



Are You Ready for Fair? Checklist



Check out our website at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/gallatin/4hfair.html> to find all Fair information!

- ☐ Read the **2025 4-H/FFA Exhibitor Fairbook** – this publication contains **ALL** the 4-H/FFA exhibitor rules, divisions and classes you can enter, and the schedules for the 2025 4-H/FFA Fair. This document is **CRUCIAL** to navigating Fair. You **MUST** utilize the Fairbook when registering your exhibits and animal projects to ensure you register correctly!
- ☐ **2025 4-H/FFA Fair Theme is: “The MAGIC of Fair”**. Use this theme to decorate any animal stalls/posters/club or project displays. This is a fun way to unite 4-H/FFA across the fairgrounds!
- ☐ Use the online **ShoWorks** Fair Registration website to enter your project(s) exhibits/animals in the fair by **Friday, June 20, 2025 BY 5:00 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
 - Fair Registration Website: <https://gallatin4h.fairwire.com/>
- ☐ Pay any fair fees owed (fees/invoice are housed in your fair registration account) by **June 25th**.
- ☐ **Record Books: ALL** Livestock, Horse, Small Animal and Indoor Project Record Books are due to the Extension Office by **Wednesday, June 25, 2025 BY 5:00 pm**. You will get all your records back prior to your project interview so you can take those records with you to your interview.
 - **“My 4-H Year” document** will need to be signed by your Club Leader. At-Large members need 4-H helper or parent signature.
 - **“Animal and/or Non-Animal Project Journal & Financial Records” and Project Curriculum Workbook(s)** will need to be signed by Project leader(s).
 - **Project Curriculum Book: 7** activities must be completed each year.
 - Check with your project leaders on what those 7 activities should be!
 - Need Help? Record book training video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckS9VZnl5bU>
- ☐ **Livestock/Small Animal (*includes Dog & Cat) and Horse Projects Interviews:**
 - Sign up for your 15–20-minute timeslot(s) for Animal Project Interview(s) on either **Thursday, July 10th or Friday, July 11th from 4:00-8:00pm**. Every youth in any Livestock/Small Animal and Horse project(s) must sign up for an interview in the project(s) that they plan to exhibit in at the fair.
 - *If you are planning to exhibit multiple **Livestock** species (ex. sheep, beef, swine) you will only need to sign up for one interview slot and you will talk about all your livestock projects with one judge.
 - If you are in the **Horse** project, you will need to sign up for an additional and separate interview slot from your livestock interview.
 - If you are in the **Dog or Cat** Project, you will need to sign up for an additional and separate interview slot from any Horse and Livestock interviews you may have. If you will be submitting a Dog or Cat Educational Poster, please bring the poster to this interview. Posters will be judged separately from your interview this year.
 - **Animal Project Interview SignUp:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA9A92AABFE3-56192691-2025>





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☐ **Indoor Project Interviews:**

- Sign up for your 15–20-minute timeslot(s) for Indoor Project Interview(s) on **SUNDAY, July 13th from 12:00pm-5:00pm**. Every youth planning to exhibit an Indoor Project must sign up for an interview in each of the project(s) that they plan to exhibit in at the fair. Bring your project exhibit to your interview as it will be evaluated during your interview with a judge.
 - **Indoor Projects Interview SignUp:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA9A92AABFE3-55390514-2025>
- **PROCEDURE CHANGE IN 2025** – All 4-H/FFA Indoor Project Exhibitors must pick-up their **Exhibit Entry Tags** PRIOR to their interviews/exhibit judging.
 - Tags will be available and must be picked up from the 4-H Office between July 7-July 11 (you'll already be picking up your scored record books from the office during this time). Entry tags must be securely attached to the appropriate exhibit upon arrival to your Interview
- If you are entering projects in different divisions, you will need to complete an interview in each project division (Ex. if you are submitting exhibits in the cooking, baking, and photography divisions, you would need to complete 3 separate interviews).

☐ **Purchase and pick up Fair Passes and Parking Permits at Extension Office**

- Typically in late June/early July, the office will send out an email when passes/wristbands are available.
 - Youth Exhibiting projects at Fair will get a **FREE** week pass wristband.
 - 4-H Parents/Guardians and siblings **ONLY** are able to purchase discounted week passes at the 4-H office.
 - “Drop Off” Parking Passes are limited to **one** per family. Free parking is available in Tamarack (Gate A) or West Oak lot (Gate B).
 - Only families with RV Camping spots will be allowed to park long-term in West Annex (Gate C) with a special pass from the Fairgrounds.

☐ **Attend your Project Interview(s).** Please have your completed record book and project books in your possession and dress neat and clean.

☐ **BRING** your animals/Indoor exhibits to Fair (see schedule in Fairbook for check-in times)

☐ Follow established guidelines, refer to the **2025 4-H/FFA Exhibitor Fairbook** and schedules, and **HAVE FUN** at 4-H events **July 11-20, 2025!**

- **4-H/FFA Market Livestock Sale: Friday, July 18th at 4pm.** Live, in-person bidding **ONLY**
 - Buyer Check-In opens at 2pm and Buyer's BBQ starts at 3pm (***4-H/FFA families may eat at the BBQ after 5:00pm**)
- **4-H Family Fun Night Dance (line and swing dance) w/ 4-H Ambassadors: Saturday, July 19th 6pm-8:30pm (AgWest Tent)** All 4-H youth and parents welcome!

****Important Note:** There will be **NO 4-H Café Concessions Stand at the 2025 Fair**. The 4-H Concessions stand has been shut down due to broken pipes and other structural challenges, and we were unable to identify managers to run the fundraiser this year. There will be a food truck vendor set up in the livestock area that will be available to 4-H/FFA families during show days – please plan accordingly. We apologize for the inconvenience.