

# Crook County CLOVER CONNECTION

## 4-H Families & Friends

As the holiday season approaches, it's the perfect moment to fill your hearts with laughter and gratitude. Take a moment to cherish those who make your world better and brighter. While we gather with friends and family, let's remember that many in our communities may be facing challenges. This is the perfect time to extend a hand to those in need, whether through volunteering, donating to food banks, or offering a helping hand to neighbors. Try out the Snowmen Tealight activity in the newsletter and share one with a neighbor or friend to brighten their holiday! Stay warm and safe this December!



*Happy Holidays,  
Erica*

**Crook County Extension Office**  
**309 Cleveland St (Basement)**  
**(307)-283-1192**  
**M-F 7:30 am - 4 pm**

# Things to Note:

## Don't Forget!



Leaders and Members, if you haven't all ready, re-enroll for the 2024-2025 4-H year at [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org)



Stop by the office and pay your enrollment fees to be an active member/leader!



Extension Office will be closed December 24-27, December 30-January 1st

**Did you know, events are also listed on our 4-H website?!?**  
[wyoming4h.org/crook4h/](http://wyoming4h.org/crook4h/)

## Upcoming Events



4-H Fridays- Holiday Craft Dec. 6th, 2024



Cloverbuds December 13th, 2024



Cloverbuds January 10th, 2025



4-H Fridays- Valentines Cupcakes February 7th, 2025



IGNITE March 12-16, 2025



National 4-H Conference April 11-16, 2025



# Home for the Holidays Craft



Light up a neighbor or  
friends home with these  
fun and decorative  
snowmen tea lights!

## Materials:

- Battery-operated tea lights
- Black and orange permanent markers
- Red ribbon (for hat and scarf)
- Black felt/construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue gun

## Activity Steps:

1. Using your black marker, draw coal eyes and mouth. Using your orange marker, color you tea light's flame to make a carrot nose.
2. Cut your snowman's top hat out of black felt or construction paper. Glue red ribbon on the hat for the band. Glue hat onto your snowman's head. Make sure you always ask an adult for help with a glue gun.
3. Cut 8 inches of red ribbon for the scarf. Make a loop with the ribbon and the front pieces together to hold. Attach to your snowman.
4. Cut 12 inches of ribbon and tie the ends together. Attach to your snowman and hang up for all to see!

# Local Events

**Cloverbuds  
mark your  
calendar!**



**CL<sup>VER</sup>BUDS**  
December 13th  
2:30pm  
Crook County Courthouse Basement

Come enjoy holiday crafts & visit with Sarah Barton's therapy!

Anyone ages 5-7 may attend!

RSVP 307-283-1192



**CL<sup>VER</sup>BUDS**  
January 10  
9-10am  
Crook County Courthouse Basement

COME EXPLORE THE NATURE & ECOLOGY PROJECT!

Anyone ages 5-7 may attend!

RSVP 307-283-1192



**Make sure you register  
by calling the office or  
scanning the code!**



**4-H FRIDAY**

CROOK COUNTY COURTHOUSE BASEMENT-SUNDANCE

9am-11am

December 6th- Holiday Crafts (Register by Nov 27th)  
February 7th- Valentines Cupcakes (Register by Jan 30th)  
April 4th- Spring Crafts (Register by March 27th)  
May 2nd- Mothers/Fathers Day Craft (Register by 24th)

REGISTER NOW

SCAN



**REGISTER BY SCANNING THE CODE OR  
CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 307-283-1192**

Children grades 3-12 are invited to attend. You don't need to be signed up for 4-H prior to the workshop but enrollment is highly encouraged.  
Enroll in 4-H at <https://4h.zsuite.org/>



# State/National Events



## READY, SET, EXPLORE!

**COMING SOON!**

We are so excited to introduce you to the new program from University of Wyoming Extension

**Ready, Set, Explore!**

This is a free, family-friendly program designed to inspire outdoor adventures and create unforgettable memories.

Throughout this packet, you will find information on what to expect while participating in this program, information about our partners, and learn how to sign up!

**OCTOBER- SNEAK PEAK FOLLOWED BY NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

In October, families can enjoy a "sneak peek" of the **Ready, Set, Explore** program! During this month, you'll have the chance to participate in all the activities without needing to officially register. Beginning in November, we'll start sending out monthly incentives to registered families (1 incentive per family), and participation to earn your WY State Parks Annual Day Pass will kick off as well! Participants can register anytime throughout the month. Don't miss the opportunity to try it out this October and see if you're ready to

**Ready, Set, Explore!**

To register use the following link or scan the QR code!  
[https://bit.ly/ready\\_set\\_explore\\_registration](https://bit.ly/ready_set_explore_registration)

Check out the October post on the Website.  
**FAMILY ADVENTURES AWAIT!**

QUESTIONS? ☎ 307.568.4160 ✉ gasvoda@uwyo.edu

4-H, CVH, WORTH, & ANR



## 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

**Interested? Need more info?**  
**Call the office 307-283-1192**  
**or email ereasone@uwyo.edu**



## IGNITE BY 4-H

UW | Wyoming 4-H

**HOW**

**Applications**

Application are currently open and open until full. Apply now to insure a spot!



**WHEN & WHERE**

**March 12 - 16, 2025**  
**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 from across the country, Career exploration.
- Experience renowned speakers and industry leaders, workshops and experiences.



## NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

**APRIL 11-16, 2025**     **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



# State/National Events

What an awesome  
monthly event!

<https://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/opportunities/state-opportunities/food-fun-4-h.html>



COOK TOGETHER & GATHER  
AROUND THE FAMILY DINNER TABLE.

## FOOD FUN

4-H WYOMING

- Learn to prepare home-cooked meals & try new foods.
- FUN Family time.
- Receive a **FREE** kitchen utensil kit per family related to that month's recipes October- April.
- Self-guided at home.
- Open to any currently enrolled 4-H member...make it a project!



**To Find Out More**

Contact Us @ (307)-334-3534 or [KELLIEC@UWYO.EDU](mailto:kelliec@uwyo.edu)  
**FREE TO PARTICIPATE; GROCERIES NOT INCLUDED**



## Lambing & Kidding 101

December 6th @ 5:30pm

*Virtual Class on  
preparing yourself,  
your space, and your  
animals for babies*

RSVP at

<http://tiny.cc/101lambkid>

Lambing and Kidding 101 class on Friday, December 6th at 5:30pm. We will go over supplies and pen space, the final trimester, active labor, and up through the 1st week of the babies lives

Anyone can rsvp and get the Zoom link at <http://tiny.cc/101lambkid>

2025

# Crook County Fair

## July 26th- August 2nd

### Important Fair Deadlines

-  Market beef tagging, brand inspections, & ownership forms due to fair office February 1, 2025
-  Dog ownership forms to fair office May 1st, 2025
-  Market Sheep/Swine/Goat tagging, brand inspections, & ownership forms due to fair office June 1st, 2025
-  Market rabbits/poultry ownership form to fair office June 1st, 2025
-  Fair Entries Due July 7th, 2025

Questions about deadline requirements? Contact Jasmyne at the fair office. 307-283-2644

# Scholarships

**2025**

## **STATE 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

### ***University of Wyoming:***

- Edna Mae and Wallace McClafin
- Ella E. Schloredt
- Jimmy Nichols Memorial
- Farmhouse Foundation
- Janie Smith Memorial
- Margaret Butterfield Memorial
- Brown-Kohl
- Marian M. Henderson Memorial

### ***Other Schools:***

- Wilbur Brettel
- Murdoch's Ranch and Home
- Lynette Wallace
- Linnabur Scholarships
- John and Pauline Peterson
- Bonnie Ellenwood
- Underwood Family
- State 4-H Foundation



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of WYOMING  
EXTENSION



**Scan to Apply:**



<https://www.wyoming4h.org/4hfoundation/scholarships/>



# Shooting Sports

## 2025 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



**Meredith**  
We inspire. She makes it happen.™

Steve Mack, Director

Wyoming State 4-H Foundation

College of Agriculture and Natural  
Resources

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**Goshen County, Torrington, WY**

- Dates - March 1-2, 2025
- [Registration : Goshen County](#)

**Fremont County, Riverton**

- Dates - March 15-16, 2025
- [Registration : Fremont County](#)

**Johnson County, Buffalo, WY**

- Dates - March 29-30, 2025
- [Registration: Johnson County](#)

**Sublette County, Big Piney**

- Dates - April 12-13, 2025
- [Registration: Sublette County](#)

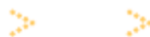
**Park County, Cody**

- Dates - April 26-27, 2025
- [Registration: Park County](#)

**Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting**

- Date - February 15, 2025, 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."



<https://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/volunteers/additional-trainings.html>

We need volunteers in Shooting Sports!

HAPPY

December

BIRTHDAY

Sophie J.

Chelsea H.

Landree A.

Karissa N.

Lana M.

Jaxson D.

Harper L.

Katie B.

Jace B.

Parker K.

McCoy M.

Brooklynn P.

Tamsin C.

Rowdy R.

Houston J.

Audrey C.

Codi F.

Maye M.



# Crook County 4-H Clubs

## **NO GOATS, NO GLORY**

**LEADERS: AMI HANSEN - 307-680-8918**

**TANJA MILLER - 307-290-2324**

**MEETINGS: 2ND MONDAYS/EVERY OTHER MONTH**

**4PM - MOORCROFT LIBRARY**

## **BEEF & BRIDLE**

**LEADERS: LYNSEY GREY-307-670-2316**

**MEETINGS: SUNDAYS - 3PM- MOORCROFT LOCATION**

**TBD**

## **BEARLODGE WRANGLERS**

**LEADERS: MEGAN FRANZEN - 307-290-2279**

**SARAH ELLSBURY - 307-281-2956**

**MEETINGS: 3RD WEDNESDAY-4:30PM SHOOTING**

**SPORTS BLDG-CROOK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**LIMIT OF 25 MEMBERS**

## **RANGE RIDERS**

**LEADERS: CORTNEY DIXON-307-752-8263**

**JACKIE DAILY - 307-283-2775**

**MEETINGS: 3RD FRIDAYS-5:30PM SHOOTING SPORTS**

**BLDG-CROOK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

## **COUNTY 18 HOMESTEADERS**

**LEADER: STEVIE PHILLIPS 307-752-6140**

**MEETINGS: TBD**

## **CARLILE WRANGLERS**

**LEADERS: KRISTY DENNIS-307-756-9401**

**AMBER BURCH - 307-467-5678**

**MEETINGS: 2ND FRIDAYS-3PM- VARIABLE LOCATION**

## **SILVER SPURS**

**LEADERS: JENN JAY 307-467-5595**

**MEETINGS: VARIABLE TIME**

**HULETT- W BAR FEED**



# Projects

## PICK YOUR PROJECT

There's a project for everyone!

- |                   |   |   |  |                    |
|-------------------|---|---|--|--------------------|
| Aerospace         |   |   |  | Muzzleloading      |
| Archery           |   |    |     | Nature & Ecology   |
| Beef              |    |   |     | Photography        |
| Cake Decorating   |   |   |  | Pistol             |
| Cats              |   |    |   | Pocket Pets        |
| Citizenship       |   |   |  | Poultry            |
| Computers         |   |   |  | Quilting           |
| Crocheting        |   |  |  | Rabbits            |
| Dogs              |  |   |  | Range Management   |
| Electricity       |   |   |  | Recreation         |
| Entomology        |   |  |   | Rifle              |
| Fabric & Fashion  |   |   |  | Robotics           |
| Foods & Nutrition |   |   |  | Ropecraft          |
| Gardening         |  |   |  | Self-Determined    |
| Geology           |   |  |  | Sheep              |
| Dairy Goats       |  |   |  | Shotgun            |
| Meat Goats        |   |   |  | Sportfishing       |
| Health            |   |  |   | Swine              |
| Horses            |  |   |  | Veterinary Science |
| Interior Design   |   |   |  | Visual Arts        |
| Knitting          |   |  |  | Wildlife & Hunting |
| Llamas & Alpacas  |  |   |  | Woodworking        |
| Leathercraft      |   |   |  | Youth Leadership   |

# Enrollment Help ...

## 4-H ZSuite Enrollment

### New Family Profile

If you've never signed into ZSuite before follow these steps:

1. Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org>
2. As a family creating a new profile, select **SIGN UP**. Fill in all fields, select **LET'S GO**.

SCAN ME



### Adding 4-H Member

You are now on the Dashboard tab

1. Select **+Household Member**
2. Fill out 4-H members 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**. (Cloverbuds is not a club, select club placement)
6. Select **ADD PROJECT**. When selecting an animal project, Animal project information is not required at this time
7. Select **ADD TO CART** and then you can either **+Add ENROLLMENT** (another child or volunteer) or **SUBMIT**. You must click **SUBMIT** to be complete.

**Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs) = \$1.35**

**4-H (8yrs & up) = \$10**

**Volunteers = \$10**

**Cash or check payable to  
Crook County 4-H**

**Puzzled?**

**Call Erica @ 307-  
283-1192 or stop by  
extension office  
during business  
hours**

**Once submitted, your enrollment will change from pending payment or pending approval to ACTIVE once the Extension office receives payment!**

# Age Classification

4-H programs are offered on an age-appropriate basis to youth, ages 5-18. This is the general age requirement for 4-H participation. On occasion, multi-state and national 4-H programs and events may use different age criteria and will be adhered to as necessary to qualify for participation.

Age classification for 4-H club members are:

Cloverbud: Ages 5-7

Junior: Ages 8-10 (3rd-5th grade)

Intermediate: Ages 11-13 (6th-8th grade)

Senior Member: Ages 14-18 (9th-12th grade)

Ages are as of January 1 of the current 4-H year, which spans from September through August. Here are some examples for clarification:

- If a child is age 5 on January 1, they can join 4-H for the entire 4-H year as a Cloverbud member.
- If a child turns age 5 on January 2 or later, they must wait until the next 4-H year to join.
- If a member is 7 years or under as of January 1, they are a Cloverbud member.
- If a teen will be age 18 on December 31, they can join for the entire 4-H year.
- If a teen is age 19 on January 1, they cannot join 4-H but are encouraged to serve as a 4-H volunteer.
- Collegiate 4-H clubs are available at many colleges and universities for those wishing to continue 4-H activities into their early twenties.