



# Are You Ready for Fair? Checklist



Check out our website at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/gallatin/4hfair.html> to find all Fair information!

- Read the **2024 4-H/FFA Exhibitor Fairbook** – this publication contains **ALL** the 4-H/FFA exhibitor rules, divisions and classes you can enter, and the schedules for the 2024 4-H/FFA Fair. This document is **CRUCIAL** to navigating Fair. You **MUST** utilize the Fairbook when registering your exhibits and animal projects to ensure you register correctly!
- 2024 Fair Theme is: “THIS is 4-H Country”**. Use this theme to decorate any animal stalls/posters/club or project displays. This is a fun way to unite 4-H across the fairgrounds!
- Use the online **ShoWorks** Fair Registration website to enter your project(s) exhibits/animals in the fair by **June 17, 2024 by 5:00 pm. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
  - Fair Registration Website: <https://gallatin4h.fairwire.com/>
- Pay any fair fees owed (fees/invoice are housed in your fair registration account) by **June 26<sup>th</sup>**.
- Record Books: ALL** Livestock, Horse, Small Animal and Indoor Project Record Books are due to the Extension Office by **June 26, 2024 by 5:00 pm.** You will get all your records back prior to your project interview so you can take those records with you to your interview.
  - **“My 4-H Year” document** will need to be signed by your Club Leader. At-Large members need 4-H helper or parent signature.
  - **“Animal and/or Non-Animal Project Journal & Financial Records”** and **Project Curriculum Workbook(s)** will need to be signed by Project leader(s).
  - **Project Curriculum Book: 7** activities must be completed each year.
    - Check with your project leaders on what those 7 activities should be!
    - Need Help? Record book training video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckS9VZnl5bU>
- Livestock/Small Animal (\*includes Dog & Cat) and Horse Project Interviews:**
  - Sign up for your 15–20-minute timeslot(s) for a Project Interview on either **Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> or Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00pm.** Every youth in any Livestock/Small Animal and Horse project(s) must sign up for an interview in the project(s) that they plan to exhibit in at the fair.
    - \*If you are planning to exhibit multiple **Livestock** species (ex. sheep, beef, swine) you will only need to sign up for one interview slot and you will talk about all your livestock projects with one judge.
    - If you are in the **Horse** project, you will need to sign up for an additional and separate interview slot from your livestock interview.
    - If you are in the **Dog or Cat** Project, you will need to sign up for an additional and separate interview slot from any Horse and Livestock interviews you may have. If you will be submitting a Dog or Cat Educational Poster, please bring the poster to this interview.
  - **Animal Project Interview SignUp:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA9A92AABFE3-48915273-2024>





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- Indoor Project Interviews:**
  - Sign up for your 15–20-minute timeslot(s) for a Project Interview on **Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-3:00pm**. Every youth planning to exhibit an Indoor Project must sign up for an interview in each of the project(s) that they plan to exhibit in at the fair.
    - **Indoor Projects Interview SignUp:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA9A92AABFE3-48972988-2024>
  - Bring your project exhibit to your interview as it will be evaluated during your interview with a judge.
  - If you are entering projects in different divisions, you will need to complete an interview in each project division (Ex. if you are submitting exhibits in the cooking, baking, and photography divisions, you would need to complete 3 separate interviews).
    - Be prepared to talk about your project exhibit, what you learned, and your overall 4-H experience. Upon completion of your project interview, you will leave your exhibit to be displayed in the Indoor Exhibit Building for the duration of the fair.
- Purchase and pick up Fair Passes and Parking Permits at Extension Office**
  - Typically in late June/early July, the office will send out an email when they are available.
    - Youth Exhibiting projects at Fair will get a **FREE** week pass wristband.
    - 4-H Parents/Guardians and siblings **ONLY** are able to purchase week passes at the 4-H office.
    - “Drop Off” Parking Passes are limited to **one** per family. Free parking is available in Tamarack (Gate A) or West Oak lot (Gate B).
    - Only families with RV Camping spots will be allowed to park long-term in West Annex (Gate C) with a special pass from the Fairgrounds.
- Sign up to help** during Fair Week:
  - **4-H Café Concessions Stand:** [\(link coming soon\)](#)
    - **\*\***The 4-H Concessions stand has been deemed “unusable” this year due to a broken pipe and other structural challenges. We are still planning to have concessions, but have not solidified details at this time. Stay tuned – we will definitely need all hands on deck to make this happen!
  - **4-H Promotional Booth:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA9A92AABFE3-48972942-2024>
- Attend your Project Interview(s).** Please have your completed record book and project books in your possession and dress neat and clean.
- BRING** your animals/Indoor exhibits to Fair (see schedule in Fairbook for check-in times)
- Follow established guidelines, refer to the **2024 4-H/FFA Exhibitor Fairbook** and schedules, and **HAVE FUN** at 4-H events **July 12-21, 2024!**
  - **4-H/FFA Market Livestock Sale: Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.** Live, in-person bidding **ONLY**
    - Buyer Check-In opens at 2pm and Buyer’s BBQ starts at 3pm (**\*4-H/FFA families may eat at the BBQ after 5:00pm**)
  - **4-H Dance w/ 4-H Camp Counselors: Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm** (AgWest Tent) All 4-H youth and parents welcome!

*Contact the office with any questions!*