

## Crook County Learning Lab Understanding and Rules

**Purpose:** Allow urban youth and rural youth without adequate facilities an opportunity to raise, interact and sell a market animal.

**Stakeholders:** Crook County Fair Board and Fair Staff will provide the facilities for participants to house their livestock project for the year 2026. 4-H Educator and FFA advisors will provide educational programming for participants, so they understand the needs of their project and how to care for it correctly.

**Participants:** Current 4-H or FFA membership is required for acceptance into the program.

### Ownership

1. Ownership deadline is June 1 for market swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry.
2. Each member will be responsible for his or her project assignment.

### Rules

1. Market swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry are the only species allowed to be kept at the Crook County Fairgrounds with the Crook County Learning Lab.
2. Members are responsible for purchasing their own animals, feed, bedding, care products, etc.
3. Members are responsible for the care of their animals, including but not limited to: feeding, watering, cleaning pens, exercising, fitting, and showing.
4. Members must be enrolled in the Crook County Learning Lab by April 1st. Late enrollments in the Crook County Learning Lab will not be accepted. This means the application must be accepted before animals are brought to grounds.
5. No livestock will be placed or removed from the fairgrounds without the permission of the advisors in charge. Notification should be given prior to animals leaving for shows, veterinarian trips, etc. Livestock placed on the fairgrounds that are not enrolled in the Crook County Learning Lab will be removed without notification and at the owner's expense.
6. Members enrolled in the Crook County Learning Lab and a parent/guardian must attend a mandatory orientation to the Crook County Learning Lab. A date for this orientation will be scheduled each year.

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7. First year participants in the Crook County Learning Lab are required to attend an educational program outlining the basics of animal care and feeding.
8. Members who utilize the Crook County Learning Lab to board their animals at the Crook County Fairgrounds are required to enroll and be in good standing in either 4-H or FFA, show the animal at the Crook County Fair, and sell it at the Jr. Livestock Sale.
9. Each member boarding an animal at the Crook County Fairgrounds through the Crook County Learning Lab will be required to care for the facilities, report upkeep problems to the fair manager as soon as they arise and help with workdays to ensure the facilities are maintained.
10. Members participating in the Crook County Learning Lab will pay a \$50 labor deposit, \$25 being refundable, to the Crook County Extension Office. Deposits will be forfeited if members are asked to leave the program, fail to complete the program, or fail to clean facilities upon completion of the Crook County Learning Lab. \$25 of the labor deposit will be returned after county fair, and the facility has been cleaned. Students that do not participate in scheduled workdays or general facilities upkeep will forfeit this deposit. (Checks made to Crook County 4-H)
11. Members participating in the Crook County Learning Lab will not be able to house animals at the Crook County Fairgrounds until May 1. Unless authorized by fair personnel, and the student's 4-H Educator or FFA Advisor, animals will be removed from the barn by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
12. Water is not provided before June 1<sup>st</sup> per County Maintenance. Participants will be responsible for hauling in water prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>.
13. The Crook County Learning Lab has a zero-tolerance policy for neglect or mismanagement of livestock as determined by the program advisors.
14. Members found violating any of the rules associated with the program will forfeit their position in the barn and will be asked to remove their animal immediately. Please see the Crook County Learning Lab Violation Procedure for questions about the program violations process.

## **LABOR DUTIES AND MANAGEMENT**

Each member involved in the Crook County Learning Lab will do his or her share of labor. The labor will include cleaning pens, feeding and watering, exercising, fitting and grooming, showing, doctoring, and other general care of program animals.

If all duties are not taken care of to the satisfaction of the advisors, that member or members involved will be given one warning and if the problem is not taken care of after that, the member or members involved will be removed from the program.

**CROOK COUNTY**

**Crook County Learning Lab  
Application**

Please complete this application and return it to:  
UW Extension  
Crook County  
Box 368  
Sundance, WY 82729



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Name  Age

Parent(s)

Mailing Address

City  Zip Code

Email Address  Current Grade

Phone (Day)  (Evening)

Phone (Mobile)  School

Species you are interested in showing

Organization you are/will become a part of: 4-H Club  FFA

Do you have any major conflicts that would occur from the months of May through August that would require you to be gone for more than a week at a time?

**Do you have adequate transportation to and from the Crook County Fairgrounds?**  
YES NO

I  have read and understand the Crook County Crook County Learning Lab rules and agree to abide by such rules. I understand that if I break the Crook County Crook County Learning Lab rules I will forfeit my privileges of boarding an animal at the Crook County Fairgrounds and will have to remove it immediately. I understand I am responsible for any damages to the Crook County Fairgrounds facilities where I am boarding an animal. I understand that I am responsible for the care of my animal and the Crook County Fair Board, Fair Staff, and Extension Staff are not liable for the safety or care of my animal residing at the Crook County Fairgrounds.

Signed:  Date:   
Parent:  Date:   
Advisor:  Date:

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## Crook County Learning Lab Violation Procedure

The Crook County Learning Lab is designed to allow youth an opportunity to raise and interact with a market livestock animal. The Crook County Learning Lab will provide facilities for youth to raise a market livestock animal and learn about the agriculture industry through the experiential learning model.

Housing market swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry at the Crook County Fairgrounds through the Crook County Learning Lab is an honor and privilege, not a right. Acceptance in the program requires members to uphold exemplary herdsmanship ideals and act as an example for the 4-H and FFA programs in Crook County. The Crook County Learning Lab has a zero-tolerance policy for neglect or mismanagement of livestock housed at the Crook County Fairgrounds.

The advisors in charge of the Crook County Learning Lab, reserve the right to disqualify members from the Crook County Learning Lab if they violate the rules of the program. Violations include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Failing to feed and water your animal.
2. Failing to clean your animal's pen(s).
3. Failing to provide appropriate health care to your animal.
4. Destroying Crook County Fairgrounds property.
5. Feeding another member's animal without their permission.
6. Using another member's feed or supplies without permission.

If a violation is observed, or members have concerns about behavior, a complaint can be filed. In order to file a complaint, you must:

1. Document complaint. A short, written narrative will suffice. Photos are welcome if needed.
2. File complaint with the Crook County 4-H Educator

Once a complaint has been filed, the program advisors will evaluate the complaint and act on a case by case basis.

When a violation occurs and is reported to the 4-H Educator, the following process will be followed:

1. Members will be notified of violations.
2. The member and advisor will work out a plan of action at the time of notification to correct the inappropriate behavior.

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3. The member will communicate their progress of correcting inappropriate behavior to the advisor on a schedule determined by advisor.

Once the behavior has been corrected, no further action will be taken.

Dismissal from the Crook County Learning Lab will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Crook County Learning Lab advisors. Dismissal may be made for the following reasons:

1. Have had 3 or more violations.
2. Commit serious or malicious violations of the rules. Serious or malicious violations are at the discretion of the Crook County Learning Lab advisors and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

If dismissal is the appropriate course of action for inappropriate behavior, the following process will be followed:

1. Members will be notified by phone of their dismissal from the program. A letter outlining the decision will follow.
2. Members will be required to remove their animals from the Crook County Fairgrounds immediately.

Once a member has been dismissed from the Crook County Learning Lab, they can apply for the Crook County Learning Lab the following year; however, they will be placed on probation and will work to create a management plan for success.