



THE SCOOP

March 2026

SAVE THE DATE:

- March 6-8 * State Shoot (Not BB Gun)
- March 7 * Rabbit Showmanship Workshop
- March 11 * Animal Quality Assurance Training
- March 14 * Horse Skillathon/Hippology Workshop
- March 15 * 4-H Council Scholarship Application Due
- March 27-29 * Rec Lab, Columbus
- April 1 * 4-H Council Meeting
- April 1 * 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Horse Skillathon/Hippology Workshop

All county 4-H members are invited to a horse skillathon & hippology workshop on **Saturday, March 14 from 9-11 am** at the Extension Office meeting room, Joliet. What is HIPPOLOGY? It is the comprehensive study of horses - equine science, nutrition, health, and management. Amber will host hands-on rotations in feed ID, anatomy, health, horse breeds/colors, and more. RSVP to Amber!

Rec Lab

The statewide 4-H Recreation (Rec) Lab event is being hosted by our 4-H district this year and will be held **March 27-29** in Columbus. Teens and adult leaders are welcome to attend a variety of workshops while learning new skills and meeting statewide 4-Hers. Youth must be age 13+ as of October 1, 2025 to attend. This is a popular statewide event with lots of hands-on workshops. The 4-H Council assists with registration fees! Register by **March 13** on ZSuite under the Events tab.



Did you know that 4th-graders & their families get a **free annual pass** to national parks and public lands? Go to <https://www.nps.gov/kids/>

2026 **Fee-Free National Parks Days** are May 25, June 14, July 3-5, August 25, September 17, October 27 and November 11. Explore the great outdoors!

Fun Facts: Carbon County 4-H has 8 primary clubs, 3 project clubs, 189 members and 50 volunteers.

Carbon County 4-H

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Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

4-H volunteer leaders are invited to attend a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Extension Office on **Wednesday, April 1 at 6 pm** in the Extension Office meeting room, Joliet. Extension Agents Amber and Carrie will provide a fun program including 4-H updates and interactive ideas for clubs. There will be a 4-H Council meeting at 7 pm following the volunteer appreciation dinner.

4-H Communication/Demonstration Day

This is your chance to fulfill your club demonstration requirements! **April 19** is communication and demonstration day at the Extension Office. Categories include demonstrations, speech, short take, video, job interview, commercial, promotional and illustrated talk. Winners may qualify to represent Carbon County at 4-H Congress in July! Registration is included with the newsletter email.

Small Animal Boot Camp

Want to learn more about your small animal project? Small Animal Boot Camp is coming to the fairgrounds in Red Lodge on **Saturday, April 18!** See attached flier; register under Events in ZSuite.

Animal Quality Assurance Training

Only 2 trainings are being offered - **March 11 @ 6 pm, Joliet** and **April 12 @ 4 pm, Red Lodge**.

***The following 4-H members need this training:** Taryn Amlin, Faye & Edie Brackett, Bohden Beckman, Bri Beekman, Linley Day, Aurora Dillingham, Hansel & Sullivan Fosness, Annabelle Fournier, Lauren Gibbs, Piper Heyliger, Jamison Ivey, Preston & Eli Johnson, Riley Maharrey, Benny Matlick, Moses Mettes, Harper Millman, Shay Morgan, Branson & Brooklyn Murphy, Gabriel Nemecheck, Tate & Everett Oren, James Patterson, Brett & Katie Petersen, Ellie Peterson, Slade Peterson, Mallory Pike, Ireland Ramey, Montanna Reynaert, Talia Roorda, Kora Rupperecht, Emma Sticka, Alex Strahan, Brock Sweeney and Dawson Thomas. *FFA members are responsible for tracking their requirements; call or email the Extension Office to confirm your QA status. **QA training is mandatory for all animal project members!**

Fair Poster Contest

The Carbon County Fair Board is sponsoring a fair poster/fair book cover contest for the 2026 Carbon County Fair - cash prize for the winning submission! **Keira Birrer** submitted the winning fair theme "**Blue Ribbons and Big Skies**". Use this theme and create an 8½ x 11 original, colored poster (portrait/vertical orientation) to be used to promote the fair. **FFA & 4-H** must be included on the poster as well as the fair dates (July 20-25, 2026). Poster must be original...no computer-generated art or font. Entries are due to the Extension Office by 4:00 pm on **April 20**. Thank you to the 4-Hers who submitted theme ideas!

Mark Your Calendars

Horse Spring Tune Up

April 25, Roberts

Cloverbud & Sewing Workshops

April 26, Joliet



Rabbit Showmanship Workshop

Saturday, March 7 @ 2:00 pm at the Fairgrounds

Bring your own rabbit or practice on a provided rabbit.

RSVP to Amber: amber.elliott1@montana.edu



Rabbit Workshop

SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC WITH
ASHLYNN BELLEGHEM

BRING YOUR RABBIT!

SATURDAY 2:00 PM
MARCH 7, 2026
CARBON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
96 RODEO DR, RED LODGE, MT

RSVP TO AGENT AMBER ELLIOTT
AMBER.ELLIOTT1@MONTANA.EDU
406-962-3522

Small Animal Bootcamp

Calling all Small Animal project members! Join us for a day packed full of education and hands-on showmanship opportunities. We will have stations covering rabbit, poultry, dog, cat, and pocket pets!

WHEN

April 18th, 2026

WHERE

**Carbon County
Fairgrounds**

Red Lodge, MT

TIME

8 AM – 5 PM

QUESTIONS?

AMBER ELLIOTT, AMBER.ELLIOTT@MONTANA.EDU

SARAH-JANE FRENCH, SARAHJANE.FRENCH@MONTANA.EDU



Registration opening soon!

RSVP for
April
Workshops
by April 22!



CLOVERBUD WORKSHOP

Cloverbuds are invited to a fun, hands-on project workshop while learning more about 4-H. All Cloverbuds are welcome!

Sunday, April 26
2:00 - 3:00 pm

Carbon County Extension
Office Meeting Room

Upcoming Workshop Dates:
Summer Dates TBD

SEWING WORKSHOP

Come stitch with us! This fun sewing workshop will help you learn how to use your sewing machine and practice techniques to use for future projects. Bring your machine and your curiosity—open to all **4-H members 8+**. Participants do not need to be enrolled in a sewing project!

Sunday, April 26
3:00 - 5:00 pm

Carbon County Extension
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Upcoming Workshop Dates:
Summer Dates TBD

Watch for upcoming crochet workshops!