



# Weston County CHATTER



## May 2025

### Erin's Notes

Welcome to the wild and crazy month of May which just prepares us for the craziness of June, July and August! I'm still in shock that we put August on the big 4-month calendar this morning. Looking ahead on the 4-H calendar has me super excited for the upcoming months. There are so many awesome activities, project meetings and opportunities to learn and try new things and I am still working on lots more so make sure to watch for the "This Week in Weston County 4-H" emails, Facebook posts and Remind messages to keep you up to date on all of the things. If you have a project area you'd like to see a fun workshop in, have a skill you'd like to share with the 4-H youth or any other great ideas, I would love to hear them!

4-H Camp planning is well underway and we are so excited to be planning for overnight this year. Teen Leader applications are available on the website and camp registration is open via ZSuite. Registration will close on May 20<sup>th</sup> and we are limiting to the first 70 campers who register.

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**Beyond  
Ready**

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**Camp Countdown - 56 days**  
**County Fair Countdown - 84 days**



# UPCOMING DATES



## May

- May 1 - Horse, Dog and Cat ID Form Deadline
- May 4 & 5 - Archery Blue Face County Shoot
- May 7 - Junior Livestock Committee Meeting
- May 11 - Archery 3D County Shoot
- May 12 - Fair Board Meeting
- May 15 - Enrollment Deadline for all summer activities
- May 20 - Camp Registration Deadline
- May 26 - Extension Office Closed
- May 27 - Swine, Goat and Lamb Tagging and Weigh-In
- May 29 - Teen Leader Camp Meeting

## June

- June 1 - Ownership deadline for all breeding livestock
- June 2 - Muzzleloading County Shoot
- June 4 - Junior Livestock Committee Meeting
- June 7 - WYO 21 Dog Clinic and Show
- June 10 - Project Palooza Day Camp
- June 12 - Horse Clinic
- June 16 - Shooting Sports Awards Dinner
- June 17-19 - Showcase Showdown
- June 27-29 - 4-H Camp



## Calendar

Look ahead at the entire year!

<https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/4h-youth-development/important-dates/>



# 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

January 19- 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

April 20 - 26 - National Volunteer Week

**May 1 - Horse, Dog and Cat ID Forms Due**

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

**May 27 - Swine, Lamb & Goat Tagging and Weigh In**

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

**June 16 - Shooting Sports Awards**

**June 17 - 19 - Showcase Showdown**

**June 27 - 29 - 4-H Camp**

**July 3 - Fair Entry Deadline**

**July 3 - Horse Safety Certification Deadline**

**July 10-13 - State Shoot**

**July 21 - Fabric & Fashion Judging Day**

**July 22 - Carcass Contest**

**July 23 - Fair Set Up Day**

**July 25 - August 3 - Weston County Fair**

**August 5 - State Fair Meeting**

**August 11-16 - Wyoming State Fair**

**September 15 - Your 4-H Stories Due**

**September 19 - Cloverbud Celebration**

**October 1 - New 4-H Year Begins**

**October 5 - 11 - National 4-H Week**

**October 11 - 4-H Jubilee**

**November 17 - Passport to 4-H Adventures**





# WESTON COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

## Elk Mountain Outlaws

**Leaders:**  
Kami Lopez

**Next Meeting:**  
**June 8**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Event Center**

## Dewey Wranglers

**Leaders:**  
Kendra Paulton  
Dani Stearns

**Next Meeting:**  
**No meeting in May**

## Sagebrush Maids & Wranglers

**Leaders:**  
Erin Persche

**Next Meeting:**  
**June 12th**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Extension Office**

## Borderline Bandits

**Leader:**  
Crystal Stevens-Benson

**Next Meeting:**  
**No Meeting in May**

## Prairie & Pines

**Leaders:**  
Kasi White  
Nastel Dean

**Next Meeting:**  
**June 2nd**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Plant Flowers**

## 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!

# 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

## NEWCASTLE SCHEDULE

**No Meeting in May**  
**June 28 - 4-H Camp**  
**July 26-August 2 - County Fair**  
**September 19 - Cloverbud Celebration**

You can join Upton Cloverbuds class at  
<https://www.remind.com/join/u4hclover>  
or by texting @u4htumble to 81010.

You can join Tumbleweeds class at  
<https://www.remind.com/join/n4hclover>  
or by texting @n4htumble to 81010.





# JR. LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

Next Meeting:  
May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM  
at Event Center



## Members

Hale Redding	Rebecca Kelton
Curtis Rankin	Morgan Loepp
David Kline	Sara Rankin
Stephanie Kline	Katrina Tysdal
JD Rhoades	Rebecca Bennett
Cindy Rhoades	Grace Sandrini
Nastel Dean	
Erin Persche	

## FRIENDS OF FAIR

Friends of the Fair is a non-profit organization to benefit the Weston County Fairgrounds. The purpose is to encourage and stimulate use of the grounds and to help the fair board have the highest quality fair.

Next Meeting:  
May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM  
at Event Center

Contact Megan Stith or  
message Weston County  
Friends of Fair on Facebook

## FAIR BOARD

Next Meeting:  
May 12th  
@ 6:30 PM  
at Fairgrounds

Members:  
Billy Jackson  
Francie Hamilton  
Mason Kaiser  
Teigen Marchant



**2025 Fair Dates**

**County Fair: July 25-August 3**



**Wham, Boom, Pow! A Superhero County Fair!**

**State Fair: August 11-16**



**CROOK/NIOBRARA/WESTON**

# **4-H CAMP**



**Who:** All 4-H members in Crook, Niobrara and Weston Counties  
~Teen Leaders (14 and up) - see next page for more info  
Campers (8-13 years)  
Cloverbuds (5-7 years)  
~Limited to first 70 youth to register

**When:** June 28-29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Where:** Mallo Camp, Weston County

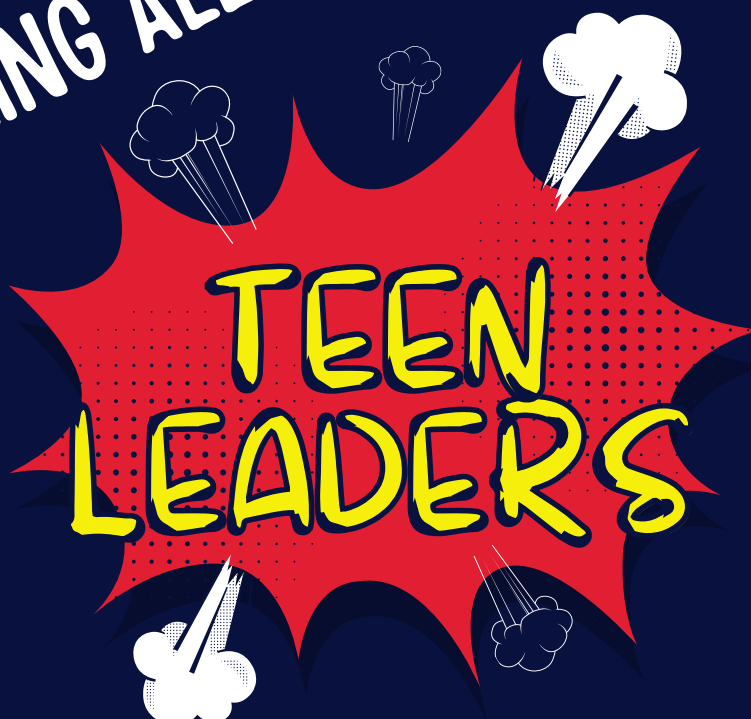
**Why:** 4-H summer camps empower kids with lifelong skills, helping them grow into confident leaders. Grounded in a research-backed model, 4-H camp fosters resilience, independence, and personal growth. Through hands-on experiences and challenges, campers build the skills they need to thrive in life, careers, and communities.

**Cost:** \$40 (payment due at registration)

**Registration:** Via ZSuite

**Registration Deadline:** May 20, 2025

CALLING ALL



# TEEN LEADERS

OPEN TO ALL 4-H  
MEMBERS 14 AND OLDER  
(AS OF 1/1/25)

## CAMP PLANNING MEETING

May 29th  
6:30 PM  
Extension Office

Teen Leader Applications: Due May 20th

Register via ZSuite

Teen leaders will come to camp on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and will spend the day setting up camp, completing leadership training, have fun and spend the night to be ready to greet campers early on June 28th.

TEEN LEADER APPLICATIONS  
ARE ON THE WEBSITE







# **HATS OFF TO OUR 4-H GRADUATES!**

## Celebrating Our 4-H Graduates: Beyond Ready

As graduation approaches, we're proud to recognize the Weston County 4-H members who are completing their senior years. Each Tuesday and Thursday, we're sharing Senior Spotlights on Facebook to celebrate their achievements.

These inspiring young people reflect on their favorite 4-H memories, how the program shaped who they are, their plans for the future, and advice for younger members. Their stories are a powerful reminder that 4-H does more than build skills — it grows leaders who are beyond ready for what's next.

Join us in congratulating the Weston County  
4-H Class of 2025!

**READY THEN. READY NOW. READY FOR ANYTHING.**



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# 4-H PROJECT NEWS

## ★ ★ SEWING PROJECT

### Quilted Table Runner Beginning Quilting Series

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

2:00-4:00 PM

Weston County Senior Center

Michael's Room

with Kim Reiniger



Learn how to piece 3 different quilt blocks, borders and binding to create a table runner to enter at County Fair!

## RABBIT PROJECT

Rabbit Showing 101

May 16<sup>th</sup>

3:00-4:00 PM

Open Class Building

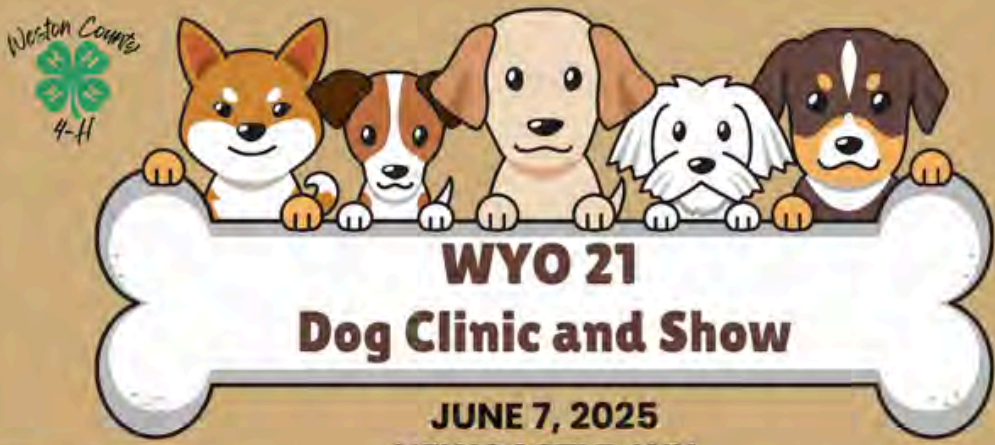
Bring your bunnies for  
practice!













# 4-H PROJECT NEWS


## ★ ★ ★ DOG PROJECT



**WYO 21**  
**Dog Clinic and Show**  
**JUNE 7, 2025**  
**NEWCASTLE, WY**  
**WESTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

-  **WHO:** All 4-H dog members
-  **WHEN:** JUNE 7, 2025  
9:00 AM - Clinic  
1:00 PM - Show
-  **COST:** \$10 per youth/dog team and \$5 for lunch for non-participants
-  **WHY:** learn new skills in agility, showmanship and obedience and learn some grooming tips to prepare for county fair dog shows
-  **WHAT:** a dog show clinic focused on showmanship, agility, obedience and grooming followed by a show
-  **WHERE:** Weston County Fairgrounds, Newcastle WY
-  **REGISTER:** Scan the QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/sEMg3UuVe fHpdtJr5>

**CONTACT US**  
 307-746-3531



### Leaders

Kendra Paulton  
Stephanie Kline  
Lauren Pickle

### Practice Dates

More dates coming soon

Practices at 1:30 PM  
Locations TBD

Make sure to join the Remind group for all the updates!  
<https://www.remind.com/join/newcdog>

### Weston County Fair Dog Show

July 29th @ 8 AM  
Dog Show Awards @ 7 PM

*Our focus this year is building relationships as dog/handler teams, having fun, leveling up, and identifying strengths and weaknesses in order to grow and succeed!*



# 4-H PROJECT NEWS



## HORSE PROJECT

Safety Certifications must be completed for each horse that you plan to show as well.

Safety Certification Deadline is July 3, 2025.

## 4-H Horse Clinic

Who: All 4-H Horse Members

When: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM-Noon

Where: Four Seasons Arena

Why: Work on showmanship, riding patterns and preparing for the County Fair horse show

What to bring: Horse, show halter, saddle, etc. to ride

**RSVP by June 5<sup>th</sup>**



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4-H

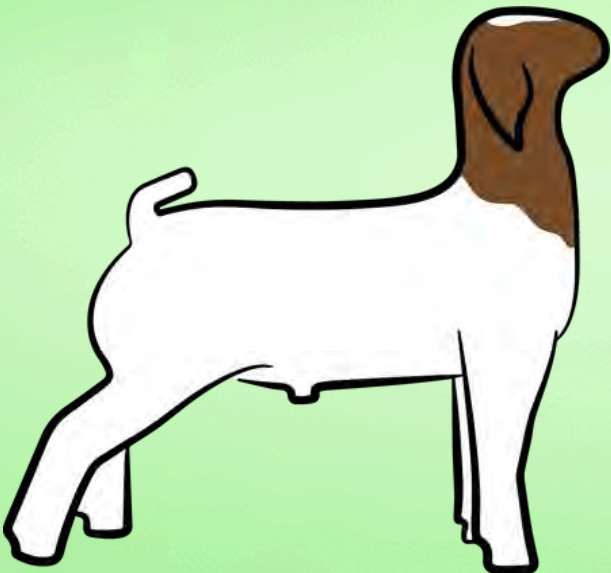
# 4-H PROJECT NEWS



## BEEF PROJECT

<b>September - October</b>	Shopping Time Most of the show cattle in Wyoming are bought around this time
<b>October - January</b>	Feed, Feed, Feed. Also a crucial time to halter break. Time to start hair care!
<b>January - February</b>	Tagging in January. February 1 is Ownership Deadline. Keep feeding!
<b>March - May</b>	If you haven't started hair care and daily work with show sticks, you may be behind your competition! Daily routines are your friend!
<b>June - July</b>	Keep them cool! Need to practice both showing and standing your cattle. They will need to stand for a while on show day!
<b>July - August</b>	Enter your projects for fair. Clip cattle for Fair. County and State Fair TIME!

## GOAT PROJECT



**No horned market goats will be allowed to show at the Weston County Fair or the Wyoming State Fair**



# 4-H PROJECT NEWS



## MARKET ANIMAL PROJECTS



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Market Animal Tagging and Paperwork Requirements

##### NEW IN 2025

- All exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA, have completed Weston County Market Animal Identification forms, ownership paperwork (brand inspection or statement of ownership) and clear pictures submitted to the Extension Office by the ownership and tagging deadlines
- Five photos must be submitted for each animal showing:
  - Full face showing tag
  - Full body left side
  - Full body right side
  - Close up of the tag with all 15 digits readable
  - Full hind view
- To check out tags to tag your market animals at home you must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA and bring ownership paperwork (Brand inspection or statement of ownership) to the Extension Office to receive tags.
- The Wyoming State Fair and Weston County Fair will be accepting USDA 840 tags as official identification for Market Animals

##### Ownership and Tagging Deadlines

Market Beef - February 1

Market Sheep, Swine and Goats - June 1

Photos will be taken at the scheduled Junior Livestock tagging/weighing dates by a designated Junior Livestock Committee member.

**IF ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET BY THE OWNERSHIP/TAGGING DEADLINES THAT ANIMAL WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE AT THE WESTON COUNTY FAIR AND THE WYOMING STATE FAIR.**



**Market Goat, Lamb and Swine  
Tagging and Weigh-In  
May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
6:00 PM  
Weston County Fairgrounds**

**Youth Quality  
Assurance Class  
July 1st  
2:00 - Juniors  
3:00 - Intermediates  
4:00 - Seniors**

**DATE CHANGE**



# 4-H PROJECT NEWS



## SWINE PROJECT

Think a **pig** can't  
change the world?  
Think again.

We know Wyoming kids have a heart  
for helping; we also know you're never  
too young to join the fight against  
food insecurity.



#307fairtofork



Interested in  
participating  
in *Fair to Fork*?

COMPLETE  
THIS FORM TODAY!



John P.  
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83,000 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. Through a lottery  
selection, Wyoming Hunger Initiative's *Fair to Fork* program will purchase  
one hog not sold at junior livestock sales, 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!

- 1 Sign up for the lottery through your local University  
of Wyoming Extension Office or scan the QR code.
- 2 If you are selected, your hog will be purchased for  
\$750. It will then be processed (at no cost to you) by  
a participating USDA or state-licensed facility, then  
donated to a local anti-hunger organization of your  
choice in your community.
- 3 Come to the Wyoming State Fair to be recognized by  
Governor Mark Gordon and First Lady Jennie Gordon!

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Scan to complete  
the form indicating  
your interest.

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INITIATIVE

5001 Central Avenue  
Cheyenne, WY 82009  
(307) 777-7398

nohungerwyo.org

Get signed up via  
the QR code shown  
below by July 3rd.

One youth from  
Weston County will  
be chosen in 2025.  
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.





# 4-H PROJECT NEWS



## SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

### Important Information

- Shotgun will be starting soon with the warmer weather, please make sure you have joined the Remind group: <https://www.remind.com/join/west4hss> or by texting @west4hss to the number 81010
- Awards dinner will be on June 16th
- State Shoot is July 10-13th, 2025 in Douglas



### 3D Archery County Shoot

May 11th

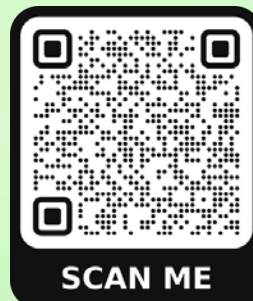
Upton Outdoor Archery Range

2 Start Times

10:00 AM or 11:00 AM

**THIS IS THE ONLY TIME THIS  
SHOOT IS AVAILABLE**

**Register for your start time via  
ZSuite**



<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/39458>



# 4-H PROJECT NEWS



## SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT



**Muzzleloading County Shoot**

**June 2nd**

**4:00-7:00 PM**

**Newcastle Range**

### **Registration for 2025 Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) - Upton**

Are you ready to test your hunting skills? The 2025 Upton Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) will be held on June 14th at the Upton Gun Club Starting at 7 am.

This event is open to any youth, 18 and under (as of August 1, 2025), who have passed a hunter education course, to test their shooting skills and hunting/outdoor knowledge.

For more information, visit:

<https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Education/Hunter-Education#yhec>

You will need to bring a copy of your hunter education card and \$10 cash to the event for registration.

For any questions please contact Rick Rothleutner, YHEC Director at [rrrothleutner@yahoo.com](mailto:rrrothleutner@yahoo.com) or 307- 281-9980 or Katie Simpson, Hunter Education Coordinator at [katie.simpson@wyo.gov](mailto:katie.simpson@wyo.gov) or 307-777-4542.





# 4-H PROJECT NEWS



## ROBOTICS PROJECT

### Practice Dates

May 2  
May 9  
May 16

### Practice Time

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

### Practice Location

USDA Service Building  
1225 Washington Blvd.

### Details

Please have eaten a snack and  
be ready to jump right in to  
building and programming!

**Showcase Showdown  
June 17-19th  
Laramie, WY  
Details to come!**

**Showcase Countdown:  
46 days!**







# SAVE THE DATE

## Creative Arts

June 10, 2025  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Newcastle, Wyoming



## Camp Topics

- Visual Arts
- Fabric and Fashion
- Photography
- Foods & Nutrition
- Crocheting

LEAVE WITH FINISHED PROJECTS READY TO  
ENTER AT COUNTY FAIR

Registration Deadline  
June 2, 2025

Register via ZSuite Events

Registration Fee: \$10

Questions

Erin: 307-746-3531

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# **Weston County Fair**

## **2025**

### **"WHAM! BOOM! POW!"**

#### **4-H Schedule**

#### **Thursday, July 3rd**

- Fair Entries Deadline

#### **Monday, July 21st**

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

#### **Tuesday, July 22nd**

- Carcass Contest - 6:00 PM

#### **Wednesday, July 23rd**

- Fair Set Up Night - 6:00 PM

#### **Friday, July 25th**

- Cat Show - 2:00 PM

#### **Saturday, July 26th**

- Parade Line Up - TBA
- Parade - TBA

#### **Monday, July 28th**

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

#### **Tuesday, July 29th**

- 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
- Dog Show Awards - 7:00 PM

#### **Wednesday, July 30th**

- Sheep, Goat, Swine Weigh-In - 7:00-8:00 AM
- Beef Weigh-In - 8:00-9:00 AM
- 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 31st**

- Poultry Show - 8:00 AM
- Robotics Showcase - 5:00 PM
- Sheep and Goat Show - 6:00 PM

#### **Friday, August 1st**

- 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, August 2nd**

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

#### **Tuesday, August 5th**

State Fair Meeting - 6:00 PM



# OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE



## SHOWCASE showdown

### EVENT DETAILS



June 17 - 19, 2025



University of Wyoming  
Laramie, Wyoming



Stay in the UW  
Residence Halls

### ABOUT THE EVENT

- 11 State Contests
- Explore new contests and project areas
- Top placing seniors get to attend National Trip
- Project related Workshops
- Fun Workshops Activities
- Tour and Experience parts of UW Campus



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# OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE



## Wyoming 4-H Livestock Mastery Pathway Program



### Proficiency

Develop hands-on expertise in livestock management, showmanship, record-keeping, and animal care.



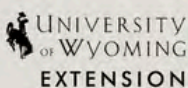
### Beyond Ready

Prepare for future careers by gaining leadership experience, learning goal-setting, and building problem-solving skills to prepare for future careers.



### Achievement

Advance through 5 stages of mastery earning awards, leadership opportunities & statewide recognition for your achievements.



Ask your local 4-H Extension Educator how to get involved! Program is open to all animal project areas!





# **BEHOLD THE SANCTUM OF SELFLESSNESS: THE VOLUNTEER CORNER**

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## **Camp Volunteers and Chaperones**

4-H Camp is quickly approaching June 27-29<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We will need volunteers and chaperones to make this happen in 2025!

### **Overnight Chaperones**

- 2 Per Cabin
- Must be a registered 4-H Volunteer and have completed the Chaperone training
- Need men and women



### **Become a Volunteer TODAY**

- Create a profile at [4h.zsuite.org](https://4h.zsuite.org)
- Complete Chaperone Training



### **Session Volunteers**

- Help lead the various sessions on each day
  - Friday (1-9 PM)
  - Saturday (8 AM-9 PM)
  - Sunday (7 AM - 11 AM)
- Activities are mostly planned, all supplies are provided



**WITHOUT ADEQUATE CHAPERONES CAMP  
WILL NOT BE OVERNIGHT**





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### Office Location

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### Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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### Weston County Extension Website:

<https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/>



### Weston Extension:

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

### Weston County 4-H:

<https://www.facebook.com/WESTONCOUNTY4H>

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