



December 2024

On the Horizon

- December 1 Deadline to **enroll -or- re-enroll** for the **4-H 2024-25** in Zsuite
- December 2 Livestock Committee Meeting, New Life Church, Fairfield, 6:00 p.m.
- December 13 Deadline to register for Citizenship Seminar/Legislative Breakfast, Friday, Extension Office
- December 13 Deadline to register for Baking Project Day w/Conservation Grains, Friday, Extension Office
- January 6 Council Meeting, Greenfield School hosted by Prairie Stars, 6:00 p.m.
- January 14 **Market Beef Possession Deadline:** paperwork, fees at Extension Office, Tuesday, 5 p.m.
- January 15-16 KMON Livestock and Poultry Judging, Great Falls
- January 17-19 Montana Winter Fair, Lewistown



Beyond Ready

ROCK

YOUR RECORD BOOK

Last month we talked about your “My 4-H Year” goals.... now let’s talk about PROJECT GOALS!

Think of 3 project goals per project. It’s easy!

Just think about **what you are going to do** (the Action), **what it will look like** (the Result), and **when you will finish** (Timeline)

| Action | Result | Timeline |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.Spend time with my steer | getting him gentle | 3x per week. |
| 2.Train my steer | to lead and load | by April 1, 2025. |
| 3.Calculate | my feed costs | by Fair. |
| 1.Memorize | the parts of the camera | by January 15, 2025. |
| 2.Take photos of my grandparents | using natural light | by May 1, 2025. |
| 3.Use photography project book scorecard (p.79) | to choose four best photos to exhibit | one week before Fair. |



Hot Tip: Using a “sloppy copy” of your record book! You can cross out, change your wording, and correct spelling on the sloppy copy throughout the year. Before you turn in your record book, make a final, clean copy to submit.



Market Animals!

Possession Deadlines for Market Animal Projects:

- **Beef: Jan 14 (Tuesday) by 5 pm**
- **Swine: Apr 1 (Tuesday) by 5 pm (no fooling!)**
- **Lamb & Goat: Apr 8 (Tuesday) by 5 pm**

Market Animal paperwork will be mailed in early December - watch your post box!

Remember that each market animal member must attend at least one in-county, in-person livestock quality assurance (LQA) meeting per season. Each species superintendent will lead one or more LQAs.

4-H Achievement Day!

Mark your calendars now!

Teton County's 4-H Achievement Day will be Oct 7, 2025 during National 4-H Week!

Tentative Agenda:

- **Banquet and Social from 5 to 6 pm**
- **Awards from 6 to 7 pm (including 2025 Carcass, Record Book, Communications, and special Club awards - each club can present their own 2 wacky or serious awards!)**
- **Breakout sessions from 7 to 8 pm (learning sessions for new families, club leaders, and volunteers.)**

New 4-H Year, New Opportunities!

By: Shelby Jones-Dozier, FCS and 4-H Agent

The new 4-H year is off to a great start. We have had a steady stream of registrations completed on Z-Suite. A huge thank you to those that completed their registration by October 31, 2024, your project books are on the way! Once you get your new project book, it is a great time to start thinking about your goals. Make sure to check out the Rock Your Record Book section of the newsletter for great ideas to develop your goals.

Speaking of goals! Please complete the 4-H program survey as soon as possible. By taking a few minutes to share your experience with Teton County 4-H you will play a significant role in shaping goals for our program in future years. Your club leaders have been mailed paper copies of the survey, a poster with a QR code to complete the survey electronically, or you can click the link below to access the survey directly from the newsletter.

There are two great opportunities for our 4-Hers:

For 4-Hers 14 and up, consider joining the Teton County team to meet with the new 2025 Montana State Legislators for the Legislative Breakfast in Helena. Participating in this program will give you the opportunity to meet other 4-Hers from across the state, learn how to share your ideas with your state legislators, and take a tour of the state capital in Helena. Call the Extension Office to reserve your spot on the team by Friday, December 13, 2024.

For 4-Hers enrolled in any level of the baking project, I am excited to announce that our local flour producer- Conservation Grains owner, Judy Cornell will host a baking project day. On Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 2 p.m. she will open the doors to her flour mill to share with you how flour is made. There will be several hands-on activities to learn about different types of flour and the science behind baking. Space is limited, please call the Extension Office by Friday, December 13, 2024 to save your spot for an exciting day of learning and meet other youth from around the county.

**Scan the QR code to
take the survey**



[Click here to
take survey.](#)



Use this link to join a 4-H Committee for 2024-2025!

| 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 | | | |
| 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 needed to review Exchange policy | Ad hoc |

Teton County 4-H Year



Montana 4-H Events to Remember October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025



| Month | Teton County | State & National |
|-----------------|---|---|
| October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | |
| November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Council meeting (1st Monday) • 4-H Enrollment Continues: Extension office orders project manuals, free | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Fall Leadership Training for Teens and Ambassadors in Billings Nov 1-3 • Monthly Online Leadership Academy Begins Nov 17 |
| December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock Committee meeting (1st Monday) • Re-Enrollment deadline is Dec 1 (\$25 late fee and purchase own project manuals after December 1st) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National 4-H Congress (invite only, from State 4-H Congress) |
| January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Council meeting (1st Monday) • Camp Counselor Application due January 31, 2025 • Ambassador Application due January 31, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Citizenship Seminar and Legislative Breakfast in Helena |
| February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock Committee meeting (1st Monday) • Clubs host their Club-level Communications Day • 4-H Camp Counselor Planning Meeting #1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Institute |
| March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Council meeting (1st Monday) • Clubs host their Club-level Communications Day • 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) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Recreation "Rec" Lab (March or April, TBD) |

Teton County 4-H Year continued



Montana 4-H Events to Remember October 1, 2024-September 30, 2025



| Month | Teton County | State & National |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock Committee meeting (1st Monday) • 4-H Camp Counselor Planning Meeting #3 • County level Communications Day which will include Stir-Ups, Fashion Revue, and Western Heritage Persona Interviews | |
| May | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock Committee meeting (1st Monday) • 4-H Camp Counselor Retreat • Teton County Fair Jun 24-Jun 29 (Wed: Static Exhibit and Interview Judging, Thu: Fashion Revue, Fri-Sat: Livestock Show and Sale) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Congress registration by June 15 • Summer 2025 Outbound Exchange |
| July | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 4-H Council meeting in July • 4-H Camp | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Congress in Bozeman • Summer Outbound Exchange |
| August | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock Committee meeting (1st Monday) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Western Heritage State Shoot |
| September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-H Council meeting (Monday after Labor Day) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MT 4-H Working Ranch Horse Show • MT 4-H State Horse Show |
| Updates and Due Dates | | |
| | <p>An up-to-date Teton County calendar is available at https://www.montana.edu/extension/teton/Calendar.html</p> | <p>An up-to-date State/National calendar is available at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/resources/calendar2.html</p> |

2025 Teton County Club Rotations

More detailed information will be sent to each club as we get closer to fair season

Old Agency

→ **Fair set up and clean up**

**Challenging
Champs**

→ **Fair Facility Management
and Hospitality**

Spring Creek

→ **Static exhibit set up**

Eager Eagles

→ **Buyer's Appreciation
Meal: Meat and Greet**

Prairie Stars

→ **Camp Clean Up**

Monthly Online Leadership Academy

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 website to register for the workshop series and receive the Zoom link. Sunday Trainings at 3:00 PM: December 15, 2024, January 12, 2025, February 9, 2025, and March 16, 2025.



Club Commotion

Challenging Champs



Challenging Champs Club members pictured with proceeds from their food drive. Members went door to door to collect items for the food pantry. Strong work!

4-H Council Seeking New Officers!

4-H council is seeking a new secretary for 2025- 2027. Our treasurer position will be vacant later this year and we are seeking a *treasurer-in-training* to work with Rachael Christensen to learn the ropes! Please contact the Extension Office to learn more.

Greytak Calendars



The 2025 Greytak calendars are at the office! Once again they are \$15 and the proceeds benefit our Teton County 4-H Council and statewide 4-H programs.

North 40 Discount Cards

We still have some 2024 North 40 10% Discount cards that can be used for 4-H project livestock animal feed and show supplements. Please contact the office to get your card if you already have an animal. The 2025 cards will arrive sometime in December. All cards need to be signed by the 4-H member and their club leader.

Sign Up!

Re-enrollment for 4-H began **October 1** on ZSuite. Club leader(s) will have Clover Selection project guides for members to get more information on projects. The deadline for **re-enrollment** is December 1.

When 4-H youth re-enroll before December 1:

- Project books will be **ordered for you** by the office
 - The first project book order will be placed in late October
 - A second project book order will be placed in early December
- Project books **will be paid for** by 4-H Council
- You can sign up for and participate in committees
- You will receive information from the MSU Extension Office in Teton County

IF you re-enroll after December 1 you:

- Must **complete a variance request form**, stating why you were unable to re-enroll by December 1
- Must **order and pay for** your own project books
- Cannot serve on 4-H committees
- Must **pay a \$25** per member late fee
- Will not receive any correspondence from MSU Extension Teton County until you are re-enrolled

Your club member dues must be paid before you are "active" and receive the above benefits.



| 4-H Council Budget | 2022-23 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2023-24 | 2024-2025 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Proposed | Actual | Proposed | Actual | Proposed |
| INCOME | | | | | |
| Boe Brothers Income (Checks received twice per year) | \$11,000.00 | \$13,961.65 | \$12,000.00 | \$12,254.72 | \$12,000.00 |
| Camp Registration Income | \$2,500.00 | \$2,310.80 | \$2,500.00 | \$1,788.02 | \$2,000.00 |
| Capital Purchase Income (Large Items-Bleachers, etc) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Donations Awards Income | \$6,000.00 | \$6,237.00 | \$6,200.00 | \$1,870.10 | \$2,000.00 |
| Donations Camp Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Donations Communications Day Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Donations Fair Income | \$750.00 | \$1,012.07 | \$1,000.00 | \$5,118.97 | \$5,200.00 |
| Donations Meat and Greet Income | \$600.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Donations Unspecified Income | \$700.00 | \$2,946.21 | \$3,000.00 | \$4,860.93 | \$4,500.00 |
| Dues and 1% Fee Income (Received from club dues and 1% fee-paid to state) | \$1,500.00 | \$2,337.35 | \$3,000.00 | \$1,719.33 | \$2,000.00 |
| Grant and Grant Carryover Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Greytak Calendar Income | \$500.00 | \$405.00 | \$450.00 | \$335.42 | \$375.00 |
| Interest Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$19.37 | \$0.00 |
| License Plate Fee Income (Fees from sales of 4-H license plates) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Market Animal Fee Income (Market/breeding animals fees paid through Stripe) | \$1,500.00 | \$912.77 | \$1,000.00 | \$1,127.33 | \$1,000.00 |
| Memorials Income | \$0.00 | \$310.00 | \$0.00 | \$460.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other Income | \$0.00 | \$498.81 | \$500.00 | \$1,101.36 | \$775.00 |
| Project Curriculum Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$83.15 | \$0.00 |
| Transfer from Savings Income | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Youth Education and Travel Income (Registration (1/2 of fee) and travel to 4-H events) | \$1,100.00 | \$1,112.65 | \$1,100.00 | \$817.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Total | \$26,150.00 | \$32,044.31 | \$30,750.00 | \$31,555.70 | \$30,850.00 |

| 4-H Council Budget | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2023-24 | 2024-2025 |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Actual | Proposed | Actual | Proposed |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| 4-H Week Expense | \$350.00 | \$2,000.00 | \$1,779.31 | \$1,000.00 |
| Administrative Support Training Expense | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Advertising Expense (General (Volunteer Thanks, etc.) Event advertising listed under specific event.) | \$3,603.32 | \$500.00 | \$1,250.80 | \$1,000.00 |
| Ambassadors Expense | \$0.00 | \$500.00 | \$0.00 | \$250.00 |
| Awards Expense | \$4,822.30 | \$4,800.00 | \$5,532.26 | \$5,500.00 |
| Camp Expense | \$3,711.59 | \$3,900.00 | \$4,601.54 | \$3,500.00 |
| Capital Purchase Expense (Large items-Ex. Bleachers, sound system) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Communications Day Expense | \$350.00 | \$500.00 | \$1,196.53 | \$500.00 |
| Contributions to Others Expense | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| Dues and 1% Fee Expense Monies paid to state 4-H level | \$3,105.58 | \$3,000.00 | \$2,247.52 | \$2,500.00 |
| Exchange Expense | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Fair Expense | \$2,449.14 | \$5,000.00 | \$7,666.87 | \$6,500.00 |
| Grant Expense | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Greytak Calendar Expense | \$350.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | \$250.00 |
| Horse Show Expense | \$250.35 | \$500.00 | | \$300.00 |
| Insurance Annual Policy Expense Yearly 4-H Ins, Special Risk Ins for event listed under specific event. | \$348.30 | \$300.00 | \$252.00 | \$300.00 |
| Shooting Sports Expense | | | | \$300.00 |
| Market Animal Fee Transfer Expense Fees from Stripe paid to Livestock Committee | \$812.42 | \$1,000.00 | \$963.87 | \$1,000.00 |
| Meat and Greet Expense | \$889.97 | \$1,200.00 | \$159.90 | \$500.00 |
| Office Supplies Expense Ex. Thank you notes, envelopes, etc. | \$0.00 | \$200.00 | \$275.94 | \$500.00 |
| Other Expense | \$950.60 | \$775.00 | \$1,682.21 | \$500.00 |
| Postage Expense Stamps to mail thank yous, bill payments, etc. | \$230.85 | \$300.00 | \$204.00 | \$300.00 |
| Project Curriculum Expense Project manuals, record book covers, etc. | \$1,792.00 | \$1,800.00 | \$2,176.10 | \$2,200.00 |
| Solicitations Expense (Solicitation Letter postage, Ads, etc.) | \$890.10 | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | \$300.00 |
| Volunteer Certification Expense | \$330.00 | \$350.00 | \$420.00 | \$450.00 |
| Volunteer Education and Travel Expense 4-H event registration fees (1/2), mileage, trainings | \$325.00 | \$325.00 | \$75.00 | \$200.00 |
| Youth Education and Travel Expense 4-H event registration fees (1/2), mileage, trainings | \$994.00 | \$3,000.00 | \$2,009.00 | \$2,900.00 |
| Total | \$26,555.52 | \$30,750.00 | \$32,792.85 | \$30,850.00 |

CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR

2025



CITIZENS IN ACTION EVENT

REGISTER NOW FOR MONTANA 4-H CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR EVENT

Get ready to connect with 4-Hers from across the state at the 2025 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar! This unique experience offers an inside look at democratic government and the chance to engage with program highlights that make it unforgettable. While everyone may feel a mix of excitement and curiosity, you'll find yourself growing alongside peers and adults alike. Don't miss the opportunity to meet elected officials and leave a memorable impression as a proud representative of 4-H!

**January 19-
21, 2025**

**Helena
Montana**

**Montana 4-H
Members 14 +**

Learn More Here: montana.edu/extension/4h/citizenship_seminar

Contact Info/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

Other:

- <https://www.montana.edu/extension/teton>
- <https://www.facebook.com/TetonCoExt>
- <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h>



Fair Dates

2025 June 24-29

2026 June 22-28

4-H Congress, Bozeman

2025 July 8-11

2026 July 7-10

Camp Dates

2025 July 22-24

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