

4-H NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026

FERGUS-PETROLEUM COUNTY

Upcoming Dates & Events

- June 8 | Small Animal Showmanship Clinic
- June 10 | Leaders' Council Meeting
 - 5:30pm, Sherriff's Complex Basement
- June 12 | Junior Camp Registration Due!
- June 15 | Fair Entry Closes
- June 15 | Animal Quality Assurance Training
- June 18 | Animal Quality Assurance Training
- June 22 | Livestock Committee Meeting
 - 5:30 pm Ag Building
- June 22-25 | Junior Camp
- June 30 | Food Safety Training - LAST CHANCE!
 - 11 am and 1 pm at the 4-H Food Booth
- June 30 | Animal Quality Assurance Training
 - 2 pm following Food Safety Training
- July 7-10 | 4-H Congress
- July 13 | Trade Center Set-Up
- July 14 | Fair Interview Day
- July 16 | 4-H Exhibits Display and Arrangement in Trade Center, 5pm Trade Center

Announcements

Small Animal Showmanship Clinic

June 8th Starting @ 5pm - Small Animal Barn Fairgrounds

Food Safety Training & Animal Quality Assurance

Contact Extension Office for details

Food Booth Sign Ups

Keep an eye out for Food Booth sign-up

Fair Entry

Fair Entry will remain open through the June 15th

Fair interviews

Fair interviews will be on July 14th
absentee interviews will tentatively be July 8th

4-H Committee Minutes

4-H Committee Minutes for Leaders Council, Livestock Committee, Horse Committee, Small Animal Committee, and Static Committee can be found on the MSU Extension Fergus County website.

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/fergus/>

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Animal Quality Assurance Training

Animal Quality Assurance training is required for all members showing animals at the Central Montana Fair. Requirements are now that every member who is showing for the first time and those entering the Senior age division (13 years old as of October 1, 2025) are required to attend one of the Animal Quality Assurance trainings. Dates for Animal Quality Assurance are June 15, 18, and 30. Location will be at the Small Animal Barn and trainings will be at 2pm

Fair Information

Fair Entry will close on June 15th, so be sure to sign up before the deadline!

Signup at: <https://cmtfair.com/fairbook/4h-ffa>

Refer to the email sent in May from the Extension Office that contains instructions for FairEntry.

Use the Fair Book and Fair Schedule for entry details and requirements. The book can be found at the link above. The responsibility of knowing the rules is up to each exhibitor, so it is strongly encouraged that you read through the Fair Book prior to the fair.

Late entries will not be accepted, so please complete this as soon as possible. If you have questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to the MSU Extension office.

Exhibitors must also sign up for Showmanship Classes if they are bringing livestock to the Fair. When entering livestock exhibits into Fair Entry please note that you will need to sign up for both the market species and the respective showmanship class(s) in order to fully participate in the youth livestock show.

Pre-Fair Interviews will be held on July 14th. After additional discussion, the Extension Office has decided to keep the pre-fair interview process the same this year. If you cannot make the scheduled day work, you will need to contact the MSU Extension Office and interview on the designated absentee interview day.

WE NEED PARENT/ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH INTERVIEW DAY SETUP AND INTERVIEW DAY. PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE 406.535.3919 IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP ON 7/13 OR 7/14, EVEN IF ONLY FOR AN HOUR OF TIME.

Fair Interviews

All interviews (except Foods and Horticulture) will be on **Monday, July 14th**. Foods and Horticulture interviews will be on **Monday July 20th**. Contact the MSU Extension Office to schedule an absentee interview if necessary.
Please note: Record books will not be part of the judging criteria. You may bring your record book for reference.

Livestock Online Sale Info Needed

Market animal members should expect to see an email from Livestock Committee volunteers in late June. This email will request member and market animal details for use with the online livestock sale. This will include member & animal photos and/or videos to be used in conjunction with the online sale listing/promotion that will be available as part of the 2026 livestock sale on Friday, July 24th.

Tween Trip

Where: Fort Benton
When: August 10-12th

The Fergus-Petroleum and Judith Basin youth in grades 6th through 8th are welcome to attend! camp will be August 10-12. Camp will include tent camping, Museums, producer Tours, water activities, and more! Please feel free to reach out to the MSU Extension Office with questions.

4-H Camps

Cloverbud Camp

6/8, 9:30-4:00, First Christian Church

Junior Camp @ Camp Maiden
 week of 6/23-25

Tween Camp @ Fort Benton
 August 10-12th

**Senior Camp - Day of Mindfulness at
 Crystal Lake, June 5th**

Junior Camp

Sign-ups for 4-H Junior Camp are due June 12 to the MSU Extension Office. Our group of youth councilors are working hard on organizing camp activities! Campers will arrive at Camp Maiden on June 23rd and camp ends on June 25th with our camp skits. Our camp theme is Superheroes, and we look forward to seeing many of you there!

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 Sr Day Retreat	6
7	8 Small Animal Clinic	9	10 Leaders' Council Mtg.	11	12	13
14	15 Fair Entry Closes! AQA Training	16	17	18 AQA Training	19	20
21	22 Livestock Comm. Mtg.	23 -----	24 Junior Camp	25 -----	26	27
28	29	30 Food Safety Training AQA Training				

4-H Junior 2026– Be a Superhero

Registration Due, June 12

Please include \$30 registration fee– paid to Fergus/Petroleum 4-H

Mail or Deliver to the Fergus County Extension Office, 712 West Main, Suite 110, Lewistown, MT 59457

Scan and email to fergus4h@montana.edu

Name _____ age on June 22, 2026 _____ DOB ____/____/____ Gender _____

Email address _____ Cell Phone _____

Parents Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Land Line _____

Parents Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Land Line _____

Other Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Allergies _____

Medications _____

Health History _____

Would your parent be willing to chaperone if needed? Yes/No Father _____ Mother _____

____ Yes ____ No I give permission for my child to be given Tylenol, Antacid or Benadryl.

I give permission, if needed, for _____ to be transported to the Emergency Room.

Parent Signature

Date

Code of Conduct

I will conduct myself in a positive, responsible, polite manner at all times. I will be respectful to others, the facilities and my surroundings. I will participate with a desire to learn. I will not associate with others that are behaving inappropriately. I will stay in the designated area unless I have permission from the camp organizers and my parents to leave. I will not go into the sleeping quarters of the opposite sex and I will be respectful of curfew/lights out.

No; alcohol, non-prescription drugs, weapons or inappropriate attire. I will give all prescription or over the counter drugs I bring to camp to the camp nurse.

I understand that breaking any of the above rules of conduct will result in my parents being called and asked to come and take me from camp immediately.

Members Signature

Parents Signature

4-H Tween Camp 2026 – Fort Benton— August 10th to 12th

Registration Due, July 31, 2026

Registration fee – **TBD** - paid to Fergus/Petroleum 4-H

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Email address _____ Cell Phone _____

Parents Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Land Line _____

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