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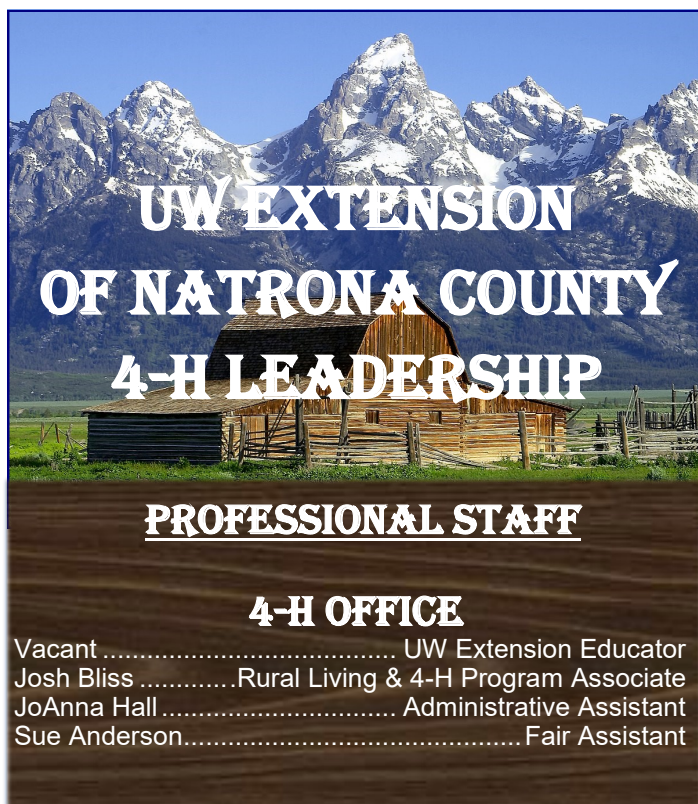


4-H Member delivers Friends of 4-H Award.

Congratulations to our 2021-2022
Friends of 4-H Award recipient:
Frank's Butcher Shop

Our very own Joseph Dice of the Meadow Acres
4-H Club presented the Friends of 4-H Award to
Frank's Butcher Shop on December 16, 2022 to
Mr. Mike Barnes of Frank's Butcher Shop in
Casper, Wyoming.

Natrona County 4-H appreciates the generosity that
has been shown by all over the past year.



4-H VOLUNTEERS

4-H COUNCIL

Devonie Mueller	President
Keith Nachbar	Vice President
Christine Dice	Secretary
Rose Jones	Treasurer
Amber Brooks	Member
Linda Montgomery	Member
Jen Morrison	Member
Vicki Pickett	Member
Jo Watson	Member
Leah Wiese	Member
Gezellen Stretesky	Member
Terry Stretesky	Member
Kristi Watson	Member

4-H FOUNDATION

Leroy Dickinson	Chair
Harlan Robinson	Vice Chair
Kera Bullard	Secretary
Kyle Rice	Treasurer
Ed Atchley	Member
DeAnna Bradshaw	Member
Jamie Haigler	Member
Devonie Mueller	Member
Phillip Rael	Member
Josh Bliss	Member

CENTRAL WYOMING JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

Burt Andreen	Chair
Alexander Wolf	Vice Chair
Karel Loraas	Secretary
Brenda Janikowski	Treasurer

4-H SUPERINTENDENTS

Linda Montgomery	Alpaca
Christine Dice	Alpaca
Brad Mueller	Beef
Devonie Mueller	Beef
Brian Wing	Beef
Candita Daniels	Cat
Shannon Hansen	Dog
Vicki Smith	Dog
Erin Danford	Family Consumer Science
Deena Wolf	Family Consumer Science
Linda Montgomery	General Projects
Christine Dice	General Projects
Cecilea Hansford	Goat
Teri Knoek	Goat
Mackenzie Watson	Goat
Leslie Chaplin	Horse
Heidi Foy	Horse
Ashtan Christensen	Horse
Carlos Buckner	Poultry
Karen Buckner	Poultry
Michelle Forster	Poultry
Veronica Mason	Rabbit
Janel Schierkolk	Rabbit
Cory Brooks	Sheep
Heath Hornecker	Sheep
Jenn Magee	Sheep
Wendy Smith	Shooting Sports
Joe Wistisen	Shooting Sports
Jeremy Burkett	Swine
Tait Helmey	Swine
Alex Wolf	Swine
Dwayne Larsen	Tractor Driving (Small Engines)

4-H COMMUNITY CLUB LEADERS

Lisa Keith	Alcova
Lory Wing	Alcova
Kellie Wilson	Bates Hole Wranglers
Michelle Gottsch	Barnyard Rebels
McKenzie Watson	Barnyard Rebels
Lucinda Canchola	Bear Claws
Michelle Forster	Bear Claws
Keith Olson	Boots & Buckles
Kandi Ossa	Buckaroos
Erin Gazda	Bullwinkles
Heather Warren	Can Do
Janel Schierkolk	Elites
Tana Campbell	Hooves & Hides
Elizabeth Gutierrez	Hooves & Hides
Rebecca Raney	Kountry Kids
Linda Montgomery	Meadow Acres
Wendy Smith	Natrona Country Shooters
Joe Wistisen	Natrona Country Shooters
Jennifer Magee	Platte River Wranglers
Devonie Mueller	Rockin' Wranglers
Beth Nachbar	Rough Riders
Carol Whitney	Trail Busters
Jack Whitney	Trail Busters
Lexis Mann	Twisted Hooves
Jaime Hornecker	Young Guns

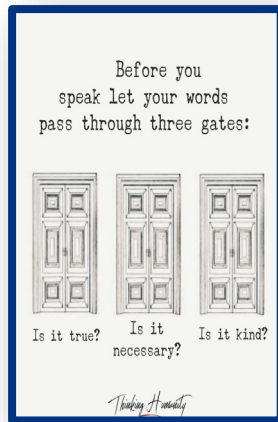
4-H JUDGING TEAM COACHES

Jeremy Burkett	Livestock
Alex Wolf	Meats
Burt Andreen	Meats
Jack Stewart	Meats
Donna Hoffman	Produce
Ed Selby	Wool

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UW Natrona County Extension 4-H Website
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<https://wyoming4h.org/animaloppo/>



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Natrona County 4-H / FFA Horse Show Committee
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Natrona County Beef Committee
<https://www.facebook.com/Natrona-County-Beef-Committee-111190300799736/>

Oil City Thumpers (Rabbits)
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Natrona County Sheep Committee
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Natrona Country Shooters 4H
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Natrona County Swine Committee
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/410594339599618/>

Natrona County 4H/FFA Jr. Livestock Sale
<https://www.facebook.com/centralwyomingjrlivestocksale/>

QUINCY'S CORNER

I want to thank you all for making my time in the 4-H office a memorable one.

I have really enjoyed all of the relationships and memories that I have created over the past few years.

Working in the 4-H office definitely has its ups and downs, but it has taught me so much and I wouldn't trade the time I spent here for anything. I will still be around as a volunteer so you won't get rid of me completely!



QUINCY GOCHENOUR
Rural Living & 4-H
Program Associate

Natrona County is blessed with the best members around and I know you will all go on to achieve great things!

Jay's Thoughts:

Hi, I am Joshua "Jay" Bliss. To all parents, 4-H Leaders, and youth, some of you know me and for some of you, I am brand new. Yet, stepping into this position with NC-4H and Rural Living feels like greeting an old friend where the handshake is familiar and the smile comes easy because I understand the program and I see a future with NC 4-H where I can help youth develop their lives.

In the past, I worked in the Natrona County Extension Office for two summers as the Natrona County 4-H intern, fair secretary, and administrative duties at the ARLC. This was two positions, but it was a three-year span of time while I was a college student. In the time between leaving the extension office and now returning, I continued to volunteer for 4-H and other organizations with a passion for staying active in the Casper community. I also worked in Media Sales for Breck Media Group.

In my Youth, I had the privilege of participating in 4-H and in FFA with static projects and livestock animal projects. This is where my passion for working in the 4-H program stemmed from. My goal is to make sure that I do what I can to work in NC 4-H so that youth can learn and develop as I once did.

As I step into the Natrona County 4-H/Rural Living Program Assistant beginning January 3, 2023, I wish to reconnect with those that I knew before and gain new understandings of the changes and new members that came in my absence.

Kindly,
Joshua Bliss

2023 SAVE THE DATE

Western National Roundup

Date: January 4-7, 2023

Beef Tagging

Date: January 4, 2023

4-H Foundation Meeting– open to public

Date: January 5, 2023 @6pm, ARLC Building

4-H Rabbit Clinic

Date: January 14, 2023

Natrona County Carnival Committee mtg

Date: January 17, 2022 @ 4:30 pm

Place ARLC– Oregon Trail Rm.

NC Shooting Sports: Orientation Mtg.

Date: January 17, 2023

NC Shooting Sports: Orientation Mtg.

Date: January 18, 2023

4-H Foundation:

Flannel & Frost Fundraising Event

Date: January 28, 2023

4-H Council Meeting

Date: January 30, 2023

4-H/FFA Market Beef Tagging

Date: February 4, 2023

4-H Valentine's Make & Take

Date: February 11, 2023

4-H Rabbit Clinic

Date: February 11, 2023

Natrona County Carnival Committee mtg

Date: February 21, 2022 @ 4:30 pm

Place ARLC– Oregon Trail Rm.

4-H Council Meeting

Date: February 27, 2023

4-H Council Meeting

Date: March, 2023: NO MTG

Spring Make and Take

Date: March 7, 2023 @ 4:30-5:30 pm, ARLC

4-H Carnival

Date: March 11, 2023

4-H Foundation Meeting-scholarship inter.

Date: March 16, 2023 @6pm, ARLC Building

4-H Rabbit Clinic

Date: March 18, 2023

4-H Presentations Contest

Date: March 22, 2023

4-H Spring Make & Take

Date: April 1, 2023

4-H Presentations Contest

Date: April 4, 2023

4-H Rabbit Clinic

Date: April 22, 2023

4-H Council Meeting

Date: April 24, 2023

4-H Rabbit Clinic

Date: April 26, 2023

Wool & Meat Judging Contest

Date: April 28-29, 2023

4-H/FFA Market Goat & Market Sheep Tagging

Date: April 29, 2023

4-H/FFA Cat Ownership ID Certificates Due

Date: May 1, 2023

4-H/FFA Dog Ownership ID Certificates Due

Date: May 1, 2023

4-H/FFA Rabbit Ownership ID Certificates Due

Date: May 1, 2023

4-H Rabbit Clinic

Date: May 14, 2023

4-H Council Meeting

Date: May 22, 2023

4-H Foundation Meeting

Date: June 15, 2023 @11:30 am, ARLC Building

4-H Rabbit Clinic

Date: June 3, 2023

4-H Council Meeting

Date: June 26, 2023

4-H Council Meeting

Date: July 2023: NO MTG

4-H Council Meeting

Date: August, 2023: NO MTG

4-H Council Meeting

Date: September 25, 2023

DISCLAIMER

All information (dates, times, etc.) is subject to change. We will do our best to give as much advance notice as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Natrona County 4-H Foundation's 8th Annual

FLANNEL & FROST

Fundraiser

Saturday, January 28, 2023 • 5:00 p.m.

Prime Rib Dinner & Auction

The Hangar • Bar Nunn, Wyoming

Call (307) 235-9400

\$75/Ticket

Table Sponsorships Available



The University's policy has been, and will continue to be, one of nondiscrimination, offering equal opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without regard to such matters as race, sex, gender, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, genetic information, political belief, or other status protected by state and federal statutes or University Regulations.



**Natrona County 4-H Foundation • 8th Annual Fundraising Evening
Prime Rib Dinner & Auction
Saturday, January 28 2023 • The Hangar, Bar Nunn, WY**

Dear NC 4-H Community Leaders:

It's time to start thinking about the Natrona County 4-H Foundation's Flannel & Frost Fundraiser coming up on **January 28, 2023** at The Hangar. All funds raised go directly to the NC 4-H program and the NC 4-H Foundation. We are depending on your assistance in getting a record number of people to this event and your donations. Tickets are available at the 4-H office so please encourage folks to attend and support our fundraiser. Thanks in advance for all your support and help!

Your club is responsible for the following:

- Supply one (1) silent auction basket with a retail value of at least \$50.
- One gift card; please *do not* include it inside your silent auction basket.
- Please have the basket to the 4-H office no later than **December 31, 2022 (the silent auction is virtual/online, and we need time to photograph and inventory the baskets and get the information to the auctioneer for the event.)**

Your basket theme is:

Alcova	Everything Legos
Barnyard Rebels	Road Trip!
Bates Hole Wranglers	Taste of...(county/region of your choice,except Italy)
Bear Claws	Crafts Galore!
Boots & Buckles	Pizza Party
Buckaroos	Coffee Shop
Bullwinkles	Taste of Italy
Can Do	Family Fun
Elites	Sports/ Activities
Hooves & Hides	The Great Outdoors!
Kountry Kids	BBQ Blitz
Meadow Acres	S'More Camping!
Natrona Country Shooters	Outdoor Guys & Gals
Platte River Wranglers	Morning Favorites Breakfast
Rockin' Wranglers	Winter Fun!
Rough Riders	Guy Crate...stuff that guys need!
Trail Busters	Paw-sitively Awesome Pet
Twisted Hooves	Taste of WY & The West
Young Guns	Wonderful WY: WY Made/themed)

1. Please arrange all items in a container and wrap with *clear cello* and ribbon. FYI...the Dollar Tree has basket-size cello bags 2 for \$1.
2. **Donate one (1) gift card**; *please do not place it inside the silent auction basket. See below for the gift card theme (some ideas...oil change, Grant Street Grocery, Mountain Sports, hair stylist, butcher, etc...please support our locally owned businesses).*

Alcova	Locally owned Casper business
Barnyard Rebels	Movie theatre
Bates Hole Wranglers	Local Casper Business
Bear Claws	Restaurant
Boots & Buckles	Locally owned Casper business
Buckaroos	Locally owned Casper business
Bullwinkles	Hair, Manicure, ect
Can Do	Big box store (Best Buy, Target,
Elites	Florist
Hooves & Hides	Local Casper business
Kountry Kids	Restaurant
Meadow Acres	Movie theatre
Natrona Country Shooters	Big box store (Best Buy, Target, etc.)
Platte River Wranglers	Coffee business
Rockin' Wranglers	Coffee business
Rough Riders	Cookie Store
Trail Busters	Locally owned Casper business
Twisted Hooves	Local Casper Business
Young Guns	Restaurant

Thank you for your willingness and generosity to help with our biggest fundraiser of the year! It takes all of us to succeed and the benefit goes toward our NC 4-H kids. The money raised is for awards, prizes, scholarships, and educational opportunities as well as judging teams, state and national trips, and competitions.

**THANKS for supporting your
Natrona County 4-H program!!!**

~ Natrona County 4-H Foundation ~

Leroy Dickinson, Chairman; Randy Buffington, Kera Bullard, Ed Atchley, Josh Bliss, DeAnna Bradshaw-Brow, Jamie Haigler, Donna Hoffman, Joddee Jacobsen, Devonie Mueller, Phillip Rael, Harlen Robinson



NC 4-H Presentations

Get Ready for Presentations!

The Presentations Contest emphasizes development of verbal communication skills. Presentation delivery may include, but is not limited to, demonstrations, public speaking, visual aids and/or multimedia displays.

Contestants can be enrolled in any 4-H project and give a presentation on any topic. Returning contestants are welcome and simply need to present a different topic each year.

Teams are considered one entry and share any awards. Presentations are judged on knowledge of subject matter, presentation manner and impact.



Date, Time, & Place

- March 22, 2023
- Beginning @ 4:30pm
- Mills, Evansville, & Midwest Rooms



Sign up via your ZSuite account in "Events", and the 4-H office will contact you to schedule your Prepared Presentation time.

Impromptu will run from 4:30pm - 6:30pm, first come, first served - no times will be scheduled.



ATTENTION MEATHEADS & WOOLIE BUGGARS

Meats Judging will begin Sunday January 22, 2023 at the Agriculture Pavilion at Casper College. Practice will run from 12:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. each Sunday.

Wool Judging will begin a few weeks later.

If you have questions contact:

Alex Wolf - 299-6600
Jack Stewart - 251-0033
Burt Andreen - 258-2484
Ed Selby - 267-7619 (for Wool)

4-H CARNIVAL MTG

Oregon Trial Room- ARLC Building

11/15/22 @4:30 pm
12/13/22 @5 pm
01/17/23 @4:30 pm
02/21/23 @4:30 pm



2023 Natrona County 4-H Carnival

Theme: A Little Bit of Everything

Contest: You may pick up blank posters at the ARLC during normal business hours.

They are **due back to the ARLC by January 25th at 4:30 pm**. No exceptions.

*Please be sure to include your name, age division, and club name on the back of your poster.

If you have any questions please contact Christine Dice at 307-277-5690.

Posters will be judged by the Natrona County 4-H Council.

Divisions:

-Cloverbuds -Juniors -Intermediates -Seniors -Adults

Winners will be announced in the February newsletter.

4-H CARNIVAL TIME

Why do we have a Carnival? The Carnival is the biggest fund raiser the 4-H Council has each year to help raise funds so our members can enjoy clinics, prizes at the County Fair, educational supplies and trips. The list goes on and on.

Why do we make Carnival posters? What better way to announce the Carnival to the public, than showing our members artistic talent and let everyone know that we are getting ready to host the biggest Carnival held in our county each year. These posters will be displayed in a variety of businesses all over Natrona

County. Posters need to be turned in by **January 25, 2023 @ 4:30pm** to be considered for awards for the Carnival poster contest. Entries are allowed in all age groups including cloverbud and adults. If you have a business where you would like to display your poster, you can pick up your poster on February 23rd.

STEPS TO AN AWESOME CARNIVAL POSTER

1. On the back of your poster, write your first and last name, your 4-H age (age of December 31, 2022), your club name. Indicate if you will be picking up your poster to deliver and where it will be displayed.
2. Use a piece of scratch paper and make a rough draft before you begin creating your poster.
3. Get the wording done first on your poster, write large enough for people to read it, but don't take up the entire poster for your wording.
4. Lay out your poster pieces so you can move things around before you start gluing.
5. Be NEAT, creative, colorful and original.
6. What do we want to tell people on this poster? Be sure your poster includes the following information:
 - a. This year's theme is a theme: **"A Little Bit of Everything"**.
 - b. The date for the Carnival is **Saturday, March 11, 2023**.
 - c. The time for the Carnival is **10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
 - d. The location of the Carnival is the **Industrial Building on the Fairgrounds**.
 - e. You can list some of the things that are happening that day: games, lunch, prizes, cake walk, bake sale, raffles and door prizes are just a few.
7. Decorating your poster is very important, an eye catching poster will make people stop and read. People will not take the time to read one that is too cluttered and busy with the writing too small.
8. This year's theme is **"A Little Bit of Everything"**. What decorations or artwork can you create to go along with the theme? Be creative, look around your house, you can use old wrapping paper to make letters or find some pictures you can cut out and glue on. Puffy paint to fill in balloon lettering is always unique. Try to stay away from too much glitter, it doesn't always stick well and makes a mess wherever the poster is hung.
9. Try to keep your poster fairly flat. A 3-D effect is nice, but it's hard to find places to display them.
10. Making posters is fun, be sure to relax, and enjoy creating your unique poster.

If you have any questions, please call Quincy Gochenour at 235-9400 or Christine Dice at 307-277-5690

4-H CARNIVAL



MARCH 11, 2023

10 AM - 4 PM

"A Little Bit of Everything"

Games, Cake Walk, Races, Treats & More!

Free Admission!

Tickets for booths: \$.10 for 1 or \$1.00 for 10

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, CENTRAL WYOMING FAIRGROUNDS

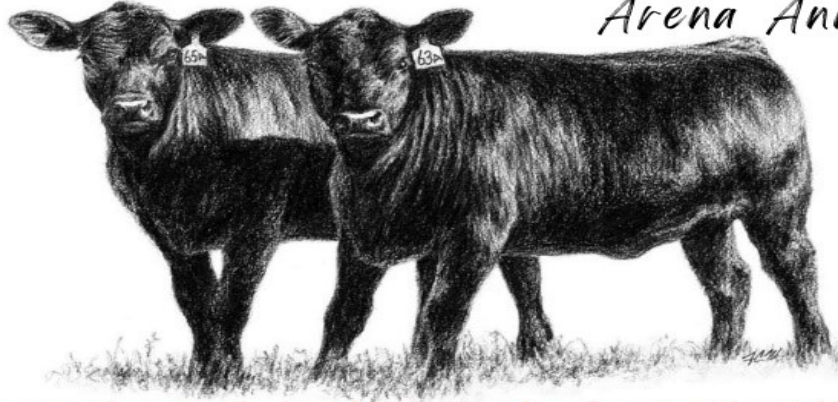
1700 FAIRGROUNDS RD, CASPER, WY

**For more information contact the
Natrona County 4-H Office @ 235-9400**

2023 Beef Tagging

February
4th

9AM
CWFR
Arena Annex



4-H/FFA members must be enrolled in the market beef project by February 1, 2023, to be eligible to tag their animals. You will need to declare whether the animal will be a 4-H or FFA project animal.

You must have proof of ownership papers and brand titles for each animal tagged. You will be given paperwork to complete on each animal you plan to tag when you arrive. \$25.00 per animal tagging fee will be collected.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Orientation Meeting

Come and learn all about the
Natrona County Shooting
Sports Program.

**JANUARY 17TH OR 18TH
6:15 PM**

**ARLC
CASPER
ROOM**



EXPLORE MORE

Of The World

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE



WHEN and WHO

April 14 - 19, 2023

Open to youth 15 - 18

Cost estimated at \$2500 per person,
scholarship will be given.



WHAT

Have an active role in making change.
Present your ideas to high-ranking
Government Officials. See D.C. and meet with
your Congressman and Senators. Meet other
4-H youth like yourself from all over the
United States.



APPLICATION

Apply at the following link by January 16, 2023,
[https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/conference
_congress_app](https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/conference_congress_app)



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.



Dear graduating senior,

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.

*Applications are due by **February 15, 2023**, and uses a resume built from your 4-H Portfolio.*

As you consider your next steps in your education and career path, your involvement in 4-H may help you obtain scholarships at the college you choose to attend. The Wyoming State 4-H Foundation has updated our 4-H Scholarship application. 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!

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!!

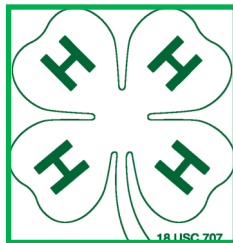
Share this information with family, friends, and co-workers!

Wyoming State 4-H Foundation

4-H Foundation Scholarships **ARE HERE!!!!**

New Scholarship Application– Due: February 24, 2023

<https://wyoextension.org/natronacounty/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-2023-NC-4-H-Foundation-New-Scholarship-Application-Fillable-Form.pdf>



Previous Scholarship Application– Due: January 12, 2023

<https://wyoextension.org/natronacounty/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-2023-NC-4-H-Foundation-Previous-Scholarship-Application-Fillable-Form.pdf>



State 4-H **WOOL AND MEATS JUDGING CONTEST**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH
SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH**

LARAMIE, WYOMING

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE
RELEASED IN LATE JANUARY 2023.**

COUNTY EDUCATORS WILL REGISTER INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS

CONTACT YOUR COUNTY OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS OR IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING.



EXTENSION

Wyoming 4-H



7220 Wool Judging Contest | 4H/FFA Contest Information

Contest Rules adapted from National Western Stock Show

Albany County Fairgrounds: 3510 South Third Street, Laramie, WY, 82070

LREC Wool Lab: 470 WY-230, Laramie, WY, 82070

****no lunch will be provided, please have teams eat before the contest begins**

- 1. The 4H/FFA Contest will take place Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 and will begin at 12:00pm. Contestants should report to the Albany County Fairgrounds between 11:15am and 11:45am.**
- 2. There will be NO COACHES MEETING**
- 3. A practice will be held from 12:00pm – 6:00pm on Monday, January 9th, 2023, at the LREC Wool Lab. At least 1 rail and 2 classes will be provided.**
- 4. Each County/Chapter may enter a maximum of two Wool Judging Teams comprised of a maximum of four (4) members and a minimum of three (3) members. The scores of the three (3) high scoring individuals on each team will be totaled for the team score.**
- 5. Each County/Chapter may enter an unlimited number of alternates not designated as part of that County/Chapter's team(s). Alternates will be eligible for individual awards, but not team awards.**
- 6. Eligibility:**
 - a. Wool judging contestants cannot enter the floor of the judging area prior to the contest.**
 - b. Only officials of the contest will be allowed on the floor area of the contest. All others are required to have the permission of the Superintendent to enter the contest area.**

- c. 4H and FFA will not be split into two separate contests and will compete for the same team and individual awards.
- d. **Contestants will be split into 3 divisions: Junior, Intermediate, Senior/FFA.**
 - i. **Junior: between 8-10 years of age as of December 31st, 2022.**
 - ii. **Intermediate: between 11-13 years of age as of December 31st, 2022.**
 - iii. **Senior: between 14-18 years of age as of December 31st, 2022, or a participating as an FFA member.**

7. The Contest will be judged as follows

- a. **Classes:** Ten (10) minutes will be allowed for the placing of each class of four (4) fleeces. Contestants will be asked to stand back one minute at the beginning and one minute at the end of the class to observe.
 - i. Three (3) classes of breed fleeces. Fleeces to be placed on the basis of breed requirements.
 - ii. Three (3) classes of commercial fleeces. Fleeces to be placed according to commercial requirements.
- b. **Reasons/Questions**
 - i. **Seniors/Intermediates:** Two (2) sets of oral reasons will be given from 2 of the classes listed above; each set is worth up to 50 points.
 - ii. **Juniors/Intermediates:** Two (2) sets of questions will be asked on 2 of the classes listed above; each set is worth up to 50 points.
 - iii. **Intermediates** can choose whether to participate in the reasons or questions portions of the contest.
- c. **Grading Rail:** Fifteen (15) fleeces will be scored for grade (spinning counts), length, character, purity and yield. A maximum of forty-five (45) minutes will be allowed: (2) minutes per fleece and eight (8) minutes to re-examine any or all of the fifteen (15) fleeces. Contestants will submit their findings on an official grading sheet at the end of the rail. The Grading Rail is worth up to 300 points.
- d. A tie or ties for High Team or High Individual (overall) will be broken on the fifteen (15) fleece grading rail. Placing ties will be

broken by reasons and total scores will break grading ties. Reasons will be broken on the lowest placing score, then on grading.

e. 4H scantrons will be used.

8. Supplies: Scantrons will be provided. Students should supply a clipboard (with no measurement/rulers), pencils and blank paper.
9. Cheating will not be tolerated; contestants may be disqualified for cheating. From the time the contest begins to the time the contest is officially complete, there will be no conferring between contestants. Cell phones, smart watches and other smart devices are prohibited. All supplies the student brings must be blank.
10. Contestants are warned against rough handling of contest fleeces. Any contestant who violates this rule will be asked to place the remainder of the classes without handling. No warning will be given.
11. Coaches will not be allowed to see the classes until after the official judges begin to hear contestant reasons.

Please Send Questions to Courtney Newman cnewman4@uwyo.edu



FYI...

Please be advised that the membership fee for NC 4-H will be \$15/youth effective October 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 4-H year.



A MESSAGE FROM 4-H COUNCIL

We have received requests to start our learning expos back up. We would like each club to ask their members what expo categories they would be interested in. We would like to hear back by the middle of December so we can start planning for January.

We have people that are willing to teach: Leather Craft, Table Setting, Poultry, Small Engines (Tractor Driving), and Photography. If you or someone you know would like to teach other categories let us know! These expos are a great way for members to learn more about their project or future projects.

2023 Rabbit Clinic

Clinics start@ 9AM, Location: ARLC Building

Sign up at: <https://www.facebook.com/oil-city-thumpers-398801110535193/>

- January.14, 2023: Rabbit Housing & Feeding- Casper Room
 - February.11, 2023: Meat Pens- Midwest/Edgerton Room
 - March 18, 2023: Committee Meeting- Mills/Evansville Room
 - April 22, 2023: Breed ID, Breed Tattoo, Showmanship, ID Forms Clinic- Casper Room. Bring your healthy, clean rabbits and carpet square.
 - April 26, 2023: Tattoo Clinic - Time TBD PIC
 - May.14, 2023: Getting ready for Fair - Fair Prep- Mills/Evansville Room. No Rabbits needed.
 - June 3, 2023: Mandatory Meat Pen Tattoo Clinic/Mock Show- Casper Room
- We will have separate areas set-up for showmanship. Please make sure your rabbits are clean and healthy. We also ask you to dress like you will for the show at fair and bring a clean carpet square for showmanship.

We will only be offering two tattoo clinics this year. Please plan accordingly.

A vibrant yellow poster with a sunburst background. At the top, the text '2023 SHOWCASE SHOWDOWN' is written in large, bold, red, green, and blue letters. Below this, a silhouette of a person holding a trophy is visible. The text 'JOIN US TO COMPETE IN STATE CONTEST, WORKSHOPS, UW CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND MORE!' is written in red. Below that, in smaller black text, it says 'Contest and Workshops will be presented from various industries. Youth will be able to explore different areas/ industries.' The dates 'JUNE 20 - 22, 2023' are written in large green letters. At the bottom, it says 'MORE INFORMATIONS TO COME, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR COUNTY OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.' and 'UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING - LARAMIE, WY' in blue.

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Especially for Volunteers...

4-H Youth Development – The Club System

- **The 4-H club** is the core structure where hands-on learning and teaching take place. An organized group of at least five youth, from at least two different families, meet with adult volunteers. With appropriate guidance from volunteers, club members elect their own officers, decide on programs and plan activities.
- It's entirely up to 4-H members what their 4-H club does! 4-H clubs usually focus on one or more topics of the members' choice. They conduct project-related activities, for example, a club may have a year-round garden or a shooting sports club may practice at the range. 4-H clubs also do lots of community service both in their project area and where they are needed.
- **The purpose of 4-H is to promote positive youth development.** If club members and volunteers plan a wide variety of learning activities together, everyone has the chance to grow through experiential learning, developing individual skills and abilities, and participating in community service projects.

The 4-H program year runs October 1 through the following September. Membership in Wyoming 4-H is open to all youth ages 8-18 (age as of January 1), regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, or public assistance. Children ages 5-7 can participate with selected age-appropriate activities through the Cloverbud program.



4-H Club Meetings That Youth Choose to Attend

A 4-H Club is a great venue for learning, group interaction and fun to take place. The meeting environment and meeting components are important aspects to consider when creating a club that youth choose to attend.

4-H Club Meeting Environment: The Environment of a club meeting includes all of the things that make people feel comfortable when they attend.

- **Location and Room Set Up:** Is your meeting in an easy location to find and get to? If it is not near an outside door, are there signs to guide people? Is the room comfortable? There are a number of ways to set up the room to facilitate your meeting. If you want better discussion, consider putting the chairs in a circle or horseshoe. This arrangement facilitates conversation/business, and the 4-H members can see each other which will help them get to know one another. The members are more apt to stay attentive throughout the meeting as it is more difficult to withdraw or space out without being noticed.
- **Making Families Feel Welcome:** Greeting people when they first enter the room is a way of making people feel welcome. It can be intimidating to go into a place where you do not know anyone, so that greeting can break the ice. Likewise, even for current member families it is nice to be greeted when you walk in the door. Nametags are a great idea to help people get acquainted. It helps everyone learn names. Clip on nametags for all members and their parents could be in the meeting supply box.
- **New Families:** May not know the 4-H Pledge, the 4-H Motto or even the procedure that is followed at a 4-H club meeting. Consider a "Greet Sheet" with some of those basic instructions. Also consider putting signs or banner up in the meeting room to help with the pledge, motto, agenda...
- **Getting People Involved Right Away:** If a family arrives a little early, what is there to do while they wait? What kinds of things can you have going on prior to club meetings to promote and encourage people being on time? IDEAS - Judging classes, puzzles, games, worksheets, learning centers, project displays, a sign in sheet or sign-up poster for future activities.



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**Sarah Torbert, Wyoming State 4-H Volunteer Development Coordinator**, has created some short, very informative videos to assist you in making your club a great place to be. Check out this link for topics: <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/volunteers/additional-trainings.html>

# ENROLLING IN ZSUITE

## NEW MEMBERS & RETURNING MEMBERS

Only after all of the following requirements are met will your membership will be activated.

- Enroll using <https://4h.zsuite.org/>
- You must be enrolled with ACTIVE status to participate in all 4-H activities. Your membership will not be activated until payment is received.
- Enrollment fees are \$15.00 per 4-H member including Cloverbuds. The easiest way to pay is via credit card (with no transaction fee) through ZSuite. You may also mail your check made payable to the Natrona County 4-H; 2011 Fairgrounds Road; Casper, WY 82604 or pay via credit card (3.8% transaction fee applies) by calling the 4-H office at 307-235-9400.

## NEW VOLUNTEERS

Only after all of the following requirements are met will your membership will be activated. Please call the 4-H office at 307-235-9400 with any questions.

- Enroll using <https://4h.zsuite.org/>
- Complete the mandatory background screening & training is valid for 5 years  
\* A break in service will require you to restart the process.
- Complete the mandatory online 4-H Volunteer Orientation.
- Complete the MVR check.
- There is no enrollment fee for volunteers.

## RETURNING VOLUNTEERS

Only after all of the following requirements are met will your membership be activated. Please call the 4-H office at 307-235-9400 with any questions.

- Enroll using <https://4h.zsuite.org/>
- Complete the mandatory background screening & training every 5 years.  
\* A break in service will require you to restart the process.
- Complete the annual leadership training.
- Complete the MVR check.
- There is no enrollment fee for volunteers.

We are only able to communicate with you if you are enrolled in ZSuite with a valid email address; therefore, we ask that you get enrolled in ZSuite and pay the \$15.00 fee so we can activate your membership.

**\*\*\* If you enrolled in ZSuite and have not been receiving communications via email, please log into your ZSuite account and verify that your email address on file is correct as we have been receiving notifications that some email addresses are invalid.**

**REMINDER:** Throughout the year, if your contact information has changed (name, mailing address, phone number, email address, etc.), it is your responsibility to update your profile in ZSuite. Failure to do so, may result in you missing an important deadline and/or information pertaining to your 4-H project(s).

### **Important !!!**

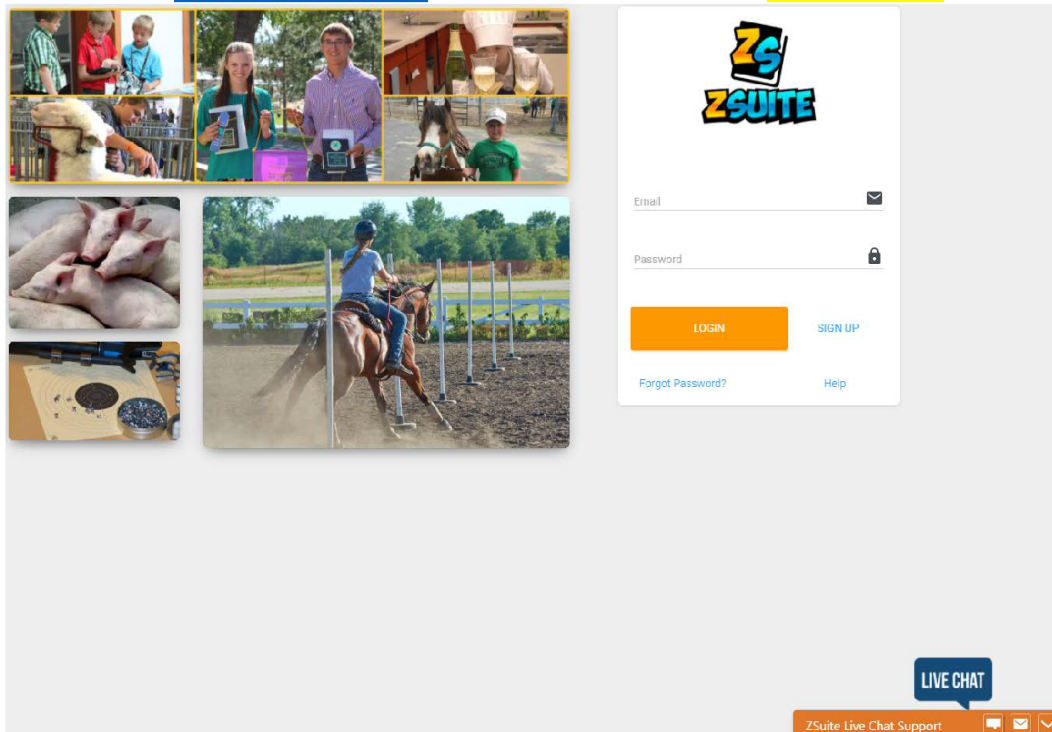
**You are not covered by 4-H insurance and will not be allowed to participate until your membership is in Active status in Zsuite.**



# HOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ZSUITE

1. WEBSITE: <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

New Users: **Click SIGN UP**



2. Fill out the Register New Household Information. Select a Primary Profile Access PIN which is needed to enter the primary household account. **Click LET'S GO** (If you get an error message that your email address is already used, go back to the main screen and click on Forgot Password? as some profiles were transferred over from 4HOnline.com)
3. You are now on the Dashboard screen. **Click + HOUSEHOLD MEMBER**  
Enter the First Name, Last Name, Role (Member or Volunteer), and Member's Birthday. You may choose a preloaded avatar or upload a personal photo by clicking CHOOSE PICTURE. **Click CONTINUE**
4. **Select the PERSONAL INFO tab.** All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required. **Click NEXT** to get to the WAIVERS tab.
5. **Select the WAIVERS tab.** **Click ↓** next to each section to sign off on all the waivers. (You must agree in order to proceed.) On the Health Form, put N/A or none if the required field does not apply to your member. **Click NEXT** to get to the CLUBS tab.
6. **Select the CLUBS tab.** Choose your club from the drop down menu. **Click ADD CLUB**  
**NATRONA COUNTY 4-H FIRST TIME MEMBERS:** If this is your first year with the Natrona County 4-H, please choose "1-Club Placement Requested Natrona". The Natrona County 4-H Office will assist you in placing your member in a club that has openings based upon the projects that your child has enrolled in.
7. **Select the PROJECT tab.** Choose project from the drop down menu. **Click ADD PROJECT.** Repeat process until all projects are selected. Some Animal Projects have a required field that you may not have information for. If this happens, please enter this 4-digit number "0000" in that required field.  
**CLOVERBUD MEMBERS:** Choose only the Cloverbud project.
8. Verify all information is correct including your Club and Project selections. **Click SUBMIT**  
After you Click SUBMIT, your enrollment will be sent to the Natrona County 4-H Office Administrators for approval.

# FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM THE 4-H OFFICE...

## ARLC ROOM RESERVATIONS

Please call Rose or Ann at 307-235-9400 to reserve a room for your 4-H Club or Committee meetings. The 4-H office does not maintain the building calendar. *PLEASE REMEMBER:* We are still under some COVID-19 restrictions and a COVID-19 release must be signed by a Club Leader. *Please do not prop open ARLC exterior doors as it compromises building security if they are accidentally left open once the event has ended.*

## COMMUNICATION

4-H has a wealth of educational opportunities and the majority of these will take place at the club level with others coming from the 4-H office and the Wyoming 4-H state office.

We will communicate with you using the following communication sources; therefore, it's your responsibility to check them on a regular basis:

- ♦ Follow us on Facebook @ Natrona County 4H  
<https://www.facebook.com/NatronaCounty4H/>
- ♦ UW Natrona County Extension 4-H Website  
<https://wyoextension.org/natronacounty/newsletters-2/>
- ♦ Natrona County 4-H Monthly Newsletter  
**Please check the links listed above for the latest edition! Because we will be unable to send mass emails, we are relying on our members to check these links for the latest editions.**  
Please read it carefully and take note of the items that apply to you, your family, your project area(s), and your club.
- ♦ Natrona County 4-H Emails  
Please open and read the emails that the Natrona County 4-H office and its volunteers send you. In addition to the links mentioned above, this is how we will keep you updated and let you know of changes, scheduled activities, etc.



A man ought to do what he thinks is  
right

— John Wayne —

AZ QUOTES

**TO ALL OF OUR  
WONDERFUL  
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WHO CELEBRATE  
THEIR BIRTHDAYS IN  
January...**



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