

Sheridan County 4-H

Monthly Newsletter



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Hello everyone! Let me start off by saying HAPPY HOLIDAYS to you all!! I hope you all enjoy your upcoming break from school and have something fun planned.

Members, Leaders and Parents if you haven't done so yet please, please, please go online and sign up for 4-H. If you need help please come see us in the office and we can guide you through the online process. It is super important to do this before the 4-H year begins. The tagging deadline for beef is coming up and we cannot tag an animal to a youth without them being signed up for 4-H. So make sure to get signed up!

This year Western Region Leaders forum is going online. Sheridan County 4-H Council will be hosting a dinner January 27th at 6:30 here at our office and the session will start at 7:30. I would like to encourage all leaders and Junior leaders to attend this as it will be a good training for all involved. This session will be on Hosting great meetings. Please RSVP on the sheet attached and return to the extension office by **January 12th**.



I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
 My heart to greater loyalty,
 My hands to larger service,
 My health to better living,
 For my club,
 My community,
 My country,
 And my World.

Senior 4-H members—multiple scholarship deadlines are coming up. If you are planning to attend school instate there are multiple scholarships available through the University of Wyoming and Wyoming 4-H foundation that are available to you. Please contact me for further information on the scholarships available to you.

Again Happy Holidays and please if you plan to travel, travel safe!

-Liz Shaffer



December 2014

Leader Resources



Save the Date

You're invited to the 2015

State Leaders' Conference!

Please be thinking about possible topics you could teach as a workshop. Workshop presentations are welcome by any adult or teen leaders and topics can include: 4-H projects, Leadership, Club Management, Youth Development, etc.

Stay Updated:

Follow us on Facebook at 2015 State Leaders' Conference.

<https://www.facebook.com/wyoslc2015>

Sign up deadline is January 30th!

State Leader's Conference is a forum in which 4-H Leader's meet for the purpose of learning more about the 4-H program as it pertains to Wyoming, share ideas, participate in fun workshops that you can take back and utilize in your clubs, increase your leadership abilities and to **have some fun!** This is also the venue of the leadership awards program in which leaders from across the state are recognized for their support and service to the program.



Get More Involved!

- Livestock Committee meeting December 3rd-Room 131
- 4-H Council Meeting December 8th 6:00pm Room 131 at the Extension Office
- Fairboard meeting December 11th
- WRLF January 27th, February 12th, March 2nd
- Become a project leader
- Become a club leader

Don't Forget!

- To get rescreened for the next 4-H year
- To get members signed up for another year!
- To get your RSVPs in for WRLF

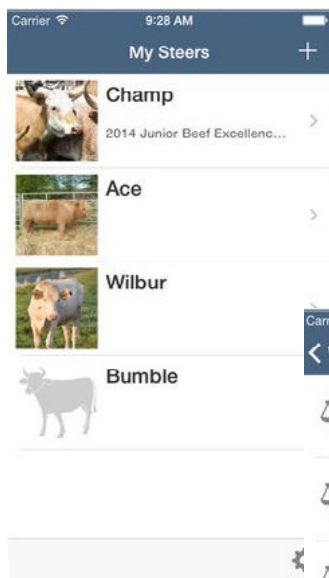
To receive more updates about the program remember to make sure you are on the email list or check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sheridan-County-4-H/174156728837>

There's an App for that! for 4-H and FFA Youth

A number of Apps are popping up for youth to track their 4-H/FFA projects.

The following are two we recently became aware of ... check them out and see if one works for you!

The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation: Noble Jr. Beef Journal App



Available on iTunes and Google for FREE

Description: Noble Foundation Jr. Beef Journal is an app designed to empower FFA and 4-H students to capture key pieces of information as they raise steers for competition. With this app, you will be able to do the following:

- Create steer profiles



- Nominate steers for the Noble Foundation's Junior Beef Excellence Program

- Record steer identifiers

- Log body weight measurements

- Log feeding information



- Upload photos to documents and enhance log and journal entries

- Calculate an overall performance summary

- View a complete, detailed report of all steer record-keeping for use in competitive programs that have record-keeping requirements.



Livestock Record • Available on iTunes

Do you agonize over 4-H record keeping? Now you can organize your market livestock project information on your iPhone or iPad and send customized reports right to your email inbox. Here are some highlights:

- Track your 4-H'ers and their individual livestock project animals

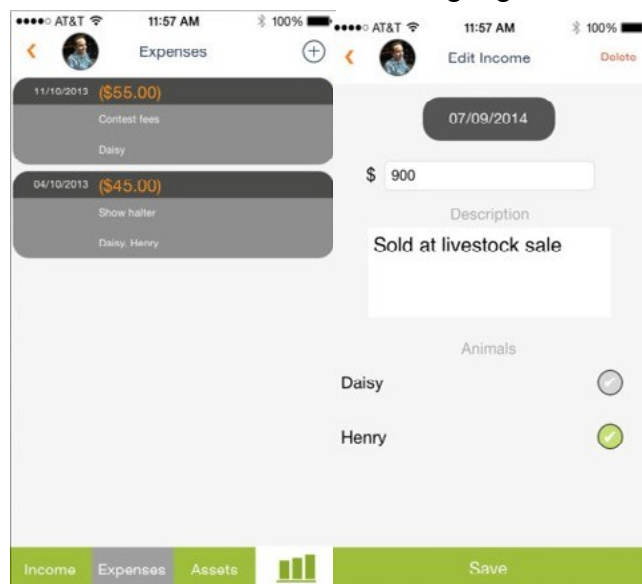
- Track participation in events, meetings, shows, contests, and more

- Record animal weights, feed, and health, and monitor average daily gains

- Enter project income, expenses, and assets to generate financial statements

- Use photos to customize each 4-H'er and animal

- Export reports to analyze in spreadsheets, create graphs, or use in your state or local 4-H record keeping forms



Western Region Leaders Forum



What: An educational opportunity for Leaders, Junior Leaders or anyone else who would like to come! There will be 3 different meeting times with separate topics. At the first session FREE dinner will be provided by the council just come and join us in learning about great meetings. Please make sure to RSVP by January 12th.

When: There will be 3 trainings, the first happening January 27th, the second February 12th, and the third March 2nd.

Where: Sheridan County Extension Office. Room 131

January topic: Youth Connect: At Great Meetings

"That was a GREAT 4-H MEETING!" Join Oregon 4-H volunteers and staff for the 2015 WRLF. Be inspired by adults (Oregon, Wisconsin) who help youth practice leadership at every age, and have fun at club meetings while learning and conducting business. See ways that 4-H club meetings are the right environment to include the essential elements: belonging, mastery, generosity and independence. See a video to learn fundamental Parliamentary Procedure (New Mexico). What other ways can members use to make decisions during club meetings? How should committees work? Chris Clover will share answers to these questions and others during

"Youth Connect: At Great Meetings" on Tuesday, January 27. Receive videos, lesson plans, activities and print materials to learn more and use in clubs. 4-H member-volunteer partnerships can create many effective, educational experiences! Every 4-H meeting can be GREAT!

February topic: Widening the circle- Special Connections

March topic: Youth Connecting in your Community

For more information please visit: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/wrlf2015>

THIS WILL COUNT AS YOUR LEADER TRAINING

WRLF Sign Up

Please Email Liz at lshaffe1@uwyo.edu with what dates you would like to attend, Call the extension office at 674-2980, or send in the bottom of this form to 3401 Coffeen Avenue Sheridan, WY 82801

Please Check the date(s) you wish to attend below

- January 27th
- February 12th
- March 2nd

Name: _____

Number to reach you at: _____

Any Food Allergies: _____



Big and Upcoming!

- Livestock Committee Meeting December 3rd 6:00pm
- 4-H Council Meeting December 8th 6:00pm
- Junior Leaders Meeting December 15th 6:30pm
- Fairboard Meeting December 11th 5:30pm



Don't Forget

You must reenroll in 4-H for the next year. Even if you were a 4-H member last year you have to enroll again for the upcoming year in 4-H. Enrollment has changed over to an online system. Go to www.4-Honline.com to sign up for a new year. Remember that 4-H enrollment does not sign you up for county fair automatically. Next July you will have to fill out entries to enter your projects in County Fair.

Citizenship

Washington Focus



Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is held each June. Delegates will learn about the democratic process, meet new people, see the sights of Washington D.C., meet Wyoming's U.S. Congressional Representatives, and experience our national government from a new perspective. This trip features tours and several nighttime events. Be ready to have a good time! There is not an application process – simply contact your local County 4-H Educator and let him/her know you would like to attend. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,200-\$1,500 and some donor funds are available through the Wyoming State 4-H Foundation.

Application Due February 1st

A Preview of Events...

Event	Date	Location
State 4-H Leaders' Conference Registration closes: February 7, 2015	February 13-15	Torrington, WY
National 4-H Conference Applications due November 1, 2014 Interviews: November/December 2014	April 11-16	Washington, D.C.
Wool Judging/Meat Judging	Late April	Laramie, WY
Citizenship Washington Focus (15-18 years old) Registration closes March 1, 2015	June 13-20	Washington, D.C.
Horse Camp Registration deadline: TBD	June 18-21	Douglas, WY
Showcase Showdown Registration deadline: TBD ALL information is due on this date.	June 24-26	Cheyenne, WY
State Shooting Sports Match Registration deadline: TBD	July 9-12	Douglas, WY
Leadership Washington Focus (7th-9th grades) Registration closes March 1, 2015	July 6-10	Washington, D.C.
Wyoming State Fair Fashion Revue & Livestock Judging entries due: Aug. 6	August 9-15	Douglas, WY
Shooting Sports Awards Trip 12 winners are selected based on scores at State Shoot 2 winners are selected based on portfo- lio submissions (due end of July)	September ~ TBD	Raton, New Mexico
National 4-H Congress Applications due: TBD Interviews held during Showcase Showdown	November ~ TBD (typically Fri-Tues after Thanksgiving)	Atlanta, Georgia

Other opportunities:

State 4-H Leadership Team ~ applications due May 31/interviews at Showcase Showdown

National Shooting Sports Invitational ~ Applications due April 30

Junior Leaders



Will you be at least 13 years old as of January 1st? Do you want to get more out of your 4-H experience? Above all do you want to participate in a great opportunity to meet more people in the county your age while learning great new leadership skills?

If the answer is yes to all these questions consider becoming a Junior leader. Throughout the year Junior leaders assist in 4-H events and help promote the program. If this is something you would be interested in or you would like more information about please contact the 4-H office.

Next Jr. Leader Meeting!

December 15th 6:30pm
Room 131 Extension Office.



Club meetings

Big Horn Cowboys

Leader: Rindy West

Phone: 751-3430

Meeting time: Third Wednesday of the Month

Meeting Place: Room 131 Sheridan County Extension Office

Canyon Livestock

Leader: Jennifer Forsness/Tana Stimpson

Phone: Jennifer 406-620-7154

Tana 752-1263

Meeting Time: 1st Sunday of the Month

Meeting Place: Dayton

Critters, Crafts & Cooking

Leader: Carol French

Phone: 737-2415

Lucky 7

Leader: Jason & Joy Koltiska

Phone: Joy 751-5410

Jason 751-3724

Sheridan Livestock

Leader: Wendy Hope

Phone: 461-0074

Meeting Time: 2nd Sunday of the month

Meeting Place: Room 131 Sheridan County Extension Office

Shooting Sports

Leader: Brett Sayer

Phone: 751-6356

The Gatherers

Leader: Kristin Averitt

Phone: 674-6878 Ext 100

Meeting Time: Variable

Meeting Place: NSI Campus

Tongue River Roundup

Leader: Marta Ostler/Rosanna Henderson

Phone: Marta~461-1795

Rosanna~655-3388

Wyotana Grizzlies

Leader: Susie Terry

Phone: 750-2459

Meeting Time: First Tuesday of the month 6:30pm

Meeting Place: Room 131 Sheridan County Extension Office



that's what we're made of

What is Citizenship:

Do your share to make your school and community better:

- Cooperate
- Get involved in community affairs
- Stay informed; vote
- Be a good neighbor
- Obey laws and rules
- Respect authority
- Protect the environment
- Volunteer

Citizenship in 4-H:

Rules to encourage citizenship:

Divide the club into small groups of four or five members.

Assign each group one of the following areas in school: classroom, library, lunchroom, playground, and bathrooms.

Instruct each group to come up with a list of rules designed to protect the rights of school citizens who use that area. Have students write their rules on a sheet of flip chart paper. Ask them to phrase their rules as positive statements whenever possible. Have groups present their lists, discuss similarities and differences and be prepared to defend the rules which were created.

Think about your 4-H club, what areas do you share as a group? Now repeat the activity and come up with rules that will help protect the rights of 4-H members who use the areas. Remember to share!

Character Counts

Citizenship

Members need to learn the importance of contributing to their school and community.

They should have compassion and show kindness towards others.

They should also show humility and consider the needs of others.

Serving and helping others is also of great importance. Building citizenship skills helps members feel that they can be contributors to others and can do work that benefits their community. This shows them that their lives are important now and sets a foundation for becoming active citizens in adulthood.



We may never know all the good a simple smile can do. May no one ever come to you without going away better and happier. May everyone see kindness in your face, in your eyes, and in your smile. Love is a fruit in season at all times.

-Mother Theresa

Clover Connection

Head - Make sound decisions.

Heart - Be loyal and care about your community.

Hands - Do something productive.

Health - Take care of those that may be in need.

December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3 Livestock Committee	4	5 Robotics Competition	6 Robotics Competition
7	8 Council Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Junior Leaders Meeting	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Christmas Break	23 Christmas Break	24 Christmas Break	25 Christmas Break	26 Christmas Break	27
28	29 Christmas Break	30 Christmas Break	31 Christmas Break	1 Christmas Break	2	3

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Christmas Break	2	3
4	5	6	7 Livestock Committee Meeting	8	9	10
11	12 RSVP for WRLF Session on 1-27 Council Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Day	20	21	22	23 Scholarships Due	24
25	26 Scholarship Interviews	27 1st WRLF Session	28	29	30	31

JOIN THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Important Dates to remember:

- December 3rd Livestock Committee Meeting
- December 8th 4-H Council Meeting
- December 11th Fairboard Meeting
- December 15th Junior Leader Meeting

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