

Showcase Showdown Contest Information 2018

Laramie, Wyoming

Below you will find information about each contest. For full contest information and rules, please visit www.wyoming4h.org

Livestock Skill-a-Thon

The objective of this contest is to educate youth in science, engineering and technology while exploring their relation to livestock and the livestock industry. This contest gives participants the opportunity to bring their knowledge from judging, showing and demonstrations into one activity. This contest has various classes that participants will utilize skills in breeds and parts identification as well as quality assurance, feed identification, and a group processing activity.

Produce Judging

Through the produce judging contest, participants are given the opportunity to identify various types of produce through an identification line as well as evaluate eight classes and answer questions/reasons that correlate to the different classes. Youth can participate in this contest as an individual or as a team.

Cake Decorating

In this contest, youth will decorate a cake (provided) using buttercream frosting (provided) and other materials (not provided). There is a predetermined schedule for this contest and youth will have up to one hour to complete their creation based on the theme announced at the start of the contest. Participation can be done as an individual or as a team of up to three people.

Robotics

The Wyoming 4-H Robot Contest robotics contest is modeled after the National Robotics Challenge which began as the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Robotic Technology and Engineering Challenge in 1986. The contests used have been modified to fit the needs and capabilities of Wyoming 4-H project members and the contest is open to any 4-H member currently enrolled in the Robotics project. Based upon entries, a schedule will be created and emailed out to all participants providing email addresses during registration and to the county 4-H educators. Youth will be expected to be ready to compete during their scheduled time.

Horse Judging

During this contest, youth will have the opportunity to evaluate two to five halter classes and two to four performance classes. They will also answer questions and or reasons (depending on age division).

Hippology

This contest will provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of equine science and management. This contest is only available for teams of two to four contestants. In this contest, participants will have an evaluation phase, stations, a team problem, and an exam.



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Presentations (Prepared and Impromptu)

During both of these contests, youth will have the opportunity to develop their verbal communication skills through presentations. In prepared, youth have 3-10 minutes to present as juniors, 5-10 minutes as intermediates, and 7-15 minutes as seniors. Props are also allowed in the prepared contest. Youth competitors in the impromptu contest will choose three topics from a hat and pick one topic to present to the judges. They will have 5 minutes to prepare their presentation before entering the judging room. No props may be used in this contest.

Dog Skill-a-Thon

During the Dog Skill a Thon, youth will have the opportunity to test their skills when it comes to all things canine. The contest will consist of four parts. Those components are; jeopardy, breed identification, parts identification and a hands on skill a thon. This contest is scored as a team as well as individually.

Table Setting

While this contest is only available to individual competitors, youth will have the opportunity to apply real world skills in the food service industry. Contestants will have 15 minutes to complete a planned setting then will be judged through interviews.

Food Cook-Off

The food cook off provides a hands-on competition that incorporates many areas of the Foods & Nutrition Project. It also helps youth to learn the techniques of logical and accurate decision making as well as teach them to recognize the reasons for their decisions. In this contest, participants must compete as a team of 2-5 members and use the required amount of ingredients for their age division to make one dish. They have one hour to complete the contest and all materials must be provided by the team.