

Niobrara County 4-H Newsletter

October 2026

THIS MONTH IN 4-H

October is here and that means the new 4-H Year will begin! Next week is National 4-H Week! I have a lot of fun activities planned, so be sure to stay up to date on Facebook!

Enrollment is open online through ZSuite at 4h.zuite.org. If you already have a family profile, you will just need to log in and update club and project information. You need to be enrolled in 4-H before participating in sponsored activities. Please update your emails to your current emails, it is important for my communication with you! There are step by step instructions on how to sign up! I also have a computer set up in the office for enrollments whenever you get a chance to stop by!

I have attached lots of opportunities to participate in the new 4-H Year! Be sure to take advantage of these fun opportunities to learn new things, try new projects, and get involved in 4-H. There is something for everyone!

We will wrap up October with the 4-H Carnival. This will be on October 31, 5-7 p.m. Each club is asked to have one booth. This is the largest fundraiser for the 4-H Council. This event allows for members to travel and participate in opportunities around the state and beyond. **Each family is asked to help with a decorated cake for the cake walk and a pie for the kitchen.** Club leaders have details on the events, so be sure that you are enrolled and getting notified of club meetings and events.

We will be celebrating Achievement Day on November 8th, starting at 5:00 p.m. Please see the flyer below on what to bring. We hope that you will all join in the celebrations of our 4-H members and volunteers. Be sure to invite grandparents, family and others.

If you need any help with enrollment, please let me know!

-Tallie

Next Meetings

Fairboard - October 5 @ 5:00 p.m.

Fair Share- October 5 @ 6:00 p.m.

Council - November 4 @ 5:00 p.m.

Jr. Leaders - November 17 @ 5:00 p.m.



FALL 4-H TIMELINE

2026



Upcoming Events

- **Oct. 1:** New 4-H Year Begins!
 - Sign up using ZSuities!
- **Oct. 1:** 4-H Bingo Cards Start
- **Oct. 4-10:** National 4-H Week!
 - Follow along on Facebook to see all of the fun activities that are planned!
- **Oct. 5:** Fair Share- 6 pm
- **Oct. 9:** 4-H Friday - 9-12
- **Oct. 9:** Cake Decorating 1pm
- **Oct. 25:** Holiday Card Submissions due!
- **Oct. 30:** Cake Decorating 1pm
- **Oct. 31:** Halloween Carnival
- **Nov. 4:** 4-H Council 5pm
- **Nov. 8:** Achievement Day 5pm
- **Nov. 17:** Jr Leaders 5pm
- **Nov. 20:** 4-H Friday 9-12
- **Dec. 4-5:** Christmas Bazaar
- **Dec. 11:** 4-H Friday 9-12

Good Luck & Congrats!

- Sidney Southwick attended the AKSARBEN Stock Show!
- Miranda Smith attended Raton Shooting Sports Trip!
- Good Luck to Brindel Brown and Tavie Miller at the NILE Stock Show & Rodeo!
- Good Luck to Jhett Jameson at the Monster Mash Jackpot!

New Project Area Meetings

- Cake Decorating Meetings start on Oct. 9th at 1 pm!
- Fabric & Fashion Meetings will start in November!
- More project meetings coming soon!

Happy Birthday!

Wyatt F.: 3rd
Ranin S.: 6th
Kane K.: 22nd

Amos W.: 23rd
Sophie S.: 25th
Codi P.: 28th



SIGN UP FOR 4-H TODAY!



Scan the QR Code or go to
<https://4h.zsuite.org/> to sign
up for 4-H!

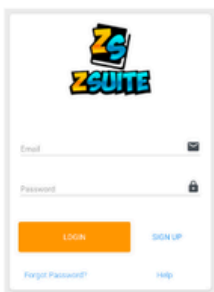


Questions?

334-3534 or tmille86@uwyo.edu

Stop in the office to sign up with Tallie!

Need to be signed up to
participate in 4-H Activities!



ZSuite 4-H Enrollment



Existing Family Profile

Enrollment must be done **ANNUALLY** to stay **active** in 4-H!

Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

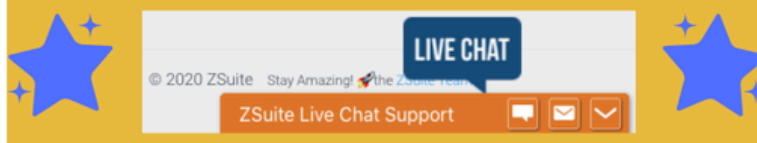
1. Use the same email & password you used to sign up, select **LOGIN**
2. Choose the **PRIMARY ACCOUNT** to enroll 4-H Members
3. You will see a list of the household members & their current enrollment status.
 - a. **Red = INACTIVE 4-H Member**
 - b. **Green = ACTIVE 4-H Member**
4. Select the 4-H Member's Name you wish to update, select **ENROLL MEMBER NOW**
5. **IF YOU DO NOT SEE A NAME LISTED**, You will need to ADD A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

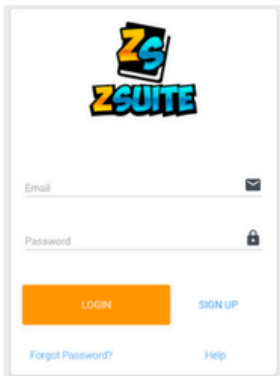
Animal Project Information is NOT required at this time.

6. Fill out 4-H Member's info, select **Continue**
Fill out PERSONAL INFO, select **Next**
Fill out all six drop down WAIVERS, then select **Next**
Dropdown to your CLUB, select **Add Club**
 - a. Select **Add Project**
7. Select **Add to Cart** and then you can either **+Add Enrollment** or **Submit**. Must be submitted to be complete.

Once submitted, your Enrollment will change from Pending Approval to Active once the Extension Office reviews the submission!

If you need assistance, don't hesitate to select the ZSuite LIVE CHAT!





ZSuite 4-H Enrollment



New Family Profile

If you've never signed in to ZSuite before, follow these steps:

1. Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org/>
2. As a Family creating a new Profile, select **SIGN UP**
 - a. Fill in all of the fields, select **LET'S GO!**

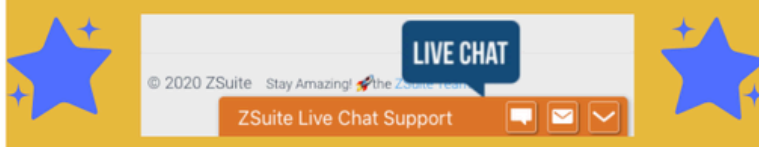
Adding 4-H Members

You are now on the **Dashboard** tab

1. Select **+ Household Member**
2. Fill out 4-H Member's info, select **Continue**
3. Fill out PERSONAL INFO, select **Next**
4. Fill out all six drop down **WAIVERS**, then select **Next**
5. Dropdown to your CLUB, select **Add Club**
select **Add Project**
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The screenshot shows the footer of the ZSuite website. It includes the copyright notice "© 2020 ZSuite - Stay Amusing! ♥️🇺🇸" and a "LIVE CHAT" button. Below the copyright notice is a red button labeled "ZSuite Live Chat Support". To the right of the button are icons for a speech bubble, an envelope, and a dropdown menu. The entire footer section is flanked by two large blue stars.



NIOBRARA COUNTY 4-H CLUB MEETING TIMES

All club meeting times are subject to change! Please message me to get in contact with a club leader!

Cheyenne River

Leader: Amanda Anderson

Meeting Time: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm held at the fairgrounds!

Rollicking Ranchers

Leader: **Needs Filled**

Meeting Times: TBD at the Fairgrounds!

Fairview

Leader: Jessica Yeager

Meeting Times: 3rd Friday of the month at 6pm held at the fairgrounds!

Up & Coming

Leaders: Heather Goddard & Crystal Olson

Meeting Time: TBD

Cloverleaf

Leaders: Jamie Miller & Elly Wurdeman

Meeting Times: 1st Sunday of the Month at 1pm held via Zoom!





4-H FRIDAY

OCTOBER 9TH 9-12

OPEN TO ALL CLOVERBUD
OR 4-H AGED YOUTH!
(5-18)

\$5 TO PARTICIPATE

LUNCH IS PROVIDED!
QUESTIONS?
334-3534



Cake Decorating Project Meeting

- **Oct. 9th @ 1 pm:** Intro to Cake and Cookie Decorating!
No supplies are needed to participate!
- **Oct. 30th @ 1 pm:** Create your own cake or cookies for the 4H Halloween Carnival!

Lead by Kristen Gordon & Lacy Hanson
RSVP to Tallie : 334-3534



Project Meetings!



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Niobrara County

Fabric & Fashion

will start in November!

Photography

****if interest: will start
in November!**

Foods & Nutrition

****if interest: will start
in November!**

Lego Robotics

****if interest: will start
in January!**

Meats Judging

will start in January!

Questions or Interested?

Please Contact Tallie at

334-3534 or tmille86@uwyo.edu



JOIN THE FUN!

WYOMING STATE 4-H

BINGO CHALLENGE

THE WHOLE MONTH OF OCTOBER!

HOW IT WORKS

- 1** Pick up your 4-H Bingo Card at your county office before National 4-H Week.
- 2** Complete fun challenges like:
 - Share your 4-H Story
 - Wear your 4-H Shirt
 - Post a picture with your project
 - Invite a friend to join 4-H
 - Thank a volunteer
- 3** Mark off each square as you go and document each completed square!
- 4** Return your completed card to your county office. They will sign it and send a photo to the State 4-H Office!



**PRIZES WILL
BE
AWARDED!**

for completed
rows/columns, as well
as blackout cards!

WHERE TO GET YOUR CARD



Available at your County
Extension Office

**CELEBRATE, SHARE,
AND SHOW YOUR 4-H
SPIRIT!**



Niobrara County 4-H Halloween

CARNIVAL

NEW FOR 2026
TRUNK OR
TREAT!

October 31, 2026

5:00-7:00 PM

Cake Walk

Homemade soups, pie
and more!

Niobrara County Fairgrounds

Wear a costume

and get 2 free

tickets!

Lots of Games

4-H Families are responsible for
bringing a cake and a pie!



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TIME TO

Explore



Alaska

June 22-29, 2027

Agricultural focused

Questions? Contact

Amber Armajo

307-347-3431

amwall@uwyo.edu

Chile

Mid June 2027

2-way exchange

Questions? Contact

Emily Haver

307-328-2642

ehaver@uwyo.edu



Grow your cultural understanding, leadership skills and make lasting connections across hemispheres. Learn more about these exciting educational opportunities within Wyoming 4-H.

Deadline to apply:

October 1, 2026

Learn more here

SCAN ME!



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Wyoming 4-H

CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

2026 FAIR SHARE



Questions? Tallie 334-3534

**Please help us continue to
make the Niobrara County
Fair better! Come with
constructive feedback!**



NIOBRARA COUNTY 4-H

\$4 FOR 4-H

FOR NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

REASONS TO DONATE

- Send kids on Trips & Experiences 🍀
- Provide Hands-On Opportunities 🍀
- Help kids succeed! 🍀



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Wyoming 4-H



Holiday Card Contest

Calling all 4-H members - let your creativity shine!

Who Can Enter

- Open to all enrolled Wyoming 4-H Members

How To Submit

- Email your design to 4h@uwyo.edu with subject line "Holiday Card Contest"

Submission Deadline

October 25, 2026

What To Submit

- Original holiday card design
- Front cover or whole design folded
- Size 5x7 inches
- Include a holiday greeting/message
- Digital format (JPG, PNG, or PDF)
- Make sure to sign your card!

Prizes

The Winning card will get to select an item from the Wyoming 4-H e-store with an allotted balance.

Winning card will be sent to all Wyoming 4-H Stakeholders, and for sale for anyone to purchase!
Get creative and spread holiday cheer!



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Wyoming 4-H



APPAREL STOREFRONT!

Official Wyoming 4-H gear, available for purchase!

- ★ T-shirts, hoodies, hats, and more
- ★ Sizes for youth and adults
- ★ Perfect for clubs, families, & supporters
- ★ Delivered straight to you



**Storefront will be open
September 28th - November 1st!**



Help us celebrate the successes of our incredible 4-H youth! All family and friends are invited to attend. ✨

Please bring:
Family Last Name A-L : Dessert
Family Last Name M-Z : Side Dish

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11.8.2026
5:00 p.m.

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Niobrara County Fairgrounds

GOOD LUCK
TO THE KIDS
ATTENDING
THIS!

WYOMING

MEAT JUDGING

YOUTH CONTEST



EACH ENTRY RECEIVES
WYO MEAT JUDGING SOCKS!

Date:
Oct. 5

Register today!

Register here: <https://bit.ly/4qsjCxx>
by Sept. 15 (early) or Oct. 5 (late)

Cost:

\$20/contestant
(+ \$10 late fee if after Sept. 15)

Location:
University of
Wyoming Meat Lab
(Laramie)

Divisions

Junior (10 & under), Intermediate (11 - 13), Senior (14 - 18)

- **Novice:** no prior meat judging instruction or competition
- **Limited:** has had meat judging instruction, but has not yet competed
- **Experienced:** open to all others

Please bring a
hard hat & frock
to compete in

*Participation in the youth camp (hosted Oct. 3 - 5) is not required to compete in this contest

Contact: mckensie.phillips@uwyo.edu

(307) 766-2334

Youth Rabbit Show



ARBA YOUTH SHOW

Brought to you by the Wyoming State Rabbit
Cavy Association and Jackalope Rabbit Breeders.

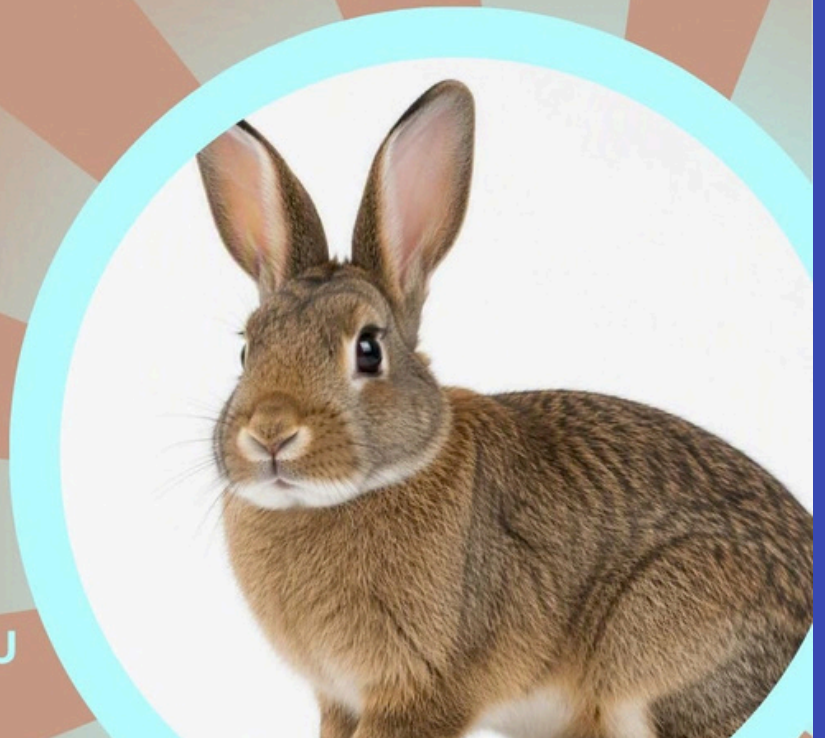
DATE: OCTOBER 9TH
AND 10TH

LOCATION: THE
BELL

MAILED ENTRIES
POSTMARKED BY
SEPT. 29TH

EMAIL ENTRIES DUE
OCTOBER 6TH

CONTACT [HCESAR@UWYO.EDU](mailto:hcesar@uwyo.edu)
FOR MORE INFORMATION!





Wyoming Bee College

October 23-24, 2026

Casper College | Casper, Wyoming

*Practical beekeeping education
for every experience level*

- ✓ Beginner Beekeeping
- ✓ Intermediate Beekeeping
- ✓ Culinary
- ✓ Pollinator

Registration Now Open



MEAT JUDGING



YOUTH CONTEST SERIES

2026/
2027

Hosted by UWyo Meat Judging
OPEN TO YOUTH NATIONWIDE

Contests

Oct. 5
Jan. 8
Feb. 15
Mar. 24
April TBD



Divisions

- Junior
 - Intermediate
 - Senior
- &**
- Novice
 - Limited
 - Experienced

Prizes



Contest awards 1st & 2nd

Year-end awards 1st & 2nd



Series rules can be found at
<https://bit.ly/3Urgd67>



Stay updated via Facebook
@University of Wyoming
Meat Judging Team



Contact: mckensie.phillips@uwyo.edu

(307) 766-2334



2026-2027 COMPETITION

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

POST 3511



Olivia M. Drewniak
VOD Winner 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE
OCTOBER 31, 2026

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3-5 minute audio essay
- This year's theme is, "What a Veteran Taught me about America"
- National Prize is currently \$35,000



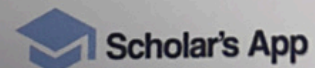
ELIGIBILITY

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity.

Or enter this link in your browser

<https://bit.ly/4x6YQWP>

<https://scholarsapp.com>



VFW 9th-12th Grade
Scholarship

USE THIS LINK TO SIGN UP:

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

2026-2027 COMPETITION

PATRIOT'S PEN

POST 3511



Andrew Ge
PP Winner 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE
OCTOBER 31, 2026

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE
INFORMATION

PATRIOT'S PEN

- Open to students in grades 6-8 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300-400 word written essay
- This year's theme is, "What a Veteran Taught me about America"
- National Prize is currently \$5,000



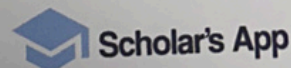
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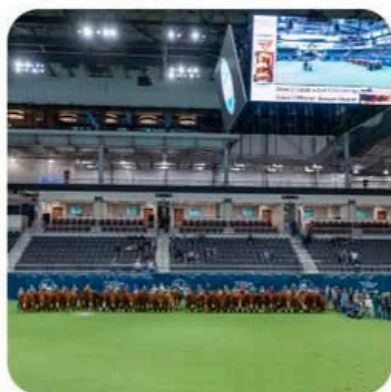
VFW 6-8th Grade
Scholarship

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-WYOMING---DISTRICT-3---POST-3511](https://scholarsapp.com/scholarship/vfw---PATRIOTS-PEN--WYOMING---DISTRICT-3---POST-3511)



JOIN THE NWSS CATCH-A-CALF PROGRAM



Ready, Set, Catch!

The National Western Catch-A-Calf Program offers an unforgettable experience that extends far beyond the show ring.

- Participants must be 4-H or FFA members residing in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, or Wyoming
- Participants must be 14-19 years old as of January 1, 2027.



More Than A Calf

- Receive mentorship
- Build lifelong friendships and industry connections
- Compete for awards and scholarships
- Showcase Grand and Reserve Grand Champion participants in the Auction of Junior Livestock Champions



**Applications open
August 1st**

Applications due Jan. 1, 2027