

COUNTY EVENT POLICY

Every 4-Her in Powell County is required to participate in 2 (two) County Events each year to be eligible to participate in the Fair.

If a 4-Her participates in a minimum of 4 (four) County Events during the year they will not be required to complete their project book required activities. Record forms for all projects must still be completed. Any 4-Her who does not complete all project records AND either the project book requirements or attendance at four County Events will not be able to sell a market animal at next year's Fair.

Participation in County Events: When attending you will be expected to participate and not be rude to the presenters or others in attendance and to be present for the entire event. All 4-Hers have signed a Code of Conduct agreement and if your behavior is unacceptable or you are not participating in the event, you may be asked to leave. If you are asked to leave you will not receive credit for that County Event. **You must sign in at every County Event.** If your name isn't on the list, you will not receive credit for the event.

Each club in Powell County will host at least one County Event each year. The events must pertain to the 4-H projects, be educational and be open to all 4-Hers in the county; however some may be limited by age. The club should not sponsor the same event year after year or if they do they should also sponsor another event during the year. Events should change to hold the interest of the 4-Hers. One purpose of the events is to introduce 4-Hers to projects they may not have been interested in before—you don't have to be taking the project to attend the County Event. Clubs must provide notice of the event to the Extension Office at least 3 (three) weeks before to allow time for notification of 4-Hers.

All County Events will be offered September through June. If four (4) events have not been attended by July 1, 4-Hers should begin work on their required project book activities to be completed by September 1. Do not wait until the end of August to decide you need the project book—order them early in July. Beginning in February County Event attendance is posted on the website at www.powellcountymt.gov so you can check your attendance. If you are not a registered 4-Her by the November registration deadline, any events attended before your actual date of registration will not count.

Required events will not count as a County Event—market sale interviews, weigh in, quality assurance.

In addition to the County Events offered by the clubs, all State 4-H events will count toward County Events. Some events are only open to senior 4-Hers. Other events may also count—such as a poultry workshop offered in Cascade County, Close Up trip and Envirothon. The 4-Her will need to **get prior approval from the Extension Office and provide proof of attendance for all extra events. Only one (1) school sponsored event will count each year for each 4-Her.** Events will count only once if they are like-events—such as attending livestock judging events or jackpot shows around the state. To count as a County Event the event should be open to most 4-Hers, it cannot be limited to just a few.

So that you can pace yourself in getting these County Events here some events that will probably take place:

- Six (6) club events (one will be the Year-end Celebration, another may be the Communications Rodeo)
- NILE in Billings
- KMON judging in Great Falls—Livestock and Meats judging count as 2 different events
- Various livestock judging and jackpot events around the state (only 1 will count)
- Blue Ribbon Preview—held in Deer Lodge end of June (will only count if this is your first livestock show of the year)
- State Rec Lab—usually in March or April
- 4-H Congress—July (this is the only event held in July that will count—must be registered in early June)
- Citizenship Seminar (Held in Helena usually in March during Legislative Sessions)
- Legislative Breakfast (Held in Helena in mid-January every other year—each club is limited on number of kids who may attend)
- Youth Rodeos (only 1 will count)
- 4-H Shooting Sports events (only 1 will count)
- Powell County Show Camp—held in Deer Lodge end of June for younger 4-Hers