



# The Clover Connection



## Platte County 4-H

### **Hello from Hannah**

The New Year is here in Platte County! Exciting things are kicking off alongside 2026's entrance including 4-H Friday's, Horse Hippology and Judging, Shooting Sports, Club Meetings and so much more!

#### Reminders

- Register for the New 4-H year on Z Suite
- **Saturday, January 31, 2026 is Beef Tagging and Weigh In**
- (You must be enrolled in this project before weighing in.)
- **January 8, 2026 is the Shooting Sports Kick off in the Agriplex**

#### Updates

- If you are interested in horse hippology, horse quiz bowl or horse judging please contact us ASAP to begin practice.
- If you are interested in joining our cooking team let us know.

I hope you all have the best year yet ahead of you. There are so many exciting events in the works and coming up. This newsletter is packed full of important items so please read completely. This 4-H year is going to be great, I just know it. Cheers!

*~Hannah*



# Upcoming Local Events:

## LOVE HORSES? SO DO WE!

HORSE HIPPOLOGY  
HORSE QUIZ BOWL  
HORSE JUDGING  
BEGINS IN JANUARY!

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### COMPETE FOR A CHANCE TO ATTEND:

- QUARTER HORSE CONGRESS
- BLACK HILL'S STOCKSHOW
- SHOWCASE SHOWDOWN
- & MORE!



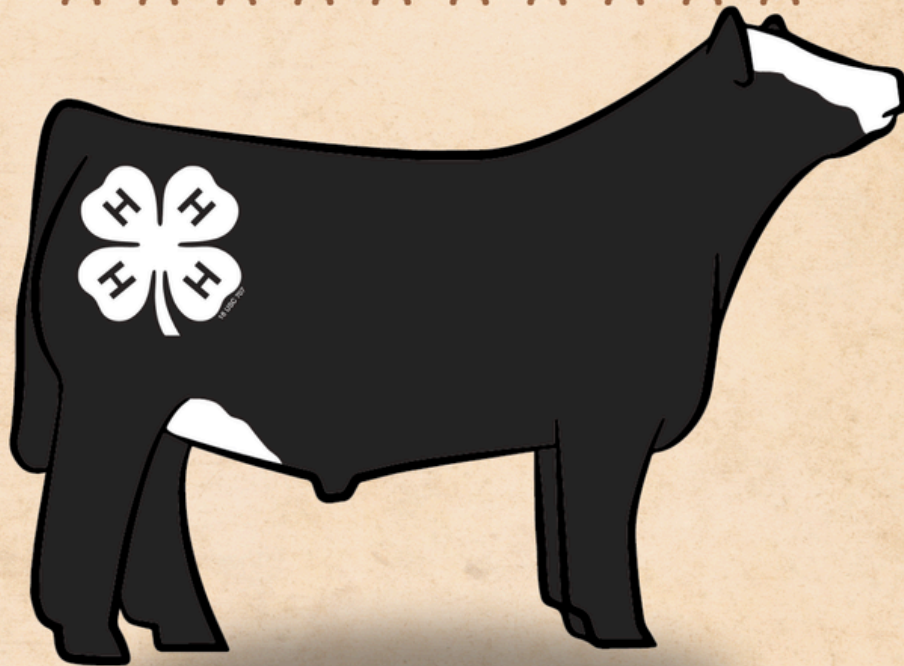
WANT MORE  
INFORMATION?

Contact- Hannah Cesar @ [hcesar@uwyo.edu](mailto:hcesar@uwyo.edu) OR  
Samantha Hammond @ [watkinswhimsy@gmail.com](mailto:watkinswhimsy@gmail.com)





# **BEEF WEIGH IN & TAGGING**



**JANUARY**

**9:00 - 11:00**

**31**

**AM**

**Meriweather Farms**

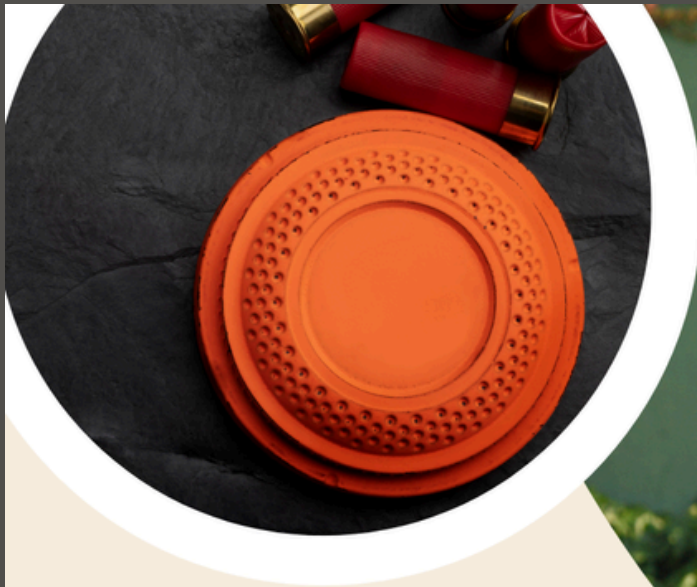
**83 Drake Road**

**Wheatland, WY 82201**

**840 Tags Available**

**Do not have to be halter broke but we  
encourage you are working with them.**





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# SHOOTING SPORTS

## **KICK-OFF!**



***Thursday, January 8, 2026***

***6 pm in the Agriplex***

***Will accept cash or checks for  
registrations.***



It is that time of year again to get your kids enrolled in Z suites, signed up for shooting sports disciplines, and attend the Kick-Off to register and review the 2026 rules. Exciting things are happening for Platte County Shootings Sports and we cannot wait to see you there!





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# JOIN OUR COOKING TEAM

With CNP Educator:

*Mary Evans*



Practices to begin in  
March.

Please reach out to  
[hcesar@uwyo.edu](mailto:hcesar@uwyo.edu)  
or  
[mevans22@uwyo.edu](mailto:mevans22@uwyo.edu)  
if you are interested!

Compete at  
Showcase  
Showdown  
in June

We Can Have  
Multiple Teams

## Let's Get COOKING





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# 4-H FRIDAY'S

Kicking off end of January

**Come together in  
head, heart,  
hands & health**

- Specific details at later time
- Glendo hosted by Jackie Bauder
- Looking for other volunteers to help
- 4-H fun for everyone!

**COMING TO YOU ON FRIDAYS**

Will need to be enrolled in Z Suites

**All youth welcome!**

**More Information:**

[hcesar@uwyo.edu](mailto:hcesar@uwyo.edu) or 307-322-3667



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JANUARY

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Wheatland Dog Practice every Thursday Exhibit Hall			1 Happy New Year	2	3
4	5	6 Sybille Livestock Meeting  Chug Valley Meeting	7	8  Shooting Sports Kick Off 6 pm Agriplex	9 Glendo 4-H Friday	10
11 Air Rifle & Pistol Safety Orientation 1 pm Exhibit Hall	12 Fair Board Meeting	13 Scholarship Committee Meeting 6 pm Ext. Office	14	15	16 Horseshoe Livestock 4- H Meeting Glendo	17
18 Archery Safety Orientation 1 pm Indoor Arena	19 Junior Leader's Council Meeting	20	21	22	23 Glendo 4-H Friday	24
25	26 Leader's Council Meeting 6 pm Ext. Office	27	28	29	30	31 Beef Weigh In & Tagging 9-11 am

Wheatland Dog Practices  
every Thursday in the Exhibit Hall

**6th- Sybille Livestock Mtg 6:15 Agriplex**

**Chug Valley Mtg Chugwater School**

**8th- Shooting Sports Kick off 6 pm Agriplex**

**9th- Glendo 4-H Friday**

**11th- Air Rifle/Pistol Safety Orientation 1 pm  
Exhibit Hall**

**13th - Scholarship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Ext.  
Office**

**16th- Horseshoe Livestock Mtg Glendo**

**18th- Archery safety orientation 1 pm indoor  
arena**

**19th- Junior Leaders Mtg**

**26th- Leader's Council Mtg 6 pm**

**31st- Beef Tagging & Weigh In**



**Do you want to turn your 4-H skills into a business?**

**The Platte County 4-H Leadership Team is offering  
startup grants to help get your business up and  
running!**

**Please contact Dixie Mount 307-322-4075**

**Or Sydney Burek 303-217-3794**

**To schedule a time to meet with the Team to pitch your business plan!**

**GROW WITH 4-H**

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# Master Gardener 2026

Starts Jan 14, 2026

\$200 Enroll



<https://extension.catalog.instructure.com/courses/master-gardener-2026>

**The fee for the course is still \$200. Please feel free to share it with anyone in your community that might be interested. The sessions will be recorded for those who can't join the sessions live on Wednesday evenings throughout the spring. It is not every Wednesday through the spring, but we don't end until the last week in May.**





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# DISBUDDING FOR FAIR 2026

## Market Goat Youth Show

- **State Fair Rules**

### YOUTH LIVESTOCK

• Market Goat Horn Policy Update—Youth Market Wethers & Dehorned Market Does: Must follow the existing policy—no horns, with scurs up to one inch acceptable.

Market Does: Horns will be allowed **only** in the Market Doe class. Exhibitors with a **dehorned** doe may choose to enter either the Market Goat class or the Market Doe class.

Photo pulled from WY state fair website:  
<https://wystatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Youth-Goat-2025.pdf>

- **Platte County Fair Rules**

Will follow state fair rules starting in 2026.

For the youth market goat class, no horns will be accepted. Scurs will be accepted as long as they are less than one inch.

Photo By: Mississippi State University



## Pro's for Disbudded Goats

- Reduced Risk of Injury to Humans.
- Reduced Risk of Entanglement and Death.
- Better Market Potential.
- Packer & Processing Preference.
- Goats establish a pecking order through head-butting, and horned goats can seriously injure other animals in the show ring environment.

The 4-H Educator is willing to assist with talking to breeders about disbudding practices. She has extensive knowledge about disbudding goats. She will not physically be disbudding animals but will help any way she can.

**Contact:** Hannah Cesar, [hcesar@uwyo.edu](mailto:hcesar@uwyo.edu)  
307-322-3667



# Weigh In & Tagging

## IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK SALE INFORMATION 2026



### Ownership Deadlines:

Market Beef: February 1

Market Sheep, Swine, Goats;  
Breeding Beef, Sheep, Swine,  
Goats, Rabbits, Poultry: June 1

Market Rabbits, Poultry: July 1

### Weight Requirements:

Beef: Minimum 1050 lbs, Max no  
sell, 1550 lbs

Sheep: Minimum 105 lbs, Max  
no sell, 165 lbs

Swine: Minimum 215 lbs, Max  
no sell, 315 lbs

Goats: Minimum 50 lbs, Max no  
sell, 115 lbs

### Weigh-In/Tagging Dates:

Beef: Sat. January 31, 2026, 9  
am-11 am

Sheep, Goat, Swine: Wed. May  
27, 2026, 5-7 pm, Mon. June 1,  
2026 5-7 pm

- All market beef, sheep, swine, and goats must be tagged at a tagging and weigh-in date. Beef is usually late January, sheep, swine, and goats late May.
- Members are only allowed to sell one animal.
- Members and parents are required to attend a mandatory meeting at the beginning of fair explaining sale procedure.
- All members and parents must sign and turn in a sale consignment form before members are eligible to participate in the sale.
- **Members are highly encouraged to schedule a slaughter date for their sale animal prior to the fair. Make these appointments in January. The member's buyer will notify member if that date/facility is preferred.**
- Following the livestock sale, members must complete a thank-you to all buyers and turn it in to the Extension Office in a self-addressed, stamped UNSEALED envelope.
- It is common practice to make a buyer thank-you poster to display during the fair then deliver to buyer once fair is over.

# Volunteers:

## WYOMING 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAININGS SCHEDULE 2026

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### **JANUARY 20TH**

**TUESDAY / 6:00PM-7:30PM**

**TOPIC: SMART GOALS**



Enjoy a volunteer focused training on how to help 4-H members set SMART goals for the 4-H year. No matter what the project or club area focus is on, SMART goals are for everyone! This training will be interactive and give volunteers an opportunity to connect with other volunteers across the state. Registration required for access to the zoom link. You can register using the QR Code.

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### **FEBRUARY 17TH**

**TUESDAY / 6:00 PM - 7:30PM**

**TOPIC: COMMUNITY & SERVICE**



**SAVE THE DATE**

Join us for some great conversation, share ideas, and join a discussion on our featured topic "Community & Service". Share what it means to volunteer in your communities, it's benefits, ways to get more involved, and share your community service ideas with other volunteers across the state. This will be an interactive training giving you opportunities to connect and have deeper conversations with other volunteers. Registration required for access to the zoom link. You can register using the QR Code above.



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### **MARCH 31ST**

**TUESDAY / 6:00 PM - 7:30PM**

**TOPIC: MEANINGFUL MEETINGS**



Training focused on creating meaningful meetings and the tools and science behind techniques to accomplish this. No matter what type of gathering you are having; a club meeting, project meeting, or even just attending an activity. This training will be interactive and give you an opportunity to connect with other volunteers. Registration is required for access to the zoom link. You can register using the QR Code above.

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**FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT**

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Volunteer Specialist  
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# JANUARY Birthdays

**Pearl Miller**

**Madison Wilhelm**

**Cheyenne Johnson**

**Kaylee Rasnake**

**Carson Robbins**

**Lyza Cushman**

**Khloe Bjorneboe**

**Dillon Faris**

**Andrew Haecker**

**Huston Kuehler**

**Audri Sheeley**

**Sophie Meyer**

**Paxton Eppel**

**Wyatt Clevenger**

**Bryndle Johnson**

**Aspen Keil**

**Nash Kunde**

**Mitzi Byrd**

**June Werner**

**Paisley Chadwell**

**Benjamin Watson**

**Ryder Teten**

**Mya Connell**

**Bailey Milnes**

**Parker Jones**

**Shayla Hershey**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



# Upcoming Statewide Events:

## IGNITE BY 4-H

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**HOW**

### Applications

Application are currently open and open until full. Apply now to insure a spot!  
[https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/ignite\\_4\\_h](https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/ignite_4_h)

**WHEN & WHERE**

March 25-29, 2026  
Washington DC

**WHAT**

**“Where Possibilities are Endless!”**

Teens collaborate, create, and cultivate a passion for expanding their minds, and their world.

**WHY**

- Travel. Connect with Teens Nationwide. Explore Your Future.
- Experience Renowned Speakers, Hands-On Workshops, and Real-World Career Insights







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**JOIN US!**

## UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING EXTENSION

**JANUARY 22**

**SOUTH LINCOLN TRAINING  
& EVENTS CENTER  
KEMMERER, WY**

**10am - 3pm**



### PRESENTATION TOPICS

#### **Nutritional Impacts to the Cow Herd**

Chance Marshall | UW Extension

#### **Range Management**

Barton Stam | UW Extension

#### **Succession Planning**

Lacy Pauley | WY Dept. of Ag

#### **Wildfire Smoke & Cattle**

Mallery Larson | UW Extension

#### **Ranch Economics**

Jedidiah Hewlett | UW Extension



Southwest Wyoming Ag Days is for anyone interested in agriculture, ranching, or range management. This annual, FREE event will be rotating throughout SW Wyoming!

**Please RSVP by 1/15 to guarantee lunch!**

### TRADE SHOW FEATURES

**We are still accepting trade show vendors!**

**If you would like to host a booth, please contact McKenna at (307) 828-4093**

**Farm Credit Services**

**USDA Farm Service Agency**

**UW Sheep Task Force**

**UW Beef Team**

**Western Ag Credit**

**Conservation Districts**

**RSVP**

**McKenna Julian**

**(307) 828-4093 | mbrinton@uwyo.edu**

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## 7220 WOOL

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**JAN. 13, 2026**  
Albany County Fairgrounds, Laramie, WY

**4-H DIVISIONS IS AN OPEN PRACTICE CONTEST**

**Contest Events Include:**  
Breed Fleeces • Commercial Fleeces  
Grading Rail • Oral Reasons  
Value-Added Class • Live Animal Class

**REGISTRATION OPEN**

Learn More & Register Here: <https://bit.ly/26WI4H>




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Life Sciences, and  
Natural Resources

UW Sheep Program



NATIONAL WESTERN  THE SUPER BOWL OF LIVESTOCK SHOWS.  
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HOME > LIVESTOCK SHOWS > CATCH-A-CALF PROGRAM

## Catch-A-Calf Program

January 10-25, 2026

[Buy Tickets](#)

Powered by **ticketmaster**



# 4-H Graduation Cords

Spring graduates need to  
have ordered by April 19,  
2026!



Link to Order:

<https://forms.gle/ohS5h95MCd1whwT>

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# LEADER



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# Wyoming 4-H

## CIVIC DAY

CHEYENNE, WY  
FEBRUARY 2026  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

TO GET ON MAILING LIST  
FOR UPDATES SCAN HERE:





# 2026 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

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Laramie, WY 82071

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[Smack@uwyo.edu](mailto:Smack@uwyo.edu)

## Big Horn County, Basin, WY

- Dates - March 7-8, 2026
- [Registration : Big Horn County](#)

## Carbon County, Saratoga, WY

- Dates - March 21-22, 2026
- [Registration : Carbon County](#)

## Sweetwater County, Rock Springs, WY

- Dates - March 28-29, 2026
- [Registration: Sweetwater County](#)

## Crook County, Sundance, WY

- Dates - April 11-12, 2026
- [Registration: Crook County](#)

## Natrona County, Casper, WY

- Dates - April 25-26, 2026
- [Registration: Natrona County](#)

## Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting

- Date - February 21, 2026, Casper
- Hilton Garden Inn - 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."

INSPIRE



# NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

APRIL 10-15  
2026

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

## INFORMATION

- DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A ROLE IN MAKING CHANGE?
- YOUTH PRESENT IDEAS TO HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
- YOUTH WILL SEE D.C. AND MEET WITH OUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS.
- MEET OTHER 4-H YOUTH LIKE YOURSELF FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

## DETAILS

- YOUTH 15 - 18 YEARS OLD
- COST ESTIMATED AT \$2500 PER PERSON, SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE GIVEN.

## APPLICATIONS

- APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY OPEN, UNTIL REGISTRATION IS FULL
- [HTTPS://WYOMING4H.FORMSTACK.COM/FORMS/CONFERENCE\\_APP](https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/conference_app)

Wyoming 4-H



# SHOWCASE SHOWDOWN

LARAMIE, WYOMING  
JUNE 15-18 **2026**



- NIGHTLY EVENTS
- 13 STATE CONTEST
- 20± WORKSHOPS

## REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

### PACKAGE 1 - \$50

- Event Registration
- Meals Included: Dinner on Tuesday, Lunch on Thursday

### PACKAGE 2 - \$150

- Event Registration
- Lodging in Residence Halls
- All Meals (3x) at Dining Center

**ALL 4-H MEMBERS WELCOME  
INCLUDING CLOVERBUD AGE YOUTH!**

## THIS YEAR'S CONTESTS INCLUDE

- CAKE DECORATING
- DOG SKILL-A-THON
- FOOD COOK-OFF
- HORSE HIPPOLOGY
- HORSE JUDGING
- LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON
- IMPROMPTU PRESENTATION
- PREPARED PRESENTATION
- PRODUCE JUDGING
- ROBOTICS CONTEST
- TABLE SETTING
- HORSE QUIZ BOWL
- LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL

## NEW THIS YEAR:

- Horse and Livestock Quiz Bowl Contests
- BRAND NEW Residence Halls and Dining Center
  - Exclusive events for those who stay on campus
- UW Bus Transportation available from various areas throughout the state





# 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**
    - a. Select **Add Project**
      - i. If you are interested in
        1. Junior Leaders
        2. Livestock Judging Team
        3. Livestock Skillathon Team
- make sure to add them as a Club.
- i. ALL 4-H Members should Add MY 4-H YEAR/MY 4-H YEAR INVOLVEMENT as a Project in one Club, Select **Add Project**

**First Year 4-H Members**, make sure to add the First Year Member "CLUB". This will waive the Registration Fee.

- 6 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 when the Extension Office receives payment!**



# PLATTE COUNTY 4-H EXTENSION



## Contact Us Today



<https://wyoextension.org/plattecounty/4h-youth-development/>



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## Social Media

**Extension Page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/plattecountyextensionoffice/>

**Platte County 4-H Page**

**State 4-H Website:**

<https://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/>



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