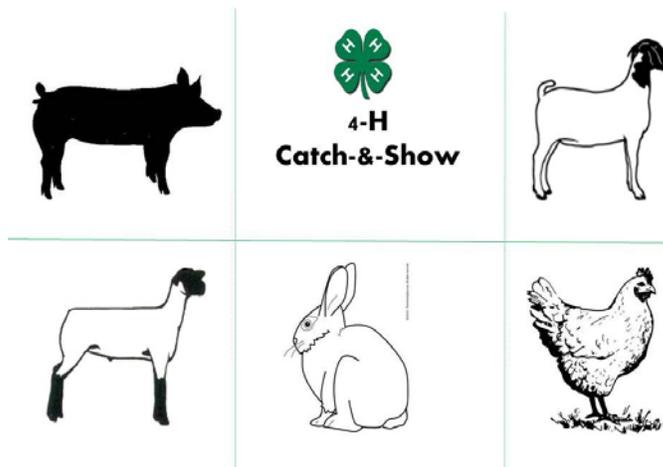




Uinta County 4-H Catch-&-Show Participants Program Information



Important Contact Information

?? CALL FOR HELP ??

If you need help, please call anytime. We do not know if you are struggling or have questions unless you ask. Youth will receive one project visit in June or July, other visits will only occur if a youth requests them.

Do you have questions about.....

Program, monthly reports, sponsor letters, animal replacements, fair entry information call:

Samantha Krieger
228 9th St.
Evanston, WY 82930
307-783-0570 - office
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If you have questions about your animal's health or behavior, please contact the veterinarian. Do not wait until the animal gets sicker.

If your animal dies, contact the Extension Office immediately.

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Policy Statement

The purpose of this youth development program is to teach life skills and help youth develop values that will enable them to become caring, contributing citizens.

The Catch-&-Show Program provides a great learning venue for 4-H members to gain important skills through the aid of a livestock project. The exhibition of livestock competitively provides youth an avenue to learn animal care and husbandry skills, not limited to feeding, care of animals, meat quality assurance and a commitment to honest competition.

The Catch-&-Show program is built upon rewarding youth who have put the most amount of effort into all components of the program. It is an educational program designed to encourage youth to expand their knowledge and skills by taking on the responsibility of a new project area. We hope to open doors to a wider range of children in a controlled educational setting.

By participating in this program, members will be taking on the responsibility of completing an application form, writing monthly sponsor letters, keeping records, learning to show an animal and financing a livestock project.

Why Is This Project Different Than Any Other Livestock Project?

Two distinctive things make this program very different from the traditional livestock project. They are:

1. Members are rewarded for the time and effort they put into their project. The best animal in the world would not win in this project. Kids do not have to put forth a large sum of money to be a grand champion. Since they are given a composite score based on monthly reports, sponsor relations, an interview, showmanship and junior livestock invitations, the youth who puts forth the most effort in acquiring knowledge, keeping records, and writing letters is the one rewarded and recognized as the winner.
2. The program draws in community donors by offering them an opportunity to receive advertisement/recognition, while supporting the youth in the community. This is one of the few times people who give financial support to the 4-H program have an opportunity to stay in contact with the individual receiving the support. Donors receive written monthly progress letters and reports and have an opportunity to watch the youth grow and advance as they complete their project.

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Program Summary

General guidelines:

- * The catch-&-show program is a one-year program that can include youth engaging in a market livestock project.
- * Youth can only participate in one species of animals a year.
- * Youth can only complete a particular species one time during their 4-H career.
- * Youth earn a spot in the program at the county fair by participating in the catching contest at the fair and will receive their animals between January 1 and June 30 the following year - where they will return and exhibit their animal at the Uinta County Fair.

Prior to earning a spot in the program youth must:

- * Youth and parents must attend the mandatory program meeting which occurs right before the catch contest at the fair, unless other arrangements were made with Extension personnel ahead of time.
- * Youth and parents must participate in one of the scheduled conference calls set for the fall before participating in the program.

Program guidelines after the youth has earned a spot in the program:

- * Youth will pay an animal fee that is set by the 4-H educator and a sponsor donates a sponsorship - these combined will cover animal and program expenses.
- * Animal fees must be paid prior to the youth receiving their animal. If youth do not have their animal fees paid by the time animals arrive and are drawn for - they will not get to participate in the draw and will receive the animal left.
- * If an animal dies within 20 days after the youth had received their original animal, the youth can work with the 4-H Educator to receive a replacement animal. The expense of the animal will be the responsibility of the youth to cover. If the animal dies 21 days or more after the youth had received their original animal, the youth cannot get a replacement and will receive a 0 for showmanship points as they will not have an animal to exhibit. Youth cannot use another animal that is already in their possession to replace their deceased animal. Leased animals are not an option as a replacement. Youth are still expected to complete the program.
- * In the spring, if a youth selects not to participate in the program or an animal is removed from a member for any reason, the animal will be offered to an alternate, up to May 1. If this occurs after May 1, the animal will not be awarded to the alternate.
- * Animals will be removed from the youth based on any of the following removal criteria points:
 - Animal will be removed if youth misses more than 2 reports during the program year.
 - Animal may be removed if youth misses more than 2 sponsor letters - this includes fall thank you note and letters, which will start in April regardless of species and regardless if they have or haven't received their animal.
 - Animal's condition is not satisfactory (the condition can be body score, facilities, health, etc.)
 - If an animal is removed, youth do not receive any compensation for any expenses incurred while the animal was in their possession (including but not limited to expenses such as animal fees, feed, veterinarian, etc.)
 - Youth must be enrolled in 4-H by April 1 for the given year they are participating in the Catch-&-Show Program or before receiving their animal, whichever comes first. Unless okayed by 4-H Educator.

Entering Your Animal At Fair

- When youth complete their entries for fair they need to enter the Catch-&Show Showmanship Class for whichever species of animal they are exhibiting.
- If youth fail to complete their fair entry they will still be able to compete in the showmanship class to earn their respective points for that category, but they will not be able to win the class and earn the prize given to the champion showman.
- If a youth chooses to show their animal in a market class beyond the showmanship class that is up to them. That is not a requirement of this program.
- If funds are available, buckles will be awarded to the champion Catch-&Show participant in each species based on the youth who earns the most weighted points.

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Program Scoring

RUBRIC

The following is the breakdown of how you will earn your points throughout the project

Monthly Reports.....	25%
Interview.....	20%
Sponsor relations.....	25%
Showmanship.....	20%
Letters of invitation to the Jr Livestock Sale ...	10%

Bonus points -- for a maximum of 15 points -- will be added to the final score

The Grand Champion Catch-&-Show animals are determined by a composite score computed on a weighted scale from the five areas they are judged in, plus any bonus points earned for educational workshops. An example of how the points are calculated follows this program scoring section.

In the event of a tie in final scores, the winner will be decided based on the following tiebreaker categories:

1. Sponsor relations
2. Monthly reports
3. Interview
4. Showmanship

On the following page is an example of the scoring process based on a example scenario. If you have questions about the example, please let us know.

Example of Scoring Rubric - Figuring a Youth's Score

Scenario:

Youth A - missed one monthly report so she lost 10 points; she got a perfect score on her interview so she got 50 points; she turned all her sponsor letters in but one didn't include information about her animal so she lost 3 points, she did not write any extra letters so she earned 47 points; in showmanship she received 50 points from the judge; she turned all her letters in for the junior livestock sale so she got 50 points; her and her parents participate in the pre-program meeting so she received 5 bonus points for that meeting and she attended one Extension sponsored workshop and three others in Utah so she earned 8 bonus points.

Youth B - turned in all his monthly reports and earned 50 points; he only received 40 points for his interview; he turned all his sponsor letters in plus he wrote one extra letter so he got 51 points; he earned 40 points in showmanship; he only turned in four letters of invitation to the junior livestock sale so he earned 40 points; him and his parents did not attend the pre-program meeting so he did not receive any bonus points for that meeting and he attended two of the Extension sponsored workshops so he earned 10 bonus points.

Each of the sections raw points earned by the youth are multiplied by the weighted factor for that section to determine the youth's final score.

	Youth A raw points	Youth A weighted points	Youth B raw points	Youth B weighted points
Monthly reports raw points	40	--	50	--
Monthly reports weighted points (25%)	--	10	--	12.5
Interview raw points	50	--	40	--
Interview weighted points (20%)	--	10	--	8
Sponsor relations raw points	47	--	51	--
Sponsor relations weighted points (25%)	--	11.75	--	12.75
Showmanship raw points	50	--	40	--
Showmanship weighted points (20%)	--	10	--	8
Letter of invitation to Jr. Livestock Sale raw points	50	--	40	--
Letter of invitation to Jr. Livestock Sale weighted points (10%)	--	5	--	4
Total Weighted Points		46.75		45.25
Bonus points for educational program attended.		8		10
Bonus points for parent/youth pre-program meeting		5		0
Total Youth Score		59.75		55.25

So in this particular example Youth A will earn grand champion and Youth B will be reserve.

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SPONSOR RELATIONS- 25%

Each month youth will write a letter to their sponsor. Each required letter received on time is eligible to receive 10 points.

It's the youth's responsibility to submit all letters on time. Each letter is due into the Extension Office on or before the 1st of each required month at 11:59 p.m. Once the letter is received, it will be forwarded onto the youth's donor. The Extension Office will not be sending out reminder cards each month a letter is due. It is your responsibility to mark your calendar and get these in on time.

Letters are due:

**November 1 (Thank you letter)
July 1, 2019**

May 1, 2019

June 1, 2019

The letter due in November should be a thank you letter. This is not a note card. It will be scored using the same rubric as the other monthly letters.

Letters must be received in the Evanston Extension Office -- in hard copy -- by the date they are due. The letters can be typed or handwritten and must be in a stamped addressed envelope that has not been sealed, so they can be forwarded onto your donor.

Each letter is worth a maximum of 10 points and will be scored on the following rubric:

- 1 points if at least a ½ page in length single spaced, 1 page if double spaced;
- 2 points if it includes information about the 4-H member;
- 4 points if it includes information about your animal including:
 - Animal's weight and rate-of-gain since your last report or since you received the animal.
 - What are you feeding your animal and how much of it?
 - Health update - have you given your animal any vaccinations or other treatments for the month?
 - What have you been doing for the month to prepare your animal for exhibition?
- 2 points if it includes a photo.
- 1 point for correct spelling, punctuation, complete sentences and legibility.

Letters not submitted to the Extension Office on time (by 11:59 p.m. of the day it is due) will receive zero points for that month.

Bonus points for letters

Each youth can write up to 5 extra letters that will be worth 1 bonus point each if they follow the letter scoring rubric listed above. If the extra letters do not contain information about the animal, the participant, and are at least ½ page in length single-spaced - 1 page if double-spaced, no credit will be given for the extra letter.

The bonus points will be added to the sponsor relations score before the weighted calculation.

Tips for successful letter writing

Here are some hints for succeeding in the sponsor relations section.

- TURN LETTER IN ON TIME!!! (Due by the 1st day of the month that they are due)
- Be professional
- Use the letters as a way to introduce yourself to the sponsor. They would like to get to know you. What are you involved in outside of 4-H such as sports, family, clubs, animals, work, etc.?
- Include detailed information about your animal. Animal's weight; what are you feeding it; have you had any challenges for the month; average daily gain; health issues; etc. See the scoring area for the exact list of items that need to be included.
- If you have not received your animal yet, share information about where you will be housing your animal, what have you learned in any project meetings, what are you planning on feeding it, details about the breed of animal that you will be receiving, etc.
- Spell-check your letters.
- Letters can be typed or hand-written.
- Pay attention to proper grammar.
- Use the following format to help you when developing your letters:
 - Heading - this section should include the address of your sponsor
 - Greeting - this section addresses your sponsor (Dear Mr./Ms./Dr. _____)
 - Body - this section is where you will provide information about yourself and your project animal
 - Closing - this is where you provide your closing statement followed by your signature.

On the next page is an example of a well-written monthly letter. Yours should follow a similar format no matter if you handwrite or type it.

Johnathan Newman

256 Harding
Turkey, WY 82963
307-788-5689

Mr. David Smith
2897 1st Ave.
Bear Town, NY 87563

Dear Mr. Smith,

Hello again! How are you doing? Are you enjoying the nice spring weather after all the cold and snow that we had this past winter? I am really loving the sunshine and am excited to get to go out and play in the warm weather. My family and I are already planning our summer camping trip for this coming June or as soon as it is warm enough to go camping.

I am busy in school. I have homework each night so that keeps me busy. We are also right in the middle of lambing and calving which takes extra time each night to do chores and take care of the babies. My little brother and sister are already naming each of the lambs. I had a fun program at our school the other day. It was our spring music concert, where we sang about many of the countries across the world. We got to dress up like someone from another country and I wore some clothes that my cousin got when he was in Africa. I started wrestling last week and am excited to go to more meets.

I was excited to get my pig on April 10. It is a Hampshire gilt. Which means it is a girl that is black with a white belt around its shoulders. I am feeding it in a self feeder which means it can eat as much as it wants all day long. I put it in the pen with my brother's pig and we are feeding them Power Train pig grain that has 16% protein 4% fat in it. We will feed this until the pigs get around 120bs then we will switch feed to one that has less protein and more fat in it.

When we got the pigs, we drew out of a hat for the ear tag number of our pig. I was excited to get the black and white one. We weighed them the night we got them and mine weighs 70lbs. The other kids pigs that are in the program weigh about the same amount.

Before I forget, I want to invite you to fair to see me show my pig. The pig show will be on August 4, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the Uinta County Fairgrounds in Evanston. I thought maybe if I gave you the date early you might be able to come.

I hope you have a great month and enjoy the warm weather. I am attaching a copy of my monthly report for you as well. If you have any questions, let me know. Thanks again for sponsoring me and my pig.

Sincerely,
Johnathan Newman



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MONTHLY REPORTS- 25%

Each month youth will complete a monthly report that they submit to the Extension Office and their sponsor. Each required report received on time is eligible to receive 12.5 points.

Each youth will be provided a monthly report form that will be e-mailed to them during the month prior to it's due date.

It is the youth's responsibility to submit all monthly reports on time. Each monthly report is due into the Extension Office on or before the 1st of each required month at 11:59 p.m. Once the report is received, it will be forwarded onto the youth's donor. The Extension Office will not be sending out reminder cards each month a report is due. It is your responsibility to mark your calendar and get these in on time.

Reports are due:

May 1, 2019

June 1, 2019

July 1, 2019

Monthly reports must be received in the Evanston Extension Office -- in hard copy -- by the date they are due. Reports can be handwritten or typed and need to be in a stamped addressed envelope that has not been sealed, so they can be forwarded into your donor.

Each monthly report is worth a maximum of 12.5 points and will be scored on the following rubric:

- ☐ 3 points if all questions have been answered;
- ☐ 3 points if all financial records and average daily gain is completed.
- ☐ 2 points for mathematical completeness (columns totaled, math correctness, animal weight provided, ADG figured correctly)
- ☐ 2.5 grammatical correctness (spelling, punctuation, capitalization, complete sentences)
- ☐ 2.5 points for correctness and completeness of the answers to the questions

Tips for successful monthly reports

Here are some hints for succeeding in the monthly reports section:

- ☐ Keep all financial receipts as you will need them to complete these reports.
- ☐ Youth should have expenses each month whether it is animal expenses, dues, stamps, etc.
- ☐ Entries and answers should be made neatly and accurately.
- ☐ Dates should include specific day (ex. May 21, 2016), not just a month and year.
- ☐ Entries should reflect actual expenditures - prices paid, not an estimation.
- ☐ Provide all information requested in the unit it is requested in.
- ☐ Be sure to proof read all answers.
- ☐ Answer questions in complete sentences.
- ☐ All columns should be totaled or subtotaled at the bottom of a column.
- ☐ Answer questions with specific information not generalizations.
- ☐ Reports can be handwritten or typed.
- ☐ You may need to call the volunteer resource people to find the answer to some of the questions if you do not know, or research it on the internet or ask another 4-H member.

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INTERVIEW - 20%

Interviews will be conducted prior to fair on a date that will be given to youth at least one month in advance. Youth will enter a room and interact with a set of judges who will ask each participant a set of questions about their project. Judges will award each youth between 35 to 50 points for their interview.

Questions may come from the youth's monthly reports as well as from the set of questions given to the youth at the beginning of the project. However, the questions are not limited to these two resources.

There is a list of study questions provided after the showmanship section in this document.

Interview details:

The youth interviews will be held on a date to be determined. All youth in a particular species will interview back-to-back in the following order: pigs, sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry. Interview order can only be changed due to a medical reason. If a youth does not show up for their interview, they will receive zero points for this portion of the program.

Tips for successful monthly reports

Here are some hints for succeeding in the showmanship section:

- Study the questions provided prior to your interview.
- Show up for your interview 10 minutes before your scheduled time.
- Dress professionally - like you would be attending a job interview.
- Introduce yourself to the judges with a hello and hand shake when you enter the room.
- Sit up straight in your chair with your legs together or crossed. Do not slouch or sit with your legs sprawled open.
- Answer questions with complete sentences.
- Use examples in your answer any time you can.
- Relax and let your true self shine through.
- Nerves are normal. Let them be your best friend, not your enemy.
- Look at the judges - don't let your eyes wander the room.

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SHOWMANSHIP - 20%

Youth will compete in a showmanship class just for Catch-&-Show participants in their respective species. The class will be held at the Uinta County Fair for their designated species. All youth within a particular species will compete against each other. There will be a single class, it will not be divided up by age of youth or by breeding versus market animal.

Youth will be awarded by the judge between 35 to 50 points during the showmanship competition.

Youth that want to participate in the 4-H showmanship classes that are divided by age are more than welcome to, but will need to make sure and enter them when they are doing their fair entries.

Following is a set of study questions that will aid youth in both the showmanship and interview phase of this program.

Tips for showmanship

Here are some hints for succeeding in the showmanship section:

- Start working with your animal early.
- Spend time with your animal training it to respond to your request - whether that is to lead, respond to a driving device, setting feet, be turned over, brushed, etc..
- Spend time grooming your animal. Skin care takes more than a bath right before fair.
- Find a mentor who can help you learn how to show your animal.
- Learn early how to prepare your animal for fair - whether that includes clipping, shearing, trimming toe nails, etc.
- If you have a chance to take your animal to a practice show, take advantage of that opportunity.
- Be cautious of videos and items you view on the internet to make sure the information provided in them -- whether it is a video or a document -- is correct and up-to-date. Showmanship styles have changed over the past few years for many species.

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Sample Interview and Showmanship Questions???

The following is a list of questions that may help youth with the interview and showmanship phase of the program. Interview questions are not limited to this list, but studying these may be helpful.

What breed is your animal? What characteristics tell you that?

How old is your animal? When was it born?

What are you feeding your animal? (Know what kind it is and how much - include water)

How much did your animal weigh in the beginning, how much does your animal weigh now?

What was your animal's rate-of-gain?

What were your goals for the project?

What have you learned from the project?

What type of health steps have you taken?

How would you like to improve your animal?

What is your animal's strong confirmation points?

Be able to name the parts of your animal.

What did you do to your animal to prepare it for the show ring?

How old will your animal be when it goes to market?

Sample Interview and Showmanship Questions??? - Continued

What sex is your animal?

(Swine, goat & sheep members) How large of a rib-eye will your animal have? How much backfat would your animal have?

(Swine, goat & sheep members) What is the dressing percentage for the species of animal you are exhibiting?

How much weight did your animal gain? What was your animal's rate-of-gain over the summer?

(Swine, goat & sheep members) — What are ear notches and how do you read them? What is your pig's number?

What would you change about the program?

What was the most difficult part of the Catch-&-Show Program?

How do you play a role in the agriculture industry?

Will you make a profit or loss on your project?

Who helped you finance your project? Explain how.

Do you believe this program was a success for you?

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LETTERS OF INVITATION TO THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE - 10%

Youth will submit 5 letters of invitation for the junior livestock sale to the Extension Office on or before July 25, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. Each letter received on time is eligible to receive 10 points. If turned in late, a zero score will be earned.

It's the youth's responsibility to submit the letters of invitation to the Extension Office for potential buyers. The Extension Office **will not** be sending out reminder cards for these letters. It is your responsibility to mark your calendar and get them in on time.

Letters must be received in the Evanston Extension Office -- in hard copy -- by the date they are due. Letters need to be in a stamped addressed envelope that has not been sealed, so they can be forwarded on to potential buyers..

Each letter is worth a maximum of 10 points and will be scored on the following rubric:

- ☐ 4 points if includes youth participants name
- ☐ 2 points if includes Junior Livestock Sale location
- ☐ 2 points if includes Junior Livestock Sale date
- ☐ 2 points if includes Junior Livestock Sale time

Tips for successful letter of invitations:

Here are some hints for succeeding in the junior livestock sale letter section:

- ☐ **TURN THE LETTERS IN ON TIME!!**
- ☐ Addresses for potential buyers can be obtained from the Uinta County Fair Office.
- ☐ Individuals and businesses that have purchased animals in the past are listed in the fair book if you are looking for ideas.
- ☐ You can hand deliver the invitations as long as a copy of the invitations are turned into the Extension Office by the due date.
- ☐ Be creative! Include some photos in the invitations.
- ☐ Invitations do not have to follow the proper letter writing format they can be photo cards, invitations cards, anything.
- ☐ Be sure to proof read invitations for grammatical errors.
- ☐ Tickets to the buyers dinner can be obtained from the Extension Office or the Fair Office. These are great to include in the letters and do not cost anything.

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Bonus Points

Pre-Program Parent/Youth Meeting -- Max. of 5 points

There will be two opportunities for youth to participate with one of their parents in the pre-programming meeting. At this meeting youth and parents will review the guidelines of the program and the scoring process. If the youth and one of their parents complete the entire meeting they will receive 5 bonus points. These bonus points will be added onto the youth's score after the weighed score has been figured.

This meeting is the time that the youth will commit to the program or choose to pass their spot onto an alternate

Educational Workshop -- Max. of 10 points

A maximum of 10 bonus points will be added to the final score with no weighted factor. Youth can earn these bonus points by attending educational workshops and completing a summary worksheet.

At least three workshops will be offered each year specifically for Catch-&-Show youth. These workshops are worth 5 points each. Youth can attend other workshops and clinics on their own and earn 1 point for each program they turn a summary worksheet into the Extension Office for after the conclusion of the educational workshop. No matter what workshops a youth attends, bonus points are maxed at 10.

Workshops can include showmanship camps, feeding workshops, field days, etc.

Summary sheets can be handwritten or typed, but must include the following information:

- Name of educational workshop?
- Date of the workshop?
- Location of workshop?
- How long was the workshop?
- Presenter's name(s)?
- What did the youth learn at the workshop?
- Did the workshop help you accomplish your goals for the Catch-&-Show Program? How or why not?
- Would you recommend the workshop for other 4-H members?

If a youth attends a workshop sponsored by some other entity beyond the Uinta County Extension Office, summary sheets are due into the Extension Office by the date of fair registration in order to get credit toward the youth's score.