

**This is your
last newsletter
if you have not
enrolled for
the 2025–
2026
4–H Year**

Crook County CLOVER CONNECTION

4-H Families & Friends

The holiday season is a great time to relax and enjoy the warmth of home while celebrating with family and friends. Cozy days indoors can be just as productive as busy summer months—especially when you use this time to set goals and prepare for upcoming projects. Taking a little time now to organize and plan will help you feel confident and ready for the year ahead.

Winter is also the ideal season to work on your static projects for the county fair or update your record books. These tasks don't require being outside, so grab a warm drink, find a comfortable spot, and dive in! Whether you're creating a craft, baking, or recording your achievements, every step you take now will make fair season easier and more exciting. Staying ahead during the colder months means you'll be ready to shine when spring and summer roll around—so make the most of this cozy time to keep your 4-H journey moving forward!

*Stay warm and enjoy the holidays
~ 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!

 **Livestock members! Make sure you are enrolled in your livestock project before tagging dates!**

 **You can now pay your enrollment fees online through zsuite!**

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



Upcoming Events



4-H Friday Sundance

December 5, 2025



UFO Night

December 16, 2025



Horse Practice

December 20, 2025



Extension Office
Closed

December 24 – Jan 2



Local Events



Check out the Events
calendar on the website!

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>**

**WE WANT
YOU!**

*Together,
we make a
Difference*

**HEY
ATTENTION!!**

**CROOK COUNTY FAIR
IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE
FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER POSITIONS FOR
THE FAIR:**

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

SALE COMMITTEE

AWARDS COMMITTEE

*For more information and to request an
application, contact the Fair Office at
283-2644 or crookcofair@rangeweb.net.*

*Applications can also be found on the fair
website www.crookcofair.com.*

Deadline is January 2nd, 2025



If you are interested in helping out on a fair committee please fill out an application and submit it Jasmyne at the fair office.

2026 Fair Book Cover/Theme CONTEST

**DUE TO THE FAIR OFFICE
JANUARY 1ST, 2026**

Enter our fair theme and
fair book cover contest for
a chance to win

**GRAND PRIZE
\$50 Fair Food
Voucher**

**SUBMIT ENTRIES TO
crookcofairrangeweb.net**

*Fair Theme/Cover can not contain swear
words, gang signs, or inappropriate images*

The winning fair book cover becomes the property of the
Crook County Fair.

2025 FAIR BOOK FRONT COVER



2025 FAIR BOOK BACK COVER



🎨 Are you artistic? Love visual arts or photography? Show off your creativity by designing the front and/or back cover for the 2026 Crook County Fairbook! Submit your masterpiece and make your mark on the fair.

crookcofair@rangeweb.net

NEW

Robotics



CROOK COUNTY 4-H ROBOTICS



Are you curious about how robots move, think, and respond? If you're a youth or an adult who loves building, coding, or just figuring out how things work, 4-H Robotics might be your next big adventure!

We are inviting youth and adults to come learn about 4-H robotics! If you are an adult that would be interested in helping with robotics please come to this meeting or reach out to Erica Reasoner at - 307-283-1192 or ereasone@uwyo.edu

Informational Meeting

**Crook County Courthouse
Basement-Sundance
January 6th
5:30pm**



Anyone interested (youth or adults) please attend this meeting!

Record Books

NEW



Crook County 4-H Record Book Help!

February-May 2026

1st Fridays - 1-2:30pm

Crook County Extension Office - Sundance
Basement of Courthouse



**Come ask questions, see what a
record book is all about, or just
have time to work on yours!**



U.F.O Night

Sign up for Un-Finished Object Dinner
NOVEMBER – MARCH
3rd Tuesday each month!



Join Us for a Night of Food, Fun & Projects! 🎨🍷

Kick off the evening with dinner, then dive into your static project—whether you're bringing one you've already started or want to begin something new!

- ✦ Got a project idea but need space to work?
 - ✦ Want to build on something cool you learned during a 4-H Friday?
 - ✦ Just curious and want to explore what static projects are all about?
- We've got the tools, the space, and the support—you bring the creativity!

Must RSVP by following this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/8eiWqwN2ED>

4-6pm
Crook County Courthouse
Community Room (basement)

SCAN ME



RSVP

4-H Fridays Sundance



4-H FRIDAYS SUNDANCE 9-11AM

DECEMBER
5TH

JANUARY
16TH

FEBRUARY
20TH

MARCH
13TH



309 CLEVELAND ST
COMMUNITY ROOM - BASEMENT

RSVP
307-283-1192

YOU MUST RSVP FOR THESE
ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE ADEQUATE
SUPPLIES!

[HTTPS://WWW.WYOMING4H.ORG/CROOK4H/](https://www.wyoming4h.org/crook4h/)

RSVP

4-H Fridays Moorcroft



4-H FRIDAYS MOORCROFT

**NOVEMBER
14TH
1-3 PM**



**FEBRUARY
20TH
1-3 PM**



**MOORCROFT LIBRARY -
DOWNSTAIRS**

RSVP
307-283-1192

**YOU MUST RSVP!!!
LIMIT 10 YOUTH**

[HTTPS://WWW.WYOMING4H.ORG/CROOK4H/](https://www.wyoming4h.org/crook4h/)

RSVP

4-H Fridays Hulett



4-H FRIDAYS HULETT

1-3 PM

JANUARY
16TH

MARCH
13TH

CHUNKY KNIT
BLANKETS



LEATHERCRAFT



HULETT COMMUNITY CENTER

RSVP

307-283-1192

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LIMIT 10 YOUTH

[HTTPS://WWW.WYOMING4H.ORG/CROOK4H/](https://www.wyoming4h.org/crook4h/)

RSVP

4-H Dog

Crook County 4-H Dog

October 19 - 1pm
Dog Orientation (No dogs)

Pre-Scheduled

No Practice Days:

November 30

December 21

December 28

January 4

April 5

May 10

May 17

Follow this Facebook
group for more
information &
cancellations



SCAN ME!



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**



Horse



Crook County 4-H Horse

3rd Saturdays 10am-2pm

December - May

December 20 - Open Ride w/ safety certifications

January 17 - Halter

February 21 - English

March 21 - Transitions & lead changes

April 18 - Patterns

May TBD (outdoor arena) - Trail

Safety Certifications can be completed at any practice



4-H Patterns



AQHA Patterns



Contact: Erica Reasoner
Crook County 4-H
307-283-1192

Free Open Ride at Crook County Fairgrounds
Indoor Arena. Available to enrolled Crook
County 4-H & FFA members Ages 8-18

Please pay attention to weather cancellations!

Join the band app for updates

Shooting Sports

Crook County 4-H Hunter Safety

SAVE THE DATE

Tentative Dates:

February 6th - 3-8pm

February 7th - 8-4pm

Shooting Sports Building -Sundance
Open to Enrolled WY 4-H Members



Please keep an eye out for
the link to register!

Shooting Sports

CROOK COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS



Archery Safety Meeting

October 23rd - 5pm

Shooting Sports Building-Sundance

Fairgrounds Loop Road

Practice
Every
Thursday
5:30pm

Except Holidays



- Members must be enrolled, paid, picked shooting sports as a project & have active status to participate.
- Youth and 1 parent/guardian must attend safety meeting to participate in Archery Practices.
- No Equipment needed on October 23rd
- Archery will be every Thursday @ 5pm through January 8th
- Shooting Sports has an additional \$10 per youth or participate in 1 community service project in the spring.

**We need shooting Sports Volunteers! Interested?
Call Erica - 307-283-1192**

If you missed the safety meeting,
please come to practice and we will
have a make up safety time!

Shooting Sports

Crook County 4-H

Archery County Shoot



January 22nd, 2026

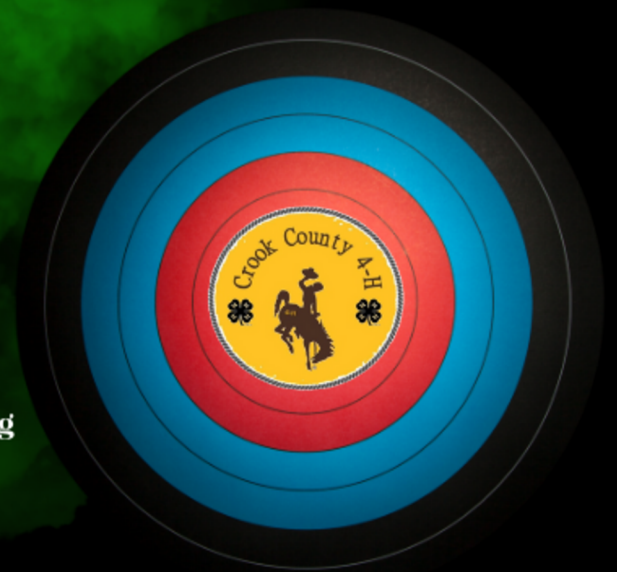
5:30pm

4-H Shooting Sports Building

Fairgrounds - Fairgrounds

**Register for County Shoot
at Archery Practice!**

**Reminder: Members must have attended a safety meeting
and attended a minimum of 3 practices to participate in
county shoot!**



County Shoot

Shooting Sports

2026 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Trainings

The Shooting Sports Training Team will be coming to a county near you! If you are a new shooting sports leader or have reached five years since your last certification, plan to attend one of these certification/training opportunities.



Steve Mack, Director

Wyoming State 4-H Foundation

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

1000 East University Ave. Dept. 3354

Laramie, WY 82071

(307) 766-5170

Smack@uwyo.edu

Big Horn County, Basin, WY

- Dates - March 7-8, 2026
- [Registration : Big Horn County](#)

Carbon County, Rawlins, WY

- Dates - March 21-22, 2026
- [Registration : Carbon County](#)

Sweetwater County, Rock Springs, WY

- Dates - March 28-29, 2026
- [Registration: Sweetwater County](#)

Crook County, Sundance, WY

- Dates - April 11-12, 2026
- [Registration: Crook County](#)

Natrona County, Casper, WY

- Dates - April 25-26, 2026
- [Registration: Natrona County](#)

Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting

- Date - February 21, 2026, Casper
- Hilton Garden Inn - 10 am to 3 pm
- [Directions from Douglas](#)
- [Directions from Riverton](#)

You can register using the links above or visit the Wyoming 4-H webpage at: <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/> then select "Volunteers" and "Additional Trainings."

Are you interested in volunteering, We are hosting the state training April 11 & 12, 2026. Register at <https://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/volunteers/additional-trainings.html>

State Opportunities

WYOMING FOOD FUN 4-H



GET COOKING WITH 4-H

Learn, cook, taste, and share with your family while building lifelong skills in the kitchen.

WHAT IT'S ABOUT:

- Monthly recipes and cooking challenges
- Hands-on learning: baking, grilling, holiday treats & more
- Fun for the whole family — kids and parents cook together
- Opportunities to try new foods and explore creative twists

YOUTH SAID IT BEST:

“I liked learning how to make eggs a new way.”

“The banana bread became our new family favorite.”

“I made my own grilled chicken sauce and everyone loved it!”

WHY JOIN?

- Try new recipes
- Build kitchen confidence
- Create family memories



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JOIN US FOR YEAR 4!

SIGN UP AT
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/J
CDUBZF9UVCTRYJ26](https://forms.gle/JCDUBZF9UVCTRYJ26)




SCAN ME

State Opportunities



READY, SET, EXPLORE!

A FREE, family-friendly program designed to inspire outdoor adventures and create unforgettable memories!
October, 2025-May, 2026



Register today to see
the great
Ready, Set, Explore
activities for October!



Extension

Questions?

readyssetexplore.4h@gmail.com

The University of Wyoming is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution

State/National Events

Wyoming 4H

SHOWCASE SHOWDOWN

June 15 - 18, 2026

University of Wyoming, Laramie

New for 2026!

- **New Contests**
 - Horse Quiz Bowl
 - Livestock Quiz Bowl
- **Full Cloverbud Track**
 - Full schedule of cloverbud activities
- **NEW Residence Halls**
 - All participants will be housed in the brand-new University of Wyoming residence halls!
 - Nightly activities specific for those who stay in the residence halls!
- **Event T-shirt** design by the 4-H youth, Jansen Hornecker who won the 2025 Showcase Showdown design contest!

Interested? Need more info?

Call the office 307-283-1192

or email ereasone@uwyo.edu

Seniors!

**Are you graduating in
May/June 2026, the Graduation
Cord Application is now
available: Graduation Cord
Application Form**

**Please note the submission
deadlines:**

**May/June 2026 graduates:
April 19, 2026**

Seniors!

2026

STATE 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Wyoming:

- Edna Mae and Wallace McClaflyn
- Ella E. Schloredt
- Jimmy Nichols Memorial
- Farmhouse Foundation
- Janie Smith Memorial
- Margaret Butterfield Memorial
- Brown-Kohl
- Marian M. Henderson Memorial

Other Schools:

- Wilbur Brettel
- Murdoch's Ranch and Home
- Lynette Wallace
- Linnabur Scholarships
- John and Pauline Peterson
- Bonnie Ellenwood
- Underwood Family
- State 4-H Foundation
- Charles and Eileen Oakley
- Hjalma Williams



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of WYOMING
EXTENSION



Scan to Apply:



Scholarships

Announcing the 2025 scholarship winners awarded by the 4-H Foundation/State 4-H Office scholarship committee. Approximately \$31,000 was awarded t...

 Wyoming State 4-H Foundation / Apr 18, 2012



HAPPY

December

BIRTHDAY

Lana M.

Jace B.

Audrey C.

Maria V.

Landree A.

Sophie J.

Katie B.

Claire B.

Parker K.

Allie E.

Chelsea H.

Harper L.

Karissa N.

McCoy M.

Houston J.



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

Contact Stevie Phillips

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
Meetings: TBD
Hulett- W Bar Feed

Blacktail Hustlers

Leaders: Jenn Sirbaugh - 304-820-
2557
Melissa Williams - 307-680-5066
Meetings: Contact Jenn or Melissa
Location: Hulett
Library/Community Center

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

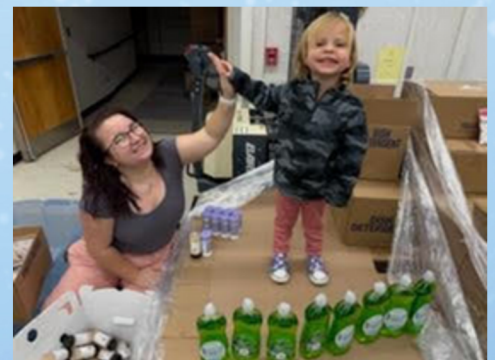
Beef & Bridle 4-H

Club News

At our November meeting, we got together and made Christmas cards for veterans. The cards will be sent to the VA clinics in the state. Fun was had, making the cards!

On November 19, club members got together in Moorcroft to help fill Thanksgiving Food Boxes at the food Pantry. This event allows our members to help their local community during this time of the year.

Our next meeting is December 14 at 2:30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Moorcroft.



Range Riders



The Range Riders held their monthly meeting on November 21st with delicious pumpkin snacks hosted by the Manning family. They approved new bylaws and decided to have a Christmas Party. William Crawford will be the Christmas Party Committee Chairman. After the meeting was adjourned, members participated in a community service project packing spaghetti and taco dinner kits to be donated to the Crook County Food Pantry in Sundance and learned about meal planning, shelf life of food, and some nutritional information about the meals. The club will meet for their Christmas party on December 12th!

Submitted by Range Riders Reporter Amberlyn Dixon

Range Riders Meet the 3rd Fridays of the month @ 5:30pm at the shooting sports building.

Bearlodge Wranglers

The Bearlodge Wranglers 4-H Club elected officers at our November meeting. The new officers are: as president, Josey Franzen, as vice president Harper Lenz, as treasurer Tyce Erickson, as secretary is Chesney Cundy, parliamentarian is Delilah Croll and the reporter is Mattie Ellsbury. Tay Steedley presented about the American flag with his Papa Rich Steedley. The American Legion donated a flag to the Bearlodge Wranglers 4-H Club. At the end of the meeting, members stayed to make Christmas cards for long term care and assisted living facilities and we will deliver them on December 17, 2025.

By Mattie Ellsbury

Volunteer Training!



Wyoming **4H**

VOLUNTEER TRAINING



Save The Date

Join us to learn about Empowering
Volunteers and how to feel confident
leading youth 4-H members

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Leadership & Confidence
- Volunteer Story
- Connect with other volunteers
- Engaging Activities and Conversations

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, @ 6PM

ZOOM LINK REGISTRATION QR CODE:



* Please reach out to Tiera Bevilacqua if you have any questions *

Email: tarndorf@uwyo.edu

Phone: (307)766-5170

This training would count towards volunteer training. You need an updated training every 5 years!

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!

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



S.M.A.R.T GOALS

S

SPECIFIC

Goals should be clear and easy to understand. A specific goal usually answers five questions: What do we want to do? Why is it important? Who is involved? Where will it happen? Which steps or choices are needed?

M

MEASURABLE

This idea means we need clear ways to measure how close we are to reaching a goal. If we can't measure it, we won't know if we're making progress or not.

A

ACHIEVABLE

This idea is about setting goals that are possible to reach. A goal can still be challenging, but it shouldn't be too extreme. When working toward a realistic goal, people might discover new chances or ideas that help them get closer to success.

R

RELEVANT

A relevant goal is one that matters to you and that you're ready and able to work toward. It should make you ask: 'Is this worth doing?'

T

TIME-BASED

Setting a deadline helps you stay focused and finish your goal on time. It keeps your goal from getting pushed aside by everyday tasks. A timely goal should help you plan what to do today, in 6 weeks, and in 6 months.

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.