

Crook County CLOVER CONNECTION

4-H Families & Friends

A New 4-H Year Begins!

Happy New 4-H Year! A new year means new opportunities, new goals, and plenty of chances to learn, grow, and try something new. Whether you are returning for another great year or joining 4-H for the first time, we are excited to have you as part of Crook County 4-H. From projects and club activities to contests, camps, and community events, there are so many ways to make the most of your 4-H experience.

As we kick off the year, be sure to re-enroll and pay your enrollment fee at 4h.zsuite.org so you can become an active member. Take some time to look through upcoming opportunities, set a few goals for yourself, and think about what you want to accomplish this year. We are looking forward to seeing what our 4-H members, families, volunteers, and clubs accomplish in the year ahead!

Happy New Year ~ 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!

**New Year
Enrollment
Starts October 1st**



Upcoming Events



New 4-H Enrollment

October 1st



4-H Showcase

October 4th



National 4-H Week

October 4-10

Local Events

New 4-H Year!



Enrollment for the
new 4-H year
opens Today!!!!

Visit 4-H.zsuite.org

Local Events



EVENTS CALENDAR

Check out the Events
calendar on the website!

4-H Showcase

World of 4-H

See it. Share it. Join it.

Embark on a 4-H Extravaganza!

Sunday October 4th
2 - 4 PM

4-H Shooting Sports Building
Sundance Fairgrounds



Your 4-H adventure begins here! Grab your passport, collect stamps as you explore all the exciting 4-H opportunities, and enter for a chance to win amazing door prizes. Every stop brings a new discovery!

4-H Enrollment will be free for those that complete a passport book!

JR Leaders



A recruitment poster for 4-H Junior Leaders. The background features a green tractor, hay bales, and a white picket fence. The text is overlaid on a dark green and yellow background. A circular logo for Crook County 4-H is in the top left. A photo of a group of people sitting around a table is in the top right. A QR code is in the bottom right, with an arrow pointing to it from the text 'Fill out this interest form to join the Crook County 4-H Junior Leaders!'. A yellow banner at the bottom says 'Meetings will begin in October'.

 Crook County 4-H

4-H Junior Leaders

4-H
Members
Age 12-18

**UNLOCK
YOUR
LEADERSHIP
POWER**



Fill out this interest form to join the Crook County 4-H Junior Leaders!



Meetings will begin in October

<https://forms.gle/te5p44K7UzaF2WJt7>

Shooting Sports



Shooting Sports 2026-2027 Calendar



Archery Safety Meeting - October 8th - 5:30pm Shooting Sports Building

Archery Practice Starts - October 15th



Air Rifle/Pistol Safety Meeting - January 7th

Air Rifle/Pistol Starts - January 14th

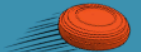


.22 Rifle/Pistol Safety Meeting - April 15th

.22 Rifle/Pistol Starts - April 22nd



Shotgun Spring Dates TBD



Reminder!!! New Members, Returning Youth, and Volunteers will need to re-enroll after October 1st for the new 4-H Year and select shooting sports project areas. Visit 4h.zsuite.org.

Practice Times will be set
after the safety meeting!

Shooting Sports

**NEW ENROLLMENT
DEADLINES**

FOR 2027



Attention!



Crook County 4-H Members must enroll, have active status, & selected their project areas by:



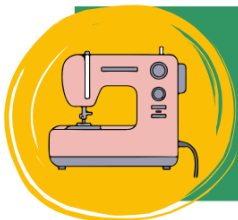
BEEF (MARKET & BREEDING)

**JANUARY
31ST**



**SHEEP, GOAT, SWINE,
POULTRY, RABBIT,
HORSE, & DOG**

**APRIL
1ST**



**ALL OTHER
PROJECT AREAS**

**APRIL
1ST**



**ENROLL TODAY AT
4h.zsuite.org**

National 4-H Week

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 4-10

1 SUNDAY OCTOBER 4  Share Sunday Share what 4-H means to you and a favorite 4-H lesson you will carry with you!	2 MONDAY OCTOBER 5  Memory Monday Post a picture, phrase, item that brings back your favorite 4-H memory!	3 TUESDAY OCTOBER 6  Trivia Tuesday True or False: 4-H has always had a four leaf clover? Post a picture with the clover & the answer.	4 WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7  What if Wednesday Post a picture or comment of something new you want to try this year!	5 THURSDAY OCTOBER 8  Throwback Thursday Share a picture of a previous project you completed in 4-H!	6 FRIDAY OCTOBER 9  Favorite Project Friday What is your favorite 4-H Project?	7 SATURDAY OCTOBER 10  Spotlight Saturday Tag a 4-H friend, leader, or volunteer who makes your 4-H experience special and tell us why!
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WHAT IS 4-H?

As the nation's largest youth development organization, 4-H empowers more than six million youth ages 5-18 to learn, lead, and thrive through hands-on, "learn-by-doing" experiences that build knowledge, life skills, confidence, and independence.

Why get involved?

4-H gives every youth a place to belong, learn, and grow. Through hands-on, out-of-school experiences, youth explore their interests, build confidence, and develop real-world skills. Caring adults and volunteers are always welcome to get involved, share their talents, and help youth thrive.

THINGS TO DO IN 4-H

Choose from 47+ project areas and turn your interests into hands-on adventures!

Enroll online at
4h.zsuite.org



SCAN HERE!

PARTICIPATE DAILY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE AT THE END OF THE WEEK!

A festive banner at the top of the page reads "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" in large, colorful letters. The word "HAPPY" is on a separate banner above "BIRTHDAY". The letters are in various colors: H (purple), A (green), P (pink), P (yellow), Y (orange), B (green), I (orange), R (purple), T (light blue), H (yellow), D (purple), A (green), Y (pink). On either side of the banners are clusters of balloons in green, red, and blue. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carson M.

Ridley E.

Levi C.

Morgan G.

Hadley H.

Max D.

Paisley C.

Lindsey D.

Sophia C.

Lucille N.

Gabriella J.

Violet R.

Conagher S.

Molly R.



CROOK COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Prairie Harvesters

Leaders: Ami Hanson - 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
Meetings: 3rd Friday-5:30pm Shooting
Sports Bldg-Crook County Fairgrounds

Blacktail Hustlers

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

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

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.

**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 to Jasmyne at the fair office.**

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.

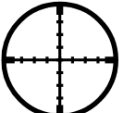
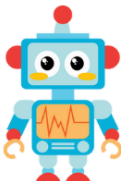
<https://www.wyoming4h.org/crook4h/request-for-funds/>



PROJECTS

PICK YOUR PROJECT

There's a project
for everyone!

Aerospace			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



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.

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>

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.**