

October 2026



Teton County “Save the Dates”:



Oct 5-11...**National 4-H Week: Mon - Wear Green, Wed - Thank a volunteer!**

Oct 5.....4-H Livestock Committee Meeting, 6 pm, Teton County Courthouse (2nd floor)

Oct 6.....4-H Horse Committee Fall Meeting, 7 pm, Teton County Courthouse (2nd floor)

Oct 1-31...Enrollment and re-enrollment ongoing, ZSuite and Extension office

Oct 1-31...“Have your cake and eat it, too!” **Sign up for 4-H Committees!**

Oct 30.....Treasurer’s Books Due by Oct 30, Extension Office

Nov 3.....4-H Council Meeting, 6 pm, Fairfield Public Library

Nov 13.....4-H Parent/Volunteer Orientation & Training- **Save the Date!**



Statewide 4-H Events:

Oct 1.....MIWW (Make It With Wool) Entries due

Oct 5-11....National 4-H Week - Theme is “Beyond Ready”!

Nov 6-8.....4-H Fall Leadership Training in Butte, MT

**Club Treasurer Books Due
Thursday, October 30, 2026**



Archery Update

Archery will begin in January 2027, with a parent meeting in December, 2026, time and date TBD. Any questions can be directed to Haven Murphy (590-2881) or Rocky Forseth (590-7984).

WE'RE EXCITED TO

Welcome

A NEW 4-H CLUB TO
TETON COUNTY!



CLUB LEADER

Travis Standley 406-788-1371

We look forward to working alongside Big Sky Roots to promote learning, growing and making a positive difference!



Thank You for a WONDERFUL 4-H YEAR!

As we wrap up another great 4-H year,
we want to hear from **you!**

This short survey helps us understand what went well, what could be better, and what you'd like to see in the future.

Take the End-of-Year survey! →

https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3Q9gZrWzN4tj5FI

Sign up and start the new 4-H year!



Re-enrollment Begins in ZSuite on
OCTOBER 1

and must be completed by November 1.



Club leader(s) will have Clover Selection project guides for members to get more information about projects and decide what they'd like to take this year.

Perks of Enrolling NOW (before November 1!)



Project books will be paid for and ordered for you



The first project book order will be placed in mid-October



A second project book order will be placed in early November

Re-enrolling after the Nov 1 deadline?



Complete a variance request form, stating why you were unable to re-enroll by Nov 1



Order and pay for your own project books



Pay a \$25 per member late fee

2026-27

TEEN 4-H AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Ready to take your 4-H
experience to the
next level?



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!



Is your 4-H age 13 and up?



What is my 4-H age?

Your 4-H age is how old you are on October 1, 2026.



Online Application for First time :

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/dheEwd4X8E>

The Teton County 4-H Teen Ambassador Program is a great opportunity for teen members to grow their leadership skills, represent 4-H, help plan county activities, and make a difference in their community. Ambassadors attend leadership training, serve on a county 4-H committee, support events such as Communications Day and Fair, and gain valuable experience for scholarships, resumes, and future careers.

Applications for the 2026-27 program are due October 16, 2026. If you enjoy leadership, service, and helping younger members succeed, consider becoming a Teen Ambassador this year! Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Link to updated Teton Co website:

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/teton/4HAmbassador.html>

APPLY BY

OCTOBER 16, 2026

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/dheEwd4X8E>



HELP YOUR 4-H CLUB GROW!



Complete any **three activities in a row** (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally) and turn in your completed tic-tac-toe card to claim your **special prize!**

GET A
TIC TAC TOE
& WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE!



TALK ABOUT 4-H

Tell your friends what you actually do in 4-H. Share your favorite project, a funny fair memory, a new skill you learned, or something you're proud of.



SHOW OFF WHAT YOU DO

With permission, share photos of your projects, fair exhibits, community service, club activities, livestock, cooking, shooting sports, crafts, or other 4-H adventures.



SPREAD THE WORD AT SCHOOL

Ask if you can hang up a 4-H flyer, decorate your locker, share information with your class, or invite classmates to an upcoming 4-H activity.



WEAR YOUR 4-H GEAR

Rock your 4-H shirt, hat, jacket, backpack, or clover! If someone asks about it, tell them what 4-H is all about.



PLAN A "BRING-A-FRIEND" ACTIVITY

Help your club plan a meeting that's extra welcoming for guests. Try a game, craft, mini project, scavenger hunt, snack challenge, or hands-on activity.



DO SOMETHING GOOD IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Community service is a great way to show people what 4-H members are all about. Invite others to join your club for a service project.



SHOW THEM YOUR PROJECT

Have a cool 4-H project? Teach someone how to groom an animal, decorate a cake, take a great photo, sew, build something, or practice another skill you've learned.



INVITE- DON'T JUST ADVERTISE

Instead of saying "You should join 4-H," try:
"I'm doing _____
in 4-H this year. Want to come with me?"



BRING A FRIEND

Invite a friend to come along to your next club meeting, activity, community service project, or 4-H event.

2027 Don Greytak 4-H Calendars Now Available!

You can pick up the 2027 Don Greytak 4-H Calendars for \$15 each at the Extension Office or shop online at mt4hfoundation.org

**12-month calendar (Jan-Dec)
with pencil drawings
by Don Greytak!**



These make great thank-you gifts!

October's "Beyond Ready" Club Activity

Create your club's meeting calendar with youth input. Allowing youth to have their voice heard and take part in decision making that affects them builds their confidence and **sense of agency**.

What is agency in youth?

"Youth agency is the desire and ability of young people to make decisions and drive change—in their own lives, in their communities, and in their larger spheres of influence.

Agency is a right that allows young people to become the architects of their own future."

-International Youth Foundation

Club Leader and Treasurer Reminder

All community, project club and committee treasurer's books are due to the Extension office by **October 30**. They can be turned in earlier, after the September bank statement has been reconciled.

Items that must be submitted with the treasurer's book are:

- Checkbooks
- Receipts
- Financial records
- Bank statements

A packet has been mailed to each club leader and treasurer with instructions to complete this annual requirement.

2027 4-H Club Fair Rotations

Club	Club Rotation	Club Rotation Description
Old Agency	Hospitality for Interview Judges	Wednesday 11:45 to 5 pm Provide lunch and snacks for Interview Judges at the Pavilion
	Exhibit Display	Wednesday 5 to 7 pm After Interview Judging is finished, artfully display the exhibits in the Pavilion, for viewing by the community
Spring Creek	Pavilion Set Up, Maintenance, and Clean Up	Tuesday 3 to 5 pm - Set up the Pavilion for Fair week Wednesday to Saturday - Tidy and stock the Pavilion restrooms once each day Sunday 11 to 1 pm - Clean up the Pavilion
	Recruit Greeters for Pavilion	Recruit 3 volunteers to be greeters at the Pavilion for three 3-hour shifts during Fair week: Thursday (5 to 8 pm), Friday (5 to 8 pm), Saturday (9 am to 12 noon)
Eager Eagles	Weatherbeater Decoration	Wednesday (after your club is done with Interview Judging): Decorate the Weatherbeater (bulletin boards, banners, twinkling lights in the event tent, and more!)
	Meat & Greet (a.k.a. Buyer Appreciation Meal) at the Weatherbeater	Saturday 3 to 6 pm - Help set up, serve, and clean up at the catered meal at the Weatherbeater - Coordinate, display, and serve the 4-H desserts potluck as part of the meal
Challenging Champs & Big Sky Roots	Weatherbeater Facility Management	Thursday, Friday, and Saturday - Twice daily maintenance of restrooms and trash cans - Keep things looking spiffy before and during the Auction!
	Fair Concessions	Sell concessions as a club fundraiser (optional) OR recruit food trucks in cooperation with the Extension office (Food trucks need to be recruited by March, to validate licenses)

THANK YOU

to our Amazing Volunteers!

1 YEAR

Brian Carlson
Rose Carlson
Alexis Morris

2 YEARS

Rocky Forseth
Holly Hamilton

3 YEARS

Susan Anderson
Jennifer Laisnez
Ryan Pfeifle
Chris Skinner
Christina Skinner
Jack Ward
Brad Williams

4 YEARS

Janelle Campbell
Heather McCartney-Duty
Jon Redland
Misti Redland
Chris Tacke
Loren Tacke

5 YEARS

Melissa DeBruycker
Ryan DeBruycker
Luke Diekhans
Coy Egbert
Katie Egbert
Loraine Meyer
Haven Murphy
Carli Neal
Patricia Williams

6 YEARS

Heidi Pearson
Chelsee Yeager

7 YEARS

Laura L.N. Toeckes

8 YEARS

Kelsy Diekhans
Dawn Kelly

9 YEARS

Kelly DeBruycker

10 YEARS

Leane Hodgskiss
Hillary Killorn
Lauren Long

11 YEARS

Kate Banner
Todd Banner
Ashle Morris
Jane Wolery

12 YEARS

Laura Toeckes

13 YEARS

Coy Egbert
Katie Egbert

14 YEARS

Lynda Allen

16 YEARS

Susan Snyder

17 YEARS

Fred Ginther
Heidi Konen
Jo Lynn Miller

18 YEARS

Brian Bedord
Lisa Bedord
Cathy Maurer
Alan Peace
Brent Roeder

22 YEARS

Doug Ulsh

25 YEARS

Cathy Campbell

28 YEARS

Kayla Breen
Cynthia Rice

36 YEARS

Linda J Rice

40 YEARS

Leona Somerfeld

49 YEARS

Deanna Burgmaier



Beyond Ready



Thank you to all the 4-H members who successfully completed their Record Books for 2026! This is an important skill, and we applaud your dedication. **Bravo!**

A special congratulations to the 4-H members whose Record Books were selected for Quality Review (**names shown in bold**). This recognition reflects the extra effort and care you put into your Record Book. Way to represent Teton County 4-H!

Ariana Banner
Billy Banner
Beckett Bardwell
Caleb Bender
Keira Bender
Kinsey Bender
Adlai Boroff-Sporkin
Esther Boroff-Sporkin
Bryden Bradley
Iris Carlson
Lily Carlson
Keaton Cherry
Alice Chesser
Charles Chesser
Addison Christensen
Parker Clark
Sawyer Clark
Kinder Collins
Ella Cornelius
Izzy Cornelius
Cru Davis
Quincee Davis
Ayden DeBruycker
Gavin DeBruycker
Kinsley DeBruycker
Natalie DeBruycker
Nolan DeBruycker
Antonia Diekhans
Benjamin Diekhans
Calvin Diekhans
Ivan Donnelly
MaClay Donnelly
Liam Drumm
Claira Duty
Crew Egbert
Kingston Egbert
Lexington Egbert

Tucker Gagne
Addy Grubb
Aliya Grubb
Ava Grubb
Chase Harlow
Charley Harrell
Harper Hirst
Adalee Hodgskiss
Grant Hodgskiss
Hannah Hodgskiss
Hayden Hodgskiss
Natalie Hodgskiss
Elias Jacobsen
Tessa Jacobsen
Brooks Johnson
Colton Jordre
Kailey Jordre
Dani Kelley
Hanna Kelley
Annika Konen
Ava Laisnez
Isla Laisnez
Brennon Linne
Callen Linne
Joplin Little
Waylon Little
Charlie Long
Claire Long
Laudi Long
Boaz Lytle
Elsie Lytle
Polly Lytle
Theodore Lytle
Ledger Martin
Hannah Meyer
Jorja Morris
Owen Morris

Sage Morris
Seeley Neal
Kamri Neuman
Kinlie Neuman
Zane O'Haire
Anna Paulson
Knox Pearson
Korbin Pearson
Ronnie Pearson
Kamryn Peltzer
Calvin Preston
Libby Redland
Mesa Redland
Kameryn Schilling
Addy Scott
Dawson Scott
Sawyer Scott
Everett Skinner
Isaac Skinner
Livia Skinner
Eli Sweetman
Elianna Sweetman
Trent Taylor
Abigail Toeckes
Caleb Toeckes
Grace Toeckes
Isaac Toeckes
Jack Toeckes
Jessica Toeckes
Tana Tschida
Dylan Ulsh
Tensli Weekes
Alisha Williams
Aubrie Williams
Elizabeth Williams
Luci Williams
Casen Yeager

Serve on a 4-H Committee this 4-H Year!

Sign up for committees on Zsuite at <https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/52955> if already signed into Zsuite and <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/52955> if signed out.

In addition to clicking on the links above, you can also email (teton@montana.edu), text (406-350-5373) or call (406-466-2491) to sign up for committees.

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	Assist in contacting local volunteer judges, setting up at the event and providing refreshments for participants.	Meets 1-2 times each year in Fall and/or Winter, to plan Teton County's Communications Day in spring	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
Shooting Sports	Oversees shooting committee finances, educational events, rules, regulations, and safety of shooting-related activities	Meets 1-2 times per year, or as needed	FCS agent, Shooting Sports Coordinator, Officers (Chair, V Chair, Treasurer, Comm Coord) , 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



4-H

FUN FACTS



4-H SLOGAN

*"Learn by
Doing."*



4-H COLORS

GREEN and **WHITE**

GREEN symbolizes
springtime and youth.

WHITE symbolizes purity and
high ideals.



4-H MOTTO

*"To make
the best
better"*



4-H Emblem

A green four-leaf clover
with a white "H" on each
leaf symbolizing "Head,"
"Heart," "Hands," and
"Health."





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OCTOBER
5:00 PM

COSTUME PARTY

BALKENBUSH ARENA
545 PIONEER RD - CONRAD

"DRESS UP YOU AND YOUR HORSE"

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 21 TO PONDERA@MONTANA.EDU
OPEN TO ALL KIDS 8-18 WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN HORSE. DO NOT
NEED TO BE SIGNED UP FOR THE HORSE PROJECT!



MONTANA 4-H

FALL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

AGENTS **OF** CHANGE

OPERATION LEADERSHIP



NOVEMBER 6-8, 2026



**COPPER KING HOTEL
& CONVENTION CENTER
BUTTE, MONTANA**



**LEADERSHIP
WORKSHOPS**



**HANDS-ON
CHALLENGES**



**STATEWIDE
CONNECTIONS**



**MAKE A
POSITIVE IMPACT**

**ARE YOU READY
TO ACCEPT THE MISSION?**

**REGISTER
IN ZSUITE**

**OPEN TO 4-H MEMBERS 14+
AND VOLUNTEERS**

Teton County

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MADE IN MONTANA

Our Stories Told Our Way

YOUTH PUBLIC HEALTH
ART CAMPAIGN



My community
My voice
My health



CREATE.



SHARE.



INSPIRE CHANGE.



Ask a **PARENT** or
trusted adult to help
you scan this QR code
to learn more!

UNIVERSITY OF
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PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING CENTER
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Made in Montana: Our Stories Told Our Way

Public Health Art Campaign

Guidance Document

2026 - 2027



Campaign Overview

Youth Art & Voices Deserve an Audience

This art campaign aims to elevate the voices of students and give them a platform to share their stories and experiences through art.

Every community is unique, and we want to hear what YOU are passionate about, what challenges you see your community face, what successes you would like to celebrate.

Objectives

Public health is all about protecting and improving the health of people and their communities. From the air we breathe to the safety of our food, public health impacts your daily life in ways we might not even notice.

Would you like more information about the field of public health? See Page 4 for more.

Through this art campaign, we want to see how YOU see public health and raise awareness of the integral role public health plays in our communities and across our state.

We want to hear your stories and see public health through your eyes.

Theme

Show a story of health in your community - your way.

Think beyond doctors, hospitals, and healthcare. What people, places, traditions, environments, or ideas help your community stay healthy?

*Artworks may be in any medium, including but not limited to visual art (paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography), creative writing, film, interactive & multimedia, performing arts: music & dance, poetry & spoken word. Digital art is acceptable.**

Eligibility

Any Montana student is eligible to enter. There will be two submission categories:

Art Showcase (non-judged, participation guarantees entry to showcase)

or

Art Exhibition (judged, participation does not guarantee entry to exhibition)

The Art Exhibition submissions will be divided into two categories: submissions from those under the age of 14 and submissions from those over the age of 14.

Contact Us!

Teton County MSU Extension

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- 406-466-2491

Text only:

- 406-350-5373

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

- Teton@montana.edu



Mark Your Calendar!

Fair Dates

2027 June 23-26

4-H Congress, Bozeman

2027 July 14-16

Camp Dates

2027 July 11 - 13 @

Camp Rotary

Rec Lab

TBA

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