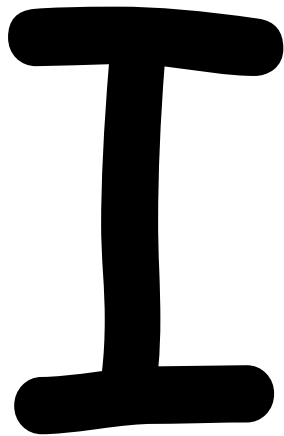


## National 4-H Week October 1-7, 2023



### National 4-H Week Celebration in Teton County

Let's get together the evening of October 3, 2023 to celebrate 4-H! We have reserved the Pavilion in Choteau. Please see list of activities on page 4. Looking forward to seeing EVERYONE!

### Agent's Corner

Read the latest from Shelby and Jenn on page 2.

### We ♥ Our Volunteers!

If you are planning on volunteering in the 2023-2024 4-H year please get training completed, time is short!

### Committee Sign Up

Page 5 contains a chart of committees including descriptions and a QR Code to help you sign up

### Mandatory Shooting Sports Organizational Meeting

October 2, 2023, Monday 7 pm. Details on page 6.

## The Next 31 Days

- September 22-24 Montana State Horse Show, Joliet, Friday-Sunday
- September 30 Deadline for current volunteers to complete their online training, Saturday
- October 1-7 National 4-H Week 2023
- October 1 Enrollment open to everyone, Sunday on ZSuite
- October 1 Make It With Wool Entry Deadline, Sunday
- October 2 MANDATORY Shooting Sports Meeting, 7:00pm, Rocky Mountain Rifle Club, Fairfield
- October 3 4-H Week Celebration, 5-8:30pm, Tuesday, Choteau Pavilion
- October 31 Treasurer Books Due, Tuesday, Extension office

## Agent's Corner - FCS Agent, Shelby Jones

When I reflect on my first summer as a member of the Teton County 4-H program I feel a great sense of gratitude and dedication to the success of this program. I cannot thank enough the volunteers who contributed their time and skills to make camp great. It was a great opportunity to be able to offer archery because it fit with our "Medieval Madness" theme. To offer any shooting sport event, 4-H requires mandatory specialized training for all shooting sports instructors, including archery, that must be kept up to date. Currently, Teton County does not have a certified 4-H archery instructor. We were fortunate enough to have Pat Quinn from Augusta (Lewis and Clark County) provide his archery equipment and expertise so that kids from Teton County could experience archery in a safe and supportive environment at camp. I was very impressed with the level of safety and high-quality instruction that Pat provided. Thankfully, he has agreed to volunteer again for the 2024 camp. Pat runs the archery club in Augusta and invites any kids from Teton County 4-H to join their club on Monday nights to learn more about archery. If you would like to learn more details about trying out archery or joining a team, please contact me. Through our connection with Pat, who has close ties with the Cobb Ranch and Scoutana, just a 30-minute drive outside Augusta, we have an opportunity to change the location of our summer camp to Scoutana. If you would like to be a part of this decision, please consider joining a special camp committee that will be forming soon.



## Agent's Corner - Agriculture Agent, Jenn Swanson

As part of the larger Montana 4-H family, we adhere to the principles and procedures established at the state level. But the magic of 4-H is that its structure allows individual members' creativity to shine through. Our unique Teton County experience is what you, the 4-H families, make of it. So, as we look ahead to the new 4-H year, dream big and join 1 or 2 of our 4-H committees. With your ideas and expertise, we can give our youth skills for a lifetime.

Committee descriptions and how to sign up are on page 5.

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# Volunteer Training

THANK YOU to the volunteers who have completed the Clover Academy Online Leader Training! We are about 40% complete. There are still people who need to complete their training. The training consists of four 15-minute online modules. You can watch them all at once or separately. All returning volunteers have until September 30, 2023, to complete the training and **cannot enroll for the 2023-2024 4-H year** until the online modules are completed. All new volunteers must complete the orientation before becoming active in ZSuite and participating in 4-H. Tips: Be sure to press the 'Mark Complete' button after every module. It may take the system a moment to refresh and let you proceed. Often just hitting the refresh button is enough, but sometimes it will require you to log out and log back in before it will refresh.

**September 30: Deadline: Mandatory Volunteer Orientation Completion**

**All returning volunteers planning to participate in 2023-2024 must complete the online volunteer orientation by September 30.**



If you haven't already, please take the time to complete your volunteer training now. Thank you!

[View instructions for how to complete the training on ZSuite.](#)

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## October 3, 2023 4-H Week Activities at Pavilion

Enjoy an evening get together, explore what 4-H has to offer, celebrate achievements, eat, visit and have fun! We will try to stick closely to the timetable below so, feel free to join in at the appropriate time for you and your family.

We will get started right at 5:00 pm with in person, group volunteer training for those who, returning or new, still needing to complete their training.

5-6 pm

- Volunteer Orientation; for those volunteers who have been unable to complete training online.

6-7 pm

- Introduction to 4-H; a time for interested families, new 4H families and those that were new last year to gather, have a 4-H orientation and get questions answered.
- Taco Supper by Copper Creek; all existing and prospective 4-H members and families, leaders and volunteers welcome! Please RSVP to Office at 466-2491 or [teton@montana.edu](mailto:teton@montana.edu)

7:00 pm

- Volunteer Awards will be announced.

7-8:00 pm

- Social Hour, S'mores 'n Songs
- Meet 4-H members and project leaders, check out project clubs and find out more about various projects.





# Sign Up to Be on a Committee!



Teton County 4-H Committee	Description	Meetings	# of Members (Suggested Minimum)
<b>Standing Committees</b>			
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	Promotes development of members' skills in giving demonstrations and presentation, via training sessions and participation in local, statewide, and/or national competitions/events	Meets 1-2 times each year in Fall and/or Winter, to plan Teton County's Communications Day in March	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
<b>Special Committees</b>			
Meat & Greet	Plans and coordinates the annual 4-H Fair "Meat and Greet" celebration for all 4-H Families and Fair attendees	Meets 2 or 3 times per year, in Spring prior to Teton County's 4-H Fair in June	1 agent, 1 or 2 adult members, 1 or 2 youth members
Exchange	Currently inactive; will activate when needed. An active committee is not needed to enroll in the Exchange project.	Meets only as need to review Exchange policy	Ad hoc

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## Make It With Wool District 3 Contest

It is time to start preparing for the Make It With Wool contest to be held this fall. Get out your favorite pattern and start hunting for that perfect wool fabric. Wouldn't it be great to make a wool outfit for the contest this fall and then already have an outfit finished for your sewing project this next 4-H year? The fabric and/or yarn needs to have a minimum of 60% wool to qualify for MIWW contest. The District 3 contest is October 22, 2023. There is a \$7.00 entry fee per swatch of fabric used and wool yarn used. These funds will cover the cost of testing your fabric or yarn for content. Categories are Preteen (12 and under); Junior (13-16); Senior (17-24); Adult (25 and older); and Made for Others. Contestant ages are determined as of January 1, 2023. First place winners in the Junior, Senior, Adult and Made for Others categories advance to the State competition which will be held during the Montana Wool Growers Convention in Billings, December 1 and 2, 2023. Entry forms and brochures are available at MSU Extension Teton County, the Make It With Wool Facebook page or the Montana Woolgrower Association website. Entry deadline is October 1, 2023, no late entries accepted.

## Shooting Sports Enrollment

Teton County Shooting Sports will be having a pistol, rifle and Western Heritage organizational meeting October 2, at 7 pm at the Rocky Mountain Rifle Club outside of Fairfield. Shooting begins on October 10. This meeting is MANDATORY for parents and for those members interested in pistol, rifle and/or Western Heritage shooting sports. 4-H Enrollment begins on October 1. If possible, please enroll before the organizational meeting. Enrollment will be available at the meeting. If attending presents a problem for your family, please contact Brian Bedord at 406-590-9092 prior to October 2. Remember to bring a checkbook as dues and fees will need to be paid.

## Treasurer Books Due October 31, 2023

ALL club and committee treasurer's books are due to the Extension office by October 31. They can be turned in earlier, after including the September bank statement. Items that must be submitted with the treasurer's book are:

- Checkbooks
- Receipts
- Financial records
- Bank statements

Clubs and committee that do not comply risk losing their charter and association with Montana 4-H and/or Teton County 4-H.



# Congratulations!

The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Team competed at the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships. This event was held in Grand Island, Nebraska, June 25-30, 2023. There were a record 719 competitors from 42 states. The Montana team took first place in the Slow Fire Pistol Match, first place in the Camp Perry Pistol Match, and seventh place in the Silhouette Pistol Event. The team finished seventh overall. Bryce Bedord from Teton County 4-H represented us well on Montana's Smallbore Pistol Team. His father, Brian Bedord, coached the Smallbore Pistol Team. Congratulations to you both!

## Challenging Champs Club Photos



Jersey holds her final 4-H record book encompassing 10 years!



Jordyn shows off her quilt to her club during the August meeting.

## School Service Learning Requirements

If your school has service learning requirements, please talk to local school administrators about how to record your service learning hours and let our office know. We are happy to complete paperwork, etc., but can only do so if we know your school's requirements and you prompt us via email, text, call, to do so. Many 4-H events would qualify as service learning!



## Contact/Resources

### Teton County MSU Extension

#### Mailing Address:

- PO Box 130, Choteau, MT 59422

#### Phone (voice call):

- 466-2491/2492

#### Text only:

- 406-530-5373

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

- [teton@montana.edu](mailto:teton@montana.edu)

#### Other:

- <https://teton.msuextension.org/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/TetonCoExt>
- <http://montana4h.org/>



## Fair Dates

**2024** June 24-30

**2025** June 24-29

**2026** June 22-28

## 4-H Congress, Bozeman

**2024** July 9-12

## Camp Dates

**2024** July 22-26

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