



Gallatin County 4-H - 2026-2027 Year at a Glance



October 2026 1 4-H Year Enrollment OPENS 2 Youth Leadership Applications Due (Teen Ambassador, Youth Committee Members) 4-10 National 4-H Week 5 Ambassador/Youth Rep Interviews 6 Unlimited Leaders Council (ULC) Committee meeting 12 Office Closed (Columbus Day) 23 Newsletter blurbs due 24 MSU Concessions Fundraiser 31 MSU Concessions Fundraiser 31 Returning 4-H Youth & Volunteer Re-Enrollment Deadline	November 2026 3 Foundation Committee meeting 3 ULC Committee meeting 6-8 Montana 4-H Fall Teen Leadership Training (Butte) 10 New 4-H Family Orientation 11 Office Closed (Veteran's Day) 18 Club Officer Training 21 MSU Concessions Fundraiser 23 Newsletter blurbs due 25-29 Office Closed (Thanksgiving) 26-Dec. 1 National 4-H Congress	December 2026 1 ULC Committee meeting 1 Camp Counselor Applications Due 2-3 Camp Counselor Interviews 23 Newsletter blurbs due 23-27 Office Closed (Christmas) 30 Club/Committees 1% due
January 2027 1 Office Closed (New Years) 1 County Contest Registration OPENS 5 Foundation Committee meeting 5 ULC Committee meeting 6 4-H Youth Winter Workshop 13 4-H Adult Winter Training Series Session #1 15 4-H Year Enrollment CLOSES – Last day to add/drop 4-H projects in ZSuite 17-19 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar 18 Office Closed (MLK Day) 19 Montana 4-H Day (Legislative Breakfast) 20 4-H Adult Winter Training Series Session #2 23 Newsletter blurbs due 27 4-H Adult Winter Training Series Session #3	February 2027 1 Fairbook Edits Due to Office 2 ULC Committee meeting 3 4-H Adult Winter Training Series Session #4 5 County Contest Registration CLOSSES 14 Montana 4-H Foundation State-Level Scholarships DUE 15 Office Closed (President's Day) 23 Newsletter blurbs due 24 Animal Quality Assurance Workshop #1 (*8-13 yr olds only) 26 County Communications Day Contests 27 County Foods Contests (Better Batter Baking & Stir-Ups Cooking)	March 2027 2 ULC Committee meeting 5-7 Montana 4-H State Shoot 10 County Contests Awards Night 14 Animal Quality Assurance Workshop #2 (*8-13 yr olds only) 19-21 Montana 4-H Rec Lab (Ekalaka, MT) 23 Newsletter blurbs due 26-27 MSU Concessions Fundraiser
April 2027 1 Gallatin 4-H Foundation County-Level Scholarships DUE 6 ULC Committee meeting 8-11 MSU Concessions Fundraiser 18-24 National Volunteer Appreciation Week 23 Newsletter blurbs due 22 Foundation Committee meeting 29 - 30 Give Big Fundraiser	May 2027 1 MT 4-H State Youth Award Applications Due 1 Gallatin 4-H Junior Rec Lab 1 Clover Bash Dance 4 ULC meeting 4-6 Farm Fair 23 Newsletter blurbs due 26 Fair Registration OPENS 31 Office Closed (Memorial Day)	June 2027 1 Gallatin 4-H Summer Camp Reg. Opens 1 ULC Committee meeting 6 All-Species Workshop: Round Robin Bootcamp 15 All-Species Workshop: Marketing 16 Fair Registration CLOSSES 23 Newsletter blurbs due 23 Record Books DUE
July 2027 1 Gallatin 4-H Summer Camp Reg. Closes 5 Office Closed (4th of July) 6 ULC Committee meeting 12-14 Montana 4-H Pre-Congress 14-17 Montana 4-H Congress 15-16 4-H Animal Project Interviews 18 4-H Indoor Project Interviews 19-25 Big Sky Country State Fair 23 Newsletter blurbs due	August 2027 1-4 Gallatin 4-H Summer Camp TBD Bozeman Stampede 21 Manhattan Potato Festival 23 Newsletter blurbs due TBD 4-H Western Heritage State Shoot	September 2027 3 Record books DUE for Awards 3 Achievement Journals DUE 6 Office Closed (Labor Day) 7 Foundation Committee meeting 7 ULC Committee meeting 23 Newsletter blurbs due TBD MSU Concession Fundraisers TBD Montana 4-H State Horse Show TBD Montana 4-H Working Ranch Horse Show TBD Gallatin 4-H Awards Celebration

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FAQs:

1. What is MSU Concessions Fundraising?

- a. We have the AMAZING opportunity to work a Concessions Stand at various **Montana State University** and this has become a GREAT way to raise money for 4-H club/project activities! Depending on the event, the day/time/hours will vary and depending on our concessions stand location, the number of people we will need per event will vary. **What does working MSU Concessions entail?** We will need a combination of youths (**minimum age of 10 with parent accompaniment**) and teens/adults (ages 15+) to run cash registers. All food is made and prepped by MSU Culinary/Concessions staff, 4-H members/parents just simply sell and serve it out of one of the concessions stands on MSU Campus (Stadium or Fieldhouse depending on the event). This is a super easy, fun and quick way to make money for your Clubs/Projects and gain some skills in the service industry! A Stand Leader and MSU Concessions staff will train you on the spot with what you need to know - No experience necessary!

2. What are the Winter/Spring 4-H Workshops and should I attend?

- a. We encourage ALL Gallatin 4-H youth members (both new and returning) to attend. We try to provide county-wide workshops on varying topics throughout the year to serve as growth and development opportunities for those engaged in our program. Topics vary from year to year based on needs, but typically include trainings on Record Books, Club Officer roles, navigating Fair and Project Interviews, county and state event trainings, etc.

3. What are County Contests and am I required to participate?

- a. Participation is highly encouraged because these contests (Stir-Ups Cooking Contest, Better Batter Baking Contest, Communications Day Contest) give members the opportunity to practice communication skills, become more confident, gain experience presenting to a small panel of judges, and have some fun! These contests are open to ALL 4-H members – you don't need to be in the Baking/Cooking project to participate! Contest winners that are ages 8-13 can earn money towards a trip to our annual 4-H Summer Camp and those that are ages 14+ can earn money towards a trip to Montana 4-H State Congress.

4. What are the Animal Quality Assurance Workshops?

- a. Animal Quality Assurance (AQA) workshops aim to teach youth about proper livestock management practices that can lead to the production of safe, wholesome, high quality food products for consumers and/or long-term care of breeding animals. Topics such as proper care & handling, biosecurity, nutrition, animal health and fair etiquette will be covered in this workshop.
- b. Montana 4-H policy requires that **all** youth members enrolled in **any** animal project complete an AQA workshop at least once as a **Junior** 4-H member (ages 8-13) and recertify once as a **Senior** 4-H member (ages 14+) in order to participate at the county fair. Parents are encouraged to attend. **Juniors** must attend an **In-Person** workshop (multiple dates offered February/March) and **Seniors** complete their requirement **Online** via a module course on YQCA.

5. Is participating in the Fair required?

- a. No, but highly encouraged as it is our annual opportunity to showcase youth members' hard work, skills, creations and products to our community!
- b. 4-H Members involved in livestock projects compete in various show classes throughout the week. Those who have market animals sell through the Livestock Market Auction on the Friday night of fair week.
- c. 4-H members in Indoor Projects (ex. photography, sewing, cooking, shooting sports, woodworking ,etc.) can compete in the Indoor Exhibit Building with their creations and skills they learned throughout the year.
- d. Completing Record Book(s) and Project Interview(s) are both **required** to participate in the Fair. Interviews are the week before the Fair. More information is sent out May-July each year.