

COUNTY EVENT POLICY

Every 4-Her in Powell County is required to participate in three (3) County Events each year to be eligible to participate in the 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 is not on the list, you will not receive credit for the event.

Each club in Powell County will host at least one (1) County Event each year. Clubs are encouraged to host more than one (1) County Event each year. However, club members can only receive credit for two (2) County Events hosted by their club. If a club chooses to host more than two (2) County Events, members of the hosting club can only receive credit for two (2) club-hosted County Events. To receive the three (3) County Event credits, 4-Hers must attend at least one (1) County Event not hosted by their club. 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. County Events cannot charge an entry fee – although fees associated with an event may be paid for by the hosting club – and County Events may not limit the number of participants. 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 four (4) weeks before to allow time for notification of 4-Hers.

All County Events will be offered September through June. Beginning in February, County Event attendance is posted on ZSuite so you can check your attendance. If you are not a registered 4-Her by the November 1st 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, Tri-County Fair set-up, and fairgrounds clean-up.

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, Envirothon, etc. The 4-Her will need to get prior approval from the Extension Office and provide a two (2) paragraph essay on what was learned for all extra events. Only one (1) school sponsored event will count each year for the 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 participants.

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

- Six (6) club events (one will be Year-End Celebration).

- NILE in Billings.
- KMON judging in Great Falls – Livestock and Meats judging count as two (2) different events.
- Various livestock judging and jackpot events around the state (only one will count).
- 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 one (1) will count).
- 4-H Shooting Sports events (only one (1) will count).