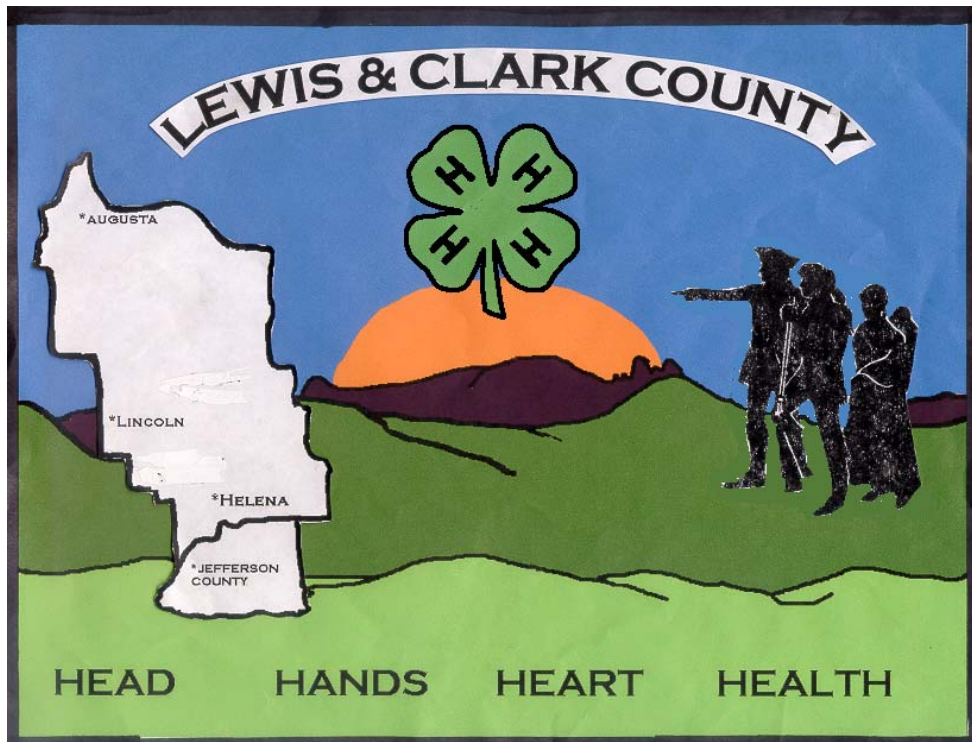




Lewis & Clark County New 4-H Family Welcome Packet



Welcome to the 4-H in Lewis & Clark County!



Dear New 4-H Family,

I am so pleased to have you and your family involved in the program!

Please take the time to review this booklet. Your club organization leader(s) and the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office are great resources to answer any questions you may have while reviewing the information.

You will also want to review “The New Family Handbook”; it is a Montana 4-H publication and is available at the Extension Office or online. The book explains in detail, the basic information about 4-H, the Pledge, Motto, Emblem, Learning Model and Philosophy of 4-H.

All first (1st) year members should also purchase or download a free copy of “For the Record”; it will help members and parents understand the record forms and how to complete them. This is available on the Montana 4-H Website at www.montana4h.org, the county 4-H website at www.msuextension.org/lewis-clark/4-H or from the Extension Office.

Contact information for the MSU Extension Office in Lewis & Clark County is on the back of this booklet. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

I look forward to getting to know you and your family and sharing 4-H events and activities with you!

Sincerely,

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Allison Flynn,
4-H/Youth Development Extension Agent

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Lewis & Clark County 4-H Year Timeline

October

- ✿ 4-H Year begins (4-H age is calculated by October 1).
- ✿ Enrollment and re-enrollment begins.
- ✿ Clubs hold their first official meeting of the year. Be sure to attend.
- ✿ National 4-H Week (always 1st full week in October).
- ✿ Applications due for Alberta Leaders' Forum.
- ✿ Ambassador Fall Training.
- ✿ County Awards Night.
- ✿ County Foundation Annual Meeting.
- ✿ National 4-H Science Day.

November

- ✿ Enrollment continues.
- ✿ Project materials are ordered and distributed at club meetings by club leaders.
- ✿ National 4-H Congress in Atlanta (always Thanksgiving weekend).

December

- ✿ Club Holiday activities.
- ✿ 4-H gift wrapping at Murdochs.

January

- ✿ IFYE (International 4-H Youth Exchange) applications are due for delegates.
- ✿ Camp Counselor applications due for Lewis & Clark County 4-H Camp.
- ✿ Market Beef deadlines for possession and enrollment form plus tagging.
- ✿ Citizenship Washington Focus applications due.
- ✿ 4-H Legislative Breakfast (Legislative years only).
- ✿ Lewis & Clark County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational.

February

- ✿ People Partner Grant applications due to the Montana 4-H Foundation.
- ✿ Western Regional Leaders Forum, location and month varies every year.
- ✿ County Grand Foods & Stirups Contest.
- ✿ Winter Teen Camp.

March

- ✿ 4-H Citizenship Seminar, Helena (Legislative years only).
- ✿ National 4-H Conference, D.C.
- ✿ Montana 4-H Rec Lab, location varies every year.
- ✿ County Demonstration and Public Speaking Day .

April

- ✿ Host Family Applications due for Japanese and FLEX/IFYE.
- ✿ Lewis & Clark County 4-H Camper Applications begin.
- ✿ County Ambassador Applications due.

- ✿ State Award Selection Committee Applications due.
- ✿ County Photo Contest and Fashion & Handiwork Review.
- ✿ Market Swine Possession and Enrollment Deadline.
- ✿ County 4-H Scholarship Applications due.

May

- ✿ State Award Applications due.
- ✿ Exploring Careers in Agriculture Program.
- ✿ Market Swine, Sheep & Meat Goat Taggings.
- ✿ Market Lamb and Meat Goat possession and enrollment deadline.

June

- ✿ Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington DC.
- ✿ Montana 4-H Congress Registration due.
- ✿ IFYE's arrive & depart.
- ✿ Lewis & Clark County 4-H Camp.
- ✿ Fair Entries Due on June 15.
- ✿ Helena Jackpot Show.

July

- ✿ Montana 4-H Congress .
- ✿ Last Chance Stampede & Fair.

August

- ✿ Carcass Evaluation & Fairmont Fieldtrip.
- ✿ 4-H Science Day Camp.
- ✿ Record Books due August 31 to Club Leaders.

September

- ✿ End of the 4-H Year.
- ✿ Award Applications due September 20 to the Extension Office.

Helpful Hints

- ✿ Record Books – Take 10 minutes each month to keep it updated.
- ✿ Project Books – Take 10 minutes each month to get your activities done!
- ✿ Project Workshops – Conducted by club or county leaders. These opportunities are created to enhance and expand the learning opportunities of 4-H youth. Time and dates vary throughout the year depending on the project area.

Be sure to read your 4-H newsletter each month for information about all of these events and more! Please call the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office if you do not receive a newsletter soon after you enroll.

We want YOU to take advantage of all there is to do in 4-H!

4-H Age Definitions

4-H age is always calculated using October 1 of the current 4-H year. For example, if a 4-H member turns 14 on December 15, their 4-H age is still 13 years old until the next 4-H year.

Cloverbud: 4-H members 5-8 years old (as of October 1). This is the only option for members under 8 years old. It is a non-competitive educational project and is the only project they can enroll.

Traditional 4-H Member: Youth who are 8-18 years old (as of October 1). Members may participate fully in the program and competitive activities. This category is broken down further into the following categories often used for competitions and events:

Junior 4-H Member - Members who are 8-13 years old (as of October 1).

Senior 4-H Member - Members who are 14-18 years old (as of October 1)

Project Requirements: Due to safety concerns, some project have age limitations. The following project areas follow different age guidelines:

Green Horse and Colt-to-Maturity (Horse) – Must be at least 12 years old (and completed levels 1-3 of Horsemanship)

Leadership – Must be at least 13 years old (as of October 1)

Paintball – Must be at least 12 years old (as of October 1)

Shooting Sports – Must be at least 9 years old (as of October 1)

4-H membership is open to all eligible youth. Montana State University Extension does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital and family status

4-H Clubs

4-H Clubs are the backbone of the 4-H program! The entire family should be attending and participating in club meetings and activities.

Attend your monthly club business meetings! This is your opportunity to learn about parliamentary procedure and experience youth in action. You will complete important paperwork at meetings, get updates on club and county activities and reminders about deadlines. Clubs have varying expectations for members and their parents; be sure you know what those expectations are in your club.

Improve your community! Every club generally has at least one community service project they complete each year. Members and their families take pride in seeing the results of this project and enjoy the teamwork required to complete it.



Have fun! Games and activities are generally part of every club meeting; clubs will have special fun events throughout the year.

Meet new friends! You will truly get to know your fellow members that can create life long friendships with entire families.

Youth/Adult Partnerships! Members learn to appreciate their fellow 4-H members of all ages, working with them as partners on a team.

Family Opportunity! Whole families can be involved in 4-H together. While each member can pursue their own special interests and set their individual goals.

Fundraising! Most clubs have at least one fundraiser per year. Members learn that working together toward a common goal can be fun and fulfilling.



4-H Projects

- ✿ Every member must enroll in and complete a minimum of one project per year.
- ✿ 4-H is based on a "Learn by Doing" model. Projects are hands-on educational activities.
- ✿ There is huge variety of projects for members to choose; projects should hold a special interest for them. Although members can choose any number of projects, please encourage them to enroll in a realistic number of projects that they can complete each year.
- ✿ Project workshops may be available on the club or county levels if parents, teens and adult leaders are willing to volunteer as project leaders.

WHAT IS A "COMPLETED" PROJECT IN 4-H?

One of the fundamental life skills in 4-H is described as "making decisions and taking responsibility for choices." Another life skill important in Montana 4-H is "developing an inquiring mind." Both of these life skills are related to project completion. By learning how to complete a project, youngsters can work toward another of the life skills: fostering positive self-concept.

Here are some commonly asked questions about project completion:

When is a 4-H project "complete" ?

Each 4-H project has unique and specific guidelines for project completion. Over the past several years, however, we have been moving toward a system that is more uniform and consistent regarding project completion. For all the animal science projects, foods, sewing & textiles, child development, entomology, woodworking, electricity, aerospace and others, the following general guidelines apply:

- ✿ Complete a minimum of seven activities found in the project book within the 4-H year. There are usually 21 activities required to complete the book; therefore completing the project for the year does not necessarily mean completing the level.
- ✿ Complete the appropriate minimum number of required and optional activities in each level within at least three years. Many will move along more quickly, but all 4-H members should aim to complete their project book in three years. Usually this means completing fourteen of the required activities found in most project books and seven of the optional. The number of required and optional activities many vary from project to project.
- ✿ Complete a minimum of three learning experiences each year (such as a demonstration, tour, exhibiting, participating in showmanship, etc.).
- ✿ Complete a set of records for the project (including My 4-H Year, Project & Financial Journal and, if applicable, Animal Journal) each year.

What if my project doesn't have these kinds of requirements?

Some of our older 4-H projects still don't have specific completion requirements. In this case, there are a couple of options. First, sit down with the individual 4-H member and help him/her set some specific goals and objectives for the year. These become the requirements for completion. Second, you could use the Montana 4-H Clover Project Selection Guide along with the project manuals to determine specific project requirements. For example, leathercraft lists suggested guidelines that are designed to serve as a basis for project completion. However, you will want to negotiate this with each 4-H member at the beginning of the year and have him/her record these expectations on the record forms (My 4-H Year and the Project & Financial Journal). There is an Independent Study Form available from the Extension Office to help set project goals and a plan for the year. This form is required to projects without books or manuals, Self Determined Projects or Independent Study options in order for members to be eligible for end of the year awards.

When are records complete?

Records must be completed in order to complete a project. The minimum set of records that must be completed consist of at least two and perhaps three forms: My 4-H Year, Project & Financial Journal and the Animal Journal. In order to receive a "Gold Seal of Excellence," each member must complete a set of records for EACH project in which he/she is enrolled. Complete sets of records include the eight criteria listed on the Record Book Completion Check Sheet. Club Organizational Leaders check to see if records are complete.

What happens if I don't "complete" my project?

Through 4-H we aim to establish a system for youth to self-motivate to complete a project by offering incentives and opportunities to succeed. If a project is not completed within the appropriate timeframe, members may retake the project another year to try to complete it. By advancing through the project, members will have access to greater learning opportunities and more advanced materials to match their interests and level. To gain the maximum learning experience, it is beneficial to complete the project each year but we understand that may not always be possible. As another incentive to complete project and record books, they must be complete in order to be eligible for county 4-H awards.

Project Books

If a project is listed in the "Clover" magazine, it is a state project. If it is listed on an insert sheet, it is a county project. For the county projects you may only find a brief project outline.

The cost of the project literature is listed in the “Clover” under the project summary. You may also ask the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office.

Project literature should be ordered through your Club Organizational Leader at the beginning of each 4-H year. Always check with your Club Organizational Leader about any materials you need before contacting the Extension Office.

Record Keeping

This is a “life skill” opportunity that 4-H teaches. Record keeping is required to complete the 4-H year. Records books are checked by your Club Organizational Leader each year.

A general record, “My 4-H Year”, is kept for each year that gives each member an opportunity to record all of their general activities, and awards; 4-H and non 4-H. They also keep separate records for each project that include “For the Record” and a “Project & Financial Record”. Members will input what they did, what they learned and the costs for their project(s). Additionally, all animal projects must complete the “Animal Journal”. These forms are available from the Extension Office for a fee or can be downloaded online for free. Your Club Organizational Leader may also have some available.

If a member wants to advance to higher levels in a project they must complete the records and project requirements for that project.

For a member to receive a yearly completion award and/or move on to the next level in 4-H, they must complete all sections of the three (3) above named record sheets and the requirements for at least one project. These sheets are also required to be eligible for any county awards at the annual Awards Night.

Record books are to be up to date and shown to your Club Organizational Leader by August 31. If a member does not complete their records, they may re-enroll, but will not get yearend awards or move up in project levels.

Senior 4-H members find these records are very valuable as references for scholarship and job applications.

Green 4-H folders or binders can be purchased at the Extension Office to keep your records organized. It is not required to have your records in one of these specific binders, but they do need to be kept in some kind of folder and kept organized.

New members are recommended a book called for “For the Record” that gives detailed instructions on completing 4-H record forms. These are available for sale at the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office or can be download for free online.

Helpful Hints

- ✿ Keep a family calendar on which you record ALL activities; use it as a reference when updating your record books.
- ✿ Members should update record books once a month at your club meetings.

Record Book Completion Check Sheet

Criteria for Complete 4-H Record Sheets

Each member must complete one “My 4-H Year” form, and a “Project and Financial Journal” form for each project. If the project is an animal, the member must complete an “Animal Journal” form for each animal. *Only one “My 4-H Year” has to be completed for the entire year.*

- _____ Enroll in and complete at least one project.
- _____ Identify and achieve at least 3 goals for the 4-H year.
- _____ Complete all sections of the “My 4-H Year” journal form.
- _____ Participate in at least three additional learning activities during the 4-H year and record them in your journal (i.e. speeches, demonstrations, judging, public presentations, etc.).
- _____ List any awards and honors received both in 4-H and outside of 4-H.
- _____ Complete the “Project and Financial Journal” for each project in which you are enrolled.
- _____ If an animal is owned, keep records for it on the “Animal Journal” according to the type of project carried (i.e. breeding, market, companion animal, etc.)
- _____ You may include other things to personalize your book (i.e. photos, articles, ribbons, memorabilia).

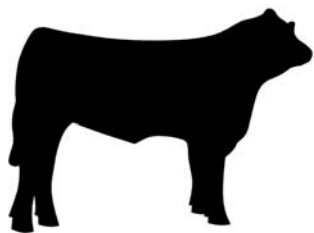
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- Complete the appropriate minimum number of required and optional activities in each level within at least three years. Many will move along more quickly, but all 4-H members should aim to complete their project book in at least three (3) years. Usually this means completing 14 of the required activities found in most project books and seven of the optional activities. The number of required and optional activities many vary from project to project.
- If there is no project book, complete an Independent Study Form available online or from the Extension Office. The project will be completed when the goals and activities set are complete.

For more information on completing Montana 4-H Record Sheets, please see *For the Record: Guide to Completing Your 4-H Records, #5277*

Market Animal Projects



4-H members are allowed to sell a total of two (2) animals at the Lewis & Clark County Fair but only one animal per species.

There are deadlines for weighing and tagging market animals that will be sold at the Lewis & Clark County Fair. Please make a careful note of the weigh in and tagging deadlines for each species. They will be listed in the 4-H newsletter. These events are required.

Thank your notes : All members that sell an animal at the Lewis & Clark County Fair are expected to write their buyer(s) a thank you note. You may have the note ready and give it to your buyer at the livestock sale or send it to them.

Market animal payments: You must pick your check up from the Extension Office. Club leaders are notified when they are available. Checks are not provided until the buyers have paid the bank for the animals. Checks are typically available in September.

Promotion & Marketing: The Outdoor Committee asks that market animal owners contact potential buyers prior to the fair and that they help promote the 4-H Livestock Sale which begins on Saturday morning of the Lewis & Clark County Fair.

Quality Assurance: This training helps ensure that you are providing a high quality product to consumers. All 4-H livestock project members, large animal and small animal, must complete this training every three years in order to sell an animal at the Lewis & Clark County Fair.

Horse Projects



All members must start with Horsemanship I with either English or Western. If a member is more advanced, they may be “assessed” by the horse committee and moved up in levels before the Fair entry deadline of the current year. The leader will check the workbook when they assess a member’s skill and make sure the workbook is completed for that level before they move the member to the next level. The leader must contact the Extension Office to notify them of level changes.

Members must have completed Horsemanship 1 and 2, and be enrolled in or completed Horsemanship 3 before they can enroll in any other Horse projects except Ranch Horse. All horse members may enter Showmanship at the fair for their age group. Members must provide proof that all vaccinations are current for their horse before you bring them to any clinics or to the fair.

Public Speaking

4-H has a reputation of producing members that are fluent speakers and great communicators. Members learn this skill by participating in their club business meetings, club speeches or demonstrations, fair interviews, and county competitions. Cloverbuds can begin this tradition with a show and tell.

Presentation options for all members

- ✿ Prepared Speech – Memorized speech with no visual aids. (Seniors could also give an impromptu speech).
- ✿ Illustrated Talk – Presentation with visual aids, but no end product.
- ✿ Demonstration – Presentation with visual aids and an end product.



Cloverbuds are also encouraged to participate in presentations if they choose. They have the option of participating in the County Demonstration and Public Speaking Day. At this level, the presentation is often more of a “show and tell”.

There is literature that explains each of these types of presentations, how to prepare and time requirements which is available at the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office. There will also be information in the newsletter.

County Demonstration & Public Speaking Day is held each spring, usually March. Look for dates in the newsletter.

4-H MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

COUNTY

Ambassador Program

This is an opportunity for teen members to promote 4-H with potential members, parents and the general public, help conduct 4-H events, make friends, develop leadership skills and self-confidence and guide other 4-H members in the county. Members must apply and go through an interview process. It is for 4-H members 13 years or older. County Ambassadors have the opportunity to apply for a State Ambassador Office. (Deadline to apply is April)

County 4-H Camp

Camp is held at Loon Lake 4-H Camp near Bigfork. The camp is planned by Camp Counselors (14-18 years old). Campers are 8-13 years old and take part in many learning activities while having fun. (June)

County Fair

This is the place for members to exhibit what they have learned throughout the 4-H year, whether it is an animal or participating in interview judging. Each club provides monitors for the 4-H Exhibit Building and the Livestock Barns. (July)

Demonstration & Public Speaking Day

Participants prepare speeches, illustrated talks and demonstrations and compete at three age levels. Top senior members can qualify to participate in State 4-H Congress. (March)

Fashion Revue

Members interview and model articles of clothing that they have sewn or embellished. Participants don't need to be enrolled in the Sewing & Textiles project to participate. Members may also present their handiwork items such as crocheting, embroidery and knitting. Top senior members can qualify to participate at State 4-H Congress. (April)

Grand Foods & Stirups

This is a cooking competition. However, participants don't have to be enrolled in the Foods & Nutrition project. In Grand Foods, members prepare baked goods for interview judging. In Stirups, members plan and prepare a nutritionally balanced meal in front of judges. Top senior members in Stirups can qualify for State 4-H Congress. (February)

Photo Show

This opportunity is open to any 4-H members who want to exhibit their creative photography skills. Participants don't need to be enrolled in the Photography project. Members participate in interview judging to discuss their creative works. (April)

STATE

Ambassador Fall Training

This weekend leadership retreat focuses on the purpose of Ambassadors, recreational activities and leadership workshops. Teen Leaders (14-18 years old) may attend. (October)

Citizenship Seminar

This is an opportunity to learn about the legislative process, meet with government officials and participate in a mock trial. It is held in Helena for members whose 4-H age is at least 14 years old. (January in legislative years)

Livestock, Horse or Meat Judging – Members compete at various events around the state. Top senior members can compete at State Congress.

Legislative Breakfast

This event is open to any and all 4-H members, leaders, parents and anyone who supports 4-H. Members of all ages share their 4-H experience with their legislators. (January in legislative years)

Montana 4-H Congress

Is held on the MSU-Bozeman campus and focuses on leadership development and personal growth. Members can compete in competitions or participate in leadership workshops. It is for 4-H age of at least 14 years old. (July)

Montana 4-H Council

The Council aids in the direction of Montana 4-H. There are two adult positions in each 4-H district and four youth positions. The Council meets four times a year.

Montana 4-H Foundation

The Foundation promotes fundraising efforts for Montana 4-H. Two youth positions are available on the Foundation. The Foundation meets three times a year.

Montana 4-H Shooting Sports – State Shoot

Youth enrolled in the shooting sports program can compete in this event in the following disciplines: air rifle, small bore rifle, precision air rifle, air pistol and various archery classifications. This event is also the qualifier to attend the National 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament in air rifle and air pistol. (March)

Montana Range Days

Youth are able to learn about current trends in rangeland management, evaluating sites and weed identification. Member may participate or compete. (June)

Montana 4-H Recreation Lab

Recreation and leadership training where members learn fun games and activities to do with all ages of youth and even adults! The event rotates around the state and is for 4-H age of at least 13. (March)

State 4-H Project Awards

State Project Award Winners (announced at State Congress) are invited to attend National Congress. More than one winner in each project area is possible. (Deadline is May)

NATIONAL

Citizenship Washington Focus

Stay at National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD, enjoy the sights of Washington DC, attend citizenship workshops and tour the Capitol and historic sites. To attend members must be 15-19 years as of the current 4-H year. (June)

National 4-H Conference

A working conference in Washington DC for youth and adults to attend at the invitation of the US Secretary of Agriculture. At this conference you will assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in local communities. Youth must be 15-18 years old and adults must be over the age of 25.

National 4-H Congress

This national leadership conference for youth is held in Atlanta, Georgia. To qualify members must be winners of State Awards & Congress competitions. (November)

National 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament

Compete against youth across the US in the following disciplines: air rifle, small bore rifle, precision air rifle, air pistol and various archery classifications. Members must attend and qualify through the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament.

Western National Roundup

This regional travel opportunity serves as an award trip for several contests for individuals recognized as State Contest winners. This event is held in Denver CO in January.

INTERNATIONAL

Japanese Exchange

This is a one-month summer experience. This special exchange with Japan fosters friendship and cultural understanding through the home-stay experience. Montana hosts approximately 30 youth each summer.

Montana youth are also encouraged to participate in an exchange to Japan or host a member in their home.

IFYE Ambassador/Representative

There are many outbound opportunities available including Japan, Australia, Costa Rica and Finland, just to name a few. These are four to eight week stays between June and September.

Mongolia American Leadership Program

This month long trip to Mongolia is an exchange to increase leadership skills and cultural awareness. Most expenses are paid. (June)

COUNTY AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Lewis & Clark County 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Two scholarships are available for a graduating senior who is an active 4-H member in the county and plans to pursue postsecondary education. The application is available in the spring and includes an up-to-date 4-H Record Book.

Margaret King Memorial Scholarship

For a graduating senior who is an active 4-H member in Lewis & Clark County and plans to attend a four year college or university. The application is available in the spring.

Pam Michels Memorial Scholarship

For a graduating senior who is an active 4-H member in Lewis & Clark County and plans to attend a school of postsecondary education. The application is available in the spring.

Tom & Trudy Anders Memorial Scholarship

Awarded during the Fair to the winners in the following showmanship classes: Grand and Reserve Senior and Junior Showman for Beef and Grand and Reserve Senior Showman for Sheep and Swine. Scholarships are redeemable after 4-H member is accepted into a postsecondary school.

SPECIAL AWARDS

County Award applications are due September 20th each year and awarded at the annual Awards Night in October. The following are a selection of special awards available:

Project Awards

Work above and beyond basic project requirements. To qualify record book, project book and application must be completed for the 4-H year. Members receive a plaque the first year an award is received and additional placards the following years.

Club Scrapbook Award

Awarded to a club historian/scrapbooker based on their submitted club scrapbook.

Club Secretary Award

Awarded to a club secretary based on their club minutes throughout the year. Secretary's Book must be submitted.

Julie Paulson Award

Highest achievement in Lewis & Clark County 4-H for a member. It is based on an accumulation of involvement and achievement at the club, county, state and/or national levels. May be a self application or nomination by a 4-H leader.

Junior Achievers

Awarded to Junior Members (9-13 years old) who have been active in their club and county and completed the application. Members receive a group awards night at a local business such as Game Pods, ice skating, etc.

Overall Awards in Achievement, Agriculture or Family Consumer Science

High quality project work in multiple projects for multiple years in the respective award areas. May be achieved once as a Junior member and once as a Senior member. Awardees receive a \$500 savings bond. Application and record book are required.

Citizenship, Recreation, Safety, Health & Conservation Awards

Strong participation in one of the specific award areas. Record of these awards must be kept in a notebook or journal which is submitted as the award application.

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS FROM THE MONTANA 4-H FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

Douglas A Dear Scholarship

Applicant must have a background in the 4-H Horse Project who will be attending a college or university (Deadline: April 1st)

Montana Agri-Business Scholarship

Applicant needs to be interested in a college education that has a special interest in agricultural business. (Deadline: April 1st)

Montana Meat Processors Scholarship

Applicant needs to have an interest/background in meat science and will be attending a college or university. Must have participated in some of these 4-H/FFA activities within the last 4 years: livestock and meat judging, carcass evaluation or livestock project options related to meats. (Deadline: April 1st)

Montana Wheat & Barley Scholarship

For 4-H Members who have done outstanding work in bread baking or similar projects utilizing grains and grain products (such as use of grains with a livestock project), or project work in the crop science area. (Deadline: April 1st)

Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in the following counties Flathead, Lewis & Clark, Custer or Gallatin. (Deadline: April 1st)

N.A. Jacobsen Scholarship

Applicant must be a junior or senior enrolled in the College of Agriculture at Montana State University-Bozeman who is interested in a career with Extension. (Deadline: April 1st)

Susan Dufner Scholarship

Scholarship available to help fund a trip for one 4-H member to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program. (Deadline: February 1st)

GRANTS

Innovative Programming

Financial support to new programs with innovative efforts and specific outcomes that can be duplicated from one county to another. (Deadline: May 1st)

People Partner Grant

To provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. (Deadline: February 1st)

LEADER/ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

COUNTY

Club Organizational Leader

Engage in youth/adult partnerships as a Club Organizational Leader by facilitating the club learning process and communicating with the Extension Office.

County Committees

There are multiple committees for the different project areas to be involved with either as an officer, project superintendent, volunteer or parent. Watch the newsletter for dates and get involved.

County Leaders Training

All adults are welcome to attend and the annual leaders' training. Topics and dates vary and will be detailed in the 4-H newsletter.

Leadership College

This is an exciting program that provides leaders with up to date information on the youth/adult partnership aspect of 4-H leadership. Watch the newsletter for dates and locations.

Project Leader

Do you have expertise or interest in one of the project areas? Consider forming a project group or assisting with an existing group either with your child's club or a countywide group (like dog, archery, shooting sports, horse, etc.).

Lewis & Clark County 4-H Council

Help your Lewis & Clark County Extension Agents make your County program the best it can be by participating in the Council to help aid in the direction of Lewis & Clark County 4-H.

Shooting Sports Coach

Adult leaders can become a certified instructor in Archery, Coordinator, Hunting, Muzzle loading, Pistol, Rifle, Cowboy Action and Shotgun. Teens, 4-H age 14 or older, can become Junior Leaders in their sport.

Chaperoning Opportunities:

County: Camp, District Events

State: Legislative Breakfast, Citizenship Seminar, Recreation Lab, Congress, Winter Teen Camp

National: National 4-H Congress, National Western Show, National 4-H Conference, Citizenship Washington Focus

International - Chaperone positions are available to travel to Japan, Australia, Costa Rica or Finland. You may host an inbound youth from any of these countries and Norway. Travel dates are between June and August.

STATE & NATIONAL

Alberta Leaders Conference

Eight leaders are selected from Montana to attend as guest participants. Nearly all of the expenses are paid and the Canadians treat you like royalty! (January)

Montana 4-H Leadership Forum

Hosted by a different 4-H District each fall it features workshops and opportunities for leaders. Workshops offer leadership development in 4-H basics, projects, and youth development. This forum is open to teens as well as adults. (September)

Montana 4-H Horse & Livestock Forum

Specially designed for leaders in horse and livestock projects, it provides workshops and seminars to provide up-to-date project specific information, teaching resources and networking. It is held every other year and is open to teens and adults. (January)

State Ambassador Officer Advisor

Support and assist a team of five teen State Ambassador Office along with state 4-H staff and another volunteer advisor. Some travel and event expenses paid. This is a four year term.

State Awards Selection Committee

Serve on the committee to select state award winners. Gain experience in selection process and learn about youth projects across the state. Expenses paid by the Montana 4-H Foundation. (May)

Western Regional Leaders Forum

This event is hosted by a different western State each winter. Many outstanding workshops to expand skills and knowledge in leadership and volunteerism.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

County

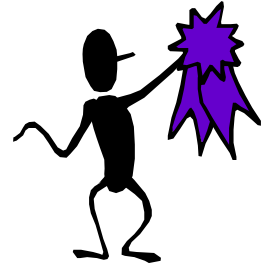
Appreciation Award
Community Benefactor
Many Hats Award
Distinguished Service Award
Outstanding New Volunteer

State

Montana 4-H Hall of Fame
Outstanding 4-H/FFA Alumni
Outstanding 4-H Alumni
Tribute to Volunteer Excellence

Fair Time

- ✿ Preparation will reduce stress.
- ✿ Work on your project(s) throughout the year.
- ✿ Keep your record book up-to-date.
- ✿ Work on your project books throughout the year.
- ✿ Practice with your animals.
- ✿ Attend workshops and clinics to get all the information and advice you can.
- ✿ Read the 4-H Newsletter and Fair Exhibitor's Handbook so you understand schedules and policies.



Read the Fair Exhibitor's Handbook

- ✿ Copies of the current Lewis & Clark County Fair Exhibitor's Handbook are available at the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office usually in May or you can go online.
- ✿ Refer to the Fair Exhibitor's Handbook to complete your entries.
- ✿ All schedules and rules are in the Handbook. The 4-H schedule should be referred to for 4-H activities, not the general fair schedule in the front of the book.
- ✿ Be sure you know the dress codes for animal shows.
- ✿ Be sure to refer to the 4-H Department, not open class for 4-H entry information.

Fair Entries

- ✿ Entries are due to the Extension Office on June 15.
- ✿ Please respect the fair entry deadline, plan ahead if you are busy in June since late entries will not be accepted.
- ✿ Read the 4-H section of the Exhibitor's Handbook for the correct class and lot numbers.
- ✿ If you want to compete in showmanship, enter it on your fair entries.
- ✿ ALL pen and cage numbers will be assigned by the Animal Superintendents.
- ✿ All indoor entries are judged by interviews on Tuesday of Fair week.

General fair hints

- ✿ There is a huge demand for camping spots on the fairgrounds. Contact the Extension Office to get your name on a spot when they become available.
- ✿ All 4-H members are issued green wristbands. These wristband DO NOT grant you free entry onto the grounds. They only grant you into the 4-H parking area and as a security measure during late nights.

Have fun. Fair time should be a positive learning experience that your entire family enjoys and shares.



Questions?

Monthly 4-H Newsletter

There are multiple methods to read the newsletter.

- ✿ Enrolled members and leaders receive the newsletter by mail. You can expect it on or around the first of each month.
- ✿ You can read the newsletter online at www.msuextension.org/lewis-clark/4-H.
- ✿ Please be sure to read it over carefully each month.
- ✿ You will find dates, deadlines, registration forms, upcoming activities, committee news, policy and advice in each one.

Your Lewis & Clark County Extension Office is a satellite office for the Montana State University Extension and is located on the Fairgrounds, west of the big red Exhibit Hall. We are here to help!

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Club and County Adult and Teen Leaders

Your Club Organizational Leader or Project and Activity Leaders will be able to answer many of your questions. Teen members with first hand experience in a project or activity are also a great resource.

