



Camera Class - July 20

A basic camera class for new camera users is being offered by Jerry Jacobson on Monday, July 20, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Valley County Pioneer Museum. There is no charge for this class; participants should be at least 12 years old. To sign up for this free class, call the museum at 228-8692.

Fair – Entry Deadline July 24

A hard copy of the 4-H fairbook, entry blanks and tags are available in the office for you to pick up. You can also access the fairbook and entry blank at:

[http://www.msuetension.org/valley/4-H Fair Information.html](http://www.msuetension.org/valley/4-H%20Fair%20Information.html)

4-H exhibits will be interview judged Saturday, August 8th. Please have your entry tags attached to all of your exhibits before you come to the fair. Sign up sheets for interview times are posted in the office. You will need a time slot for each project area.

Why Enter Your Project Work in the Fair?

Every coach and player looks forward to playing in the championship game. As members, you have the opportunity to participate in 4-H's championship round by exhibiting your project work in the fair. Every 4-H member needs attention and deserves recognition for their personal achievements. This can be accomplished through the interview judging evaluation on August 8. This evaluation:

- Provides the member with a sense of belonging to the 4-H program
- Encourages independence enabling member's free expression of personal work
- Challenges the member with new experiences to expand skills and knowledge
- Offers positive and constructive verbal and written feedback to aid member's personal growth and skill improvement
- Gives recognition for achievement, hard work and success.

Remember that 4-H is all about Champion Kids not Champion Projects. We focus on preparing members, not projects for the interview judging and show ring experience. Our goal is for members to leave the evaluation process with a smile on their face regardless of the ribbon received.

During project evaluation, each member can achieve 4-H excellence, but project exhibition often ends with an overall winner. Members look forward to placing with their project, competing in showmanship and working toward our Quonset awards.

Everyone is a winner if they learned by doing, shared their experiences, and feel good about the efforts they put toward their project work.

Everyone is encouraged to exhibit their project work in the fair!

Sewing Camp July 25



All 4-H members are welcome to attend Sewing Camp set for Saturday, July 25, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glasgow High School Home Ec Room. This year's project is making pajama pants, so please bring 1.5 to 2 yards of pre-washed pajama fabric, basic sewing supplies, thread and a sack lunch. Remember to call the extension office to register. Let the office staff know if you need help purchasing or obtaining fabric.

Food Booth Clean Up Aug. 3

It is time to prepare the food booth for the fair. Please meet at the fairgrounds on August 3 at 5 p.m. 2 adults and 2-3 members from each club are requested to attend and help with the cleaning.

Food Booth Shifts

Each member needs to sign up at the office for a work shift at the 4-H food booth. There is especially a need for workers on Wednesday. Members who are not in animal projects are encouraged to work Wednesday.



4-H Cookbook Update

Thank you for all the recipes! We exceeded our goal of 500 recipes. We are now in the process of completing the cookbook and are hopeful this cookbook will become a treasured reminder of Valley County 4-H.

DOG CLASSES – begin Sunday 6 p.m. July 19th at the fairgrounds. Bring your book on the 19th and your dog on the following Sunday classes. Call Renee Shipp for more information 263-7584.

New Show Ring Planned for 2009 Fair

Thank you and congratulations to Jana Tihista for applying for a \$1500 rural community grant from Northwest Farm Credit Services that has been awarded to the Valley County 4-H Council. This grant, combined with a Lynn Cornwell Memorial, will purchase supplies to replace the wooden show ring currently on the fair grounds with a pipe and continuous fence enclosure. Volunteers will be needed to construct this ring before the fair. Please come forward and offer your help if you are available. More information will be available when a date and time are chosen.

Livestock Members & Leaders

The following is important information for the fair. Also, please read through the overall livestock rules on page 16 and 17 of the 4-H fairbook, and the individual livestock department rules.

All horse, beef, sheep and swine members need to have **7 activities** completed, checked and signed by your club leader before you arrive at the fair. It is recommended to use a different color highlighter from last year to indicate this year's project work. Your books will be checked at the Independence Free Stage area prior to interview judging.

4-H Horse Helmet Waiver: If you do not plan to wear a proper fitting horse helmet during Valley County events, you will need to fill out a 4-H Horse Helmet Waiver, available at the extension office or from Jillie See.

Animal Participation Fees: Beef: \$50, Swine: \$20, Lambs: \$15, Goats: \$12.

This fee covers expenses such as the pre-sale flyer, advertising, buyer thank you, pictures, carcass grading, fuel costs for trucking etc. Each club will receive a packet containing pre-sale flyers and buyers Thank You certificates for the 4-H food booth. These are to be hand delivered by the 4-H members to the buyer whose name is on the certificate.

Round Robin Showmanship: Winners of more than one showmanship event will be required to choose which animal they will move on to the Round Robin Showmanship event. The top senior round robin showman will have the opportunity to compete in the Champion of Champions Showmanship Contest on August 21 in Circle, MT.

Beef Projects: Beef members are reminded to bring \$1.50 to the beef weigh in on Sunday. The beef barn will use sand again this year. Outside tie-ups will use straw. Tie out time is 9 p.m. Remember to keep the barn clear of chairs and debris.

Livestock Sale: The sale will be Wednesday, August 12th at 3:30 p.m. Club assignments are as follows:

Presale (11:00): Northern Lights, Tampico Boys, Lucky Clover, Highlanders, Quills.

Post Sale: Western Valley, Four Leaf Clover, Cherry Creek, Jackalopes, Hinsdale FFA.

Thank You's: Please send a thank you to anyone who sponsored an award that you receive. Thank you's in the paper are nice, but nothing beats a hand written thank you. We appreciate our sponsors and they need to know that!

As 4-H members we take pride in our projects, ourselves and our fair grounds. Please keep the area clean by picking up trash (even if it is not yours), cleaning up manure and acting in a respectful manner at all times. You never know when one of your prospective buyers or sponsors may be just around the corner. *Thanks and Enjoy the Fair!*