

Erin's Notes

The days are flying by faster than I would like! Camp and County Fair will be here before we know it! There is information on registering for both included in this newsletter. Make sure to mark the deadlines on your calendars so you don't miss them!

Thank you all for letting me enjoy these first months with Whitley and becoming a family of 4! I know I haven't been as available as I usually am nor have I returned messages very quickly. My plan is to continue to be in to the office Monday's and occasionally a few extra hours here and there. Please reach out to Kristi if you have any questions and we will make sure to get everyone an answer. Again, thank you for being so patient and kind this summer.

There are some great learning opportunities happening in June that I hope you'll take advantage of! Information is included in the Project News section of the Chatter.

The new scale is installed and operational at the Fairgrounds and we can weigh livestock (including steers) at any point. Just call the Extension Office to schedule a time!

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to better living

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for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

UPCOMING DATES



June

June 1 - Ownership Deadline for all breeding animals

June 4 - Robotics Mini Contest

June 5 - Junior Livestock Committee Meeting

June 10 - Fair Board Meeting

June 17 - Shooting Sports Awards

June 18-20 - Showcase Showdown

June 19 - 4-H Camp Registration Deadline

June 22 - Dog Clinic and Mock Show

June 29 - 4-H Camp

July

July 3 - Fair Entries and Horse Safety Certifications are Due

July 3 - Junior Livestock Committee Meeting

July 4 - Happy 4th of July - Extension Office Closed

July 8 - Fair Board Meeting

July 11-14 - Wyoming State Shoot in Douglas

July 15 - Fabric and Fashion Judging Day

July 16 - Ultrasound Contest

July 17 - County Fair Set Up

July 19-28 - Weston County Fair - see FAIR SCHEDULE

July 30 - State Fair Meeting



Calendar

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

https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/4hyouth-development/important-dates/



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 29 - 4-H C - 4-H Campamp

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 17 - Fair Set Up Day

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









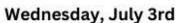




Weston County Fair 2024 "BACK TO THE 805"

4-H Schedule





· Fair Entries Deadline

Monday, July 15th

 Fabric & Fashion, Quilting, Knitting and Fashion Revue Judging - 10:00 AM - Senior Center

Tuesday, July 16th

Carcass Contest - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, July 17th

· Fair Set Up Night - 6:00 PM

Friday, July 19th

Cat Show - 2:00 PM

Sunday, July 21st

Parade Line Up - 12:00 PM

Parade - 1:00 PM

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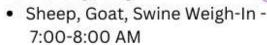
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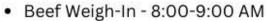
- Horse Show 8:00 AM
- Public Fashion Revue 7:00 PM Senior Center

Tuesday, July 23rd

- Dog Show 8:00 AM
- Static Exhibit Check-In 9:00 AM 7:00 PM
- Rabbit and Poultry Check-In 5:30-7:30 PM
- Horse Show Awards 6:00 PM

Wednesday, July 24th





- · Rabbit Show 9:00 AM
- Static Exhibit Interview Judging -10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- All Livestock Exhibitors Meeting 1:00 PM - Show Ring
- Swine Show 7:00 PM

Thursday, July 25th

- Sheep and Goat Show 8:00 AM
- Poultry Show 1:00 PM
- Robotics Showcase 5:00 PM

Friday, July 26th

- Beef Show 8:00 AM
- Pet Show 11:00 AM
- Round Robin Contest 1:00 PM
- Junior Livestock BBQ 4:30 PM
- Junior Livestock Sale 6:00 PM

Saturday, July 27th

 Static Exhibits Released - 1:00-4:00 PM

Tuesday, July 30th

State Fair Meeting - 6:00 PM

Fair Entry Deadline: July 3rd

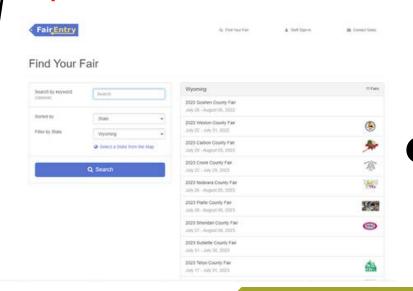
Step 1: http://www.fairentry.com

Step 2: Find Your Fair

Step 3: Login (use account from last year or create a new one)

Step 4: Create Entries

Step 5: Submit!





Full instructions on how to enter exhibits into Fair Entry can be found on the Weston County 4-H Website under the Fair Information Tab.

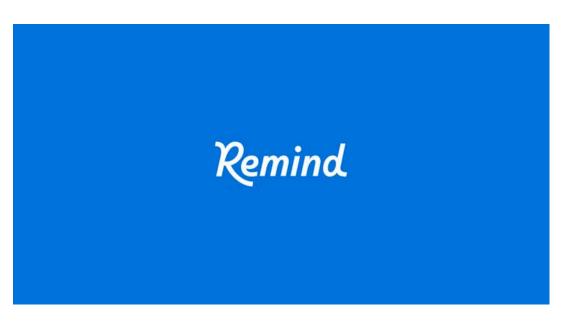


Tips for Exhibitors making Online Entries:

- Recommended browsers: Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox. Older versions of Internet Explorer may cause unexpected results.
- Register all entries for each exhibitor in the family before proceeding to the Payment section.
- Be sure to click the "Submit" button when you have completed your entries. Entries are not final until they have been submitted.
- Check your email inbox for a confirmation email with a list of your entries and any related fees.
- You will receive a second email when your entries have been approved by your fair.

Just because you are enrolled in 4-H, does not mean that you are automatically registered to take those projects to county fair! Entries must be submitted via FairEntry by July 3rd to be eligible for County Fair!

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:

Next Meeting:

Kami Lopez

June 23rd 2:00 PM

Fairgrounds Event Center

Dewey Wranglers

Leaders:Kendra Paulton
Dani Stearns

Next Meeting: TBA

Sagebrush Maids & Wranglers

Leaders:

Next Meeting:

Melinda Huff Becky Swentesky

Borderline Bandits

Leader:

Crystal Stevens-Benson

Next Meeting:
No meetings in June or
July!

Prairie and Pines

Leaders:Kasi White
Nastel Dean

Next Meeting: June 3rd

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!



Your 4-H Story

Creating Your Own 4-H Legacy





"The Magic of Your 4-H Story" A Captivating Story to Share

Who: Each 4-H member should write and submit a 4-H Story each year. This will replace the traditional record books of the past.

What is the 4-H Story: Your 4-H Story is the final chapter of your 4-H year. It is a way to capture the highlights of your 4-H experiences, a place to show your growth and the impact that 4-H has had on your life during the past year. It is your personal story of what 4-H means to you! It becomes a record of your time in 4-H that you can keep for the future to share with your children when they become 4-H members!

Submitting Your 4-H Story: A typed or handwritten story. There are no requirements for length, style, format, etc. This is your chance to let your creative voice shine.

Where to submit: Use the online form or drop a hardcopy off at the Extension Office.

- Link: https://bit.ly/4608yze
- · Located on the website:
- · QR Code:



When: Deadline for 2024 4-H Stories is September 30th. Stories can be submitted anytime throughout the 4-H year. If you only participate in shooting sports, write your story and submit it in March! You can start writing your story now and add to it throughout the year.

Why: Your 4-H Story is the summary of your 4-H year and it is a place to reflect on your experiences, capture your memories and create a record of your achievements. Your 4-H Stories will be used to highlight outstanding 4-H members on Facebook and in the local newspapers, in the Extension Office window, to showcase all of the different projects that 4-H offers and as a marketing tool for 4-H in Weston County.



Crafting Your 4-H Story

This is **YOUR** story! Write it in your own words and let your voice shine through. Tell about the best and worst moments of your 4-H experience this year. Did you try something new this year and absolutely love it? Or maybe you decided that new thing really wasn't for you. How did the skills you learned in 4-H help you in other areas of your life?

Weaving Your 4-H Story

- · Introduce yourself
- Why did you join 4-H?
- Talk about your projects and your goals
- · Highlight learning experiences and unusual situations that the year held
- Explain how 4-H has helped you to become a better leader and citizen
- Share how you were involved in your club, county and community events
- Showcase your favorite parts of 4-H
- What do you want to improve upon or do differently next year?
- Tell about how you have changed or grown as a person as a result of your involvement in your projects and 4-H this year
- Explain how you could use the life and/or project skills you learned from being in 4-H in other areas of your life
- Talk about your experiences at County Fair, Showcase Showdown, State Fair and other 4-H events
- · How did you help others members, volunteers, your community, etc.

Tips

- · Proofread!
- Read your story out loud to someone this is a great way to find mistakes and rough wording.
- · Be creative you can use humor, poetry, quotes, etc. to create your story





Catching my very first fish at my first 4-H Camp



Shooting archery at the 2023 Sta Shoot. I placed 9th in the Senio



Champion of Champions Market Lamb Show at the Wyoming State Fair. What an amazing experience, even if my lamb hated the drone!

ADDING MAGIC TO YOUR 4-H STORY WITH PICTURES

A picture is worth a thousand words

- Select up to 5 photos to submit with Your 4-H Story
- · Choose pictures that help tell your story
- Highlight your projects and your major accomplishments
- · Show that you are learning
- Fill out the captions
- Photos can create a sense of place, personality, or emotion more clearly and quickly than the written word
- Images powerfully confirm and expand upon what we read in the text



Competing in the Robotics Contest at Showcase Showdown. We had the Champion Team!



Helping make cookies for the First Northern Bank Open House. What a fun community service project!

34 SUPERBUDE

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.



Cloverbuds at Camp

June 29th 9:45 - Arrive at Mallo 10:00-12:00 - Camp Activities 12:00-1:00 - Lunch 1:00 - Head Home

Register at ZSuite

NEWCASTLE SCHEDULE

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

UPTON SCHEDULE

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



- · July 3rd Fair Entries Due
- July 22 Fashion Revue @ 7 PM need to enter on Fair Entry
- July 23 Static Exhibits to Event Center - 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- July 24th Static Exhibit **Judging at Event Center**
- · July 26 Cloverbud Pet Show @ 11:00 AM

Cloverbuds can also do Peewee Showmanship at County Fair during the livestock shows. Do not need to preenter, just be there before the show begins.

DIVISION 442: TUMBLEWEEDS
Pre 4-H Program
SUPERINTENDENT:
NO PREMIUM PAID • PARTICIPATION RIBBONS ONLY
RULES:

- This class is open to those youth who are enrolled in This class is open to those youth who are enrolled in the Turnbleweds project through the Weston County Cooperative Extension Office.

 A member may have unlimited entries.

 Animals will be shown Friday at 11:30 a.m. under the Clay Ertman Memorial.

 Each child must be in total control of their animal: parents, friends, and other relatives, may not enter the

- ents, friends, and other relatives may not enter the show ring unless child needs assistance.
- Animals are to be brought in just prior to the show and are to be removed from the grounds immediately fol-
- on-animal exhibits will be released 1-4 p.m. on Sat-rday. No items may be removed before this time.

ANIMALS CLASS DESCRIPTION

105: Dog	106: Cat
107: Burn Lamb or Kid Goat	108: Rabbit or Poultry
	animal project or the size of the child.)

EXHIBITS CLASS DESCRIPTION

110: Arts and crafts	111: Foods and Nutrition
112: Sewing	113: Gardening and Horti- culture
114: Any other	r non, animal item

CONTESTS CLASS DESCRIPTION

115: Presentations Contest 116: Fashion Revue

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



CAMP DETAILS

Cloverbuds 10 AM - 1 PM 4-H'ers 8 AM - 7 PM

Archery, rifle, dance, fishing and more camp favorite activities!

QUESTIONS

Weston County Extension Office 307-746-3531 westncty@uwyo.edu

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Cost: \$10 per camper

Registration Deadline: June 19th (no late registrations)

Registration Link

https://4h.zsuite.org/eventregistrations/29811







SWINE PROJECT

Join us in going whole hog in the fight against food insecurity in Wyoming!





86,000 of our neighbors struggle with food insecurity. Fair to Fork is making a difference.

Sources of high-quality protein are notoriously expensive and difficult to procure for local food pantries, but we can help. Wyoming Hunger Initiative's Fair to Fork program will purchase one secondary hog — through a lottery selection — from every county in Wyoming. Visit with your local 4-H educator or FFA advisor to learn more!

Join us. It's as easy as 1-2-3!

- Sign up for the lottery through your local University of Wyoming Extension Office or scan the QR code.
- If you are selected, your hog will be purchased for \$500.

 It will then be processed (at no cost to you) by a participating
 USDA or state-licensed facility, then donated to a local antihunger organization of your choice in your community.
- Come to the Wyoming State Fair to be recognized by Governor Mark Gordon and First Lady Jennie Gordon!











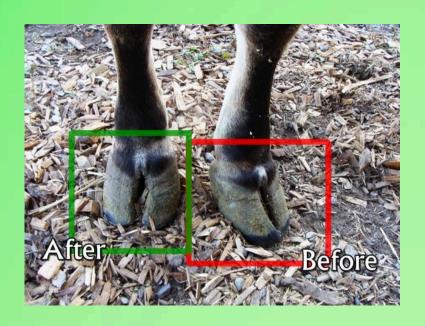
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Get signed up via the QR code shown below by July 1st. One youth from Weston County will be chosen in 2024. Please let me know if you have any questions. This is a great way to help our community and if you are already raising a second market pig this is the perfect place for

it to go.

BEEF PROJECT



Beef Hoof Trimming
Date for June coming
soon! Watch your email
for details!



COUNTY FAIR WEIGHTS:

MARKET STEER MINIMUM WEIGHT: 1100 POUNDS

MARKET HEIFER MINIMUM
WEIGHT: 1050 POUNDS

BEEF WORKSHOP

June 22nd

with Sara Rankin

Weston County Fairgrounds

8:00 AM - mid afternoon

Bring your steer and come learn about hair care,
feed, showmanship and more

RSVP by June 19th to

westncty@uwyo.edu or 746-3531

DOG PROJECT

Practice Schedule:

- June 2 @ 4:30 PM
- June 16 @ 4:30 PM
- June 22 Dog Clinic and Mock Show (more details to come)
- June 30 @ 4:30 PM
- July 14 @ 4:30 PM
- July 23 Dog Show at County Fair



Leaders:

Kendra Paulton
Lauren Pickle
Stephanie Kline
Cathy McAtee

Make sure to join the Remind group for all the up-to-date notifications at: https://www.remind.com/join/newcdog

ROBOTICS PROJECT

Practice Schedule
June 13th

<u>Leader</u> Caleb Carter

Practice will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Forest Service Building (1225 Washington Blvd.)

Showcase Showdown
June 18th-20th
Laramie, WY



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



June 18th
6:00 PM
Sheep and Goat Showing Tips
with Emily Teigen
Weston County Fairgrounds Show Arena
RSVP by June 17th to
westncty@uwyo.edu or 746-3531

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

Shooting Sports Awards
June 17th
6:00 PM
Events Center
RSVP by June 14th to
westncty@uwyo.edu or 746-3531
Bring a side dish to share

State Shoot
July 11-14, 2024
Registration Deadline: June 17th



All youth who participated in the county shoot for each discipline are eligible to compete at State Shoot for Weston County. For more information follow the QR Code

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

Bowling Pin Shoot



<u>2024</u>

Weston County Sportsman's Club

Newcastle, Wy, Rifle and Pistol Range

Centerfire and Rimfire Pistol Categories Registration Opens at 9am Competition Begins at 10am

Dates:

May 25, 2024 June 22, 2024 July 27, 2024 August 24, 2024 September 28, 2023



Cost: \$10.00

Youth Classes are free with a \$50.00 prize!

www.westoncountyshooting.net

June 1 & 2, 2024

EXTREME SHOOT

6 miles East of Newcastle on Highway 16

At the old Gravel Pit ~ Signs will be posted on highway

Registration table open from 8am – 2pm both days

\$25 per person per day / \$10 per kid per day 11 & under

Come join us for 2 days of fun & EXTREME style shooting

3.5 - 4 miles hike so dress appropriately

& expect 3-4 hours to complete

No scores, No payback JUST FOR FUN!

(Score cards will be available if you want them)

40 Rinehart Targets bring your rangefinders!

Enter the Clay Pigeon Shoot at \$5 an arrow for a chance to win a Dark Owl Archery Stealth 41 scope!



Any Questions, contact us!

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HORSE PROJECT

Horse Safety Certifications

Deadline July 3, 2024

Please check the website for the current list of horses that have ID forms and safety certifications complete. There are several levels to the safety certification, so please check this as well.

A date for safety certifications will be emailed to all members enrolled in horse in ZSuite as soon as a date is set.



Jr. Livestock Committee

Next Meeting: June 5th @ 6:00 PM at Event Center



Fair Board

Next Meeting:
June 10th
@ 6:30 PM
at Fairgrounds

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





Wyoming Legislation has launched a match funding challenge for the Wyoming State Fair Endowment. If we can raise \$500,000 by June 1, 2024, they will give us \$500,000. To meet this goal we need your help! We have already launched a Text2Give donation option and hosted a Fundraising concert but there is still much to do!

Some 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters are joining forces with us to help meet this goal. We've crafted a fun and unique way for them to participate, and their hard work will be handsomely rewarded. The club or chapter that raises the most funds will receive an exclusive first pick of our exciting rewards. We are immensely grateful to Wyoming FFA & 4-H for their invaluable support and dedication to the Wyoming State Fair's vibrant future.

> For more details or to join this campaign, please reach out to Rindy West. Your involvement is crucial in securing the future of the Wyoming State Fair. Together, we can make this happen! Thank you for supporting the WSF Endowment Campaign!

RECOGNITION LEVELS

- \$500 Donations
- \$1000 Donations
- Top 3 Donations



PRIZES FOR THE TOP 3 CONTRIBUTORS

- · Golf Cart for the week of State Fair
- · First choice of a livestock trailer spot
- Old-fashioned ice cream party at State Fair



TEXT "WYFAIR" TO 243725 TO DONATE NOW

Last year Wyoming State Fair launched the Wyoming State Fair Exhibitor newsletter. The Newsletter covers changes (weigh cards, drug testing, new premium book categories), deadlines, and important dates which are great assets for participants. Please use link or QR code to sign up for the mailing list. https://wystatefair.us9.listmanage.com/subscribe? u=003e444153b7b948315ce90b0&id =85c6511bbc





For More Information: **Board Member** ZETA NUCKOLLS ANDERSON

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The Congressional Award was established in 1979 to "recognize initiative, service, and achievement in young people." It is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive. 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.

BEHOLD THE SANCTUM OF SELFLESSNESS: THE VOLUNTEER CORNER



WYOMING 4-H VOLUNTEER SUMMIT

Join 4-H volunteers from around the region to learn more about how to develop active, vibrant 4-H clubs and project learning opportunities.



WHERE: CASPER, WY

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 27TH-29TH

WHO: ANY CURRENT OR POTENTIAL 4-H

VOLUNTEER

COST: \$100 -- MEALS AND

PROGRAMMING INCLUDED, LODGING

ON YOUR OWN

Workshops, sharing, networking, and FUN!





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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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