

# **2023 SANDERS COUNTY 4-H/FFA FAIR** **INFORMATION & GUIDELINES**

## **MSU SANDERS COUNTY EXTENSION PERSONNEL**

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President – Joanne Burk, Thompson Falls  
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## **HOT SPRINGS FFA INSTRUCTOR**

Justin Wright

## **SANDERS COUNTY BARN FAIR SUPERINTENDENTS**

Home Ec Building – Karen Dwyer  
Beef Barn – Richard Jackson  
Horse Barn – Wendy Carr/Shannon Chojnacky  
Rabbit Barn – Doug Horner  
Sheep/Goat – Raelyn Cox  
Swine Barn – Tara Browning  
Poultry Barn – Whitney Spurr  
Camping Coordinator – Johnny Thurston

## **SANDERS COUNTY 4-H CLUBS**

### **Heron-Noxon Explorers**

Taylor Etienne – Organizational Leader

### **Trout Creek Mavericks**

Shannon Chojnacky & Rhonda Horner – Co-Organizational Leaders

### **Whitepine Happy Workers**

Joanne Burk - Organizational Leaders

### **Thompson Falls Mountaineers**

Lacey Scharfe – Organizational Leader

### **South Side Sparks**

Jennifer Avilla & Linda Cook – Co-Organizational Leaders

### **Hot Springs Wranglers**

Jen Christensen & Terry Stephens – Co-Organizational Leaders

## **4-H/FFA DEPARTMENT**

### **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Only members of Sanders County 4-H Clubs and Hot Springs FFA Chapter are eligible to exhibit. Members must be enrolled during the current year in the project in which exhibits are entered. Members who are age 13 and younger as of October 1 beginning the 4-H year are Junior members. Members who are age 14 and older as of October 1 beginning the 4-H year are Senior members. FFA High School members will compete in the Senior age group.
2. Online FairEntry registration is July 5 through August 2, 2023. **The August 2 deadline will be enforced.** No entry registrations will be accepted after the deadline. Any exhibits brought to the fair that were not entered by the deadline will not be eligible for competition or premium and will not be displayed. If a member is unsure whether he/she will finish an exhibit, the exhibit should be included during registration. Members will not be penalized for not bringing a registered exhibit to the fair.
3. Only one exhibit entry per class for each member in all projects.
4. All “any other” exhibits must be accompanied by a description of the exhibit during the online entry registration. “Any other” entries without a description by the registration deadline will not be entered in the fair.
5. Judges will have the authority to determine if an “any other” exhibit duplicates an exhibit listed in the classes, or duplicates another “any other” exhibit. In this case, the judge will ask the member which exhibit item he/she would like judged. The remaining exhibit item will not be eligible for competition or premium and will not be displayed.
6. Exhibits in the class “any other” will be limited to five per division per member, with the exception of the Cloverbud division which will be limited to ten exhibits per member.
7. All exhibits (except Cloverbuds) will be judged on the Danish system through interview judging. A purple ribbon may be given for an outstanding exhibit. All members who enter exhibits will participate in interviews for each item exhibited. Attire worn by the member should reflect the member’s sincere respect for themselves, for the judge, and for the fine work the member has done on their exhibits.
8. All exhibits must be the member’s own workmanship during the current year.
9. Member Record Books may be brought to the interview to enhance the exhibit but will not be judged.
10. Exhibitors will not receive premium money if the exhibits are removed prior to closing time on Sunday. 4-H exhibits may be removed at 6:00 p.m. Sunday unless prior arrangements are made with the barn superintendent.

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**Annual 4-H Silent Auction** comprised of "Item for Sale" exhibits from 4-H members will take place during the fair in the Home-Ec building. The sale will begin Friday, 10:00 am and continue through Sunday at 2:00 pm. This auction will provide 4-H members enrolled in non-livestock projects an opportunity to display their talents and to earn a return on the item that they have made. In addition, the public has the opportunity to purchase a high-quality item made locally by a Sanders County 4-H member.

- **How to Enter in the Silent Auction:** During the online FairEntry registration members will be given an opportunity to enter an exhibit in the Silent Auction. This entry will be judged along with all other exhibits, before being displayed in the silent auction. If the item for sale is perishable, please have one for the judging, which will also be displayed in the silent auction, and a second one fresh to give the buyer on Sunday.

**Awards Presentation for Animal Entries and other areas** will be presented to members Sunday morning at 9:00 prior to the market sale in the show arena south of the open class beef barn.

### **CAMPING CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FAMILIES AT SANDERS COUNTY FAIR**

Sanders County 4-H, Hot Springs FFA and the MSU Sanders County Extension want your participation in the Sanders County Fair to be filled with exciting experiences, new friendships and fun. To ensure a positive experience for all families and leaders, it is expected that each participant be considerate of others, participate fully in the event and observe the following expectations (if a situation or question arises which is not clearly covered by this list, ask the camping coordinator or Extension staff before acting).

- We will conduct ourselves at all times in order to be a credit to the club, school and community.
- We will show respect for the rights of others and be courteous at all times.
- We will be honest and not take unfair advantage of others.
- We will respect the property of others.
- We will refrain from loud boisterous talk, swearing and horseplay.
- We will demonstrate sportsmanship in contests, modesty in winning and generosity in defeat.
- We will observe the camping quiet hours, 10pm – 6am, in respect of our fellow campers.
- We will not have in our possession any kind of alcoholic beverages or drugs while in the Camping Area, barns and buildings. This is in accordance with the Sanders County Fair Policies.
- We will not bring a dog onto the fairgrounds. This is in accordance with the Sanders County Fair Policies.
- We will care for the campsite and respect the rights of other residents of the Camping Area.
- We will not park any vehicle within the Camping Area that we wish to drive during the fair.
- We will not alter the electrical boxes in any way.

Violation of this code of conduct by you, or those in your group may result in your group being asked to leave the Camping Area. If you fail to perform your barn duty shift, the fair office will invoice you for full-service camping for the week of fair (\$150). Failure to pay the camping fee (if you do not perform barn duty) may result in the loss of camping privileges in the future.

### **2023 SANDERS COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK POLICIES**

*Revised November 2022*

1. **Dress code** for livestock shows and photographs are as follows: dark blue or black pants, white, long sleeved, collared, **button up** shirt, recommend leather shoes or boots (required for large animal shows and round robin for safety purposes). Cowboy hat, tie, suitable vest, and FFA jackets/**attire** are optional. Sale: colored jeans and shirt permissible. Horse show attire according to current horse show standards. Dog show attire according to current dog show standards. Dairy cattle & goat show white pants and shirt. Dress code violations will result in loss of one ribbon color.

#### 2. **Animal Possession**

a. 4-H/FFA members may tag two market animals on the respective tagging day (first weekend in January - Beef and first Sunday in June - Sheep/Goat/Swine).

b. To replace an animal, prior to fair due to sickness or death, the member must make written request or appear before the livestock committee for approval. A single B animal may serve as a replacement among siblings. **Any change other than individual A's and B's must come before the livestock committee.**

c. Market Livestock birthdates. No earlier than: Beef: January 1 (previous year to tagging); Goats: October 1 (previous year to tagging); Lambs: January 1 (current year); Swine: February 1 (current year)

d. Horse, Breeding & llama projects must be enrolled and animals in possession by June 1 of the 4-H/FFA year. All market animals must be in your possession by weigh-in tagging date.

e. All horse and livestock projects must submit a housing form and horse ID card describing where their horses/livestock are being kept by June 1st. Forms are available from the extension office or online at <http://sanders.msuextension.org/4h.html>.

### 3. Animal Care

a. All 4-H/FFA members exhibiting stock must furnish feed and water containers for all stock. Feed containers are limited to show size (24" diameter) and are to be removed each time after feeding.

b. All members are responsible for feeding and caring for their own animals at the fair and keeping the stalls and pens clean and in good condition. After any market animal is sold on Sunday, the member-seller is still responsible for the care and feeding of the animal for the remainder of the fair. Sufficient feed and water must be left for a 12-hour period, beginning Sunday evening - until shipping Monday morning.

4. A 4-H/FFA member may enter as many animals as he/she desires, but not more than one entry in any one lot.

5. Once a 4-H/FFA member brings an animal exhibit onto the fairgrounds, the care of that animal is the sole responsibility and obligation of the member-owner.

6. Only the member-owner is permitted to fit his or her animal for show ring. No assistance will be given to the member by leader, or parent, except to assist in restraining an animal if necessary. Verbal assistance shall not be allowed while the animal is being shown. Disregard for this rule can result in the disqualification of an animal.

7. Only the member-owner is allowed to show and/or sell an animal, except for special cases where the livestock committee advises.

### 8. Member Requirements

a. The Livestock Committee requires that all animal exhibitors must take part in showmanship and participate in interviews for their specie(s).

b. All market project members must additionally be enrolled in and exhibit a non-market animal project and "meet expectations" according to Sanders County 4-H policy.

c. Any animals entered in showmanship must be entered in another lot of the same species.

9. Animals may be brought to the Fairgrounds any time after 1:00 p.m. Wednesday and no later than 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night.

10. Dogs and cats shown by the 4-H member will not be housed at the fairgrounds. Pockets pets may be exhibited at the discretion of the rabbit & poultry barn superintendent.

11. All animals and poultry must pass the health inspection by the Fair Veterinarian on entry day. Following the Sanders County 4-H/FFA Animal Health Schedule is required. Any animal or poultry not passing health inspection must be removed immediately from the fairgrounds.

12. Animals that are exempt from individual USDA official scrapie identification requirements are: (a) sheep & goats under 18 months of age in recognized slaughter channels.

13. In the interest of safety, if stock cannot be handled by the member alone as determined by the Livestock Committee, it must be taken home.

14. Members shall turn 12 years old (minimum) during the 4-H year to take the Colt to Maturity project and meet level requirements (for horse projects).

**15. Breeding heifers must complete testing by July 1 and show at the fair to be considered for genomic awards.**

### 16. Market Animal

a. Members exhibiting more than one species of market animal must notify the livestock committee which species they intend to sell within one hour of completion of the (Saturday) beef show. If a sale heifer is taken and sold it counts as a market animal. Animals shown in the market classes must be sold in the market sale.

b. Market animal projects cannot be exhibited as a breeding project

c. Only one 4-H/FFA market animal per member may be sold in western Montana in one year. Sale order for beef, sheep, and goats to be determined by live animal judge. Sale order for swine determined by drawing within blue & red ribbon color.

d. All market livestock will be weighed electronically upon arrival during Wednesday check in. A certified counter balance scale is available for those requesting. This becomes the official weight for the Fair & sale. Only one market animal will be weighed on fair weigh-in day.

e. Market Weights: Minimum weight classes are 1100 pounds for steers, 210 pounds for hogs, 55 pounds for goats, and 100 pounds for sheep. Decidedly under finished animals, regardless of weight, can be moved into a feeder class at the judge's discretion. **Market steers weighing in excess of 1500 lbs. will be sold at a listed live weight of 1500 lbs.** Market swine weighing in excess of 300 lbs. will be sold at a listed live sale weight of 300 pounds.

f. White ribbon lambs, goats, steers and hogs or feeder class animals cannot be advertised for sale on the fairgrounds. Slaughter arrangements and transportation are the responsibility of the owner.

g. Market Stock Sale Withholding. \$30/lamb, \$30 goat, \$40/swine, \$50/steer, \$10/poultry, \$5/rabbit, \$15/private treaty (feeder) sales. These fees support costs associated with premium stock sale administration (ear tags, destination sheets, Thank You ads), fairgrounds improvements and death loss (following sale).

h. Uncleaned pens, stalls, cages as of 10:00 am Labor Day Monday, will be assessed a \$30 cleaning fee, unless prior arrangements have been made with the respective barn superintendent.

i. Sanders County 4-H Council invoices all buyers not paying at the time of sale. Once all animals have been paid for, checks will be issued. All records, including buy-back support dollars for beef/swine & sheep must balance with sale records prior to release of funds. Due to billing cycles, this process may take 6-8 weeks. Any members who need sale monies to pay bills should contact the Extension Office or Sanders Co. 4-H Treasurer to arrange advance payment.

j. The Sanders County 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale is strictly a fat market sale. Only terminal market livestock animals may be sold. No breeding projects of any kind may be sold. Market steers, hogs, lambs, and goats will be sent to slaughter for carcass evaluation.

k. Purple, blue, and red ribbon meat rabbit and meat poultry projects can be sold at the market sale.

17. Round Robin Large Animal Showmanship class shall consist of the respective Junior/Senior Showmanship Champion in Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Llama & Horse. Round Robin Small Animal Showmanship class shall consist of Rabbit, Poultry, Dog, Goat and Cat. The Livestock Committee can adjust a designation for safety reasons if the executive committee feels it is necessary.

18. All 4-H/FFA entries desiring to compete in open class must pre-register according to open class guidelines.

19. Quality Assurance Training: In order to be eligible to show a livestock project at the Sanders County Fair, livestock project members must attend a Quality Assurance session. (4-H members once as a first-year junior and once as a first-year senior member. FFA members must attend their first year as an FFA member in high school.)

20. FFA Exhibitor Requirements: Hot Springs Vo-Ag Instructor, 4-H Council Representatives and County Extension Agent have agreed to the following: All FFA Exhibitors showing and selling a market animal at the Fair will be required to complete a "Secondary Program." The purpose of this program is to equalize the regulations between FFA and 4-H Exhibitors. The Secondary program will consist of several options. These include, but are not limited to: Proficiency Award Applications, State Degree Applications, Range Plant Mounts, Agri-science Posters, Classroom Activities or some Classroom or Laboratory Projects. These will be shown at the Fair. Member must be active in his/her FFA Chapter throughout the year. A Secondary Program Verification Form must be obtained from his/her FFA Instructor and attached to the Fair Entry.

**21. Beef Project Requirement: In order to be eligible to show a market steer at the Sanders County Fair, market steer project members must attend at least one beef clinic or hoof trimming with their steer.**

22. Horse Project Requirement: In order to be eligible to show a horse project at the Sanders County Fair, horse project members must attend an initial horse project orientation session and five of the summer riding sessions.

23. Horse Helmet Policy: A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened is required in over fence classes and gymkhana events, activities and practice sessions. Gymkhana refers to horseback speed events (timed or untimed) that do not use livestock. Events in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole, stake, rescue races, pony express race, etc. Events not included in this policy are calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed, but use livestock. Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a helmet education workshop and/or view the video "Every Time, Every Ride" once as a junior 4-H member (8-13) and once as a senior 4-H member (14 and up).

24. All complaints must be given in writing to the Livestock Executive Committee outlining what actions have been taken to resolve the issue in partnership with the barn superintendent.

25. Barn superintendents, in collaboration with the Extension Agent or Ag Teacher have the authority to make medical decisions regarding the health of a 4-H/FFA project animal, especially if the animal's owner is absent and/or unable to be contacted. This includes the authority to contact a veterinarian (at the owner's expense) or send the animal home. A family member, the superintendent, or livestock committee member must physically transport the animal. In addition, they have the authority to determine the exhibitor's eligibility for awards in such cases.

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### **4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK CODE OF ETHICS**

Montana 4-H/FFA is based on principles of positive youth development. We believe that all producers and exhibitors of livestock have an interest in maintaining a reputation of integrity as well as an interest in presenting a positive and progressive image at livestock shows. Because we believe that all livestock producers want to produce a wholesome, safe and reliable source of food for the public, we have adopted the following "4-H/FFA Livestock Code of Ethics". Violations of this code are considered unethical in the raising, showing and exhibiting of livestock for 4-H/FFA shows and fairs.

Sportsmanship: All exhibitors and their families are encouraged to conduct themselves in a positive, honest sportsmanlike manner during shows. Losing gracefully is just as important as winning humbly. The following practices are prohibited:

- ◆ Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as abusive language to show officials, other exhibitors, or spectators is prohibited.
- ◆ Misrepresenting the age of the animal for the class in which it is shown.
- ◆ Criticizing or interfering with the judge, other exhibitors or show officials while at the show or fair may result in an individual or group being expelled, placed on probation or declared ineligible to exhibit at the show.

Treatment of Animals: All animals are to be treated in a humane manner. Adequate feed, water, and shelter are to be provided at all times. Physically abusing an animal is unacceptable at all times and the maltreatment of animals will not be tolerated. Exhibitors who abuse their animals, for whatever reasons will be disqualified for the show. Striking an animal to cause swelling is absolutely prohibited.

Administration of Drugs: Administration of a drug of any kind or description, internally or externally, except for treating a recognized disease or injury, is prohibited. For the purpose of this code, "drug" shall mean any substance commonly used by the medical or veterinary professions that affect the circulatory, respiratory, or central nervous systems of an animal. Only those drugs approved and labeled for use on animals can be administered, and proper dosages and withdrawal times must be observed. Exhibitors own and manage livestock, and are ultimately responsible to see that they follow appropriate and approved practices. In addition, the following practices are prohibited and unethical:

- ◆ The use of any diuretic on any animal
- ◆ The use of any non-approved substance on animals. Labels should specifically identify which animals have been cleared for the use of such substances and the proper dosage.
- ◆ The use of alcoholic beverages in the feed or administered as a drench
- ◆ Treating or massaging any part of the body, internally or externally, with an irritant, counter-irritant, or other substance to temporarily straighten a weak back or loin or to produce unnatural animation.
- ◆ Minimizing the effects of crampiness by feeding or injecting drugs, depressants, or applying packs or using any artificial contrivance or therapeutic treatment exempting normal exercise
- ◆ Administration of human tranquilizers to calm down animals
- ◆ Surgery of any kind performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal's body, teeth, hide or hair. Not included is the removal of teats or horns, clipping or dressing of hair, and trimming of hooves.
- ◆ Insertion of any foreign material under the skin
- ◆ Any attempt to change the natural color of any animal, either purebred or crossbred, by changing the color or adding false hair, fleece or skin at any point, spot or area of the animal's body

Violations: Any violation of the rules and regulations may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards, disqualification, expulsion or probation of the exhibitor or organized groups the exhibitor represents and the exhibit or livestock involved in the violation. Probation, disqualification, expulsion or other disciplinary action of the livestock show committee will be final. Such action will require application for readmission under such terms as the committee may prescribe before the group or individual is allowed to exhibit at future shows. The livestock committee reserves the right to interpret rules and arbitrarily set.

## **ARCHIE MCDONALD MEMORIAL AWARD**

A member who displays outstanding sportsmanship in his or her conduct during the 4-H year.

Livestock superintendents decide what member best fits this description and reports the selection to the Extension Staff by the end of the fair or the following week of fair.

## **HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST**

Each year a Herdsmanship award is given to a member in each area of animal species exhibited in the fair. The purpose of the contest is to promote husbandry of animals by displaying better care of livestock, their pens, and the equipment to keep animals fed, clean and attractive. A well kept livestock area makes a better fair exhibit, promotes safety to livestock, members and the general public. The humane care of animals is an attribute of a good herdsman. A good herdsman is always promoting their industry by answering and talking to the general public about projects.

Judging will be done on a daily basis and will be based on the following:

1. Neatness of stalls, pens and alleys in barns as well as storage areas for equipment and feed.
2. Feeding, caring for, and grooming of animals (to be done by member only).
3. A good attitude and sportsmanship being displayed by being polite, courteous, cooperative, helpful, and encouraging to fellow members, leaders, adults, and the general public.
4. Stall cards and/or posters completed, displayed and easy to read identifying member, club, project, and any other educational information.
5. Neat, clean and appropriate dress.

## **BARN AWARD CONTEST**

Each year an award is given to a club in each area of animal species exhibited in the fair. The purpose to this contest is to encourage better care and display of animals through a club effort. The winning club will display a sign by their pens the following year noting their award.

Judging will be done on a daily basis and will be based on the following:

1. Originality of ideas of the stall arrangement and general attractiveness.
2. The conduct and sportsmanship of the club members.
3. The maintenance the club members do for their area of the barn

