

4-H Newsletter

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"Hot Off the Grill" by Matthew Anderson



We made it through the fair this year with great success and new excitement about the future of the livestock program. Stay tuned!

Looking through all of the exhibits 4-H was involved in this year was exciting and highlighted our talented and hard working 4-H'ers. The fair is one of the ways 4-H displays the hard work everyone has done throughout the year. Fair displays are the best recruitment tools for our program.

I want to thank everyone — 4-H'ers, volunteers and family members — for all of your hard work to make our program great! 🔥



Matthew Anderson photo



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Calendar



September

- 01 **Livestock Committee**, 6:30 p.m.
- 07 **Labor Day** (UAF offices closed)
- 08 **Leaders Council**, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 **Members: Record books are due to leaders**
- 13 **Grandparents Day**
- 15 **Leaders: Merit award record books are due to 4-H office by 5 p.m.**
- 21 **Record book judging**, 5:30 p.m., UPark, Room 150
- 22 **Fall Equinox/First Day of Autumn**



October

- 01 **Happy New 4-H Year!** Time to re-enroll in ZSuite!
- 01 **2027 Ignite by 4-H, scholarship deadline extended to Oct. 1** (See flyer inside!)
- 02 **Leaders: Annual Summary Financial Reports are due between Oct. 2 and Oct. 31**
- 03 **Fall Festival**, noon-6 p.m., Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds
- 04 **National 4-H Week is Oct. 4-10! Let's paint our nation GREEN!**
- 05 **Go Green! Wear your 4-H green!**
- 06 **Livestock Committee**, 6:30 p.m.
- 07 **Alaska 4-H Day!** Thanks to the hard work of 4-H members and state representatives, Alaska 4-H Day is recognized annually on the first Wednesday of each October. Remember to wear your 4-H apparel to show your pride and support for the program!
- 08 **Thankful Thursday!** As part of National 4-H Week, help us shine a light on all the mentors, educators and volunteers who are making a positive impact on your life in 4-H. Share who you're thankful for and celebrate how they are making a difference!
- 10 **Annual Achievement and Recognition Night**
- 13 **Leaders Council**, 6:30 p.m..
- 31 **Happy Halloween! Boo!** (Don't be too frightened – we set our clocks back an hour on Nov. 1!)



Pssst! Nov. 15 is the application deadline for Leaders Council Youth and Leader Scholarships!

Don't miss out – this is for events occurring between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2027.

See page 7 for application information.

Housekeeping

Volunteer Opportunities

- Priscilla Rice needs help with Achievement and Recognition Night.
- Record book judging is Sept. 21 at 5:30 pm at UPark, Room 150.
- Call the 4-H office at 907-474-2450 for more information and to lend a hand. Thank you!



2026-27 Enrollment and Leader Trainings

It's that time again – 4-H enrollment opens Oct. 1! Leaders and youth get ready to enroll as soon as October hits. For most of our leaders, October is when training is due. If you are unsure when your training is due, please reach out to the office.

Leaders and youth start thinking about how you can promote your club to our community. We will be highlighting each club on Facebook.



DUE: Annual Summary Financial Reports

Please make sure you get your club's financial reports to me between Oct. 1 and Nov. 1. See pages 9-10 for instructions and form.

Volunteer Hours

The hard work our volunteers do throughout the years is invaluable. 4-H would not run without volunteers. To show our stakeholders across the state and country how important you are, I am requesting that each month you report the hours that you volunteered. Also, if your club has volunteered you can report those hours separately.

I will be sending a link out each month to remind you about reporting volunteer hours. Thank you again for all that you do for our youth and Extension.

For those who would like to bookmark the link, visit <https://forms.gle/X25TJqJ96GMJoTb46>.



COME JOIN US!

Leaders Council Monthly Meetings

All leaders are welcome and encouraged to attend Leaders Council meetings, held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Most meetings take place in person and a Zoom link is available, if requested in advance. We hope to see your smiling face and hear your great ideas soon!

Livestock Committee Meetings

Typically, the Livestock Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in February, April, May, September, October and November, and then as needed.

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Summertime Memory Album

Wildlife and Wildfire Day Camp

Seven youth joined 4-H leader Patsy Perkins on June 16 at the UAF Large Animal Research Station for a walk to learn about wildfires and local wildlife in Alaska.

We learned about the lives and feeding habits of our wildlife, about how wildfires impact the ecosystem, earlier detection of wildfires, and how firefighters respond.

We had beautiful weather and a nice walk.



Photos by
Matthew
Anderson



Cloverbud Day Camp

This year's Cloverbud Camp was a success! We hosted 18 kids—ranging in age from 5 to 9—from July 13-15 at the UAF Georgeson Botanical Garden. The kids learned about insects and bugs, made moose calls and bird houses and went on a bird walk. The weather stayed nice most of the time, and we ended with a nice barbeque with families.

I want to thank Elle, Mack, Avynn and Benjamin for serving as our teen leaders this year. They did a great job with the kids and worked hard. If you are interested in helping next year and/or throughout the year, please reach out to me at 907-474-2427 or mranderson@alaska.edu.



Tanana Valley State Fair – It's a wrap!



From livestock to fashion,
juggling to baking,
and everything
in between ...



Tanana District 4-H
ROCKED the fair
GREEN this year!!!

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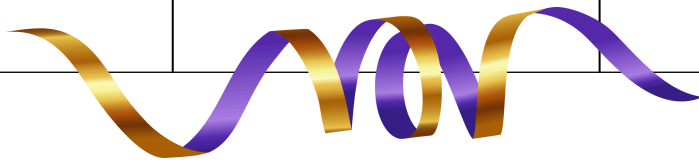


Fair Contest Results – WOW!



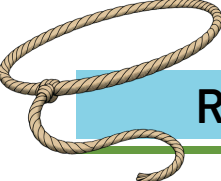
Department 1 4-H Clubwork Grand Champions

Department	Exhibitor	Exhibit
1A Foods	None	None
1B Sewing Challenge	Elle Gifford	Quilted Potholder
1C Sewing	Rina Bohart	Quilt
1D Crafts	Lily Harlow	Felted Dragon
1 E Fine Arts	Lily Harlow	Picture with Story
1F 4-H Science	Castner Etcheverry	Bee Educational Poster
1G Personal Growth	None	None
1H Plant Science	Castner Etcheverry	Chocolate Mint
1I Communications	Rosie Wilcher	Dog Photo
1J Favorite Foods	Elle Gifford	Creamy Garlic Salad Dressing
1K Bake-Off	Elle Gifford	Bagels
1L Performing Arts	Mack Gifford	Juggling with Comedy
1M Fashion	None	None
1N Garden Tour	None	None
People's Choice	Lily Harlow	Felted Dragon



What an **AWESOME SHOWING** of participants in this year's 4-H fair contests!

Thank you for all your enthusiasm and **CONGRATS** on a job done very well!



Record Book Round-Up

Last year's club enrollment list will be mailed to the main leader of each club to look over. Please pay attention and make sure everyone is on the enrollment list, and the correct years are listed. If someone isn't on that should be, and you know they paid and have their receipt, then we can help with that.

Those who are not on the enrollment list never got registered and need to do so this year. You will need to make any changes on the form and then return it to the office, or your youth will not be receiving their awards ... or perhaps not even the correct ones. This is part of your responsibility as a leader.



Merit award record books are due Sept. 15.

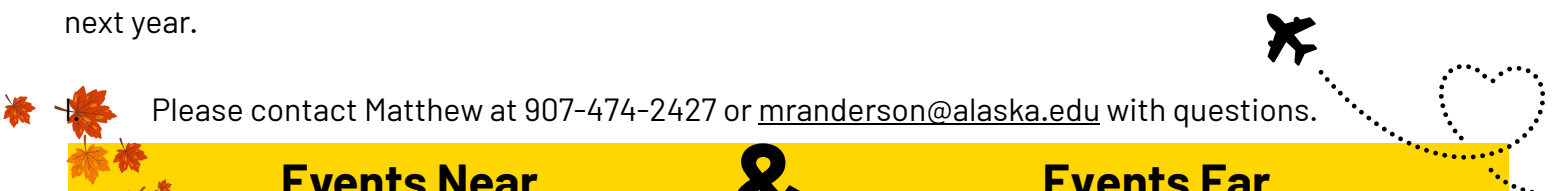


Market Livestock Record Books must be turned in, no exceptions!

A key factor in the livestock program—and any of the 4-H programs—is the record books. These books are not just a requirement, but are a reflection of the hard work done by members. The 4-H leaders and I review different aspects of the record books, but just remember that this is an important step in developing who our youth are becoming.

Please remember that all youths who sold an animal at the Market Livestock Auction need to submit their record books to their leader by their designated date. The leader will evaluate the books and pick out the ones they think are merit-worthy to be submitted for the final judging.

The leader needs to bring in all the other record books for verification to the Extension /4-H office. If a youth does not complete this step, they will be ineligible to participate in the Market Livestock Project next year.



Please contact Matthew at 907-474-2427 or mranderson@alaska.edu with questions.

Events Near



Events Far

Fall Festival

Come to the Fall Festival at the Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds! The fun runs noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3 with hay rides, food trucks, a petting zoo, carnival rides, games, movies, music, merch, story time and so much more! You can even pick and purchase your very own pumpkin! Admission is \$8 per person or \$24 per family.



Travel Scholarships



Youth and Leader Educational Scholarship Applications are **due Nov. 15, 2026** for events happening Jan. 1-March 31, 2027. The Tanana District 4-H Leaders Council established the Youth and Leader Educational Scholarship Program to provide funds for youth and leaders to attend events that will further their leadership skills and project knowledge. It is not intended to replace other funding sources or to be a full scholarship for the event. Visit <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/4-h/quick-links/district-directory/fairbanks-tanana-district/forms.php> for details and forms.

March 17-21, 2027

Washington D.C.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Ages 13 to 19

For four days, teens from all over the country come to Washington D.C to collaborate, connect, and cultivate a passion for expanding their minds and their world – becoming resilient and ready for everything life has to offer. Teens will immerse themselves in hands-on workshops, experiences, activities in their key programming areas. With the addition of public speaking, career and life readiness, and presentation workshops, teens will be able to apply what they learn to their own lives and take a step forward to become Beyond Ready for the future. <https://ignite.4-h.org>

Early Bird Teen Price
\$1300 Admission and Room & Board

Scholarships

Scholarship applications
available for room and board:

<https://forms.gle/PNtRLEBNzz4V9Er58>

Due by October 1st

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Agriscience

Animal Science

Healthy Living

STEM

Community
Accelerators



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Completing the Annual Summary Financial Report

1. The Annual Summary Financial Report provides an overview of your club's financial activities for the 4-H year (October 1 to September 30). At the top of the form, fill in your club name, your bank's name, and the dates covered by the report.
2. Line 1, **The Balance at Beginning of Year**, is the amount on hand on the first day of the new 4-H year, October 1.
3. Lines 2 through 6 are where you would report your club's **Income** for the year. Each line should report the income from a particular activity or event. These should include gifts, donations, sales of goods, fundraisers, dues and/or fees, and other income i.e., grants. Items can be reported all together or separately, such as candy sales and car washes can be combined for fundraisers. For donations over \$5,000, indicate the amount and name and mailing address of the individual or business.
4. Line 7, **Total Income for Year**, is lines 2 through 6 added together.
5. Line 8, **Adjusted Balance**, is your beginning balance (line 1) added to your total income for the year (line 7). This line shows how much money your club had to work with during the year.
6. Lines 9 through 14 are your club's **Expenditures** for the year, again grouped by a particular activity or event, i.e., scholarships, educational materials, activity costs/fees.
7. Line 15, **Total Expenditures for Year**, is lines 9 through 14 added together. This line will show how much money your club spent during the year.
8. Line 16, **Balance at End of Year**, is your total expenditures (line 15) subtracted from your adjusted balance (line 8). This line will show how much money your club has to start the new 4-H year.
9. Compare line 16 with your bank statement. They should be the same. If they are not the same it is probably because some checks and/or deposits have not yet cleared the bank. Use line 17 to add the total of all your checks that have not cleared the bank yet to your balance (line 16). Next, use line 18 to subtract the total of all your deposits that have not cleared the bank from your balance (right hand column in line 17). Write your new balance on line 19. The balance should now be the same as your bank statement. If it still doesn't add up, you need to go back and check all your income and expenditure amounts.
10. Finally, sign and date the report where it is indicated for the treasurer's signature. Also, have your adult leader sign the report and submit a copy to your club, a copy to your District Extension Office, and keep a copy for your records.

Please scroll/turn to page 10 for form!

The form also is located on the 4-H website under Volunteer Forms:
uaf.edu/ces/4-h/get-involved/current-member/forms.php



Alaska 4-H Annual Financial Summary Report

(Please COMPLETE even with
\$0 balance or NO treasury!)

Name of 4-H Club _____		
Name of Bank _____		Club EIN _____
For the 4-H Year Beginning October 1, _____ and Ending September 30, _____		
1. Balance at Beginning of Year		
INCOME (By event or activity. See next page for large donations)		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7. Total Income for Year (Add lines 2 through 6)	0.00	
8. Adjusted Balance (Add line 1 and line 7)		0.00
EXPENDITURES (By event or activity)		
9.		
10.		
11.		
12.		
13.		
14.		
15. Total Expenditures for Year (Add lines 9 through 14)	0.00	
16. Balance at End of Year (Subtract line 15 from line 8)		0.00
<i>If line 16 doesn't agree with bank statement complete lines 17, 18, and 19</i>		
17. Add checks that haven't cleared the bank		0.00
18. Subtract deposits that haven't cleared the bank		
19. Adjusted Balance (Should agree with bank statement)		0.00
Prepared by (Treasurer) _____ Date _____		
Organizational (Main) Leader _____ Date _____		
Extension Educator _____ Date _____		

Connect With Us!

Where to find us



Leif Van Cise photo

The Tanana District office of the UAF Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H office is now located in downtown Fairbanks at the UAF Community and Technical College (CTC), 604 Barnette St., Room 205.

Hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. weekdays, or by appointment.

Here, you can find the following friendly folks at the CTC building in Room 205. (A note about parking: the main lot around the building requires a UAF parking decal, it is best to find a street parking spot on 6th or 7th avenues.

- **Matthew Anderson**, 4-H Program Coordinator, 907-474-2427, mranderson@alaska.edu
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- **Leslie Shallcross**, Health, home and family development agent, 907-474-2426, lashallcross@alaska.edu
- **Amelia Sikes**, Food system research professional, 907-474-2426, absikes@alaska.edu

Come visit us in our new home. We look forward to seeing you!

Who to call/text/email

Leaders Council Contacts

If you have any questions about 4-H, please contact your local 4-H office at 907-474-2427 or an officer of the 2025-26 Leaders Council:

- **President** – Priscilla Rice, plmrice.ak@gmail.com
- **Vice President** – Tiffany Gifford, tgifford@chugachschoools.com
- **Secretary** – Beth Austin, paulbethaustin@gmail.com
- **Treasurer** – Patsy Perkins, patsyjperkins@hotmail.com
- **District Representative** – Kaitlynne Rice, kmrice.ak@gmail.com
- **Program Coordinator** – Matthew Anderson, mranderson@alaska.edu

Livestock Committee Contacts

Got a question about the livestock program? Call the 4-H office at 907-474-2427 or contact an officer of the 2025-26 Livestock Committee and others:

- **President** – Mike Wilcher, wydoc2@gmail.com
- **Treasurer** – Lorrie Powalski, alliesfarmalaska@gmail.com
- **Auction** – Bill Eisele, weisele6@gmail.com
- **Resource** – Carrie Topp, carrietopp@gmail.com

Horse Council Contacts

While the Horse Council is revamping, questions can be referred to the 4-H office at 907-474-2427 or to the following resources:

- Beth Austin, paulbethaustin@gmail.com
- Priscilla Rice, plmrice.ak@gmail.com

Let's get social

Find us on Facebook

Don't forget to like the Tanana District 4-H and Alaska 4-H on FaceBook. There is some great information here.



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Falltime Favorites ...

It is pumpkin spice latte time folks: fall time. We see the colors start to change quickly and feel the beginning bites of winter. This time of the year makes me want to light a fire and roast marshmallows while sipping on hot cocoa. As things start to calm down a bit, let us look back over the last 4-H year and be proud of what we have accomplished. When we "fall," we get back up and keep going. **Keep up the hard work!**



Photo courtesy Cassy Rankin, Kenai Peninsula District 4-H

The 4-H Creed

I believe in 4-H Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my head for the power it will give me to think, plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my heart for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.

I believe in the training of my hands for the ability it will give me to be helpful, skillful and useful.

I believe in the training of my health for the strength it will give me to enjoy life,
to resist disease and to work efficiently.

I believe in my country, my state, and my community and in my responsibility for their development.

In all these things I believe, I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.



Leaders and club members! Got a great photo to submit for Parting Shot? Email it to mranderson@alaska.edu for consideration. We can't wait to see what you've got!

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