

4-H STATIC & ANIMAL DEPARTMENT H



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4-H MISSION STATEMENT

To provide an opportunity for 4-H member's project work to be evaluated and displayed; to participate in activities throughout Fair which demonstrate to fairgoers the diverse knowledge and skills developed through the 4-H program.

ABOUT 4-H

4-H is the premier youth organization of Montana State University delivered to Cascade County resident youth by Cascade County Extension Agents, Staff, and 4-H Volunteers. 4-H is the largest, out-of-school youth development program in the state, reaching nearly 20,000 youth in all 56 counties and 7 reservations. In 4-H, if you can dream it, you can do it! 4-H offers more than 200 different projects and learning experiences that actively engage youth while having fun. 4-H projects rely on trained adult volunteers who work with youth as mentors for hands-on learning. Montana State Fair plays an important role in 4-H members' learning experiences by giving them an opportunity to display their projects, engage with the community, and share what they have learned over the course of a year.

The 4-H year is October 1-September 30. 4-H is available for all youth ages 9-19 regardless of race, creed, color, handicap, gender, or national origin. The Cloverbud program is available to children 5-8 years of age. For more information visit the Family Living Center and meet with one of our agents or 4-H volunteers to answer all your questions and to pick up printed materials. Visit our website for enrollment information at:

montana.edu/extension/cascade

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF EXHIBITING

1. Build self-confidence by participating in a one-on-one interview with a judge, sharing what and how a project is learned
2. Learn better methods of obtaining the desired quality of exhibits through a judge's feedback and exchange of ideas
3. Develop sportsmanship habits
4. Develop teamwork skills by working with and helping others both (a) in sharing in responsibilities of coordinating fair and (b) by participating in fair
5. Share with the public an idea of what 4-H is through exhibits, club booths, and activities

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All participants at Montana State Fair events are responsible for reading the **General Rules and Regulations** section of this handbook and complying with policies listed therein
2. Exhibitor agrees to all rules and regulations when they submit an entry form
3. All entrants must submit a W9 form at the time of entry to receive any premiums
4. Exhibitor's failure to comply with **ALL** rules may be cause for disqualification
5. Judge's ribbon placings are final. There is no appeal process.

ENTRY & DEADLINES

1. Complete entry forms can be found by calling MSU Extension-Cascade County at (406) 454-6980. DO NOT use Montana State Fair forms.
2. The deadline for static entries, non-animal contests, and domestic animal shows is Tuesday, July 16 at 4:00 p.m. See Small Animal Shows section for details on other deadlines.
3. Members must be enrolled in the project and level to enter except in divisions marked as open.
4. Members may exhibit **ONLY ONE ENTRY IN EACH CLASS**. Entry tags will be provided by the Extension Office.
5. If you do not have a W-9 on file at the MSU Cascade County Extension Office, you must fill one out before premiums will be awarded. Forms are available at the Extension Office.

EXHIBITOR ELIGIBILITY

Cloverbud

Junior Division— 8-10 years old on October 1, of the current 4-H year.

Intermediate Division— 11-13 years old on October 1, of the current 4-H year.

Senior Division— 14-18 years old on October 1, of the current 4-H year.

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1. Members (regardless of race, creed, color, gender, national origin, disabilities, etc.) of a 4-H Club residing in Montana are eligible to exhibit in this department.
2. Any necessary rule or schedule changes may be announced or posted by the superintendents.

STATIC ENTRY JUDGING

1. All static entries must be presented to judges for review on the interview judging day.
2. Interviews will be judged on communication skills, eye contact, knowledge of the project, identification of goals and challenges, and the project itself.
3. Members unable to be present at the Montana State Fair **must** complete an **Absentee Interview Judging form** and must arrange to have exhibits delivered to Interview Judging in the **Family Living Center** to be judged. Email the Extension office at cascade@montana.edu for forms.
4. Exhibitors entering exhibits from their project books **MUST** bring the project book to the interview with the activity in the book completed. This ensures the judge clearly understands what the lesson of the project activity is and can determine how well the exhibitor has implemented what they have learned. The project book will not be judged at the fair. However, if an exhibit is entered from your project book without the respective activity completed, a judge may disqualify or severely subtract points from the overall score.

ENTRIES

1. Exhibits must be the work of the 4-H member and made during the **current 4-H year**.
2. All exhibits must remain on display until Check Out Day, (*see schedule) except in case of an emergency and prior arrangements have been made with the 4-H Agent.
3. All exhibits remaining after Check Out Day will be taken to the Cascade County Extension office. **If exhibits have not been picked up from the Extension office after three weeks, the Extension office may choose to recycle, dispose, or donate entries without notice. Your exhibit is your responsibility.**

EXHIBIT DISPLAY GUIDELINES

Posters: May be vertical, horizontal, or squared and must be a minimum size of 24x18" if rectangular and 18x18" if square. A clear title must be present.

Non-poster Exhibits: There are no limitations on exhibits to be entered if they are the work of a 4-H member and related to the project the 4-H member is enrolled in. Exhibits displaying creative thought, ingenuity, and uniqueness are encouraged! Exhibits may be dioramas, project-related equipment with labeling of parts and/or purpose, or any other project that displays skills learned through 4-H.

EXHIBIT VS. POSTER

In every division, a 4-H member has a minimum of four opportunities to enter their work. Entries listed as "Any activity from project book" should be an activity that the member has completed from their project book. The project must be within the level in which the member is enrolled. The other three entries may be any other exhibit related to their project they have completed using skills and knowledge acquired through 4-H. For example, a member enrolled in leathercraft, level one may enter an activity completed from the leathercraft project book. The member may also enter up to two leather projects they have selected on their own not found with in the book as an "any other exhibit (not a poster)", and one exhibit that is an educational poster.

PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

1. Premiums are paid to only grand (Best of Department), blue, and red award winners at the rate of \$6, \$4, and \$2, respectively. Reserve (Best of Division) winners are paid as blue award winners.
2. You will be notified when checks are available to pick up at the Extension Office. **Do not attempt to get your check from the entry office.**
3. Awards listed in this premium book are subject to change.
4. **CLUBS**
5. All clubs with youth entered in the State Fair must have a club booth.
6. Clubs may work on setting up a booth and decorations **on Thursday July 24 after interview judging.**
7. Clubs entered in the club decorating contest must be set up one hour after the interview judging is completed on Thursday July 24. Clubs not entered in the contest must be set up before fair opening on Friday, July 25 at 5:00pm.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Parents and family are encouraged to mentor and guide 4-H members with their projects but **cannot** perform the bulk of the work. **Projects found primarily completed by an adult or anyone not the 4-H member presenting, will be automatically disqualified.**

INTERVIEW JUDGING & SCORING

4-H members use goal setting, problem solving, and ingenuity skills to create an exhibit that demonstrates what they have learned about their 4-H project over the last year. They then meet with a volunteer judge to communicate goals, challenges, and use of creative thinking. Through this process, 4-H members will grow and learn to be confident, skilled, and introspective individuals.

Volunteer judges will ask questions to learn more about an exhibitor's project and what they have learned throughout their year in 4-H. The more details an exhibitor provides about the display of knowledge gained, the more likely it is exhibitors will do well at interview judging.

FAIR SCHEDULE

The 4-H portion of the MT State Fair Schedule will be available at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/cascade> and will be emailed to all 4-H families prior to the first day of the fair. Below is the schedule and is subject to change.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, July 22, 2025	4:00pm to 6:00pm	Club Booth set up	Family Living Center
Wednesday, July 23, 2025	4:00pm to 6:00pm	Club Booth set up	Family Living Center
Thursday, July 24, 2025	2:00pm to 4:00pm	Static Exhibit Interview judging	Family Living Center
	4:00pm to 6:00pm	Club Booth set up	Family Living Center
Friday, July 25, 2025		Club Booth judging	Family Living Center
Monday, July 28, 2025	9:00am to 7:00pm	Rabbit Show (see Small Livestock schedule)	Rabbit/Poultry Barn
Tuesday, July 29, 2025	9:00am to 10:00am	Communications Contest	3 Rivers Stage**
	2:00pm to 3:00pm	Cat Show	3 Rivers Stage**
	3:00pm to 4:00pm	Dog Show	3 Rivers Stage**
	4:00pm to 5:00pm	Pocket Pet Show	3 Rivers Stage**
Wednesday, July 30, 2025	12:00pm to 1:00pm	Fashion, sewing review, and quilt show	Family Living Center
Thursday, July 31, 2025	9:00am to 7:00pm	Poultry Show (see Small Livestock schedule)	Poultry/Rabbit Barn
Friday, August 1, 2025	12:00pm to 2:00pm	Food Preservation Demonstrations/make and takes	Family Living Center
Saturday, August 2, 2025	12:00pm to 1:00pm	Foods Festival	Family Living Center
	2:00pm to 3:00pm	Cake Decorating Challenge	Family Living Center
Sunday, August 3, 2025	8:00am to 11:00am	Club Booth take down	Family Living Center

**The inclement weather location for events happening on the 3 Rivers Stage is the Harvest Building.

DEPARTMENTS

Division	Title
Active Lifestyles & Health	
1	Babysitting
2	Healthy Decisions (Open)
3	Family Adventures
Animal & Ag. Science	
4	Beekeeping
5	Crop Science
6	Domestic Animals
7	Horse
8	Livestock
9	Range Management
10	Tractor Mechanics
11	Veterinary Sciences
12	Weed Science
Business, Citizenship, & Communications	
13	Citizenship
14	Exploring 4-H
15	American Sign Language
16	Cowboy Poetry
Creative Arts	
17	Interior Design
18	Leather Craft
19	Photography
20	Scrapbooking
21	Visual Arts
22	Welding
23	Woodworking
Environmental & Natural Science	
24	Entomology
25	Forestry
26	Gardening
27	Outdoor Adventures
28	Shooting Sports
29	Sport Fishing
30	Wildlife

Division	Title
Fiber Arts	
31	Handwork
32	Sewing & Textiles
33	Shopping in Style
Food Science	
34	Baking
35	Cake Decorating
36	Cooking
37	Dutch Oven
38	Food Preservation
Youth Leadership	
39	Leadership
40	4-H Adventures (open)
Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math	
41	Aerospace
42	Electricity
43	Robotics: Ev3 and Junk Drawer
44	Small Engines
Other Projects	
45	Cloverbuds
46	Crafts, Hobbies, & Extracurriculars (open)
47	Self-Determined
Non-Animal Contests	
48	Cake Decorating Challenge (open)
49	Communications Contest (open)
50	Fashion Revue & Quilt Show (open)
51	Foods Festival (open)
Domestic Animal Shows	
52	Cat Show
53	Pocket Pet Show
54	Dog Show
Small Livestock Shows	
55	Poultry Show
56	Rabbit Show

HOW TO SUPPORT 4-H YOUTH

State Fair awards are just one way we can recognize the efforts of hardworking youth. If you would like to sponsor an award for Montana State Fair, please contact the Extension Office at (406) 454-6980 at the end of the Montana State Fair. There are many other ways to support 4-H youth! Consider enrolling as a project volunteer and mentor youth through project-learning opportunities. Other areas of 4-H to make donations include: scholarship, the Ambassador program, achievement awards, and county shows and contests of all kinds.

4-H STATIC EXHIBITS

READ ALL 4-H RULES AND REGULATIONS PRIOR TO ENTERING ANY EXHIBITS.

ACTIVE LIFESTYLES & HEALTH

Exhibit & Poster Topics

Exhibits and posters should relate to health, nutrition, rules, strategies, careers, dioramas, equipment, or any other related topic.

DIVISION 1: BABYSITTING

- H-1-1 Any activity from project book
- H-1-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-1-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-1-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 2: HEALTHY DECISIONS (OPEN)

- H-2-1 Chart of daily activity for one week
- H-2-2 Chart of drink consumption for 2 days
- H-2-3 Chart of Label Lingo
- H-2-4 Chart of Whoa, Show, and Go Snack Foods
- H-2-5 Chart of steps
- H-2-6 Chart of Screen Time
- H-2-7 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-2-8 Educational poster

DIVISION 3: Family Adventures

- H-3-1 Any activity from project book
- H-3-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-3-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-3-4 Educational poster

ANIMAL & AG. SCIENCE

Exhibit & Poster Topics

Exhibits and posters should relate to breeds and heritage, health topics, showing, grooming, animal husbandry, careers, dioramas, equipment/tack, any related industry, etc.

Special Rules

1. No live animals may be used as part of the display.

DIVISION 4: BEEKEEPING

- H-4-1 Any activity from project book
- H-4-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-4-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-4-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 5: Crop Science

- H-5-1 Any activity from project book
- H-5-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-5-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-5-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 6: DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Cat

- H-6-1 Cat – Any activity from project book
- H-6-2 Cat – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-6-3 Cat – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-6-4 Cat – Educational Poster

Dog

- H-6-5 Dog – Any activity from project book
- H-6-6 Dog – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-6-7 Dog – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-6-8 Dog – Educational Poster

Pocket Pet

- H-6-9 Pocket Pet – Any activity from project book
- H-6-10 Pocket Pet – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-6-11 Pocket Pet – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-6-12 Pocket Pet – Educational Poster

DIVISION 7: HORSE

- H-7-1 Any activity from Horse project book
- H-7-2 Any activity from Horseless Horse project book
- H-7-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-7-4 Educational poster relating to horse breed and heritage, showing, tack, careers, the equine industry, etc.
- H-7-5 Any display relating to horse judging

DIVISION 8: LIVESTOCK

Judging

- H-8-1 Any exhibit relating to meat judging
- H-8-2 Any exhibit relating to wool judging
- H-8-3 Any exhibit relating to livestock judging

Cattle (beef & dairy)

- H-8-4 Cattle – Any activity from project book
- H-8-5 Cattle – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-8-6 Cattle – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-8-7 Cattle – Educational poster

Goat (meat & dairy)

- H-8-8 Goat – Any activity from project book
- H-8-9 Goat – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-8-10 Goat – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-8-11 Goat – Educational poster

Poultry

- H-8-12 Poultry – Any activity from project book
- H-8-13 Poultry – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-8-14 Poultry – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-8-15 Poultry – Educational poster

Sheep

- H-8-16 Sheep – Any activity from project book
- H-8-17 Sheep – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-8-18 Sheep – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-8-19 Sheep – Educational poster

Swine

- H-8-20 Swine – Any activity from project book
- H-8-21 Swine – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-8-22 Swine – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-8-23 Swine – Educational poster

Rabbit

- H-8-24 Rabbit – Any activity from project book
- H-8-25 Rabbit – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-8-26 Rabbit – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-8-27 Rabbit – Educational Poster

DIVISION 9: RANGE MANAGEMENT

Special Rules:

1. Mounting cards should be lightweight, white, cardboard or poster board.
 2. Standing size mounts are 11.5" x 16.5" or 8.5" x 11.5". A ring binder is suggested for easy storage and display.
- H-9-1 Any activity from project book
 - H-9-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
 - H-9-3 Collect, mount, and label at least 12 range plants: seven annuals, two biennials, and three perennials
 - H-9-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 10: TRACTOR MECHANICS

- H-10-1 Any activity from project book
- H-10-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)

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- H-10-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-10-4 Educational Poster

DIVISION 11: VETERINARY SCIENCES

- H-11-1 Any activity from project book
- H-11-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-11-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-11-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 12: WEED SCIENCE

Special Rules:

1. Mounting cards should be lightweight, white, cardboard or poster board.
2. Standing size mounts are 11.5" x 16.5" or 8.5" x 11.5". A ring binder is suggested for easy storage and display.

- H-12-1 Any activity from project book
- H-12-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-12-3 Collect, mount, and label at least 12 weeds: seven annuals, two biennials, and three perennials
- H-12-4 Educational poster

BUSINESS, CITIZENSHIP, & COMMUNICATIONS

Exhibit & Poster Topics

Exhibits and posters should relate to social trends and issues, advocacy, current events, careers, biographies, people of interest or historic figures, equipment, timelines, dioramas, or other related topics.

DIVISION 13: CITIZENSHIP

- H-13-1 Any activity from project book
- H-13-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-13-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-13-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 14: EXPLORING 4-H

- H-14-1 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-14-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-14-3 Educational poster
- H-14-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 15: AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

- H-15-1 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-15-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-15-3 Educational poster
- H-15-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 16: COWBOY POETRY

- H-16-1 Any activity from project book
- H-16-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-16-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-16-3 Educational poster

CREATIVE ARTS

Exhibit & Poster Topics

Exhibits and posters should relate to careers, biographies, people of interest or historic figures, equipment, timelines, dioramas, or other related topics.

DIVISION 17: INTERIOR DESIGN

- H-17-1 Any activity from project book
- H-17-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-17-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-17-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 18: LEATHER CRAFT

- H-18-1 Any activity from project book
- H-18-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-18-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-18-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 19: PHOTOGRAPHY

Special Rules:

1. Exhibits must be made up of pictures taken during the current project year.
2. Exhibits may be in a picture frame (matting is optional), mounted on poster board, or in a photo album arranged according to a plan relating to each Project Manual unit.
3. All photos must be taken by the 4-H member who is entering the photo in the fair.

- H-19-1 Any 8"x10" Portraiture photo
- H-19-2 Any 8"x10" Wildlife photo
- H-19-3 Any 8"x10" Editorial Fashion photo
- H-19-4 Any 8"x10" Editorial Food photo
- H-19-5 Any 8"x10" Landscape photo
- H-19-6 Any 8"x10" Conceptual/fine art photo
- H-19-7 Any 8"x10" Night-long exposure photo
- H-19-8 Any 8"x10" 4-H promotional photo (official clover must be present)
- H-19-9 Educational poster

DIVISION 20: SCRAPBOOKING

- H-20-1 Any activity from project book
- H-20-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-20-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-20-4 Educational Poster

DIVISION 21: VISUAL ARTS

- H-21-1 Any activity from project book
- H-21-2 Any project promoting 4-H
- H-21-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-21-4 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-21-5 Educational poster

DIVISION 22: WELDING

- H-22-1 Any activity from project book
- H-22-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-22-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-22-4 Educational poster
- H-22-5 Any project promoting 4-H

DIVISION 23: WOODWORKING

- H-23-1 Any activity from project book
- H-23-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-23-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-23-4 Educational poster
- H-23-5 Any project promoting 4-H

ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL SCIENCE

Exhibits and poster should relate to careers, biographies, people of interest or historic figures, equipment, timelines, dioramas, or other related topics.

DIVISION 24: ENTOMOLOGY

- H-24-1 Any activity from the project book
- H-24-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-24-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-24-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 25: FORESTRY

- H-25-1 Any activity from project book
- H-25-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-25-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-25-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 26: GARDENING

Special Rules:

1. It is recommended that you bring the seed packet or other information about the variety of plant you are exhibiting.
2. Vegetables must be clean and displayed neatly on a clear plastic 6" plate.
3. Exhibitors must use only items grown in their own garden.
4. Exhibits will be judged for uniformity, maturity, varietal characteristics, and freedom from disease, insects, and injury as well as knowledge displayed during the interview.
5. Following judging, one specimen must be left for display and the rest may be taken home.

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6. A photo of any sensitive plants should be left on display with the awarded ribbon. Sensitive plants may be taken home following judging.

- H-26-1 Any miniature garden display
- H-26-2 Any vegetable display
- H-26-3 Any vegetable display
- H-26-4 Any fruit display
- H-26-5 Any fruit display
- H-26-6 Any herb display
- H-26-7 Any herb display
- H-26-8 Any house plant in container
- H-26-9 Any house plant in container
- H-26-10 Floral Arrangement – Large (20"+)
- H-26-11 Floral Arrangement – Small (12-19")
- H-26-12 Any perennial flower (3 stems)
- H-26-13 Any annual flower (3 stems)
- H-26-14 Any succulent or cactus plant
- H-26-15 Any plant grown from a graft
- H-26-16 Any plant grown in a container
- H-26-17 Any shamrock plant displayed in a fashion that promotes 4-H
- H-26-18 Educational poster

DIVISION 27: OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

- H-27-1 Any activity from project book
- H-27-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-27-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-27-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 28: SHOOTING SPORTS

Special Rules:

1. Youth must be enrolled in the respective discipline in which they are entering.
2. State Fair Targets are shot at scheduled discipline practices prior to fair.
3. No real firearm or archery equipment may be used as part of a display.

Archery

- H-28-1 Archery – Any activity from project book
- H-28-2 Archery – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-28-3 Archery – Educational poster
- H-28-4 Archery – State Fair Target

BB Gun

- H-28-5 BB – Any activity from project book
- H-28-6 BB – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-28-7 BB – Educational poster
- H-28-8 BB – State Fair Target

Hunting

- H-28-9 Hunting – Any activity from project book
- H-28-10 Hunting – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-28-11 Hunting – Educational poster

Muzzle Loading

- H-28-12 Muzzle – Any activity from project book
- H-28-13 Muzzle – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-28-14 Muzzle – Educational poster

Pistol, Air

- H-28-15 Air Pistol – Any activity from project book
- H-28-16 Air Pistol – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-28-17 Air Pistol – Educational poster
- H-28-18 Air Pistol – State Fair Target

Pistol, .22 (small bore)

- H-28-19 .22 Pistol – Any activity from project book
- H-28-20 .22 Pistol – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-28-21 .22 Pistol – Educational poster
- H-28-22 .22 Pistol – State Fair Target

Rifle, Air

- H-28-23 Air Rifle – Any activity from project book
- H-28-24 Air Rifle – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-28-25 Air Rifle – Educational poster
- H-28-26 Air Rifle – State Fair Target

Rifle, .22 (small bore)

- H-28-27 .22 Rifle – Any activity from project book

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- H-28-28 .22 Rifle – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-28-29 .22 Rifle – Educational poster
- H-28-30 .22 Rifle – State Fair Target
- Shotgun*
- H-28-31 Shotgun – Any activity from project book
- H-28-32 Shotgun – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-28-33 Shotgun – Educational poster
- Western Heritage*
- H-28-34 WH – Any activity from project book
- H-28-35 WH – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-28-36 WH – Educational poster

DIVISION 29: SPORT FISHING

- H-29-1 Any activity from project book
- H-29-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-29-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-29-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 30: WILDLIFE

- H-30-1 Any activity from project book
- H-30-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-30-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-30-4 Educational poster

Fiber Arts

Exhibits and posters should relate to family dynamics, careers, biographies, people of interest or history figures, equipment, timelines, dioramas, or other related topics.

DIVISION 31: HANDWORK

- H-31-1 Knitting – Any activity from project book
- H-31-2 Knitting – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-31-3 Knitting – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-31-4 Knitting – Educational poster
- H-31-5 Embroidery – Any activity from project book
- H-31-6 Embroidery – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-31-7 Embroidery – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-31-8 Embroidery – Educational poster
- H-31-9 Crochet – Any activity from project book
- H-31-10 Crochet – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-31-11 Crochet – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-31-12 Crochet – Educational poster

Quilting: Sponsored

- H-31-13 Quilting – Any activity from project book
- H-31-14 Article with hand appliqué
- H-31-15 Article with a machine appliqué
- H-31-16 Article with hand quilting
- H-31-17 Article with machine quilting
- H-31-18 Article with handmade patchwork
- H-31-19 Article with machine patchwork
- H-31-20 Article with machine patchwork
- H-31-21 Quilting – Educational poster

DIVISION 32: SEWING & TEXTILES

- H-32-1 Any activity from project book
- H-32-2 Any activity from project book
- H-32-3 Any flannel item
- H-32-4 Any wool item
- H-32-5 Any serged item
- H-32-6 Any outerwear
- H-32-7 Any sleepwear
- H-32-8 Any swimwear
- H-32-9 Any home décor item (tablecloth, bedding, curtains, etc.)
- H-32-10 Any item using 4-H branded fabric
- H-32-11 Any other item (clothing)
- H-32-12 Any other item (not clothing)
- H-32-13 Educational poster

DIVISION 33: SHOPPING IN STYLE

- H-33-1 Any activity from project book
- H-33-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-33-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-33-4 Educational poster

Food Science

Exhibits and posters should relate to health or trending health topics, new technologies in health, careers, biographies, people of interest or historic figures, equipment, timelines, dioramas, or other related topics.

DIVISION 34: BAKING

- H-34-1 Any activity from project book
- H-34-2 Any activity from project book
- H-34-4 Any baked dessert
- H-34-5 Any yeast product
- H-34-6 Any 100% whole wheat product
- H-34-7 Any traditional baked product from a foreign country with an 8"x10" flyer outlining the culture, tradition, and interesting facts about the country and their traditions relating to the baked item
- H-34-8 Educational poster

DIVISION 35: CAKE DECORATING

- H-35-1 Any activity from project book
- H-35-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-35-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-35-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 36: COOKING

Special Rules:

1. Food exhibits should be displayed on disposable containers appropriate to the size of the exhibit. We cannot guarantee containers will be returned to you.
2. Only one serving is needed.
3. Recipes must accompany food entry.
4. One recipe cannot be used for two different class number entries. Family members with entries in the same class number must each make their own batch.

- H-36-1 Any activity from project book
- H-36-2 Any activity from project book
- H-36-3 Any item featuring grain ingredients that can be sourced from Montana Agriculture
- H-36-4 Any item featuring 100% whole grains
- H-36-5 Any item featuring legumes
- H-36-6 Any item featuring proteins that can be sourced from Montana Agriculture
- H-36-7 One traditional dish from a foreign country with an 8"x10" flyer outlining the culture, traditions, and interesting facts about the country and their tradition relating to the item
- H-36-8 Educational poster

DIVISION 37: DUTCH OVEN COOKING

- H-37-1 Any activity from project book
- H-37-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-37-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-37-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 38: FOOD PRESERVATION

Special Rules:

1. Use only standard clear glass, canning jars.
2. Unless otherwise stated, entries must be processed in either pint or quart jars. The use of half gallon jars is unsafe, and these entries will be disqualified.
3. Each jar must be clearly labeled. Labels should be typed or plainly printed with the name of the food, date canned, processing time, and method of preservation.
4. All jars must be sealed.
5. Jelly will not be judged unless standard jelly jars are used. Jelly must be processed in standard jelly jars or standard pint or half-pint jars. Jelly, butters, jam, marmalade, etc. inverted or preserved with paraffin will be disqualified.
6. Non-acidic vegetables and meats must be pressure canned.
7. One jar constitutes an entry in food preservation.
8. Jars will not be opened for tasting by the judges.

- H-38-1 Any jam activity from project book
- H-38-2 Any jelly activity from project book
- H-38-3 Any fruit from project book

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- H-38-4 Any vegetable from project book
- H-38-5 Any pickled activity from project book
- H-38-6 Any sauce from project book
- H-38-7 Any salsa from project book
- H-38-8 Any syrup from project book
- H-38-9 Any dehydrated meat from project book
- H-38-10 Any dehydrated fruit from project book
- H-38-11 Any dehydrated vegetable from project book
- H-38-12 Food preservation safety and equipment display
- H-38-13 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-38-14 Educational poster

Youth Leadership

Exhibits and posters should relate to careers, biographies, people of interest or historic figures, equipment, timelines, dioramas, or other related topics.

DIVISION 39: LEADERSHIP

- H-39-1 Any activity from project book
- H-39-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-39-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-39-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 40: 4-H ADVENTURES (OPEN)

Special Rules:

1. Member must have attended the most recent 4-H trip or activity relating to the entry.
2. Exhibits should be educational as well as promotional. Information, captions, descriptions, etc. should be included as well as photos.
3. Exhibits may be about the places you've traveled, cultures in the area, events, activities, special speakers, skills learned, people involved, etc.
4. Each individual exhibit must relate to a 4-H travel/camp/conference opportunity.

- H-40-1 Any exhibit or educational poster
- H-40-2 Any exhibit or educational poster
- H-40-3 Any exhibit or educational poster
- H-40-4 Any exhibit or educational poster

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

Exhibits and posters should relate to careers, biographies, people of interest or historic figures, equipment, timelines, dioramas, or other related topics.

DIVISION 41: AEROSPACE

- H-41-1 Any activity from project book
- H-41-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-41-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-41-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 42: ELECTRICITY

- H-42-1 Any activity from project book
- H-42-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-42-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-42-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 43: ROBOTICS

Junk Drawer Robotics

- H-43-1 Junk Drawer – Any activity from project book
- H-43-2 Junk Drawer – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-43-3 Junk Drawer – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-43-4 Junk Drawer – Educational poster

Lego Mindstorm Ev3

- H-43-5 Ev3 – Any activity from project book
- H-43-6 Ev3 – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-43-7 Ev3 – Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-43-8 Ev3 – Educational poster

DIVISION 44: SMALL ENGINES

- H-44-1 Any activity from project book
- H-44-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-44-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)
- H-44-4 Educational poster

Other Projects

DIVISION 45: CLOVERBUDS

Special Rules:

1. Cloverbuds may only exhibit in the Cloverbud Division. **Participation only – no premiums or awards.**
2. Cloverbud projects will not be judged competitively per Montana 4-H policy. Participation ribbons and feedback will be given to each individual.

H-45-1 Any other exhibit (not a poster)

H-45-2 Any other exhibit (not a poster)

H-45-3 Any other exhibit (not a poster)

H-45-4 Educational poster

DIVISION 46: CRAFTS, HOBBIES, & EXTRACURRICULARS (OPEN)

H-46-1 Any craft

H-46-2 Any hobby

H-46-3 Science Fair project

H-46-4 Any artwork

H-46-5 Any project that promotes 4-H

H-46-6 Educational exhibit (not a poster)

H-46-7 Educational poster

H-46-8 Project Day Project

DIVISION 47: SELF-DETERMINED

Special Rules:

1. Project plans must have been submitted to the County Extension Office and signed by the county agent by January 17 of the current year.
2. Bring a copy of your project plan to judging.

H-47-1 Any exhibit related to your project (not a poster)

H-47-2 Any exhibit related to your project (not a poster)

H-47-3 Educational poster

H-47-4 Educational poster

4-H NON-ANIMAL CONTESTS

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITIVE 4-H CONTESTS

1. READ ALL 4-H RULES AND REGULATIONS AT THE FRONT OF THE 4-H SECTION OF THE FAIR PREMIUM BOOK.
2. Showmanship dress code: All exhibitors entered in these classes are encouraged to wear long sleeved, collared, button up white shirt and black pants. 4-H appropriate clothing required. No open-toed shoes/sandals permitted.
3. All contests will follow the Cascade County rules for the related contest, unless otherwise stated.
4. Grand and Reserve awards will only be given if a class has 4 or more exhibitors otherwise a standard flat ribbon will be given.

DIVISION 48: CAKE DECORATING CHALLENGE

H-48-1 Cake Challenge – Senior Entry

H-48-2 Cake Challenge – Intermediate Entry

H-48-3 Cake Challenge – Junior Entry

H-48-4 Cake Challenge – Cloverbud Entry

DIVISION 49: COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

H-49-1 Prepared Speech

H-49-2 Promotional Package

H-49-3 Career Communications (interview)

H-49-4 Commercial

H-49-5 Cowboy Poetry

H-49-6 Video

H-49-7 Demonstration

H-49-8 Illustrated Talk

DIVISION 50: FASHION REVUE & QUILT SHOW

H-50-1 Constructed Garment

H-50-2 Home Fashion Item

H-50-3 Quilted Item

DIVISION 51: FOODS FESTIVAL CONTEST

H-51-1 Baked Foods Exhibit

H-51-2 Daily Foods Exhibit

H-51-3 Edible Arts Food Exhibit

H-51-4 Table Setting Exhibit

4-H DOMESTIC ANIMAL SHOWS

DIVISION 52: CAT SHOW

Special Rules:

1. Animals must be brought to the **3 Rivers Stage** no less than 15 minutes prior to judging in an appropriate escape-proof cat carrier.
2. Animals may be released after presentation of awards. Animals remaining on the fairgrounds for any amount of time must be supervised.
3. Each participant should enter in one showmanship class based upon the showman's age.
4. Exhibitors may only show one cat per conformation class but may only enter one showmanship class.

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5. Families may share an animal in showmanship as long as family members are in different age categories. Cats may only be shown once in conformation.
6. Fun classes must have a minimum of 3 entries per class for awards to be given.
7. Grand and Reserve awards will only be given if a class has 4 or more exhibitors, otherwise a standard flat ribbon will be given.

Showmanship Classes

- H-52-1 Cat Showmanship – Senior
- H-52-2 Cat Showmanship – Intermediate
- H-52-3 Cat Showmanship – Junior

Confirmation Classes

- H-52-4 Cat Conformation – Kitten (under 1 year)
- H-52-5 Cat Conformation – Cat (1 year or over)

Fun Classes

- H-52-6 Longest Tail
- H-52-7 Longest Whiskers
- H-52-8 Shortest Tail
- H-52-9 Best Groomed Cat
- H-52-10 Best Trick
- H-52-11 Best Costume, Decorated Cat Cage

DIVISION 53: POCKET PET SHOW

Special Rules:

1. Animals must be brought to the **3 Rivers Stage** no less than 15 minutes prior to judging in an appropriate escape-proof carrier.
2. Animals must remain on display in the 4-H building until release time.
3. Each participant should enter in one showmanship class based upon the exhibitor's age.
4. Families may have an animal in showmanship as long as family members are in different age categories.

Animal Classes

- H-53-4 Mammal
- H-53-5 Insects
- H-53-6 Reptile
- H-53-7 Bird
- H-53-8 Amphibian
- H-53-9 Fish

Showmanship Classes

- H-53-1 Pocket Pet Showmanship – Senior
- H-53-2 Pocket Pet Showmanship – Intermediate
- H-53-3 Pocket Pet Showmanship – Junior

DIVISION 54: DOG SHOW

Special Rules:

1. Dogs must be vaccinated: Distemper, Hepatitis, Lepto, influenza, Bordetella, parvo, Coronavirus, and Rabies required.
2. Dogs must always be on a leash unless directed by the judge.
3. No dogs may be left unattended on the **3 Rivers Stage** or on the fairgrounds.
4. Dog owners will be judged by American Kennel Club rules for their obedience level. Familiarity with AKC rules is a necessity for entrants.
5. A dog need not complete the Beginner's Novice class before entering in the Novice class, but a dog may not be entered in more than one level.
6. After winning a blue ribbon in Novice A, Novice B, and Novice levels with the same dog, entrants must advance to the next level.
7. Basic Dog Care & Training is open to all entrants also in Beginner Novice levels.
8. Judges will inspect dogs on grooming and may ask entrants relevant questions while they are in the ring.
9. Junior: 8–10-year-olds, Intermediate: 11–13-year-olds, Senior 14 years old and older.
10. Class descriptions:
 - Basic Dog Care and Training
 - Dog sits; Dog comes; Knowledge of parts of dog; Dog is properly groomed; Proper equipment used; Knowledge of proper food and nutrition; Knowledge of 7 AKC breed groups.
 - Beginner Novice A
 - First year handler and dog
 - Heel on leash; Figure 8 on leash; Stand for examination; Long down (3 minutes) on leash; Long sit (1 minute) on leash; Recall and finish on lead
 - Beginner Novice B
 - Dog and/or handler have exhibited at fair previously
 - Heel on leash; Figure 8 on leash; Stand for Examination; Long down (3 minutes) on leash; Long sit (1 minute) on leash; Recall and finish on lead
 - Novice
 - Heel on leash; Heel free; Recall and finish; Figure 8; Stand for examination; Long down; Long sit
 - Graduate Novice
 - Heel on lead; Heel free; Figure 8 off lead; Recall and finish; Drop and recall; Stand for examination; 3 minutes log sit (handler out of sight); 5 minutes long down (handler out of sight)

Basic Dog Care and Training

- H-54-1 Basic Dog Care and Training – Junior
- H-54-2 Basic Dog Care and Training – Intermediate
- H-54-3 Basic Dog Care and Training – Senior

Beginner Novice A
H-54-4 Novice A – Junior
H-54-5 Novice A – Intermediate
H-54-6 Novice A – Senior

Novice
H-54-10 Novice – Junior
H-54-11 Novice – Intermediate
H-54-12 Novice – Senior

Beginner Novice B
H-54-7 Novice B – Junior
H-54-8 Novice B – Intermediate
H-54-9 Novice B – Senior

Graduate Novice
H-54-13 Graduate – Junior
H-54-14 Graduate – Intermediate
H-54-15 Graduate – Senior

4-H SMALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Superintendent: Desiree Roth, Phone: (406) 590-7911

Monday, July 28	9:00-10:00a.m.	Rabbit Check-in	Rabbit Barn
	10:30a.m.	Rabbit Judging: Showmanship followed by confirmation.	Rabbit Barn
	1:00 p.m.	Rabbits Agility - Tentative	Harvest Building
	7:00p.m.	Rabbits Released	
Thursday, July 31	9:00-10:00a.m.	Poultry Check-in	Poultry Barn
	11:00a.m.	Poultry Show	Poultry Barn
	7p.m.	Poultry Released	Poultry Barn

POULTRY & RABBIT REGULATIONS

- Any bird or rabbit showing symptoms of disease will be immediately removed from the building. The poultry/rabbit committee or judge will determine if an animal needs to be removed. The Montana State Fair is not responsible for loss or damage to any exhibit.
- Exhibitors must be present for all judging unless given prior permission from superintendent.
- Exhibitors are allowed one entry in rabbit showmanship and one entry in poultry showmanship according to age.
- Exhibitors must use their own animal, and the animal must be in possession by May 1.
- Animals must be removed by scheduled release date and time. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of premiums.
- Showmanship dress code for rabbit and poultry:
 - All exhibitors entered in these classes are required to wear long pants and long-sleeved, light-colored shirt/blouse. Footwear must cover foot (no sandals).
- Showmanship dress code for poultry:
 - All exhibitors must be neatly dressed in long pants and covered footwear (no sandals).
- Non-exhibitors must wait to speak to the judge after all judging of classes has been completed.
- Rabbit and Poultry Breeding Projects must have been enrolled in the project by May 1.
- Entries are due Tuesday, July 16.
- Exhibitors must clean cages and be released by the superintendent/County Agent before leaving the barn. Failure to clean cages or check out will result in forfeiture of premiums.
- No early animals. If you need an early arrival, please make arrangements with the Superintendent.

DIVISION 55: POULTRY SHOW

Special Rules:

- All birds must have leg bands and band number stated in entry system. Leg bands may be purchased at the Cascade County Extension office.
- Members may exhibit two animals per class per breed per variety. No substitutions unless the birds are in the same division, sex, and variety.
- Exhibitors must bathe and dust their poultry/waterfowl at least 7 days before the show. Dirty, diseased, or infested animals may be refused at check-in.
- Bird age and sex must be reported upon entry.

Categories:

- Cock – Male fowl one year old and over
- Cockerel – Male fowl over 3 months and under 1 year
- Hen – Female fowl one year old and over
- Pullet – Female fowl over 3 months and under 1 year
- Old Trio – One cock and two hens of the same breed
- Young Trio – One cockerel and two pullets of the same breed

Poultry Showmanship

H-55-1 Showmanship – Senior
H-55-2 Showmanship – Intermediate
H-55-3 Showmanship – Junior

Bantam

- H-55-4 Bantam – Cock
- H-55-5 Bantam – Cockerel
- H-55-6 Bantam – Hen
- H-55-7 Bantam – Pullet
- H-55-8 Bantam – Old Trio
- H-55-9 Bantam – Young Trio

Standard

- H-55-10 Standard – Cock
- H-55-11 Standard – Cockerel
- H-55-12 Standard – Hen
- H-55-13 Standard – Pullet
- H-55-14 Standard – Old Trio
- H-55-15 Standard – Young Trio
- H-55-16 Standard – Meat Pen of 3 (must be identical)

Waterfowl and Ornamental Birds

- H-55-17 Cock
- H-55-18 Cockerel
- H-55-19 Hen
- H-55-20 Pullet
- H-55-21 Ornamental birds (i.e., turkey, pigeon, pheasant, quail, etc.)

Eggs

Entry to consist of six fresh eggs of same size (display in egg carton)

- H-55-22 Blue Eggs
- H-55-23 Brown Eggs
- H-55-24 White Eggs
- H-55-25 Green Eggs

DIVISION 56: RABBIT SHOW

Special Rules:

1. All rabbits must be tattooed in left ear, and tattoo number stated during time of entry.
2. No substitutions unless in same class and sex.
3. Exhibitors may show in purebred, pet quality, and meat rabbit classes.
4. Purebred rabbits may be pedigreed. Members may exhibit two purebred animals per class per breed (i.e., a member may exhibit 2 Holland Lops Sr. bucks, 2 Holland Lop Sr. does, etc.).
5. Pet quality rabbits are crossbred, or they may be a purebred that is overweight, the wrong color, or have some type of fault. No more than one pet quality rabbit per 4-H member may be exhibited.
6. All Rabbit Conformation will be judged by ARBA standards.
7. Rabbits under 3 months or pregnant will not be accepted.

Showmanship

- H-56-1 Showmanship – Senior
- H-56-2 Showmanship – Intermediate
- H-56-3 Showmanship – Junior

Conformation Purebred

- H-56-4 Purebred – Senior buck
- H-56-5 Purebred – Senior doe
- H-56-6 Purebred – Junior buck
- H-56-7 Purebred – Junior doe

Conformation, Pet Quality

- H-56-8 Pet – Senior buck
- H-56-9 Pet – Senior doe
- H-56-10 Pet – Junior buck
- H-56-11 Pet – Junior doe

Meat Pen of Three

- H-56-12 Meat Pen

Rabbit Breeding – Bring Rabbit Breeding book to show

- H-56-13 Rabbit Breeding – Senior
- H-56-14 Rabbit Breeding – Intermediate
- H-56-15 Rabbit Breeding – Junior