


Crook County CLOVER CONNECTION

4-H Families & Friends

Welcome to a brand-new 4-H year! We're excited to kick off another season of learning, growing, and making memories together. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, this year promises fresh opportunities to explore your interests, build leadership skills, and connect with your community. Be sure to bring your energy, creativity, and curiosity as we dive into another year of hands-on fun and personal growth.

As we begin, please take a moment to check your club's updated information and make sure your calendars reflect upcoming meetings, deadlines, and county-wide events. Staying informed helps everyone stay engaged and prepared. Let's make this year one to remember—full of achievement, friendship, and discovery. Happy new 4-H year!

Happy Fall ~ 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!

-  **Members must re-enroll through zsuite October 1st!**
-  **You can now pay your enrollment fees online through zsuite!**
-  **Join the BAND group by visiting <https://band.us/n/a6a2Afh246W3b>**
-  **Keep an eye out for special posts during 4-H Week!**

Did you know, events are also listed on our 4-H website?!?
wyoming4h.org/crook4h/

Upcoming Events

-  **4-H New Year Starts** **October 1, 2025**
-  **National 4-H Week** **Oct. 5-11, 2025**
-  **Dog Orientation** **October 19, 2025**
-  **Northeast Leadership Summit** **October 18, 2025**

New Year Enrollment!

New 4-H Year!



Register today,
October 1st, and
enrollment is only \$5!

Enrollment fee must be paid October 1st to receive discount!

SCAN HERE!



Visit 4-H.zsuite.org

National 4-H Week

**NATIONAL
4-H WEEK**



OCTOBER 5-11



National 4-H Week

Crook County 4-H



Sunday
October
5

Shout out Sunday

Tag a business or supporter who makes 4-H possible!

Monday
October
6

Memory Monday.

Share a favorite 4-H memory!

Tuesday
October
7

Talk about it Tuesday

Talk about 4-H with friends, family, or the community. Invite someone to join!

Wednesday
October
8

Wear Green Wednesday

Wear Green to support 4-H!!!!
Share a picture with us!

Thursday
October
9

Throwback Thursday

Share a picture from way back when you were in 4-H!

Friday
October
10

Favorite Project Friday

What is your favorite 4-H Project?

Saturday
October
11

Service Saturday

Show how you & your club are making a difference in our community!



Record Books

4-H



RECORD

BOOKS

DUE

OCTOBER 15

Fill out and Print off ZSuite and
turn into Crook County 4-H Office



Although record books are not mandatory in Crook County, they are still important! They are used to apply for 4- H Scholarships and other activities.



4-H Dog



CROOK COUNTY 4-H DOG

ORIENTATION MEETING

October 19, 2025

1 pm

DO NOT bring dogs

Members & a parent/guardian must attend the orientation meeting to participate in the dog program.

Crook County Fairgrounds -
Shooting Sports Building

1110 Fairgrounds Loop Road - Sundance



Cloverbuds



CL^{VER}BUDS

OCTOBER 24
JANUARY 23
FEBRUARY 27
MARCH 27
APRIL 24
MAY 22

**ANYONE
AGES 5-7
MAY JOIN
IN THE
FUN!**

**10AM
CROOK COUNTY
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT**



State Events

National 4-H Week



Wyoming 4-H



APPAREL STOREFRONT!

Get ready to show your 4-H pride with official Wyoming 4-H gear!

- ★ T-shirts, hoodies, hats, and more
- ★ Sizes for youth and adults
- ★ Perfect for clubs, families, & supporters
- ★ Delivered straight to you

Storefront link going live around National 4-H week!

State Events

National 4-H Week



Wyoming 4-H

Holiday Card Contest

Calling all 4-H members - let your creativity shine!

Who Can Enter

Open to all enrolled
Wyoming 4-H Members

Submission Deadline

November 2, 2025

How To Submit

Email your design to 4h@uwyo.edu
with subject line "Holiday Card
Contest"



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Extension



What To Submit

- Original holiday card design
- Front cover or whole design folded
- Size 5x7 inches
- Include a holiday greeting/message
- Digital format (JPG, PNG, or PDF)
- Make sure to sign your card!

Prizes

The Winning card will get to select
an item from the Wyoming 4-H
e-store with an allotted balance.

*Winning card will be sent to all
Wyoming 4-H Stakeholders, and
for sale for anyone to purchase!*

*Get creative and spread
holiday cheer!*

State Events

National 4-H Week

Statewide 4-H Service Project

THANK YOU CARDS & CARE BASKETS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Wyoming 4-H

What We're Doing

Wyoming 4-H youth and families are uniting to honor healthcare heroes by making handmade thank-you cards and assembling care baskets with snacks, personal care items, and encouraging messages.



How You Can help

- ✓ Make a few thank-you cards (hand-drawn or written)
- ✓ Collect items for care baskets:
 - Snacks (granola bars, trail mix, coffee, tea, gum)
 - Personal care items (lotion, ChapStick, hand sanitizer)
 - Fun Extras (crossword books, pens, fuzzy socks, stress balls)
- ✓ Work with your local 4-H club to drop off cards and baskets to local hospitals, clinics, and health care facilities.

When

The Month of
October!

Share Your Impact!

Take photos of your club delivering your service project and share with, #Wyoming4-H



State Events

National 4-H Week



JOIN THE FUN!

WYOMING STATE 4-H

BINGO CHALLENGE

THE WHOLE MONTH OF OCTOBER!

HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Pick up your 4-H Bingo Card at your county office before National 4-H Week.
- 2 Complete fun challenges like:
 - Share your 4-H Story
 - Wear your 4-H Shirt
 - Post a picture with your project
 - Invite a friend to join 4-H
 - Thank a volunteer
- 3 Mark off each square as you go!
- 4 Return your completed card to your county office. They will sign it and send a photo to the State 4-H Office!



**PRIZES WILL
BE
AWARDED!**

for completed
rows/columns, as well
as blackout cards!

WHERE TO GET YOUR CARD



Available at your County
Extension Office

**CELEBRATE, SHARE,
AND SHOW YOUR 4-H
SPIRIT!**

Clover Challenge



CLOVER CHALLENGE!



Participate in Club activities,
earn points!

★ PRIZE ★

1st PLACE
Club T-Shirts +
Pizza Party & Bowling
or Pizza Party & Movie

EVENT RULES

Each year there is a "Champion Club" awarded through our "Clover Challenge" winner at Achievement Night. The champion club will be awarded club t-shirts and a pizza/movie or pizza/bowling party paid for at the following meeting. (This can always be changed to fit your club!)

Here is how clubs earn their points for the Clover Challenge:

- Publish meeting minutes/report in the monthly Clover Connection
- Educational Activities by the Club (presentations or demonstrations)
- Community Service Events by the Club
- Record Books - 30% minimum Club completion
- Club Enrollment - 100% by January 15th (Excluding new 1st year members)
- 4-H Camp - Youth and chaperone attendance
- Attend 4-H Sanctioned events such as State shoot, Showcase Showdown, Make it w/wool, Meats & Wool, Project Palooza, National Trips, 4-H Livestock Camps & Clinics
- Chartering done by September 20th
- Club Floats in either the County Fair or Christmas Parades
- County Fair Static Exhibits
- Participate in a leadership role such as fair ambassador, club officer, or camp counselor



Talk to your 4-H club Leaders for more info!

If a member or volunteer changes clubs at any point in the year, previously recorded points do not transfer to the new club.

Local Events



SLICE INTO SOMETHING NEW!



JOIN US FOR 4-H FAMILY NIGHT – A FUN, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENING WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY FREE PIZZA, MEET OTHER FAMILIES, AND LEARN ALL ABOUT THE EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES 4-H HAS TO OFFER!

WHETHER YOU'RE BRAND NEW, EXPERIENCED, OR JUST CURIOUS, THIS IS THE PERFECT CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS, EXPLORE PROJECTS, AND SEE HOW 4-H HELPS YOUTH GROW INTO CONFIDENT LEADERS. THE WHOLE FAMILY IS WELCOME!



4-H FAMILY NIGHT

NOVEMBER 10TH - 5:30PM

CROOK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - SHOOTING SPORTS BUILDING

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 6TH BY CALLING 307-283-1192 OR FILLING OUT THE ONLINE FORM: [HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/K9Q5120XMC](https://forms.office.com/R/K9Q5120XMC)

SCAN HERE



Regional Events

**Putting
it
all
Together**

REGIONAL LEADER SUMMIT

REGISTER NOW



Extension



NORTHEAST REGIONAL LEADER SUMMIT

OCTOBER 18, 2025

BUFFALO, WY

ADULT & TEEN LEADERS

2 TRACKS

SIGN UP HERE:

[HTTPS://4H.ZSUITE.ORG
/EVENT-
REGISTRATIONS/41584](https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/41584)

Register on ZSuite!

<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/41584>

State/National Events

IGNITE BY 4-H



HOW

Applications

Applications are currently open and open until full. Apply now to insure a spot!
https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/ignite_4_h

WHEN & WHERE

March 25-29, 2026
Washington DC

“Where Possibilities are Endless!”

Teens collaborate, create, and cultivate a passion for expanding their minds, and their world.

WHAT

WHY

- Travel. Connect with Teens Nationwide. Explore Your Future.
- Experience Renowned Speakers, Hands-On Workshops, and Real-World Career Insights



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



HAPPY

October

BIRTHDAY

Max D.

Lindsey D.

Trenten G.

Sophia C.

Carson M.

Violet R.

Morgan G.

Tessa F.

Ridley E.

Gabriella J.

Hadley H.

Molly R.

Paisley C.

Maya B.



Crook County 4-H Clubs

Prairie Harvesters

Leaders: Ami Hansen - 307-680-8918
Meetings: 1st Friday even months
4PM
Location: Moorcroft Library

Beef & Bridle

Leaders: Lynsey Gray-307-670-2316
Sharon Slebiss - 559-365-1882
Meetings: Sundays - 3pm- Moorcroft
Location: TBD
Follow Facebook Group

Bearlodge Wranglers

Leaders: Meg Franzen - 307-290-2279
Sarah Ellsbury - 307-281-2956
Meetings: 3rd Wednesday-4:30pm
Shooting Sports Bldg- County
Fairgrounds
Limit of 25 members

Range Riders

Leaders: Courtney Dixon-307-752-
8263
Cassedy Marshall & Jackie Dailey
Meetings: 3rd Friday-5:30pm
Shooting Sports Bldg-Crook County
Fairgrounds

County 18 Homesteaders

Not Active at this time

Carlile Wranglers

Leaders: Kristy Dennis-307-756-9401
Amber Burch - 307-467-5678
Meetings: 2nd Thursdays-5 pm-
Location: Oshoto Firehall

Silver Spurs

Leaders: Jenn Jay 307-467-5595
Emmy Lou Cook - 307-299-3749
Meetings: Determined at October
Meeting
Hulett- W Bar Feed

Blacktail Hustlers

Leaders: Jenn Sirbaugh - 304-820-
2557
Melissa Williams - 307-680-5066
Meetings: First Meeting October 24th
- 9am
Location: Hulett Library

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?

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!

WANTED



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!

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|-------------------|---|---|--|--------------------|
| Aerospace | | | | Muzzleloading |
| Archery | | | | Nature & Ecology |
| Beef |  |  |  | Photography |
| Cake Decorating | | |  | Pistol |
| Cats | | | | Pocket Pets |
| Citizenship | | | | Poultry |
| Computers |  |  |  | Quilting |
| Crocheting | | | | Rabbits |
| Dogs |  |  |  | Range Management |
| Electricity | | | | Recreation |
| Entomology | | | | Rifle |
| Fabric & Fashion | |  |  | Robotics |
| Foods & Nutrition | | | | Ropecraft |
| Gardening |  | | | Self-Determined |
| Geology | | | | Sheep |
| Dairy Goats |  |  |  | Shotgun |
| Meat Goats | | | | Sportfishing |
| Health | | | | Swine |
| Horses | | | | Veterinary Science |
| Interior Design |  |  |  | Visual Arts |
| Knitting | | | | Wildlife & Hunting |
| Llamas & Alpacas |  |  |  | Woodworking |
| Leathercraft | | | | 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.

4-H Year starts October 1st

Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs)- \$5

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

Volunteers = Free

Online Payment on ZSuite

Cash or check payable to

Crook County 4-H

Puzzled?

Call Erica @ 307-283-

1192 or stop by Crook

County 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 October through September. 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.