



Critters and Crafts

2023 Teton County 4-H Fair

June 20-25, 2023

It's Fair Time! 2023 Teton County 4-H Fair, "Critters and Crafts"

Be sure to note the Fair schedule and market livestock member roster duties. New this year, we will have a family campfire Friday evening from 7 to 9 pm. Fair schedule on page 4. Livestock member roster duty list on page 5.

Agent Notes

Jenn reports on the recent livestock quality assurance workshops and Shelby shares the latest updates about our 4-H Camp and Congress. See page 2.

New Information about Carcass Award Program

Read all about it on page 3.

Congratulations, Bryce Bedord!

Our best wishes go with Bryce as he represents Montana at the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships at the end of June. Get the scoop on page 3.

The Next 30 Days

June 1	Teton County 4-H Council meeting, Thursday, 6:30 pm, Courthouse, Choteau
June 5	Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee meeting, Monday, 6:30 pm, Courthouse, Choteau
June 9-10	Camp Counselor Retreat, Friday - Saturday, Choteau Trinity Lutheran Church
June 15	Deadline to register for State 4-H Congress held in Bozeman, Tuesday-Friday, July 11-14
June 16	2023 Teton County 4-H Fair Horse Show, Friday, 4:00 pm, 406 Arena, Vaughn
June 20-25	2023 Teton County 4-H Fair, "Critters and Crafts", Tuesday-Sunday

Agent Notes

Field Notes From Jenn

Ag Agent's Corner: Yay Team!

I'd like to take this opportunity to give a shout out to the 4-H parents who put on helpful and fun livestock quality assurance (LQA) workshops and the 4-H members who attended in great numbers. Over two-thirds of the livestock animal project members attended a workshop for their species (and a few of the lamb members even attended both lamb workshops.)

The parents/volunteers who taught the workshops are as follows: Lamb - **Susan and RT Snyder, Brent Roeder**; Beef - **Chelsee Yeager and Ashle Morris**; Swine - **Ryan and Kelly DeBruycker, Kaare and Heidi Pearson**. Kudos to all of you!

The members who attended live workshops not only satisfied their LQA requirement but also earned credit towards the 7 activities in their market animal project books. Jamie is keeping track of the correct number of activities credits and will bring corresponding stickers to the Pavilion interview judging day. Recall that workshop attendance counted for 1 activity for members in Year 1 of any level / 2 activities for members in Year 2 / and 3 activities for members in Year 3. (For members who need LQA this year and could not attend a live workshop, **we sent out an email on May 31st with an online LQA option**: a workbook and links to an online exam with Colorado State University.)

Desk Notes From Shelby

It is hard to believe how fast time is going by! Every day as one of your 4-H youth development coordinators has been a new and varied experience. I have truly enjoyed meeting the Teton County 4-H community and look forward to meeting more 4-H folks at Fair, Camp, and Congress. If we have not met in person yet, please feel free to introduce yourself. Camp is rapidly approaching, the dates are July 25, 26 and 27, 2023. If you have not yet registered the fee is now \$60 until June 10, 2023. June 11 until June 17, 2023 fee is \$70.00. After that date, the fee will increase to \$90.00 until the end of June. Our theme this year is everything fantasy and fairytales. Join us for some Medieval Madness during camp. We will be transported to another land far, far away where fairytales come to life- maybe even a sasquatch or two. Our 4-H Youth counselors have been working hard to plan exciting and engaging workshops that will challenge your body, cultivate your creativity, and engage your senses.

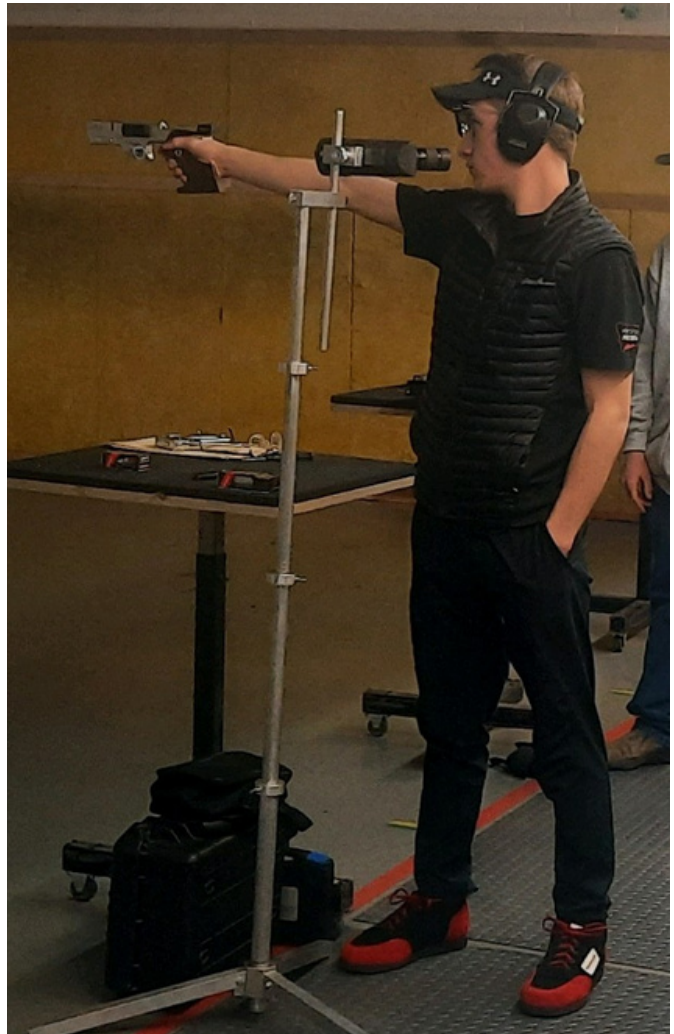
I am planning on bringing a group of Teton County 4-H'ers to Congress this summer. I am very excited to attend my first 4-H congress in Bozeman. For those wishing to attend Pre-Congress the dates are Sunday, July 9 through Tuesday, July 11. Congress dates are July 11, Tuesday, through July 14, Friday. We are taking a group from Teton County to meet other 4-H'ers from around the state! I will be mailing out postcards to all eligible 4-H members in the county with more information about registration. Please register by June 15, 2023 or contact me before that date to learn more about how to register.

Carcass Award program

The carcass competition is an important part of our market animal livestock sale. Animals will be judged at Vandevanter Meats in Columbia Falls on June 29, 2023. Award winners will be announced approximately 2 weeks after the judging, via an age-specific online video that will include photos of Teton County's winning carcasses. Winners will also be announced in the local media and at 4-H Week festivities in October 2023.

Congratulations, Bryce!

Teton County 4-H member, Bryce Bedord, has earned a spot on the elite State of Montana shooting sports team. He will be traveling to Grand Island, Nebraska to compete in Smallbore Pistol at the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships June 25-30, 2023. His father, Brian Bedord, who is our Rocky Mountain Top Shots Club Leader and head coach, will coach Montana's Smallbore Pistol team. There will be approximately 700 competitors at the national championships representing 36 states. Montana 4-H members will be competing in 5 categories: Air Rifle, Smallbore Pistol, Muzzleloader, Recurve Archery and Compound Archery. Congratulations, Bryce, we are cheering you on!



Critters and Crafts, 2023 Teton County 4-H Fair Schedule

Tuesday June 20	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater
5 pm: Fair Set Up	5 pm: Fair Set Up
Wednesday June 21	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater
1 to 5 pm: Interview Judging for Pavilion Exhibits	
Thursday June 22	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater
4 to 7 pm: Pavilion open to the Community	
	5 to 7 pm: Swine Weigh-in
Friday June 23	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater
	8:45 am: Presentation of Flags
	9 am: Swine Show–Market and Showmanship
11 am to 9pm: Pavilion open to the Community	
	12 noon: Lamb and Goat Weigh-in
	1:30 pm: Goat Show-Market, Showmanship, Breeding
	2 pm: Lamb Show-Market, Showmanship, Breeding
4 pm: Small Animal Show	
6 pm: Style Show	5 to 7 pm: Beef Weigh-in
	7 to 9 pm: Campfire for 4-H Families and the Community
Saturday June 24	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater
	8:45 am: Presentation of Flags
	9 am: Beef Show-Market, Showmanship, Breeding
9 am to 1 pm: Pavilion open to the Community	
	1 pm: Round Robin
1 to 5 pm: Pavilion Exhibit Pickup (Pavilion will be locked at 5 pm)	5 to 6 pm: Buyer Appreciation Event: Meat and Greet
	5 to 6 pm: Registration for Livestock Sale
	6 pm until finished: Livestock Auction
Sunday June 25	
Pavilion	Weatherbeater
	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-but do not move animals; report to your species superintendent
	9 am: Fair Clean-up Party

2023 Teton County 4-H Fair Livestock Member Duty Roster

Setup Duty	Cleanup Duty
Bender, Kamber	Banner, Avery
Bender, Kaylie	Banner, McCoy
Bender, Kinsey	Bradley, Bryden
Christensen, Addi	Cornelius, Ella
DeBruycker, Ayden	Cornelius, Izzy
DeBruycker, Natalie	Tate Crabb
DeBruycker, Nolan	Egbert, Crew
Hodgskiss, Blake	Egbert, Kingston
Hodgskiss, Brody	Gagne, Tucker
Lightner, Louis	Greyn, Trent
Lightner, William	Heagy, Bromley
Lobdell, Audrey	Hodgskiss, Hayden
Long, Charlie	Major, Andrew
Long, Claire	McFarlin, Tristan
Lytle, Boaz	Miller, Maili
Lytle, Polly	Miller, Nick
Lytle, Theodore	Morris, Alexis
Martin, Ledger	Morris, Jorja
Pearson, Addie	Morris, Katy
Pearson, Knox	Morris, Ronnie
Pearson, Korbin	Neal, Seeley
Pearson, Ronnie	Neuman, Kamri
Taylor, Trent	Neuman, Kinlie
Yeager, Casen	Paulson, Anna
Yeager, Justyce	Paulson, Leah
Yeager, Rusch	Scott, Addy
Hodgskiss, Grant	Ulsh, Dylan

Volunteer Training

THANK YOU to the volunteers who have completed the Clover Academy Online Leader Training! There are still people who need to complete their training. The training consists of four 15-minute online modules. You can watch them all at once or separately. All returning volunteers have until September 30, 2023 to complete the training and cannot enroll for the 2023-2024 4-H year until the orientation is completed. All new volunteers must complete the orientation before becoming active in ZSuite. Tips: Be sure to press the 'Mark Complete' button after every module. It may take the system a moment to refresh and let you proceed. Often just hitting the refresh button is enough, but sometimes it will require you to log out and log back in before it will refresh.

Record Books Due August 15, 2023

Record books are due to your club leader by August 15 so they can be checked for completion. Your local club leader may set individual club deadlines. Guidelines for what is considered a complete record book, forms and other information are on our webpage. You can complete your record book in ZSuite or on paper. A complete record book must be submitted in order for 4-H members to exhibit, show or sell at next year's fair.

Camp Fee Schedule

REGISTRATION DATE	4-H MEMBER	NON-4-H MEMBER
May 26- June 10, 2023	$\$45 + 15 = \60	$\$90 + 15 = \105
June 11-June 17, 2023	$\$45 + \$25 = \$70$	$\$90 + \$25 = \$115$
June 18-June 30, 2023	$\$45 + \$45 = \$90$	$\$90 + \$45 = \$135$

Campers may purchase a 2023 camp t-shirt for an additional \$14.

4-H Camp Counselors: \$25 registration fee; t-shirt provided.

Adult volunteers: no fee; t-shirt provided.



Club Kudos: Old Agency



Members of Old Agency 4-H Club got together on a beautiful day to clean up "their" mile long piece of HWY 89 near the Double Arrow Vet Clinic. The club spent about an hour collecting 4-5 full bags of garbage. Later, members enjoyed ice cream at the park. Nice work Old Agency!



Montana State 4-H Congress 2023

The 4-H Network: Connecting Across Montana

- Registration Deadline is June 15
- Event MSU Bozeman Tuesday July 11- Friday July 14
- Pre-Congress and Officer Selection Sunday July 9 - Tuesday 11
- State Contests Wednesday July 12

Montana 4-H Congress provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman for four days and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth and adults a venue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all, have a great time with their peers. Montana 4-H'ers have been attending an event like Congress for decades. Congress has become an important tradition and is the signature event for the Montana 4-H Program.

National 4-H Western Heritage Conference and Invitational Shoot

July 30-August 2: National 4-H Western Heritage Conference and Invitational Shoot in Price, Utah

The 4-H Western Heritage Project is a combination of 4-H Shooting Sports and a living history of the frontier west from 1860 to 1900. This event combines a comprehensive study of the Old West with the fastest growing shooting sports discipline in the world – western action shooting. The purpose of this project is to provide an avenue for 4-H members and adult leaders to experience the lifestyles and cultures of the Old West from the period of around 1860- 1900 through a living history approach to learning while instilling the concepts of gun safety and personal responsibility. Members dress in Old West clothing, shoot replica firearms of the frontier period, and expand their knowledge of U.S. history.

[Visit the Western Heritage Project's website for more information.](#)



Host International 4-H Youth

Host an International 4-H Delegate this Summer or Academic Year! We are seeking host families with a youth within 3-4 years of age and same gender as the youth delegate.

Short-term summer hosting opportunities (~3.5 week):

- Norwegians in MT June 25-July 19: Currently we have two more Norwegian youth to match with a host family – one 16-year-old male and one 18-year-old male.
- Japanese in MT approximately July 23-August 18 (final dates may change slightly depending upon flight details): We have ~10 more male and female youth, ranging from 14-17 years of age, and 1 adult chaperone to match with host families.

2023 Summer Host Family Application: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/host-family/application>

Academic Year Program (AYP) hosting opportunities (~9.5 month):

- Japanese approximately mid-August, 2023 to mid-June, 2024: We have 1-2 more youth to match with a host family.

Questions? Contact Christine Sommers Austin at the State 4-H Center:

c.sommersaustin@montana.edu or 406.994.3504

2023-24 AYP Host Family Application: <https://smr.to/p87059>

Contact/Resources

Teton County MSU Extension

Mailing Address:

- PO Box 130, Choteau, MT 59422

Phone (voice call):

- 466-2491/2492

Text only:

- 406-530-5373

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

- teton@montana.edu

Other:

- <https://teton.msuextension.org/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/TetonCoExt>
- <http://montana4h.org/>

Fair Dates

2023 June 20-25

2024 June 24-30

2025 June 24-29

2026 June 22-28

4-H Congress, Bozeman

2023 July 11-14

Camp Dates

2023 July 24-29





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