

November 2025

At the 4-H Celebration on Oct 7, Top Shots and Rough Riders gave testimonials of appreciation for their volunteers and leaders!



Front row youth, left to right: Leah Paulson, Hannah Meyer, Izzy Cornelius, Jackson Tacke, Rebekah Wall, Nolan DeBruycker, Kyndal Becker

Back row volunteers, left to right: Loren Tacke (coordinator), Alan Peace (4-H Hall of Fame inductee), Fred Ginther (Long-time Friend of 4-H recognition), Andy Watson, Chris Tacke, and Brian Bedord (club leader)

Teton County “Save the Dates”:

- Nov 3 4-H Council Meeting, Fairfield Public Library 6 to 7 pm
- Dec 8 Livestock Committee Meeting, Fairfield (NewLife Church) 6 to 7 pm
- Dec 31 Teen Ambassador application due
- Jan 13 Market Beef Possession Fee, Photo and Paperwork Deadline
- Jan 31 Teen Camp Counselor application due
- Mar 14 County Communications Day
- Mar 31 Market Swine Possession Fee, Photo and Paperwork Deadline
- Apr 7 Market Lamb and Goat Possession, Fee, Photo and Paperwork Deadline

Ag Agent's Corner: 4-H Rocks the Celebration on Oct 7th by Jenn Swanson

*You all made the 4-H Celebration a big success -
Kudos to you!*



Ryan and Kelly DeBruycker are MT District 3 Volunteers of the Year!



Old Agency Tellin' the Tales!



Spring Creek's skits got lots of laughs!



Challenging Champs presents Leona Somerfeld, 4-H Hall of Fame inductee, with a heartfelt gift!



Ayden and Nolan of Eager Eagles display the sponsor appreciation signs that Ayden made!



Stay tuned! Spring Creek Club is organizing a livestock judging event on December 13 - open to all levels!

FCS Agent Corner: Why 4-H?

by Shelby J.

At this year's Teton County 4-H Celebration I asked for everyone to help complete a Word Cloud about why they are involved in 4-H. The bigger the word, the more frequently the word was entered by participants. Many of the responses were expected. There was one response that really stood out **"Mom Makes Me."**



I see this response as a good thing. While the kiddo repeatedly typing this was probably trying to be funny, there is a lot of power and truth in that response. Good for mom to *make* their child take part in an evidence-based program with over 100 years' experience. Mom knows that in 4H, we don't just prepare youth with the knowledge to get through life's obstacles, we teach them how to conquer them.

If that means that once in a while mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, older sister, auntie, whoever that caring adult is.... *makes* a kiddo push through challenges to get the job done, so be it. Research on the long-term impact of 4-H by Tufts University demonstrates the effort now is worth it in the long run.



Club Leader Corner

With a new 4-H Year starting, this is a great time to consider the format of your club meeting. Creating and posting a meeting agenda with times to transition will help keep your meeting on track. Aim for a productive one hour long meeting that begins with fun group building activities, spend no more than 20 minutes on business and then the remaining time should be devoted to learning.



November is a great time to work with your club to develop club goals, an educational program plan, and plan special events. Use ZSuite to create a list of projects your club members are enrolled in to schedule educational programming.

Include youth in your club to actively take part in forming annual goals and to plan educational programming. Intentionally including youth in this process will promote a sense of belonging and foster sparks.

What is a spark?

Sparks are passions, interests, and talents that inspire and energize young people. 4-H is a place where youth can explore and discover their spark!



The Teen Ambassador Program is looking for new members for 2026



Applications are due December 31, 2025.

What does a teen ambassador do?

Teen Ambassadors play an important role in facilitating county-wide events and present the public face and voice of 4-H. This year, Ambassadors are going to play a larger role in the committees that do the planning work for county events. Each ambassador will choose one committee to be a part of and will represent that committee at the March and May 4-H Council meeting.

The ambassador program prepares youth for work and life after 4-H by creating opportunities to:

- Foster leadership development
- Build work readiness skills
- Promote goal setting and management

Returning Ambassadors

Youth who were ambassadors last year will be mailed the application materials to update their membership. Each returning ambassador will create a **resume** highlighting their career in 4-H and the activities they did last year. They will also write a **cover letter** introducing themselves and what they hope to accomplish during the 25-26 4-H year. The 4-H Career Communications guide will be provided to explain how to create these documents. A link to the guide can be found below

[Returning Ambassador Link](#)

New Ambassadors

Youth who are 4-H age 13 and up who have not previously been an Ambassador will complete an online application that can be accessed below.

[New Ambassador Link](#)

Join a 4-H Committee this 4-H Year!!

Teton County 4-H Committee	Description	Meetings	# of Members (Suggested Minimum)
Standing Committees			
Budget & Audit	Develops and then recommends to the 4-H Council an annual budget, which is voted on at 4-H Council	Meets 1-2 times each year in late Summer and/or Fall	4-H Council Treasurer, 1 agent, 1 adult member, 1 youth member
Communications Day	Develops an agenda, contacts potential judges, reviews scoring rubrics, and helps set up and tear down on the day of the event	Meets 1-2 times each year in Fall and/or Winter, to plan Teton County's Communications Day in April	1 agent, 1-2 adult members, 1-2 youth members
Fair	Designates annual Fair theme, creates the schedule of Fair activities, develops the Fair publicity plan	Meets 1-2 times each year in Spring, to plan Teton County's 4-H Fair in June	1 agent, 1 or 2 adult members, 1 or 2 youth members
Awards	Designates annual awards plan for 4-H competitions; may be the same members and meet at the same time as the Fair Committee	Meets 1-2 times each year in Spring, to plan Teton County's 4-H Fair in June	1 agent, 1 or 2 adult members, 1 or 2 youth members
Livestock	Attends to livestock project areas including animal husbandry education, livestock quality assurance education, safety and rules regarding the 4-H Livestock Sale and Carcass Competition	Meets on the first Monday of every other month (Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug)	Ag agent, Officers (Pres, VP, Treasurer, Secretary), livestock superintendents, 1 or more adult members, 1 or more youth members
Horse Committee	Oversees equine education events, rules, regulations and safety of 4-H horse-related events and contests – in the case of an active horse project club, may be comprised of the horse project club members	Meets 3 to 4 times per year, or as needed	Horse project club leader, 1 or more adult members, 1 or more youth members
Textile	Oversees textile educational events, offerings and competitions	Meets 1 or 2 times per year, in Fall and/or Spring	1 agent, 1 or 2 adult members, 1 or 2 youth members
Record Book	Establishes guidelines for 4-H members' record book completions; reviews record books submitted for record book quality contest	Meets 1-2 times each year in the late Summer and/or Fall	3 adult members
Special Committees			
Exchange	Currently inactive; will activate when needed. An active committee is not needed to enroll in the Exchange project.	Meets only as needed to review Exchange policy	Ad hoc

Teton County 4-H Year



Montana 4-H Events to Remember October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026



Month	Teton County	State & National
October	• Livestock Committee meeting (1st Monday) • National 4-H Week (1st Full Week) • 4-H Enrollment Begins (October 1) • 4-H Club Meetings/Start new 4-H Year • Treasurer Reports (Clubs and Committees) due by Oct 31 • Re-Enrollment deadline is Oct 31 (\$25 late fee and purchase own project manuals after October 31)	
November	• 4-H Council meeting (1st Monday) • Project manuals given to club leaders - pick up from leaders	
December	• Livestock Committee meeting (1st Monday) • Teen Ambassador Application materials due Dec 31	
January	• 4-H Council meeting (1st Monday) • Market Beef possession fee, photo, and paperwork due (Jan 13) • Youth Camp Counselor application due Jan 31 • 4-H Scholarship Applications open	
February	• Livestock Committee meeting (1st Monday) • Clubs host their Club-level Communications Day • 4-H Camp Counselor Planning Meeting #1	
March	• 4-H Council meeting (1st Monday) • County Level Communications Day Saturday, March 14 • Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) Workshops • 4-H Camp Counselor Planning Meeting #2 • Scholarship Applications Due on 31st: Anne Wiprud (\$400) and Boe Brothers Foundation (\$2,000; \$5,000; and \$10,000) • Market Swine possession fee, photo, and paperwork due (March 31)	• 4-H Recreation "Rec" Lab (March or April, TBD)

Teton County 4-H Year continued



Montana 4-H Events to Remember October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026



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April	- Livestock Committee meeting (1st Monday) 4-H Camp Counselor Planning Meeting #3 - Market Lamb possession fee, photo, and paperwork due (April 7)	
May	4-H Council meeting (1st Monday) - LQA and Showmanship Workshops/Weigh-ins 4-H Camp Counselor Planning Meeting #4 - Fair Registration Deadline on May 21 (Wed before Memorial Day)	
June	- Livestock Committee meeting (1st Monday) 4-H Camp June 7-10 - Teton County Fair Jun 24-Jun 29 (Wed: Static Exhibit and Interview Judging, Fri-Sat: Livestock Show and Sale)	4-H Congress registration by June 15
July		4-H Congress in Bozeman - Summer Outbound Exchange
August	- Livestock Committee meeting (1st Monday) - Record Books due to club leader Aug 15	State Western Heritage State Shoot
September	4-H Council meeting (Monday after Labor Day) - Record Books due in Extension Office for Quality Competition	- MT 4-H Working Ranch Horse Show - MT 4-H State Horse Show
 Updates and Due Dates 		
	An up-to-date Teton County calendar is available at https://www.montana.edu/extension/teton/Calendar.html	An up-to-date State/National calendar is available at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/resources/calendar2.html

Have You Enrolled in 4-H Yet?

The following 4-H youth and adults have completed their enrollment for the 2025-2026 4-H year. If your name is NOT listed below, you are not enrolled for the current 4-H year. Please enroll via ZSuite. If you need assistance, please contact Jamie at the Extension Office.

Challenging Champs

Deanna Burgmaier
Antonia Diekhans
Benjamin Diekhans
Calvin Diekhans
Luke Diekhans
Kelsy Diekhans
Kamri Neuman
Kinlie Neuman
Claire Pfeifle
Ethan Pfeifle
Ryan Pfeifle
Eva Redd
Leona Somerfeld
Kessler Sparing
Walker Sparing
Whitley Sparing
Abigail Toeckes
Caleb Toeckes
Grace Toeckes
Isaac Toeckes
Jackson Toeckes
Jessica Toeckes
Laura LN Toeckes
Laura Toeckes
Doug Ulsh
Dylan Ulsh
Colton Weekes
Emberlyn Weekes
Tensli Weekes
Colin Woodhouse
Trevor Woodhouse

Eager Eagles

Lynda Allen
Saber Allen
Ariana Banner
Billy Banner
Kyndal Becker
Logan Becker
Caleb Bender
Keira Bender
Kinsey Bender
Cassidy Brunner
Keaton Cherry
Alice Chesser
Charles Chesser
Parker Clark
Sawyer Clark
Trygg Cleveland
Kinder Collins
Cru Davis
Quincee Davis
Ayden DeBruycker
Gavin DeBruycker
Kelly DeBruycker
Kinsley DeBruycker
Melissa DeBruycker
Natalie DeBruycker

Eager Eagles

Nolan DeBruycker
Ryan DeBruycker
MaClay Donnelly
Ivan Donnelly
Coy Egbert
Crew Egbert
Katie Egbert
Kingston Egbert
Lexington Egbert
Rocky Forseth
Tucker Gagne
Holly Hamilton
Chase Harlow
Charley Harrell
Boone Heagy
Bromley Heagy
Ryanne Heagy
Harper Hirst
Elias Jacobsen
Tessa Jacobsen
Colton Jordre
Kailey Jordre
Hillary Killorn
Tell Killorn
Trigg Killorn
Joplin Little
Waylon Little
Ashle Morris
Jorja Morris
Katy Morris
Owen Morris
Sage Morris
Rhett O'Haire
Zane O'Haire
Heidi Pearson
Knox Pearson
Korbin Pearson
Ronnie Pearson
Kamryn Peltzer
Kameryn Schilling
Chris Skinner
Christina Skinner
Everett Skinner
Isaac Skinner
Livia Skinner
Silas Strutz
Shiloh Strutz
Brad Williams
Luci Williams
Trish Williams

Rocky Mountain Archers

Levi Harris
Lachlan Miller
Haven Murphy
Walker Murphy
Brody Music
Wyatt Patterson
William Tacke

Old Agency

Susan Anderson
Kami Bouma
Bryden Bradley
Gunnar Bradley
Amara Breen
Kayla Breen
Cathy Campbell
Janelle Campbell
Addison Christensen
David Cornelius
Ella Cornelius
Izzy Cornelius
Tate Crabb
Liam Drumm
Grant Hodgskiss
Hannah Hodgskiss
Hayden Hodgskiss
Leane Hodgskiss
Natalie Hodgskiss
Dawn Kelly
Charlie Long
Claire Long
Laudi Long
Lauren Long
Ledger Martin
Carli Neal
Seeley Neal
Cynthia Rice
Addy Scott
Dawson Scott
Sawyer Scott
Trent Taylor
Tana Tschida
Jack Ward
Jane Wolery
Casen Yeager
Chelsee Yeager
Justyce Yeager
Rusch Yeager

Rocky Mountain

Top Shots

Josiah Bacon
Brian Bedord
Lisa Bedord
Gibson Franks
Henry Freeman
Fred Ginther
Alan Peace
Blaise Skierka
Michaela Skierka
Chris Tacke
Jackson Tacke
Loren Tacke
Rebekah Wall
Andy Watson

Spring Creek

Beckett Bardwell
Adlai Boroff-Sporkin
Esther Boroff-Sporkin
Kami Bouma
Brian Carlson
Iris Carlson
Lily Carlson
Rose Carlson
Claira Duty
Addy Grubb
Aliya Grubb
Ava Grubb
Adalee Hodgskiss
Nyla Hodgskiss
Dani Kelley
Hanna Kelley
Annika Konen
Heidi Konen
Waverly Konen
Ava Laisnez
Isla Laisnez
Jenny Laisnez
Audrey Lobdell
Kolman Lobdell
Boaz Lytle
Elsie Lytle
Kit Lytle
Polly Lytle
Theodore Lytle
Heather McCartney-Duty
Hannah Meyer
Lorraine Meyer
Anna Paulson
Leah Paulson
Tiffany Paulson
Rowynne Pittman
Becky Preston
Calvin Preston
Jon Redland
Libby Redland
Mesa Redland
Misti Redland
Addy Scott
Sawyer Scott
Hadley Skinner
Susan Snyder
Eli Sweetman
Elianna Sweetman
Summer Watkins
Elizabeth Williams
Alisha Williams
Aubrie Williams

Contact Info/Resources

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- 406-530-5373

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- 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 7- 10

@ Camp Rotary

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