

Happy, Happy, Happy New Year! I am so excited for all the great things that 2024 is going to bring to Weston County 4-H! I've been busy working on the 2024 4-H Calendar and have added a brand new page to the website that has everything in one place and a calendar that you can print if you choose. (take a look at page 3 and then use the QR code to jump to the website to check it out!).

A new year is when so many people think about new years resolutions and set some goals. It is a perfect time to think about what you'd like to gain from your 4-H experience this year and think about what things you will need to do to make them happen.



If you have not taken the time to get enrolled for the 2024 4-H year, this is your final reminder! I will clear out my email list in January and I don't want anyone to miss out on 4-H news if they are wanting to be involved. Reach out if you have any questions.

Here's to a great 2024!

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THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST
CHATTER IF YOU HAVE NOT
ENROLLED FOR THE 2024 YEAR!

UPCOMING DATES

January

January 1 - Enrollment Dues increase to \$20

January 1 & 2 - Extension Office Closed

January 8 - Shooting Sports Begins in Upton and Newcastle

January 8 - Fair Board Meeting

January 15 - Extension Office Closed

January 16 - Upton Cloverbuds

January 18 - Newcastle Tumbleweeds

January 19 - Food, Fun, 4-H Cooking Class

January 21 - Beef Tagging and Weigh In

January 30 - Volunteer Training



February

February 1 - Market Beef Ownership and Tagging Deadline

February 7 - Junior Livestock Meeting

February 9 - Food, Fun 4-H Cooking Class

February 12 - Shooting Sports County Shoot - Upton (.22) and Newcastle (Air Pistol)

February 12 - Shooting Sports County Shoot - Newcastle (Air Rifle)

February 12 - Fair Board Meeting

February 13 - Upton Cloverbuds

February 15 - Newcastle Tumbleweeds

February 19 - Extension Office Closed





Calendar

New the year on the website in the 4-H Calendar. Look ahead at the entire year!





2024

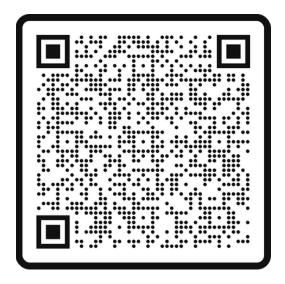
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	Extension Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Shooting Sports Begins - Upton and Newcastle Fair Board Meeting	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Extension Office Closed	16 Upton Cloverbuds	17	18 Newcastle Tumbleweeds	19 Food, Fun, 4-H	20
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https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/4h-youth-development/important-dates/



- See the Shooting Sports Calendars for all shooting sports dates
- Enrollment Fees have increased to \$20
- · Beef Weigh in and Tagging on January 21st!





2024 IMPORTANT DATES

January 21 - Beef Weigh In and Tagging

February 1 - Market Beef Ownership and Tagging Deadline

February 15 - 4-H Scholarship Deadline

March 20 - Farm School Applications Due

March 23 & 24 - Shooting Sports Leader Training

April 21 - 27 - National Volunteer Week

May 1 - Horse, Dog and Cat ID Forms Due

May 15 - Enrollment Deadline for all summer 4-H Activities

May 28 - Swine, Lamb & Goat Tagging and Weigh In

June 1 - Market Goat/Lamb/Swine and Breeding Livestock
Ownership Deadline

June 17 - Shooting Sports Awards

June 18 - 20 - Showcase Showdown

June 28-30 - 4-H Camp

July 3 - Fair Entry Deadline

July 3 - Horse Safety Certification Deadline

July 11-14 - State Shoot

July 15 - Fabric & Fashion Judging Day

July 16 - Carcass Contest

July 20-28 - Weston County Fair

July 30 - State Fair Meeting

August 12-17 - Wyoming State Fair

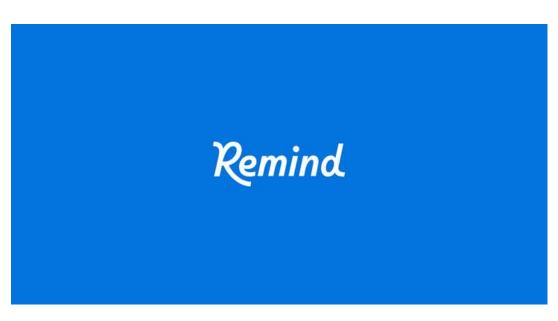
September 30 - 4-H Stories Due

October 6-12 - National 4-H Week

October 10 - 4-H Jubilee



How We Communicate



Remind is a communication platform that can reach students and parents via text or email. Remind allows us to quickly send notifications to an entire group about upcoming events, changes, cancellations, etc. There are 2 easy ways to join - go to the website address listed or text the @newcss to 81010. Please take a few moments and join the applicable Remind groups from the list below:

Weston County 4-H: rmd.at/weston4h or text @weston4h to 81010

Newcastle Shooting Sports - rmd.at/newcss or text @newcss to 81010

Dog Project: rmd.at/newcdog or text @newcdog to 81010

Food, Fun & 4-H: rmd.at/newcff4-h or text @newcff4-h to 81010

Newcastle Tumbleweeds: rmd.at/n4htumble or text @n4htumble to 81010

Robotics: rmd.at/newcrobots or text @newcrobots to 81010

Upton Cloverbuds: rmd.at/u4htumble or text @u4htumble to 81010



https://www.facebook.com/WESTONCOUNTY4H

WESTON COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Elk Mountain Outlaws

Leaders: Kami Lopez Next Meeting: January 21st

Kara Fladstol

2:00 PM
Fairgrounds Event Center

Making dog blankets for the animal shelter.

Dewey Wranglers

Leaders:Kendra Paulton
Dani Stearns

Next Meeting: TBA

Sagebrush Maids & Wranglers

Leaders:

Next Meeting:

Melinda Huff Becky Swentesky TBA

Borderline Bandits

Leader:

Crystal Stevens-Benson

Next Meeting: TBA

Prairie and Pines

Leaders:Kasi White
Nastel Dean

Next Meeting: February 19th 6:30 PM

Mrs. White's Classroom Upton Elementary School

Bring canned food to donate to the Food Bank

Stock Show Junkies

Leaders:

Briley & Ty Miller Hale & Alicia Redding Next Meeting: TBA

What is the benefit of being in a 4-H club ...

There are many benefits of being in a club; friendship and fellowship, opportunity for leadership development, plus strides in self-confidence, learning to work with others, communication skills, decision making, problem solving, citizenship, expanded horizons, organizational skills, respect for and from others, patience, tolerance, and real-world experience! The club leader will help you with decision making, keep you informed about project announcements and deadlines, and will be a great encouragement!

4-H Enrollment Info

4-H AGES

4-H Age is determined by your child's age as of January 1, 2024.

- Cloverbuds are 5-7 years old as of January 1
- Junior 4-H members are 8-10 years old as of January 1
- Intermediate 4-H members are 11-13 years old as of January 1
- Senior 4-H members are 14-18 years old as of January 1

HOW TO ENROLL

Visit https://4h.zsuite.org/ to complete your 4-H Enrollment

Below are tip sheets to help you create a new profile or access your current one.

The earlier in the 4-H Year that you complete your 4-H Membership (Enrollment) the more you will benefit from the 4-H program!

ENROLLMENT FEES

October 1 – 7th – National 4-H Week – no enrollment cost October 8th – December 31st – \$10 per member

January 1 – May 15th – \$20 per member

No cost for Cloverbud members

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Youth must be enrolled with active status in 4-H in order to participate in any 4-H activities. Enrollment fees are due at the time of enrollment. Please note: youth are not covered by the 4-H insurance until you have active status in ZSuite!

Youth must have active status by May 15th to participate in summer activities (camp, fair, etc.) This deadline will be strictly adhered to in 2024.



WYOMING 4-H PROJECTS



ANIMAL SCIENCES

- Beef Cattle
- Cats
- o Dogs
- Dairy Goats
- Meat Goats
- Horses
- Llamas & Alpacas
- Pocket Pets
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine
- Veterinary Science

HEALTHY LIVING

- Foods and Nutrition
- Gardeinging and Horticulture
- Health
- Outdoor Recreation

LEADERSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Civic Engagement
- Youth Leadership
- Self Determined

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Aerospace
- Computers
- Electricity
- Robotics

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Entomology
- Geology
- Nature & Ecology
- Range Management
- Shooting Sports
- Sportfishing
- Wildlife and Hunting

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

- Cake Decorating
- Crocheting
- Fabric and Fashion
- Interior Design
- Knitting
- Leathercraft
- Photography
- Quilting
- Ropecraft
- Visual Arts
- Woodworking
- Welding

FIND YOUR SPARK WITH A 4-H PROJECT



ZSuite 4-H Enrollment

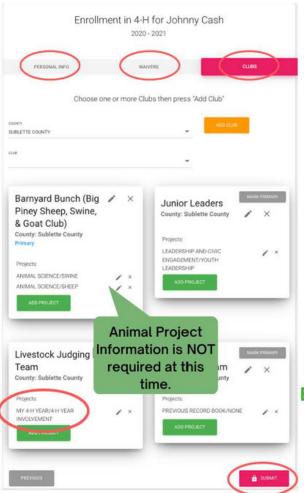
Existing Family Profile

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

- 1.Go to https://4h.zsuite.org/
- Use the same email & password you used to sign up, select LOGIN
- 3. Choose the **PRIMARY ACCOUNT** to enroll 4-H Members
- 4. You will see a list of all the household members and their current enrollment status.
 - a. Red = INACTIVE 4-H Member
 - b. Green = ACTIVE 4-H Member
- Select the 4-H Member's Name you wish to update, select ENROLL MEMBER NOW



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





- 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
 - 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

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!



ZSuite 4-H Enrollment

1.Go to https://4h.zsuite.org/

New Family Profile

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

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

- Select + Household Member
- 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
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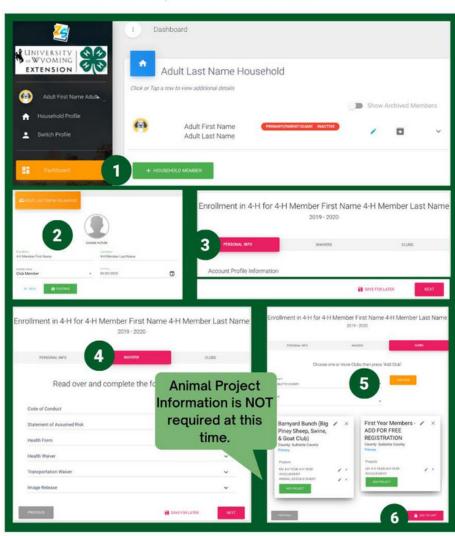
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CLOVERBUDS

The 4-H Cloverbuds Program in the University of Wyoming's 4-H program is a non-formal education program designed for children ages 5-7. Participation, safety, personal development, learning and fun are the highest priorities for Cloverbuds programs. Cloverbuds is designed to introduce young people to cooperative learning and the many things they can do in 4-H. These programs are adult led, activity-focused, and are built on cooperative learning rather than competition. There are two different Cloverbud clubs that meet in Upton and Newcastle.

UPTON SCHEDULE

January 16
February 13
March 19
April 16

You can join Upton Cloverbuds class at https://www.remind.com/join/u4htumble or by texting @u4htumble to 81010.

NEWCASTLE SCHEDULE

January 18
February 15
March 21
April 18

You can join Tumbleweeds class at https://www.remind.com/join/n4htumble or by texting @n4htumble to 81010.



FOODS AND NUTRITION PROJECT

January 19th Food, Fun & 4-H Workshop

2:00-4:00 PM Extension Office RSVP January 17





BEEF PROJECT

Market Beef Weigh In and Tagging January 21st, 2024

2:00 PM
Rankin's Corrals
3 Miles South of Upton on HWY 116

OWNERSHIP DEADLINE

February 1, 2024

- You MUST be enrolled in 4-H and have ACTIVE status by January 19th to weigh your market beef
- All market beef shall be owned and tagged with an EID by February 1
- Ownership paperwork must be submitted by February 1
 - Brand Inspection
 - Statement of ownership
- 4-H or FFA designation must be made at tagging

COUNTY FAIR WEIGHTS:

MARKET STEER MINIMUM WEIGHT: 1100 POUNDS

MARKET HEIFER MINIMUM WEIGHT: 1050 POUNDS



BEEF PROJECT

4-H BEEF NUTRITION & MANAGEMENT

February 20, 2024

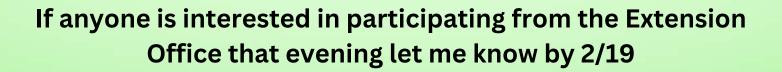
6pm

Washakie County Ext. Office

Attend in person or via zoom Register here for a zoom link: https://forms.gle/x5KQzdxuKqFzgpHCA

Learn all about feeding, nutrition and management of your market beef project from Chance Marshall, Sr ANR Educator from Fremont County for the University of Wyoming Extension





SHEEP AND GOAT PROJECTS

May 28 - Swine, Goat and Lamb Tagging and Weigh In

June 1 - Ownership Deadline for all market and breeding animals

July 16 - Carcass Contest

July 20-27 - Weston County Fair



Leggett's You Gotta Believe Livestock Camps

Gillette, WY - June 4th and 5th Cheyenne, WY - June 6th and 7th

https://ygblivestockcamps.com/campschedule.html



Save the Date! The 307 Northeast Livestock Show Clinic will be June 6 & 7, 2024 for beef, sheep, swine, and goats. Watch for more details about our fabulous clinicians!

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

Shooting Sports Season is HERE!

Make sure that you have read the new Weston County Shooting Sports Guidelines, turned in your parent agreement form and paid your shooting fees prior to January 8th when practice begins.

The entire practice schedule for all of the disciplines can be found on the website. The website also has the Upton and Newcastle Shooting Sports calendars for you to look at and print.



Please take a few moments and make sure that you have joined the Remind class for shooting sports (https://www.remind.com/join/newcss) and that you follow the Weston County Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/WESTONCOUNTY4H)

January 8th
6:30 PM
.22 Rifle and .22 Pistol Practice

Upton Gun Club 710 Ash Street Upton, WY Leaders: Cliff Abbott Nick White

Upton				
Finnley Todd	.22 Rifle, Archery			
Tanner Taft	.22 Rifle, Archery			
Rylee Loebe	.22 Pistol,.22 Rifle,Shotgun,Archery,Muzzleloader			
Tanner Taft	.22 Rifle, Archery			
Trevon White	Air Pistol, Air Rifle, . 22 Pistol, . 22 Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader			
Tevon White	Air Pistol, Air Rifle, . 22 Pistol, . 22 Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader			
Ryder Hamilton	Air Pistol, Air Rifle, . 22 Pistol, . 22 Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader			
Kashus Keller	.22 Rifle, Archery			
Myles Jenkins	.22 Rifle			
Josie Dean	Air Rifle, Archery			
Laila Vaughn	.22 Pistol, .22 Rifle, Archery			

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

Members must be at practice 10 minutes before scheduled time (if you are not there when the line starts your place may be lost.

If a practice must be cancelled due to weather, etc. notification will be posted on Remind, Facebook and an email will be sent. Please make sure you are signed up for the Shooting Sports Remind class so that you are notified of any changes.

Newcastle

Air Pistol Practice Schedule
January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, February 5th
County Shoot - February 12th

County Shoot Tebraary 12th							
4:00 PM	4:45 PM	5:30 PM	6:15 PM				
Ava Malsam	Riggin Hammons	Anden Dixon	Lillian Lopez				
Brady Christensen	Thatcher Benson		Laila Lopez				
	McCall Benson		Sidney Baker				
	Tanner Lenardson		Liam Gregory				
	Roman Diaz		Samuel Ferguson				
	Caleb Diaz		Peter Keeler				
			Dantae DeMerritt				
			Avery DeMerritt				

Weston County Sportsman's Club 3002 Divide Ave Newcastle, WY

Air and .22 Leaders: Rick Wehri Galen Stafford

Newcastle

Air Rifle Practice Schedule
January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, February 6th
County Shoot - February 13th

County Shoot - February 13th							
4:00 PM	4:45 PM	5:30 PM	6:15 PM				
Hailey Reiniger	Tanner Lenardson	Alice Keeler	Lillian Lopez				
Brady Christensen	Roman Diaz		Laila Lopez				
Ava Malsam	Caleb Diaz		Liam Gregory				
			Samuel Ferguson				
			Morgan Tysdal				
			Peter Keeler				
			Dantae DeMerritt				
			Avery DeMerritt				
			Connor Stolhammer				
			Waylon Stolhammer				

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

If you are interested in becoming a certified shooting sports leader, please plan to attend the shooting sports leader training to be held here in Newcastle in March.

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.







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Wyoming State 4-H Foundation

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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." Join the



Get Cookings



Who: Anyone interested in learning to cook, trying new recipes and having fun! This is a great activity if you are enrolled in Foods and Nutrition or you just want to learn to cook!

When: December 2023 - April 2024



What: Food, Fun, 4-H is an at home activity that you can do when you have time.

Recipes and an activity are released at the beginning of each month and you are encouraged to try 2 recipes and then answer 3 questions and submit 2 photos.

Why: Learn new cooking skills, try new food, earn cooking gadgets, get ideas for fair entries and HAVE FUN!

Where: Your home kitchen (and some of the Extension Offices are hosting cooking workshops)



https://wyoextension.org/weston county/wyoming-food-fun-4-h/

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



Jr. Livestock Committee

Next Meeting: February 7th @ 5:30 PM at Event Center



Fair Board

Next Meeting: January 8th @ 6:30 PM at Fairgrounds

> Fair Superintendent Meeting January 22nd

Members:
David Kline
Billy Jackson
Francie Hamilton
Mason Kaiser
Teigen Marchant

2024 Weston County Fair
July 20-28th, 2024
Wyoming State Fair
August 12-17th, 2024

MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER



What is Community Service?

Community Service is voluntary work intended to help others without any payment or benefit in return.

WHY IS COMMUNITY SERVICE IMPORTANT?

Community Service teaches youth about the importance of giving back. It can strengthen a club or group. It boosts member commitment and involvement by giving members meaningful activiites. It fulfills the "hands to larger service" part of the 4-H Pledge.

Looking for ideas? Keep an eye on this page of the Chatter each month, talk to Erin, ask your club leader, teacher or parent and keep an eye out for events that are looking for volunteers.

IDEAS

- donate pet food to a local animal shelter or rescue
- clean up a vacant lot
- plant flowers in public areas
- visit a nursing home
- donate food to the local food bank
- deliver holiday cards to the senior center, nursing home, hospital, etc.
- Organize a food drive
- shovel snow for a neighbor

Weston County Senior Center

> Carolyn 746-4903

> > Weston County Food Banks

> > > BREAD Office

746-3542

Upton Food Bank 307-941-0553





The Congressional Award was established in 1979 to "recognize initiative, service, and achievement in young people." It is non-partisan, voluntary, and noncompetitive. The program is open to all youth regardless of ability, circumstance, or socioeconomic status. It is a life-changing commitment.

The Congressional Award is the United States Congress' award for young Americans. It is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive. The program is open to all youth regardless of ability, circumstance, or socioeconomic status. Participants earn Bronze, Silver, and Gold Certificates and Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas; Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration.

Earning the Award is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you'd like to try for the first time. You move at your own pace, on your own or with your friends. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for achieving your own challenging goals.

Regardless of your situation, you can earn The Congressional Award. The Congressional Award has no minimum grade point average requirements. It accommodates young people with special needs or disabilities who are willing to take the challenge.

For More Information: Board Member ZETA NUCKOLLS ANDERSON

zeta.anderson@gmail.com

BEHOLD THE SANCTUM OF SELFLESSNESS: THE VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteers Needed:

November:

- Volunteers to teach workshops in all project areas
- Help at Food, Fun 4-H
 Cooking Club on
 December 8th
- Help at the Pillowcase Workshop on December 15th

General Needs:

- Volunteers to teach workshops in all project areas
- Project leaders
- 4-H Camp volunteers
- Teen Leader project leader

Contact Erin via phone or email to volunteer for these activities



Volunteer Training

January 30th 6:00 PM Extension Office RSVP by 1/29

Each volunteer has to complete a training every 5 years that they are enrolled as a volunteer. New volunteers must also complete a training in their first year.

OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT ****



THE STATE



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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https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/



Weston Extension:

https://www.facebook.com/WestonCountyExtension

Weston County 4-H:

https://www.facebook.com/WESTONCOUNTY4H

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