

# Communication and Expressive Arts

## SPURRIN' THE WORDS – COWBOY POETRY

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Projects & Materials	Requirements	Exhibit Requirements
<p><b>Youth Materials:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Spurrin' the Words Member's Manual</i> (#MSU 5308) 📖 2011</li> <li>• <i>ZSuites 4-H Involvement Report</i></li> <li>• <i>ZSuites 4-H Project Record Book</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Volunteer Materials:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Spurrin' the Words Volunteer's Guide</i> (#MSU 5309) 📖 2004</li> </ul>	<p>In the member's Montana State Manual:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the required activities in Sections 1-4</li> <li>• Write at least 3 original poems composed of at least four-line stanzas</li> <li>• Demonstrate a specific rhyme pattern in your original verse</li> <li>• Complete at least 3 of the additional activities listed on a page</li> <li>• Give an oral presentation (poem, speech, demonstration or illustrated talk) related to this project.</li> </ul> <p>Complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>ZSuites 4-H Involvement Report</i></li> <li>• <i>ZSuites 4-H Project Record Book</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ZSuites 4-H Project Record Book</li> <li>• ZSuites 4-H Involvement Report</li> </ul> <p>Exhibits may include <b>one</b> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display for one or more original poems</li> <li>• Educational display about some of the classic cowboy poets</li> <li>• Educational display about some of the back or Indian cowboys of the past</li> <li>• Educational display about Western culture or history</li> <li>• Performance of your poems in exhibit buildings at special times</li> <li>• Performance of your poems as part of your annual 4-H achievement banquet               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Entertainment for donors or fair sponsors</li> <li>○ Perform your own original poetry at local, regional or national "gatherings"</li> <li>○ Recite someone else's cowboy verse at a public gathering</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**County Requirements:**  
Check with your County Extension office for details.

**Support Materials:**  
Idaho 4-H Cowboy Poetry page: <https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/projects/cowboy-poetry>  
To order Spurrin' the Words Volunteer Guide from Montana State University visit:  
[http://store.msuxextension.org/Products/4-H-Spurrin-The-Words-Leaders-Guide\\_5309.aspx](http://store.msuxextension.org/Products/4-H-Spurrin-The-Words-Leaders-Guide_5309.aspx)  
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