



CONVERSE COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Fall 2017/Winter 2018

Welcome to the 2018 4-H year!

We officially wrapped up the year with our annual achievement celebration on October 22nd and we are excited to begin a new year in Converse County 4-H! – This means it is time to make sure you are re-enrolled/ enrolled for the new year. This process is online, however we are happy to help you if you have any issues. It is really important that you are enrolled before participating in any 4-H functions, meetings or events for liability purposes. – We already have many new members enrolled and want to say WELCOME, we are excited to have you in the program this year.

Along with a new year, we have a new slate of Leaders Council officers. I encourage all members and families to familiarize yourself with this group of individuals and join us at a monthly meeting if you are able. The leader's council is designed to support where resources are needed to ensure the educational success of our program. Due to a lack of numbers in certain project areas, we do not have a designated project leader for all projects. However, the council along with myself will be a good resource to finding help and materials needed for these. Also keep an eye out for monthly static project workshops or clinics sponsored by the council throughout the year.

I encourage you all to start getting involved with your community clubs, now is the time of year that each club will begin electing officers and planning their year. These leadership opportunities will add greatly to your overall 4-H experience.

Lastly, I want to let you all know that I will be out of the office from early November through January for maternity leave. However, you all know better than I that Leah and Ashley are more than capable of filling my role as the 4-H educator and ensuring the program continues to run smoothly. Please contact them for anything that you would normally get ahold of me for during this time. I look forward to picking back up early next year, just in time for our programming season to get busy.

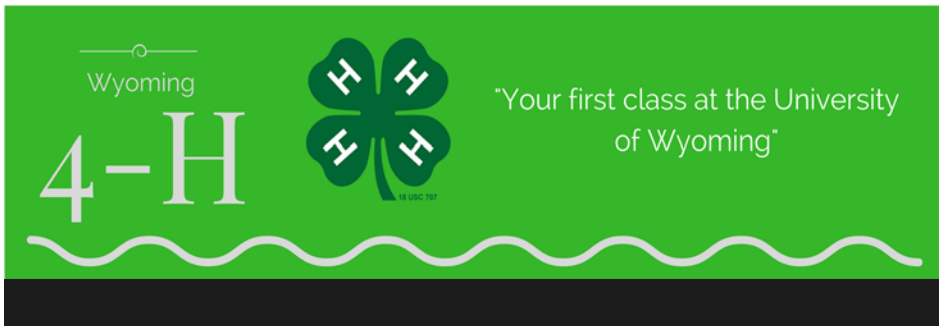
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Enrollment Begins!

Wyoming 4-H has “open enrollment” meaning you can enroll in the program at any time. It is highly suggested you enroll as close to October 1st as possible to take advantage of all the fall activities. Also, different projects and events (animal projects, shooting sports projects, Self-Determined, Junior Leader Project, event registration, etc.) have different enrollment deadlines, so check with the 4-H Office if you have questions about specific projects.

University of Wyoming 4-H uses a software program called 4-HOnline for their data management and online payment of enrollment fees. Whether you are a parent enrolling your children, or an adult wishing to volunteer, it all starts by enrolling at 4-H Online (<https://wy.4honline.com>).

There is a \$10 fee for enrollment in Converse County 4-H. This fee covers the cost of insurance. All 4-H members and leaders are covered by Wyoming 4-H Insurance during 4-H functions.

Youth Leadership Project

The 4-H youth leadership experience is designed to provide members with the opportunity to learn about the qualities and competencies needed to be a leader. Junior leaders provide assistance, while teen leaders assume more challenging leadership roles.

The primary duties of a junior or teen leader are (varies by age, experience, and other factors):

- Work collaboratively with the adult leader to set goals, develop lesson plans, teach skills, and evaluate activities.
- Coordinate logistical details such as meeting times, locations, materials, supplies, and expenses with the adult leader.
- Communicate with the adult leader and members about group expectations, responsibilities and expected outcomes.

If you are 13-18 years of age, please consider becoming a CC4-H Junior Leader!

For more information, please contact the 4-H Office.



4-H Experience

4-H recognizes that learning is something that you do with your whole self, for your whole life, with your family, schools, and your community. Learning is not collecting ideas; it is about how you feel, how you see yourself, what you do, and who you are with. Learning is an integrated process where the learner, the educator, the physical space, and culture all are changed by each other. It's dynamic and complex and that's why it's important to pay attention to innovation in both the research on how people learn and the practical wisdom gained from educators and learners creating learning experiences together.

Learning and development are connected processes – both work together to help a young person thrive. Educators need to be intentional about helping young people develop – to guide the young person to articulate and reflect on the learning process so that they learn how to direct both their learning and growth. It's not enough to understand the research and best practices behind these experiences – educators also make the learning process explicit for youth so they are learning how to learn and grow as they learn and grow.

Converse County 4-H
2017-18 Important Dates

All Project Areas

Event	Date	Location
Leaders Council Meeting	2 nd Thursday of the Month – 6pm (Unless otherwise noted)	Extension Office
Converse County 4-H Foundation- Annual Meeting	TBA- Typically around the 3 rd Tuesday in January	Extension Office
Converse County Fair Board Monthly Meeting	1 st Wednesday of the Month- 7pm	Converse County Library, Douglas
Record Book 101 Training	February?--- TBA	EWC- Computer Lab
Add/Drop Project Deadline <small>Please take care of this in your 4-HOnline</small>	Tuesday, May 1 – 4pm	4-HOnline Profile- Call the office if you have questions
Fair Entry Deadline	Monday, June 25 – 4pm	Extension Office
Converse County Fair	July 13-21, 2018	WSF - Douglas, WY
Converse County Fair – Horse Show	July 10, 2018	WSF- Douglas, WY
Record Books Due	Tuesday, September 18th – 4pm	Extension Office

Livestock, Poultry, Rabbit, Dog, Horse Llama & Alpaca

Event	Date	Location
Beef Weigh-In & Tagging (Including Cow-Belle Projects)- Mandatory	Saturday, January 27th 10:30am – Noon	Wagonhound Feedlot
YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)	Complete by June 25 th , 4pm	ONLINE
Horse & Dog Ownership Form Deadline	Tuesday, May 1 – 4pm	Extension Office
Swine/ Goat/ Sheep Weighing and Tagging- Mandatory	Thursday, May 17 th 4:30pm – 6pm (tentative)	WSF Stallion Center Scales
All other Livestock Ownership Form Deadline <small>(Breeding Livestock, Alpacas, Llama, Rabbit, Poultry, Cat)</small>	Friday, June 1st – 4pm	Extension Office
Large Livestock Expo	Tuesday, June 12 th , 9am (tentative)	WSF- Stallion Center
Poultry & Rabbit Clinic/Expo	TBA	WSF –Goat Barn
Mandatory Jr. Market Sale BBQ	TBA	Bartling Park

Shooting Sports

Event	Date	Location
Set Up Range- Rifle/ Pistol	TBA	Meet at Extension Office
Mandatory Safety Certification- Rifle/Pistol	TBA	Extension Office- One Safety Certification meeting is mandatory to participate
Mandatory Shooting 101- Rifle/ Pistol	TBA	WSF- Fort Fetterman
Set Up Range- Archery	TBA	WSF- Peabody Building
Mandatory Safety Certification- Archery	TBA	Extension Office- One Safety Certification meeting is mandatory to participate
Mandatory Safety Certification- Shotgun	TBA	TBA
Earl Reed Memorial Shoot	TBA	Douglas, WY

Static Project Areas – (Not including project meetings- watch for those dates as they are set by leaders)

Event	Date	Location
Workshop Day		Converse County Library Craft Room (Douglas)
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Project Expo	TBA	TBA

Converse County Office

Event	Date	Location
Veteran's Day	Friday, November 10, 2018	Extension Office Closed
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2018	Extension Office Closed
Equality Day	Monday, January 15, 2018	Extension Office Closed
Presidents Day	Monday, February 19, 2018	Extension Office Closed
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2018	Extension Office Closed
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2018	Extension Office Closed
Labor Day	Monday, September 3, 2018	Extension Office Closed

Statewide Events

Event	Date	Location
National 4-H Conference	TBA	Washington, D.C.
Wool Judging/ Meat Judging (registration available mid-March)	TBA	Laramie, WY
Citizenship Washington Focus (15-18 years old)	TBA	Washington, D.C.
Horse Camp Registration closes TBA	TBA	Douglas, WY
Showcase Showdown Registration deadline: TBA	TBA	Laramie, WY
State Shooting Sports Match Registration deadline: TBA	TBA	Douglas, WY
Leadership Washington Focus (7 th -9 th grades) Registration closes TBA	TBA	Washington, D.C.
Wyoming State Fair	TBA	Douglas, WY
Shooting Sports Awards Trip 12 winners are selected based on scores at State Shoot 2 winners are selected based on portfolio submissions (due end of July)	TBA	Raton, New Mexico
Make It With Wool Contest	TBA	Lusk, WY




Other State Opportunities: State 4-H Leadership Team- applications are due May 31/ interviews at Showcase Showdown

National Shooting Sports Invitational- Applications due April 30th** Dates may be subject to change, please watch newsletters and e-mails throughout the year.

4-H learning is an active process where young people gain understanding, skills, dispositions, identities, and new habits of mind through hands-on experiences. 4-H learning is reflective and intentional. 4-H learning is also progressive, with experiences building on each other over time. 4-H learning is social and connected to a larger, real-world contexts. 4-H learning provides opportunities for youth to use what they have learned to improve their lives and their communities.

There is not one finite definition of 4-H learning – it is a dynamic experience in a shifting learning ecosystem that we better understand how to shape through research and reflective practice. **It is a multi-dimensional experience that integrates transformative relationships, learning environments, learning pathways, and learning outcomes (see diagram below).** In the center of the 4-H learning experience is the youth learner and the educator, connected by transformative relationships. Together learner and educator actively engage in progressive learning pathways through the learning environment towards learning outcomes.

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daylight Saving Time Ends 			1 Fair Board 7PM	2	3	4 Office Closed in observance of 
5	6	7	8	9 Cloverbuds 4:30PM Council Mtg 6PM	10	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Extension Office Closed 		
26	27	28	29	30		




Holiday Bake-Off




Join CC 4-H for a fun holiday bake-off!

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Details will be shared when finalized.





December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Holiday Bake Off
3	4	5	6 Fair Board 7PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Cloverbuds 4:30PM Council Mtg 6PM	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26 Extension Office Closed			29	30





Mobile & Web Applications

Career Explorer



Career Explorer (also available as a [web-based, desktop game](#)) will help you connect the dots between the choices you make every day and the opportunities you could have in the future. At each stage of the game you will be able to enter the workforce, get additional education, or explore training programs. At the conclusion of the game you will have the opportunity to email the results to yourself with tips on how to make that career a reality in your life.

Health Rocks! Carnival



Health Rocks!® is curricula for a healthy living program targeted at young people ages 8 to 14. Health Rocks! helps youth develop life skills in the area of critical thinking, decision-making, communication, managing feelings, stress management and goal setting; in turn building resiliency skills, and promoting the resistance of risky behaviors. The Health Rocks! Carnival is also available at <http://www.healthrockscarnival.com/>.

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