

4-H NEWSLETTER-NOVEMBER 2024

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Thank you to the following folks that volunteered or brought animals to The NILE 4th Grade Agriculture Education Program. Jodie Drange, Trish Hays, Heather Arkell, Tom Tyler, Tenille Bomar, Stephanie Johnson, Mike Baker, Diane Sitter, Brenda Hermanson, Carson Adkins, Dakota Hale, Ben Woods, Lukas Arkell, Saphron Myers, Grace Sedlacek, and Brooklyn Kuhr.

Good Luck to all the new club officers for this 4-H year.

The Extension Office will be closed: Tuesday, November 5-Election Day; Monday, November 11-Veteran's Day; Thursday, November 28-Thanksgiving.

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4-H FAMILY ORIENTATION NIGHT NOVEMBER 5

If you and your family are new to 4-H, have only been involved for 1-2 years or want to learn more about 4-H opportunities, this fun, interactive training event is for YOU! Meet in the 4-H Building at MetraPark on Tuesday, November 5, at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP with the number of family members attending by calling the Extension Office (406-256-2828) by 5:00 pm Monday, November 4 (the office is closed Nov. 5), but if you forget do not worry-we will purchase extra pizza.

FREE PIZZA! Fun, get-to-know-each-other icebreakers! As a family, explore the following:

- **Favorite 4-H Project Station:** Learn about some of the many diverse projects offered in Yellowstone County 4-H.
- **Record Book Station:** What is a record book? As a group, you'll fill out a giant sample record book and learn about 4-H recordkeeping.
- **Demonstration Station:** Watch 4-Hers give demonstrations and YOU be the judge. Learn what judges are looking for and how to give a good demonstration.
- **Teen Leadership and Summer Camp:** Learn about the 4-H teen program and activities and learn about 4-H summer camp.
- **Award Station:** Learn about the 4-H Awards program.
- **Opportunities in 4-H:** Older 4-Hers will share their favorite 4-H experiences from travels in and out of state to scholarships and more!

Don't miss out...we hope to see you there!

4-H EVENT/ACTIVITY PAYMENT AND DEADLINES

The goal of the 4-H program is to provide youth development and mentoring to school age children. The program focuses on teaching youth life skills that they will continue to use in their careers and adult lives. Some important parts of those skills are responsibility, punctuality, preparedness, and the consequences of not meeting deadlines.

Deadlines for member and leader enrollments, events, camps, fair, project adds and drops, etc. are set by the Extension Agent, 4-H Committees, and Fair chairmen. **Deadlines will be adhered to** in order to facilitate event planning, to meet state deadlines, for funding documentation, and multi-county committee meetings, etc. **PLANNING COMMITTEES OFTEN MEET THE DAY AFTER THE DEADLINE.** Payment and scholarship requests (if applicable) are also due by the deadline unless other arrangements have been made with Roni prior. Lack of payment by the deadline, may result in the registration/entry not being accepted.

It is the responsibility of the 4-H family to check with the Extension Office to confirm our receipt of forms & payment (if applicable). We will not call, text, or email you. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

CLUB YEAR-END FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS DUE

Club Organizational Leaders received a copy of the annual Year-End Financial Summary Report. The report provides an open, public record of each club's finances and fulfills state and federal audit requirements. Reports are due October 31. Clubs will not be able to receive project books until the Reports are completed. With the IRS ruling governing 4-H funds it is imperative we have this report so your club can retain a checking account. Failure to meet the deadline may result in the loss of your club's charter and/or the closing of your club financial account(s).

ENROLL ONLINE USING ZSUITE BY NOVEMBER 15

In order to keep mailing out newsletters and emails to the appropriate audience, we need club re-enrollments completed online by November 15. Reenrollment instructions should have been passed out to each family at the club's October meeting. Instructions can be found on the Yellowstone County 4-H website on the How to Enroll page.

ARE YOU CHANGING CLUBS THIS YEAR? PAPERWORK IS REQUIRED.

Families changing clubs this year are REQUIRED TO COMPLETE the Changing 4-H Clubs Form that can be found and printed off the [County 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/Enrollment.html) under "How to Enroll" at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/Enrollment.html>. It is the family's responsibility to have the form completed, signed off by the Organizational Leader of the club you are departing and the Organizational Leader of the club you are joining. It is the FAMILY's RESPONSIBILITY to provide a copy of the completed form to the Extension Office.

Your family will not be in active status until the Extension Office has received the Changing 4-H Clubs Form.

DESIGN YOUR OWN PROJECT

Design Your Own project offers an opportunity to develop and carry out a project of individual design. This means selecting a topic, deciding goals, obtaining resources and designing records. The member is responsible for developing the project with advice or direction of an adult. This project can cover any subject and may be related to any current 4-H project. Examples include ceramics, bookkeeping, and outdoor cooking. Design a project of special interest to you, as the success depends on your initiative. Those who select a worthwhile topic and become intrigued often do some of the best and most rewarding work. Members must complete and submit a project outline to the Extension Office by March 1.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a 4-H Council meeting Thursday, November 7, 6:30 pm in the 4-H Building at Metra. All are invited to attend.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY MONTHLY WORKSHOPS BEGIN NOVEMBER 17

For 4-H Members 4-H Age (age as of October 1, 2024) 12 and older: Save the dates of November 17, December 15, January 12, February 9, and March 16. **All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00.**

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop series on Sunday afternoons in the 2024-2025 4-H year. Each month the Ambassador Officer Team will present a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have developed their own leadership abilities.

The leadership academy is for Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways. The workshop content is considered beginner level for emerging leaders. Members with more leadership experience may find this to be a review and should consider mentoring younger members just starting out in leadership activities before or after these workshops.

Visit the [State 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/youth_leadership/academy.html) at

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/youth_leadership/academy.html to register for the workshop series and receive the Zoom link.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT NOVEMBER 23 AT THE MONTANA PAVILION

Family Fun Night is a carnival type fund-raising event. Each 4-H member is asked to:

- Sell pre-event gate tickets (raffle ticket). Be sure to bring one as gate admission.
- Bring a cake or pie for the cake walk or food booth.
- Work at their club booth.
- Bring glassware for the dime toss.

Just a reminder-your raffle ticket is your admission ticket. Everyone needs one to get into Family Fun Night. There will be announcements about Family Fun Night on the local radio and television stations. You will see and hear many 4-H leaders and parents.

Important dates to remember are:

November 22 Booth Set Up 5:00-7:30 pm

November 23 Family Fun Night 5:00-8:00 pm

Dance - Everyone (all ages) welcome 9:00-10:30 pm

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE MONTANA PAVILION

4:00 pm - County awards given in project areas.

(4-H members interviewed for them in November)

Special Awards given:

10-year members

5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30-year leaders

Outstanding Member Awards

Outstanding Leader Awards

Alumni Awards

Friend of 4-H Award

Friendship Award

Club Secretary Awards

Saddle Up

Family Fun Night Club Booth Winners

5:00 pm - Family Fun Night begins.

7:30 pm - Door prize winners announced. Silent auction closes. Club booth awards.

9:00 - 10:30 pm - 4-H Dance - Everyone is invited.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT SILENT AUCTION BASKET SALES

Once again, this year the Interstate Exchange Group will have baskets for sale at Family Fun Night. The money raised by each person goes into their fund to pay for their annual trip. Clubs do not have the option to sell baskets as a club fundraiser.

Every year there are some awesome baskets. Be sure to check them out and bid on them in the Silent Auction. Please be prepared to pay at Family Fun Night.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT BINGO PRIZES

The Bingo booth gives out nearly 100 Bingo prizes throughout the night. They are asking for donations of small prizes for the adult winners that range in price from \$5 to \$10 dollars. Some ideas include: gift cards, new movies, music, coffee mugs and coffee cards, men's items, candles, etc. You can also provide cash donations that will be used to purchase items.

Please coordinate getting items/cash to the Extension Office by November 1. Questions? Call Kat Pfau at 406-670-1944.

LOTS OF GLASSWARE NEEDED FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT WASHER TOSS BOOTH

Shepherd Tumbleweed will be doing the Washer Toss booth at Family Fun Night. Due to the booth's popularity each year, **LOTS** of glassware is needed-they are extremely low! Please contact Kathy Peck at 406-670-8756 (call or text) to coordinate delivery of glassware. Thank you for donating!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT DANCE

Come join the Yellowstone County 4-H Teen Leaders who will be hosting a dance as soon as cleanup is wrapped up after Family Fun Night, Saturday, November 23. The dance costs \$1.00 to attend and will run until 10:30 pm. This is a family event, and everyone is invited.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE AT FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Yellowstone County Ambassadors will be collecting supplies to donate to local schools this year.

Items to Donate:

Binders

Expo Markers

Glue sticks/Glue bottles

Cream of Tatar for making Play-Doh

Notebooks

Scissors

Colored Pencils

Pencils

Highlighters

Folders

All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated and can be turned into the Ambassador booth at Family Fun Night.

INTERNATIONAL HOSTING & EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2024-2025

Delegates live with host families and experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Here are the opportunities for you to travel to another country:

Argentina: June 19-July 18, 2025

Costa Rica: June 19-July 18, 2025

South Korea: July 16-August 15, 2025

Japan 4 week: July 9-August 8, 2025

Japan 8 week: June 11-August 8, 2024

Taiwan: July 16-August 15, 2025

For more information regarding these programs and for application access, please contact Dave Brink, Interim State Coordinator, MT4HIEP at david.brink@montana.edu or (406) 822-3545. Montana's application deadline for 2025 summer outbound exchanges is December 1, 2024.

There will also be opportunities for Montana 4-H families to host international youth from participating countries, both short-term, 3-4 week programs, and academic year programs (AYP). Families that are interested in hosting, have hosted in the past, or are curious about hosting, can obtain more information under the [Host a Student section on S4HIEP website](#) at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>. It is an exciting way to learn about different cultures and teach youth about our own culture.

RECYCLE 4-H MATERIALS

As you begin the new 4-H year, please return any project manuals that have not been written in which you will not be using this year. We can use them for other 4-H members, which allows us to keep our enrollment fees to a minimum and helps our environment!

2025 GREYTAK CALENDARS

It's that time! The Montana ag calendars featuring Don Greytak will be available soon. Sale of this calendar generates funds for educational programs for Montana Youth in 4-H and for students studying agriculture at Montana Colleges and Universities.

Your club may sell these calendars for \$15 each. Your club will earn \$5 for each calendar sold. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 406-256-2828.

2024-2025 4-H COUNCIL BUDGET

The 4-H Council budget for the upcoming 4-H year, which began October 1, will be voted on at the November 4-H Council meeting. Ask your Organizational Leader to see the budget if you are interested in what 4-H Council spends money on during the year. You can also contact Roni at the Extension Office for a copy.

MSU 2025 FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Montana State University-Bozeman will be awarding many scholarships to academically talented Montana resident freshmen who apply for admission for the fall semester 2025. To be eligible, you must complete the following as soon as possible:

Apply for admission to Montana State University. Applications are available on the [Montana State University Bozeman website](http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate-admissions/) at: <http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate-admissions/>

Have your ACT and/or SAT test scores sent directly to MSU from the testing company.

A variety of **additional scholarships** (with variable criteria) will be awarded by some academic colleges and departments to new freshmen entering in the fall of 2025. To be considered for these scholarships, you must apply for admission and submit the Freshman Departmental Scholarship application must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2025. This application can be found on [MSU Bozeman's Undergraduate Scholarships website](http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/) at <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/>

NATIONAL FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY IDEAS

National Family Volunteer Day is Saturday, November 23. Points of Light is a national organization who believes "The key to unlocking the light within us is to ensure that people feel empowered to act on their unique desire to stand up and say, "I can help." Visit the [Points of Light website](https://www.pointsoflight.org/family-volunteer-day/) at <https://www.pointsoflight.org/family-volunteer-day/> to watch Do It Yourself (DIY) videos of volunteer projects you can do at home, and then deliver to support your favorite cause!

RECOGNIZING OUR 2023-2024 COMMITTED 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS

The following leaders will be acknowledged at Family Fun Night for reaching 5, 10, 15, 25, and 30 years of 4-H leadership. Thank you to these committed 4-H leaders for supporting our 4-H youth!

# of years as a 4-H Leader	First Name	Last Name	Club
5	Tammy	Hockhalter	City Kids
5	Tes	Mercier	Northern Lights
5	April	Morales	Pine Ridge Red Ryder
5	Matthew	Russell	City Kids
5	Heather	Beddes	Shepherd Pioneers
5	Mike	Beddes	Shepherd Pioneers
5	Tricia	Tatman	Hesper Hustlers
5	Carrie	Schmidt	Lockwood Humble B's
5	Teddi	Vogel	Worden Riverdale
5	Wendy	Bekkedahl	Hesper Hustlers
5	Jennell	Duey	Hesper Hustlers
5	Julie	Crockett	Shepherd Pioneers
5	Sheri	Anttila	Laurel Roadrunners
5	Jennifer	Koffler	Ruff Riders
5	Judy	Robertson	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
5	Robert	Valenzuela	Northern Lights
5	Kristen	Cesnik	Lockwood Humble B's
5	Julie	Murnin	Whips and Sticks
10	Dyann	Romeijn	Lockwood Humble B's
10	Adam	Serock	City Kids

10	Diana	Spint	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
10	Shelby	Pitman	Lockwood Humble B's
10	SKelly	Adkins	Northern Lights
10	Amanda	Boheman	Kountry Kritters
10	Joey	Boheman	Kountry Kritters
15	Kimberly	Bender	Worden Riverdale
15	Tammy	Murphy	Worden Riverdale
20	Jamie	Krug	Laurel Roadrunners
30	Wendy	Thatcher	Ruff Riders

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

4-H Supporter	Mailing Address
Fagan & Cook	1555 Campus Way St, Ste. F, Billings MT 59102
Western Ranch Supply	Boz 1497, Billings MT 59103
Aldrich Lumber	4110 Neibauer Rd, Billings MT 59106
Kings Ace Hardware	1551 Zimmerman Trail, Billings MT 59102
Hjelvik Seeds	6734 Hesper Rd, Billings MT 59106
Rimrock Pediatric Dentistry	1601 Zimmerman Trail, Billings MT 59102
Yellowstone Parts & Equipment	4959 US Hwy 312, Billings MT 59105
Pioneer Poultry	3806 Pioneer Rd, Billings MT 59105

DEPARTMENT N MEETING

The Department N meeting will be Thursday, November 7, at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Building.

DEPARTMENT N (NON-ANIMAL) MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED 2025 MONTANAFAIR HANDBOOK CHANGES

All meetings will be held at the 4-H Building.

November 7, 2024: Department N Meeting at 6:00 pm

December 5, 2024:

Department N at 6:00 pm: DEPARTMENT N HANDBOOK CHANGES VOTED ON AT THIS MEETING.

Council Meeting at 6:30 pm or immediately following the Department N meeting.

All (Department A and N) handbook changes proposed by the committees will be voted on at this meeting.

All members, leaders and parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and provide input.

2025 SHOWCASE INITIAL PLANNING MEETING

The first meeting for the spring 2025 Showcase and Public Review will be held during the December Department N meeting on December 5, at 6:00 pm. **Each club needs to have a Showcase representative attend the Dept. N meeting to plan for this big event.**

This would be a good meeting to encourage a teen leader to attend along with an adult leader. With each club helping, the event is always a big success!

CERAMICS WORKSHOP DATES

Save the date for ceramics workshops! Dates are Saturdays November 2, and December 7. Times are 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Please call Sheri Anttila at 406-633-5531 to let her know if you have any questions, need directions to her home, and which class/time you will be attending.

SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS GET SIGNED UP EARLY IN ZSUITE

4-H shooting sports members should get signed up soon after ZSuite enrollment opens on October 1, in order to participate in weekly workshops starting in December. Weekly archery, air pistol, and BB gun workshops teach progressive learning, so it is vital to start on time. If you are not enrolled and approved in the project in ZSuite, you cannot attend the workshops. No exceptions.

4-H shooting sports curriculum is only to be used by a 4-H member enrolled in a county shooting sport program lead by a 4-H certified Shooting Sports leader. No shooting sports projects that involve firearms, air guns, or archery equipment may be taken independently without a certified leader.

To enroll in 4-H shooting sports, youth must be 9 years old on October 1 of the 2024-2025 year. The only exceptions are the BB Safety course, which is open to those turning 8 years old by October 1 of the 2024-2025 year, and the Western Heritage Project requirements.

If you have not yet connected with a Certified Shooting Sports Leader, please do so now. Workshops start in early December. Contact the Extension Office for phone numbers.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER MEETINGS

Are you interested in leading a shooting sports discipline or just curious what is happening around the county regarding shooting sports? Join us on the third Thursday of the month (September-April) at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAININGS FOR 2024-2025

To be a 4-H Shooting Sports Certified Leader in the State of Montana, the following must be satisfied:

1. Be at least 21 years of age.
2. Be enrolled as a leader in their respective County. Passed a background check and successfully completed the Montana 4-H Volunteer Training Modules.
3. **All training attendees must complete the four National 4-H Shooting Sports modules in ZSuite to be certified at the end of the practicum day. The code for ZSuite will be shared with the leaders that sign up to take the trainings.**
4. Be trained and certified in any discipline(s) that they are teaching at the county level.
5. Participants must attend the entire training and successfully complete all aspects to receive their respective discipline certification.
6. Certification is good for seven (7) years. If the discipline is not taught in the first 2 years, the course must be retaken.

Kalispell – December 6-7, 2024. They will offer Coordinator, Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloader, Hunting Skills, and Shotgun.

Belgrade – December 13-14, 2024. They will offer Coordinator, Archery, Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun.

Havre, Circle, and Malta. TBD. They will offer Archery, Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun.

For class information and registration forms, please visit the [State 4-H Shooting Sports Training](http://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/shooting_sports/shooting_sports_training/index.html) webpage at www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/shooting_sports/shooting_sports_training/index.html

DEPARTMENT A (ALL LIVESTOCK) MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED 2025 MONTANAFAIR HANDBOOK CHANGES

All meetings will be held at the 4-H Building. Watch for location changes in the 4-H newsletter.

November 6, 2024: LIVESTOCK HANDBOOK CHANGES WILL BE VOTED ON AT THESE MEETINGS:

Small Animal Committee at 6:00 pm

Sale Committee at 6:30 pm

Livestock Committee Meeting immediately following the sale committee meeting.

December 5, 2024: Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

All (Department A and N) handbook changes proposed by the committees voted on at this meeting.

The Livestock Leaders Committee will preside over the 4-H Livestock program as deemed necessary and will be comprised of the following people who will be eligible to vote at meetings (Exception: In order to vote on yearly rule and policy changes, you must have attended the discussion of the proposal at the post fair meeting and/or the September meeting.)

- A. **4-H members** enrolled in the Livestock Program
- B. **Junior Leaders** – a member enrolled in the 4-H Livestock Program who is 14 years of age or older and is a member in the Livestock Program.
- C. **Livestock Leaders** – Adult volunteers enrolled as leaders in a livestock project who work with members to gain knowledge. Leaders are encouraged to attend the monthly Livestock Leaders Committee meetings and should encourage their members to do the same. They should inform themselves and members of upcoming activities, decisions, and deadlines.

A quorum will consist of members eligible to vote and who were present at the discussion meetings. Discussion meetings are held 2-3 weeks after MontanaFair. Handbook changes are voted on at the November 2, Livestock Meetings. Council will vote on changes at the December meeting.

All members, leaders and parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and provide input.

CAT AND POCKET PET WORKSHOPS BEGIN DECEMBER 21

Cat and Pocket Pet Members: mark your calendar for the first county project meeting on December 21, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the 4-H Building. This will be a get to know each other meeting. We will do some trivia, talk about record keeping, decorate cookies for the YVAS and Help for Homeless Pet Staff, and ourselves (of course) If anyone requires gluten free or sugar free cookies, please let me know. I will have some Cat/PP Project Books with me, and paper Record Sheets if anyone would like them. This year Cat and Pocket Pet meetings will be held concurrently. We will try a station approach this year, rotating stations every half hour. Bring any questions you might have to the meeting; I will remain after the meeting to answer questions for new families.

Feel free to bring your cats to the December meeting. Exposing them to the sounds of the building and other people will be helpful to prepare for shows. We will go over the agenda and schedule for the rest of the year's meetings, which will be on the 3rd Saturday of Jan, Feb and March from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. The MontanaFair Cat Show will be in April 2025. Actual date TBD.

We have a Facebook page for anyone that would like to join: Yellowstone County 4-H Cat Project. Please send a request to join and if you are a parent, please include your child's name in the request. Meeting updates, agenda's, and other tidbits will be posted on the Facebook page.

Looking forward to learning with you all this year. Angie Murdick Yellowstone County Cat/Pocket Pet Project Leader 406-208-3324

2024 NILE CONTESTS PARTICIPANTS

The following 4-H members competed in the respective contests at NILE this year. (CRB/01/31/14)

Horse Judging: Molly Arnold, Joy Mortensen, Katie Lunder, Isabelle Brito, Lydia Vandersloot, and Rex Koivu.

Livestock Judging: Adelia Curry, Delilah Hale, Macy Tatman, Carlee Bomar, and Kylie Tatman.

2024 STATE HORSE SHOW & WORKING RANCH HORSE FINALS PARTICIPANTS

This fall the State 4-H Horse Show was held at the 406 Arena in Vaughn, Montana.

The following members attended: Molly Arnold, Ciara Berkman, Kindley Bouchard, Isabelle Brito, Adelia Curry, Harper Gauer, Hendrick Gauer, Max Hawkins, Eliana Johnston, Zane Johnston, Keegan Kennedy, Kiarra Kennedy, Katie Lunder, Kaidence Osborne, Sydnee Pearson, Ember Solberg, Aidan Turitto, and Luca Turitto.

The State 4-H Working Ranch Horse Finals were held at the 406 Arena in Vaughn, Montana.

The following members attended: Keegan Kennedy, Kiarra Kennedy, and Clay Stott.

CLUB MINUTES

Club secretaries who turned in their club minutes this month:

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks: Members signed thank you cards for people who donated and helped out at fair.

Lockwood Humble Bs: Members discussed their budge for the new 4-H year.

Pine Ridge Red Ryder: Each member reported on their experience at MontanaFair.

Shepherd Pioneers: Several members who participated in the State Horse Show talked about their experiences.

4-H CLUB SECRETARY MINUTES TURNED IN FOR 2023-2024 4-H YEAR

Here are the secretary minutes submitted October-September for the last three 4-H years. Ideally each club should have 11 since not many clubs meet during the month of August due to MontanaFair.

Club	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Big Sky Thunderbolts	3	3	0
Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	8	7	7
City Kids	9	8	8
Compass All Stars	1	0	0
Cool Clovers	4	0	0
Explorers	1	0	0
Hesper Hustlers	0	6	5
Huntley Eagles	2	0	0
Kountry Kritters	0	0	0
Laurel Roadrunners	5	0	5
Lockwood Humble Bs	9	12	8
Northern Lights	5	3	5
Pine Ridge Red Ryder	9	8	8
Project Longhorns	0	0	0
Project Rockin' Wranglers	8	3	3
Ruff Riders	0	5	3
Shepherd Firecrackers	n/a	0	1
Shepherd Lonestars	n/a	n/a	0
Shepherd Pioneers	9	11	10
Shepherd Tumbleweeds	7	2	4
Shepherd Wranglers	6	0	2
Whips & Sticks	0	0	0
Worden Riverdale	0	0	6
Yellowstone Mavericks	0	4	3
Yellowstone Silver Spurs	2	7	7



STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL

2025 SUMMER OUTBOUND PROGRAMS COMPARISON

Program	2025 Dates	Program Fee	International Airfare Estimate*	Age	Program Details
Costa Rica	June 19 – July 18	\$2,400 plus airfare	\$1,100-\$1,400	15 – 18	*Homestay with a Costa Rican 4-S family *Sightseeing and cultural excursions in San José *Two-day visit to Arenal Volcano National Park *Host sibling of same age/gender not guaranteed
Japan 4-week	July 9 – August 8	\$3,600 plus airfare	\$2,100-\$2,400	12 – 18	*Homestay with a LABO/LEX Japanese family, with host sibling *LABO/LEX Camp *Visit LABO or LEX clubs with host family
Japan 8-week	June 11 – August 8	\$5,700 plus airfare	\$2,100-\$2,400	15 – 18	*1 st Month: Intensive group language-learning program in Tokyo, including cultural excursions in and around Tokyo. Host sibling not guaranteed. 2 nd Month: All the same components as the Japan 4-week program (see above)
South Korea	July 16 – August 15	\$3,200 plus airfare	\$1,600-\$1,900	12 - 17	*Homestay with 1-2 Korean 4-H families *Urban exploration in Seoul *Host sibling of same age not guaranteed
Taiwan	July 16 – August 15	\$3,200 plus airfare	\$1,600-\$1,900	12 - 18	*Homestay with 1-2 Taiwanese 4-H families *Urban exploration in Taipei *Host sibling of same age not guaranteed
Argentina	June 19 – July 13	\$2,400 plus airfare	\$1,200-\$1,500	15 – 18	*Hotel group accommodation in Córdoba *Daily structured group activities facilitated by Argentina 4-H *Particular emphasis will be placed on soccer and orchestra *Multi-day 4-H camp in Argentine countryside

*International airfare estimates as of prices on 10/3/2024 – actual airfare may vary at time of booking

Application Link: <https://smr.to/p98780>

Program details are subject to change.

Last updated 10/24/2024

Non-Discrimination Statement

As an organization comprised of 4-H members, S4-H prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status.



STATES' 4-H INTERNATIONAL

2025 SUMMER OUTBOUND PROGRAMS COMPARISON

Payment Schedule

- **January 15, 2025: First payment** due
 - \$2,000 Costa Rica & Argentina
 - \$2,500 Korea, Taiwan, Norway
 - \$3,000 Japan 4 week
 - \$4,000 Japan 8 week

- **April 1, 2025:**
 - Passport copy due to States' 4-H Office
 - Domestic itinerary due to States' 4-H
 - **Remaining program balance due**

Program Conditions

- **Participants are in charge of purchasing their own domestic airfare.** Domestic unaccompanied Minor fees may apply to delegates under the age of 15 (*up to \$150 each way*).
- International airfare costs vary depending upon your destination.
- International airfare is non-refundable and non-transferable once issued. Tickets are issued in February.
- **Cancellation Policy:**
 - No refund of paid deposits, unless full program cancelled by States' 4-H.
- Only fully-paid delegates will be permitted to travel or attend the national orientation prior to international departure.
- Host family placement details could be announced as late as a few days before departure.

Program details are subject to change.

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Non-Discrimination Statement

As an organization comprised of 4-H members, S4-H prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status.

NOVEMBER 2024 4-H CALENDAR



Cleaning Schedule: Whips & Sticks: October 19-November 1 Project Rockin Wranglers: November 2-15
 Yellowstone Silver Spurs/Shepherd Lonestars: November 16-29

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	Oct. 28 Outstanding Member Acceptance form due in Extension by 5 pm	28	30	31 Club Year-end Financial Summary Report due in Extension Office	Nov. 1 Fall Leadership Training in Billings Nov. 1-3	2 10 am-1 pm OR 1-4 pm Ceramics at <i>Anttila's</i>
3	4 PM - Outstanding Member Discussion Groups <i>4-H Building</i>	5 Election Day Office Closed 6:00 Family Orientation <i>4-H Building</i>	6 6:00 Dept. A Rule Change voting meetings <i>4-H Building</i>	7 6:00 Dept. N Followed by Council <i>4-H Building</i>	8	9
10 1-3 pm Outstanding Member Discussion Groups <i>4-H Building</i>	11 Veteran's Day Office Closed	12	13	14	15 Member & Leader enrollments completed in ZSuite Newsletter Articles Due	16
17 3:00 Leadership Academy Workshop	18	19	20 6:00 Family Fun Night meeting	21 6:00 Shooting Sports Leader meeting <i>4-H Building</i> 6:00 Horse Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>	22 5:00-7:30 Set up club booths for Family Fun Night	23 5-8 pm Family Fun Night <i>Montana Pavilion at MetraPark</i> National Family Volunteer Day
24	25 6:30 Exchange <i>4-H Building</i>	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed	29 Tractor Supply Paper Clovers start (through Dec. 15)	30