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September 2026



Teton County 4-H Happenings

- Sep 1: Horse Club Re-visioning Session #1, 4 - 5 pm, Skinner Residence
- Sep 9: Horse Club Re-visioning Session #2, 4 - 5 pm, Teton Courthouse Conf Room
- Sep 29: Shooting Sports Sign Up Meeting, 7 pm, Rocky Mountain Rifle Club
- Oct 5: Livestock Committee Meeting, 6 pm, Teton Courthouse Conf Room
- Oct 6: Shooting Sports practice begins
- Oct 16: Teton County 4-H Youth Ambassador Application Due
- Oct 30: Club Treasurer's books due by 5 pm (Friday) at the Extension Office
- Nov 1: 4-H Re-enrollment Deadline for returning youth and adult volunteers
- Nov 2: 4-H Council Meeting 6 PM, Fairfield School Media Center

Statewide 4-H Events

- Sep 12-14: MT 4-H Working Ranch Horse Finals at the 406 Arena in Vaughn, MT
- Sep 25-28: State Horse Show at the 406 Arena in Vaughn, MT
- Oct 5-11: National 4-H Week - the theme is "Beyond Ready"!
- Nov 6-8: 4-H Fall Teen Leadership Training in Billings, MT

2026 Carcass Award **WINNERS**

Beef



LAUDI LONG



TANA TSCHIDA



MACLAY DONNELLY

Goat



LIAM DRUMM

Lamb



QUINCEE DAVIS



ALIYAH GRUBB



ADDY GRUBB

Swine



KATY MORRIS



CALEB BENDER



ZANE O'HAIRE



Sorry we missed her in the August Newsletter:

Congratulations!

DIVISION WINNER

Leathercraft

Hannah Meyer with a handmade Leather Purse



TETON COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Key Updates for 2026-2027 4-H Year

Adult volunteers:

- 4-H Council will pay dues for all adult volunteers who do not have children enrolled in 4-H (in any club)
- In-person New Volunteer Certification Training will be scheduled in November. Alternatively adults may complete virtual new volunteer certification at any time.
- Contact the Extension Office for details (406-466-2491)

Required to get credit for completing the 4-H year (helpful for scholarships!)

- Attend at least 3 official club meetings
- Attend at least 1 club service event
- Participate in at least 1 county event (for example, Communications Day, 4-H Fair, 4-H Camp)
- Complete and turn in yearly 4-H Record Book by your county's due date



To sell a market animal at the Teton County 4-H Fair:

- Be enrolled in Teton County 4-H market animal project
- Attend at least 1 mandatory meeting:
 - Youth members: attend at least 1 in-person, Teton County Livestock Quality Assurance ("LQA") event
 - Parent members: attend the mandatory pre-Fair parent preparation meeting
- Bring your 4-H record book with the animal project pages nearly completed to the market animal interview on Wednesday of Fair week
- Complete and turn in your yearly 4-H Record Book



National 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 5-11, 2026



*Beyond
Ready*
FOR ANYTHING!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

On Monday of National 4-H Week, **Go GREEN DAY** and show your 4-H Spirit! Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint-anything green goes and **RECRUIT A FRIEND!**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

Thankful Thursday, October 8th is a day to recognize all 4-H'ers who are doing good and making positive impact by helping their communities and beyond. Share your own story or celebrate someone who is making a difference-another 4-H'er, volunteer or educator.



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 4-H!

Send us your pictures! We'd love to see how you're celebrating 4-H week and share some of your moments in the October Newsletter.

Send them to our email, teton@montana.edu, text them to 406-350-5373 OR add them to the 4-H album in PhotoCircle ->



SCAN TO JOIN THE ALBUM!



PhotoCircle

Click Here or go to
<https://join.photocircleapp.com/VB7XMF4BX>
to see the Fair Photo Album

Club / First meeting	Community	Club Leader(s)	Contact Info
Challenging Champs: Oct 4 @ 4 PM Power School	Power	Kelsy Diekhans	406-788-3722
Eager Eagles: Sep 13 @ 5 PM New Life Church Fairfield	Fairfield	Kelly DeBruycker & Heidi Pearson	406-467-3406 406-231-2117
Old Agency: Sep 13 Choteau School Cafeteria	Choteau	Dawn Kelly	406-590-0196
Spring Creek Sep 14 @ 6 PM Choteau Baptist Church	Choteau	Susan Snyder & Tiffany Paulson	406-590-5701 406-466-3332
Teton 4-H Horse Club	County-wide Horse projects	Kate Banner	406-264-5124

Ready to start your Rabbit Project?



RABBIT & HUTCH FOR SALE

Asking \$125. He'll come with a 3' x 8' long cage with two floors and 3 hinged doors on the top. Call Emma McGraw at 406-836-0625 for more information

"Knobs"



FREE BUNNIES

Call Roberta at 406-590-1375 for more information



FREE RABBIT HUTCH

Free Rabbit Hutch to good home!

80' long x 46" deep x 2.5-3' tall. Solid floor but could be changed to a wire slotted bottom easily.

Call Jack at 406-466-5240 for more information



SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATES

Mandatory Shooting Sports Sign Up - Tuesday, September 29

Teton County Shooting Sports will have a pistol, rifle and Western Heritage meeting on **Tuesday September 29, at 7 p.m. at the Rocky Mountain Rifle Club** at 144 5th Lane NE, Fairfield. Archery will hold its organizational meeting in December or January- stay tuned!

This meeting mandatory for parents and for members interested in pistol, rifle and/or Western Heritage shooting sports. Remember to bring a checkbook or cash as dues and fees will need to be paid that evening.

If you have questions about dues, fees, age requirements, or if attending presents a problem for your family, please call Brian Bedord with questions at 406-590-9092 before September 29.

Shooting practice begins on Tuesday, October 6.

To be eligible to shoot on October 6, ZSuite enrollment needs to be complete, and all release forms signed. Contact the Extension Office if you need assistance with enrollment.

Update for 26-27 4-H year: All Teton County 4-H Youth Shooters will need to enroll in a club (see pg 5) in ZSuite and select shooting sports discipline as a project. Please contact the Extension Office if you have questions or need assistance with enrollment 406-466-2491.



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

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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>

Sign up and start the new 4-H year!

Re-enrollment for returning 4-H youth and adults begins **on October 1** (on ZSuite) and must be completed before **Sunday, November 1**. If you need help with online enrollment, please call the office no later than 3 pm on Friday, October 30. Club leader(s) will have Clover Selection project guides for members to get more information on projects.

“What are the 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 late October
 - A second project book order will be placed in early December

“What happens if I re-enroll after the deadline of Nov 1?”:

- **Complete a variance request form**, stating why you were unable to re-enroll by December 1
- **Order and pay for** your own project books
- **Pay a \$25** per member late fee

Need Accommodation?

4-H strives to meet our members at their own levels of interest, capacity and capability. If a 4-H member requires accommodations – ranging from food allergies to wheelchair accessibility to sign language interpreters and more – we will gladly try to make those accommodations. We rely upon the members and their families to request these accommodations. To make such a request, please do so in writing or verbally and let us know that you or your child needs accommodations. We are happy to work with you to adapt the 4-H program to fit your needs.

We Welcome All

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“NA” Toasting Only

It is 4-H policy that when parents/volunteers are at a 4-H event, and will be working with 4-H youth, the adult must refrain from purchasing, consuming or having consumed alcohol.



2026 Teton County 4-H Camp

July 11 - 13

4-H Camp is only possible when adult volunteers donate their time and talents. In summer of 2027, five adults have stepped forward to commit to making Teton County 4-H Camp possible at Camp Rotary.

VOLUNTEERS

Camp Director: Laura Toeckes

Camp Nurse: Tammy Townsend

Camp Nutrition: Laura L.N. Toeckes & Kelsy Diekhans

Adult Chaperone: Susan Snyder



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

To make camp possible, we still need two more adult volunteers: one male and one female.

The application for Teen Camp Counselors will open in January. Preference will be given to teens who have applied for and are serving as Teton County Teen Ambassadors for the 26-27 4-H year.

Teens, 4-H age 13 and up may apply.

Camp planning meetings will begin in February 2027 and will take place once a month.

Camp Counselor set up at Camp Rotary will begin on Saturday, July 10. All other campers will arrive on Sunday, July 11 and will go home on Tuesday, July 13.



Contact Us!

Teton County MSU Extension

Mailing Address:

- PO Box 130, Choteau, MT 59422

Phone (voice call):

- 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

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