County 4-H's main fundraiser. Our program nets over \$10,000 just from the Dairy Booth. Our 4-H program runs solely from fundraised, sponsorship, and donated dollars. We fundraise to keep costs down for our 4-H families. Enrollment cost for Cascade County 4-H has not gone up for many, many years because of this fundraiser. The Cascade 4-H Foundation can purchase project books and provide them free of cost to Cascade County 4-H members because of this fundraiser. Without the Dairy Booth, costs for all Cascade County 4-H activities will go up.

The Cascade County 4-H Leaders Council Operating Policy states "All 4-H members are required to participate in Council fundraising events, especially if the member wishes to participate in county-sponsored events. County-sponsored events may include County Awards, 4-H Camp, Citizenship Interviews and trips, Congress, Project Days, Livestock Judging events, Ambassadors, Exchange, Leaders Training, and any other event funded by or through a committee or Council line-item budget."

Working in the Dairy Booth is a fun way to ensure Cascade County 4-H remains affordable to all members! Make sure to communicate with your club leader to find out when your club will be working in the Dairy Booth.

Summer Opportunities



Chatcolab in Bloom

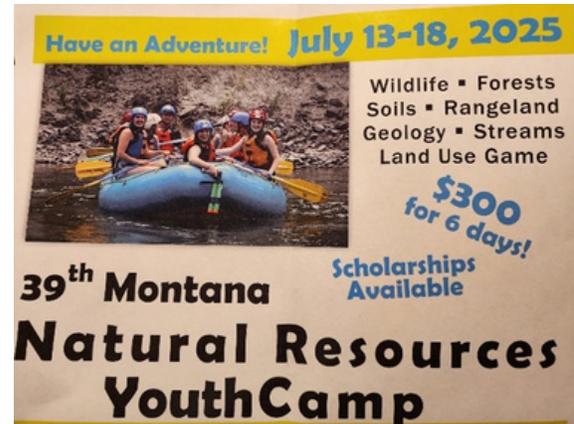
June 15-20, 2025

If you're interested in leadership training, community building, escaping routine, exploring new self-expression, and trying exciting activities in a summer camp setting...

The 2025 program is designed with two groups in mind - a formal camp will include tracks that will inspire, educate, and re-charge adult-sized needs and is open to ages 14 and older, and a less formal, half-day experience for children that will encompass STEAM and recreation activities for children 8 and up. All ages, however, are invited to join us with familial supervision.

[2024 CHATCOLAB PROGRAM - CHATCOLAB](#)

Please check out the link if you think you want to learn more.



Montana Natural Resource Youth Camp

**Save the Date: July 13-18, 2025
Lubrecht Experimental Forest,
Greenough, Montana**

Questions? Please call (406) 243-2773 or send an email to christina.oppegard@montana.edu
Application and \$150 deposit is due July 1st (deadline). The balance is due by start of camp. Core Program: \$300 Program costs are all inclusive. Please inquire about educational and travel scholarships. montana.edu/extension/forestry/mnryc/index.html If there is any unforeseen circumstances involving the ability to run camp, a written notice and full refund will be issued.

Scholarships 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 montanafarmersunion.com

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Youth Loans

FSA makes loans to individual young persons to start and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H, FFA, tribal youth group, or similar agricultural youth organization. The project being financed with an FSA Youth Loan needs to provide an opportunity for the young person to acquire experience and education in agriculture-related skills. Call the Great Falls FSA office at (406) 727-7580 for more information.



A "My 4-H Loan" is the perfect answer to help with your operating expenses.

Minimum Loan Amount - \$100.00
Maximum Loan Amount - \$4,000.00
Maximum Repayment Term - 12 Months
Minimum Monthly Payment Amount - \$25.00*

Call Us or Stop In. We're Here to Help!

*If the loan is not paid in full within the 12 Month Term, a Balloon Payment will be required to pay the remaining balance.
**Requires a qualified joint owner for 17 and under youth.



Russell Country Federal Credit Union

Russell Country Federal Credit has developed a program to assist youth and young adults from 8-19 years of age, who are actively participating in 4-H to learn financial responsibility and good saving habits. Visit <https://www.russellcountryfcu.org/4-h-suite/> for more information.

Montana Department of Agriculture Junior Agriculture Loans

The Montana Junior Agriculture Loan Program was developed to assist and encourage members of agricultural youth organizations in financing agricultural projects. Projects can involve crop and livestock production, custom farming, marketing and distribution, processing, and other financially feasible activities. Loans are made from the assets of the Agricultural Finance Program. Program support and technical assistance are provided by the MSU Extension Service, Montana agricultural educators, and private financial institutions. Visit <https://agr.mt.gov/Topics/E-G/Grants-Pages/Junior-Agriculture-Loans> for more information.

Montana 4-H Foundation Grants

The Montana 4-H Foundation supports 4-H initiatives that focus on healthy living, citizenship, leadership, science, engineering, and technology. The mission of the Montana 4-H Foundation is to "help 4-H youth by raising private funds, managing financial resources and partnering with the MSU Extension Service to fund educational opportunities for Montana 4-H youth, volunteer leaders, and staff."

Montana 4-H grants provide opportunities for youth and adults to strengthen their skills and maximize their positive impacts on the communities in which they live.
[Grants - MONTANA 4-H FOUNDATION](#)

Youth Representative Application for Montana 4-H Foundation Board Are you a Montana 4-H member who wants to gain life and career skills while serving Montana 4-H?

We are seeking dedicated and engaged youth applicants to serve on the Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors. You must be at least 14 by October 1 of the current 4-H year and be enrolled as a 4-H member the following year. The position is for youth who are enrolled/active 4-H members during their year of service, which will start at the July annual meeting.

What will you give?

You should be able to give your opinion and perspective.

You should be able to share a strong youth voice in our organization.

What will you receive?

An opportunity to "learn by doing" in a youth-adult partnership. Past members have said that serving as a youth on the Montana 4-H Foundation gave them an opportunity to build their confidence, to learn how to work toward common goals as a team, to learn about team dynamics and professionalism. You will gain exposure to non-profit management details and build an understanding that will serve you in your future.

What will you do?

You will be expected to participate in four meetings. The first one will be during Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman. The other three will be during the school year, with video conference available. Traditionally, the meetings have been during the business day. Your travel and lodging expenses will be covered by the Montana 4-H Foundation. You are responsible to organize your travel. You will also be expected to serve on at least one committee during your service.

Other Criteria:

- Must be a 4-H member in your home county for at least three consecutive years.
- Must be a current member of a Montana 4-H program (club, county, tribal area) when applying and when serving on the Board.
- Each teen director shall serve a one-year term. July 2025 to July 2026
- Must have the approval of MSU Extension County agent (or approved substitute if position is vacant).
- Those serving as a Montana 4-H State ambassador officer or on the Montana 4-H Council are not eligible to serve simultaneously on the Montana 4-H Foundation Board.

Montana 4-H Foundation

The Montana 4-H Foundation Board of Directors serves to raise private funds to support the Montana 4-H programs. The Montana 4-H Foundation assists with the financial support of the Montana 4-H program for youth members, volunteer leaders and Extension staff.

If you are interested in serving on the Montana 4-H Foundation, please complete the following application by June 15, 2025.

Link to Application:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Jxktghqnr3>

Link to Website:

<https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/youth-representative-application.html>

Meetings & Important Notices

Horse Leaders Meeting



The next meeting of the Cascade County 4-H Horse Leaders will be on Tuesday, June 3rd at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office. The meeting will also be virtual via WebEx.

Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting



The next meeting of the Cascade County 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Committee will be held on Thursday, June 5th at 6:00pm at the Extension Office. The meeting will also be virtual via WebEx.

Livestock Leaders Meeting

The next meeting of the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders Council will be on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00pm at the Extension office. The meeting will also be virtual via WebEx.



Leaders' Council Meeting



The next meeting of the Cascade County 4-H Leaders' Council will be on Tuesday, July 15th at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. The meeting will also be virtual via WebEx.

Foundation Meeting



The next meeting of the Cascade County 4-H Foundation will be on Tuesday, September 16th at 6:00pm at the Extension office.

Important Dates

June

- 1 - Horse ID Cards Due
- 3 - Horse Leaders Meeting
- 5 - Shooting Sports Meeting
- 7 - Camp JD Day
- 8-11 - Camp
- 18 - Green Clover Raffle Baskets Due to Extension Office
- 21 - Horse Clinic
- 22 - Hog, Lamb, & Goat Fitting and Showmanship Clinic
- 24 - Livestock Record Book Judging
- 24 - Livestock Show & Sale Entries Due
- 28 - Dairy Goat Fitting and Showmanship Clinic

July

- 1 - Late Entry Deadline for Livestock Show & Sale Entries
- 4 - Extension Office Closed
- 8-11 - 4-H Congress in Bozeman
- 15 - Leaders Council Meeting
- 16 - Shooting Sports Record Books Due to Extension Office
- 16 - 4-H State Fair Entries Due
- 22-24 - State Fair 4-H Club Booth Set Up
- 23 - Green Clover Raffle Tickets Due to Extension Office
- 24 - 4-H State Fair Static Exhibit Interview Judging
- 25-8/2 - State Fair

August

- 7/25-8/2 - State Fair
- 3 - 4-H Club Booth Take Down
- 18 - Record Books Due to Club Leaders