

OVERVIEW

Montana 4-H is the youth development program of Montana State University Extension. 4-H offers more than 200 different projects and learning experiences that actively engage youth while having fun. From learning how to cook or sew, to raising an animal, conservation and robotics, 4-H offers youth a wide range of choices and opportunities for them to learn and grow.

Combining Tradition & Cutting Edge Skills

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- 19,000 4-H participants in all 56 Montana counties. 4-H is the largest out-of-school youth development program in the state.
- Montana 4-H relies on 4,000 certified and trained volunteers to provide leadership and work with youth as partners in learning.
- Youth ages 5 to 19, from cities, towns and rural areas participate as members. Adults age 19+ can join as volunteer leaders.
- Members choose from a range of projects, based on their interests and the availability of a knowledgeable adult in the community to serve as a leader. Through these projects, members set goals, learn the skills needed to achieve goals, and demonstrate their skills at events like county fairs, speaking contests and other competitions.
- 4-H projects and activities allow members the opportunity to explore their interests, develop and demonstrate practical life skills, and serve their community.

COUNTY SNAPSHOT: Custer County 4-H

- 175 youth members and 55 volunteer leaders in 9 organized clubs
- A wide variety of program opportunities available, including livestock, foods, and shooting sports.
- Among Custer County's most popular programs is 4-H Shooting Sports, which has over 40 youth participants.
- The Shooting Sports program emphasizes safety, teamwork, and the development of leadership skills.
- Shooting Sports participants also explore potential career paths like police officer, safety instructor, and firearm production.



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