

June 2026



It's Teton County 4-H Fair Time!

On the Horizon

- Jun 7-104-H Camp at Camp Rotary in Neihart, MT
- Jun 154-H Congress registration closes, see pg 8
- Jun 16LAST CHANCE all-species LQA for large animal exhibitors, 6 to 7 pm at Extension Office (required to show at Fair and sell at auction; RSVP to Jenn at 406-868-4570)**
- Jun 24-28...4-H Fair Week! Exhibits, Interviews, Livestock Shows and Sale**
- Jul 6Western Heritage Competition registration closes, see pgs. 10-11
- Jul 7-94-H Congress in Bozeman, see pg 8
- Jul 18Western Heritage Competition in Augusta, MT
- Aug 3Livestock Committee Meeting, Fairfield MT
- Aug 28Record Books Due in Extension Office for Quality Contest
- Aug 314-H Council Meeting

It's Fair Time! NEW this Year:

- Jun 25**Dog Show is now on Thursday** at 3 pm in the Weatherbeater arena
**Fair Committee is working on fun activities at the Pavilion's Exhibit Opening from 4 to 7 pm on Thursday night! Stay Tuned - we'll post on social media.*
- Jun 26**Food plus NEW Fun and Games on Friday night at the Weatherbeater!**
**Back in 2026: supper by The Dirty Wiener and sweets from Tin Can Treats*
**Radio personality Steve Keller will be DJing our Friday night social from 6:30 to 9:30 pm*
**Bring your own lawn games for playing with others, such as corn hole, spike ball, etc.*
- Jun 26-27 ...**Turn-about is Fair Play! Adult Showmanship is back!** (Nominate an adult to compete with your animal after the youth market, breeding, and showmanship classes...More info at Fair!)

Hear Ye, Hear Ye - IMPORTANT FAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS



- ***Safety, Sportsmanship, and Friendship, First!***
- **4-H Bakers: We need YOU** for the **Meat & Greet!**
All members encouraged to participate. Drop off your favorite fabulous desserts on Saturday at the Weatherbeater kitchen.
- **Family Fotographers are Fabulous!** Take photos and share your best photos with us for next year's slide show and newspaper ads... see pg. 6
- **More Joy** - New activities are offered this year by your Fair Committee - Stay tuned for social media posts! Dig out your favorite lawn games, NOW!
- **Animal Exhibitors:**
 - Attendance at **one in-person Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) event per year is required** to show and sell at Fair. Contact Jenn if you need to attend the make-up LQA on June 16 from 6 to 7 pm at the Office (406-868-4570)
 - Participate in **Flag Ceremony** and get **each day's announcements - the "Herd Huddle"**, Friday and Saturday at 8:45 am at the Weatherbeater arena.



2026 4-H Fair Schedule *(Print and Carry!)*

Monday June 22 <i>**Pavilion Set Up and WB Washdown by Eager Eagles</i>	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater (WB)
4 pm: Eager Eagles club members report to Extension Office at 5 pm to haul supplies to Pavilion; Eager Eagles' market animal members will go to WB for wash-down at 6 pm with Choteau Volunteer Fire Fighters	6 pm: Weatherbeater Washdown with Volunteer Fire Department
Tuesday June 23 <i>**Market Animal Set Up Crew</i>	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater
	5 pm: Weatherbeater Set Up Party by all market animals members who are on the SET UP crew
Wednesday June 24 <i>**Interview Judging Hospitality; Exhibit Display by Challenging Champs</i>	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater
1 to 5 pm: Interview Judging for all Fair Entries (Challenging Champs provide Judges hospitality and at 6 pm arrange static exhibit display)	
Thursday June 25 <i>**Pavilion Maintenance all weekend by Eager Eagles</i>	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater
4 to 7 pm: Pavilion Grand Opening to the Community, Fun activities	3 pm: Dog Show 5 to 7 pm: Swine Weigh-in and ultrasound
Friday June 26 <i>**Weatherbeater Maintenance all weekend by Spring Creek</i>	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater - Bring Lawn Games Today!
4 to 7 pm: Pavilion open to the Community	8:45 am: Presentation of Flags in main arena (all 4-H members)
	9 am: Swine Show - Market, Breeding and Showmanship Classes
	11 am: Market Lamb and Goat Weigh-in and ultrasound
	2 pm: Lamb and Goat Show - Market, Breeding, and Showmanship
	4 pm: Cat, Poultry and Rabbit Show
	5 to 7 pm: Beef Weigh-in and ultrasound
	5:30 pm: Supper available from The Dirty Wiener; sweets from Tin Can Treats
	6:30 to 9:30 pm: 4-H and Community Social; Music by DJ Steve Keller
Saturday June 27 <i>**Meat & Greet Set Up (w/Desserts), Buffet Line, Clean Up by Old Agency</i>	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater
9 am to 12 noon: Pavilion open to the Community	8:45 am: Presentation of Flags in main arena (all 4-H Members)
12 to 5 pm: Pick up static exhibits (Pavilion locked by 5 pm)	9 am: Beef Shows - Breeding, Market, and Showmanship Classes
	12 noon: Round Robin Showmanship Contest
	5 to 6 pm: Meat and Greet Buyer Appreciation Event
	5 to 6 pm: Registration for Livestock Sale
	6 pm until finished: National Anthem, Livestock Sale
Sunday June 28 <i>**Market Animal Clean Up Crew</i>	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater
9 am to 12 noon: Pavilion Clean Up Party - Eager Eagles	6:30 am: Superintendents arrive to organize shipping of market animals
	6:45 am: Optional – 4-H market animal project members may attend, if desired; report to your species superintendent before moving any animal
	9 am to 12 noon: Weatherbeater Clean UP Party by all market animals members who are on the Clean UP crew



Interview Judging



Wednesday, June 24, 1 pm - 5 pm
Choteau Pavilion
204 1st St NE

Club Arrival Times:

*Please plan to arrive 15 minutes
before your club's interview time for check in.*

Spring Creek	1 pm
Old Agency	2 pm
Eager Eagles	3 pm
Challenging Champs	4 pm

*Challenging Champs: Arrange Static Exhibits no earlier than 6 pm

Check In

At the check-in table you will be given entry cards for all entries. Attach your entry cards to your item. If you did not bring an item, return the cards to the registration desk. You will be given a green judging sheet with all of your entries listed.

The Interview

Remain in the interview area until all of your interviews are complete and your judges have marked the ribbon-award color for each entry you brought on the green sheet .

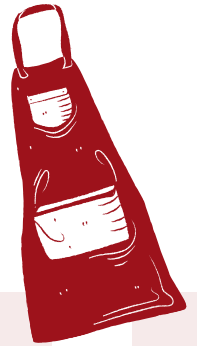
Check-out

Place your exhibit items on the tables in the interview area. Take your green sheet to the check out desk. You will complete 'Thank You' cards and then go to the premium table for your cash awards and ribbons. Top awards will be determined at the end of interview judging. Make sure to visit the Pavilion on Thursday or Friday to find out if you received a top award.

Calling ALL BAKERS to the MEAT and GREET!

Supporters love to see our 4-H kids in action because they have **SKILLS!**

Bakers - you're the **stars** of the Meat and Greet reception!



Bring your favorite "easy to eat" baked good to the
Weatherbeater kitchen on **Saturday, June 27.**

Get Personal and Double the Fun!

Send your recipe and a few words about yourself -with a photo -
to the Extension office by **Monday, June 15!**

***Back by Popular Demand:* Fair Concessions by Spring Creek Club!**

**Spring Creek 4-H Club continues the tradition
of leading with 4-H Spirit!**

**Bring your cash for Breakfast and Lunch on
Friday and Saturday of Fair Week**

Breakfast Anyone?

It doesn't get better than hot coffee with fresh, homemade
cinnamon rolls! But wait there's more: sausage/egg bites!

Got Lunch?

Be looking for a delicious lunch with homemade treats! Think
local meats like Walking Tacos, Chicken Salad, and Gyros!

Also Hot Dogs, Homemade Cookies, and Fruit Cups!



Help us preserve wonderful memories!

Share your best Fabulous Photos with us in one of these ways...

1. **Download the Photocircle app on your phone, and share photos using this QR code:**




2. **If you are a Gmail user, you can view and add photos to this folder:**

2025-2026 4-H Photos

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AwL3wIsmFYrX8z9Iuvw3db3J5BX47r1m>

3. **You can also email photos to teton@montana.edu**



The Extension Office
will be closed on
Monday, June 29th.

The office will reopen during regular business hours
Tuesday, June 30 - Thursday, July 2.
The office will be closed on July 3 for the 4th of July holiday.

Be at the Fair or Be Square!

Set-up Team (Tue, Jun 23, 5:30 pm until done)

Banner, Ariana	Donnelly, MaClay	Morris, Katy	
Banner, Billy	Drumm, Liam	Morris, Owen	
Carlson, Lily	Gagne, Tucker	Neal, Seeley	
Carlson, Iris	Grubb, Addy	O'Haire, Zane	
Cherry, Keaton	Grubb, Aliya	Paulson, Anna	Skinner, Isaac
DeBruycker, Ayden	Harrell, Charley	Pearson, Knox	Skinner, Livia
DeBruycker, Gavin	Hodgskiss, Hayden	Pearson, Ronnie	Sweetman, Eli
DeBruycker, Kinsley	Hodgskiss, Hannah	Scott, Addy	Sweetman, Elianna
DeBruycker, Natalie	Little, Waylon	Scott, Dawson	Ulsh, Dylan
Donnelly, Ivan	Morris, Jorja	Skinner, Everett	Weekes, Tensli



Clean-up Team (Sun, Jun 28, 9 am until done)

Bardwell, Beckett	Cornelius, Izzy	Kelley, Hanna	Neuman, Kamri
Bender, Caleb	Davis, Cru	Linne, Brennon	Neuman, Kinlie
Bender, Keira	Davis, Quincee	Linne, Callen	Redland, Mesa
Bender, Kinsey	Harlow, Chase	Long, Charlie	Schilling, Kameryn
Bradley, Bryden	Jacobsen, Elias	Long, Laudi	Taylor, Trent
Clark, Parker	Jacobsen, Tessa	Lytle, Elsie	Tschida, Tana
Clark, Sawyer	Jordre, Colton	Lytle, Polly	Toeckes, Grace
Collins, Kinder	Jordre, Kailey	Lytle, Theodore	Toeckes, Isaac
Cornelius, Ella	Kelley, Dani	Martin, Ledger	Toeckes, Jackson

2026 Teton County Club Rotations

Challenging Champs

- Provide hospitality for Interview Judges
- Create the 4-H Exhibit Hall Display after Interview Judging

Eager Eagles

- Pre-Interview Exhibit Hall Set Up, Maintenance during Fair week, Post-fair Exhibit Hall Clean Up
- Recruit Greeters for Exhibit Hall

Old Agency

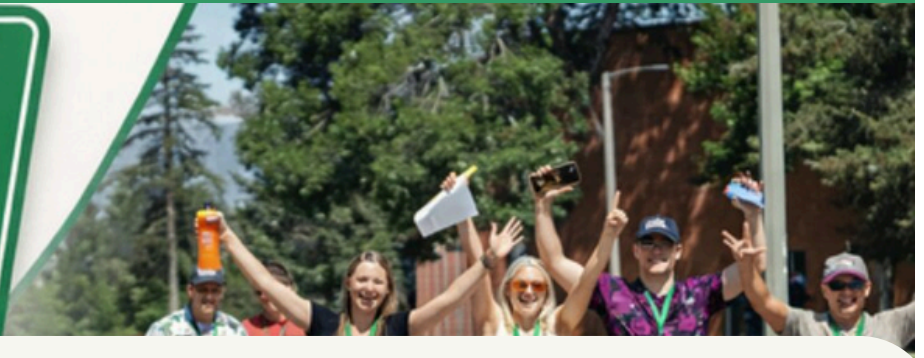
- Meat and Greet (coordinate 4-H baked goods and set up and staff the buffet line, clean up after Meat and Greet)

Spring Creek

- Concessions (option to make and sell yummys - or- recruit food trucks!)
- Weatherbeater Daily Facility Maintenance

BE DRIVEN TO LEAD

July 7-10, 2026



MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS: DRIVEN TO LEAD

Montana State University / July 7-9, 2026

LEARN MORE AT:

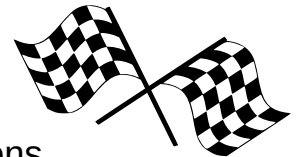
www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/mt_4h_congress



Montana 4-H Congress is the largest statewide leadership experience for Montana 4-H teens. Youth from across the state gather at Montana State University to grow their skills, explore their passions, and build lifelong friendships through engaging learning and fun.

Join youth, just like you, from across Montana.

Montana 4-H Congress is an unforgettable experience where teens build leadership skills, discover new interests, and make lasting connections.



WHO CAN ATTEND?

- Any Teton County 4-Her age 13 - 19
- All competitions are open to anyone, competing at the county level is not required

*** Parents will need to provide transportation and plan to attend as a chaperone. There are activities that parents can be involved in to learn more about 4-H in Montana at the state level.**

Teton County 4-H Council will cover half of the cost of attendance.

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE **JUNE 15**



CLEAN-UP CLUBS Needed!

Contact Jenn Swanson to get your 4-H Club signed up to clean after the Get Your Kicks at 6 events.

It's a great family activity and an **EASY-PEASY** club fundraiser (pays \$150 per clean up; takes about 45 minutes!)

* THE FAMILY OF WAYNE ROTH * THE FAMILY OF JEANETTE MCCORMICK *
 * BENEFIS TETON MEDICAL CENTER * BREEN OIL & MAIN ST EXPRESS *

JUL 2 - AUG 13 2026



THURSDAYS RAIN OR SHINE

Jul 2 ~ Kyle Shobe & the Walk 'Em Boys

Jul 9 ~ Bo DePena ~ Release the Squirrels

Jul 16 ~ Locals Night: Payson Allaire ~ The Highsiders~
 ~ The Gated Community

Jul 23 ~ Adam & Amy Pope ~ The Big Ska Country

Jul 30 ~ John & Joanne Lowell ~ Trinity Seely

Aug 6 ~ Off the Grid ~ Goldy Vox

Aug 13 ~ Pinky and the Floyd

AT THE BANDSHELL
 CHOTEAU CITY PARK

DROPSTONE OUTFITTING * ROCKY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION *

* FIRST BANK OF MONTANA * CHOTEAU CHAMBER * OPPORUTUNITY BANK * ANONYMOUS *



MT STATE 4-H

WESTERN HERITAGE COMPETITION



SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026
AUGUSTA, MONTANA 59410

\$40.00 PER PERSON. COST COVERS MEALS AND AWARDS
NON COMPETITOR MEAL COST IS \$20.00/PERSON

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026

(IN ORDER TO COMPETE, THE 4-H PARTICIPANT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE WESTERN HERITAGE PROJECT.)

A HARD COPY OF THIS PACKET INFO INCLUDING REGSITRATION,
SCHEDULE, RULES, INTERVIEW AND EVALUATION CAN BE PICKED UP
FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE.



Montana State 4-H Western Heritage Competition
Saturday, July 18, 2026, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sun River Rangers Shooting Society, 16663 Montana Highway 21, Augusta, Montana 59410

Competitor's Name _____ County _____
Address _____ 4-H Club Name _____
City, State, Zip _____ Home Phone _____
Email Address _____ Cell Phone _____
Check gender Male ____ Female ____
4-H (Age) as of 10/1/25 _____
Birthdate: _____
Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Coach or Parent is available to help as a volunteer during the contest Yes ____ No ____

Shooting Sports Leader's Name _____

Shooting Sports Leader's Phone Number _____

Shooting Sports Leader's Email Address _____

Age Divisions

Junior – Ages 9-10, Intermediate – Ages 11-13, Senior – Ages 14 and up

Junior ____ Intermediate ____ Senior Rimfire ____ Senior Central Fire .38 or .45 Colt ____

The Cost is \$40.00 per person. Cost covers meals and awards. Competitor, _____ x \$40.00 = _____

Non competitor meal cost is \$20.00/person. Number of guest meals, _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Total = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Montana 4-H Foundation**

The deadline for registration is Monday, July 6, 2026

Mail registration and check to;

Scott Francis

Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development

201 Taylor Hall, PO Box 173580

Bozeman, MT 59717

(406) 994-3518 – Office

(406) 581-6845 – Cell

scott.francis@montana.edu



Growing Teen Leaders in 2027

All 4-Hers 13 (as of October 1, 2026) and up can be a teen leader.

*It's never too early or too late to begin building your resume. The **try** is what is important.*

Club officer: At your club's first meeting in the fall, volunteer to be a club officer.

Council officer: The 4-H Leader's Council is seeking a youth for the role of vice-president. Contact the Extension Office if you would like to nominate yourself or someone in your club. Plan to attend the **September** Council meeting.

Teen Ambassador: Complete your application in August and plan to attend the state level Fall Leadership Training event in Billings, **November 6 - 8 2026**. Transportation to and from this event will be provided by the Extension Office. 4-H Council will cover half the cost of registration. Be a part of planning and carrying out countywide events.

Contact Info/Resources

Teton County MSU Extension

Mailing Address:

- PO Box 130, Choteau, MT 59422

Phone (voice call):

- 406-466-2491

Text only:

- 406-530-5373

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

- teton@montana.edu

Other:

- <https://www.montana.edu/extension/teton>
- <https://www.facebook.com/TetonCoExt>
- <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h>



Fair Dates

2026 June 23-28

2027 June 21-27

Camp Dates

2026 June 7-10

4-H Congress, Bozeman

2026 July 7-10

4-H Fall Leadership Training, Billings

2026 November 6-8

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