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# The Forecast

July/August  
Newsletter

2026

Sheridan County

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### MOUNTAIN CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

The end of June saw campers return to the 4-H Mountain Camp at Owen Creek, with 35 4-Hers enjoying a wide range of activities from gold panning and bow building to solar cooking, fishing, outdoor survival and a water bottle rocket launch - to name just a few of the programs.

We saw chilly nights and our fair share of rain (with a little hail for good measure), but we were still able to consume record numbers of S'Mores by the campfire and make memories by the boatload.

Early this July we will have 4-Hers headed to the State Shoot in Douglas, while at the same time hosting a float in the WYO Rodeo Parade.

Before we know it, the Fair will be upon us, so hopefully livestock and static project submissions are coming along nicely!

As always, if you need any assistance, we're just a call or email away!

Zachary Hein  
4-H/Youth Dev. Educator  
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# Sheridan County 4-H Clubs

**\*Check calendar for any changes in meeting date/location**



**Leaders:**  
Jeremy Kisling  
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Cory Panak  
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**Meets:** 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 6:00 pm  
Extension Office



**Leader:**  
Sarah Opitz  
307-340-1177

**Meets:** 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm  
Extension Office



**Leader:**  
Carol French  
307-751-0380

**Meets:** 1st Saturday of the month @ 10:30 am  
Extension Office



**Leaders:**  
Katie Hiller  
307-752-4503

Hilary Tipton  
307-763-7569

Jessica Barnes  
307-630-9958

**Meets:** 2nd Sunday of the month @ 5:30 pm  
Extension Office



**Leader:**  
Jessie Koltiska  
307-752-2298

**Meets:** 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 5:30 pm  
Extension Office



**Leader:**  
Diana Manselle  
307-299-3338

**Meets:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 6:00 pm  
Story Library



**Leaders:**  
Rachel & Brian Mealor  
307-330-4884

Sarah & Peter Burgess  
307-461-0210

**Meets:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 1:00 pm  
Extension Office



**Leaders:**  
Rachel Reinholz  
320-491-4300

Jonalee Watkins  
307-751-0848

**Meets:** 2nd Sunday of the month @ 12:00 pm  
Ranchester Town Hall



**Leaders:**  
Cindy Beaver  
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Kathy Miller  
307-751-7019

**Meets:** 1st Friday of the month @ 12:05pm  
Ignite Wesleyan Church



**Leader:**  
Susie Terry  
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**Meets:** 1st Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 pm  
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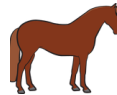
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# 2026

# July, August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clubs</li> <li>Projects</li> <li>Workshops</li> <li>Meetings</li> <li>Events</li> </ul>			1 • Livestock Committee	2 • Dog Project	3 • Horse Project Extension Office Closed	4
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-H Council</li> <li>Shooting Sports State Shoot Meeting and Equipment Pickup</li> </ul>	7 • Leather Project • Rabbit Project	8	9	10 Extension Office Closed	11 State Shoot
12	13	14	15 • Swine Project • Horse Project	16 • Dog Project	17 • Horse Project	18 • Horse Project
19	20	21 • Leather Project • Rabbit Project • Cat Project • Poultry Project • Horse Project	22 • 307 Pioneers Meeting	23 • Dog Project	24	25 Horse Show Dairy Show County Fair
26 Horse Show Cat Show	27 Horse Show Dog Show	28 Static Judging Pocket Pet Show	29 Weigh-in Day	30 Swine Show	31 Sheep Show Goat Show	Aug. 1 Rabbit Show Beef Show
Sheridan County Fair						
Aug. 2 Round Robin	Aug. 3 Sale Day	Aug. 4 Static Pickup	Aug. 5	Aug. 6 Mandatory State Fair Meeting	Aug. 7	Aug. 8
Aug. 9	Aug. 10	Aug. 11	Aug. 12	Aug. 13	Aug. 14	Aug. 15 Wyoming State Fair



# 2026 FAIR SCHEDULE



**Extension Office: 307-674-2980**

**Fairgrounds Office: 307-672-2079**

**Exhibit Hall opened Daily 9-5 starting Wednesday July 29**

## Saturday July 25

- 8:00 am Dairy Cattle followed by Dairy Goats (Sale Ring)
- 8:00 am Horse Events- Halter, Showmanship, English (Arena 2)
- 10:00 am CHAPS Medieval Festival
- 4:00 pm CHAPS Jousting (Arena 1)

## Sunday July 26

- 8:00 am Horse Events- Western (Arena 1 & 2)
- 4:00 pm Cat Show (Exhibit Hall)

## Monday July 27

- 9:00 am Dog Show (Exhibit Hall and Lawn)
- 5:30 pm Horse Events- Speed Events

## Tuesday July 28

- 8:00 am Barns Open to move in **tack ONLY** and set up stalls
- 9:00 am Static Project Interviews (Exhibit Hall)
- 4:00 pm Pocket Pet Show (Exhibit Hall)

## Wednesday July 29- Weigh-In Day

- 7:00-8:00 am Market Beef, Market Heifers, and Breeding Heifer Weigh-In
- 9:00-11:00 am Market Goats/Market Lamb Weigh-In
- 12:00-4:00 pm Swine move in and set up. **In place by 4 pm**
- 4:00-6:00 pm Market Swine Weigh-In (Swine staying on site)
- 6:00-7:00 pm Market Swine Weigh-In (Show & Go Swine)

## Thursday July 30

- 8:00 am Swine Showmanship (Sale Ring)  
Followed by PeeWee Showmanship  
One-hour break  
Market Swine Show to follow the break  
Followed By Sheridan County Born & Raised Breeding Swine to follow the market show
- 8:00-5:30 pm Open Class Entries Accepted (Exhibit Hall)
- 6:00 pm Open Class Judging -**Exhibit Hall CLOSED**

**\*\*Any Animals that are show and go must be on the grounds 1 hour prior to the start of their respective show\*\***

## Friday July 31

- 8:00 am Breeding Sheep Show (Grass Ring)  
Followed by Showmanship  
Followed by PeeWee Showmanship  
Followed by Market Lamb Show  
Followed by Sheridan County Born & Raised
- 5:30 pm Market Goat Showmanship (Grass Ring)  
Followed by PeeWee Showmanship  
Followed by Market Goat Show  
Followed by Sheridan County Born & Raised  
Followed by Breeding Market Goat Show

## Saturday August 1

- 6:00-8:00 am Farmers Co-Op Pancake Breakfast (Sale Ring)
- 8:00 am Rabbit Show (Eaton Barn)
- 8:00 am Market Beef Show (Grass Show Ring)  
Followed by Sheridan County Born & Raised  
Followed by Sale Photos at Backdrop  
Followed by Beef Showmanship  
Followed by Bum Calf Show  
Followed by Breeding Beef
- 5:00 pm Mutton Bustin' and Jr. Bull Riding (Arena 1)

## Sunday August 2

- Livestock Judging Contest Time TBD
- 8:00 am Poultry Show (Eaton Barn)
- 9:00-11:30 am Pie Entries accepted (Exhibit Hall)
- 11:30 am Open Class Pie Contest (Exhibit Hall)  
Open Class Pie/Exhibit Items Auction (Exhibit Hall)
- 2:00 pm Round Robin (Sale Ring)

## Monday August 3

- 8:00-12:00 pm Open Class item pick-up (Exhibit Hall)
- 9:00 am Sale Participants Cleaning & Set Up (Sale Ring)
- 3:00 pm All Consigned Sale animals must be on grounds
- 4:00 pm Sheridan County Cattlewomen's Buyers Dinner (Exhibit Hall)
- 5:00 pm Opening Ceremonies (Sale Ring)
- 5:30 pm Youth Livestock Sale (Sale Ring)

## Tuesday August 4

- 10:00-1:00 pm Static Exhibit Pick Up/ State Fair Packing (Exhibit Hall)

## Thursday August 6

- 6:00 pm State Fair Meeting (Extension Office)

**\*Mandatory for those attending WSF\***



# **RIDE WITH US**

## **IN THE SHERIDAN WYO**

### **RODEO PARADE!**



**WE SAVED YOU A SPOT!**



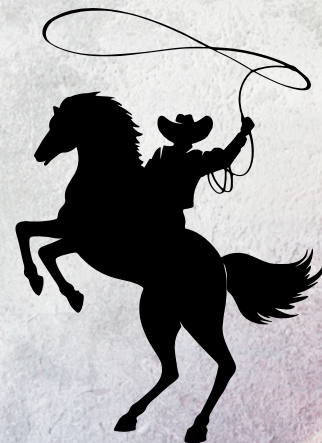
**JOIN US ON THE 4-H FLOAT JULY 10TH!**

**KIDS UNDER 10 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT**

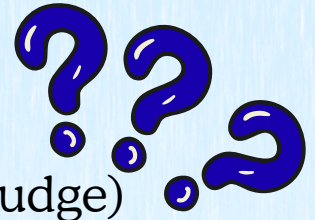


**SCAN ME**

**SIGN UP  
HERE**



# INTERVIEWING 101



## What is an interview?

An interview is a conversation where someone (the judge) asks questions to learn more about you and your project!

## Before The Interview:

- Dress neatly and appropriately
  - Ex: Button up shirts, blouses, dress pants, nice jeans, closed toed shoes, hair brushed and neat!
- Practice answering some questions about your project ahead of time!
- Show up early to your interview!

## First Impressions Matter!!

- Smile 😊
- Make eye contact
- Shake the judge's hand
- Introduce yourself clearly

## During The Interview:

- Sit up straight
- Listen carefully to each question
- Think before you answer

## At The End:

Remember to say, "Thank you for taking the time to interview me!"



# IMPORTANT CHANGES

Sheridan County Fair

## 2026



### CAT SHOW

Cat Show will be on Sunday, July 26th at 4pm at the Exhibit Hall

### ROUND ROBIN

We will be doing a Round Robin in place of the Ultimate Showman on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

### WEIGH-INS

All Market Livestock will be weighed in on Wednesday, July 29. See the schedule for specific times.

## Leather Project

Do you want to learn about leather? Come create decorative and usable leather goods with us!



Summer Leather Practices  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
3:30-5:30 in Rm 132

# Dairy Cattle

Come learn and practice showmanship before fair.

July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

At the Fairgrounds in the Sale Ring



# Poultry Project

Meeting at Fairgrounds

July 21<sup>st</sup>  
6 PM



# Dairy Goat Clipping Clinic

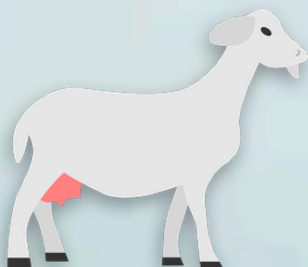
July 12 @ 10 AM

Sheidan College Barn

Questions?  
Contact Emily Mitchell!

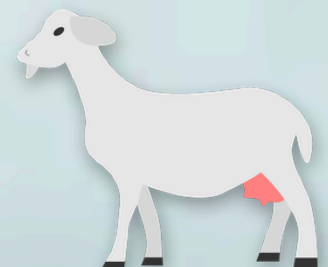


Wash your goats beforehand!



Bring your equipment – clippers and stands if you have them.

Bring a show chain/collar for a quick showmanship practice as well!



# Rabbit Project

Meetings held at the  
Fairgrounds at 6pm

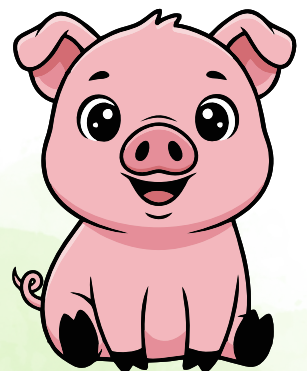


July 6<sup>th</sup>  
July 21<sup>st</sup>

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# Swine Project

July 15 at 6 PM



## Topics Covered:

- Getting Ready for Fair
- Expectations at Fair
- Weight Checks

Meeting at Sheridan County Fairgrounds



# Dog Project



**Dog practice  
Thursdays**



**1<sup>st</sup> years – 6 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> and beyond – 7 PM**

**At the Exhibit Hall**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>**



# Horse Project

## Upcoming Meetings

- July 15** - English and Jumping Practice with Julie McCarty, this will be the last opportunity to get safety tested to jump at Fair (5:30-7:30 at the Fairgrounds)
- July 17** - Ranch Classes (5:30-7:30 at the Fairgrounds)
- July 18** - Sorting Practice (6 PM at Meffords at 39 Meade Creek Rd.)
- July 21** - Trail Practice (5:30-7:30 at the Fairgrounds)
- July 24** - Arrival open at the Fairgrounds for Sheridan County Fair

# Sheridan County 4-H

## CAT PROJECT INFORMATION 2026

### Project Meetings

at the Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall 6:00pm  
Optional Showmanship Practice at Every Meeting

April 28: Care, Grooming, Showmanship

May 19: Health, Hazards in the Home, Parasites

June 23: Behavior and Sounds

July 21: How to Prepare for the Show

### Other Important Dates

June 1<sup>st</sup> - Deadline for 4-H and Project Registration

June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Proof of rabies vaccine due to Katie

July 26<sup>th</sup> - Sheridan County Fair Cat Show

August 11-15 Wyoming State Fair

### Cat Show Classes

**Showmanship:** Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate, Senior

**Conformation:** Adult and Kitten

Purebred Divisions

Household Pet Divisions

Shorthair and Longhair

**Fun Classes and Costume Contest**

### Contact Information

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... LET'S HAVE ...  
SOME FUN!



## Phase 1 & 2



- Futurity Heifer
- Supreme Doe
- Supreme Ewe

**Record Books due by Thursday,  
July 23rd to the Extension Office**

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Interviews to be held

**Tuesday, July 28th @ 2pm**

Packets can be obtained at the Extension Office.

You may request a digital copy by emailing  
[sheridan.county@uwyo.edu](mailto:sheridan.county@uwyo.edu)

# Static Judging Information

Be watching for the Static Judging Schedule to get your times!

- Check-in table will be on the north side of the Exhibit Hall behind the building near the grandstands. This is the opposite of years past. Front doors will be locked
- Attach Exhibit Entry Tags BEFORE arrival. *Tags are in your Fair Packet*
- Arrive at the Exhibit Hall 30 minutes before your scheduled interview time slot
- Check in with the volunteer outside so we know you are here
- Please wait outside until you are called back for your interview
- No Drop Off exhibits allowed. These will not be judged. Exhibitors must be present for their interview for a project to be judged.
- Judges will be available to judge exhibits in the hall only during scheduled interview times.
- No late 4-H exhibits will be judged after designated cut-off times for any project area
- Parents may not enter the Exhibit Hall during interviews
- Additionally, there will be a Champion Interview award given in each age division.
- The Exhibit Hall will NOT be available for public viewing until 4 pm, Tuesday, July 28th.
- The judges' scores are final.

## WANT TO SELL YOUR STATIC PROJECT?

- Any project that receives a red ribbon or better is eligible to be sold in the silent auction.
- Exhibitors must fill out a silent auction information sheet.
- Silent auction information sheets must be turned in to a Indoor Committee member by the Thursday immediately following interview judging.
- Items sold through Silent Auction will go to the Extension Office.
- Highest bidders will be contacted and invoiced through the office.
- Members selling baked goods or fresh produce MUST deliver their product to the buyer no later than Sept. 1st.
- Bidder payment is due to the Extension Office no later than Sept. 1st.
- Thank You notes to Silent Auction buyers MUST be delivered to the Extension Office NO LATER than Sept. 1st.
- Failure to comply with Thank You note expectations will cause the exhibitor to forfeit proceeds from silent auction sale.
- MUST BE 18 years old to bid.

# PHOTOGRAPHY & VISUAL ARTS STATIC EXHIBITS

## Do Not Use:



If you don't have a proper way to hang your photos, we will assist with installing approved mounts.

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST



## AT THE SALE RING

SATURDAY  
AUGUST 1ST  
6AM TO 8AM

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BY



## SHAVINGS

Each member has access to the  
bunk of loose clean shavings for  
use during the Sheridan County Fair

**Exhibitors MUST keep pens clean at all times.**

*Dirty pens will be flagged for immediate attention.*

Bring a flat scoop shovel to clean your  
pens and a wheelbarrow or muck cart

Stalls and pens must be cleaned no later than 9 AM each day.



# 2026 WSF Updates

## Youth Shows—Schedule Changes & Reminders

- ALL YOUTH SHOW ENTRIES DUE BY 6:00 PM FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025 including horse entries.
- Youth Sheep barn will open at noon on Sunday, August 9.
- Youth Sheep Breeding Commercial Crossbred Ewe weight cards due on Tuesday at 1:00 PM (this class only--not market lambs).
- All Youth Livestock Fees and Vouchers due to the Exhibitor's Office by 8:00 PM Monday.
- CLASSIFICATION for YOUTH MARKET LIVESTOCK: Tuesday
  - o Swine- 8:00 AM in the Swine Barn
  - o Sheep- 9:00 AM in the Open Sheep Ring
  - o Beef- 10:00 AM in the Beef Barn
- Performance Lamb contest will not be returning to WSF this year.

## Show & Regulation UPDATES & Reminders

- Health forms are required for all animals being shown at WSF. These forms must be signed by a vet within **14 days** of the animal arriving on WSF grounds. (Change from last year's 30 day window). Health forms can be downloaded from the premium book. Poultry and rabbits are exempt as they do on-site health checks. All other animals being shown during fair must have a health form. Youth Breeding Sheep
- with still have fitted and slick shorn classes, however, there will only be one champion for each breed (fitted and slick shorn breed champions will compete against each other).
- Youth Breeding Sheep no longer require registration papers. Youth planning on entering their sheep into the Open Show should have papers ready for that entry.
- Breeding Meat Goat Junior Does (born September 1, 2025 to present) will weigh in on Tuesday and be split into classes by weight, not by age. Senior does and all bucks will continue to class by age.
- All Breeding Swine will do weight cards and be classed by weight within their breed, not by age.
- For the Beef Fitting Contest, only TEAMS should be entered—do not enter individuals into this class. See the premium book for regulations on how many teams and who can fill a team. If a team is being built from both 4-H and FFA members, please assign one educator or advisor to do the entry.

## Open Static Changes & New Contests

- The Culinary department has been given a refresh and all classes have changed. A copy of the new classes will be available shortly.
- We have two new contests for 2026—She's A Grand Old Flag in Crafted Arts, and the Cowboy State Cake Showdown in Culinary. Be watching for more information on these when the premium book goes live on May 11<sup>th</sup>!
- Great Wyoming Ribbon Art Roundup—we have asked county fairs to run point on this for their county. WSF will provide a bucket of starter ribbons. If you have not confirmed with Sara, please do so before April. She will reach out to any county that is not confirmed in April to ensure that every county is represented in this art installment for fair and beyond! Email Sara at: [sara.doyle1@wyo.gov](mailto:sara.doyle1@wyo.gov)



## If selected

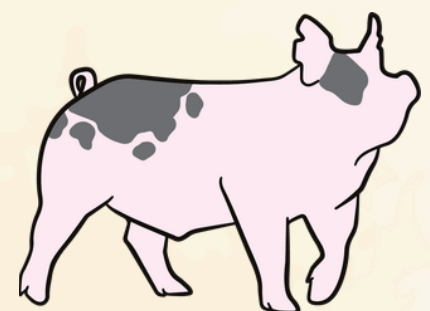
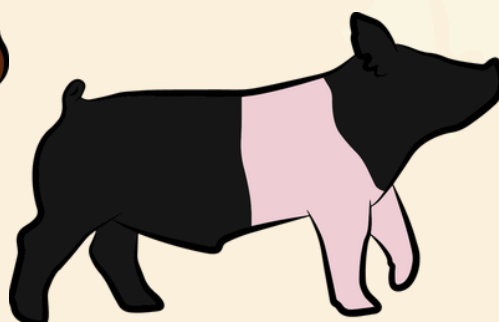
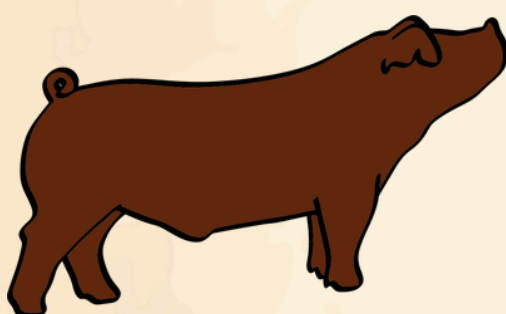
- Your hog will be purchased for \$750
- You are invited to ride on the Governor and First Lady's wagon in the parade at the Wyoming State Fair
- You will be presented with a plaque for your participation

# You're never too young to join the fight against food insecurity.

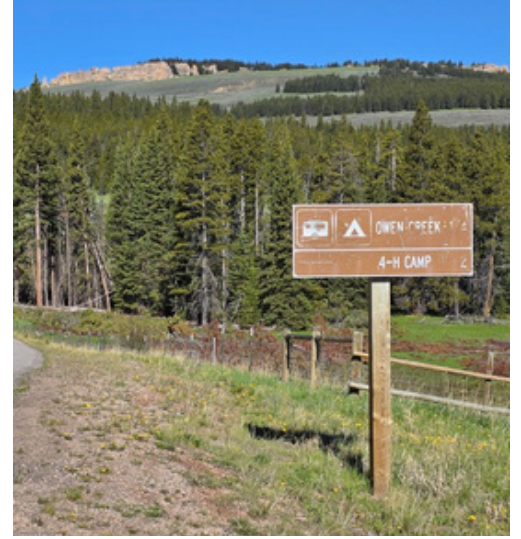
Wyoming Hunger Initiative's *Fair to Fork* program will purchase one hog (not sold at junior livestock sales) from every county in Wyoming, through a lottery selection.

## Interested in participating?

COMPLETE THIS FORM TODAY!



# 2026 4-H Mountain Camp







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