

the CLOVER CHATS

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8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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4-H Enrollment: <https://4h.zsuite.org>

Sweetwater Co. Extension: <https://wyoextension.org/sweetwatercounty/>

December Birthdays

Chelsy Lail

Marilyn Weaver

Braelyn Harris

Sophia Pugmire

Reese Dana

Reese Bledsoe

Parker Childs

Izabelle Pedri

Colby Wright

Chase Westerberg

Carson Williams

Marco Pineda

Kellan Tolson

William Hamilton

Tristan Tolson

Branson Spikes

Mariah Price

Addysen Bodin

Sophia Bryant

Lois Roberts

Brooklyn Dale

Remington Phelps

Abbey Rose Henry

Garrett Burris

Kristy Lucero

Mike Freimuth

Tracy Meats

LEADERS

Your Club Charter Renewal paperwork was due to the Extension Office on November 30th. Please get them turned in ASAP, this is a requirement for every club to have this one file with the office. The packet containing this paperwork was mailed and emailed to the main key leaders.

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2024 - 4-H Market Beef Ownership and Tagging Deadline, no exceptions! Tags have been ordered and are on their way, expected arrival is the end of December.

PLEASE READ pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter for more tagging information.

All Members

Any time you have questions, don't be afraid to call the office at 307-352-6775 or email Tracy at tmeats@uwyo.edu. If she doesn't know the answer, she will find your answer.

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year opened October 1st. All members and leaders will have to sign up for the 2023-2024 year to receive emails for the current year. Sign up through ZSuite, <https://4h.zsuite.org>.

Wyoming State & Regional Events

(more information online at: <http://uwyo.edu/4-h/>)

2024 7220 Wool Judging Contest (January 9, 2024): If you are interested in attending with a team, the deadline to enter is December 22nd, please call the extension office for more information or see page 14.

Ignite by 4-H (March 13-17, 2024): Join us in D.C. for a 4-day experience where high-school aged teens connect, make memories and find their spark by exploring the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living, Career Readiness and Emotional Well-being. All Wyoming 4-H members age 14 and older are eligible to apply. Participants are chosen using an application and interview process. Applications will be available in October 2023, and will be due January 8, 2024.

National 4-H Conference (April 19 - 24, 2024): The 2024 National 4-H Conference information will be released in the fall. This is the US Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity. Young people assist in the development recommendations to help 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. All Wyoming 4-H members age 15 and older are eligible to apply. Participants are chosen using an application and interview process. Applications will be available Mid-October 2023, and will be due January 31, 2024.

Wool and Meats Judging (April 19th and 20th): The Wyoming 4-H Wool and Meats Judging Contests will be held in Laramie at the UW Animal Science Facilities.

ShowCase Showdown (Tentatively scheduled to be held June 18-20, 2024): Offers an opportunity for youth to explore various industries through contests and workshops.

Wyoming State Shoot (July 11-14, 2024): The 2024 Wyoming State Shoot is tentatively scheduled to be held July 11-14, 2024 in Douglas, Wyoming.

Sweetwater County Fair (July 27 - August 4, 2024): The 2024 Wyoming's Big Show

Wyoming State Fair (August 13 - 17, 2024): The 2024 Wyoming State Fair is an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit their projects and demonstrate what they have learned.

BEEF TAGGING DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 1ST, NO EXCEPTIONS! ALL INFORMATION AND PICTURES NEEDS TO BE UPLOADED TO ZSUITE BY FEBRUARY 1ST PROVING OWNERSHIP AND THE ANIMAL IS TAGGED OR YOU RISK NOT BEING ABLE TO SHOW AT FAIR.

How To Properly Enter Tagging Information into ZSuite



Please remember to upload animal photos and tag information into your ZSuite profile using the steps below:

1. Log in to your primary account on ZSuite, this is the account with your PIN associated.
2. Click Update Enrollment for the youth who owns the animal.
3. Click the Clubs tab.
4. Click the pencil icon for the correct market species project.
5. Make sure to set the number of animals you have for the species using the drop down.
6. Fill in ALL of the information.
 - a. Animal ID is the RFID tag (full 15-digit tag number).
 - b. Animal Identifier is the second tag such as LCF tag, producer tag, or scrapies tag. List any colorings/markings or any noticeable physical traits here.
 - c. Animal Name.
 - d. Animal Type is sex of animal.
 - e. Animal Breed.
 - f. Upload 4 pictures, clear and not blurry pictures (required):
 1. clear picture of the ear tag in the ear with all numbers shown
 2. a front view of the whole animal
 3. a full side view of the animal
 4. a full back view of the animal
7. Click the Save Project Button after adding all animals for that species.
8. Click the Submit Button (if you leave this page without hitting submit, information will not save to your profile).

If you are having any troubles or have questions, please contact the 4-H office for assistance.

To receive a tag, you need to be currently enrolled and an active member. To be an active member, all enrollment fees must be paid. Breeding animals do not need to be tagged. Make the decision between breeding and market prior to the ownership deadline.



Proper Placement of RFID Tags and Correct Tagger to Use for Tagging

All ear tags should be placed two-thirds of the way from the outside edge of the ear and one-third of the way from the head between the middle two cartilage ribs. Please use the left ear.

The female (thicker RFID Button) portion of the tag should always be on the inside of the ear. The male portion (the part that fits over the applicator pin and larger flat tag) should always be on the outside of the ear. The number printed on the male tag should correspond and match the 15-digit number on the RFID button (female tag).



Female Tag



Male Tag

Each tag manufacturer may use slightly different technology for the fastening mechanism on their tags. In addition, tag applicators may differ from manufacturer to manufacturer in terms of pin configuration and insertion force. To improve tag retention, use the appropriate tag applicator that corresponds with each specific brand of tags. The tags are applied using the Y-TEX UltraTagger plus Tamper Proof Applicator (gray tagger).



We will have taggers to check out if you do not have the correct tagger for the RFID tags. Please make sure you are using the correct tagger for the Y-Tex RFID tags (gray one pictured above), to prevent the tags from breaking. There will be a \$5 charge for replacement tags, if you are doing your own tagging.

Congratulations

2022-2023 Record Book Winners

JUNIORS

1st place - Tinzley Young
2nd place - Brooklyn Dale
3rd place - Thatcher Walker
4th place - Cooper Potter

INTERMEDIATES

1st place - Stetzen Young
2nd place - Toby Meats
3rd place - Dawson Bernard
4th place - Madison Bernard

SENIORS

1st place - Shane Meats
2nd place - Samuel Walker
3rd place - Brandon Dale
4th place - Isaac Frandsen



ZSUITE RECORD BOOK



Why should you complete a record book?

- Learn to set goals, make plans to achieve those goals, learn to adapt to challenges and obstacles.
- Get practice keeping records.
- Track your activities, events, skill development, expenses, profits, and much more.
- Measure your achievements and growth.
- Use it for scholarships, resumes, or job applications.
- Help earn points towards Honors Club.
- Reflect on how far you've come over the years!



DON'T WAIT!



You can add record books in ZSuite at the beginning of the year. Working on your record book during the year helps you remember what happened and makes it less work at the last minute!

What's In Your Book?

1

PROJECT REPORT

Goals
Project Plan
Supplies, Expenses & Income
Exhibits & Summary
Project Pictures and Clippings

Complete for EACH project

Check ZSuite under "Clubs" tab to see what you're signed up for.

(Market Swine, Breeding Sheep, Archery, Photography, Outdoor Recreation, etc.)

2

4-H INVOLVEMENT

4-H Awards & Recognition
4-H Leadership
4-H Community Service
4-H Participation

Ongoing - Add to it each year

4-H Story
4-H Year Pictures & Clippings
Other Participation

Complete for current year

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Citizenship WASHINGTON Focus



June 15 - 22, 2024

What is CWF?

- ✓ Learn leadership and communication skills through history, democracy and our amendments.
- ✓ Explore Washington D.C
- ✓ Connect with other young leaders



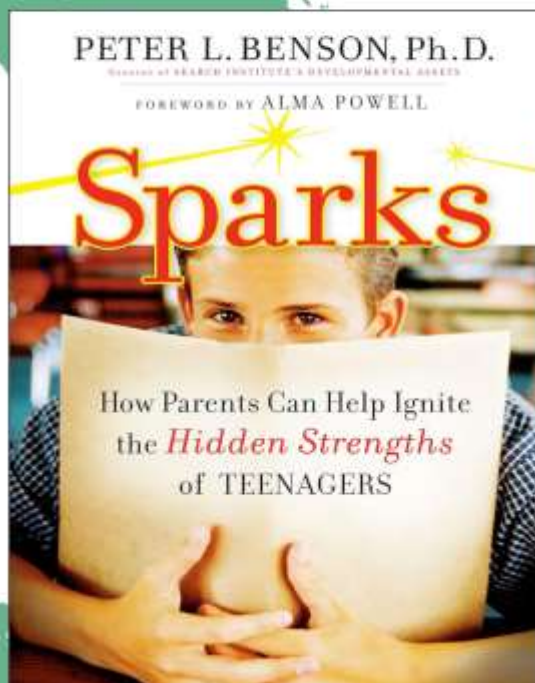
Details

- NEW this year, CWF will operate on a first come, first serve basis for registration. Please register ASAP if you are interested.
- Plane tickets will be purchased on March 18th, 2024
- Estimated cost, \$2500 per person, with scholarships available.
- Open to youth 14 and older.
- Apply at <http://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/cwf>



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BOOK CLUB
This would meet the
requirement of your
Leader Training.



Attention 4-H Leaders

Part of your role in 4-H
is helping 4-H Members
find their SPARK!



RSVP through Campbell County 4-H
at 307-682-7281



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY MEETINGS

All Members must attend one safety meeting
before they can practice!! Practices start
December 2nd.

Thursday, October 26, 2023 @ 7pm

Friday, November 3, 2023 @ 6pm

Sunday, November 19, 2023 @ 2pm

Friday, December 1, 2023 @ 6pm
Events Complex Small Hall

Farson Safety Meeting -
December 7th at 7pm at
the Johnson Residence

*Join Wyoming 4-H
June 18 - 20, 2024*

at Showcase Showdown

University of Wyoming - Laramie, WY

State Contests
Workshops
UW Campus Activities

Various industries will be showcase through
contests and workshops.

More information to come over the next couple
months, keep an eye out!

Any questions please contact your County Office.



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Testimonials from
Wyoming Kids.

Rowan Wasinger

"CAC is a life-changing experience for those who are willing to embrace this opportunity to compete at a higher level in the cattle industry. You will learn and grow as an individual."



NATIONAL WESTERN CATCH-A-CALF

Blair Sanchez

"Catch-A-Calf is one of the best programs I have participated in. Through this program you learn hard work, accountability and many more life lessons. Meeting many new friends and making industry connections. I would strongly encourage you to join!"


SIGN UP BY
DECEMBER 15TH
2023

Go to the National
Western Stock Show
website and search for
Catch-a-Calf program

<https://nationalwestern.com/livestock-shows/catch-a-calf-program/>



WY State 4-H Wool & Meat Judging



April 19th & 20th, 2024

UW Animal Science Facilities Laramie, WY

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED LATE JANUARY 2024.

- County Educators will register individuals and teams.
- Contact your county office with questions or if you are interested in participating.

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EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE DRONE FLIGHT TRAINING & OBSTACLE COURSE RACING PROGRAM



December 2, 2023
EWC Agriculture Technology
Education Center ATEC

10am-LEARN TO FLY Flight School
1230pm-Obstacle Course Racing **LEARN TO FLY YOUR DRONE!**
** attend one or both sessions **

Bring your own drone
(less than 300 grams with
propeller guards OR borrow
one of ours)

Pre-Registration Preferred

Comprehensive Drone Flight
Training & Obstacle Course Racing
for K-12, Tech, & College Students
& Teachers *Spectators Welcome!*

10am: Flight School
12:30: Drone Racing
**attend one or both sessions*

A-1 Recovery & Towing

\$10 per student, includes a t-shirt
Register online at: drone-challenges.org
all registrants receive a Wyoming Drone Flight t-shirt (while supplies last)

GT AERONAUTICS



NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

April 19 - 24, 2024

Arlington, Virginia

Who can Attend

- Youth 15 - 18 years old
- Cost estimated at \$2500 per person, scholarship will be given.

Applications

- Apply at the following link by January 15th, 2024, Applications will open Mid - October 2023.
- https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/educator_form_congress

About Conference

- Do you want to have a role in making change?
- Youth present ideas to high-ranking Government Officials.
- Youth will see D.C., meet with our Congressman and Senators.
- Meet other 4-H youth like yourself from all over the United States.

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS

If there are additional questions, please visit the Opportunities section on the state 4-H website or talk with your 4-H educator.

7220 WOOL INVITATIONAL

January 9th, 2024 Laramie, Wyoming



The University of Wyoming - Wyoming Wool Initiative is proud to host the 4th annual 7220 Wool Judging Invitational Contest. We take our pride in sourcing some of the best wools regionally to kick-off the collegiate wool judging season and for 4H/FFA students two days prior to the National Western Wool Judging Contest.

Schedule

Monday, Jan 8th	Tuesday, Jan 9
LRWC Wool Lab: 470 WY-230, Laramie, WY 10 AM - 6 PM Practice Contest More fleeces for 4H teams!	Albany County Fairgrounds: 3510 S 3rd St, Laramie, WY Collegiate registration: 7AM 4H/FFA registration: 11:30 AM 4H/FFA awards immediately after the contest
	UW AnSci Building Collegiate Awards Banquet at 6:30PM

Please register your team either by using the link provided or by scanning the QR Code.

Register at drone-challenges.org

Please Contact
Dylan Laverell at dlaverell@uwyo.edu with questions.




Wyoming Wool Initiative

"The University of Wyoming is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution."
If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event, please contact Dylan Laverell, dlaverell@uwyo.edu. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information, will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request."

DECEMBER 18TH
6:30PM
SMALL HALL
SWEETWATER EVENTS COMPLEX

4-H DYNAMICS



Search on Facebook 4H Dynamics or visit
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1051785319344291>

Watch for announcements on their 4-H Facebook Page, 4H Dynamics

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1051785319344291>

Contact 4-H Leaders Crystal Walker or Delaney Gardea for more information:

Crystal Walker - moroni10vs3@aol.com

Delaney Gardea - gardea1418@outlook.com

2nd
Year!



Wyoming

FOOD, FUN & 4-H

- Cook together and gather around the family dinner table,
- Learn to prepare home-cooked meals & try new foods.
- FUN family time.
- Receive a FREE kitchen utensil kit/family related to that month's recipes November - May.
- Self-guided at home.
- Open to any currently enrolled 4-H member...make it a project!

TO FIND OUT MORE:

CONTACT US @ (307) 334-3534 OR [KELLIE@UWYO.EDU](mailto:kellie@uwyo.edu)

FREE TO PARTICIPATE; GROCERIES NOT INCLUDED



Wyoming Food, Fun & 4-H was made possible by funding from the John P. Ellbogen Foundation Wyoming Communities, Agriculture, and Rural Living Project Grant for UW Extension.





MAKE A DIFFERENCE, VOLUNTEER TO HELP YOUTH IN THE WYOMING 4-H PROGRAM.

We have a position for your time, your talents, and your abilities.

5 easy steps to change the future of youth!

1

Enroll in ZSuite.

Does your family have a Zsuite profile?

N

Y

Create a profile at:
4h.zsuite.org

Add a new
family
member

2

Complete a training on working
with youth in 4-H

3

Complete a background check and a driving records check.

4

Meet with our local 4-H Educator.

5

Get started



Give us a call
307-766-5170



Send us an e-mail
4h@uwyo.edu



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WYOMING STATE 4-H FOUNDATION

FINANCIALLY SUPPORTS THE WYOMING 4-H PROGRAM

Dear High School Senior,

As you consider the next steps in your education and career path, your involvement in 4-H may help you obtain scholarships at the college or school you choose to attend.

Each year the Wyoming 4-H Foundation awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to youth that will be attending a college, university, or technical school to further their education.

Find out details at: <http://www.wyoming4h.org/4hfoundation/scholarships>. Just click on each scholarship to find out its specific criteria, and then use the universal application to apply. There are many available scholarships! Up to \$30,000 total for new and first-time qualified applicants!

Applications are due by February 15, 2024, and use a resume built from your 4-H Record Book.

Remember - the best way to be awarded a scholarship is to APPLY!

Please call the State Office if you have any questions.
Our number is (307) 766-5170.

Do not Delay - Apply Right Away!!

Share this information with family, friends, and co-workers!

Sincerely,

Wyoming State 4-H Foundation



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CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCES



HAWAII OR BELIZE?

What's the cost?

Hawaii – \$2,900 per person

Belize – \$1,900 per person

\$500 deposit required upon selection. Remaining balance can be made in monthly payments.

Scholarships are available, contact us for more info

- Hawaii – Explore Agriculture in Hawaii May 31-June 6, 2024 (tentative) with a farm-to-table journey introducing youth to a variety of agricultural practices including aquaculture, animal and plant systems. Explore Hawaiian plantations, county fair, landscapes, recreation, and cultures.
- Belize ~ Join Wyoming 4-H in Belize June 22-29, 2024 (tentative) as we explore the natural resources of this beautiful country through a stay at a Jaguar Preserve, visiting a Maya Cocoa Farm, and interacting with agriculture students at a local high school!

What's included?

- Roundtrip Airfare
- Meals and Lodging
- In-Country Transportation & Activities
- Travel Insurance, accident and sickness protection (for Belize)

Additional expenses may include:

- Passport/Passport photos (Belize)
- Immunization, if required
- Transportation to and from airport
- Spending money for souvenirs or other purchases



APPLY TODAY!

https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/4h_belize_2024

**Open to 4-H Members
ages 14-18 (at time of travel)**

Applications are due:

December 10, 2023

Contact Us



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2024 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.



CHANGING THE FUTURE OF
YOUTH SHOOTING SPORTS



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

Washakie County, Worland

- Dates - March 9-10, 2024
- [Registration Link: Washakie County](#)

Weston County, Newcastle

- Dates - March 23-24, 2024
- [Registration link: Weston County](#)

Laramie County, Cheyenne

- Dates - April 6-7, 2024
- [Registration link: Laramie County](#)

Uinta County, Evanston

- Dates - April 20-21
- [Registration link: Uinta County](#)

Natrona County, Casper

- Dates - April 27-28
- [Registration link: Natrona County](#)

Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting

- Date - February 17, 2024, Casper
- Holiday Inn East - 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."

Living Healthy is more fun with friends. Connect with us!

Discover new recipes, ideas for staying active, and community with CNP! You can find CNP online in whichever way you like to connect: Facebook, Pinterest, website, and e-newsletter.

Cent\$ible Nutrition Program



uwyocnp.org



www.facebook.com/UWCNP



www.pinterest.com/uwyocnp



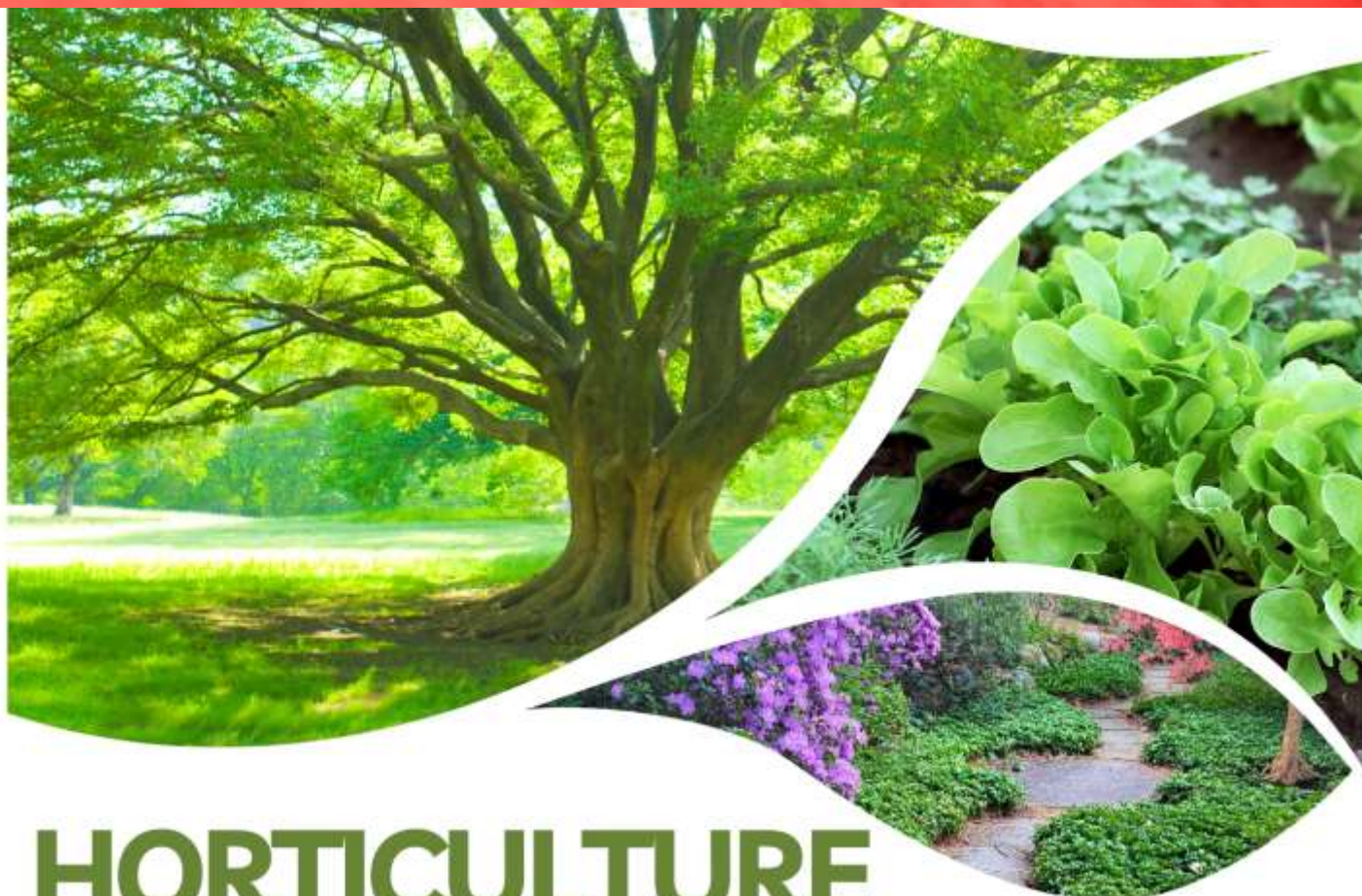
bit.ly/cnp-newsletters

For more information on Cent\$ible Nutrition Classes contact Wendy Nielson, Sweetwater County Cent\$ible Nutrition Program Coordinator, at 307-352-6775 or 307-350-5092 or wnielson@uwyo.edu.



Recipe from the Cent\$ible Nutrition Program. Learn how to save money, cook quick and healthy meals, and stretch your food dollar by contacting your local CNP educator.
1-877-219-4646 | <https://uwyocnp.org/> | cnp-info@uwyo.edu

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HORTICULTURE SERVICES

Need assistance with a problem in your yard or are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener?

*University of Wyoming
Extension Office*

*Sweetwater County
(307) 352-6775 or (307) 350-8243
abramwe2@uwyo.edu*

WE OFFER :

- ✓ *Phone and on-site yard help with questions*
- ✓ *Handouts and horticulture knowledge*
- ✓ *Community Master Gardener group*
- ✓ *Diagnose and recommend treatments for insects and diseases and soil problems*
- ✓ *Plant and weed identification help*
- ✓ *Pesticide testing*



Sweetwater County 4-H Council Meeting

Agenda

11/13/2023

Call to order

Pledges

Secretary Report - Minutes from 9/11/2023 and 10/09/2023

Financial Update - Treasurer's Report

Unfinished Business

1. Achievement Night – ice cream bar, prizes, plates, napkins, utensils, bingo trivia, achievement recognition how to, slide show, MC for the night. We need to finalize plans for the 17th.
2. Club Recharter – all clubs need to turn this paperwork in by November 30th, only 2 out of the 13 clubs have turned them in.
3. Club/Committee/Council bank accounts update – Johnathan Despain
4. State Fair – We are currently waiting for 1 family to pay their portion (a 3rd invoice has been emailed 10/30/23).
5. Budget for 2023-2024
6. Internal audit update – Mary Hamilton
7. Scholarship winner – Simeon Stotts, has been notified to bring his enrollment documentation and a check will be presented in January
8. Record Books – when and where records will be reviewed. Dan Stanton is running the record book committee.
9. 4-H Static Project Community Club update
10. Little Shoppers event update

New Business

1. Leader nominations due to the state November 15th. Volunteer of the year, leader with less than 10 years' experience and outstanding lifetime volunteer, leader with 10 years or more experience. Recognize our nomination picks at the achievement night.
2. Upcoming events/plans for 2024
3. Set Future Meeting Date(s)
4. Community questions and concerns

Adjourn

Sweetwater County 4-H Council Meeting

Minutes

11/13/23

Call to order: 6:36 pm

Pledge: Conducted by Kristy Wardell

Attendance: Kristy Wardell, Crystal Walker, Mark Dale, Jackson Ramsay, Alicia Bernard, Delaney Gardea, Zach Young, JaNae Young, Tinzley Young, Mary Hamilton, Chris Meats, Tracy Meats, Dawn Bodin, Katie Duncombe

Minutes: Mary motioned to accept the minutes from the September 11th meeting; Delaney 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Delaney motioned to accept the minutes from October 9th, Dawn 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Current bank balance as of 11/7/23 is \$14,765.72 in checking
 - Mary made a motion to file the treasurers report for audit, Delaney 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Achievement Night – 101 people have rsvp'd for the event. Mary will help with decorating and paper products. Delaney and Alicia will purchase supplies for the ice cream bar, and Tracy will bring coolers. Doors will be unlocked at 4:30pm to begin decorating and setting up. Molly Stanton will MC the event and run the bingo. She is also creating the slideshow for the event. Tracy has created a program and has prizes for the bingo game. Chamber bucks will be picked up for record book winners by Mary.
- Junior Leaders -There was discussion inquiring about Junior Leaders and if we have any. The Council asked that Junior Leader information be added to the next Clover Chats. It was also suggested that it be mandated that all children of a certain age be Junior Leaders.
- Club Recharterers – All paperwork must be turned in by November 30th, only 2 of the 13 clubs have submitted.
- Bank Accounts – Katie & Alicia need to go to the bank with a letter signed by Kristy and meeting minutes to become signors on the account. (Rock Springs National Bank)
- State Fair – We are still missing one family's portion of state fair fees. Invoices have been sent.
- Budget – A budget will be set at the January Meeting
- Internal Audit – Mary has gotten bank statements for the last two years and has been reviewing them. She inquired with the state about what the process needs to be for an

internal audit, and she was told that a formal request would need to be filed with Steve Mack at the state level. There were no receipts for the majority of expenses in the file kept prior to October 5, 2022. Historically the budget has been between \$25,000-\$30,000. It was discussed that the Council may need to look at the Endowment Funds to replenish the account.

There have been no deposits from the Auction Committee, which lead to a discussion about how the "Buy Back" works at the auction. The Council requests the Auction Committee to report to the Council and work more closely with the 4-H Office and Council.

- Scholarship – Simeon Stotts will be recognized at Achievement Night
- Record Books – Alicia will follow up with Dan Stanton on record books. Tracy offered to help if needed and will remove her boys from the record book review if she does help. Stephanie Fox will also be assisting.
- 4-H Dynamics Club – The next meeting will be November 20th; they will be conducting officer elections and are requesting start up club money from the Council. Mary made a motion that the 4-H Council provide \$500 in startup money to the new club; Katie 2nd the motion, motion passed unanimously.
- Little Shoppers will be discussed at the January budget meeting to determine if the 4-H Council will move forward with the project.

New Business

- Leader Nominations – leader nominations are due to the state by November 15th
 - Volunteer of the Year; Leader with less than 10 years; Leader with more than 10 years
 - Tracy will set up a poll on FB to vote for the nominated volunteers.
- Sweetwater County Events Complex invoiced the Council \$2,250 for shavings. Alicia motioned to pay for the shavings, 2nd by Zach. Motion passed unanimously. There was discussion about asking the Events Complex for permission to have a large pile of shavings brought in for all 4-H participants to use.
- Tagging – Tracy will order tags. Alicia has the previous order details.
 - Discussion about having tagging events in the different communities and the pros and cons of doing those.
 - Tagging boxes should be created for those tagging events.
 - Order the correct tagger.
 - Set 4-5 tagging dates before February 1st.
 - Tagging supplies will go through the county budget.
 - There will need to be a decision made about how the smaller animals will be tagged and when. There will most likely be a tagging event at the Events Complex in the spring/summer.
- Upcoming Events
 - Plan fundraisers
 - Quality Assurance Classes

- A motion was made by Zach to pay for the insurance bill from the state, 2nd by Delaney. Motion passed unanimously.
- Showcase Showdown - Will there be money available for kids to attend? It will depend on the number of children attending. Normally kids' entry fee would be paid and some mileage, but it depends on the Council's budget.
- Sponsorships for Buckles – A letter should be created and sent out to ask business and community members to sponsor buckles. There needs to be a discussion about who should get buckles.
 - Horse Development orders their own buckles.
 - Buckle presentation suggested after each animal show.

Next meeting: January 8, 2024, at 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Crystal, 2nd by Alicia

Adjournment: 8:46 pm

SAVE THE DATE

September 27-29, 2024



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Clover Chat Additions

There is always space in the Clover Chats for important information you would like to share with all 4-Hers. If you have an activity, club meeting, event or community service opportunity, etc... coming up, please send an email to tmeats@uwyo.edu with the information/contact and it will be included. Emails can also be sent out to everyone or certain clubs, especially if the date conflicts with the production of this newsletter.



Please log-in to ZSuites and the Sweetwater County 4-H Facebook Page regularly so that you don't miss out on important announcements.

FB Link: <https://www.facebook.com/SWCO4H/>

December 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting 6pm, Small Hall	2 Shooting Sports Archery practice, see club for sign up times
3	4 Project Hope Club Meeting 6:30pm @ GR Library	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 6:30pm Horse Committee Mtg.— Meeting Room at the Events Complex	15 Shooting Sports Archery practice, see club for sign up times	16 Shooting Sports Air practice, see club for sign up times
17	18 4-H Dynamics Club Meeting 6:30pm Small Hall	19 Fair Board Meeting, 7pm Meeting Room	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Shooting Sports Archery practice, see club for sign up times	30 Shooting Sports Air practice, see club for sign up times
31	 Extension Office Closed—Holiday 					

January 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Extension Office Closed—Holiday 	2	3	4 Hotdoggers Meeting 6:30pm Small Hall	5 Shooting Sports Archery practice, see club for sign up times	6 Shooting Sports Air practice, see club for sign up times
7	8 4-H Council Meeting 6:30pm Room 1445 at Western Wyoming Community College	9	10	11 6:30pm Horse Committee Mtg., Meeting Room/Complex Hotdoggers Meeting 6:30pm Small Hall	12	13
14	15 Extension Office Closed 	16	17 Shooting Sports Monthly Club Meeting, 7pm, Bison Room/Events Complex	18 Sagehoppers Meeting 6:30pm Small Hall	19 Shooting Sports Archery practice, see club for sign up times	20 Shooting Sports Air practice, see club for sign up times
21	22	23 Fair Board Meeting, 7pm Meeting Room	24	25 Hotdoggers Meeting 6:30pm Small Hall	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Hotdog- gers Meeting 6:30pm Small Hall Beef Tagging Deadline 2/1 - see pages 6 and 7	2	3
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