4-H Record Books

The most important thing to remember to turn in this month is Record Books! Submit your completed record books to your 4-H Leader by Sunday, September 15, unless your club leaders have specified an earlier date. Record books will not be judged, but will be reviewed. They need to meet the minimum qualifications to be "COMPLETE". If the record book is NOT complete, you have time to work on your book and bring it up to minimum standards. Every completed record book is eligible for awards.

Understanding Record Book Forms

Forms can be found [here](#).

- **My 4-H Year** – One form required each year at the front of your record book. This form summarizes all of your general 4-H activities and achievements. You can also record non-4-H activities.
- **Animal Project Journal & Financial Record** – Use one form per animal project (i.e. market lamb, breeding beef, rabbit, horse, etc.). This helps track project activities, feed records, financials, and health care.
- **Non-Animal Project Journal & Financial Record** – Use one form for each indoor project (i.e. sewing, foods, leadership, leathercraft, etc.). This helps track your project specific activities and financials.
- **Cloverbud Record Sheet** – One set per year for each Cloverbud. This is a journal of your 4-H activities. On the back page there is an additional section for “other areas”.
- **4-H Story** – Optional for yearend completion, but required to be eligible for any awards. This is your opportunity to be creative and share a favorite experience from the 4-H year.

Use the record book checklist to make sure you have filled out all forms and sections. If you have any questions, ask your 4-H leader or contact the Extension office.

Secretary and Historian Books

If you are a club secretary or historian, you are eligible for the county awards. Turn your books into your club leader by September 15th.

Broadwater County Fair Award Winners

If you won a fair award this year, please send a thank you note to the sponsor. If you need the name or address of the business or individual who sponsored your award, please call or email the Extension Office. Without their generosity, we wouldn’t be able to give out these awards.

A Letter from the Extension Agent

Congratulations to all those that participated in the fair! It was another outstanding year!

Volunteers are the heart of the 4-H program and I think it safe to say that we have an amazing group of volunteers here in Broadwater County 4-H! Saying THANK YOU just isn’t enough for all of the hard work that each and every one of you do at Fair and throughout the year! I hope that all members take the time to say thank you and offer a token of appreciation to a volunteer who has made a difference in your 4-H year.

As we enter the new 4-H year, we continue to recruit new individuals to bring fresh ideas and skills into our organization. If you are not already involved, please consider taking a leadership role. We can’t do it without people like you! Contact our office to see what volunteer roles might be the best fit for you. We are looking for club leaders, project leaders, Council officers and committee members.

Sincerely,

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WINNER! – 4-H Fair Float
Our 4-H Fair Float was the winner in its category! Awesome job to everyone who participated and helped! Way to represent our great organization! Also, thank you to Samantha Ferrat for organizing the float!

Carcass Evaluations
Carcass data can be found here. Awards will be presented at Achievement Night. There were some great quality animals this year. Good job!

Financial Reports
All Treasurer’s (including Council, Livestock, Exchange, Teen Club and Archery) are required to complete the Yearend Financial Report. Financial records need to be reviewed after September 30th and will be due in October. The form is available on the website.

4-H Council
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30 pm in the Courthouse Basement Meeting Room. The main item of business will be discussing awards and Achievement Night. Please bring your nominations! Contact Karen Noyes at 406-949-4852 if you have any questions or agenda items.

Indoor Committee
On Tuesday, September 24th at 5:30 pm, the meeting will be held in the Courthouse Basement Meeting Room. The committee will be reviewing Fair and discussing project leaders and workshops for the new 4-H year. Contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852 or Terri Howey at 406.581.6295 or if you have any suggestions/comments on how fair went that you’d like to share.

Livestock Committee
The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 3rd at 7 pm at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds. If you have comments on how fair went in regards to livestock, please contact Jason Noyes at 406.949.4851 or if you have any questions or concerns.

Re-Enrollment
The New 4-H year starts October 1st. Enrollment information will be sent in late September. Sign up for the projects you would like to do and don’t be afraid to try something new! Remember: if you plan on taking a 4-H project to fair, you must be enrolled in that project. If you know anyone interested in joining 4-H, have them call the office at 406.266.9242 or email broadwater@montana.edu.

SAVE THE DATE – Achievement Night
The annual Achievement Night has been set for Monday, November 4th with dinner at 6:00 pm and the program at 6:30 pm. Come to receive your awards and celebrate our achievements. Watch for more details!

Interstate Exchange
If you missed getting involved with the Exchange program last year, you still have a chance! We are reopening the program this year. An interstate exchange is an exciting opportunity for you to experience the geography, culture, and heritage of a community in another state. Our 4-H youth will host a group of 4-H members from another state and in exchange, we travel to their host state. Youth must be at least 12 years old (as of October 1, 2019) to participate and be enrolled in at least one other project. If you have questions or would like to participate, contact Vanessa or Rob Rauser at 406.451.9569.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Shooting Sports Workshops
Small Bore Rifle (.22): The .22 small bore shooting workshops will start on Thursday, October 10 and continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The group will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Broadwater County Rod and Gun Club’s Canton Range facility located at 96 Canton Lane, Townsend. Contact John Pavao at 422-9590 for additional information.

Photography Workshops - A Note from Cassie Cooper
Congratulations to all photography members. I am so proud of all of you! Once again I was so impressed at how all of your projects turned out and always look forward to seeing your pictures on the wall. Continue to take pictures as much as you can and remember to think outside the box. Look for more about photography in the next newsletter as I plan on doing all the workshops this fall so you can focus on your other projects for the rest of the year. See you all soon!
STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

Montana 4-H Congress Recap
In early July, seven Broadwater County delegates attended Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman. Attending the event was Wayne Ascheman, Kadyn Braaten, Trenton Braaten, Andrew Ferrat, Taylor Noyes, Ashley Rauser, and Gabriella Rauser. Chaperoning was Laura Ascheman. They spent the week networking, learning leadership skills, and participating in contests.

Andy received a scholarship and won in the jitterbug dance competition! Trenton received a first place award in Individual Livestock Judging. Our livestock judging team (Kadyn, Trenton, and Wayne) placed third. Stir-Ups team, Ashley and Gabriella, placed third. Taylor Noyes placed first in quilting and is eligible to represent Montana at National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia in November. Great job everyone representing our county!

Walleser Family Memorial Fund Mini Grants
The grants are available for 4-H members who need assistance with project expenses, or agents or leaders who need program support. The application is simple: one page information sheet, 4-H enrollment verification and essay. The essay includes information on the: who, what, when, where, and why about their project or ideas. This is not a MT 4-H Foundation grant, so please direct questions to Audrey Walleser 406.855.8342. Grant applications are due September 3rd and will provide funding for the new 4-H year.

MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONTEST
It is time to start preparing for the Make It With Wool contest to be held this Fall. Get out your favorite pattern and start hunting for that perfect wool fabric. Wouldn’t it be great to make a wool outfit for the contest this fall and then already have an outfit finished for your sewing project this next 4-H year?

- Fabric needs to be a minimum of 60% wool to qualify for the contest.
- The District contest is November 2nd in Great Falls. Entry forms are due October 4th.
- There is a $7.00 entry fee per swatch of fabric used and wool yarn used.
- The categories are Preteen (12 and under); Junior (13-16); Senior (17-24); Adult (age 25 and older); and Made for Others. Age is determined as of January 1st, 2019.
- First place winners advance to the State competition which will be held during the Montana Wool Growers Convention in Billings on December 6th-7th.
- There is a Quilt, Applique Project, and Afghan Contest this year. There is a $10 entry fee and entry forms are due November 1st. Quilts and Afghans will be sent and need to be postmarked no later than November 15th.

Entry forms are available at the Extension office. For more general questions, go to makeitwithwool.com.

Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Qualifier
The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Qualifier will be held on Saturday, October 12th at the Manhattan Wildlife Association and Gallatin Sporting Clays in Logan. This qualifier will determine the team representing Montana at the National Championships in Grand Island, NE on June 21st-26th, 2020. Please register by Friday, October 3rd. Click here for a registration form. If you have any further questions, please contact Scott Francis at 406.994.3518 or scott.francis@montana.edu.

Lewis & Clark 4-H Shotgun Tournament
Lewis & Clark County 4-H is hosting a shotgun tournament on Sunday, September 21st at the Helena Trap Club. The pre-meeting is at 9:30 am and shooting starts at 10:00 am. Entry forms must be postmarked by September 7th and are available from the Extension Office.

NILE Stock Show Entry Deadline
The Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) is a weeklong stock show and rodeo held on October 12-19. Hundreds of exhibitors from across the region (38 different states) bring livestock to show and sell. Entry deadline is September 4th. Late entries will be accepted until September 13th, but late fees will apply! Some classes have a maximum number of animals and fill up quickly, so don’t wait until the last minute! Click here to register and for more information.
**Fall Ambassador & Teen Leader Training**

Fall Training is the annual leadership development retreat for Montana 4-H Ambassadors and Teen Leaders. The event is planned, implemented, and evaluated by the State Ambassador Officer Team. Youth will leave the weekend prepared and excited to take the knowledge and skills they have gained and apply them in their counties. It is also a great place to have youth leaders exchange ideas and create a statewide network of resources. *Fall Training takes place each year over MEA weekend, the third Thursday in October.* This year it will be held October 18th-20th at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman. Registration cost is $162. REGISTRATION DEADLINE is October 8th. Youth participants must be 14 on or before October 1st, 2019 and volunteer chaperones must be at least 21 and a certified volunteer. See [website](#) to register.

**Big Sky Poultry Expo**

Do you enjoy showing poultry?! Here is a fun opportunity to get more experience with your birds. The Big Sky Poultry Expo is Saturday, September 28 at the Montana State Fairgrounds in Great Falls. Rules and registration information is available from the Extension Office. Entries must be postmarked by September 18th. The youth entry fee is $6.00 per bird. Cash awards will be offered! There is even a bird dress up contest!

**NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES**

**Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab**

This event is held in Custer, South Dakota from September 28th - October 4th. Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab (BHRLL) is a unique leadership conference held each year in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota.

BHRLL provides an experiential learning environment for anyone sixteen years or older who works with people, professionally or informally. Participants can learn to develop or enhance their current programs for both youth and adults. Share knowledge and experiences gained from BHRLL with camps, 4-H, scout groups, schools, families, and other leadership or recreation organizations.

Major workshops are: Native American flute, outdoor team education, wood burning 101 and walking sticks, and discovering creativity. Some minor workshops include: rappelling, beading, card making, and low ropes. The fee is $375, due [September 15th](#), which includes lodging, meals, group photo, and access to resource materials. For more info, visit [www.bhrll.org](http://www.bhrll.org). Scholarships are available and applications must be postmarked [September 15th](#).

**National Volunteer Conference**

Located in Eatonton, Georgia on September 26th-29th, the conference is designed to engage and facilitate the interaction of volunteers and Extension professionals from across the country. Conference evaluations repeatedly tell us that the two prime motivators for volunteers to attend conferences are: quality and variety of workshops and networking opportunities.

The conference has been planned meaningfully in order to provide ample opportunity for volunteers to learn, share, and exchange information. Workshops include: Leading Competently with Livestock, Cultivating Confidence through Healthy Living, Developing Character through Camping, Connecting with the Environment, Caring use of Science and Technology, and The Arts Contribute to Self, Family, Community & Society. The fee is $335, which includes lodging, meals, and conference events. Visit their [website](#) for more information and how to register.
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**Key:** WS is short for Workshop. These are for 4-H kids to attend. Try to attend 3 per project.