

Crook County CLOVER CONNECTION

4-H Families & Friends

As summer approaches, it's the perfect time to dive into our exciting projects and activities. This year, we have the 4-H camp to look forward to, offering workshops, team-building exercises, and outdoor adventures. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, make friends, and have fun.

Alongside this, we must ensure our livestock are well-cared for with regular feeding, grooming, and health check-ups. By balancing our time between these projects and our livestock duties, we can ensure a productive and enjoyable summer for everyone involved.



Warm regards,

Erica

Crook County Extension Office

309 Cleveland St (Basement)

(307)-283-1192

M-F 7:30 am - 4 pm

Things to Note:

Don't Forget!



Leaders and Members, if you haven't all ready, re-enroll for the 2024-2025 4-H year at 4h.zsuite.org



You can now pay your enrollment fees online through zsuite!



Join the BAND group by visiting <https://band.us/n/a6a2Afh246W3b>

Did you know, events are also listed on our 4-H website?!?

wyo4h.org/crook4h/

Upcoming Events



Air Rifle Practice Every Thursday



.22 Rifle Safety Meeting May 15, 2025



Cookie Decorating-Sundance May 16, 2025



Flops/Feathers Showmanship May 31, 2025



307 Showmanship Clinic June 4-6, 2025

Poultry/Rabbit



May 31, 2025

\$10/species

Crook County Fairgrounds
Sundance, WY

**Open to ALL
4-H & FFA members**

**WY 4-H
Registration**



**Poultry 9:30am - 12pm
Rabbit 1:30 pm-3:30pm**

Register by May 23rd!

**Non-4-H /Out of State
Registration**



Local Events

DEVILS TOWER ROCK CLIMBING

MAY 9TH-TRAINING 3-5PM

MAY 10TH - CLIMBING 9AM-5PM



**EVENT
CANCELLED**

Local Events

Crook County 4-H

BASIC FIRST AID: YOUTH OUTDOORS



June 9 – 12pm–1:30 pm

**4-H Shooting Sports Building
1110 Fairgrounds Loop Rd – Sundance**



- Lunch Provided
- Open to ages 10-18

**Register by
June 5th**

**RSVP
Required!**



Cloverbuds

**Cloverbuds will now be
the last Friday of the
month at 10am!**

CL  **VERBUDS**

10-11^{am}

Every 4th Friday
through June

Anyone ages
5-7
may attend!

February 28
March 28
April 25
May 30
June 27

Crook County
Courthouse Basement
(unless otherwise specified)

CL^{VER}VERBUDS

4-H CAMP 2025
WHERE SUPER HEROS ARE MADE

4-H
CAMP

REGISTER ONLINE VIA
ZSUITE BY MAY 20TH
\$10 REGISTRATION

JULY 28
9 AM - 12:30 PM



4-H Camp

CROOK/NIOBRARA/WESTON

4-H CAMP



Who: All 4-H members in Crook, Niobrara and Weston Counties
~Teen Leaders (14 and up) - see next page for more info
Campers (8-13 years)
Cloverbuds (5-7 years)
~Limited to first 70 youth to register

When: June 28-29th, 2025

Where: Mallo Camp, Weston County

Why: 4-H summer camps empower kids with lifelong skills, helping them grow into confident leaders. Grounded in a research-backed model, 4-H camp fosters resilience, independence, and personal growth. Through hands-on experiences and challenges, campers build the skills they need to thrive in life, careers, and communities.

Cost: \$40 (payment due at registration)

Registration: Via ZSuite

Registration Deadline: May 20, 2025

**Visit
ZSuite!**

4-H Camp

CALLING ALL

TEEN LEADERS

OPEN TO ALL 4-H
MEMBERS 14 AND OLDER
(AS OF 1/1/25)

9/3

CAMP
PLANNING MEETING

May 29th
6:30 PM
Extension Office

Teen Leader Applications: Due May 20th

Register via ZSuite

Teen leaders will come to camp on Friday, June 27th and will spend the day setting up camp, completing leadership training, have fun and spend the night to be ready to greet campers early on June 28th.



TEEN LEADER APPLICATIONS
ARE ON THE WEBSITE

6/6
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Shooting Sports

Please note
the location of
the .22 safety
meeting!



Crook County 4-H Shooting Sports

Mandatory Safety Meeting
(Parent/Guardian must attend)

May 15th @ 5:30pm

Rifle Range - HWY 585

If poor weather it will be held at the
shooting sports building

Shooting Sports members will
be required to either pay \$10
per year or participate in 1
community service project.

.22 Rifle

.22 Rifle Practice will begin May 22nd,
5:30-6:30pm and continue every
Thursday through July 3rd at the Rod &
Gun club's rifle range on Hwy 585.
If you need directions please reach out!

4-H MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE SIGNED UP FOR (AND PAID FOR) THE
CURRENT 4-H YEAR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SHOOTING
SPORTS ACTIVITIES! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Local Events

**Please note there are
limited spots
available. First come
first served**



Beef

Hoof Trimming

June 5th, 2025

9am

**Crook County Fairgrounds
Sundance**

\$75/Head

25 spots available

**Open to Crook County 4-H &
FFA members or youth
participants of the 307
Northeast Livestock
Showmanship Clinic**



Local Events

307 Northeast Livestock Showmanship Clinic

Swine - June 4

Beef - June 5

Sheep/Goat - June 6

Camping Available \$10

Livestock Stalls - Free

Lunch Provided

\$30

4-H
Members
Register
on ZSuite
Account!



Non -4-H
Members
Register
Here!



Open to all 4-H & FFA members in
Wyoming & surrounding areas!





Local Events

**Crook County Horse
Showmanship Clinic**

June 7, 2025



Save

the

Date!

Regional Events

October 18, 2025

Buffalo, WY

**Putting
it
all
Together**
REGIONAL LEADER SUMMIT



Hey, fabulous adult and teen leaders, grab your calendars and circle October 18, 2025 for an epic regional leader summit coming your way in Buffalo! More details to come but save the date now!!



State Events

Keep an eye out for
details in the future!

Think a **pig** can't
change the world?
Think again.

We know Wyoming kids have a heart
for helping; we also know you're never
too young to join the fight against
food insecurity.



#307fairtofork



Interested in
participating
in *Fair to Fork*?

COMPLETE
THIS FORM TODAY!



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State/National Events



READY, SET, EXPLORE!

COMING SOON!

We are so excited to introduce you to the new program from University of Wyoming Extension

Ready, Set, Explore!

This is a free, family-friendly program designed to inspire outdoor adventures and create unforgettable memories.

Throughout this packet, you will find information on what to expect while participating in this program, information about our partners, and learn how to sign up!

OCTOBER- SNEAK PEAK FOLLOWED BY NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES

In October, families can enjoy a "sneak peek" of the **Ready, Set, Explore!** program! During this month, you'll have the chance to participate in all the activities without needing to officially register. Beginning in November, we'll start sending out monthly incentives to registered families (1 incentive per family), and participation to earn your WY State Parks Annual Day Pass will kick off as well! Participants can register anytime throughout the month. Don't miss the opportunity to try it out this October and see if you're ready to

Ready, Set, Explore!

To register use the following link or scan the QR code
https://bit.ly/ready_set_explore_registration

Check out the October post on the Website.
FAMILY ADVENTURES AWAIT!

QUESTIONS? ☎ 307-368-6190 ✉ ereasone@uwyo.edu
L.H. CYR, WORTH, & ASSOCIATES



SHOWCASE showdown

EVENT DETAILS

June 17 - 19, 2025

University of Wyoming
Laramie, Wyoming

Stay in the UW
Residence Halls

ABOUT THE EVENT

- 11 State Contests
- Explore new contests and project areas
- Top placing seniors get to attend National Trip
- Project related Workshops
- Fun Workshops Activities
- Tour and Experience parts of UW Campus

**Interested? Need more info?
Call the office 307-283-1192
or email ereasone@uwyo.edu**



307 Judging Series Tentative Contest Schedule

Updated as of 4/3/2025

- Northwest College Contest, Friday 3/28 (Powell, WY)
- Casper College Spring Contest, Saturday 3/29 (Casper, WY)
- Central Wyoming College Contest, Friday 4/4 (Riverton, WY)
- Fremont County Contest, Friday 5/9 (Riverton, WY)
- Casper College Camp Contest, Thursday 6/5 (Casper, WY)
- University of Wyoming Camp Contest, Wednesday 6/11 (Laramie, WY)
- Central Wyoming Fair Contest, Friday 7/11 (Casper, WY)
- Sheridan County Contest, Sunday 8/3 (Sheridan, WY)
- Wyoming State 4-H Contest, Tuesday 8/12 (Douglas, WY)

Livestock Mastery

Visit with Erica to
learn more about
this awesome
opportunity!

Wyoming 4-H Livestock Mastery Pathway Program



Proficiency

Develop hands-on
expertise in animal &
livestock care.



Beyond Ready

Prepare for future
careers by gaining
leadership experience,
goal-setting, and
problem-solving skills.



Achievement

5 stages of mastery
earning awards,
leadership
opportunities &
statewide recognition.

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EXTENSION



Ask your local 4-H Extension Educator how to
get involved!
Program is open to all animal project areas!

4-H
GROWS HERE



2025

Crook County Fair

July 26th- August 2nd

Important Fair Deadlines

- ★ Market beef tagging, brand inspections, & ownership forms due to fair office February 1, 2025
- ★ Dog ownership forms to fair office May 1st, 2025
- ★ Market Sheep/Swine/Goat tagging, brand inspections, & ownership forms due to fair office June 1st, 2025
- ★ Market rabbit/poultry ownership form to fair office June 1st, 2025
- ★ Fair Entries Due July 7th, 2025

Questions about deadline requirements? Contact Jasmyne at the fair office. 307-283-2644

Crook County Fair

2025 CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD!



**CROOK COUNTY 4-H IS
WORKING WITH THE CROOK
COUNTY FAIR BOARD TO
FEATURE THE KIDS AND THE
EXEMPLARY BEHAVIORS THAT ARE
SEEN FROM THEM THROUGHOUT
THE FAIR WEEK!
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE
DETAILS DURING FAIR!**

Crook County Fair



CROOK COUNTY FAIR JUNIOR AMBASSADOR



Join the Junior Fair ambassadors. This is a great opportunity for youth that want to expand their leadership, teamwork, and mentorship skills. Youth will help during the Crook County Fair.

Apply by scanning code
or visiting Crook
County 4-H website -
important forms

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Beef News



NEW

2025 CROOK COUNTY FAIR YOUTH BEEF CARCASS CONTEST

A Carcass Contest will be held for Market Beef and will be open all crook county 4-H and FFA members. Market beef must enter contest by June 1st, 2025 by completing Carcass Contest entry form. Either at crookcofair.com, in the Fair Office or with the 4-H Office.

Market Beef will participate in provided ultrasound on Wednesday July 30th, 2025 immediately following market beef weigh-ins. Results will be provided prior to Jr. Livestock Sale.

THE CROOK COUNTY CARCASS CONTEST AWARD WILL BE GIVEN PRIOR TO THE SALE.





Wyoming State Fair News

2025 Family Animals

At the Wyoming State Fair, we understand that some county fairs offer a Family Animal option, allowing multiple family members to work with the same animal. For a family animal to be eligible to show at the Wyoming State Fair, it must adhere to the established ownership and tagging deadlines, be listed on the county tagging worksheet, and must have been exhibited under a single exhibitor at the county level. For example, if the Smith family has a Family Animal at the Sunshine County Fair and Jonathan Smith shows it as his individual project, then that animal can be entered at the Wyoming State Fair under Jonathan's name. We hope this provides a helpful clarification and ensures a smooth and fair experience for all exhibitors at the Wyoming State Fair.

Goat News

Wyoming State Fair Goat Update:

To support and align with breed standards in our livestock exhibits, we are updating the "no horn" rule for market goats at the 2025 Wyoming State Fair.

- Market Does: Horns will be allowed only in the Market Doe class. Exhibitors with a dehorned doe may choose to enter either the Market Goat class or the Market Doe class.
- Market Wethers & Dehorned Market Does: Must follow the existing rule—no horns, with scurs up to one inch acceptable.



Market

Sheep/Swine/Goat

Crook County
Market
Goat/Sheep/
Swine Tagging

MAY 21ST, 2025

4:30-6:00 PM

SUNDANCE FAIRGROUNDS - SWINE BARN



Ownership Papers
Brand Inspections
(Sheep Only)
Tagging

Pictures
(Front Facial w/ ear tag,
Full Body Left Side, Full
Body Right Side)

All Due
JUNE 1st, 2025 to the
Fair Office
by 5pm



Crook County Learning Lab



Crook County Learning Lab



THE CROOK COUNTY LEARNING LAB IS DESIGNED TO ALLOW YOUTH AN OPPORTUNITY
TO RAISE AND INTERACT WITH A MARKET LIVESTOCK ANIMAL.

CURRENT 4-H OR PFA MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM.
VISIT THE CROOK COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE FOR RULES AND APPLICATION!

VISIT THE CROOK COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO!
[HTTPS://WWW.WYOMING4H.ORG/CROOK4H/LEARNING-LAB/](https://www.wyoming4h.org/crook4h/learning-lab/)



Scan Me!



Club News

Bearlodge Wranglers

On March 19, 2025, the Crook County 4-H club, the Bearlodge Wranglers, made thank you cards for our local heroes. Over 60 cards were made to give out to the police department, the fire department, the EMTs, and the highway patrol. The Bearlodge Wranglers plan to distribute these thank you cards on April 16, 2025.

Cooper Croell

Bearlodge Wranglers 4-H Club Reporter



HAPPY

May

BIRTHDAY

Gatlan A.

Liberty C.

Ryder G.

Josie M.

Ainsley M.

Markie M.

Lydia M.

Carli S.

Tru L.

Quinn S.

Ellie J.

Cash P.

Samantha H.

Kohlee S.





Crook County 4-H Clubs

NO GOATS, NO GLORY

LEADERS: AMI HANSEN - 307-680-8918

TANJA MILLER - 307-290-2324

MEETINGS: 2ND MONDAYS/EVERY OTHER MONTH

4PM - MOORCROFT LIBRARY

MUST BE ACTIVE IN ZSUITE BY JANUARY 31ST

BEEF & BRIDLE

LEADERS: LYNSEY GREY-307-670-2316

MEETINGS: SUNDAYS - 3PM- MOORCROFT LOCATION

TBD

BEARLODGE WRANGLERS

LEADERS: MEGAN FRANZEN - 307-290-2279

SARAH ELLSBURY - 307-281-2956

MEETINGS: 3RD WEDNESDAY-4:30PM SHOOTING

SPORTS BLDG-CROOK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

LIMIT OF 25 MEMBERS & ONLY 6 MEETINGS

RANGE RIDERS

LEADERS: CORTNEY DIXON-307-752-8263

JACKIE DAILY - 307-283-2775

MEETINGS: 3RD FRIDAYS-5:30PM SHOOTING SPORTS

BLDG-CROOK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

COUNTY 18 HOMESTEADERS

LEADER: STEVIE PHILLIPS 307-752-6140

MEETINGS: TBD

CARLILE WRANGLERS

LEADERS: KRISTY DENNIS-307-756-9401

AMBER BURCH - 307-467-5678

MEETINGS: 2ND FRIDAYS-3PM- VARIABLE LOCATION

SILVER SPURS

LEADERS: JENN JAY 307-467-5595

MEETINGS: VARIABLE TIME

HULETT- W BAR FEED

BLACKTAIL HUSTLERS

LEADERS: REBECCA PALUS - 307-290-1052

MELISSA WILLIAMS - 307-680-5066

MEETINGS: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-HULETT

DATES TBD

BAND app

BAND is an all-in-one-app for messaging, calendars, files, photos, and videos!

Join our Crook County 4-H group to stay up on events and changes!

**SCAN
ME**



**Join the BAND group by visiting
<https://band.us/n/a6a2Afh246W3b>**

Extra Extra Read All About It!

CROOK COUNTY 4-H CLUB NEWS

VOL. 1

DO YOU HAVE A CLUB REPORTER OR JOURNALIST?



Wanted: A 1-2 paragraph monthly article to add to the Crook County Clover Connection highlighting your 4-H club!

Who: Does your club have a reporter? Do you have a member who is passionate in journalism?

WANTED

Why: Share your clubs accomplishments, community service, and exciting milestones!

When: Send to Erica by the 25th of each month to be included in the monthly Crook County Clover Connection.

Where: Email to ereasone@uwyo.edu and then look at the monthly newsletter!

Rabbit Tips

6 Tips to improve your rabbit showmanship skills.

1 Know your rabbit.

What's your rabbit's daily routine? It's important to know what you are feeding them, how much/often, and what kind of routine maintenance your animal needs - nail trimming, worming, grooming, and teeth trimming for example.



4 Rabbit parts!

Be a parts expert! Knowing rabbit anatomy from nose to tail is important for judging, but also in understanding selection and assessing any problems your bunny might have. Rabbits don't have lots of parts to memorize, so understanding how correct your rabbit is is also important.



2 Know your breed & breed facts

Do you know what breed your rabbit is? It's important to understand their breed and facts about what makes them unique! Mixed breeds are allowed in our shows, but having a good idea of the mix is helpful.

5 Work on the Flip!

Part of rabbit showmanship includes bunny "flipping" or placing the rabbit on their back so you and the judge can assess legs, teeth, and sex the rabbit. Practice flipping your rabbit by holding their head steady facing you and flipping from head to tail so the tail then faces you.

3 Understanding fur

Rabbits have a variety of fur patterns and styles depending largely on breed and individual rabbits! Coats can be solid or broken in terms of coloring. The four fur types recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) are rollback, flyback, dense rollback and standing.



6 Know some basic bunny health

Understanding rabbit health concerns like diseases, parasites, and genetic disorders can add some good detail to your time talking to the judge. Juniors should know 1-3 basic ones, intermediates 3-5, and seniors should be able to explain most of the issues that rabbits face.

Do you have Rabbit Showmanship Questions? Reach out to our Rabbit Superintendent & Range Riders Club Leader, Courtney Dixon, for more tips!



S.M.A.R.T Goals

Setting S.M.A.R.T goals can help you focus your efforts, stay motivated, and achieve your objectives more efficiently!

How to write a S.M.A.R.T goal:

1. **Specific:** Goals should be well-defined and clear, answering the questions of who, what, where, when, and why. A specific goal has a much greater chance of being achieved than a general one.
2. **Measurable:** Goals need to have criteria for measuring progress. This involves identifying the indicators of success and how you will track your achievements.
3. **Achievable:** Goals should be realistic and attainable. While it's important to aim high, the goals should be within reach, considering the resources and constraints.
4. **Relevant:** Goals must matter to you and align with broader objectives. This ensures that the goals are meaningful and contribute to long-term aspirations.
5. **Time-Bound:** Goals should have a clearly defined timeline, including a starting date and a target date. This creates a sense of urgency and helps prioritize tasks.

Here's an example of a SMART goal: "Increase my reading to 10 books by the end of the year by dedicating 30 minutes each day to reading."



Request for Funds

Crook County 4-H has a form to request funds to help with those 4-H trips and events you want to participate in!

Need a little financial assistance to pay for registration at a 4-H event; local, state, or national?

Fill out the Request for Funds form before the date of the event and turn it into Erica @ the Crook County Extension Office.

<https://www.wyoming4h.org/crook4h/request-for-funds/>



Projects

PICK YOUR PROJECT

There's a project
for everyone!

Aerospace
Archery
Beef
Cake Decorating
Cats
Citizenship
Computers
Crocheting
Dogs
Electricity
Entomology
Fabric & Fashion
Foods & Nutrition
Gardening
Geology
Dairy Goats
Meat Goats
Health
Horses
Interior Design
Knitting
Llamas & Alpacas
Leathercraft



Muzzleloading
Nature & Ecology
Photography
Pistol
Pocket Pets
Poultry
Quilting
Rabbits
Range Management
Recreation
Rifle
Robotics
Ropecraft
Self-Determined
Sheep
Shotgun
Sportfishing
Swine
Veterinary Science
Visual Arts
Wildlife & Hunting
Woodworking
Youth Leadership

Enrollment Help ...

4-H ZSuite Enrollment

New Family Profile

If you've never signed into ZSuite before follow these steps:

1. Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org>
2. As a family creating a new profile, select **SIGN UP**. Fill in all fields, select **LET'S GO**.

SCAN ME



Adding 4-H Member

You are now on the Dashboard tab

1. Select **+Household Member**
2. Fill out 4-H members info, select **CONTINUE**
3. Fill out **PERSONAL INFO**, select **NEXT**
4. Fill out all six drop down WAIVERS, then select **NEXT**
5. Dropdown to your CLUB, select **ADD CLUB**. (Cloverbuds is not a club, select club placement)
6. Select **ADD PROJECT**. When selecting an animal project, Animal project information is not required at this time
7. Select **ADD TO CART** and then you can either **+Add ENROLLMENT** (another child or volunteer) or **SUBMIT**. You must click **SUBMIT** to be complete.

Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs) = \$1.35

4-H (8yrs & up) = \$10

Volunteers = \$10

**Cash or check payable to
Crook County 4-H**

Puzzled?

**Call Erica @ 307-
283-1192 or stop by
extension office
during business
hours**

Once submitted, your enrollment will change from pending payment or pending approval to ACTIVE once the Extension office receives payment!

Age Classification

4-H programs are offered on an age-appropriate basis to youth, ages 5-18. This is the general age requirement for 4-H participation. On occasion, multi-state and national 4-H programs and events may use different age criteria and will be adhered to as necessary to qualify for participation.

Age classification for 4-H club members are:

Cloverbud: Ages 5-7

Junior: Ages 8-10 (3rd-5th grade)

Intermediate: Ages 11-13 (6th-8th grade)

Senior Member: Ages 14-18 (9th-12th grade)

Ages are as of January 1 of the current 4-H year, which spans from September through August. Here are some examples for clarification:

- If a child is age 5 on January 1, they can join 4-H for the entire 4-H year as a Cloverbud member.
- If a child turns age 5 on January 2 or later, they must wait until the next 4-H year to join.
- If a member is 7 years or under as of January 1, they are a Cloverbud member.
- If a teen will be age 18 on December 31, they can join for the entire 4-H year.
- If a teen is age 19 on January 1, they cannot join 4-H but are encouraged to serve as a 4-H volunteer.
- Collegiate 4-H clubs are available at many colleges and universities for those wishing to continue 4-H activities into their early twenties.